

COMMUNITY NEWS

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What's happening in October / November ...



We have less than 100 days of 2023 remaining and from now until Christmas things tend to get very busy. Remember to take time look after yourself as well as the demand of work and a busy schedule.

It was wonderful to see the turn out to the workshop for upcoming changes to the Incorporated Societies Act, with over 100 people attending. We were incredibly grateful to Peter Orphin from Lane Neave Law for volunteering his time and imparting his vast experience on the topic.

Marlborough is also fortunate to have the support of Community Law who are available to support groups along the way.

The changes can be made from 5 October, but the key message “there is no need to rush”. Existing societies do not need to have completed the steps required or registered until April 2026.

This change effects 24,000 groups across New Zealand.

Keep up to date on the information as it is released <https://is-register.companiesoffice.govt.nz/#>

Meet the Candidates

Monday 9 October; 12 – 1pm – Community Workers Forum, Community Centre meeting room.

Come along and hear what our local candidates stand for. We currently have Act, Greens, Labour,

National, NZ First candidates attending. Councillor Jonathan Rosene is facilitating the meeting.

Advanced voting is available at the Library from 2 October.



In other news ...

- Youth Civic Awards – nominations open for these in October. The ceremony will be held in December.
- The first managers or sole worker meet up happened in September. These are a monthly chance to meet up with peers to have an informal chat about ‘what’s on top’. If this interests you please contact jodie.griffiths@marlborough.govt.nz
- Youth Council are trying to reach 500 followers. To celebrate when they reach this milestone they want to hire a cinema and give the tickets away for a big youth movie night. <https://www.instagram.com/marlyouthcouncil/> they are also happy to share/promote any events on their Instagram or facebook profiles.
- Please let Volunteer Marlborough know what your 2024 training requirements are by filling out their survey. The survey can be found at: <https://forms.gle/pxajj9tGSuGvE3hbA>

Welcoming Communities



Welcoming Week

Marlborough's first Welcoming Week was an exciting ten days of diverse events and programs hosted by a variety of community organizations. The Welcoming Communities programme was very pleased to be supported by organizations ranging from Business Trust Marlborough to Conservation Kids NZ, Crossroads, Community Law, Connect, Marlborough Multicultural Centre, Picton Newcomer's Network and so many more.

There were 20 events that offered something for everyone – a very well attended performance evening with singing and dancing from many cultures, a chance to learn more about Marlborough's flora and fauna, an opportunity to drop into the Council and ask questions with language support, capoeira classes, a screening of "Making Marlborough", a special DiversiTEA morning tea at the Picton library and heaps more.

This week was a lovely demonstration of how welcoming our community can be and how many of us are keen to support diversity and inclusion.

A big thank you to everyone who came out to say nau mai rā – glad you're here, and let's continue to welcome newcomers and help everyone feel they belong every week of the year.



WELCOMING WEEK

TE WIKI O MANAAKI

1-10 SEPTEMBER 2023



Main image (previous page): Waiata and Parakuihi (morning tea) at Maataa Waka.

Top left: Dance performance at the Spring Multicultural Evening.

Bottom left: Marlborough District Council Waiata Group teaching a waiata at a picnic lunch.

Top right: Alistair Boyce and Matilde Tayawa Figuracion, Justices of Peace Association Marlborough at a drop-in session at the Marlborough Library.

Bottom right: Members of the Tongan community performing at the Marlborough Multicultural Centre's Newcomer Morning Tea.



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Marlborough Community Vehicle Trust

Replacement cars on their way

With the aid given by Council, our MP Stuart Smith, The Lotteries Commission and the Rata Foundation, we can say that MCVT is now in a position to purchase replacement cars for the future. We have formed a team to visit the dealers.

The Covid years are behind us and we look forward to transporting passengers to all their medical requirements. So far this year we have transported almost 400 passengers. Our tariff has remained at \$60 for a return trip to Nelson from either Picton or Blenheim and \$30 for a return trip to Blenheim from Picton. This applies to all Trust members and a lifetime membership is a one off payment of \$20. With our new fuel efficient cars we hope to maintain and minimise our costs in the future.

MCVT is not only for the elderly. Caregivers and supervised children are also welcome. Our vetted drivers wait for you until the medical matters are completed to bring you home.

Please contact 03 574 1311 and speak to our friendly coordinator, Ian, for membership details. If you wish to become a volunteer driver Ian can provide further information.

We look forward to the future, and to learn more about the Trust please visit our website.



<https://marlboroughvehicletrust.org.nz/>

Blenheim Red Cross Migration Team has moved to 7C Scott Street

(Alleyway next to Postie Plus)
Car parking at Kinross Street opposite the cinema.

The migration team has outgrown the service centre so we are now based at 7C Scott Street. However, at times we will still hold meetings, workshops and orientations at the Redwood Street Service Centre. Our staff will advise you where it will be taking place but please ring us if you are not sure during this transition period.

In the meantime if you are in our neighbourhood please pop up and say hi.

See you soon!

WE'VE
MOVED





Housing Support Products

Financial assistance for whānau who need help with one-off housing and accommodation costs.

Alongside our Community and Iwi partners, Work and Income want to support people to have a place to call home.

Community housing advocates told us that people need financial support to stay in their homes or move into stable longer-term housing. Work and Income have improved how we support low and middle-income households to get into, and stay in, the rental market.

We've increased maximum payments and the number of times a payment can be made for grants like Bond, Rent in Advance and Rent in Arrears. More people will be able to access these financial supports. People don't need to be on a benefit to get assistance from Work and Income.

It's important people can act early before they get into hardship. Early financial assistance will lead to better outcomes for households and communities.

Everyone's situation is different and we're always happy to talk things through.

Changes from 13 March 2023

Bond Grant

A payment towards the cost of a bond for a tenancy for people who can't meet this cost themselves

New policy

All eligible people:

Maximum grant: 4 weeks actual rent (no \$ limit), so long as the person can afford the weekly rent

Entitlement: twice per 52-week period for individuals and couples, unless exceptional circumstances exist

Payment: recoverable payment



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DEVELOPMENT
TE MANATŪ WHAKAHIATŌ ORA



Rent in Advance Grant

A payment towards the cost of rent in advance at the start of a tenancy for people who can't meet this cost themselves

New policy

All eligible people:

Maximum grant: 2 weeks actual rent (no \$ limit), so long as the person can afford the weekly rent

Entitlement: twice per 52-week period for individuals and couples, unless exceptional circumstances exist

Payment: recoverable payment

Rent Arrears Grant

A payment towards the cost of overdue rent for people who are at risk of losing their tenancy and can't meet this cost themselves

New policy

All eligible people:

Maximum grant: 4 weeks actual rent (no \$ limit), so long as the person can afford the weekly rent

Entitlement: twice per 52-week period for individuals and couples, unless exceptional circumstances exist

Payment: no change (recoverable payment)

Moving Costs Grant

Payment to help with the costs of physically moving household belongings into a new tenancy (from your old house or elsewhere) for people who can't meet this cost themselves

New policy

Maximum grant: \$1,500 unless exceptional circumstances exist

Entitlement: twice per 52-week period for individuals and couples up to \$1,500 total per 52-week period (if you get \$1,500 for the first grant you are not entitled to another), unless exceptional circumstances exist

Payment: no change (recoverable payment)

Transition to Alternative Housing Grant

A one-off payment to incentivise people who are able to move out of public housing and into a private rental

New policy

Maximum: no change (\$3,000 one-off payment)

Entitlement: one grant per person per lifetime, divided equally between the eligible tenants if more than one tenant – minor change to entitlement so that eligibility is based on individual circumstances (this means that if one or more tenants has received this grant before, the other tenants are still eligible, so long as the whole household is moving out of public housing)

Payment: no change (non-recoverable payment)



Tenancy Costs Cover

Assurance given to landlords who let their property to an eligible person if that person owes the landlord for costs at the end of the tenancy above the bond, MSD will contribute to those outstanding costs (up to a maximum amount)

New policy

Maximum: no change (4 weeks of a person's rent, calculated based on the rent at the start of the tenancy)

Entitlement: payment of TCC up to twice in a 52-week period for individuals and couples unless exceptional circumstances exist.

