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Heritage Festival is coming to town!

Whanganui District Council, in conjunction with the Whanganui Regional Heritage Trust, is gearing up to commemorate a significant milestone in Whanganui's history – 100 years since Whanganui was declared a city.

Whanganui was granted city status in 1924, making it the first new city in New Zealand in fifty years at that time. Mayor Andrew Tripe says this paved the way for other regional centres to follow. "While these days our population is a few thousand people away from the 2024 benchmark to be designated a city, Whanganui still retains many of the characteristics of small city with its extraordinary architecture, rich arts scene and strong sporting and natural heritage."

He says, "To celebrate this, we are excited to announce a Whanganui Heritage Festival for 2024 to celebrate our history, our place and our community connecting to our wider place in the world as a UNESCO City of Design."

Running from **Saturday, 19 October until Monday, 28 October 2024**, the 10-day festival will offer an array of community-led events in conjunction with the Whanganui Regional Heritage Trust. Deputy Mayor Helen Craig says the *Our Stories* exhibition is not to be missed. "Held at the Whanganui War Memorial Centre, this will be a collection of stories from Whanganui's past and present, from the triumphs of sports stars and the melodies of musicians to the impactful endeavours of community organisations and the captivating narratives of individuals."

More information at: www.whanganui.govt.nz/news



Two wastewater infrastructure projects get underway

Two wastewater projects being carried out by Whanganui District Council contractors began this week on Monday, 27 May. The renewal of wastewater infrastructure that runs through the KiwiRail yard on Eastown Road (pictured) is being done by Downer with an estimated finish date of 12 July.

And a wastewater upgrade in Karamu Street being done by Fulton Hogan has an estimated completion date of early August. The Karamu Street work also involves a traffic detour around the worksite along with resident-only access to the affected part of Karamu Street, as well as Attrill Place.

For more details on these wastewater projects, please visit: buff.ly/3VaXF8j (click on the "Wastewater" section further down the webpage).



For more information about the temporary Karamu Street and related through-traffic road closures, please visit: www.whanganui.govt.nz/public-notice

Long-Term Plan submissions

More than 1600 submissions were received by Whanganui District Council during the consultation period for the council's Long-Term Plan 2024-2034, with over 120 submitters choosing to speak to their submissions.

All community feedback will help elected members make decisions that reflect the priorities of our community, and invest in the future of the district. Due to the large number of submissions, deliberations have been **rescheduled to take place next week from 5-7 June** (includes a reserve day – previously listed as 28-29 May).

During deliberations, elected members will discuss, review and make decisions on the long-term plan and associated consultations, such as the Parking Bylaw and Controls Review, Development Contributions Policy and finance-related policies.

You can watch the livestreamed deliberations online at: www.whanganui.govt.nz/livestream or: www.facebook.com/whanganuidistrictcouncil

King's Birthday hours

Council services for Monday, 3 June

Whanganui District Council offices will be closed for the King's Birthday public holiday on **Monday, 3 June 2024**. Customer services at 101 Guyton Street will reopen at 8.30am on Tuesday, 4 June. For a list of opening hours for council facilities and services, please visit: www.whanganui.govt.nz/kings-birthday-2024

Give Antenna a go!

The Antenna app is a great way to get short alerts from Whanganui District Council on everything from road closures 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

Arts & crafts for adults!

Davis Library on Wednesday, 5 June

Come and join us at the Davis Library for a morning of creativity while enjoying the company of fellow craft enthusiasts on **Wednesday, 5 June from 10.30am until 12 noon**. This event is free, fun, friendly and eco-friendly, with no booking required! For more information, email: iva@whanganuilibrary.com

Writing-poetry groups

Open readings at the Alex Library

The Alexander Library hosts a writing group and poetry group on the first Wednesday of each month. The next gathering is on **Wednesday, 5 June** with the **writing group from 10.00am-12 noon** and the **poetry group from 12 noon-1.00pm**. Come along and share your writing or just listen to other people's. For more information, please email: rachel@whanganuilibrary.com

Kowhai Park toilets

The public toilets at the Kowhai Park playground will be closed for **up to three days from next Tuesday, 4 June** for maintenance by Whanganui District Council contractors. Temporary facilities will be available in the carpark area next to the toilets during the closure.

Council meetings

Upcoming meetings

Long-Term Plan deliberations	9.30am Wednesday 5 June	Council Chamber, 101 Guyton St
Long-Term Plan deliberations	9.30am Thursday 6 June	Council Chamber, 101 Guyton St
Strategy and Policy Committee	9.30am Tuesday 11 June	Council Chamber, 101 Guyton St
Whanganui Rural Community Board	2.00pm Wednesday 12 June	Council Chamber, 101 Guyton St

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

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