

# SOE 2015 | Play your part

*He waka eke noa  
We're all in this together*

*Government (national, regional and local) and business increasingly set standards for achieving a cleaner, more sustainable environment. However, the attitudes, behaviour and actions of each of us – urban dwellers, farmers, business people, office workers and children – does and will make the biggest difference.*

There are a number of ways in which you can participate in helping to make Marlborough a great place to live, work and play.

The Marlborough District Council's website is a good place to find information about becoming involved in community and environmental initiatives.

## HOME

- **Environmental Education** – The Marlborough District Council runs waste minimisation and environmental education programmes on sustainable living for homes and schools.  
[www.marlborough.govt.nz/Environment/Environmental-Education](http://www.marlborough.govt.nz/Environment/Environmental-Education)

## COMMUNITY

- **Council's Community Information Database** - Provides an up-to-date listing of community groups and organisations throughout our region.  
[www.marlborough.govt.nz/Our-Community/Community-Information-Database](http://www.marlborough.govt.nz/Our-Community/Community-Information-Database)
- **Marlborough Smart and Connected** – Community groups in Havelock, Picton and Renwick are providing leadership in making their towns progressive and inclusive places to live.  
[www.marlborough.govt.nz/Your-Council/Marlborough-Smart-And-Connected.aspx](http://www.marlborough.govt.nz/Your-Council/Marlborough-Smart-And-Connected.aspx)
- **Volunteer Marlborough** – Play a part in helping others. Every volunteer contributes to a more connected, friendlier and stronger community.  
[www.volunteermarlborough.org.nz](http://www.volunteermarlborough.org.nz)



Community planting day on the Taylor River



Volunteers planting native trees at Grovetown Lagoon



- **Sounds Advisory Group** – Provide advice and suggestions to Council on the issues affecting your local community within the Sounds.  
[www.marlborough.govt.nz/Environment/Coastal/Community-Involvement/Sounds-Advisory-Group](http://www.marlborough.govt.nz/Environment/Coastal/Community-Involvement/Sounds-Advisory-Group)

## ENVIRONMENT

- **Community Restoration Projects** – Help restore native forests, wetlands and coastal areas in a locality near you.  
[www.marlborough.govt.nz/Environment/Biodiversity/Community-Restoration-Projects](http://www.marlborough.govt.nz/Environment/Biodiversity/Community-Restoration-Projects)
- **Tui to Town** – Plant areas of native vegetation to bring tui back into Blenheim and Seddon.  
[www.marlborough.govt.nz/Environment/Tui-to-Town](http://www.marlborough.govt.nz/Environment/Tui-to-Town)
- **Biodiversity** – Significant Natural Areas Programme helps to protect and restore significant natural areas/habitats on private land. If you are a landowner with a site, consider becoming involved with the Council's assistance programme.  
[www.marlborough.govt.nz/Environment/Biodiversity/Significant-Natural-Areas-Project/Landowner-Assistance-Programme.aspx](http://www.marlborough.govt.nz/Environment/Biodiversity/Significant-Natural-Areas-Project/Landowner-Assistance-Programme.aspx)
- **Ecosourcing of Native Plants and Seeds** – Consider ecosourcing to help with protecting the genetic diversity and character of local ecosystems while providing the best chance of planting success.  
[www.marlborough.govt.nz/Environment/Biodiversity/Ecosourcing-Native-Plants-Seed-Collection-Project.aspx](http://www.marlborough.govt.nz/Environment/Biodiversity/Ecosourcing-Native-Plants-Seed-Collection-Project.aspx)
- **Marlborough Marine Futures** – Get involved in conversations on how to ensure that our special coastal areas are valued, protected and restored.  
[www.marlmarinefutures.co.nz](http://www.marlmarinefutures.co.nz)
- **Cawthron Marlborough Environmental Awards** – Consider profiling your business, community group or as an individual in Marlborough's own Environmental Awards.  
[www.marlborough.govt.nz/Environment/Cawthron-Marlborough-Environment-Awards.aspx](http://www.marlborough.govt.nz/Environment/Cawthron-Marlborough-Environment-Awards.aspx)



