

# Community Link

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## National recognition for port project

Te Pūwaha, Whanganui's port revitalisation project, has been awarded the top prize in the Best Practice Collaboration category at the Economic Development New Zealand Awards.

Award winners were announced at a ceremony in Christchurch held last Thursday, 13 October 2022, as part of EDNZ's annual conference.

Te Pūwaha is a collaborative partnership between Whanganui iwi (Ngā Tāngata Tiaki o Whanganui Trust, Whanganui Land Settlement Negotiations Trust and Tupoho) and four other groups invested in the development. These groups are Whanganui District Council, Horizons Regional Council, Q-West Boat Builders and the Whanganui District Employment Training Trust. Kānoa - Regional Economic Development and Investment Unit (under the original Provincial Growth Fund) is also a key funding partner.

The EDNZ application was submitted by Whanganui District Council's economic development agency Whanganui & Partners on behalf of the Te Pūwaha partners. The award winners were decided by an awards committee, with applicants having to meet criteria specific to each class of award.



Whanganui & Partners chief executive, Hannah Middleton, said applying for the award was an unknown as Te Pūwaha is unique in ways fundamentally different to other economic development projects. "The critical and defining difference of Te Pūwaha is the relational model to share power and decisions. Te Pūwaha demonstrates 'best practice' for working in partnership with iwi, hapū and the community – and it is hugely gratifying to see this affirmed by the EDNZ committee."

Read more and watch a video created as part of the EDNZ Awards process at: [www.facebook.com/TePuwaha](https://www.facebook.com/TePuwaha)

## Final result for 2022 Whanganui District local elections

The declaration of result for the Whanganui District Council elections is now available on Whanganui District Council's website at: [www.whanganui.govt.nz/Your-Council/News-Events](https://www.whanganui.govt.nz/Your-Council/News-Events) and at: [votewhanganui](https://www.whanganui.govt.nz/votewhanganui). The final result is based upon the counting of 100 percent of ordinary votes and includes special votes. The final voter return has been declared at 46.44 percent, being 15,611 votes, excluding special votes.

Andrew Tripe has been elected Mayor. The elected councillors are (in alphabetical order of surname): Charlie Anderson, Philippa Baker-Hogan, Glenda Brown, Josh Chandulal-Mackay, Helen Craig, Jenny Duncan, Ross Fallen, Kate Joblin, Michael Law, Charlotte Melser, Peter Oskam and Rob Vinsen.



Peter Oskam has been successfully elected to Whanganui District Council, creating a vacancy in the Whanganui subdivision for the Whanganui Rural Community Board.

A by-election for this seat will be held in early 2023.

The other members of the rural community board were elected unopposed, as the number of candidates did not exceed the number of vacancies.

## Register for Household Hazardous Waste Day!



Household Hazardous Waste Day is back this November! If you'd like to get rid of hazardous items like pesticides, solvents, paint, oils, cleaning chemicals and aerosols, the first step is to register with Whanganui District Council by 5.00pm on Monday, 14 November 2022. For a full list of hazardous items and to register, visit: [www.whanganui.govt.nz/Household-Hazardous-Waste-Day](https://www.whanganui.govt.nz/Household-Hazardous-Waste-Day)

Once you've registered, the council will be in touch with a drop-off location and time between 9.00am and 1.00pm for Household Hazardous Waste Day on Saturday, 19 November.

## Labour Day hours

### Council services on 24 October

Whanganui District Council offices will be closed for the Labour Day public holiday on **Monday, 24 October 2022**. Customer services at 101 Guyton Street will reopen at 8.30am on Tuesday, 25 November. For a list of opening hours for council facilities and services on Labour Day, please visit: [www.whanganui.govt.nz/public-notice](https://www.whanganui.govt.nz/public-notice)

## Tea and Topics

### Gonville Library free talk tomorrow

Tea and Topics at Gonville Library, 44 Abbot Street, has a Heritage Month theme for October. Tomorrow's presentation – **Thursday, 20 October 2022 from 10.00am until 12 noon** – features retired heritage librarian Lynley Fowler who will share her research of ships with a New Zealand connection that disappeared at sea in the mid-to-late 19th century, and which feature in her book, *Lost at Sea*. All are welcome to attend – this talk will be of particular interest to people researching their family tree.

## Dungeons & Dragons

### Upcoming Alexander Library events

Dungeons & Dragons evenings return to the Alexander Heritage & Research Library Te Rerenga Mai o Te Kāuru at Pukemaru Queen's Park **this Friday, 21 October 2022 from 6.00pm to 9.00pm**. A second session will be held next Friday, 28 October, also from 6.00pm-9.00pm. Bookings are essential – to select your preferred session, email: [nicola@whanganuilibrary.com](mailto:nicola@whanganuilibrary.com)

## Kai Iwi Beach work

### Repairs to rock revetment after storms

Work to complete repairs to the existing rock revetment / wall at Kai Iwi Beach started this week on Monday, 17 October 2022, with contractors working on the main beach area between Mowhanau and Kai Iwi streams. An excavator will restack rock shifted by recent storms, and new rock will be placed from the end of this week where gaps in the revetment have appeared. Signs are on display advising of the work area, and work will take place during weekdays only. This work is expected to take two weeks.

## Council meetings

### Meetings next week

Pōwhiri followed by Whanganui District Council and Whanganui Rural Community Board inaugural meetings

- Wednesday, 26 October 2022**  
at Putiki Marae, 30 Takarangi Street, Putiki
- **4.15pm** – Pōwhiri
  - **5.15pm** – Whanganui District Council inaugural meeting
  - **6.00pm** – Whanganui Rural Community Board inaugural meeting

Please note – attendees are asked to assemble by 4.10pm in the marae carpark for the formal pōwhiri, or wait until after the pōwhiri has concluded before entering the marae

Agendas: [www.whanganui.govt.nz/agendas](https://www.whanganui.govt.nz/agendas)  
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