Duration of cover: up to 24 months

Payment: no change (recoverable payment)

Income and asset limits

The income limits for Bond Grant, Rent in Advance Grant, Moving Costs Grant and Rent Arrears Grant are listed in the table below.

From 13 March 2023, New Zealand Superannuation and Veterans Pension payments will be included as income.

Situation	Gross weekly income limit
Single, 16+ years	\$1,270.00
Couple, without children	\$1,866.00
Couple, with children	\$2,189.00
Sole parent, 1 child	\$1,730.00
Sole parent, 2+ children	\$2,010.00

The asset limits will remain the same:

Single person	\$8,100
Married, civil union or de facto couple, or sole parent	\$16,200



What you need to know

What whānau need to bring or have with them when applying for help with Work and Income

Before calling or visiting us, we may ask that people gather the following documents:

- proof of identification (ID)
- income details if working, and assets
- proof of the expense(s) you're facing (like moving costs, or rent arrears)
- tenancy agreement

Recoverability – paying us back

We'll only grant this kind of support if we find that individuals or whānau can afford to regularly pay the rent and live at that property.

Housing Support Products will be recoverable – this means people will need to pay them back to Work and Income (except for the Transition to Alternative Housing Grant).

If people are having trouble with repayments, they can talk to us. We may be able to reduce repayments, provide extra support or refer them to someone who can help.

Other ways we help

If people are struggling to pay the bills, they can talk to Work and Income. Depending on a person's situation, there's a range of help from one-off payments to ongoing financial assistance.

If you want to refer people to us for financial assistance, you can ask them to call us.

NZ Super Team 0800 552 002

Students 0800 889 900

Young people receiving Youth Payment/Young Parent Payment: Please contact your Youth Coach directly

General enquiries 0800 559 009

Our inhouse and contracted employment services help people find a job, training, and work experience programmes, and advise on writing CVs and cover letters. We provide on-the-job support and advice and may be able to help with the costs of starting work. We also help people who want to start their own businesses.

**Visit the work page on our website workandincome.govt.nz
or Job search call 0800 779 009**



Pelorus Area Health Trust

PAHT extending its reach in Pelorus

The Pelorus Area Health Trust (PAHT) has always worked with the Havelock Medical Centre, private practitioners and Te Whatu Ora to ensure that healthcare is provided to this widespread and rural community. PAHT also gives out donations and grants to fund various health initiatives in the Pelorus area.

Money earned from its small second-hand shop in Havelock has been given to organisations including the Helicopter Rescue organisations, Hospice Marlborough, Farewell Trust and the likes of small communities throughout the Sounds running first aid or mental health workshops, exercise programmes for the elderly and children, and receiving partial funding for AED units.

This year has seen a change in focus for the

while delivering also provide some company and can check on any other needs the recipients might have.



Above: Havelock Community Lounge.



Above: The Havelock Charity Shop volunteers.

Health Trust. It is now operating some direct initiatives itself, in order to plug some gaps in what the board sees are needs in the community. "It is all about making connections and helping people who may not know where else to turn" says the Board of Trustees (Glenda Davies, Kerry Ellis, Val Seatter and Helen McLean). Glenda Davies, the Chair of PAHT is the driving force behind the Hot Soup run that has been operating for a year now in the Havelock, Okaramio and Canvastown areas. Hot soup is made and sent out in thermoses along with a bread roll and a sweet treat to those who may appreciate a hot meal. The volunteer drivers

The hot soup is now made and distributed from the newly established Pelorus Community Lounge at the rear of 64 Main Rd, Havelock. This warm and cosy lounge is a place for community groups to have a meeting, for people to drop in to find out some health information, have a cuppa and a chat with the Lounge Volunteer, or in the future, come along for a meal and some activities.

"There are quite a few people in our region who don't get the chance to mix with others for one reason or another. They may be housebound or not have family nearby. Maybe they have lost their spouse recently and are struggling on their own, or they are the fulltime carer of their spouse and need a break. We would like to provide this welcoming space where they can come and download or meet new friends or just have some time out." Val Seatter, Vice-Chair of PAHT explained.

"We have an Open house policy for everyone in our Community Lounge and on the Hot Soup Run. We want to assist all ages and all people who maybe facing challenges. The soup run is not just for the elderly" Kerry Ellis, a PAHT Trustee clarified.

The Lounge will also be used to run St John's courses on first aid refreshers, mental health

awareness, how to use a defibrillator, and also for Pet Therapy sessions to be held. "It is a great space for St John's to bring their pet therapy dogs to interact with the elderly or sick. It is such an amazing service and with this safe space it will provide comfort and laughter", said the PAHT Administrator Jenny Garing

Attached to the Community Lounge in Havelock is an extension of the small second-hand shop next door. The Charity Shop has grown to now having a separate clothing and accessories shop next to the lounge, with the smaller shop now housing homewares, books, linen, tools and plants.

"This expansion in space will mean we can offer more things at really reasonable prices to our community, while at the same time gathering more funds to give back through health initiatives" Jenny told us. Last year the Trust gave out \$29,000 in donations, and they hope this can be expanded in the future.

"Our expansion in terms of shop space also offers opportunities in terms of the services we may be able to provide for our wider community; which is exciting and very satisfying, but at the same time brings new challenges", said Glenda. "We now need more volunteers than ever to staff the two charity shops and the Community Lounge and to do the Hot Soup run. These volunteers are the engine and the heart of all of the services we provide, and they are so proud to be helping to make a difference on our community".

PAHT can be reached on 03 574 1356. Community Lounge hours are Monday to Friday 10am to 3pm.



<https://www.pelorusarehealthtrust.co.nz/>

St John
Hato Hone
St John

Need transport to get to your medical appointments?

St John Health Shuttle equipped with wheelchair hoist and purposed built steps for easy access, with our well-trained volunteers to take you to any health-related appointments in Marlborough.

Area covered: Blenheim, Picton, Seddon, Renwick, and Havelock

Time: Monday to Friday (except public holidays)

Charges: Health Shuttle is run by St John volunteers

Koha/donation is highly appreciated to help cover operation costs

For more information or to make a booking
0800 103 046

Bookings required by 3:00pm the day prior to transport

"NAVIGATING THE HEALTHCARE SYSTEM" - CANCER EDITION

Confused as to who does what?

Get to know your support system and join us for this upcoming seminar with guest speakers from the healthcare system. Tea/coffee and refreshments will be provided after presentations.

Thursday 12th October 2023
6:00pm-7:30pm
Cancer Society Marlborough,
76a Maxwell Road Blenheim.

RSVP to (03) 579 4379 or christabelleg@cancersoc.org.nz

Cancer Society
Te Kāhui Matepukupuku o Aotearoa

Marlborough Hospice

Annual Farmers Blenheim and Hospice Marlborough Celebration



Tuesday 05 September 2023

Over the past few years Farmers Department Store NZ and Hospice NZ have enjoyed a very fruitful partnership involving the local Blenheim Farmers Store, who raised more than \$19,000 for Hospice Marlborough through last year's annual Christmas Fundraising Appeal.

Historically the festive season is a time when memories of those no longer with us, can be the strongest. So, from mid-November until Christmas Eve the Farmers teams fundraise in two ways.

Firstly, stores have a 'Tree of Remembrance' and those who donate during this period receive a card to write a special message about loved ones which is then placed on the tree in memory.

Secondly, each year a unique Christmas bauble is stunningly designed and 100% of each bauble sale thanks to the generosity of the community purchasing them, goes to their local Hospice.

Once a year, Farmers team members and Hospice

staff then physically come together to take part in a meaningful memorial.

“ Remembering Together

Glowing flames and embers reflect thoughts. Within the heart, Treasured memories of loved ones gone and messages from those who are apart. We gather sweet reflections to dance amongst the sparks on their journey home. Together we remember, and by remembering together, we are not alone.

