

# Community Link

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## Reporting issues the 'snappy' way

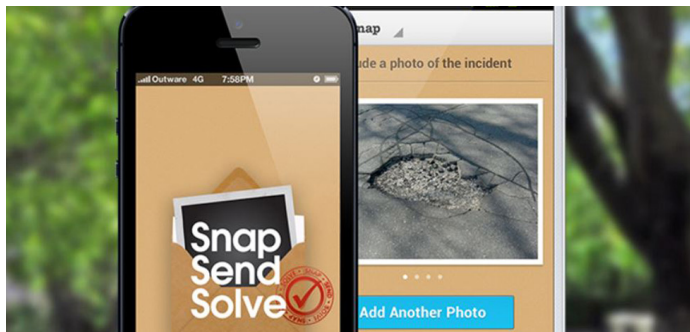
Whanganui District Council has introduced new incident-reporting software to its range of online services available to the public.

The Snap Send Solve smartphone app is a fast and easy way for members of the public to report issues or incidents to the Council using photos.

Jay Paterson, the Council's Business Improvements Lead, advises, "If you encounter something of concern while out in our community – such as a cracked footpath, rushing dog, graffiti or illegally dumped rubbish – take a photo of it using the Snap Send Solve app on your smartphone.

"The app works by identifying where your image was taken using your smartphone's GPS location," he says.

It then allows the user to choose the incident type and select the Council's email address to send through their photo.



"You'll also have the option of including additional details. The Council's Customer Services team will then log your incident report with the relevant Council team and send you a confirmation email. Job done!"

The Snap Send Solve app is available for iPhone and Android operating systems, and is free to download from the App Store and Google Play.

## Putiki waterway improvements are coming on-stream

Whanganui District Council is working with Horizons Regional Council and local groups on the continued enhancement of Awarua Stream in Putiki.

The work will involve removing overgrown willow trees from the lower reaches of the stream and planting the banks with flax and pittosporum, with the assistance of local school children.

The Council's Senior Stormwater Engineer, Kritzo Venter, says Awarua Stream is an important whitebait and eel fishery, and has a high level of cultural importance.



Mr Venter says the layout of the new vegetation has been planned to take local white-baiting and eeling locations into consideration. The stream improvements are also beneficial for landowners "because they stabilise the land, controlling erosion and helping prevent flooding", he says.

This round of improvements will run until the end of October, and will include upgrading the Awarua Stream culvert at Wikitoria Road.

The work on Awarua Stream is partly funded by the Whanganui River Enhancement Trust and is part of the Healthy Streams initiative, which is a community project led by the Council in partnership with local iwi, Horizons, government departments, charitable trusts, commercial businesses and landowners.

The aim of the initiative is to keep waterways in our district healthy and functioning well.

## As selected by the Mayor

Whanganui Mayor Hamish McDouall (pictured) is responsible for selecting several works of art for the inaugural *My Choice* exhibition, an ongoing series that recently opened at the Sarjeant on the Quay.



Mayor McDouall says he came up with the idea of choosing works from the Sarjeant Gallery Te Whare o Rehua Whanganui collection when thinking of the things he loved about Whanganui.

"I wish I could have had a choice of one hundred, but I chose a small selection that I thought were fairly representative of the different kind of styles I like," he says.

The Mayor's selection is diverse – from a 1919 Italian painting of medieval towers, to an iconic Michael Illingworth piece to more contemporary works.

Mayor McDouall will be talking about his *My Choice* selections at the Sarjeant on the Quay, 38 Taupō Quay on Saturday, 8 June 2019 at 2.00pm. This is a free public event and all are welcome.

## Waitahinga Trails

### Winter season closure from 10 June

Waitahinga Trails, located near Bushy Park, will close for the winter season from Monday, 10 June 2019.

Test pits are being dug in two areas of the trails over winter as part of exploratory excavation work. This work will determine the feasibility of future quarry operations in the area.

## Central city roadworks

### Work in two areas begins this week

A section of Whanganui's Maria Place is due to close this week while a raised platform is built in St Hill Street. The closure is expected to last until Friday, 28 June 2019.

The closure affects the part of Maria Place from St Hill Street to just before the Farmers' carpark, which will remain open. Vehicles will be unable to enter or exit the closed part of Maria Place during the work. Signs will be in place.

The raised platform is being installed across St Hill Street at the intersection with Maria Place. This part of St Hill Street will be reduced to one lane during the work and controlled by either temporary traffic signals or traffic controllers during phases of work. Delays are likely and motorists are advised to use Wilson Street, Wicksteed Street or Watt Street as alternative routes.

Also due to begin this week is upgrading work on traffic signals at the intersection of Victoria Avenue and Ingestre Street. The work is expected to take three weeks to complete. A temporary roundabout will be in place during this work.

## Sister City presentation

### Mayor to speak about China link

The Whanganui branch of the New Zealand China Friendship Society (NZCFS) will host a public address from 7.00pm–9.00pm on Wednesday, 12 June 2019 at the Davis Lecture Theatre in Watt Street.

Whanganui Mayor Hamish McDouall will make a presentation on Whanganui District's strategic relationship with Lijiang, China, and his recent visit to that city.

NZCFS president Dave Bromwich will also talk about the society's contributions to Sister City links.

Mr Bromwich is also charged by the society with promoting the legacy of New Zealand-born writer, political activist and "friend of China", Rewi Alley, in both countries.

This event is free and all are welcome.

## Council meetings

### You are welcome at our meetings

#### Meetings next week

Council Meeting	1.00pm Tuesday 11 June	Council Chamber, 101 Guyton Street
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Agendas are available at: [www.whanganui.govt.nz/agendas](http://www.whanganui.govt.nz/agendas) or you can view hard copies at 101 Guyton Street or the Davis Central City Library.

## WHANGANUI DISTRICT COUNCIL PUBLIC CONSULTATIONS

Whanganui District Council invites you to have your say on the following topics:

Have your say  
Kōrero mai

- **Proposed Digital Strategy**  
(submissions close at 5.00pm on Friday, 21 June 2019)
- **Proposed Priority Thoroughfares and Routes**  
(submissions close at 5.00pm on Friday, 28 June 2019)
- **Proposed Housing Strategy**  
(submissions close at 5.00pm on Friday, 5 July 2019)

For more submission information please visit: [www.whanganui.govt.nz/haveyoursay](http://www.whanganui.govt.nz/haveyoursay)

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