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Newsletter of the **Whanganui Rural Community Board** – April 2022

Have your say on Annual Plan 2022-23 proposals

Consultation on the costings for kerbside services is now open for Whanganui District Council's Annual Plan 2022-23 and amendment to the Long-Term Plan 2021-31. The council's long-term plan needs to be amended to formally introduce kerbside recycling and food waste collections and obtain the required funding.

A kerbside recycling service is proposed to start from 1 July 2023, followed by a food waste collection from 1 July 2024. The services would be introduced to the Whanganui urban area and **Fordell**, **Marybank** and **Mowhanau** villages. Only those households who receive the service will pay. The targeted rate for households in these collection areas is estimated to be \$2.58 weekly for recycling (from 1 July 2023) and \$1.17 weekly for food waste (from 1 July 2024).

The Rural Community Board endorses the council's proposal and encourages the rural community to have their say. Board chair Peter Oskam says, "We as a community need to urgently address the impacts of climate change. The food waste going into landfill creates methane and hastens adverse effects on our climate. Kerbside recycling will also reduce waste to landfill – we can't continue to put reusable materials into the ground."



Kerbside recycling?

It's easier. We can all join in to make sure Whanganui's doing its bit for the environment.



estimated at
\$2.58
weekly

Collecting plastics 1, 2 and 5, glass jars and bottles, aluminum and steel cans and paper and card.



Kerbside food waste?

It's climate action. Food scraps chucked in the rubbish bin rot at the dump and put out greenhouse gases. Let's turn it into compost instead.



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\$1.17
weekly

Collecting food scraps, cooked food, meat, dairy, fish and some compostable packaging.

Commenting on the rates rises in this year's annual plan, Peter Oskam says, "The board is pleased to see that the proposed average rates increase for next year across sectors has been kept to 3.9 percent."

Deputy board chair David Wells notes that the draft average rates increase for farms is 5.2 percent, and 6 percent for lifestyle blocks.

To give your feedback on the Annual Plan 2022-23, please visit:
www.whanganui.govt.nz/annual-plan-2022
Submissions close at **5.00pm on Friday, 29 April 2022.**

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