



Wheelie bin rollout starts

Let's get it sorted – Marlborough's wheelie bin rollout is underway.

Wheelie bins are now being delivered, area by area, to households in Marlborough. Delivery will continue until all areas have been covered and in time for the 1 July launch of Council's new and expanded kerbside collection service.

Please keep using your rubbish bags until the end of June – wheelie bins will not be emptied until the new service launches on 1 July.

The first area to have wheelie bins delivered is Dry Hills and the area between Alabama Road and Wither Road and west to Howick Road.

Wheelie bins will be delivered to the kerbside where residents should place them for collection when the new service starts.

Council's Solid Waste Manager Mark Lucas said there were approximately 36,000 bins being delivered so people should not worry if they think they've been missed. If you have not received your bin by the beginning of June please contact Council.

Rubbish bags will not be collected after 1 July and while Council has a limited supply left, most supermarkets in the region have stopped selling them.

"People can use up their supply of rubbish bags but from 1 July these will not be collected from the kerbside. Council will continue to accept them at transfer stations, the Waste Sorting Centre, or the Resource Recovery Centre, but that option will be removed as demand diminishes," Mark said. You can redeem your rubbish bag voucher at Council's Blenheim or Picton Service Centres or get a rebate until 30 June this year. While stocks last, rubbish bags are available to buy from Council's Blenheim or Picton Service Centre either individually (\$1.85), in packs of 10 (\$18.50) or packs of 52 (\$96.00).

The kerbside collection service covers Blenheim, Grovetown, Havelock, Picton, Rarangi, Rai Valley, Renwick, Seddon, Spring Creek and Tua Marina with household waste collected one week and recycling the next. Two wheelie bins will be delivered to each

household - one for household waste and one for recycling, except glass, which will go into the maroon crate currently used for recycling.

For more information on collection areas and days go to Council's Smart Maps page:

<https://links.marlborough.govt.nz/kerbside>

If you have questions about the new system go to: links.marlborough.govt.nz/Kerbside-FAQs phone Council on 03 520 7400 or email mdc@marlborough.govt.nz

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Sawflies to tackle old man's beard

Council biosecurity staff have released old man's beard sawflies (*monophadnus spinolae*) in a bid to control the highly invasive pest plant.

Senior Biosecurity Officer Brent Holms says old man's beard is a serious problem throughout the Marlborough region and one of the country's worst and most widespread invasive alien plants.

"It's a deciduous, climbing, layering vine that can grow up to 20 metres high and in suitable habitats it rapidly dominates, smothers and eventually kills all types of vegetation," he said. "We are hoping that sawfly will dramatically slow the spread and reduce the impact of old man's beard."

Old man's beard sawflies were first imported by Manaaki Whenua Landcare Research in 1997 from central Europe but they did not

establish readily. In 2018 a new population was imported which has grown successfully.

Sawfly larvae damage old man's beard by feeding on the leaves.

Council's Biosecurity team's work includes managing plant, animal and marine pest species, with the ever-present risk of new threats that can impact our environment, primary industries and quality of life.

Our website has more information on unwanted pests at www.marlborough.govt.nz/environment/biosecurity/a-z-of-pests



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Mayor meets with Sweet Peas

Members of Alzheimers Marlborough's Sweet Pea Group had morning tea in Council Chambers with Mayor Nadine Taylor recently.



The Sweet Peas with Mayor Nadine Taylor along with Alzheimers Marlborough Manager Catherine Donnelly (back row second from right), Day Centre Co-ordinator Holly Walker (left of centre) and volunteer Maureen Powell (back row first from right)

Alzheimers Marlborough Manager Catherine Donnelly said the group all had a diagnosis of dementia, in various forms and stages. The group meet on a Wednesday with the aim of staying socially active, going out each week visiting local parks, art galleries, other places of interest, meeting locals and having guest speakers in.

"They participate in art therapy, games, quizzes, and really enjoy the social aspect of the day. The laughter that comes from that room is at times rather loud," Catherine said.

"Making sure that Marlborough is dementia friendly is our mission, and groups like our 'Sweet Peas' is one way that we can make this happen. Just because a person is living with dementia doesn't mean that they are no longer able to contribute in a meaningful way to our community," she said.

"The ladies loved meeting the Mayor and they were able to tell her some facts about the old Plunket rooms, which used to stand where the Council is now. Nadine made them feel special and they loved the morning tea and being in the chambers."