- Anonymous

hospice Marlborough

Farmers

The lovely staff at Farmers Blenheim are wonderful at spreading awareness of our Hospice services, so to show our gratitude Farmers were invited to Hospice Marlborough on Tuesday 5th September for a Memorial Celebration in our beautiful gardens. During this ritual we placed all labels from the Tree of Remembrance in a chiminea and took time to reflect on the loved ones who were mentioned in the messages whilst the fire burns. A beautiful poem written by a former Hospice staff member, called 'Remembering Together', was also read.

Hospice Marlborough is incredibly appreciative of the tremendous fundraising efforts the Farmers Blenheim team undertake every year and to our community for supporting the Farmers Christmas campaign by purchasing the limited edition Christmas baubles and through their donations.

Marlborough Fabric-a-Brac 2023 fund-raising a success!



Above: Tracy from Fabric-A-Brac with Christine, Hospice Shop Manager and Leigh, Events & Engagement Lead

Saturday 16 September 2023

Thank you to our wonderful community!

Hundreds of keen sewers and crafters poured into the second annual Fabric-a-brac event in Blenheim on Saturday 16 September, including out of town attendees who spent a night in a motel for the

event. There were lots of big smiles, armloads of bargains and cars filled with fabric and sewing supplies.

This year, there was more interest from stallholders, so the event spread through two halls at Connect Blenheim on Beaver Road with the expanded layout and the fabric on offer receiving high praise. The pop-up café with freshly made barista coffee and tasty treats was the icing on the cake.

For a week following the Hospice Shop in Redwoodtown ran a 'Fabric-a-brac Mop-up, Pop-up' in store for fabric-a-holics who didn't make it or wished they had brought more.

Fabric-a-Brac events raise money for Hospice and this year's event in Blenheim raised \$8,000.20 for Hospice Marlborough from sales of donated fabric and sewing supplies, pop-up cafe, raffles, and stallholder fees.

Fabric-a-brac Marlborough organiser Tracy Johnston is thrilled with the outcome and the willingness of so many to help for a good cause "This event is a real team effort with the Hospice Shop volunteers putting in long hours to prepare all the donated fabric and sewing supplies ready for sale on the day. Then there are the bakers who set up and serve in the pop-up cafe, the venue team and the many others who help pack in and pack out and promote the event. This year we had amazing support from many textile, upholstery, and interior design businesses who generously donated quality fabrics to be sold at the event."

Hospice Marlborough rely on fundraising to help supplement their funding from Te Whatu Ora to enable them to provide their services free to the community. Events and Engagement Lead for Hospice Marlborough Leigh Somerville says "Community fundraisers like the fabulous and fun Fabric-a-brac Marlborough event play a crucial role in our ability to continue to deliver exceptional palliative care services across the region. Hospice Marlborough extends our heartfelt gratitude to everyone involved.



Z Good in the Hood is back!

Hospice Marlborough is one of the Good in the Hood 2023 nominees!

From September 25 to 23 October, the Z Energy Good in the Hood campaign is back, and Hospice Marlborough is super excited to announce we have been nominated to be in the running for a share of the \$1 million Z is generously giving to community groups across NZ.

Simply pop along to the Z Redwood Service Station at 225 Scott Street, Blenheim to fuel up and pop a token in the Hospice Marlborough slot to vote for us!

The Z Good in the Hood, voting period is from Monday 25th September until Monday 23rd October 2023.

From the team at Hospice Marlborough, thank you for your support.

Below: Hospice Marlborough Events & Engagement Lead, Leigh fuelling up!

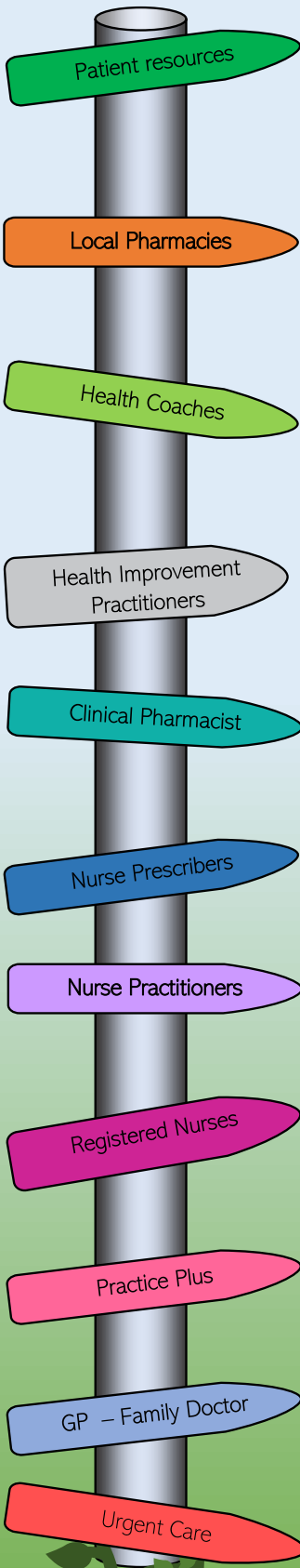


Top: The Hospice Shop team in Hall 1 ready for doors to open on event day

Above: The Fabric-A-Brac Pop-Up Café

Below: Megan Rosene, one of our very happy Fabric-A-Brac visitors shows off her stash!





Healthify website is one place for New Zealanders to find health information and self-care resources.
<https://www.healthify.nz>

Pharmacists are qualified to provide advice and treatment for:

☞ Athletes Foot	☞ Covid vaccinations and antivirals	☞ Head lice	☞ Sore throats & earache for less than 3 days
☞ B12 injection	☞ Dry skin, nappy rash, small patches of impetigo (less than 3 areas), abrasions, bruises, insect bites & sunburn	☞ Mouth ulcers	☞ Smoking cessation
☞ Constipation	☞ Emergency contraception	☞ Pregnancy vaccinations	☞ Thrush (between ages 16 to 65)
☞ Cold Sores		☞ Pain relief	☞ UTI (between ages 16 - 65, not pregnant)
☞ Coughs and Colds		☞ Piles	☞ Warts & verruca's
☞ Conjunctivitis for those aged over 2 years		☞ Flu vaccinations	
☞ Contraceptive pill		☞ Hay-fever	

Our Health Coaches offer advice, support and help navigate you towards community support: (All consultations are free of charge)

☞ Quitting smoking	☞ Advice on benefits, housing, home care, children's and older people's services, family support.	☞ Help and advice on financial matters, benefits such as WINZ and job seeking
☞ Drugs & alcohol support	☞ Exercise tips and support	☞ Diet and lifestyle support
☞ Pre-Diabetes advice		
☞ Setting health goals		

Our Health Improvement Practitioners can help with: (All consultations are free of charge)

☞ Anxiety	☞ Lifestyle changes	☞ Social Isolation	☞ Stress/Burnout
☞ Mental Health	☞ Depression	☞ Sleep problems	

Clinical Pharmacists at your GP can:

☞ 3-6 monthly medication reviews	☞ Assist with patients wishing to potentially decrease their medication	☞ Offer education session for patients on their medication
☞ Offer advice on any medication problems/queries	☞ Blood pressure	☞ Long term conditions management

Our Nurse Prescribers and Community Nurse Prescribers can:

☞ Prescribe and treat minor ailments such as rash/spots, wound infections, eczema etc.	☞ Long term conditions	☞ Treat minor ear & eye infections
	☞ UTI & STI checks + treatment	☞ Blood pressure reviews
	☞ Diabetes check + treatment	

AND can help with multiple medical conditions including:

☞ 3-6 monthly med reviews	☞ Driver's licence medicals	☞ Long term conditions clinic – review conditions such as; Asthma, COPD, Heart Failure, Gout, Cardiovascular disease
☞ ACC injury assessment + registration	☞ Women's health (contraception, menopause, breast concerns)	
☞ Eczema + other skin conditions		

Our Registered Nurses are able to do:

☞ Blood pressure checks	☞ Contraception	☞ Travel consults + vaccination
☞ Wound management	☞ Spirometry	☞ Ear Suctioning
☞ Child Immunisations	☞ Infusions	☞ Other vaccinations
☞ Cervical Screening		

Practice Plus is:

☞ Same day clinical appointment	☞ Weekdays 8.30am – 10pm	☞ For enrolled, un-enrolled & international people
☞ Prescriptions sent to your Pharmacy	☞ Public Holidays 8am – 8pm	

Our GP's can:

☞ Assess and treat all ailments, conditions and diseases.	☞ Steroid Injections	☞ Long-Acting Reversible Contraception removal + insertions, such as IUD's & Implants
☞ Minor surgeries etc.	☞ Sports medicine	
	☞ Medicals	

Urgent Care can:

☞ Urgent health care appointment	☞ Accident and injury treatment	☞ 8am to 8pm daily
☞ GP & Nurse visit	☞ X-Ray services	
☞ For patients who cannot see their GP	☞ Visitors to Marlborough needing treatment	

***Not available in all Practices**

Credit: Civic Family Health Care

28 August 2023

PUBLIC NOTICE

Temporary Reduction in Hours at Marlborough Urgent Care Centre

From Thursday 31st August 2023, Marlborough Urgent Care Centre will be operating from 8am to 4.30pm, closing doors at 5pm. This operation will be in place Monday to Sunday. These hours are temporary to recruit more staff to help with the demand on the service.

