

# Te Hononga a Hapori Community Link

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## Round up of Guyton St improvements

Road safety improvements are on the way for central Guyton Street as part of Whanganui District Council's Waka Kotahi-funded Streets for People project, with new road features expected to be installed this month before urban design work is carried out in early 2024.

The new-look Guyton Street will have seating, greenery, lighting and street art reflecting Whanganui's history and culture.

The council's general manager, community property and places, Sarah O'Hagan, says it's great news that the first physical steps towards implementation of the project will be underway very soon. "In this first phase, the focus is on road layout changes to improve safety and reduce confusion for all road users."

The work is scheduled for 11-12 December (these dates are weather dependent) and will be carried out overnight to minimise any effect on businesses and road users.

The first phase of changes to central Guyton Street will include:

- a new roundabout at the intersection of Wicksteed and Guyton streets to improve safety and reduce vehicle confusion



Artist impression of the new roundabout and raised platforms to be installed at the intersection of Guyton and Wicksteed streets in December

- raised pedestrian platforms on each of block of central Guyton Street to help reduce vehicle speeds and improve safety and accessibility for pedestrians and wheelchair users
- remarking parking spaces to ensure they are consistent in size (through this, car park loss will be avoided while still adding new streetscape features)
- redesignating the loading zones as mixed-use parking spaces so that they can operate as general parking spaces at certain times of the day.

More information at: [www.whanganui.govt.nz/news](http://www.whanganui.govt.nz/news)

## Wellbeing survey results

More than 660 people responded to a survey about wellbeing and hundreds more shared their ideas with Whanganui District Council at recent engagement events to develop a new wellbeing strategy for Whanganui.

Council project manager, Robyn Vickery, shared a summary of the survey responses with the council's Strategy and Policy Committee on 28 November. She said, "When people were asked what they love and what is unique about Whanganui, the community itself was the standout and many described it as supportive. Te Awa Tupua, the Whanganui River, was central to Whanganui's unique identity. Arts and heritage also featured strongly in these sections with people mentioning Whanganui's wall art, galleries and vibrant music scene.

"In terms of the vision our community has for Whanganui, some key themes emerged from the survey data. These were affordability of housing and the cost of living, the importance of the Whanganui River, availability of housing and service and support for the homeless, cultural and community connection and identity, and maintaining the environment with future generations in mind."

More at: [www.whanganui.govt.nz/vision-for-whanganui](http://www.whanganui.govt.nz/vision-for-whanganui)

## The Great Whanganui Play Trail is a summer must-do!



The Great Whanganui Play Trail is a fantastic way for families to get out, get active, explore Whanganui's city centre and make new discoveries along the way this "summer of play"! Follow the Play Trail map for a range of activities while you find various locations of interest around town. Everyone who does the trail and submits child-friendly feedback goes into the draw for that month's prize – the Play Trail team at Whanganui District Council and Sport Whanganui would love to hear your thoughts! Download a Play Trail map and leave your feedback at: [discoverwhanganui.nz/guides/play-trail](http://discoverwhanganui.nz/guides/play-trail)

## Holiday deadlines for LIM reports / property file requests

### LIM report applications

If you need a Land Information Memorandum (LIM) report before the 2023-24 Christmas / New Year holiday period, your completed application form and payment must reach Whanganui District Council **no later than 5.00pm this Friday, 8 December 2023**. Applications made after Friday, 8 December may not be processed before the council closes for the holiday period at 12 noon on Friday, 22 December 2023.

The statutory 10-working day processing timeframe for LIM applications will be suspended from 12 noon on Friday, 22 December 2023 until Wednesday, 10 January 2024 inclusive.

Apply for a LIM report in person at council customer services, 101 Guyton Street, or online at: [www.whanganui.govt.nz/lims](http://www.whanganui.govt.nz/lims)

### Property file requests

To obtain a property file before the 2023-24 Christmas / New Year holiday period, Whanganui District Council must receive your request **no later than 5.00pm on Monday, 18 December 2023**.

This means you will receive the electronic file before the council closes for the holiday period at 12 noon on Friday, 22 December 2023.

Applications received after 5.00pm on Monday, 18 December will be processed when the council reopens at 8.30am on Wednesday, 3 January 2024.

Apply for a property file online at: [www.whanganui.govt.nz/property-file-request](http://www.whanganui.govt.nz/property-file-request)

## Senior parking permits

### Check the expiry date on your permit

If you're a SuperGold card holder and use a senior parking permit issued by Whanganui District Council, please check the expiry date on your permit to avoid an unwanted infringement notice. If it's out of date, simply bring your old permit into customer services at 101 Guyton St and you'll be issued with a new one – the permits are FREE and last for five years from date of issue. For more information about the council's SuperGold card senior parking scheme, please visit: [www.whanganui.govt.nz/parking](http://www.whanganui.govt.nz/parking)

## Safe swimming videos!

### Competition open until Sunday night

Calling all Whanganui school students – make a video about safe swimming in Whanganui this summer and be in to WIN one of three \$100 vouchers! Thanks to these organisations – Port Employment Precinct Whanganui, Castlecliff.NZ and Safer Whanganui – for supporting water safety in Whanganui and donating the vouchers. For entry details and safe swimming messages to promote, check out: [facebook.com/whanganuidistrictcouncil](https://www.facebook.com/whanganuidistrictcouncil) – the competition closes at **midnight this Sunday, 10 December 2023**.

## Pest control work

### Rotokawau Virginia Lake rat baiting

Whanganui District Council is conducting a summer pest control programme at Rotokawau Virginia Lake **until Wednesday, 20 December 2023**. Rat bait (Pestoff) has been placed in approved bait stations at the Great North Road end of the lake and signs will be on display at nearby lake entrances during the work. Rats are a threat to birdlife at the lake as they prey on eggs and chicks.

## Justice of the Peace

### Friday mornings at Alexander Library

A Justice of the Peace will be available in the Alexander Library **on Friday mornings from 10.30 until 12 noon** to provide JP services such as witnessing signatures on documents and certifying copies of documents. This service is free with no appointment necessary – for a checklist of what to bring, please visit: [justiceofthepeace.org.nz](http://justiceofthepeace.org.nz)

## Council meetings

### Upcoming meetings

Operations and Performance Committee	9.00am Thursday 7 December	Council Chamber, 101 Guyton Street
Risk and Assurance Committee	1.00pm Thursday 7 December	Council Chamber, 101 Guyton Street
Council meeting	1.00pm Wednesday 13 December	Council Chamber, 101 Guyton Street

Agendas: [www.whanganui.govt.nz/agendas](http://www.whanganui.govt.nz/agendas)  
Livestreamed council meetings:  
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