



# Community Link

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## Green light for Taupō Quay/St Hill Street traffic signals

Traffic signals will be switched on at the Taupō Quay/St Hill Street intersection before the end of September.

Roadworks have been underway at the intersection for several months, with traffic signal poles installed, the kerb and channel extended on Taupō Quay and St Hill Street, the seagull barrier removed (the concrete barrier which separated turning and straight-through traffic) and new lanes marked on both roads.

The traffic signals are being installed at the T-intersection as part of Te Tuaiwi Shared Pathway and an upgrade of Taupō Quay. The shared pathway runs the length of St Hill Street, separating cyclists from motor vehicles and providing school children with a safer route to schools in the central city.

The new lay-out includes designated left and right turning lanes for all drivers. Pedestrians and cyclists will be able to cross safely from St Hill Street to Taupō Quay, make their way to the City Wharf and join up with the City to North Mole shared pathway.

Road Transport Engineer Chris Thrupp says the new signals improve safety for drivers, cyclists and pedestrians and eliminate vehicle/pedestrian conflicts by separating their phases.

“The changes mean a much more efficient system for pedestrians and drivers. The signals will be linked to those at the City Bridge and Ridgway Street and have upgraded technology that adjusts to varying traffic flows and peaks.”

Drivers are urged to slow and be alert at the T-intersection. Mr Thrupp says pedestrians and cyclists should also take extra care while they get used to the changes.

For more information about the traffic signals, visit [www.whanganui.govt.nz/media](http://www.whanganui.govt.nz/media)

### Crossing safely at a controlled intersection:

- Check to make sure the pedestrian and/or cyclist signal opposite you has turned green, or the button is vibrating, before you cross. The buzzer is a warning to check your signal – it is not a ‘clear to cross’ signal.
- Each button is an audio/tactile unit that emits its own sound and vibration to assist those who are visually impaired to cross safely.
- If the signal turns flashing red while you’re crossing, carry on. You’ll have time to get across. The green signal is to initiate crossing. If it is flashing red or red don’t start your crossing.
- It is best to check for turning traffic before and during crossing. Turning drivers will be getting used to the new signals, so stay alert on the crossing at all times.

## Signage Policy 2018

We are seeking feedback on the proposed Signage Policy 2018. This policy is a revised version of the existing Signs Bylaw 2015 to make the signage rules clearer.

The main changes in the policy are:

- that local election signs comply with the same rules as national election signs
- that existing national legislation is utilised to manage the content of signs
- to reduce the maximum height of footpath signs from 1.2 meters to one metre within six metres of an intersection or pedestrian crossings

To submit your feedback, please complete the submission form online at [www.whanganui.govt.nz/haveyoursay](http://www.whanganui.govt.nz/haveyoursay) or email your thoughts to [policysubmissions@whanganui.govt.nz](mailto:policysubmissions@whanganui.govt.nz)

Hard copies of the proposed policy, statement of proposal and submission form are available from the Council office, 101 Guyton Street, Davis Library, or Gonville Café Library.

All consultation information is available at [www.whanganui.govt.nz/haveyoursay](http://www.whanganui.govt.nz/haveyoursay). Submissions close at 4.00pm on Friday 26 October 2018.

## Durie Hill Elevator

### Temporary closure

A fault with the Durie Hill Elevator means it won’t be working for up to four weeks. During this period, all mechanical parts will be overhauled and new cables will be installed. We will let you know when it’s up and running again via *Community Link* and our Facebook page.

## Ruapehu Street

### Temporary restrictions

As part of the Mosston Road stormwater pipe upgrade, Ruapehu Street, between Mosston Road and Miro Street, will have detours in place until Sunday, 4 November 2018.

No access will be permitted to Ruapehu Street from Mosston Road. All access to the section of Ruapehu Street between Mosston Road and Miro Street will be for residents only. This access will be from Miro Street only. Residents have been informed.

## Sports Hall of Fame

Nominations for the Whanganui Sports Hall of Fame close on **Friday, 21 September**.

The Sports Hall of Fame recognises sporting achievement by athletes and coaches who have made a significant impact on Whanganui’s sporting heritage.

An online nomination form can be found at [www.whanganui.govt.nz/sportshall](http://www.whanganui.govt.nz/sportshall)

## Representation Review

### Final proposal

We recently asked for feedback on how we can ensure our community is fairly and effectively represented. This includes reviewing things like the number of elected members, how elected members should be elected and the boundaries of our rural subdivision.

We received 10 submissions from the community which provided a snapshot of views. Any person who made a submission on the initial Representation Review proposal can lodge an appeal against the final proposal. To read more about the final proposal, to see submitter feedback or to lodge an appeal if you have made an initial submission, visit [www.whanganui.govt.nz/haveyoursay](http://www.whanganui.govt.nz/haveyoursay)

## Council meetings

We welcome the public to our meetings.

Statutory Management Committee	9.00am, Tuesday, 25 September	Council Chamber
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*Deliberations on the Pukenu/Queen’s Park Reserve Management Plan. Please note the date change.*

Infrastructure Committee	1.00pm, Wednesday, 3 October	Council Chamber
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Agendas are available at [www.whanganui.govt.nz/agendas](http://www.whanganui.govt.nz/agendas) or view hard copies at the Council office at 101 Guyton Street or the District Library.

## What’s happening in the alleyway?



The alleyway between George’s Fisheries and Embassy 3 has had a makeover thanks to Town Centre Regeneration and artist Dan Mills (the 1950s housewife pictured here polishing the carpet to celebrate).  
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