

**Minutes for Meeting of the  
Sounds Advisory Group  
held at the Marlborough District Council Committee Room  
on Monday, 24 March 2025  
commencing at 10.00 am.**

**Present:** Cllr Faulls, Cllr Innes (from 11.04 am), Cllr Minehan, Vic Koller (Moetapu Bay), Steve Murrin and Wayne Oldfield (Marlborough Roads from 11.06 am), Shon Emerson (Kaiuma Bay), Ross Withell (Kenepuru & Central Sounds), Beryl Archer (Penzance/Tuna Bay Residents Association), Fraenzi Furigo (French Pass Residents Association), Dean Baigent (Elaine Bay Residents Association), Carey Virtue (Queen Charlotte Sound/Tōtaranui), Margot Ferrier (DOC Senior Ranger), John Cretney (Cissy Bay), Wayne Boustridge (Te Whanganui/Port Underwood), Tim Greenhough (Okiwi Bay), George Shallcrass (Top of the South Wood Council), Kristie Paki Paki and Renee Love (Te Atiawa Trust) with John Hellstrom (Sounds Restoration Trust), and Glenda Davies and Jenny Garing (PAHT).

Via teams: Nicola Russell (Marine Farming Association)

**MDC Staff Attending:** Alan Johnson (Environmental Science & Monitoring Manager), Heather Graham (Small Townships Projects Coordinator), Liam Falconer (Biosecurity Manager), Oliver Wade (Principal Coastal Scientist), Kaja Mazzotti-Vetter (Senior Advisor – Welfare and Planning), Matt Kerr (Emergency Services Manager), Mark Lucas (Solid Waste Manager) with Georgie Sullivan (Waste Minimisation Coordinator) and in attendance Bernadette Brooklands (Secretary).

## **1. Welcome and Introductions**

- a) Cllr Faulls welcomed attendees and Renee Love opened the hui with a karakia.

## **2. Apologies**

Mary Bowron (Pelorus/Kenepuru), Ned Wells (MFA), Dave Hayes (DOC), Jorgia McMillan (Coastal Scientist) and Tracey Currie (Moetapu Bay)  
Dick Kearsley (Cissy Bay) has resigned as CBCA Chair.

Apologies accepted by Cllr Faulls.

## **3. Confirmation of Previous Minutes - 25 November 2024**

ShareFile link was sent to members on the 11 March and the full minutes are also on the website.  
<https://www.marlborough.govt.nz/environment/coastal/community-involvement/sounds-advisory-group>  
<https://marlboroughdistrictcouncil.sharefile.com/public/share/web-sf40334541e404c42bcb8337d539b7413>

The minutes of 25 November 2024 were taken as read.  
Cllr Faulls moved / Shon Emerson – carried.

## **4. Actions from the previous meeting**

|   | Action                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | Person Responsible              | Outcome                                                                                                        |
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| 1 | Eric to speak with Ned Wells from MFA about commercial fishery membership involvement rather than Fisheries.<br><br>UPDATE: Eric has since resigned from the Sounds Advisory Group.                                                                                                                                                                                               | Eric Jorgensen / Ned Wells      | No longer valid. To be removed from the action list                                                            |
| 2 | Invite Chris Duckworth from the Rural Youth and Adult Literacy Trust (RYALT) to the March hui.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | Clr Faulls                      | Deferred to later in the year.                                                                                 |
| 3 | Liam to liaise with Clr Innes regarding community education sessions.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | Liam Falconer / Clr Innes       | Completed                                                                                                      |
| 4 | The public toilet at the road entrance to Kaiuma Bay will need to be reassessed as it is currently locked and it was hoped that DOC would take it over. Dave Hayes to investigate this.<br><br>Alan Johnson to organize MDC staff to liaise with DOC for further discussion on this issue.<br><br>Heather Graham to enquire if the Small Township Programme could assist further. | Dave Hayes.                     | Completed<br><br>Alan Johnson advised that Assets and Service team will liaison with Kaiuma Park Services Ltd. |
| 5 | Fraenzi asked if the programme could assist with the issue of the DOC public toilet in Elaine Bay.<br>Heather to speak to Fraenzi outside of this forum on this matter.                                                                                                                                                                                                           | Fraenzi Furigo / Heather Graham | Completed                                                                                                      |
| 6 | Agenda item for March 2025 – Where can/can't boaties anchor in significant natural marine site areas.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | Oliver Wade                     | Completed<br><br>See Coastal Update Point 6                                                                    |
| 7 | Invite the Sounds Restoration Trust to the March 2025 Meeting                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | Clr Faulls                      | Completed<br><br>See Item 9 in minutes                                                                         |
| 8 | The Kaiuma Bay culvert near the turn off blocks and floods the road. Steve will look into this.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | Steve Murrin                    | Completed                                                                                                      |
| 9 | WSP Engineering completed a report on the French Pass seawall protections. Steve Murrin can supply a copy to Fraenzi Furigo.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | Steve Murrin                    | Completed and report received                                                                                  |

## 5. **Draft Waste Management and Minimisation Bylaw** (Mark Lucas, MDC Solid Waste Manager with Georgie Sullivan, Waste Minimisation Coordinator)

Mr Lucas gave an overview of why the draft Bylaw is occurring and encouraged members to submit on the Draft Waste Bylaw.

