

Have your say

Submissions close: Sunday, 3 May 2026

How to submit

You can complete this submission online at whanganui.govt.nz/haveyoursay

Alternatively, please return this form to:
Policy Team
Whanganui District Council
101 Guyton Street
Whanganui 4500

Or email your feedback to:
policysubmissions@whanganui.govt.nz

What happens to your information

Your name and what you tell us in this survey will be public. This is required under the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987. We will not publish your phone number, email address, age range, or ethnicity. We will store and protect your personal information in line with the Privacy Act 2020 and the council's Privacy Statement.

If you have a specific question, you can include it in the survey but you may get a faster response by emailing informationrequest@whanganui.govt.nz

Open consultations

Annual Plan 2026/27 (pg 2)

This Annual Plan is about balancing affordable rates and continuing to deliver the services and facilities our community relies on every day.

It also looks ahead, planning for Whanganui's future so we can support growth, resilience, and long-term wellbeing.

Fees and charges 2026/27 (pg 3)

Every year we look at how our costs have moved and how this impacts on our fees and charges.

This helps ensure we keep the right balance between rates and funding from fees and charges, in line with our revenue and financing policy.

Framing the Long-Term Plan 2027-2037 (pg 4)

We've started planning for the next 10 years.

As a first step, we have some general questions about whether you feel you get value for your rates, the services the council delivers and what we could do differently.

Your details (please print your details clearly)

Name:

Email:

Please indicate if you would like to be notified via email about any future consultation opportunities:

Yes

No

Postal address:
if no email provided

Phone number:

Organisation:

If you are completing this submission on behalf of an organisation please name the organisation.

Annual Plan 2026/27

We'd like to hear what you think

This annual plan is about balancing affordable rates with maintaining the services and facilities our community relies on, while also planning for Whanganui's future.

We've thought carefully about what should be in this plan and have summarised this into a consultation document. We want to hear what you think about it overall, and we're especially interested in your views on these key topics.

- Entry to the Sarjeant Gallery (page 7) – Your views on whether entry should stay free for everyone, or whether some visitors should pay to help cover costs.
- Whanganui East Pool (page 7) – whether the pool should open next summer, or take a one summer pause until it's refurbished and to help reduce costs whilst its closed.
- The Davis Library extension (page 8) – Your thoughts on whether to delay the library extension given cost pressures
- Loan repayments (page 8) – how you feel about the balance between paying down debt and keeping rates as affordable as possible.
- How budgets are set (page 9) – your views on keeping budgets tight year-to-year versus allowing more flexibility for future pressures.

Your feedback will help build a clearer picture of community perspectives alongside the information in this annual plan.

Question

Do you have any feedback on the Annual Plan 2026/27?

Presentation of submissions:

Would you like to speak in support of your submission on the Annual Plan 2026/27 at a hearing?



Yes

Please ensure you have completed your details on page 1, including your contact number.



No

Please note:

Hearings are planned for **12-13 May 2026**.

If you have indicated that you wish to speak on your submission, we will contact you to arrange a time for you to speak.

Fees and charges 2026/27

We'd like to hear what you think

Every year we look at how our costs have moved and how this impacts on our fees and charges. This helps ensure we keep the right balance between rates and funding from fees and charges, in line with our revenue and financing policy.

This year we propose to increase most fees and charges by 3% to cover additional cost of providing these services. Read more about the proposed Fees and Charges in the Statement of Proposal and on the website.

Question

Do you have any feedback on the proposed Fees and Charges 2026/27?

Presentation of submissions:

Would you like to speak in support of your submission on the Fees and charges 2026/27 at a hearing?

Yes
Please ensure you have completed your details on page 1, including your contact number.

No

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Framing the Long-Term Plan 2027-2037

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Questions

Thinking about the rates you pay, do you believe council services provide good value?



Very poor



Poor



Ok



Good



Very good

What makes you say that?

What's one council service, project, or decision that's made the most positive difference for you/your whānau recently? What was good about it?

Is there anything that the council does that you think we should stop, reduce, or do differently? What and why?

Looking ahead 10 years, what's the one thing that the council should prioritise most to improve life in Whanganui?

Presentation of submissions:

Would you like to speak in support of your submission on framing the Long-Term Plan 2027-2037 at a hearing?



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Demographic information

How we use this information

Demographic information may be reported in combination with other submitters without identifying you individually. We use this information to better understand the perspectives in our consultation, identify patterns and experiences across groups, and assess our reach of people across Whanganui.

Completion of this section is optional.

What is your ethnicity?

Tick any which apply

- | | |
|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pākehā / New Zealander / NZ European | <input type="checkbox"/> Māori |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Asian | <input type="checkbox"/> African |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Māori / Pākehā | <input type="checkbox"/> Latin American |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pacific peoples | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please specify) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Middle Eastern | <input type="text"/> |

Which age bracket do you belong to?

- | | |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Under 18 years | <input type="checkbox"/> 50 - 59 years |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 18 - 29 years | <input type="checkbox"/> 60 - 69 years |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 30 - 39 years | <input type="checkbox"/> 70 - 79 years |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 40 - 49 years | <input type="checkbox"/> 80+ years |

Which gender do you identify with?

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Female |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Male |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Another gender (specify if you feel comfortable) |
| <input type="text"/> |