

# Community Link

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## War Memorial Centre seismic upgrade



Whanganui's iconic War Memorial Centre will undergo earthquake strengthening work and a general upgrade in early 2018.

The building will be upgraded to 67 percent of the New Building Standard (NBS) at a cost of \$4.59M.

At a Property and Community Services Committee meeting on November 22, the Council discussed whether to strengthen the Centre to 34 or 67 percent of the NBS, before choosing to go with 67 percent.

The Council's General Manager – Property, Leighton Toy, says upgrading to only 34 percent of the NBS, as opposed to 67 percent, would require extra space to accommodate the heating, ventilation and air conditioning for the Concert Chamber, adding significant cost.

"There was a difference of \$390,000 between the two seismic strengthening options, excluding the cost of the deferred maintenance. This is a very reasonable cost for the substantial difference in benefits. We will also apply to the Lottery Grants Board for a contribution to the work to offset costs to the community.

"Within the 10-Year Plan, \$3M has been budgeted toward the cost of the seismic upgrade for the War Memorial Centre, with \$1.5M budgeted in the 2017/18 and 2018/19 years. At the same time, we will also be doing maintenance and redecorating, seating and carpeting, flooring and electrical maintenance and weatherproofing."

Mr Toy said he was pleased the Council decided to go with the 67 percent upgrade, "as it gives us more bang for our buck."

The seismic upgrade involves securing non-load bearing masonry walls with additional steel poles to join inner and outer skins and adding a reinforced shear wall structure on the forecourt near the main entrance. Structural steel frames will be inserted at the rear of the auditorium and in the Concert Chamber

With the exception of the Sarjeant Gallery Redevelopment Project, the upgrade of the Centre will be the last prominent Council-owned building to undertake earthquake strengthening.

It follows the strengthening of the Alexander Heritage and Research Library, the Whanganui Regional Museum and the Royal Whanganui Opera House.

Construction, which is estimated to take six to eight months, is likely to start after Anzac Day 2018. The work will be divided into two separate timeframes so the venue can be used for the Masters Games in 2019.

The War Memorial Centre, which opened in 1960, is a living memorial to 375 local service men and women who died in World War II and has become one of the most celebrated examples of post-war modern architecture in New Zealand.



WHANGANUI & PARTNERS

The Whanganui & Partners Board invites you to a public forum to hear issues and ideas about the business, tourism, education and innovation sectors. Share your ideas and feedback.

**1.00-2.00pm**  
**Tuesday, 12 December 2017**  
**Cooks Gardens Function Centre**  
**Whanganui**

If you have any specific questions you'd like us to address at the forum, or to RSVP, please email [nilesh.prasad@whanganuiandpartners.nz](mailto:nilesh.prasad@whanganuiandpartners.nz) by Friday, December 8.

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## Responsible water use

Despite the dry weather, we don't have any water restrictions in the Whanganui District at present but we encourage people to use water responsibly.

Please don't leave taps running, or unnecessarily use sprinklers or irrigation systems and fix up any water leaks around your property. If you are aware of any leaks in the public system, please phone the Council on 349 0001. If we all use water sensibly, we can avoid restrictions during the summer season.

## Tree removal

### Kowhai Park

A large Maytens (*Maytenus boaria*) tree will be removed from Kowhai Park in the coming weeks. Although this tree is protected, it has significant structural weaknesses within the main stem and branches and is an unacceptable risk to park users. For more information, please email Parks Officer Claire Lilley at [claire.lilley@whanganui.govt.nz](mailto:claire.lilley@whanganui.govt.nz) or call 349 0001.

## Stock available

### Tenders welcome

Our Animal Management team has a non-castrated feral goat and a four-tooth ewe available for tender.

These animals have been impounded and haven't been claimed.

If you are interested, or for more information, please contact Animal Management Support Officer Stacey Houlahan on 349 0001 or email [stacey.houlahan@whanganui.govt.nz](mailto:stacey.houlahan@whanganui.govt.nz)

In your tender application, please include:

- Your name, address and phone number
- The amount you are tendering for
- A brief description of the location where the animals will be kept

Tender bids can be emailed to Stacey at the details above or sent to Animal Management, 101 Guyton Street.

**Closing date, Friday 15 December 2017.**

## Council meetings

We welcome members of the public to attend our meetings.

Whanganui Rural Community Board	3.30pm, Thursday December 7	Committee Room 2
Statutory Management Committee	9.00am, Thursday December 7	Council Chamber
District Plan Hearing	10.00am, Monday December 11	Council Chamber
Plan Change 46 Otamatea West	This meeting will be reconvened at 9.00am, Tuesday December 12	
Council meeting	3.00pm, Tuesday December 19	Council Chamber

Agendas are available at the Customer Services Counter, Municipal Office Building, 101 Guyton Street and the District Library two working days prior to the meeting.

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