Due to submissions closing on 17 April members were emailed the submission details and links below.

Council welcomes your input and the views of people who live, work and play in Marlborough are important. <https://haveyoursay.marlborough.govt.nz/as-services/draft-waste-management-and-minimisation-bylaw-2025/>

Council would like your feedback on the proposed changes and proposed new bylaw.

- Anyone can make a submission. Your submission can support or oppose the proposals.

Submissions close

- Thursday 17 April 2025.

Hearings before Council Hearing Committee

- Wednesday 14 May 2025.

Council resolution revoking, continuing, amending or replacing bylaws

- On a date determined by Council.

Reviewed bylaws come into force

- On a date determined by Council.

The categories are as follows:

1. Part 1: Residential Waste Collection Services
2. Part 2: Council Waste Facilities
3. Clause 24. Construction and demolition Waste Management Plan
4. Clause 25. Event Waste Management Plan
5. Part 3: Other waste matters
6. Part 4: Waste Operations
7. Part 5: Administration, Enforcement & Miscellaneous provisions
8. General Comment / File Upload

From the MDC website:

The Marlborough District Council (**Council**) is proposing to replace its 2017 Waste Bylaw which has been superseded by legislative changes and the new kerbside collection service. Under the Local Government Act 2002 (**LGA**) and the Waste Minimisation Act 2008 (**WMA**), Council has the authority to regulate waste management related activities in the Marlborough region. The proposed Waste Management and Minimisation Bylaw 2025 is an important next step in getting the region's waste sorted. It will provide a mechanism for managing and minimising waste now and into the future. Without a bylaw Council has no powers to regulate waste. A new set of Terms and Conditions will sit separately to the Bylaw to allow more flexibility as a meeting of full Council will be able to amend these. Large scale changes to the Bylaw will still need to be fully consulted.

[Go to the Final Draft Waste Minimisation Bylaw 2025 and Statement of proposal](#)

Why do we need to change?

Marlborough currently produces 1330kg of waste per person per year; the national average is 740kg. The amount of waste produced directly affects ratepayers:

- The average waste to landfill for the past five years is 66,460 tonnes.
- Marlborough's annual Emissions Trading Scheme (ETS) Liability is projected to increase from \$818,000 to \$2,600,000 by 2026 due to a new calculation from the beginning of 2025.

- The National Waste Levy is scheduled to increase by \$5 per tonne annually for the next three years.
- Approximately 46.5% of the cost (per tonne) to dump waste at Bluegums Landfill covers the waste levy and ETS Liability.
- Council have spent \$6M to construct Stage 9 at Bluegums Landfill.
- It will likely cost a further \$24M to construct the next four stages at Bluegums, between now and 2048.
- Due to the current volumes of waste being deposited at Bluegums, the landfill has an expected life span of 24 years. This lifespan has reduced by 6 years since 2019.
- Around 40-50% of waste coming into the landfill is from construction and demolition (commercial waste).
- Marlborough has seen a 46% decline in recyclable products over the past 10 years and we average more than 20 tonnes (a month) of contaminated recyclable material. That is a cost to ratepayers of \$56,000 per year.

Based on this, Marlborough can do better. Council wants to double Marlborough's recycling output and significantly reduce the waste going to landfill. The new bylaw will also identify remote transfer stations as waste facilities, increase Council's ability to deal with non-compliance at transfer stations and allow new rules to address problems caused by litter. There are also new requirements for Waste Management Plans for construction and demolition and changes to ensure that only large-scale commercial events require Waste Management Plans.

#### Questions/Answers

It was asked if there are cameras on all waste management sites now and at the marinas. Mr Lucas advised that there are cameras at all sites.

A new site may be located further up from where the current Port Underwood bins are located. This is currently under discussion with Marlborough Roads.

Dumping your green waste on the roadside is also a risk to biosecurity.

Invite Mr Lucas to our next meeting in June to give a further update on the Bylaw. **Action Point noted.**

Attendance: 11.09 am Mark Lucas and Georgie Sullivan withdrew from the hui.

