

# Te Hononga a Hapori Community Link



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## Representation review survey open

How many councillors should sit around the table in Whanganui's council chamber? Should we have community boards? These are among questions Whanganui District Council is asking residents as part of a preliminary survey for the district's representation review, which will shape the local body elections in 2025 and 2028.

Representation reviews are required every six years, with the council's last review in 2018.

Whanganui Mayor Andrew Tripe says community input is crucial in order to get an idea of how people want to be represented. "Council representation should be fair and effective for all Whanganui residents, therefore we are reviewing what is currently in place to see if any improvements can be made. We want to see representation arrangements that are reflective and adaptive to current and future communities."

Feedback gathered from the survey will be reviewed by a working party, comprising councillors and council officers. This feedback, combined with additional information about the city's communities, will serve as the groundwork for any recommended changes with formal consultation to begin in May this year.



The preliminary survey is open **until midnight on Sunday, 10 March 2024**. Head to the Have Your Say page to complete the survey: [www.whanganui.govt.nz/rep-review-2024](http://www.whanganui.govt.nz/rep-review-2024)

Printed copies are also available from council customer services at 101 Guyton Street.

If you would like to hear more about the review, please join us for a community kōrero **from 5.00pm-6.00pm on Tuesday, 20 February** in the Brechin Lounge, St Paul's in the City, 112 Guyton Street. Nau mai – all are welcome!

## Road naming policy review

Whanganui District Council is seeking feedback on a review of the Road Naming and Numbering Policy 2018. Following a pre-engagement survey open to the community last year, several areas were identified where the policy could be improved. The council is proposing these changes:

- include native flora and fauna (birds and animals) to the list of naming themes
- include a formal naming panel within the policy
- include the ability to name parks within the Whanganui district.

You can find all consultation information at:

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

Submissions close at **midnight on Sunday, 10 March 2024**.

## March is Neighbours Month – apply for funding now!

This March is Neighbours Month 2024! Led by Neighbours Aotearoa, the initiative encourages everyone to do something small – or large! – to get to know your neighbours better. To help realise your ideas, neighbourhood-led activities can apply for a subsidy of up to \$100 through Whanganui District Council's Welcoming Activities Grant. If you've got an idea for your street or neighbourhood and would like advice and support on holding an event, contact local Neighbours Aotearoa connector Jillaine on **021 399 555** or email: [jillaine@neighboursaotearoa.nz](mailto:jillaine@neighboursaotearoa.nz)

For more details including a grant application form, visit: [www.whanganui.govt.nz/welcoming-activities-grant](http://www.whanganui.govt.nz/welcoming-activities-grant)

## Regional transport review

Horizons Regional Council is conducting a mid-term review of the 2021 Regional Land Transport Plan, which outlines the future of land transport projects and investment in the Whanganui-Manawātū region for the next 10 years.

Horizons develops the plan with Waka Kotahi and city and district councils around the region. There are 25 total projects included in the updated plan, with some already in progress and others seeking initial funding through this mid-term review. Submissions can be made online at: [haveyoursay.horizons.govt.nz/RLTP2024](http://haveyoursay.horizons.govt.nz/RLTP2024) or by emailing: [Transport@horizons.govt.nz](mailto:Transport@horizons.govt.nz) – find printed submission forms at local libraries or from Horizons' Whanganui office at 181 Guyton Street. Closing date is **Monday, 11 March 2024**.

## Creative Communities

### Scheme funding closes 29 February

The Creative Communities Scheme in Whanganui provides funding for creative arts projects in our district. If your project has opportunities for participation in the arts or engages young people and other diverse communities, you may be eligible for funding. For more information visit: [www.whanganui.govt.nz/creative-communities-scheme](http://www.whanganui.govt.nz/creative-communities-scheme) Applications for this funding round close at **5.00pm on Thursday, 29 February**.



## Information event

### Installation of median barriers on SH3

Starting in March, about 6km of median barriers are being installed between Turakina and Bulls by Waka Kotahi. If you travel regularly on this part of SH3 and would like to know more, Waka Kotahi is holding an information session in the Pioneer Room at the Whanganui War Memorial Centre, Watt Street, next **Tuesday, 20 February from 4.00pm-7.00pm**. Nau mai – all are welcome.

## Tea and Topics talk

### Gonville Library event next Thursday

Tea and Topics at Gonville Library, 44 Abbot Street, **next Thursday, 22 February**, is a presentation on the history and role of Women's Refuge Whanganui Te Piringa Puna Wahine from service manager, Jo Voice. The role of Women's Refuge Whanganui is to support women and their children on their journey to becoming free from family violence. The talk, which is also part of this year's La Fiesta festival, begins at 10.30am with light refreshments available from 10.00am – nau mai! For more information about Women's Refuge Whanganui, please visit: [www.refugewhanganui.org.nz](http://www.refugewhanganui.org.nz)

## Council meetings

### Upcoming February meetings

Strategy and Policy Committee	9.30am Thursday 15 February	Council Chamber, 101 Guyton Street
Operations and Performance Committee	9.30am Tuesday 20 February	Council Chamber, 101 Guyton Street
Chief Executive Review	9.30am Tuesday 27 February	Lijiang Room, 101 Guyton Street
Risk and Assurance Committee	1.00pm Tuesday 27 February	Council Chamber, 101 Guyton Street

### Meeting in March

Council-Controlled Organisations Committee	1.00pm Tuesday 5 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](https://www.facebook.com/whanganuidistrictcouncil)  
[www.whanganui.govt.nz/live-council-meetings](http://www.whanganui.govt.nz/live-council-meetings)

## Piano Picnic

How about a picnic in the gardens with your loved ones, while local artists (young and older) play their favorite pieces on the Undergrand piano?

**Sunday 25th Feb**  
Bason Botanic Gardens  
1-3pm koha  
Weather updates: <https://fb.me/e/86nTlyDX8>  
BYO: loved ones & picnic

Unexpected Interludes  
**Undergrand**  
Whanganui District  
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### WHANGANUI DISTRICT COUNCIL PUBLIC CONSULTATIONS

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

- Representation Review 2024 – preliminary survey
- Review of Road Naming and Numbering Policy
- Streets for People

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