Marlborough General Practices will continue to offer “on the day” acute appointments for their enrolled patients. Enrolled patients who are unable to get an appointment and who meet the triage criteria, will be referred to Practice Plus or Tele-health.

For members of the public and visitors to Marlborough who visit Marlborough Urgent Care and meet the triage criteria, will also be referred to Practice Plus or Tele-health.

For health advice when you need it:

1. Healthline 0800 611 166
For free health advice and information at any time.
2. Visit your local Pharmacy
For medical advice, prescriptions, vaccinations and minor illnesses.
3. Practice Plus
For medical advice, consultations, prescriptions and treatment online.
4. Contact your General Practice
For high fevers and rashes, feeling unwell and long-term care.
Your General Practice team may refer you back to Practice Plus.
5. Visit Urgent Care
For minor injuries and urgent medical attention.
6. Emergency Department for Emergencies
For chest pain, difficulty breathing, severe bleeding and severe pain.

We thank the public for their understanding during this time.



Fire Emergency New Zealand

House fires get real fast

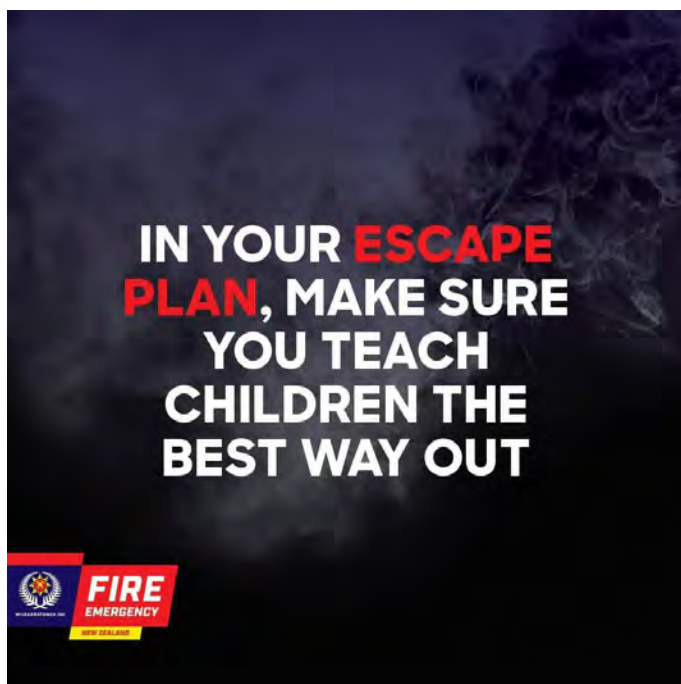
Over the last few months in Marlborough, there have been a number of property fires, some were accidental, but also some which may have been preventable.

As a householder/ occupant, there are some very important things to remember: **HOUSE FIRES GET REAL FAST**

Modern furnishings and textiles mean that house fires are burning faster and hotter than ever, today a house and its contents will be destroyed within 2-3 minutes, in the 1950s it took 10-15 minutes to reach this stage. When a house is ablaze temperatures quickly reach 1100 degrees.

Early detection and warning of a fire alongside a pre-planned escape route offers you the best chance of surviving a house fire.

- Ensure you have your chimney cleaned and dispose of ash in a metal bucket
- Avoid overloading electrical outlets
- Avoid charging Laptops Tablets and Cell Phones overnight, or whilst left on sofa furnishings, such as bedding or cushions etc.
- Clean the lint from your clothes dryer every time



Working smoke alarms save lives, modern alarms have a 10 year battery (long life) and are less susceptible to accidental activation, consider updating your alarm if you suspect it may be the older style, if you are not sure contact us and we will come and advise you.

Escape planning is an important tool to help us to escape a house fire. Consider a first and second escape route. Fire spread is slowed significantly when internal doors are closed, closing doors before bed allows you more time and can reduce the extent of smoke and fire damage and harm. Escapemyhouse.co.nz is an excellent resource for planning your escape, it takes only a few minutes and automatically sends you a hard copy of your plan that can be placed in a visible place, such as on the fridge door.

To prevent a fire in your house

- Don't leave cooking unattended
- Keep your kitchen and oven clean
- Ensure clothing, tea towels and curtains don't make contact with the cook tops
- Turn off your electric blanket before you get into bed
- Keep yourself and clothing, textiles at least one meter from a heater

At the first sight of a fire

- Do not attempt to put it out yourself – get out fast
- If others are in the house shout - FIRE - FIRE - FIRE
- If a fire is well underway – get on your hands and knees and crawl out of the house
- Always keep your keys in the door deadlocks

- If you don't have your phone - Go to a neighbour – get them to call 111
- Never re-enter the house – ever!

If you are unable to escape – close the door to the room you are in and put towels, or bedding under it to prevent smoke entering.

- Go to the window and yell – FIRE - FIRE - FIRE, a neighbour, or Firefighters, will soon see you.

www.fireandemergency.nz has more detailed information to keep you safe from fire.

Fire Fact “A House Fire Can Become Fatal within 3 Minutes”



The Cancer Society Marlborough has partnered with Blue Brothers to provide exercise classes for men living with cancer in the region.

These sessions provide an opportunity for movement, exercise, and the space to connect with others facing similar challenges.

Where: Stadium 2000
 When: Weekly, Tuesdays at 10am
 Cost: FREE (conditions apply)

To register or for more information:
Dallace Lilley
Cancer Society Marlborough
 marlborough@cancersoc.org.nz,
 ph. 03 579 4379

No one should face cancer alone. We're here to help.

Everyone deals with cancer differently, which is why the Cancer Society offers a range of support services to suit your needs.

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Age Friendly Marlborough



COFFEE, CAKE, AND CELLPHONES FOR SENIORS

Share afternoon tea with us and make friends with your cellphone! Practice using your cell phones, text messages, apps etc in an informal, supportive environment. Kate and Shona will be there to answer basic cellphone questions on an individual basis.

FOUR TUESDAYS: 2 - 3PM

- 3rd October
- 17th October
- 31st October
- 14th November

Please bring your fully charged cellphone.

FREE

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RSVP to Kate: 022 600 3582 or kate@reapmarlborough.co.nz

REAP Marlborough
65 Seymour Street



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This **FREE** classroom based course will help you re-familiarise yourself with traffic rules and safe driving practices. It will also increase your knowledge about other transport options and help you remain independent for longer.

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PICTON	BLENHEIM
DATE: Friday 13 October	DATE: Wednesday 22 November
TIME: 9.45 for 10am - 2pm	TIME: 9.45 for 10am - 2pm
VENUE: Marina Cove, Waikawa Road	VENUE: Connect Blenheim, 8 Beaver Road

BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL - PHONE 03 579 3457



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Check out our online directory for:

- ✔ Individual support
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www.reapmarlborough.co.nz/digital-tech-support

or contact Kate at REAP Marlborough:
03 578 7848 | kate@reapmarlborough.co.nz



Retirement Villages Residents Association of New Zealand Inc.

