

# Residents Online Meeting

Marlborough District Council  
Recovery Team

# Insurance

**Will the MDC/Marlborough Roads accept the responsibility for any accidents happening, because the local residents have to use these roads anyway in its damaged state, as there is no alternative?**

**Drivers using roads which have been classified as closed use them at their own risk**

# Emergencies

- **What provision has been made by MDC/MR/CDEM for medical emergencies?**
- **What happens if people need care?**
- **What happens if our pets need care or emergencies?**

- **Contact 111 for emergencies and they will assess the situation and quickest form of access to support the emergency**
- **First responders are being communicated with to ensure they are up to date**

## Supply and deliveries

- **Rural delivery service can deliver medication and other supplies**
- **Coordinate with local water taxis if you are close to a jetty**
- **Barge can assist with fuel deliveries**

# Logistics of using barges, ramps, jetties and water taxis

- Have (you) thought through the logistics of residents being able to have same-day access to and from Blenheim for medical or other personal business? Tidal changes and lack of jetties would have an impact on this too.
- Have (you) considered the logistics of landing barges on very shallow beaches with large tidal fluctuations and how they would transport supplies from the barge to areas where they could be accessed by residents?
- If, as is being suggested, the condition of the road is so bad as to make a roster totally unworkable then why can't the MDC /MR bite the bullet and fully fund a barge and water taxis to allow permanent residents to get to and from town and leave (the essentially) much of the road fully available to those trying to repair it?

- We are looking at all solutions for creating access to supplies and movement of people using barges, public and personal jetties and water taxis until road access is restored
- This includes upgrading ramp access and increased subsidies for barges and water taxis and appointing an area transport coordinator
- We are also looking at how we can support with transport from Havelock to Renwick/Blenheim

# Logistics relating to primary sector and heavy vehicles

- With an estimated 20,000 head of sheep, cattle and deer, 2000 honey boxes to be transported out of the Kenepuru over the coming 9 months, how have MDC factored this into their impact assessments and relief funds?
  - This road is the only viable access road and critically important for many businesses to get freight in and out. When is it likely for trucks to be able to go on the road again?
- The recovery team are aware of the economic importance of the area and are working with MDC, MPI, RST, Federated Farmers on how best to support.
  - This includes working towards solutions for heavy vehicles and vehicles and trailer access

# Business Support

- How is MDC planning to support these businesses over the coming months?
- Why is there no central government support fund being established?

- Group convened to discuss the impact of the flooding on businesses
- Includes businesses from the community, local and central government representatives and business support organisations
- The purpose of the group is:
  - to capture the current and future impact of the flooding on business
  - to identify practical solutions that can help address the problems
  - to elevate awareness of the impact and potential solutions to government and other organisations
  - to advocate for the solutions to be funded and implemented as soon as possible
- For more information contact:  
[neil.henry@marlborough.govt.nz](mailto:neil.henry@marlborough.govt.nz)

# Business Support Continued

- MDC has agreed to provide some funding to access free or subsidised business support and advice from local business advisors
- The subsidy is up to \$500 per business to pay for specialist business advice
- Funding is limited so interested businesses should respond as soon as they can
- Contact Alistair Schorn at Marlborough Chamber of Commerce to access the support  
[alistair@marlboroughchamber.nz](mailto:alistair@marlboroughchamber.nz)



# Rubbish Collections

**How will rubbish collection be handled for these parts as we cannot officially access the rubbish dump on the Linkwater Hill?**

**We will confirm a solution with the waste management team for areas which are currently not able to access waste transfer stations/skips**

# Ongoing Communications

Could you then, advise us if there has been a strategic (communication) plan developed and the associated tactical approach towards recovery? If so, it would be helpful if this information could be shared with effected residents?

Can you give us a weekly update regarding - timeline, progress and things that still need to be achieved - in a timely repair of Kenepuru road?

A long term communication plan has been developed and will be operational from next week to include weekly area specific progress.

Waka Kotahi are working towards a dedicated website with area specific information

# Ongoing Communications

Roading questions to:

[recovery@marlboroughroads.com](mailto:recovery@marlboroughroads.com)

All other questions to:

[recovery@marlborough.govt.nz](mailto:recovery@marlborough.govt.nz)

- Face to face meetings when COVID alert levels permit
- Presentation, questions and recording of the meeting will be available next week