

## Reduced services at Marlborough District Libraries

Due to a planned system outage Marlborough District Libraries - Blenheim and Picton will be offering limited services tomorrow, Thursday 16 May.

Affecting many libraries across the country, the Kōtuiti Library Management System server is undergoing maintenance, which means from 8pm on Wednesday 15 to early Friday morning access to library systems is limited.

For the customer, this means a library card must be presented to borrow a book from the one counter in each library set up to manage this. The

library app, and other digital resources that require library sign in, will be unavailable including catalogue searches.

“Although our key library services are limited, our physical libraries have chosen to remain open in order to accommodate all the other services our libraries offer,” Libraries’ Manager Glenn Webster said. “For example, the APNK computer and WIFI will still be available and those groups with bookings in our meeting rooms will be honoured including our regular Thursday events like the JP Service in Blenheim and

Company Café in Picton.”

Borrowers are asked to limit their returns if possible. Due dates, holds and membership dates will automatically extend, so no extra fines or expiries will be incurred.

Marlborough Art Gallery and CBD Café in the library at Te Kahu o Waipuna will not be affected by the outage. Council’s services and enquiries at Picton Library and Service Centre also remain unaffected.

For more information on the outage go to: [www.marlboroughlibraries.govt.nz](http://www.marlboroughlibraries.govt.nz)

## New bus shelters for Havelock

You won’t get wet if you’re waiting for a bus in Havelock thanks to the efforts of Council’s Small Townships Programme and the local Lions Club.

Two bus shelters - one to link with the north-bound intercity bus service and the other to service the school bus service – have been installed on the town’s Main Road.

The community had long held the vision for shelters to be installed Marlborough Sounds Ward Councillor Barbara Faulls said.

“It is very satisfying to see them in place and in use, particularly with the cooler weather upon us,” she said. “The financial

contribution from the Havelock Lions alongside feedback from the Havelock business community has been invaluable.”

The project was championed by the Lions Club who provided some funds for the project – starting back in 2018 when they held a book sale which raised \$5500.

Secretary Ian Cameron said there had been much positive feedback about the bus shelters.

“We are delighted that all those Havelock people who supported our book sales and made donations to provide locals and tourists with a bus shelter can now see we have this facility,” he said.



One of two new bus shelters in Havelock

## New dam safety regulations in force

Do you have a dam on your property and if so, does it meet safety regulations?

The new Building (Dam Safety) Regulations 2022 came into force on Monday, 13 May 2024 impacting dams of a certain height and volume threshold.

All dams will need a potential impact classification (PIC) to assess what impact dam failure could have on the community, historical or cultural places, critical or major infrastructure and the natural environment.

The regulations have been made to increase dam resilience and safety to protect people, property and the environment, Council’s Building Control Group Manager Dhyanom Gala said. The regulations also provide a nationally consistent risk-based approach to dam safety.

“The Government has recently made a change to the thresholds to reduce the number of dams that need to be classified,” Mr Gala said.

It was important that specialist engineering resources were focussed on dams that represented the greatest risk to people and property downstream, and that owners of classifiable dams could meet their obligations under the regulations, he said.

Under the revised regulation, dams only need to be classified if they are four or more metres in height and store 20,000 or more cubic metres. Regulations

### Do you still need to give a dam?

Changes to the dam safety regulations mean smaller dams may no longer need to comply.

**Check if yours is still impacted**

[building.govt.nz/managing-buildings/dam-safety](http://building.govt.nz/managing-buildings/dam-safety)



Does your dam meet new regulations?

no longer apply to dams less than four metres high, regardless of their storage volume.

Implementation timeframes for submitting documentation are not changing.

The regulations came into force on 13 May 2024 and dam owners must provide their dam’s potential impact classification certificate to their regional authority by 13 August 2024.

Information and resources are available on Council’s website or MBIE’s building performance website and include a detailed guidance document and resources to help dam owners calculate the height and volume of their dam, to see if it is impacted by the regulations.

For more information visit [www.marlborough.govt.nz/services/building-services/dam-safety](http://www.marlborough.govt.nz/services/building-services/dam-safety) or email [damsafety@marlborough.govt.nz](mailto:damsafety@marlborough.govt.nz)

## New citizens welcomed

Twenty-four people from a number of countries have become Marlborough citizens.

The new citizens – from countries including the United Kingdom, Fiji, Germany, South Africa, Tonga, United States of America and Philippines - were welcomed at a special ceremony in Council Chambers.

Mayor Nadine Taylor told the group the day was an important milestone in their new lives as citizens of this province and country. In future they would all

enjoy the rights and freedoms of native-born New Zealanders.

“Your decision to apply for citizenship was no doubt made after very careful consideration and is a commitment to your future,” she said. “It is not a rejection of your past but in future your first loyalty will be to New Zealand.”

Following the Mayor’s opening address and the presentation of certificates, Council’s waiata group performed for the new citizens and their friends and families.



Mayor Nadine Taylor with Marlborough’s newest citizens

### Opening Hours

Mon to Fri: 8.30 am - 4.30 pm  
Closed Wed 12.30 pm - 1.30 pm  
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