You are cordially invited to attend a public forum of the RV Residents Association

DATE: Friday 3rd of November 2023

TIME: 2.30 pm (for afternoon tea)

VENUE: The Wesley Centre
3 Henry Street, Blenheim

GUEST SPEAKER: Brian Peat - National President

Brian will be reporting on current developments concerning the review of the Retirement Villages Act 2003. The structure of the RV Residents organisation. The advantages to village residents, intending residents and associate membership including families. The importance of village contacts and future focus. There will be time for questions.

Friends and family are most welcome to attend this forum

COST: A gold coin donation would be appreciated to help defray expenses

Please RSVP to - office@greypowermarlborough.co.nz Ph: 03-578 4950

We acknowledge the valued assistance of Grey Power Marlborough in organising this event

"We look forward to seeing you all there"

Older Persons Seminar

Every 4th Thursday of the Month

St Christopher's Church Hall
92 Weld Street, Redwoodtown

Guest Speakers & Entertainment

Community News . Quizzes . Jokes . Socializing

10am – 1pm Morning tea & light lunch provided
Cost \$6

Donna Wahrlich - Eldercare Coordinator
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Community Eldercare

Steady As You Go (SAYGO)

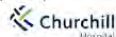
Gentle Exercise & Balance Class for Seniors
Every Tuesday 11:30am-12.30pm, St Christopher's Church Hall
Stay for a cuppa & chat afterwards. Cost \$3
92 Weld Street Blenheim.



Stretch & Breathe

Gentle Stretching & Balance Class for Seniors
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Stay for a cuppa & chat afterwards. Cost \$3
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Gentle Walking Exercise in the hall for Seniors
Every Thursday 11:30am-12.30pm, St Christopher's Church Hall
(Except 4th Thursday in each month)
Stay for a cuppa & chat afterwards. Cost \$3
92 Weld Street Blenheim

Older Persons Seminar

4th Thursday each month at St Christopher's Church Hall, 10am to 1pm
Interesting speakers, entertainment, quizzes, jokes
Morning tea & a light lunch provided. Cost \$6
92 Weld Street Blenheim

For more information contact Donna Wahrlich, Eldercare Coordinator
027 385 2333 or donna@stchristophers.co.nz
fb St Christophers Community Eldercare



It takes a community to be aware and support end-of-life planning and care - all are welcome at this meeting.

A special welcome to teams in Aged Residential Care and all those who support residents (e.g. GP & Primary Care, Health of Older People, Mental Health Service for Older People, Palliative Care teams, District Nursing, NASC).

Speakers will include:

- Sally Fleming, NP, Otago Community Hospice
- Jane Goodwin, National ACP Programme, Te Ātatu reo advance care planning Te Tāhū Hauora Health Quality & Safety Commission
- Lisa Henderson, NP, Hospice Southland
- Carole Kerr, CNS, Older Persons Mental Health
- Margaret O'Connor, NP, MonARC Health
- Vicki Telford, CNS, Nurse Maude Hospice

Online webinar, Thursday 12 October, 10am-12 register at bit.ly/Network_EOL



Marlborough District Council 2023 Youth Civic Awards

Nominations will be opening 9 October for this year's acknowledgement of young people doing great things in our community!

The Youth Civic Awards are held biannually, instigated by the Marlborough District Council's Youth Council in 2013, the Youth Civic Awards

acknowledge young people who have given voluntary service to others within Marlborough.

The online nomination form will be available on Council's website <https://www.marlborough.govt.nz/our-community/grants-and-awards/youth-civic-awards>



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**BLenheim Term 4 & 1
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CACTUS Term 4 Start Date: 9 Oct
CACTUS Term 4 Longest day: 2 Dec

Mon, Wed & Fri

6am-7:30am

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cactus@myt.org.nz - Jo - 027 522 2245

To Register Contact: **picton@myt.org.nz - Aaron - 027 522 2887**

Marlborough Youth Trust/MYSPACE 18 Kinross st, Blenheim

www.myt.org.nz

Marlborough District Council

Do you have school-age kids and need home internet?

Free internet is available for households with a school-age child and no current connection. Installation and monthly costs paid for by the Ministry of Education until 30 June 2024 (with a solution for beyond in the works).

For more information speak to your child's school or contact 0800 441 844 and speak to the EDOS team who can arrange the connection for you.

To find out more - for referral agencies

Join an online presentation/discussion with Kristen from Manaiaakalani Education Trust to find out how the Government is providing free internet connections to households with school aged children. This initiative is specifically designed to help those families who haven't been able to afford internet connection. It is applicable to many including people who live rurally, those in

emergency housing, those who share caregiving duties of children moving between households and those in real financial hardship.

Help us get the message to the families who need help.

When

Monday Oct 16, 2023, 11am – 12pm (New Zealand Time)

RSVP to Kate asap and she will share the link!

Kate Horrey kate@reapmarlborough.co.nz



SPRING Fest 2023

FRI 13TH OCT 2023
6PM-9PM

A&P PARK
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CHOIR - FASHION - PAGEANT SHOW

REGISTRATIONS NOW OPEN
EMAIL BELOW FOR INFORMATION AND REGISTRATION

DOORS OPEN 9AM	14 OCT 2023	MYSPACE 18 KINROSS STREET
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ELENA@MARLBOROUGHPACIFICTRUST.CO.NZ

Age Concern Marlborough

Looking for Volunteers / Carer Reliefs - Blenheim & Picton



Our visiting service is in demand. We have more people requesting visitors stretching our wonderful volunteer base.

We'd love to be able to match a visitor to all our more isolated and lonely older folk as they are referred to us.

Be it a welcoming phone call once a week, or more often an in-home visit. Some people need help with their shopping and others are lacking family support and looking for companionship and someone to chat with.

We are dependent on our team of volunteers for this service as ask if you, or someone you know, have a little spare time to help make someone's day a bit better.



Please give Meryl, our Volunteer Coordinator a call on 579 3457 or email admin@ageconcernmarlb.org.nz.

Harakeke
Know-how, Connect.

Become a Sign-poster and/or Hub Host for the **Harakeke - Community Connectedness Project**
Help reduce loneliness and increase belonging and inclusivity

EMPOWER PEOPLE

- to make meaningful connections
- to access the Marlborough CAB Directory
- to gain support in accessing
 - local services
 - community groups
 - health care
 - support services

FULL TRAINING PROVIDED

FOR MORE INFO ON TRAINING, OR TO VOLUNTEER, VISIT
[HTTPS://TINYURL.COM/YN6X2VMC](https://tinyurl.com/YN6X2VMC) OR
 EMAIL HARAKEKEHUBS@GMAIL.COM

Volunteer with us!

Learn new skills, make new friends, support your community and make a difference to people's lives

Health Shuttle

Blenheim Retail Store

Therapy Pets

Youth Leaders

Caring Callers

Ambulance and Events

Major Incident Support Team (MIST)

For information about volunteering with Hato Hone St John visit www.join.stjohn.org.nz or contact our Blenheim office. Phone (03) 578 0797 or email stjohnmarlborough@stjohn.org.nz.

Volunteer Marlborough

IMPORTANT! Seeking Feedback: 2023 Professional Development & Network Training Survey

The team at Volunteer Marlborough is still working on developing the schedule of Professional Development and Network Training opportunities for the remainder of 2023 and into 2024.

The PD training will be either half- or full-day workshops and Network Training will be 1-1.5 hour mini sessions delivered through the MoVERS (Managers of Volunteers - Education, Resources, Support) Network.

These training and support opportunities are open to Leaders of Volunteers, paid and volunteer staff, and Board / Committee members.

We do our best to keep each of these opportunities free or as low-cost as possible in order to remain

as accessible to as many people as possible.

We would greatly appreciate if you could take just a couple of minutes to answer the following questions, and share with others (staff, volunteers, board) to complete. The feedback from this survey will directly impact the training that we offer to the community and voluntary sector in the coming year.

The survey can be found at: <https://forms.gle/pxajj9tGSuGvE3hbA>



<https://volunteermarlborough.org.nz/>



The poster features the New Zealand Red Cross logo at the top left. Below it, the text reads 'Volunteers needed for Refugee Support' and 'Recruiting now!'. A group of five diverse people is shown in the background. A red callout box contains the following text: '• Shorter training', '• "Learn-at-home" sections', '• 6 weeks of voluntary tasks working with a new family of refugees'.

