



### Seated, separated and single server

With Level 2 requirements continuing, Marlborough hospitality businesses need to be aware that any breaches can have consequences. Council team leader for food safety and alcohol licensing Karen Winter says businesses are welcome to ring her team for advice and guidance. "Council doesn't have responsibility for enforcing the COVID-19 requirements but we've been staying in close contact with food businesses to help them meet

the Government's guidelines." The key requirements for food and alcohol outlets are three S words: "Seated, Separated and Single Server." Karen says while most businesses are complying, she's been made aware of a few alcohol outlets where bar service has continued since reopening under Level 2. "That's not something for the Council to enforce and our approach, if alerted to such a breach, would be education.

However, if breaches continued, that's the sort of issue that would bring into question someone's suitability to retain their alcohol license." Under the seated requirements, guests at any bar, café or restaurant need to be seated. Service must be by one person. This precludes counter or self-help buffet service. Contact tracing, either by people signing in or using the COVID-19 tracing app, is required for food and alcohol premises.

Karen says retail outlets are not required to have contact tracing but can do this if they wish. If you need advice on Level 2 requirements for your business, ring the Council on 03 520 7400 and ask for the Environmental Health Team. Or email [mdc@marlborough.govt.nz](mailto:mdc@marlborough.govt.nz) Go to [www.covid19.govt.nz/alert-system/alert-level-2/#workplaces-and-businesses](http://www.covid19.govt.nz/alert-system/alert-level-2/#workplaces-and-businesses) for the latest Government COVID-19 guidance.

### Pay by Plate stage two set to begin

Preparatory work is underway for stage two of Pay by Plate, after being delayed due to COVID-19 restrictions. The second and final stage of the project will see the conversion of the remaining 160 'lollipop' meters in Blenheim. Council Projects and Contracts Manager Maighan Watson says when new terminals are installed later this month, some on-street parks will change from two to four hour parking, and others to a time limit system. "This will occur in certain areas where it is uneconomical to install a Pay by Plate terminal due to the low use of car parking spaces, or to ensure consistency with nearby parking areas. For example, 13 on-street parks in Russell Terrace will be converted to a four-hour time limit to match the adjacent Clubs of Marlborough car park, and in Scott

Street, three on-street parks outside Wairau Pharmacy will be converted to 10-minute car parks. Local contractors Findlaters are working to install the cradles for the new terminals, after business hours to minimise disruption. Phase two of Pay by Plate is expected to be completed, and all terminals operational, by the end of June. Pay by Plate is easy to use; you simply enter your plate number, select your parking time, press ok, pay and walk away. The ticketless system means there's no need to return to your vehicle after you've paid for your parking, and the 'PaymyPark' app allows drivers to pay for parking and top up remotely using credit/debit cards or internet banking. Further information on Pay by Plate can be found at: [www.marlborough.govt.nz/services/parking-roads-and-transport/pay-by-plate-is-here](http://www.marlborough.govt.nz/services/parking-roads-and-transport/pay-by-plate-is-here)

### Caseys Creek project almost complete

The second and final phase of work to future-proof Caseys Creek, which runs alongside Old Renwick Road, is almost complete. The bulk of the work on the second stage of the project has been carried out with just minor finishing touches left. A planting plan, which is part of the consent requirements, will be executed over the coming weeks now that the channel enlargement and stopbank works have been completed. Council's Rivers and Drainage Engineer, Geoff Dick says this project has increased the creek's ability to take stormwater for the North West Development Zone, north of Old Renwick Road. This allows for the provision of an estimated 720 houses there over the next 50 years. Geoff says it's great to have completed the project after work was put on hold during the COVID-19 lockdown. "Thankfully, contractors were allowed back onsite under Alert Level 3 when the project was deemed essential due to the need to complete construction of the new stopbank at the pump station before winter, when it would be too wet," Geoff said. The project began in April last year and was carried out over two stages. The first stage



involved the removal of nine culverts along Old Renwick Road which were replaced with new crossings with larger pipes. This stage also saw contractors complete the waterway enlargement and regrading, which involved stabilisation with rock and timber retaining walls. Work on stage two of the project began in October. This involved upgrading the outfall through the stopbank at Lansdowne Park and Caseys Creek, through to the Ōpaoa River.

**TICKETLESS PAY BY PLATE PARKING**

**Where is this happening?**

**Zones**

- Coin meters
- Pay by plate Zone 1 - On-street - 2hr limit
- Pay by plate Zone 2 - Off-street - 4hr limit
- Pay by plate Zone 3 - Off-street - all day

**Stage two will see the conversion of the coin lollipop meters (shown on the map in orange), to new Pay by Plate terminals**

### Some home improvements will no longer require consent

Last week the Government announced that it will scrap the need for building consents on low risk buildings. This means single-storey detached buildings up to 30 square metres, such as sleepouts, sheds, greenhouses, carports and awnings will no longer require a Council-approved building consent. Exemptions include:

- Larger single-storey detached buildings up to 30 square metres
- Carports with a maximum floor area of 40 square metres
- Awnings, verandas and porches

- Outdoor fireplaces or ovens
- Flexible water storage bladders for irrigation and firefighting only, up to 200,000 litres in storage capacity
- Short-span bridges on private land without public access
- Detached single-storey pole sheds and hay barns.

It's important to note that any project must still comply with the Building Code. Most of the new exemptions are expected to begin at the end of August, after changes to the Building Act have been made.

### Final call for Civic Honours nominations

Do you know a Marlburian who deserves recognition for their outstanding service to others? Now's your last chance to nominate them before applications for Marlborough's Civic Honours Awards close this Friday 5 June. Mayor John Leggett says the honours,

which are made every three years during each Council term, are an opportunity to recognise members of our community who give outstanding service to others. "Previous recipients have given their time and talents to a wide range of organisations and causes. The awards

span a number of sectors, recognising service to the community in the fields of recreation, community, religious or cultural affairs, educational services, youth activities or social welfare." So if you know someone who has performed great community service in

Marlborough, go to Council's website [www.marlborough.govt.nz/our-community/grants-and-awards/civic-honours-awards](http://www.marlborough.govt.nz/our-community/grants-and-awards/civic-honours-awards) to complete the nomination form. For any queries, please contact Tony Quirk, Ph: 03 520 7429 or email: [tonyquirk@marlborough.govt.nz](mailto:tonyquirk@marlborough.govt.nz)

