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He Awa Ora exhibition at museum

A major new exhibition, *He Awa Ora – Living River*, opened at the Whanganui Regional Museum earlier this week. The unique presentation brings together ancient and new taonga (treasures) that tell the story of Te Awa Tupua, the Whanganui River and its people.

Te Awa Tupua, together with the many waterways that flow in and around, is considered a supernatural tupuna and a revered ancestor both spiritual and physical. It supports and sustains the life and natural resources within the Whanganui River and the health and well-being of the iwi, hapū, and other communities of the river. The river is known as a sacred body, a food source, a battleground, a place of healing and prayer, a playground and a connector of people, from the mountains to the sea.

The exhibition will run for a year after which some moveable elements of the display will travel to several different sites throughout the Te Awa Tupua region.

Museum director, Dr Bronwyn Labrum, is excited to have commissioned the innovative presentation. “We are honoured and humbled to have the support and participation of Whanganui iwi to share their taonga and tell their important stories.



The *He Awa Ora – Living River* exhibition now open at Whanganui Regional Museum tells the story of Te Awa Tupua, the Whanganui River and its people

“This is one of the first outcomes from the appointment of a Pou Rauhi and it is only a taste of what is to come as we focus on working with iwi to better reflect the bicultural partnership at the heart of the museum.”

For more information about the *He Awa Ora – Living River* exhibition, please visit: www.heawaora.maori.nz
Admission to the exhibition is free.

Local government reforms survey open to community

What do you think Whanganui’s future should look like? Massive change is coming to communities throughout our country in the next two to three years as central government drives a major programme of reforms.

There has been lots of discussion about the Three Waters reforms, but central government is proposing other reforms that will also impact on the Whanganui community – and potentially bring opportunities.

These include legislation to replace the Resource Management Act, a review of the future for local government, climate change responses, waste management legislation, health reforms and potential education reforms.

To read more about these proposed reforms, please visit: www.whanganui.govt.nz/central-govt-reforms

Have your say – take our survey

Whanganui District Council would like to hear your views now to help shape the way it influences the government to get the best possible outcomes for Whanganui. What do you think are the big challenges and opportunities ahead?

To complete a short survey, please visit: www.whanganui.govt.nz/have-your-say

You can also make a submission to the government on its Water Services Entities Bill – go to: bit.ly/3ynY9MI
Submissions close at 11.59pm on Friday, 22 July 2022.

Call for planting volunteers



The first of two Castlecliff Coast Care community planting days this winter takes place on **Saturday, 16 July 2022 from 1.30pm-3.30pm**. Please park on Morgan Street and walk to the planting area on the foredune – volunteers are asked to dress warmly, wear solid footwear and bring a spade. A second planting day is scheduled for August. These plantings of spinifex and pingao are a joint project between Whanganui District Council and Castlecliff Coast Care. More details at: www.facebook.com/Castlecliffcoastcare

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
- Three waters and local government reforms

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



Whanganui is at Orange

A reminder that all of New Zealand remains in the Orange setting of the COVID-19 traffic light system. At Orange, there are no capacity limits at venues. **However, face masks must continue to be worn at premises operated by local government agencies.** This means face masks are required if you’re entering Whanganui District Council facilities and accessing services – these include our libraries, galleries and customer services at 101 Guyton Street. For more information, please visit: www.whanganui.govt.nz/covid-19

Te Pūwaha open day

Whanganui District Council, in partnership with hapū and Te Pūwaha, invites the community to walk and talk with us at the Whanganui Port at an open day from **11.00am on Thursday, 7 July 2022**. Hear more about the project and meet project representatives from Te Mata Pūau, Whanganui District Council, Horizons Regional Council and Q-West Boat Builders. To attend, please contact the project team at: PortProject@whanganui.govt.nz
For information about Te Pūwaha, please visit: www.whanganui.govt.nz/port

Community Contracts

Funding round is open during July

Whanganui District Council’s Community Contracts programme supports the council’s health, safety and wellbeing goals through a process where community groups and organisations partner with the council to provide effective public services. The funding round for 2022/2023 opens **this Friday, 1 July – applications close at midnight on Sunday, 31 July 2022**. For more information on the grants policy and process, visit: www.whanganui.govt.nz/community-contracts
If you need support with your application, please email the council’s community wellbeing manager, Lauren Tamehana, at: lauren.tamehana@whanganui.govt.nz or call 06 349 3104.

Council meetings

Upcoming meetings

Council meeting	1.00pm Wednesday 29 June	Council Chamber, 101 Guyton Street
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(Adopt Annual Plan)

Please note – The Strategy and Finance Committee meeting scheduled for 1.00pm on 5 July 2022 has been cancelled

Whanganui Rural Community Board	2.30pm Wednesday 6 July	Nagaizumi-cho Room, 101 Guyton Street
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Whanganui District Licensing Committee	9.30am Thursday 30 June	Cooks Gardens Function Centre, Maria Place
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(Multiplex Cinemas Ltd – new on-licence application)

Agendas: www.whanganui.govt.nz/agendas
Livestreamed council meetings:
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www.whanganui.govt.nz/live-council-meetings



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