We are looking for people in our community who can help to support a new family of refugees as they settle here in Blenheim.

Being a volunteer with The Red Cross is an amazing experience - most of our volunteers say they get so much more from it than they give.

It takes time for former refugees to feel safe again, to get used to a new culture and place, to learn English, and to build networks - but having the support of a volunteer and the local community makes it easier.

Now, there's a new look to our training - a mix of *at-home* and *face-to-face*; plus, our placements are now just 6 weeks long so they can fit around your busy calendar!

You can email to enquire: migration.volunteers@redcross.org.nz

For more information, text John on 027 223 5972

Next training – Saturday 14 October – sign up & get involved!

Refugee resettlement in New Zealand



Cruise Ship Ambassador



Marlborough is gearing up for the return of cruise with 54 ships scheduled to berth in Picton so far, including Ovation of the Seas carrying 4,900 passengers on board. To ensure Marlborough continues to be recognised as a great cruise destination, Destination Marlborough coordinates the Cruise Meet and Greet Team.

Email Volunteer Marlborough at vm@volunteermarlborough.org.nz

www.marlboroughnz.com

Hawaiki Kura

Unlock the Power of Wellbeing and Cultural Confidence with Hawaiki Tū

Are you ready to embark on a journey of empowerment, cultural connection and holistic well-being?

Hawaiki Kura proudly presents “Hawaiki Tū,” a rangatahi-centered wellness and empowerment wānanga that will empower young minds to explore wellbeing from a te ao Māori perspective. This unique initiative is a journey through the whare tapa whā and Hawaiki Kura Māori health models, and we invite the tamariki and rangatahi of Marlborough to be a part of it!

- What: Hawaiki Tū Rangatahi Wellness and Empowerment Wānanga
- Who: Tamariki and Rangatahi aged 12 – 18 living in Marlborough
- When: October 26th – 27th, 9-2.30pm each day
- Where: Lansdowne Hub, Lansdowne Park, Wairau
- Transport: Participants must arrange own transport to and from wānanga each day
- Food: Please bring a water bottle and packed lunch each day

Suitable for all levels

Why Join Hawaiki Tū?

Hawaiki Tū is more than just an event; it’s a journey towards holistic wellbeing founded on mātauranga Māori (Māori knowledge), tirohanga Māori (Māori worldview), and tikanga Māori (Māori customs and practices). This grassroots kaupapa Māori initiative is designed to promote oranga (wellbeing) and cultural confidence for our participants.

During the Hawaiki Tū wānanga, participants will delve into the rich world of Māori wisdom and ancestral gifts, learning how to apply these



treasures to their everyday lives for greater oranga:

What will you learn?

- **Mau rākau:** Discover the art of self and collective discipline, a foundation for all aspects of our wānanga. Mau rākau instills cultural pride and discipline, especially beneficial for our rangatahi.
- **Karakia:** Explore how to apply karakia in a modern context, nurturing te taha wairua (spiritual well-being). Karakia can summon courage, gratitude, environmental connection, and abundance.
- **Whakatau Mauri:** Experience Māori meditation,

tending to your internal maara kai, settling the hinengaro, and nurturing the wairua (mental and spiritual well-being).

- Kapa haka: Learn about the beauty of Māori performing arts
- Te Reo Rangatira: Our wānanga is bilingual, taught in both te reo Māori and English. We encourage participants to reclaim and speak

te reo Māori, learning basic words, sentences, waiata, haka, and karakia.

To Register: Simply click the link below and complete the registration form. Successful applicants will be notified by email, receiving further details about the wānanga.

<https://form.jotform.com/232609110740850>

Digital Ignition



Digital Online Presence
9.30am-11.30am
Friday 6, 13 & 20
October

Digital Productivity
9.30am-11.30am
Friday 10, 17 & 24
November

More and more digital tools and programmes are becoming part of our businesses and our lives. Are you utilising digital to the fullest extent in your business? Are you missing out on customers because your online presence isn't being fully utilised?

Following on from our Digital Boost Facilitation workshop we are offering shorter condensed courses, utilising the free Digital Boost website. There are two courses, Digital Online Presence and Digital Productivity, each run in 2 hour sessions over three weeks. The response from the first cohort of participants has been extremely positive and we're looking forward to helping upskill more business owners in the digital space.

[Click here](#) to register for the Digital Online Presence course in October.
[Click here](#) to register for the Digital Productivity course in November.

For more information email Beth: communications@businesstrustmarlborough.co.nz



Heartbeat Highway

Northland
Southland

1 in 10 people survive a cardiac arrest
Learn CPR and help make a difference in your community

This October we are on a mission to provide 3 Steps for Life training to as many people as we can. This free training is designed to give you the confidence to take action if someone suffers a cardiac arrest by:



Calling 111
Step one



Starting CPR
Step two



Using an AED
Step three

Come along to a 3 Steps for Life session:

Date:	14th Oct 2023 Sat	28th Oct 2023 Sat
Location:	Havelock Pavilion	Blenheim Library
Contact:	stjohnmarlborough@stjohn.org.nz to register	
Time:	10.30am - 11.30am (both sessions)	



The Child Psychotherapy Study Group presents:

A 3 day training workshop in
Parallel Parent Child Narrative Therapy
with **Child Psychotherapist Heather Chambers**

and introducing Dr Jackie Amos, Child and Adolescent Psychiatrist and Gestalt psychotherapist, Children's Services Unit, Centacare, Adelaide.

When: 24,25,26 October 2023

Time: 8.30am - 4.30pm each day

Where: Fairfield House, 48 Van Diemen Street, Nelson.

Cost: \$315 Early bird (by September 24th, 2023) or \$350 Standard fee.

Includes morning and afternoon tea.

PPCN is an effective tool whenever the parent child relationship is distressed. This approach works to develop a more secure attachment relationship where this has not been established or has been disrupted. It is suitable for children 3 years and up.

This brief therapy aims to disrupt the existing models of relationship, which have resulted from the dyad's experiences, using original narrative techniques.

The relational distortions are challenged and modified through parallel re-storying of the relationship. "Mistakes of meaning and blame" are corrected and the good intentions that have motivated the behaviours of both mother and child in response to their situation and the unique circumstances of their relationship, are uncovered and built on.

Clinicians report they find this a respectful and very useful primary intervention to have available.

Parent evaluations and collected data show high levels of client satisfaction and positive outcomes, with a reduction in child difficulties, increased parental confidence, greater reported child happiness and recommendation of the therapy.

Heather Chambers is the author of this therapy and is an experienced Child Psychotherapist having been in public and private practice and although now retired from clinical practice, she retains a special interest in parent child relationships. Dr Jackie Amos has been developing, using, teaching and supervising the therapy for 20 years in Australia

If you have not previously attended training in PPCN with Heather Chambers, you may like to read: - Chambers H, Amos J, Allison S, Roeger L, (2006) Parent and Child Therapy: An attachment-based intervention for children with challenging problems. Australian & New Zealand Journal of Family Therapy 27 (2) pp 68-74.

**To register please email josphil@orcon.net.nz .
The workshop is limited to 22 participants.**

SPORT START FUNDING

SportStart is a grant scheme that has been made available through Sport Tasman through various funders in our community. The purpose of the scheme is to help young people take part in sport and physical activity by providing assistance where financial hardship is a barrier to participation.

THE CRITERIA FOR THE SPORTSTART GRANTS SCHEME:

- Financial hardship is a barrier to participation. **Community Services Card Mandatory.**
- Grants are for a maximum of up to \$30 - \$50 per application (see our website)
- Available for 5 - 18 year olds who reside in Tasman, Nelson or Marlborough
- Applicants are entitled to a maximum of two SportStart applications per year

PROCESS TO RECEIVE ASSISTANCE

- Sports clubs and school must be register as a provider with Sport Tasman (All SportStart forms can be found at our website below)
- Applicants are to complete the top half of the application form and then the sports club or school are to complete the bottom half and return to Sport Tasman.
- Both applicant and provider will be notified of funding acceptance.

