

# Te Hononga a Hapori

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## Meet your candidates this week

Whanganui District Council is hosting two local election information sessions this Wednesday and Thursday.

Mayoral candidates will discuss the critical issues for Whanganui in a public **Mayoral Forum from 5.30pm today, Wednesday, 14 September 2022**, at the Whanganui War Memorial Centre.

This event will be compered by Local Democracy reporter Moana Ellis and former editor of the *Whanganui Chronicle*, Mark Dawson.

And a **Meet the Candidates evening from 5.30pm this Thursday, 15 September 2022**, (also at the Whanganui War Memorial Centre) will feature a Q&A session hosted by Jay Rerekura and Christina Emery.

Each session will be livestreamed on the council's Facebook page for those unable to attend in person.

All election information, including a full list of candidates for the 2022 Whanganui local elections, is available at: [votewhanganui.nz](http://votewhanganui.nz)



Election voting packs will be sent out in the mail to all those who have enrolled beginning this Friday, 16 September 2022.

The voting period is three weeks (Friday 16 September 2022 to noon Saturday 8 October 2022). Voting documents must be posted no later than Tuesday, 4 October. After that date, documents must be dropped off directly to the council.

## Green light for streetscape upgrades

Whanganui District Council's town centre regeneration team has been successful in securing \$1.26M from Waka Kotahi NZ Transport Agency for streetscape upgrades in Guyton Street and lower St Hill Street.



Lesley Stead from Paige's Book Gallery has welcomed the news

The council's group manager regulatory and planning, Jason Shailer, says this is a great opportunity to improve Whanganui's town centre using funding primarily from central government, rather than ratepayers.

In Guyton Street the council will work with the Guyton Street community as well as Iwi and community partners to design a safer, more vibrant streetscape and improve pedestrian connections with the rest of the town centre.

In lower St Hill Street an interesting streetscape will be created around all-weather bus shelters to bring some fresh energy to the experience of catching the bus, as well as improving the area for cyclists and pedestrians.

The project will be delivered over two years.

## NZ Glassworks' big day!

New Zealand Glassworks is having its 6th birthday and to celebrate is holding its annual birthday design competition.

The winning designs will be made into glass by the skilled team of artists at New Zealand Glassworks.

There are two categories for the competition. Category one is for those aged 12 years and under, while category two is for those aged 13 years and over.

To enter the competition, send in your glass design drawing to New Zealand Glassworks by Friday, 23 September.

On Saturday, 24 September category one will be chosen and made between 10.00am to 12 noon while category two will be chosen and made between 1.00pm to 3.00pm.

Come down on the day to see who the lucky winners are and the pieces being made.

Simply drop off your entry in store, or post / email your entry to New Zealand Glassworks, 2 Rutland Street, Whanganui, 4500 or email [info@nzglassworks.com](mailto:info@nzglassworks.com) by **no later than 4.00pm on Friday, 23 September**.

This will be a fun, creative celebration for New Zealand Glassworks, art glass and the Whanganui community.



Te Whare Tūhua o Te Ao

## Welcoming Week 2022

From 9-18 September Whanganui is celebrating Welcoming Week - Te Wiki o Manaaki, an annual campaign to celebrate how communities across Aotearoa are working to be more welcoming places for everyone.

Celebrated all over the world, in Aotearoa New Zealand the week coincides with Te Wiki o te Reo Māori, providing an opportunity to highlight two important Māori principles. Whanaungatanga – the importance of relationships – and manaakitanga – the process of showing respect, generosity, and care towards everyone who calls Whanganui home.

On Friday, 16 September from 10.00am-12 noon the Welcoming Communities group and Multicultural Council of Whanganui/Rangitikei will hold a Welcoming Week morning tea at Mint Café. Anyone new to Whanganui, along with friends and family, are welcome to attend and meet other newcomers in a relaxed, welcoming environment. Refreshments will be provided.

## COVID-19 update

### Traffic lights removed

The Government has announced that from 11:59pm (midnight on 12 September 2022) the COVID-19 Protection Framework (the 'traffic lights') and their associated requirements will no longer be in effect. This means protocols, including mask wearing, are no longer in place in Whanganui District Council facilities. For more information about these changes, please visit: [www.covid19.govt.nz](http://www.covid19.govt.nz)

## Intended road closure

### Ridgway Street

Under Section 11A of Schedule 10 of the Local Government Act 1974, notice is hereby given that Whanganui District Council intends to close the following road for the Bricklane Limited Frank Bar & Eatery Music Festival – 3 Days Deep.

Period of intended closure:

For SEVEN days from 10.00am on Tuesday, 17 January 2023 until 6.00pm on Monday, 23 January 2023

• Ridgway Street between Victoria Avenue and St Hill Street.

During the intended closure, directional signs will be in place to show the alternative routes.

Any person who wishes to comment on the intended closure must lodge their comments in writing **by Monday, 3 October 2022** to Melanie Francis, Compliance Team Leader, at Council Customer Services, 101 Guyton Street, Whanganui or email: [melanie.francis@whanganui.govt.nz](mailto:melanie.francis@whanganui.govt.nz)

## Streets for People

### Project coordinator contract

Whanganui District Council is inviting applications from suitably experienced contractors for a Streets for People Project Coordinator role.

The scope of the role includes, but is not restricted to:

- supporting the project advisor to deliver the project on time and within budget
- coordinating and helping manage the co-design process with the community
- coordinating the internal project team and external contractors
- managing project documentation and budgets.

We are offering a 12-month contract with a possible option to extend the contract for a further one year, subject to council requirements. For the full job description information and TenderLink registration information, please visit: <https://portal.tenderlink.com/whanganui>

TenderLink enquiries, please call 0800 698 363.

**TenderLink Reference: WANGDC-1032622**

Enquiries regarding any aspect of the requirements must be submitted via e-mail to the Contract Manager only: Ellen Young, Town Centre Activation Officer, [ellen.young@whanganui.govt.nz](mailto:ellen.young@whanganui.govt.nz) no later than three working days before the application closing date.

Electronic online applications will only be accepted and only via TenderLink.

Applications must be submitted **no later than 4.00pm on Monday, 3 October 2022**.

For any other assistance, contact the council's Senior Procurement Officer, Lana Treen, between 10.00am and 4.00pm weekdays at: [lana.treen@whanganui.govt.nz](mailto:lana.treen@whanganui.govt.nz), call 06 349 3105, or outside these hours on 0225 107 470.

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Te Kauhanga a Hōiahi o Whanganui

WELCOMING WEEK  
TE WIKI O MANAAKI  
9-18 SEPTEMBER 2022

ME MAHI TAHI TĀTOU MO  
TE ORANGA O TE KATOA  
WE MUST WORK TOGETHER  
FOR THE WELLBEING OF ALL