It will take cyclists off the busiest part of the current route. The bridge will be a real asset to Whanganui, not only for those living on the Aramoho side of the river. The project is part of the Mountains to Sea cycleway, which will be finished in March 2019, will cross the Whanganui River south of Upokongaro on a purpose-built bridge and continue to the city's 50 km/h limit on the Aramoho side of the river.

The project will start on cycle bridge

Construction will soon begin on a new cycle and pedestrian bridge which will enable locals and tourists to enjoy an off-road cycle route from Upokongaro to Whanganui city.

The cycleway, which will be finished in March 2019, will cross the Whanganui River south of Upokongaro on a purpose-built bridge and continue to the city's 50 km/h limit on the Aramoho side of the river.

The project is part of the Mountains to Sea cycleway, which begins in Ohakune and continues through National Park, ending at Castlecliff's North Mole. Paul Chaplow, Strategic Lead – Destination Marketing for Whanganui & Partners, says another cycle-friendly option in Whanganui will help to grow Whanganui's cycling culture.

The Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment will fund $600,000 toward the project and the Whanganui District Council will provide the remaining funds. Physical work on the project is likely to begin in early May 2018.

Light Up Bike workshops

Free workshops are available for those keen to join Whanganui's first Light Up Bike Spectacle at 5.30pm on Friday May 4. Scooters, buggies, unicycles, skateboards, roller skates, wheelchairs and more are all welcome to join this night-time parade.

Workshops to make your own bicycle-mounted or handheld lantern will be held between 9.00am and 3.00pm on Friday, April 27 and Saturday, April 28 at 131 Victoria Ave (the old Farmers homeware store). Ages 5+.

School holidays at the Museum

The first week of the autumn school holiday programme at the Museum (Monday April 16 to Friday April 20) is all about making cool creations out of tin cans. The second week (Monday April 23 to Thursday April 26) is preparing for the Light Up Bike Spectacle (Friday May 4).

Check out www.wrm.org.nz/calendar for dates and times. Call the Museum on 349 1110 to secure your place as numbers are limited. All sessions are held at the Museum’s Education Room at Watt Street with access from the car park.

What’s on at the Sarjeant

Clouds – Exhibition and Art Fix talk ‘Clouds’, which runs until May 27, features works from the Sarjeant Gallery’s permanent collection that include a particular meteorological aspect. Clouds inspire hopes, dreams, songs, poems and great artworks. This exhibition shows the cloud in its many guises - beautiful and carefree, fun and fantasy-like, an arbiter of doom and gloom and a signifier of serenity. At 2.00pm on Thursday April 19 at Sarjeant on the Quay, Jessica Kidd, Assistant Curator, will present a talk about the exhibition.