

# Community Link

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## \$38.8M for roading in Whanganui

Whanganui District Council has welcomed \$31.9 million towards funding for roading maintenance over the next three years from the New Zealand Transport Agency (NZTA).

“NZTA funding will cover 61% of our costs, providing a substantial boost to Whanganui’s roading infrastructure,” says General Manager, Infrastructure, Mark Hughes.

Mr Hughes says details on an additional funding category for specific roading infrastructure projects under one million dollars have also been released.

“This category is for \$6.9 million in total and includes improvements to road safety on rural roads, around schools and at intersections. Projects like the Wikitoria Road culvert and the Fitzherbert Avenue extension are included in the list approved for funding.”

Funding details on the category for projects over one million dollars are yet to be confirmed.

Whanganui District Council Chief Executive, Kym Fell, says the funding is much appreciated.

“Our district benefits hugely from this boost from central government and I value the partnership and support we receive from NZTA.

“I would like to acknowledge the excellent work of Mark Hughes and his team for success in securing the funding. They have made a thorough and comprehensive application, including a high quality activity management plan and have been able to demonstrate our Council’s proven past performance in delivering to the agreed programme,” says Mr Fell.

For more information about the projects which will receive NZTA funding, please visit [www.whanganui.govt.nz/media](http://www.whanganui.govt.nz/media)



The shared pathway is one of the projects which will be part-funded by NZTA

## Guyton Street traffic lights

### Take care when crossing



Pedestrians are reminded to take extra care as they get used to changes at the Guyton Street/St Hill Street intersection.

New traffic signals have been installed at the intersection as part of Te Tuaiwi Shared Pathway through the central city.

The intersection lay-out has changed for drivers and the kerb

has been extended for cyclists and pedestrians outside the main Council building and at the opposite corner outside Furniture Zone. Diagonal crossing for pedestrians is no longer available and cyclists have specially marked lanes for crossing alongside pedestrians if they are cycling along St Hill Street.

At Guyton Street/St Hill Street, signs have been put up to remind pedestrians there is no diagonal crossing.

“When new signals are introduced it often takes a few weeks for people to get used to the changes,” says Road Transport Engineer Chris Thrupp.

“We’re aware that some pedestrians have been stepping out when they hear a buzzer without checking that the opposite green pedestrian signal has activated.

“The same thing happened when new signals were installed at the Ridgway Street/St Hill Street intersection but motorists and pedestrians are used to the changes now.

“We’ve taken the extra precaution of reducing the volume of the buzzer across the intersection so it sounds loudest next to the button that has been pushed by someone waiting to cross the road.”

Mr Thrupp advises the following tips for crossing safely at a controlled intersection:

- Look to make sure the pedestrian signal opposite you has turned green before you cross
- If the signal turns red while you’re crossing, carry on. You’ll have time to get across
- It is best to check for turning traffic before and during crossing. Turning drivers are also getting used to the new signals, so stay alert on the crossing at all times.

He says the changes mean a much more efficient system for pedestrians and motorists.

“Pedestrians and vehicles both have shorter waiting times for their turn to cross the intersection. All the intersections along St Hill Street will work the same way so the lay-out and operation will soon become much more familiar.”

## Code of Compliance Certificates

### Latest building service to go online

You can now apply for a Code of Compliance (CCC) online. A CCC means completed building work complies with a building consent.

Like the building consent process, which is also online, applying for a CCC requires a RealMe® account.

You can sign up for a RealMe® account or log in to your existing one at [www.realme.govt.nz](http://www.realme.govt.nz)

All online CCC applications will still undergo a rigorous pre-vetting process.

To help people get used to the new online process, a dedicated person from the Council team will be available to help with applications and a computer will be set up at the Council’s Guyton Street building.

Find out more by ringing 349 0001 and talking to one of our Customer Services Team to make an appointment.

[www.whanganui.govt.nz/building](http://www.whanganui.govt.nz/building)

## Water shut-off

### Putiki

Water will be shut off in Putiki from 2.00am to 5.00am on **Thursday, 6 September 2018** to install a new water main.

This will affect the following streets:

Putiki Drive, Kemp Street, Takarangi Street, Te Anau Street, Cracroft Drive, Marions Way, Tenga Street, Onetere Drive, Landguard Road, Ngatarua Road and Airport Road.

After the water is restored, you may see some discolouration. Please run your cold tap for 10 minutes. If it’s still not clear, please contact our Infrastructure Team on 349 0001.

## Council meetings

### We welcome the public to our meetings.

Council	1.00pm, Tuesday, 11 September	Council Chamber
Wanganui Rural Community Board	3.30pm, Wednesday, 12 September	Nagaizumi-cho room*
Statutory Management Committee	9.00am, Tuesday, 25 September	Council Chamber

*Deliberations on the Pukenuamu/Queen’s Park Reserve Management Plan*

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.

### Room name changes

Please note we have changed the names of our public meeting rooms to celebrate our sister city relationships. Committee Room 1 is now Toowoomba Room and Committee Room 2 is Nagaizumi-cho room.

## Positive Ageing Forum

### Community organisations welcome

A Positive Ageing Forum will be held from 1.00pm to 3.00pm on Wednesday, 12 September in the Council Chamber at 101 Guyton Street.

The quarterly forum provides a connection between community organisations and local government, updates and information sharing, relevant presenters and an opportunity for attendees to provide feedback on community matters.

The formal part of the meeting is expected to finish at 3.00pm and will be followed by afternoon tea.

## Edith Collier at the Sarjeant Ahead of her Time



Portraits of women by Whanganui artist Edith Collier (1885 – 1964) selected from the Sarjeant Gallery and Edith Collier Trust collections are currently on display at Sarjeant on the Quay. Included are examples of work from her most prolific artistic periods: her time spent in London, Ireland and Cornwall, as well as Kawhia in New Zealand. The works clearly demonstrate her awareness of early 20th century European art and the development of her own unique Modernist aesthetic.

Sarjeant on the Quay, 38 Taupo Quay, until Sunday, 4 November.