



New Lansdowne Park Sportshub takes shape

Lansdowne Park's new Sportshub is taking shape, with the concrete floor slab now being poured.

Local company Robinson Construction Limited began work on the new facility in April completing the initial excavation and site preparatory work.

Councillor Michael Fitzpatrick, who holds the Community and Sports Centres portfolio, says given the size of the project, the concrete slab is being poured in sections.

"This work is going well and is on-track with the next concrete pour in the next few days. This will see the completion of the concreting on the ground floor. Concrete block construction is also underway and the project is on schedule to be completed by mid-2021."

The new multi-code shared-space building is located between the netball courts and the No.1 rugby pitch. The new facility will include toilets and change rooms for netball, rugby union, touch rugby and softball, as well as office space for administration staff. A bar, kitchen, function area, equipment storerooms, umpire rooms and a tuck shop will also be included.

Councillor Fitzpatrick says this is a project for locals carried out by locals.

"The project is creating employment through the construction supply chain – local excavators, builders, block layers, roofers, plumbers, electricians, painters and landscapers will all contribute to the finished product," he said.



Aerial image of the concrete slab being poured

New banners line Renwick streets

If you're in Renwick look out for the new banners lining the town's streets.

They were installed on Friday and designed by Marlborough Girls' College student Zanthie Mackenzie, after she won a competition run by Renwick Smart+Connected.

Zanthie says her design depicts a stylised map of the main streets of Renwick.

"I wanted to design something colourful to brighten up the streets. I spend a lot of time walking around Renwick and when I was delivering flyers the idea came to me," she said.

Locals should be able to pick out their streets, while visitors who might not know the story behind the map can enjoy a fun addition to Renwick's streetscape.

Zanthie was a Year 8 student at Renwick School when she entered the competition. Rose Guile, Renwick School Assistant Principal, said the school always values opportunities to support local community ideas as it helps students to develop pride and a sense of belonging.

"This competition was a great opportunity for our students to share their talents and I was really impressed with Zanthie's amazing design."

Wairau-Awatere Ward Councillor, Cynthia Brooks, says the new banners really brighten up the village.

"Zanthie has designed something for all of us to enjoy."

Each year Council provides funding for street banners and works with the Smart+Connected groups on their design. This is the first time a banner has been



Zanthie Mackenzie and Jonathon Haste help put up the first Renwick banner, with Smart+Connected members Rose and Paul Guile and Councillor Cynthia Brooks

designed by a school student. The Renwick group is planning another competition in 2021 as part of the Innovating Streets project.

Renwick reservoir construction almost complete

Construction of the new Renwick reservoir is almost complete with the finishing touches now being carried out.

Work on the new 1,500m³ reinforced, pre-stressed concrete reservoir at 24 River Terrace began in July last year. Despite a slight delay due to COVID-19, the new reservoir, which is three times bigger than the town's existing storage capacity, is scheduled to be complete by September. Once finished, the pipe from the existing wells will be connected to the new reservoir, so that the reservoir can be brought into service before summer. Landscaping around the site will then be carried out.

In 2021, construction of the town's new water treatment plant can begin.

Operations and Maintenance Engineer Stephen Rooney says the reservoir is the first step in a significant investment in long-term water management for Renwick.



"The other steps involve completing new wells at Conders Bend, installing the pipeline from the wells to the new water treatment plant, constructing the treatment plant and introducing the new water meter system." "Once the three-year work programme is complete, the community will have a safe and secure supply that meets national drinking water standards," Mr Rooney said.

Waikawa estuary restored

Work to restore the flood carrying capacity of the lower Waikawa Stream is now complete. Native planting has also enhanced the estuary and stabilised the stream banks.

The project began in early March and involved extracting 3,103m³ of gravel and sediment, of which 570m³ was used to re-contour the beach area. A total of 954 tons of river grade quarried rock was also used to stabilise the river banks. 1,400 native plants were planted. The work will improve the health of two stream outlets into the estuary and replenish the beach. The project included working closely with local iwi Te Ātiawa, the local community and with Port Marlborough to strengthen the breakwater.

Rivers Operations Engineer David Aires said it was pleasing to receive a plaudit from Te Ātiawa acknowledging the work completed and the way in which the project was run. The final phase of the project will see the planting of another 800 native plants in October.



The completed beach replenishment with bird life enjoying the new environment



1,400 native plants were planted earlier this month to improve the estuary

Poetry month at Marlborough District Libraries

In celebration of National Poetry Day on 21 August, Marlborough District Libraries are celebrating all things poetry this month.

Write your own poems and enter our poetry competition, with lots of fantastic prizes to win.

Come into the library to collect your entry form or go to www.marlboroughlibraries.govt.nz to submit your poem online.

We also have a number of exciting free poetry events happening, including poetry workshops and movie nights.

