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Long-term plan consultation opens

Public consultation on Whanganui District Council's Long-Term Plan 2021-2031 is now open and Mayor Hamish McDouall says the council wants to connect with people over the next month.

"We plan to be out and about in the community talking to people about the draft plan and hearing their views on options for Whanganui."



Interested in the future of the velodrome? Come to the council's public meeting!

A meeting to discuss options for the Whanganui Velodrome (pictured above) will be held **this evening – Wednesday, 31 March – from 5.30pm to 7.30pm** at the Whanganui War Memorial Centre in Watt Street. All welcome.

Let's connect – at Trafalgar Square!

Whanganui District Council will be at the Trafalgar Square shopping centre **next Tuesday, 6 April, from 10.00am until 2.00pm**. We're looking forward to having a chat about our draft long-term plan and hearing your feedback!

"We'll be asking for input on the future of the Whanganui Velodrome, investment in spaces and places for young people including a possible youth hub, an extension for the Davis Library and development of a coastal care plan," Mayor McDouall says.

All information, including the consultation document, an events schedule, submission forms and supporting documentation is available on the council's website at: www.whanganui.govt.nz/long-term-plan

Need a lift in your career? Durie Hill elevator needs you

If you are passionate about Whanganui's heritage and have great customer service then Whanganui District Council is looking for you.

Requests for proposals to operate the Durie Hill elevator (pictured) are now open. The council's group manager – customer experience, Marianne Cavanagh, says this is a rare opportunity to be part of Whanganui's leading attraction.

"We're not necessarily looking for traditional contractors, but for people who are passionate about Whanganui and have a genuine interest in the heritage of the Durie Hill elevator."

"If you are good operators who can manage customer-facing service and back-of-house administration, we really want to hear from you."

The contractors are not responsible for maintaining the elevator. However, they are encouraged to be part of the promotion of the elevator and to suggest new ideas for adding value to the visitor experience.

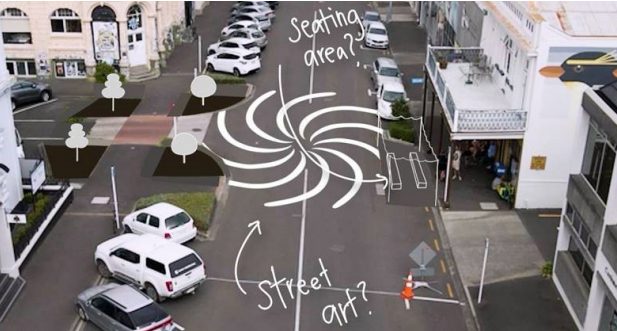


The existing contract to operate the Durie Hill elevator is due to expire soon. The current contractors have been running the lift for the past 40 years.

The elevator has been closed since February for maintenance and the construction of a new entranceway and is expected to be back in operation in May.

For more information and to submit a proposal, contact the council's senior procurement officer, Lana Treen, on 06 349 3105 or email: lane.treen@whanganui.govt.nz. Proposals close at **4.00pm on Tuesday, 20 April 2021**.

Drews Ave input wanted



Whanganui District Council is asking the community for feedback on the concept design for a transformative new streetscape planned for Drews Avenue. Town Centre Regeneration project manager, Ellen Young, says it's been an inspiring process to work with key stakeholders on a vision for the area and now it's time to hear from the wider community.

A "feedback letterbox" for hard copy comments has been placed outside Article cafe on Drews Avenue and an online survey is available at: www.whanganui.govt.nz/drews-ave

The Drews Avenue survey closes on **Friday, 9 April 2021**.

Apply for arts funding now

Do you have a community arts idea that relates to diversity, accessibility or youth participation? The current Creative Communities Scheme funding round is about to close so now's the time to submit your application. For guidelines and a downloadable form, please visit: www.whanganuiandpartners.nz/resources/creative-communities. Applications close at **12 noon next Monday, 5 April 2021**.



WHANGANUI DISTRICT COUNCIL PUBLIC CONSULTATIONS

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

- 2021 Review of Significance and Engagement Policy
- Drews Avenue Innovating Streets consultation
- Long-Term Plan 2021-2031

For more information, please visit: www.whanganui.govt.nz/have-your-say



Easter Weekend hours

Whanganui District Council offices will be closed over Easter Weekend 2021 from Good Friday, 2 April to Easter Monday, 5 April. Customer services at 101 Guyton Street will **reopen at 8.30am on Tuesday, 6 April 2021**. For a full list of opening hours for council facilities and services over the long weekend, visit: www.whanganui.govt.nz/Easter-2021

Online safety talk

Gonville Library event next Thursday

Gonville Library's Tea and Topics guest speaker for April is learning and discovery librarian, Rachel Smith, from Whanganui District Library. With an online safety theme, the talk will focus on scams and other online threats along with simple ways to protect yourself from phishing, identity theft, fraud and computer viruses.

Tea and Topics takes place at Gonville Library, 44 Abbot Street, **next Thursday, 8 April 2021 from 10.00am-12 noon** (presentation begins at 10.30am). All are welcome. For more information, please call 06 344 5872 or email Kat Schroyens at: kat@whanganuilibrary.com

Request for tender

Contract 1905 – Whanganui wastewater treatment plant scum baffles

Whanganui District Council is inviting tenders from suitably experienced contractors to construct two scum baffles and their related pumps, valves and electrical systems at the Whanganui wastewater treatment plant.

TenderLink reference – **WANGDC-962983**
Tender deadline is **4.00pm on Thursday, 29 April 2021**.

For tender documents and TenderLink registration information, please visit: portal.tenderlink.com/whanganui. For TenderLink enquiries, call 0800 698 363. For any other tendering assistance, contact the council's senior procurement officer, Lana Treen, on 06 349 3105 between 10.00am-3.00pm weekdays or email: lane.treen@whanganui.govt.nz

Council meetings

Meetings next week

Property and Community Services Committee	1.00pm Tuesday 6 April	Council Chamber, 101 Guyton Street
Whanganui Rural Community Board	3.30pm Wednesday 7 April	Council Chamber, 101 Guyton Street

Amended meeting

Policy and Bylaw Committee	10.00am Thursday 8 April	Council Chamber, 101 Guyton Street
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Hearings and deliberations for:
– Dog Control Policy and Bylaw 2021
– Further Review of Gambling Venues Policy 2020

Agendas: www.whanganui.govt.nz/agendas
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