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# Cycling safely with Share The Road

A collaborative campaign encouraging Whanganui's rangatahi to cycle safely with other road users on our city's roads was held last Tuesday, 21 February 2023, in the grounds of Whanganui Intermediate School.

Share The Road is a campaign funded by Waka Kotahi NZ Transport Agency and co-ordinated locally by Horizons Regional Council, Tranzit Group, Whanganui District Council and the Let's Go / Mā Ake programme. The campaign promotes safe behaviour around trucks and buses to young cyclists, and highlights issues like being aware of driver blind spots.

Whanganui District Council's active transport facilitator, Norman Gruebsch, says, "Share The Road emphasises to young cyclists the importance of being seen while on the road as well as being conscious of other potential traffic hazards, especially heavy vehicles that take longer to react than other road users."

"This is a great collaboration between agencies to help our rangatahi, and it's also timely now that the new bus service Te Ngaru The Tide is operating in our city."



Share The Road's key messages for young cyclists - keep control of your bike and the situation, ride to be seen and to be predictable, and choose safe routes

For more information about the Share The Road campaign, including booking cyclist and driver workshops, please visit: [www.sharetheroad.org.nz](http://www.sharetheroad.org.nz)

## Ride The Tide, cash or card



Tranzit drivers are looking forward to operating the new bus service, The Tide

You've probably seen Whanganui's new frequent bus, Te Ngaru The Tide, out and about. It runs every 20 minutes, Monday to Saturday, and there's an hourly service on Friday nights. Wondering how to pay?

Just hop on the bus with either cash or a Bee Card. A Bee Card gives you a discount - the easiest way to get one is to give \$10.00 cash to the bus driver to buy the card (\$5.00) and put \$5.00 credit on it. With central government subsidising bus fares until the end of June a bus trip is \$1.00 for an adult with a Bee Card, or \$1.30 cash. For tamariki it's 60 cents with a Bee Card, or 80 cents cash.

Te Ngaru The Tide runs between Castlecliff and Aramoho, connecting a range of destinations including Gonville, Whanganui Hospital, the city and upper Victoria Avenue shops. For timetables and more information, please visit: [www.horizons.govt.nz/buses-transport/the-tide](http://www.horizons.govt.nz/buses-transport/the-tide)

## Celebrate Pride Week 2023

Whanganui Pride Week 2023, which runs from 4-11 March, is an inclusive event for the LGBTQIA+ community living in and visiting Whanganui. A range of free and ticketed events is taking place during the week, including the Pride Art Exhibition, Pride Party and the Youth Pride Fest and Pride Markets (free entry). Pride Week information at: [www.pridewhanganui.co.nz](http://www.pridewhanganui.co.nz)



## Census Day is next Tuesday

Census Day 2023 is next Tuesday, 7 March. The census is a nationwide survey that happens every five years to understand more about life in Aotearoa New Zealand. By taking part in the census, you help create a better understanding of your community. For more information, please visit: [www.facebook.com/2023census](http://www.facebook.com/2023census)



**WHANGANUI DISTRICT COUNCIL PUBLIC CONSULTATIONS**

Whanganui District Council invites you to have your say on this topic:

- Cemeteries and Crematoria Bylaw review

More details at: [www.whanganui.govt.nz/have-your-say](http://www.whanganui.govt.nz/have-your-say)

## Mayoral Relief Fund

### Donations open for cyclone recovery

The Whanganui Mayoral Relief Fund is open for donations to affected areas of Cyclone Gabrielle. One-hundred percent of funds raised will go directly to relief efforts. Thank you for your contribution - please make your donation to:

- Whanganui Mayoral Relief Fund
- 01-0790-0157888-00
- Reference number: CG23

## Whanganui East Pool

### Open to the public on weekends only

With the end of the swimming season approaching, the Whanganui East Pool is now open to the public on weekends only from 10.00am until 5.00pm. The pool is still available for bookings only on weekdays. The final day at the Whanganui East Pool for this season is Saturday, 1 April 2023. The pool's annual Doggy Paddle Day will take place on Sunday, 2 April. For more information, visit: [www.facebook.com/SplashcentreWhanganui](http://www.facebook.com/SplashcentreWhanganui)

## Silt clearance at port

### Wharf Street boat ramp and channel

Work at Whanganui Port to clear the Wharf Street boat ramp and channel of silt began last Thursday (23 February 2023) ensuring access for the Whanganui Coastguard and recreational vessels. The work, which is managed by the Whanganui Port Operating Company and funded by Whanganui District Council, is a follow-up to initial clearing in December last year and is expected to take about three weeks to complete. Read more in the latest Te Pūwaha media release at: [www.whanganui.govt.nz/port](http://www.whanganui.govt.nz/port)



## Smithfield Road work

### Partial three-day closure next week

A section of Smithfield Road between London Street and Moore Avenue will be closed to all through traffic for three days next week from Monday, 6 March until Wednesday, 8 March 2023 inclusive. The road closure is during the day only from 7.00am until 5.00pm.

This scoping work by Whanganui District Council contractors is part of the design stage for the planned upgrade of underground infrastructure in Smithfield Road. Traffic will be diverted during the closure and detour signs will be displayed. Residents will be able to access their properties at all times during the closure periods. For more information, please visit: [www.whanganui.govt.nz/public-notice](http://www.whanganui.govt.nz/public-notice)

## Council meetings

### Meeting next week

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| Risk and Assurance Committee | 1.00pm Thursday 9 March | Council Chamber, 101 Guyton Street |
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Agendas: [www.whanganui.govt.nz/agendas](http://www.whanganui.govt.nz/agendas)  
 Livestreamed council meetings: [www.facebook.com/whanganuidistrictcouncil](http://www.facebook.com/whanganuidistrictcouncil)  
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**COMMUNITY KŌRERO**  
Chat with your Mayor and Councillors

Mayor Andrew Tripe and Whanganui District Councillors invite you to talk with them about key topics in a series of community sessions.

**12.30pm - Wednesday 1 March**  
Majestic Square  
98 Victoria Avenue, Central City

**5.15pm - Tuesday 7 March**  
St John's Hill School  
71 Parkes Avenue, St John's Hill

**5.15pm - Wednesday 1 March**  
St Mary's School  
30 London Street, Aramoho

**Haere mai**  
**Everyone is welcome**