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Civil Defence long service honoured

More than 180 years' collective service by current and former Whanganui District Council staff members to civil defence in the Whanganui district was recognised by the Minister for Emergency Management, Kieran McNulty, at a special awards ceremony held at the Cooks Gardens Events Centre last Wednesday, 17 August 2022.

Kieran McNulty is also the new Associate Minister of Local Government and was in Whanganui as part of a series of visits to all 55 rural and provincial councils across New Zealand.

For more details plus Civil Defence citations, please visit: www.whanganui.govt.nz/Your-Council/News-Events/News



Whanganui Civil Defence and Emergency Management Long Service Award recipients, and other dignitaries, from left: Minister for Emergency Management Kieran McNulty, Whanganui District Council senior emergency management officer Anthony Edwards, Whanganui District Council emergency manager Tim Crowe, Stuart Hylton, Frances Henderson, Whanganui District Council chief executive David Langford, Darryl Couper, Eric Sim, Sandy Nepla, Dion Walker, Whanganui MP Steph Lewis, Graeme Paulger

Rates reminder

Instalment 1 rates due on 31 August

A reminder to all ratepayers that the due date for payment of instalment 1 rates for 2022-23 is **Wednesday, 31 August 2022**. Whanganui District Council offers direct debit as a payment method - this is the preferred method of payment to help you pay your rates on time. For all payment options, please visit: www.whanganui.govt.nz/pay-rates Please call the council on 06 349 0001 if you would like more information.

Request for tender

Contract 1995 - Pukenamu Queen's Park landscaping design

Whanganui District Council invites tenders from suitably experienced contractors for the services of a landscape designer who can understand and honour the unique landscape and history of Pukenamu Queen's Park.

- TenderLink reference - **WANGDC-1029909**
- Tender deadline is **4.00pm on Thursday, 22 September 2022**.

Access all tender documents and TenderLink registration information for this contract at: portal.tenderlink.com/whanganui For TenderLink enquiries, call 0800 698 363. For any other tendering assistance, please contact the council's senior procurement officer Lana Treen on 06 349 3105 between 10.00am-4.00pm weekdays or email: lana.treen@whanganui.govt.nz

Council and MATES team up to support wellbeing

Whanganui District Council has signed up to a partnership with MATES in Construction for training and support services to promote mental health and suicide awareness among construction workers.



MATES in Construction (MATES) will work alongside council staff to lift their knowledge of mental health and suicide prevention. Chief executive David Langford says, "The council is a big player in the Whanganui construction sector - the partnership with MATES means council staff will be able to support Whanganui builders and tradies who might be struggling."

David Langford says MATES will also look to work across council-led projects to ensure good mental health supports are spread over the broader Whanganui area. For more information about MATES, please visit: mates.net.nz

River enhancement funding

Applications are now open for a special funding round from the Whanganui River Enhancement Trust. For this special funding round the trust will give priority consideration to applications for innovative environmental projects that help contribute to the health and wellbeing of the Whanganui River catchment. Download an application form at: www.whanganui.govt.nz/WRET-fund-2022



Application forms are also available from Whanganui District Council at 101 Guyton Street. Funding applications close at **midnight on Friday, 9 September 2022**.

Business as usual at Splash



Sport Whanganui has announced it will not seek to enter into a new contract for the management of Whanganui District Council's Splash Centre this year. Instead, the facility and its services will be brought in-house and managed directly by the council.

Sport Whanganui chair, John Unsworth, says, "After 20 years of pool management Sport Whanganui is very happy to hand the Splash Centre's management back to the council, safe in the knowledge that all the current staff will be retained and it will be 'business as usual' for the community."

The council is working with Sport Whanganui through a transition period that will ensure continuity of operations and service from a handover date of 1 September 2022.

Election candidates named

Candidate nominations for the 2022 local elections in Whanganui officially closed at 12 noon on Friday, 12 August, with 27 nominations received for council, seven nominations for the Whanganui Rural Community Board and three contenders for the mayoral seat. All election information, including a full list of candidates for the 2022 local elections in Whanganui, is available at: votewhanganui.nz



Creative Communities

Funding applications close next week

Applications are open for Whanganui Creative Communities Scheme funding. The scheme is a partnership between Whanganui District Council and Creative New Zealand, and supports local arts projects focused on diversity, accessibility and youth participation in the arts. Funding applications close at **12 noon on Friday, 2 September 2022**.

To find out if your project is eligible to apply for funding, please email: anique.jayasinghe@whanganui.govt.nz More information at: www.whanganui.govt.nz/creative-communities-scheme

Council meetings

Upcoming meetings

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| Policy and Bylaw Committee | 11.00am Tuesday 30 August | Council Chamber, 101 Guyton Street |
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Open Space and Physical Activity deliberations

Meetings in September 2022

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| Audit and Risk Committee | 1.00pm Thursday 1 September | Council Chamber, 101 Guyton Street |
| Council meeting | 1.00pm Tuesday 13 September | Council Chamber, 101 Guyton Street |

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

BE IN TO WIN ... AND STAY OUT OF THE DOGHOUSE!

Pay your dog rego fee on or by WEDNESDAY, 31 AUGUST to go into the draw to win a \$200 doggie gift bag!

www.whanganui.govt.nz/pay-dog-rego