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Input sought on climate change risks

Horizons Regional Council has combined with Whanganui District Council and six other city and district councils in the Whanganui-Manawātū area to gather information from the community on risks the region faces from climate change.

Horizons is asking for feedback on what community values people consider to be at risk because of climate change through an engagement campaign that will help to build a regional risk assessment. This information will contribute to a regional Climate Change Strategy.

Chair of Horizons, Rachel Keedwell, says the councils are working together to determine what the region's communities care about when it comes to climate change risk. "A changing climate is likely to lead to changes in land-use suitability and impacts on primary production," she says. "We will also face significant challenges like more frequent and serious flooding."

Whanganui District Council started conversations on climate change with the local community last year, and declared a Climate Emergency at a full Council meeting on 11 February 2020. Cr Alan Taylor commented at the meeting that the declaration was "a statement of urgency which will place a further layer of seriousness over how we react and how fast we react".



To give feedback via an interactive map or online survey, please visit: horizonsregionalcouncil.mysocialpinpoint.com/climate-change

You can also email your thoughts to Horizons at: climatechange@horizons.govt.nz or alternatively send written feedback to: Climate Change in Our Region, Freepost 217922, Private Bag 11025, Manawātū Mail Centre. For more information on key issues relating to climate change in our region, visit: www.horizons.govt.nz/managing-natural-resources/climate

The closing date for all forms of feedback is **midnight on Sunday, 4 October 2020.**

Planned works

September 2020

Flood damage recovery: Whangaehu Valley Road (2017 storm event)

Pavement road maintenance: Babbage Place, Brunswick Road, Mangaone Road, Ngatarua Road, Nile Street, Parkes Avenue, Plymouth Street, Somerset Road, Wicksteed Street, Whangaehu Hotel Road, Whanganui River Road

Road reticulation: Taylor Road, O'Neill's Road, Owhakura Road, Burma Hill Road, Mangamahu Road

Unsealed road grading: Taylor Road, O'Neill's Road, Owhakura Road, Burma Hill Road, Mangamahu Road, Okoia area

Safety improvement: Gonville School kea crossing

Tree removal: Harper Street, Victoria Avenue

Kerb and channel renewal: Kings Avenue, Harper Street, Wilson Street

Footpath renewal: Kings Avenue, Harper Street, Wilson Street

Pavement reinstatement: Kings Avenue, Harper Street, Wilson Street

Water table/culvert maintenance/high shoulder removal: Brunswick Road, Ngatarua Road, Papaiti Road

Water main: Harper Street

In-ground services: Gloucester Street (Glasgow Street to Somme Parade), Wilson Street (lower block)

New plantings will follow Whanganui East tree removals

Whanganui District Council is beginning its annual tree planting programme with several schemes in Whanganui East requiring tree removal. Work will begin from Monday, 14 September 2020 in these areas:

- **Burton Avenue** – Four old large macrocarpas on the central traffic island will be removed for health and safety reasons. The trees will be replaced with a mixed ornamental planting scheme suited to this large open space.
- **Boydfield Street between Anzac Parade and Helmore Street** – Nine heavily decayed silver birch trees between Anzac Parade and Helmore Street will be replaced with amelanchier trees in keeping with tree renewals that began in 2018 on the opposite side of the road.

- **Boydfield Street between Moana and Jellicoe streets** – Seven oak trees between Moana Street and Jellicoe Street that have been heavily pruned and disfigured because of overhead powerlines will be replaced with lagerstroemia trees (pictured), also known as crepe myrtles.



All proposed new tree plantings will be made as soon as possible after removal work is complete.

Amplify grants offer financial help to creatives

Whanganui & Partners' Amplify arts grant offers financial support in the form of one-off payments of up to \$4000 for projects that will boost or sustain a creative enterprise. Five Amplify grants are currently available. The grant applies to areas such as a website upgrade, facility refurbishment, the buying of specialist equipment and/or the expansion of an operation to employ others.



Amplify is also designed to support the creative industries in Whanganui whether a sole trader creative practitioner (such as a writer, artist, musician, performer, craftsperson, designer or film-maker), an arts organisation or charitable trust, or a business in a creative field. For more information about the grant and to download an application form, visit: www.whanganuiandpartners.nz/resources/amplify-grants

For more information and to submit an application form, email Emma Bugden, Strategic Lead – Creative Industries & Arts, at: emma.bugden@whanganuiandpartners.nz Applications must be submitted by **5.00pm on Friday, 25 September 2020.**

Te Wiki o te Reo Māori 2020

Te Wiki o te Reo Māori – Māori Language Week – returns next **Monday, 14 September 2020.**

To mark the week, the Te Wiki o te Reo Team at Whanganui District Library - Te Whare Pukapuka o Whanganui will again be assisting Whanganui District Council staff with the opportunity to practice and win prizes. For more Te Wiki o te Reo Māori information and resources, visit: www.tewikiotereomaori.co.nz/about



WHANGANUI DISTRICT COUNCIL PUBLIC CONSULTATIONS

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

- **Land Purchase at Durie Hill (3 and 9 Blyth Street)**
- **Review of Psychoactive Substances – Local Approved Products Policy**

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



Correct PPE disposal

Put wet wipes in household rubbish

Whanganui District Council requests that, if your household uses disposable wet wipes, you please discard them with your rubbish and NOT in the toilet.

Wet wipes can create issues in Whanganui's wastewater system. They don't break down the way toilet paper does but collect grease, rubbish and random objects as they pass through the sewage system, often ending up as a large mass that causes blockages.

The Ministry of Health also advises that careful disposal of used personal protective equipment (PPE) like disposable face masks, gloves, tissues and wet wipes is important to prevent the spread of COVID-19.

All PPE items should be put in a separate bag then tied off before being placed in your normal rubbish bag or bin for kerbside collection.

Council meetings

You are welcome at our meetings

Meeting next week

Council Meeting	1.00pm Tuesday 15 September	Council Chamber, 101 Guyton Street
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• *This meeting will begin with public-excluded items – it is anticipated that public business will resume at 2.15pm*

Agendas are available at: www.whanganui.govt.nz/agendas
 Full Council meetings are livestreamed at:
 • www.facebook.com/whanganuidistrictcouncil
 • www.whanganui.govt.nz/live-council-meetings