For more information contact SportStart Coordinator by phone or email finance@sporttasman.org.nz

Thanks to our current funders that make this scheme possible .



Is funding a barrier for your child to participate in club/school sport?



Photos courtesy of The Nelson Mail

more people, more active, more often

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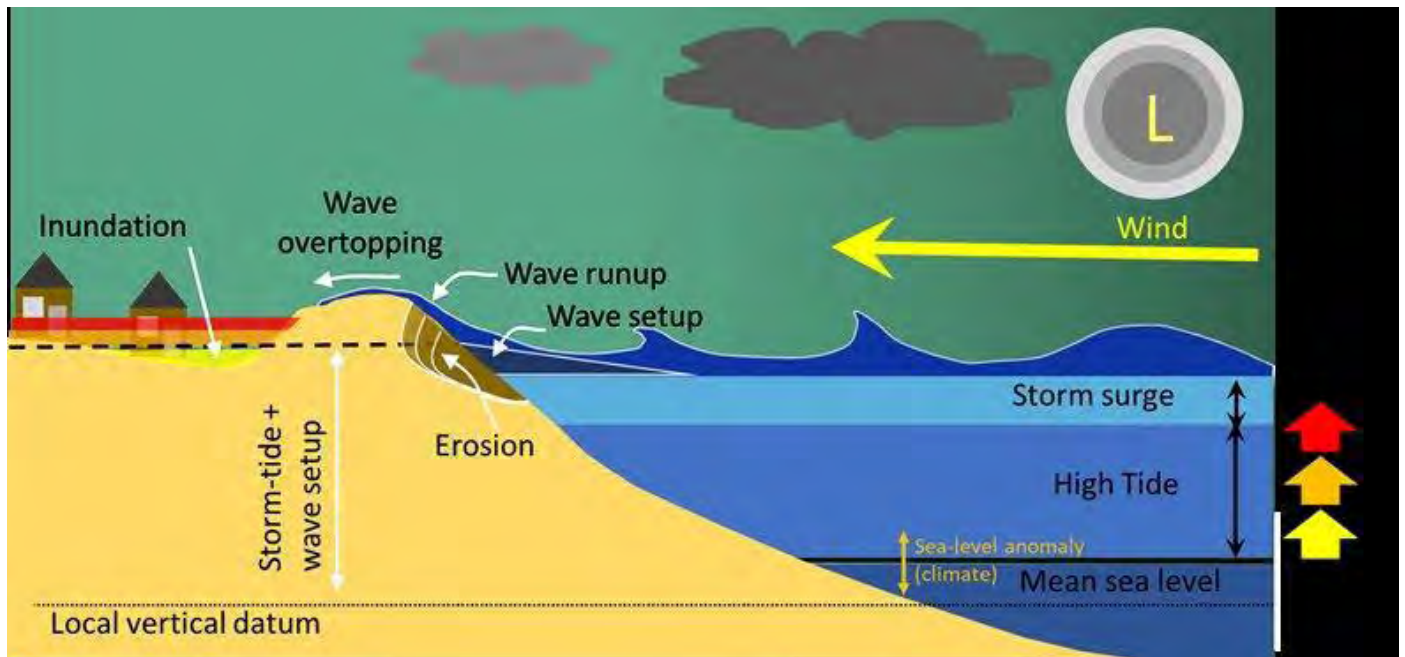
COMMUNITY FUNDING AVAILABLE

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TŪ MANAWA FUNDING: SUPPORTING TAMARIKI AND RANGATAHI TO BE PHYSICALLY ACTIVE.

OPENS 18TH SEPT
CLOSES 3RD NOV

Marlborough District Council Sea level rise report presented to Council



An initial coastal inundation assessment for Marlborough looking out 100 years has been completed by the National Institute of Water and Atmospheric Research (NIWA), based on its national inundation assessment.

The assessment is a first step in a staged approach to delineate the future effects of sea level rise for the Marlborough district. Its primary objectives are to identify land potentially susceptible to sea level rise, and based on initial mapping, develop the future scope of work to refine the inundation extent.

The report was presented to the Council's Environment and Planning Committee.

"This report gives us a good understanding of expected sea level rise in Marlborough, through to 2130, although further research is needed to refine the inundation mapping for the Lower Wairau," Committee Chair Gerald Hope said.

"Like many local authorities, Council has started planning for sea level rise. Some councils have completed their coastal hazard assessments -

Marlborough is working through this process now."

"Although we may not see the impacts of sea level rise for decades, there is a need to start preparing. We must be proactive and start the conversation with the community on how we respond to this challenge."

"Unfortunately the effects of sea level rise are a real threat. As a community we'll need to take proactive and deliberate action on how we accommodate rising sea levels and its effects on existing and future land and infrastructure."

"However, it's important to note that this new study assessed a range of potential futures which also included a "worst case" which is used for land use planning.

The main areas of expected impact are low-lying parts of Picton, Havelock and the Lower Wairau River Plain. Elsewhere, the extent of inland inundation is limited due to Marlborough's steep backshore. The report calls for further study to be undertaken on the Lower Wairau, including Blenheim and Rarangi to Te Pokohiwi/Boulder

Bank.

Sea level rise is predicted to be approximately 20cm to 30cm by 2050; 38cm to 90cm by 2090 and 60cm to 1.67m by 2130. The NIWA assessment further considers the effects of ongoing land uplift and subsidence throughout the district to the year 2130.

The NIWA assessment uses a static inundation model (also called the bathtub model) to produce maps showing land that has the potential to be inundated. Inundation maps have been generated by adopting a static sea level across land and any land that lies below the level is deemed to be inundated.

The simplified static inundation model comes with caveats. Storm-tide peaks may typically last for only one to three hours around high tide, which may not provide sufficient time to inundate large land areas, particularly if seawater ingress rates are affected by narrow constrictions, such as drainage channels and culverts. As static inundation models do not capture these dynamic and time-varying processes the method usually results in an over estimation of coastal inundation, particularly for very low-lying and flat areas. However, static models resolve inundation well for steep backshore areas and for large increments of

sea level rise.

The next step in the assessment process is to further refine the inundation extent where required via more complex methods and studies. The NIWA study has identified the Lower Wairau River Plain for priority assessment due to the complexity of the managed waterways which are likely to affect inundation extent and likely to be overestimated in this initial assessment. This work will begin straight away.

Members of the public can read the NIWA report, view the committee presentation and access the interactive mapping showing different sea level rise scenarios and three time periods (2050, 2090 and 2130) on the climate change page.

<https://www.marlborough.govt.nz/environment/climate-change>

Councillor Hope said the Council had committed to implementing an adaptation programme - called Dynamic Adaptive Pathways Planning (DAPP).

“This is a collaborative community engagement model that identifies and prioritises areas, assets and infrastructure where the coastal environment is under threat of inundation. We have already written to iwi and will start planning a wider public engagement effort.”

Sounds' access study business case endorsed

Sounds' access study business case endorsed - Mayor urges Govt to provide funding.

Council's Assets & Services Committee approved the Marlborough Sounds Future Access Study's Programme Business Case. The committee's recommendation will be reviewed at a special Council meeting on 10 October, before it is submitted to Waka Kotahi for approval in principle, and funding consideration.

The business case outlines a programme of activities and levels of service that seek to provide access for the wellbeing of the Marlborough Sounds communities through a safe and resilient transport system, with the best value-for-money solutions.

Overall, the business case confirms the repair of existing faults, proposes road improvements to improve resilience, and recommends consideration of changes to network maintenance and operations



Mayor Nadine Taylor holding a copy of the 532-page MSFAS business case with (from left to right): Principal Consultant, Stantec, Andrew Maughan; Deputy Mayor David Croad; Chief Executive Mark Wheeler; and MSFAS Project Lead Neil Henry.

to improve resilience.

Over the long term this will include improved marine access, which will almost certainly be

required should future storms or earthquakes trigger further major damage.

Public engagement on the initial business case options proposed for the five storm-damaged areas of the Sounds finished on 11 July 2023, and data from the 1,742 completed surveys was analysed by the study's project team at Stantec.

