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Council formally adopts Annual Plan

Whanganui District councillors formally adopted the coming year’s Annual Plan and an amended Long-Term Plan for 2021-2031 at a full council meeting last week.

Mayor Hamish McDouall says he’s pleased the council has been able to keep this year’s average rates increase in line with what was indicated last year, at 3.9 percent.

He says, “This rates rise is one of the lowest in the country. We’re aware many people in our community are facing cost-of-living pressures at this time, and with the general rate of inflation nearing 7 percent, council staff have worked hard to keep the rates rise down.”

Chief executive, David Langford, says, “The council is working hard on its core projects to make our district an even better place to live. We’re thinking about a wide range of people in our community, be it our tamariki, rangatahi, whānau or more senior members of our community.”



A key inclusion in the amended Long-Term Plan is the introduction of kerbside recycling from mid-2023 and a kerbside food waste collection from mid-2024 for households in the Whanganui urban area and Fordell, Marybank and Mowhanau villages. Read more in our media release at: www.whanganui.govt.nz/annual-plan-news

Stand in the 2022 elections!

Nominations open for this year’s local elections next **Friday, 15 July 2022**. This is your chance to put yourself forward for Whanganui District Council or the Whanganui Rural Community Board for 2022-25.



Make your nomination online at: www.votewhanganui.nz – you can also drop into the council at 101 Guyton Street and ask to speak to the Elections team. If you’re interested in standing in the 2022 elections, please come along to a candidate information evening in the Council Chamber at 101 Guyton Street from **5.30pm on Monday, 1 August 2022**.

To find out more about the election and running for local office, check out: www.votewhanganui.nz

Local government reforms

What do you think Whanganui’s future should look like? Massive change is coming to communities throughout our country in the next two to three years as central government drives a major programme of reforms.

To read more about these proposed reforms, please visit: www.whanganui.govt.nz/central-govt-reforms

Tell us what you think – take our survey

Whanganui District Council would like to hear your views now to help shape the way it influences the government to get the best possible outcomes for Whanganui. To complete a short survey, visit: www.whanganui.govt.nz/have-your-say

Interactive arapaki panel



Whanganui Regional Museum is excited to be hosting the city’s newest interactive art installation. A large-scale tukutuku panel (locally known as arapaki) has been placed outside the museum building in Pukenui Queen’s Park.

Commissioned by Whanganui District Council as part of its town centre regeneration work, the 1.8-metre x 2.6m structure is another addition to Whanganui’s growing collection of outdoor activities provided to the community for public enjoyment.

The panel was designed by local artists Marilyn and Marty Vreede of Pakohe Whanganui, a local business producing harakeke (flax) paper and educational resources for teaching te reo Māori. To read more about the panels, please visit: www.whanganui.govt.nz/arapaki-panels

Whanganui is at Orange

Face masks required at council facilities

A reminder that all of New Zealand remains in the Orange setting of the COVID-19 traffic light system. At Orange, there are no capacity limits at venues.

However, face masks must continue to be worn at premises operated by local government agencies. This means face masks are required if you’re entering Whanganui District Council facilities and accessing services – these include our libraries, galleries and customer services at 101 Guyton Street.

For more information, please visit: www.whanganui.govt.nz/covid-19

Community Contracts

Funding round is open during July

Whanganui District Council’s Community Contracts programme supports the council’s health, safety and wellbeing goals through a process where community groups and organisations partner with the council to provide effective public services.

The funding round for 2022/2023 applications closes at **midnight on Sunday, 31 July 2022**. For details on the grants policy and process, visit: www.whanganui.govt.nz/community-contracts

If you need support with your application, please email the council’s community wellbeing manager, Lauren Tamehana, at: lauren.tamehana@whanganui.govt.nz or call **06 349 3104**.

Dog registration fees

10% discount applies until 31 July

Pay your dog registration fees **on or by Sunday, 31 July 2022** to receive a prompt payment discount of 10 percent.

Whanganui District Council is also running a competition to win a doggie gift bag to the value of \$200.00 – the draw is open to everyone who pays their dog registration fees by 31 August 2022.

For more information and to pay your dog registration fees online, please visit: www.whanganui.govt.nz/pay-dog-rego

Council meetings

Upcoming meetings		
Whanganui Rural Community Board	2.30pm Wednesday 6 July	Nagaizumi-cho Room, 101 Guyton Street
Policy and Bylaw Committee	1.30pm Thursday 7 July	Lijiang Room, 101 Guyton Street
<i>(Hearings for Open Space and Physical Activity Strategy)</i>		
Council meeting	2.30pm Tuesday 12 July	Council Chamber, 101 Guyton Street
<i>(Strike rates)</i>		
Agendas: www.whanganui.govt.nz/agendas		
Livestreamed council meetings: www.facebook.com/whanganuidistrictcouncil www.whanganui.govt.nz/live-council-meetings		

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As mornings and evenings get darker, wear lights and reflective clothing whether you are cycling, walking or running.