

# Te Hononga a Hapori Community Link

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## Safe swimming video competition!

Calling all Whanganui school students! Make a video about safe swimming in Whanganui this summer and be in to WIN one of three \$100 vouchers from Whanganui District Council!

Choose ONE of the swimming spots below and include the safety messages listed under the location in your video (you can put it in your own words). You can email your video to: [holly.hoddinott@whanganui.govt.nz](mailto:holly.hoddinott@whanganui.govt.nz) or upload it to your social media account and email the link to this address by **midnight on Sunday, 10 December 2023**.

### Swimming spot safety messages for your video:

#### Home pools

- Tamariki under five years of age and learners need to be actively supervised around water – keep them within arm's reach
- Make sure other children are within your sight at all times.
- Make sure your pool has a fence if it's meant to have one – for more information, visit the residential pools page on the council's website at: [bit.ly/3NonzVZ](https://bit.ly/3NonzVZ)

#### Beaches

- Swim between the flags! Lifeguards are out with flags from 12 noon until 6pm every day over summer
- Watch out for rips – they can look like:
  - brown water from stirred-up sand
  - a smoother surface with waves breaking on either side
  - debris floating out to sea
  - a rippled look when the water around is calm.

CALLING ALL WHANGANUI SCHOOL STUDENTS!

### MAKE A VIDEO ABOUT SAFE SWIMMING IN WHANGANUI

Choose one of the swimming locations and include the safety messaging in your video - you can put it in your own words.

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WIN 1 OF 3  
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- Check the river's depth – water levels change from day to day
- Look out for hidden logs or debris when diving and swimming
- You can use rowing club pontoons as long as you keep clear of rowers getting boats in and out of the water
- Keep clear of all boats.

#### Castlecliff Wharf

- No swimming at Castlecliff Wharf – it's dangerous!
- Head to Castlecliff Beach instead and swim between the flags.

## Volunteers recognised for historic rate records project

Whanganui District Council's historic rate records project team was awarded second place in the Outstanding Contribution to Heritage category at the Whanganui Regional Heritage Trust Awards held earlier this month.

The team – pictured, from left: Sonia Wooding, Nola Clark, June Springer, Sue O'Connor and Frances Haddock – and the late Joan Egan worked diligently over the past few years to digitise urban Whanganui rate records from the council's archive collection. This online database is a record of early settlers and their properties in Whanganui, and also documents Whanganui's development and growth as an urban settlement from the mid-19th century until 1928.

This historic database was added to the council's website as a digital resource in May 2021 and has been extremely well-used by the public – since it was published online, 128,072 individuals have accessed the database that includes 142,000 individual rate records.



This is a volunteer project managed and administered by the council's archivist, Simon Bloor, with support from the New Zealand Society of Genealogists (Whanganui branch) and the Alexander Library. To view the council's historic rates records database, please visit: [bit.ly/3SYDqtV](https://bit.ly/3SYDqtV)

## Expired senior parking permits

Whanganui District Council's SuperGold card senior parking scheme gives SuperGold card holders, who have applied to the council for a permit to display in their vehicle, free parking between 8.00am and 11.00am, Monday to Friday, in the CBD.

The council's parking team have recently become aware of a large amount of permits that have expired and are due for renewal – the free permits are valid for five years from the date of issue. To renew your senior parking permit, bring your expired permit into council customer services at 101 Guyton Street and you'll be issued with a new one.

For more information and to apply for a senior parking permit, please visit: [www.whanganui.govt.nz/parking](https://www.whanganui.govt.nz/parking)

## Airport runway project

### Work scheduled to finish tomorrow

The last night of heavy traffic movements along Wikitoria and Airport roads as part of Whanganui Airport's runway resurfacing project is scheduled to take place tomorrow night, 30 November (please note the work is weather dependent and may extend into the following night). The project has been co-funded through the Whanganui Airport Joint Venture between Whanganui District Council and Te Manatū Waka Ministry of Transport.

Project contractor Fulton Hogan and the council wish to thank residents and visitors to the area, along with other airport users, for their patience and co-operation during the work to maintain this crucial asset to the Whanganui community. For more information about the project, please visit: [www.whanganui.govt.nz/runway-project](https://www.whanganui.govt.nz/runway-project)

## Holiday deadlines

### LIM report applications

If you need a Land Information Memorandum (LIM) report before the 2023-24 Christmas / New Year holiday period, your completed application form and payment must reach Whanganui District Council no later than **5.00pm on Friday, 8 December 2023**.

Applications made after Friday, 8 December may not be processed before the council closes for the holiday period at 12 noon on Friday, 22 December 2023. The statutory 10-working day processing timeframe for LIM applications will be suspended from 12 noon on Friday, 22 December 2023 until Wednesday, 10 January 2024 inclusive.

Apply for a LIM report in person at Council Customer Services, 101 Guyton Street, or online at: [www.whanganui.govt.nz/lims](https://www.whanganui.govt.nz/lims)

### Property file requests

To obtain a property file before the 2023-24 Christmas / New Year holiday period, Whanganui District Council must receive your request no later than **5.00pm on Monday, 18 December 2023**.

This means you will receive the electronic file before the council closes for the holiday period at 12 noon on Friday, 22 December 2023. Applications received after 5.00pm on Monday, 18 December will be processed when the council reopens at 8.30am on Wednesday, 3 January 2024.

Apply for a property file online at: [www.whanganui.govt.nz/property-file-request](https://www.whanganui.govt.nz/property-file-request)

## Durie Hill elevator

### Temporary closures in December

The Durie Hill elevator – Whanganui's heritage public transport route between Anzac Parade and Durie Hill – has several upcoming closures in December:

- **Friday, December 1: OPEN 8.00am-5.00pm**  
The elevator is closing one hour early for the elevator operator Christmas dinner.
- **Tuesday, December 5: CLOSED**  
The elevator is closed all day for planned maintenance – electricians will be installing new components for improved running.
- **Monday, December 25: CLOSED**  
As usual, the elevator is closed on Christmas Day but open on all other days.

Please note that on all public holidays the Durie Hill elevator keeps weekend hours of 10.00am-5.00pm. Normal weekday hours are 8.00am-6.00pm.