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Puanga Rising stars align this Friday!

With a new Matariki public holiday observed across New Zealand this week, Whanganui will celebrate its own form of the Māori New Year, Puanga, with a free community event in Majestic Square this **Friday, 24 June 2022 from 5.30pm until 8.30pm.**

Puanga Rising will feature a mix of live music, art displays, cultural performances and kai from a range of food stalls. The event will showcase a range of local performers including taonga pūoro practitioner Tom Carroll, storyteller Lisa Reweti, singer-songwriter Bobbi Rae and veteran reggae group Roots Providers along with waiata and kapa haka.

As well as live entertainment, the event will feature traditional Māori games facilitated by Sport Whanganui and Te Oranganui, digital art projections by local artists, traditional hinaki (woven eel pots) on display and community art created by workshops at the Sarjeant Gallery Te Whare o Rehua Whanganui.



This event has been organised by Mainstreet Whanganui and Whanganui District Council, with support from the Whanganui Regional Māori Tourism Organisation and the Town Centre Regeneration project. In the event of wet weather, Puanga Rising will shift to Saturday, 25 June. More details at: www.facebook.com/mainstreet.whanganui.inc

Whanganui Port open day

Whanganui District Council, in partnership with hapū and Te Pūwaha, invites the Whanganui community to an open day at Whanganui Port from **11.00am on Thursday, 7 July 2022.**



This community event is an opportunity to hear about all aspects of the port project including dredging and the proposed reclamation. Representatives from Whanganui District Council, Q-West Boat Builders, Te Mata Pūau, Horizons Regional Council and the Whanganui District Employment Training Trust will also be in attendance on the day.

For more information about Te Pūwaha, Whanganui's port revitalisation, please visit: www.whanganui.govt.nz/port

Kowhai Park stopbank work

The majority of work begun in Kowhai Park early last month to close gaps in stopbanks where roads crossed through the park has been completed. Raising the road to the same level as the stopbanks is a joint project between Horizons Regional Council and Whanganui District Council.

Road resealing in the affected areas – near the Kowhai Park barbecue area and a park entrance near the Anzac Parade slipway – is scheduled to be finished by the end of this month. The third site to be raised – the road by the Matarawa Stream bridge – will be completed after winter.

Flood barriers will no longer be required to be installed during a flood or storm event in these areas as a result of this work.

A call for planting day volunteers at Hylton Park



Volunteers are being called for a community planting day at Hylton Park in Aramoho this **Saturday, 25 June 2022 from 9.00am until 1.00pm.** This project is being organised by the Rotary Club of Whanganui with the assistance of Horizons Regional Council, and is the second stage of plantings for this area.

The aim is to plant 1200 native trees on the day. Volunteers are asked to bring a spade and gloves if possible. Please meet at the far end of Field Street near the park for a safety briefing at 9.00am, and dress for muddy conditions – wet weather gear is also advised. Some refreshments and a portable toilet will be provided.

WHANGANUI DISTRICT COUNCIL PUBLIC CONSULTATIONS

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

- Community Views Survey 2022
- Coastal action plan: community conversation

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More details at: www.whanganui.govt.nz/have-your-say

Matariki holiday hours

Council facilities for Friday, 24 June

Whanganui District Council offices will be closed for the Matariki public holiday this **Friday, 24 June 2022.** A list of opening hours for council facilities and services is available at: www.whanganui.govt.nz/matariki-2022

Whanganui is at Orange

A reminder that at the Orange setting of the COVID-19 traffic light system, **face masks are required** if you're entering Whanganui District Council facilities and accessing services. Details at: www.whanganui.govt.nz/covid-19

Raupo St-Hinau St work

Service upgrades recommence 27 June

Partly completed infrastructure service upgrades in Raupo Street that were started late last year will enter the final stage of completion from next week. To finish the stormwater and wastewater upgrades, as well as make provision for the continuation of stormwater separation along Hinau Street, the intersection of Raupo Street and Hinau Street will be closed from **Monday, 27 June until Friday, 19 August 2022.** More details at: www.whanganui.govt.nz/public-notice

Council meetings

Upcoming meetings

Policy and Bylaw Committee	9.30am Wednesday 22 June	Council Chamber, 101 Guyton Street
<i>(Dangerous and Insanitary Buildings Policy)</i>		
Audit and Risk Committee	1.00pm Thursday 23 June	Council Chamber, 101 Guyton Street
Council meeting	1.00pm Wednesday 29 June	Council Chamber, 101 Guyton Street

(Adopt Annual Plan)

Please note: The Property and Community Services Committee meeting scheduled for 1.00pm on 28 June 2022 has been cancelled due to a lack of business. An updated Te Pūwaha report will be taken to the full council meeting on 12 July

Meetings in July

Whanganui Rural Community Board	2.30pm Wednesday 6 July	Nagaizumi-cho Room, 101 Guyton Street
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Policy and Bylaw Committee	1.30pm Thursday 7 July	Council Chamber, 101 Guyton Street
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(Hearing of submissions for Open Space and Physical Activity Strategy)

Council meeting	2.30pm Tuesday 12 July	Council Chamber, 101 Guyton Street
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(Strike rates)

Agendas: www.whanganui.govt.nz/agendas
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