

# Te Hononga a Hapori Community Link

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## Extra protection for drinking water

Whanganui District Council chief executive David Langford is assuring the community that plans are in place to ensure Whanganui continues to have safe drinking water at the highest standard possible now and into the future.

David Langford gave the assurance at a long-term plan workshop held in October that focused on council infrastructure. Councillors heard that new national water services regulator Taumata Arowai has lifted the bar for national drinking water standards.

Whanganui's active water bores do not currently require the extra protection of ultraviolet UV treatment as the bores are deep and therefore less vulnerable to contamination, including protozoa getting into the water source. However, this is set to change as new drinking water safety standards come into effect in the future.

Protozoa is the name for a group of micro-organisms that include cryptosporidium (or "crypto") and giardia, and which have the potential to cause serious illness if present in the community.

Scoping and design work was already underway to have UV protection installed as soon as possible, David Langford said.



Along with the existing chlorination of the drinking water supply to protect against bacteria and viruses, UV protection would ensure the supply had multiple barriers of protection, including against protozoa.

"The council is taking the initiative to put in the extra protection, and this will mean our drinking water supply will be even safer for our community. Drinking water standards have been raised by Taumata Arowai and we don't want to be left behind," David Langford said.

To read more, please visit: [www.whanganui.govt.nz/news](http://www.whanganui.govt.nz/news)

## Eight climate project grants



Funding from Whanganui District Council's Community Climate Action Fund has been awarded to eight community projects across the district. The fund supports not-for-profit projects that will either reduce greenhouse gas emissions or enhance the community's resilience to the effects of climate change. The recipients were chosen by the Community Climate Action Fund advisory panel and approved by the council's sustainability and waste advisory group.

The council's climate change advisor, Caroline Arrowsmith, said she was impressed with the range of topics that were addressed. "The funded projects range from re-establishing local wetlands to future-proofing our district's biodiversity, providing free home consultations to promote energy efficiency, and enabling church communities to take practical action to mitigate climate change."

For more information, including a full list of recipients, please visit: [www.whanganui.govt.nz/news](http://www.whanganui.govt.nz/news)

## Talk with a folk horror focus

Horror films are known for iconic pairings – the scary twins from *The Shining*, Billy and Stu from *Scream*. The next Sarjeant Gallery Te Whare

o Rehua Whanganui artist talk features Chelsea Nichols (The Dowse Art Museum) and Aaron Lister (City Gallery Wellington), who will discuss how they bring this creepy twin energy to New Zealand art history through their ongoing collaboration, Curator of Screams, and their most recent project, Eerie Pageantry. This FREE talk is in the Nikaū Room at The Backhouse, 28 Taupo Quay, on **Thursday, 16 November from 7.00pm** – book your place by calling 06 349 0506 or email: [info@sarjeant.org.nz](mailto:info@sarjeant.org.nz)

**Sarjeant Gallery  
Te Whare o Rehua  
Whanganui**

## Swish new basketball court design at Castlecliff Domain



The Te Kaihau O Kupe / Castlecliff community is abuzz with excitement as the Painting up the Park! project is about to transform the local basketball court into a colourful and vibrant canvas (artist's impression shown above).

Part of a larger project designed to revitalise Castlecliff Domain, Painting up the Park! received partial funding from Whanganui District Council's Public Art Fund. This project will turn the domain's basketball court into one of Whanganui's largest public artworks.

The court is currently fenced off for the painting process and will reopen in time for the launch **this Sunday, 12 November at 11.00am**. The project launch day will be a day of celebration, activities, food and giveaways – for more details, please visit: [fb.me/e/4100jcE18](https://fb.me/e/4100jcE18)

## Streets for People update

The road resurfacing and Streets for People work planned for central Guyton Street has now been rescheduled with the contractor to start in early December, not mid-November as previously advised. An exact date will be confirmed closer to the time based on weather forecasts.

Streets for People roading infrastructure work has been timed to coincide with already scheduled road resurfacing in the area to minimise disruption to motorists and business owners. Under this 90 percent Waka Kotahi NZ Transport Agency-funded programme, central Guyton Street will have new seating, greenery, lighting and street art installed by February 2024.

## Slow down for trucks

### Wikitoria and Airport roads

Due to recent rain, overnight work to resurface Whanganui Airport's runway has been extended to run over six nights a week until late November. Overnight truck movements and an increase in other vehicle activity along Wikitoria Road and Airport Road will **now operate between 6.00pm and 6.00am from Sunday evening through to Saturday morning** during the work period. If you're a resident or visitor to this area, please be aware of the extra vehicle activity, **keep your speed down and stay alert for the additional traffic at all times**.

For more information, please visit: [www.whanganui.govt.nz/public-notice](http://www.whanganui.govt.nz/public-notice)

## Planned works

### November 2023

**Flood damage recovery (2021, 2022, 2023 storm events / slip clearances):** Somme Parade, Fields Track, Makirikiri Valley Road, Mangamahu Road

**Pavement road maintenance:** Bell Street, Cracroft Drive, Hackett Street, Heads Road, Ikitara Road, Makirikiri Valley Road, Mangamahu Road, Patapu Street, Tanguru Street, Tawa Street, Titoki Street, Wairere Street, Wharf Street

**Road remetalling:** Ahu Ahu Valley Road, Owhakura Road, Rangitatau East Road, Watershed Road

**Unsealed road grading:** Mangamahu and Okoia areas, Rangitatau East Road, SH4 side roads

**Water renewal:** Rapanui Road

**Kerb and channel:** Ridgway Street

**Footpath renewal:** Guyton Street, Ridgway Street

**Pavement reinstatement:** Ridgway Street

**Pavement renewal:** Harper Street

**Mowing / vegetation treatment:** Creek Road, Mangamahu Road, Mangawhero Valley Road, group 1 / 2 / 3 roads

**Service lid adjustment:** Bell Street, Fitzherbert Avenue, Hackett Street, Hadfield Crescent, Ikitara Road, Somme Parade, Wairere Road

**Shared pathway work:** Somme Parade

## 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)

## Towers being replaced

### Lines also part of Powerco upgrades

Powerco is replacing two towers – at Takarangi Street and at Bullocks' yard on Taupo Quay – that carry high-voltage lines across Whanganui River. The power lines are also being upgraded as part of the project, which is expected to be finished early next year. For more information, please visit Powerco's website at: [bit.ly/3tXoOAh](https://bit.ly/3tXoOAh)