The survey asked the public for their views on the 'emerging preferred option' and 'hazard adaptation pathway' for each of the five storm-damaged areas of the Sounds.

People were supportive of the proposed 'emerging preferred option' for Te Aumiti/French Pass, Queen Charlotte and Te Whanganui/Port Underwood, with 69%, 76% and 63% ticking 'supportive' or 'somewhat supportive', respectively. Support was lower for Te Hoiere/Pelorus (47% supportive or somewhat supportive) and Kenepuru (36%).

Several key changes were made to the programme business case following public engagement and further analysis:

Levels of service were raised from the initial 'emerging preferred option' proposals for Moetapu Bay and Kenepuru Road from Portage to the Heads – Additional targeted improvements have been identified to improve resilience.

Cost estimates have risen from \$160M to \$234M – An independent peer review was conducted on the initial cost estimate, using actual costs from similar works already completed. This new estimate included increases in contingencies, adjustments to the proposed works based on public consultation, and the addition of costs to repair Kenepuru side roads.

Committee and Council decisions do not bind Council on final levels of service or funding methods and levels. Council will not make final decisions until funding options from Waka Kotahi are proposed and Council then undertakes

Chief Executive Mark Wheeler to step down

Mark Wheeler announced today he is stepping down as Council's Chief Executive on 28 June 2024.

"I have been privileged to work for Marlborough District Council over the last 25 years. It's been challenging but rewarding, working with very

consultation via the Long Term Plan in 2024.

Of the increased cost estimate in the business case, Mayor Nadine Taylor says Marlborough simply cannot afford to repair the Sounds' transport network to a sufficient climate- and hazard-resilient level without Government support.

She urged Government to come to the table with the much-needed assistance, as they have with regions in the North Island impacted by similarly severe weather.

"We appreciate the strategic and financial support we have received from Waka Kotahi so far, but given Marlborough's small ratepayer base, a repair programme of the necessary depth and complexity is too much for our community to afford."

"Council continues to seek additional sources of Government funding to reduce the burden on ratepayers, but more proactive support from Government would do much to reduce the ongoing worry and stress in our communities."

Next steps

The resolutions from the Assets & Services Committee will be considered for adoption at an Extraordinary Council meeting on 10 October.

Waka Kotahi will then consider the business case and approve it for next steps, and propose a probable level of financial assistance rate (FAR).

Council will then consult the whole of Marlborough on levels of service and rating options via a Special Consultative Process once the FAR from Waka Kotahi is known. This will likely take place in April to June 2024, as part of the Council's 2024-34 Long Term Plan.

Final levels of service and funding decisions will be made in June 2024. Once those decisions are made final works' design can be procured and completed, and the construction programme get underway.

talented and committed staff, councillors and mayors. That made this a difficult decision."

"It's time to spend more time with my wife Cathy, our three children, six grandchildren and my parents. The family is spread between Melbourne, Christchurch, Dunedin and Hawke's Bay so I'll be

doing some travelling too.”

Mr Wheeler said he had turned 65 this year.

“I’m a keen sportsman and want to keep mountain biking, playing tennis and also take up the clubs and play some golf.”

Mayor Nadine Taylor said she would be sorry to see Mark go.

“Mark is an outstanding chief executive who has led Council very effectively since 2015.”

“Prior to that he was Deputy Chief Executive and Assets and Services Manager from 1998.”

“Mark works incredibly hard for the people of Marlborough and has a detailed understanding of Council services and our region’s issues and challenges. His energy, passion and practical approach will be sorely missed by councillors and staff, but I fully appreciate he wants to step back and spend more time with his family.”

Conference a homecoming for the Edwin Fox

When Edwin Fox Maritime Museum Manager Karen McLeod takes the podium at The Royal Institute of Naval Architects (RINA) Historic Ships Conference in England this November, it will be a homecoming of sorts for the ship she represents.

“Even though she was built in India, London was the Edwin Fox’s home port so it’s wonderful to be able to speak at such a prestigious event about her,” Karen said.

The trip is funded by the newly established Edwin Fox Bequest Trust, set up to administer donations for the Edwin Fox, and is the first allocation of funds from the legacy of Dr John Lesley Hunt OBE, whose grandfather Frederick Everard Hunt was the ship’s surgeon.

Karen’s abstract, titled ‘The secret ship you have never heard of at the other end of the world, preserved against all odds by a handful of enthusiastic town locals’ is one of several international presentations at the iconic Greenwich Maritime Museum conference.

“I was blown away to be selected,” Karen said. “The Edwin Fox will be in good company with presentations from the Cutty Sark, SS Great Britain and the USS Midway Museum also on the conference agenda. A focus of the conference is the conservation of historic vessels which is timely

The search for a new chief executive will now get underway, Mayor Taylor said. It would include national advertising and a process to get the new chief executive on board next year.



Above: Mark Wheeler



Above: Karen McLeod

for the Edwin Fox as we are reviewing what needs to be done to preserve and protect this incredible heritage ship into the future.”

A recent condition report completed by maritime archaeologist Sara Gainsford highlighted the unique challenges the preservation of the ship presents. The report also highlights a need for reduced visitor impact on the vessel in line with best practice at maritime museums internationally.

“As a result, this means visitors can no longer board the vessel. The museum will continue to open as normal with exhibits, commentary and artefacts on display and viewing of the ship will still be available,” Karen said.

Council Project Lead - Arts, Culture and Heritage Nicola Neilson said Karen's visit to the UK was timely as she will talk with international conservation specialists while there to source specialist knowledge, partnerships and generate interest in the Edwin Fox Preservation Project.

Council was focused on conservation efforts to protect the Edwin Fox. "Reimagining and improving the visitor experience in partnership with the Edwin Fox Bequest Trust is an important part of that. We have some exciting prospects for visitors to the ship going forward," Nicola said.

Final chapter confirmed for old Marlborough Clubs' building

The old Marlborough Clubs' building on Russell Terrace in Blenheim's CBD is to be demolished, it was confirmed at last week's full Council meeting.

In May 2017, Council purchased the 1,700m² site for \$1.33M from the Clubs of Marlborough, who benefited from the cash injection at the time. The land, at 6 Russell Terrace, included the building and 15 car parks. The value of the site has increased significantly since then, according to a local independent valuation.

Deputy Mayor David Croad, who holds the property and development portfolio, said the land had always been viewed as having strategic development opportunities, being central and next door to the Marlborough Events Centre and ASB Theatre. Despite Council working proactively with several commercial organisations and potential developers who had expressed interest in the site since its purchase, none had been able to realise their aspirations, he said.

Significant fitout costs to upgrade and convert the old building for potential lessees had proved prohibitive, Clr Croad said. "This combined with zoning challenges, market complexities and



Above: The old Marlborough Clubs' building on Russell Terrace.

changes to industry demands due to Covid-19 have all impacted Council's ability to lease the site," he said.

"The site continues to have great potential as a hotel or residential development, amongst other possible uses, which would create wider economic benefits for Blenheim and Marlborough. Clearing the site will better allow its potential to be realised."

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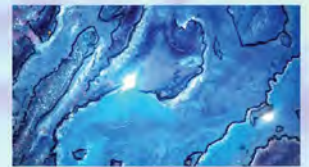
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Winter Energy Payment ends on 1 October 2023

For people paid weekly (on main benefits): Payments for the week beginning 2 October 2023 will have the last full Winter Energy Payment included, and the first payment with no Winter Energy Payment included is in the week beginning 9 October 2023.

For New Zealand Superannuation and Veteran's Pension clients: The payment due on 10 October will have four days of Winter Energy Payment included, and the first payment with no Winter Energy Payment included will be on 21 October 2023.

If any of the people you're in contact with are concerned about how they'll manage when Winter Energy Payment stops, please ask them to get in touch with us. Everyone's situation is different so we're always happy to talk with them. We're aware this continues to be a very tough time for a lot of people. Call 0800 559 009; over 65s call 0800 552 002.

The Winter Energy Payment will restart on 1 May 2024.



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- ☎ 03 572 2535
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