



Whangārei Takiwā

Our District

Local Water Done Well

The Government is introducing changes for councils through its Local Water Done Well programme. This will offer councils new options to deliver water services and fund water infrastructure. We are looking at these now and will be seeking your feedback in early 2025. See www.wdc.govt.nz/LocalWaterDoneWell for more information.

Funding stormwater management

Councils are expecting sharp increases in the cost of managing stormwater. We need to invest more in stormwater infrastructure to manage and lessen its impact on our community. In this year's budget, we have funded these costs through debt. This gave us time to wait for clarity from the Government about their plans for Three Waters and work out the fairest way to fund our stormwater management. In early 2025, we will be asking for your feedback on some proposed ratepayer-funded options for this service.

Investigating options for rating system

We are currently reviewing how rates are calculated to ensure they are still set in the fairest and most equitable way. Elected members will be weighing up options over coming months. If changes are proposed, we will seek community input through a public consultation process early next year.

These changes will not impact the total amount of rates we collect, instead they will affect how we work out everyone's share. For more information, see www.wdc.govt.nz/rates

Property rating valuations

The 2024 general revaluation is underway and property rating valuations will be updated to the market values as of 1 July 2024. These new values will impact the rates for 2025-26. We expect to send the new values late 2024 or early 2025.

Embrace the joy of nature play

Play Week is just around the corner, running from 26 October to 1 November 2024. This is the perfect opportunity to bring your community together for some fun and games. See www.wdc.govt.nz/PlayWeek for ideas and ways to get involved.



5 fun things to see, do and enjoy

Longer days are here and the event season is kicking off with gusto. Here are five events to add to your diary over the coming weeks.

1. Join in a fun-filled **Kite Day** at Caledonian Park in Waipū on Saturday 26 October for Play Week.
2. Taste the treasures of Te Tai Tokerau at **Savour Northland** food festival, which runs until 28 October.
3. Enjoy a family night out at the **Whangārei Fireworks Spectacular** on Saturday 2 November at Semenoff Stadium.
4. Celebrate the return of the **International Rally of Whangārei** on 8-10 November.
5. Get in the holiday spirit with this year's **Christmas Festival**, kicking off in December.

Find more things to do at www.wdc.govt.nz/WhatsOn

Whangārei set to become more dog friendly

Parts of Whangārei are set to be more dog friendly when new dog rules come in on Monday 28 October 2024. Dogs will be able to play off-leash on seven more beach locations over the summer peak. They will also be allowed on-leash within Whangārei's city centre. The updated policy, bylaw and a new online map will be available at www.wdc.govt.nz/dogs from Monday 28 October.



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