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### Whangarei District Council Youth Advisory Group



## Whangarei Youth Awards

Nominations are still open for the inaugural Whangarei Youth Awards. We're looking for youth who are doing great things in the community!!! So if you know someone aged 12-24 like this, nominate them before 3 October! Nomination forms can be found at <a href="www.wdc.govt.nz">www.wdc.govt.nz</a> or at <a href="facebook.com/ShapeYourCity">facebook.com/ShapeYourCity</a>

#### **NRC Consultation**

YAG recently discussed public transport with the Northland Regional Council as part of the CityLink 2014 review. We talked about everything from evening buses to a bus route to the Okara Shopping Centre. There wont be any changes until 2016.

#### **YAP Visit**

YAG has invited members of the Auckland Youth Advisory Panel to visit Whangarei in October to discuss youth issues common to both groups. The invitation follows a successful visit made to the YAP in Auckland last year.



## Opening of Kotuitui Whitinga & Hatea Loop - Huarahi o te Whai

The newest addition to Whangarei's walking and cycling network has just been opened for business! It's time to get out there, see the sights of our beautiful Whangarei and get a bit of exercise in! The 4.2 looped walkway, now named the Hatea Loop or Huarahi o te Whai (translated to Pathway of Opportunity), extends from the Town Basin, down the Hihiaua Peninsula, across the Waiarohia Stream and then the Hatea River, running along Pohe Island and Riverside Drive before finishing back at the Town Basin. The newest addition to the walkway is the Kotuitui Whitinga Bridge, that was opened by Her Worship the Mayor Sheryl Mai on 13 September. Our members loved the new walk, so make sure you go along and give it a go!

