

# Te Hononga a Hapori Community Link



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## Representation Review 2024 open

Whanganui District Council is undertaking a representation review that will determine the make-up of the council for the next local body election in 2025. A representation review gives our community the opportunity to have their say on the council's representation model, including:

- the total number of councillors
- the number of wards, in addition to the Māori wards
- the boundaries of these additional wards
- whether we have community boards, and if so, their locations, structures, and the number of members.

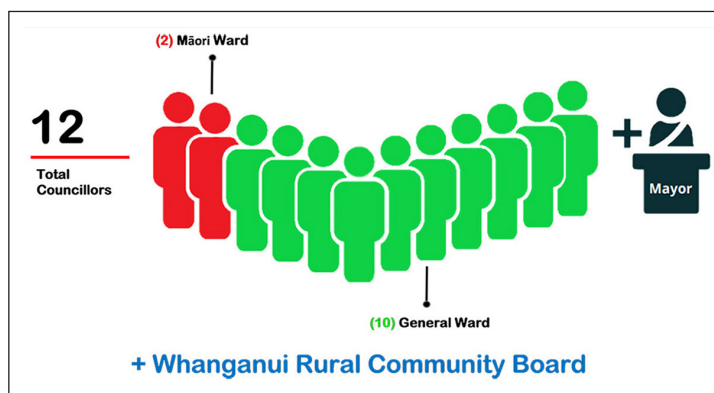
We are undertaking this review because the Local Electoral Act 2001 requires councils to review representation arrangements at least once every six years to ensure fair and effective representation for the community. The council last reviewed its representation in 2018, so a review is required before the next local body election in October 2025.

### Current representation arrangement

The council's current representation comprises a mayor and 12 councillors who are elected by everyone in the district – we also have one community board.

### Proposed representation arrangement

Two stages of preliminary consultation have been completed: one with our rural community regarding their preferred representation, and another with our entire community asking their preferred number of councillors and wards.



Formal consultation is now open on the proposed representation arrangement that was passed by council resolution at a full council meeting on 25 June 2024 (graphic shown above):

- one mayor and 12 councillors
- 10 in the General ward
- 2 in the Māori ward
- voters will elect their representatives based on their enrolment on the General or Māori roll
- one community board will represent the rural community.

This initial arrangement has been developed through workshops incorporating feedback from our community, with input from our working party group made up of council staff and elected members. For more details and to make your submission, visit: [www.whanganui.govt.nz/rep-review-2024](http://www.whanganui.govt.nz/rep-review-2024)

Submissions close at **11.59pm on Sunday, 4 August 2024.**

## Issue of earthquake-prone building notices by end of year

As a territorial authority, Whanganui District Council is required to manage earthquake-prone buildings in the Whanganui District under the Building (Earthquake-prone Buildings) Amendment Act 2016.

The act identifies three seismic areas throughout New Zealand – high, medium and low – with the Whanganui District categorised as a medium seismic zone.

The council's regulatory and compliance manager, Jason Shailer, says, "As required by the regulations, the council's building control team has been identifying potential earthquake-prone buildings within Whanganui's priority building and thoroughfare group.

"Building owners have also had the opportunity to supply the council with engineering assessments during this time, and now we're about to start issuing applicable earthquake-prone building notices to these owners."

One of three types of earthquake-prone building (EPB) notices will need to be displayed in a prominent place at all times on an affected building.



These notices have been authorised by the Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment, and each shows an applicable New Building Standards (NBS) percentage rating when known. Most of these notices will be distributed by the council to building owners throughout the Whanganui District by the end of 2024.

For more information, please read the council's media release at: [www.whanganui.govt.nz/news](http://www.whanganui.govt.nz/news)

## Ministry of Health notice

Whanganui's drinking water is classified as plumbosolvent, which means some plumbing fittings have the potential to allow minute traces of metals to accumulate in water standing in the fittings for several hours. Although the health risk is small, Manatū Hauora Ministry of Health recommends that you flush a mugful of water from your drinking water tap each morning before use to remove any metals that may have dissolved from the plumbing fittings. The Ministry of Health recommends this simple precaution for all households, including those on public and private water supplies.

Director-General of Health

## Give Antenna a go!

The Antenna app is a great way to get short alerts from Whanganui District Council on everything from kerbside recycling to community events. Once you download the app, there's no need to sign in – alerts will be sent straight to your phone. Download the app at: [www.whanganui.govt.nz/antenna](http://www.whanganui.govt.nz/antenna)



## It's seal silly season!

It's that time of year when seals can be spotted along coastlines throughout New Zealand, including Whanganui! If you do, the Department of Conservation's advice is to stay at least 20m away, don't disturb seals by making loud noises or throwing things, keep dogs and children away, and don't feed the seals. More DOC details at: [rb.gy/wr9b4q](http://rb.gy/wr9b4q)

## Council meetings

### Upcoming meetings

| Council meeting | Time   | Day     | Location      |
|-----------------|--------|---------|---------------|
| Council Chamber | 9.30am | Tuesday | 101 Guyton St |

• Long-Term Plan 2024-34 adoption and rates resolution

| Committee                                 | Time   | Day     | Location      |
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| Aspirations and Future Projects Committee | 9.30am | Tuesday | 101 Guyton St |

| Committee                     | Time   | Day     | Location      |
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| Strategy and Policy Committee | 9.30am | Tuesday | 101 Guyton St |

### Meetings in August

| Committee                    | Time   | Day      | Location      |
|------------------------------|--------|----------|---------------|
| Risk and Assurance Committee | 1.00pm | Thursday | 101 Guyton St |

| Committee                       | Time   | Day       | Location      |
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| Whanganui Rural Community Board | 2.00pm | Wednesday | 101 Guyton St |

| Committee                            | Time   | Day      | Location      |
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| Operations and Performance Committee | 9.30am | Thursday | 101 Guyton St |

| Committee                                  | Time   | Day     | Location      |
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| Council-Controlled Organisations Committee | 1.00pm | Tuesday | 101 Guyton St |

Agendas: [www.whanganui.govt.nz/agendas](http://www.whanganui.govt.nz/agendas)  
Livestreamed council meetings:  
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[www.whanganui.govt.nz/live-council-meetings](http://www.whanganui.govt.nz/live-council-meetings)

## IT'S DOG REGO TIME!

Pay your dog rego by **31 JULY**  
to get a discount – and you'll go into  
the draw to win a doggie gift bag!



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