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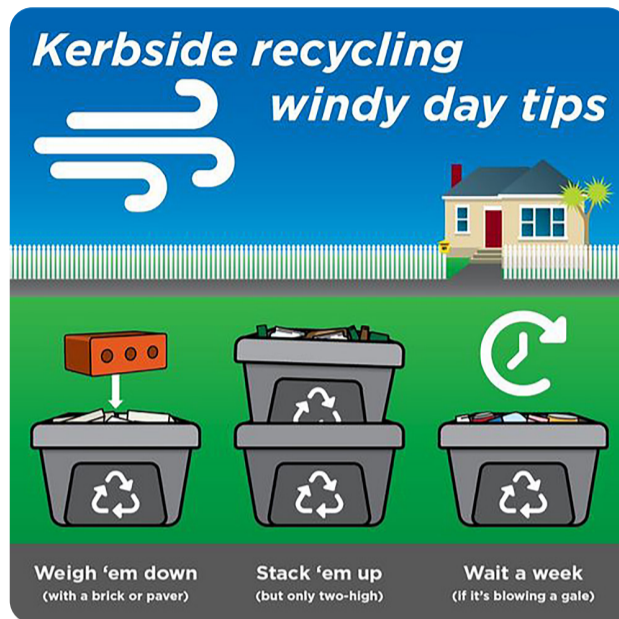
# Te Hononga a Hapori Community Link

## The answer to blowing in the wind!

Blow all this recent wind! Although spring is generally the windiest season for our region, wild weather can strike at any time of the year. With the recent (and continuing) spates of high winds this August, Whanganui District Council has a few quick tips on how to avoid issues with wind when putting your kerbside recycling crates out for collection.

- Remember not to fill your crates too high – if there’s material past the top, it’s far more likely to blow away
- Feel free to place a brick or similar object on top of the crates, especially the crates containing lighter material
- Stack your glass crate on top of your plastic and cans crate – please only stack your crates two-high, not three-high, as they can topple over
- If winds in your collection area are too strong, please wait until the following week to put your crates out.

For more information on kerbside recycling, please visit: [www.whanganui.govt.nz/recycling](http://www.whanganui.govt.nz/recycling)



## 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)



## National Poetry Day

### Davis Library event this Friday night!

Celebrate National Poetry Day at the Davis Library **this Friday, 23 August from 7.00pm-8.00pm**. Come along to listen, or share a poem that you’ve written or read one that inspires you. This event is in partnership with the Guyton Group Trust. Bookings are required – please email: [kat@whanganuilibrary.com](mailto:kat@whanganuilibrary.com)

## Creative Communities Scheme funding applications open

The Whanganui Creative Communities Scheme is now open for applications.

This central government-funded scheme supports local arts projects focused on diversity, accessibility, or getting young people involved in the arts – so if this sounds like your project, we’d like to hear from you!

The scheme supports a broad range of creativity – whether you’re into literature, craft, theatre, customary Māori arts, visual arts or anything else that gets the creative juices flowing, this fund is here to help bring your ideas to life.

Funding applications close at **12 noon on Thursday, 19 September 2024**.

To find out more, please visit Whanganui District Council’s website at: [buff.ly/4d8x4zd](http://buff.ly/4d8x4zd)



Flow Collective perform at an album-recording session with Creative Communities support

## Learning over a lifetime

### Festival of Adult Learning next month

Celebrate lifelong learning with Whanganui District Library’s Festival of Adult Learning Ahurei Ākonga **from 2-8 September**. A range of events including Ukelele Skills, Lunchtime Poetry and Digital Drop-Ins will take place at the Alexander, Davis, Gonville and Hakeke Street libraries. For more details, please visit: [www.whanganuilibrary.com/index.php/whats-on/events](http://www.whanganuilibrary.com/index.php/whats-on/events)

## Pest control operation

### Baiting at Rotokawau Virginia Lake

A pest control programme is underway at Rotokawau Virginia Lake until **Saturday, 31 August** to help protect birdlife. Pestoff bait has been placed in approved bait stations at the Great North Road end of the lake, and signs are on display at nearby lake entrances.

## Council receives favourable S&P agency credit rating

Global credit rating agency Standard and Poor’s has confirmed Whanganui District Council’s credit rating will remain unchanged at AA for the long term and A-1+ for the short term. The council’s chief executive, David Langford, says the rating is good news.

“In the report Standard and Poor’s acknowledge Whanganui District Council’s strong financial management, particularly our prudent management of debt and cashflows.

“This recognition comes at a time when the council has had to navigate rising costs and chart a course to keep rates as affordable as possible while delivering the services our community expects. A strong credit rating has real-world benefits as it reduces our borrowing costs, which ultimately benefits the ratepayer.”

David Langford says the report highlights the very high credit ratings of New Zealand councils especially when compared to other countries, including the United Kingdom and France.

“This rating signals a continued vote of confidence in our council’s financial management from an organisation known globally for its independent credit ratings.”

Read more at: [www.whanganui.govt.nz/news](http://www.whanganui.govt.nz/news)

## ROADING INFORMATION

### Davis Library parking restrictions

Parking restrictions are in place at the Davis Library and along the side of the nearby Alexander Library in Pukenui Queen’s Park for landscaping work as part of the Sarjeant Gallery redevelopment project.

### Kauarapaoa Rd through-traffic closure

A through-traffic closure continues on a section of Kauarapaoa Road until late-October for the installation of a new bridge structure at the Ern’s Bridge site.

More information is available at: [www.whanganui.govt.nz/public-notice](http://www.whanganui.govt.nz/public-notice)

## Council meetings

### Meeting in September

Council meeting	1.00pm Tuesday 3 September	Council Chamber, 101 Guyton St
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Agendas: [www.whanganui.govt.nz/agendas](http://www.whanganui.govt.nz/agendas)  
 Livestreamed council meetings:  
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# THERE'S STILL TIME!



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

  
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