## **6. Coastal Science Update - Ecologically Significant Marine Sites** (Oliver Wade, Principal Coastal Scientist) - **See Appendix 1**

Oliver presented on the Environment Plan and discussed why ecological marine sites are important and discussed Chapter 6 Volume 2 of the PMEP which has Ecologically Significant Marine Sites (ESMS) rules applied to them. They are divided into three categories:

| Category A                                               | Category B                                                   | Category C               |
|----------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------|
| Most vulnerable                                          | Vulnerable                                                   | Most resilient           |
| No anchoring, dredging, trawling, deposition of any kind | Anchoring allowed, but no dredging, trawling, deposition etc | Activities discretionary |

Further information can be found here <https://www.marlborough.govt.nz/your-council/resource-management-policy-and-plans/proposed-marlborough-environment-plan/decisions-on-the-pmep/appeal-process/appeals-version-of-the-pmep>

Oliver showed members the GIS maps which show the category listings from his PowerPoint presentation. You can read further about seabed habitat mapping for D'Urville Island, Queen Charlotte Sound and Pelorus on our website. The Pelorus and Queen Charlotte Sound items also have links to the Story Maps and Smart Maps.

<https://www.marlborough.govt.nz/environment/coastal/seabed-habitat-mapping>

See the website for the following information on the work the Coastal team carry out.

<https://www.marlborough.govt.nz/environment/coastal>

## Coastal

[Coastal Monitoring Strategy](#)

[Coastal Videos](#)

[Community Involvement](#)

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[Seabed Habitat Mapping](#)

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## Questions/Answers

- Moving forward, development of a communication path to advise boaties of where you can or cannot anchor to protect the marine environment would be beneficial. Cllr Faulls asked the members what would be of assistance to communicate with their residents' associations and communities.
  - It was noted that an information fact sheet would be of use.
  - Other ideas were the Hunting and Fishing newsletter and a collaborative approach with Council, Iwi and DOC to educate boaties of where the marine sites are.
  - The Cruise Guide to the Marlborough Sounds is a free interactive app and website providing essential boating information and much more. Access real time weather data, remote cameras, tides and monitor the ships and ferries as they navigate through the sounds. Get safe boating advice including information on anchorages, boat ramps, moorings amenities and facilities. Use the Sounds interactive map to explore stunning locations and tap into a rich data source of historical and environmental information.  
[Explore the Cruise Guide to the Marlborough Sounds](#)
- Carey Virtue noted that the seagrass beds are improving in Endeavour Inlet and would like an update from Coastal Scientist, Jorgia McMillan, at our next meeting in June. **Action Point noted.**

## **7. Biosecurity Update** (Liam Falconer, Biosecurity Manager)

Liam provided a PowerPoint update on current Biosecurity issues. **See Appendix 2**

- a) Chilean needle grass.  
Chilean needle grass is typically found on the dry east coast of Marlborough but has also been found in Picton. You can view the sites on Council Smartmaps and also see the map on the PowerPoint presentation.
- b) Small scale invasive weed programme.  
Ninety percent of the small-scale invasive weed programme has been completed in the Sounds over the summer period. Woolly night shade work will be completed in approximately two months.
- c) Mediterranean fanworm  
Over 1500 vessels have been checked with five boats found with fanworm in Waikawa. They were cleaned prior to coming into Marlborough however residual matter was left.

See Council website <https://www.marlborough.govt.nz/environment/biosecurity> for more information about the Biosecurity section.

[About Biosecurity - What We Do](#)

[Biological Controls](#)

[Marine Biosecurity](#)

[On-Farm Biosecurity Guidelines](#)

[Regional Pest Management Strategy \(from 2008-2018\) - Archived Reports](#)

[A-Z of Pests](#)

[Biosecurity FAQs](#)

[National Pest Plant Accord](#)

[Regional Pest Management Plan](#)

## Questions/Answers

- The Spartina programme was conducted in Tennyson Inlet and it is pleasing to say that no Spartina was located in this area. Only a small number of plants have been located in Marlborough in the past.
- If you find a plant or grass that you are not sure of, take a photograph and email the Biosecurity team. "Aotearoa Species Classifier" App which is available for download on most smart phones. It is a great app to use to identify species.
- John Hellstrom thanked Council for the pest prevention work they carry out.

## **8. Marlborough Roads Recovery Update** (Steve Murrin, Manager Marlborough Roads & Wayne Oldfield Marlborough Roads Systems Manager) - **See Appendix 3**

Steve Murrin introduced Mr Oldfield to the group as the new Systems Manager and presented a PowerPoint update on projects and upcoming works. Mr Oldfield can be reached at [Wayne.Oldfield@nzta.govt.nz](mailto:Wayne.Oldfield@nzta.govt.nz)

Email Marlborough Roads if you require further information on the Marlborough Roads Recovery Targets (MRRT) Phase 3 (see PowerPoint).

April to May is a busy time for grading of the roads. The planned maintenance works will be scheduled from April to June. This is regular maintenance and not part of the recovery.

There will be a consultation underway for the Picton Port upgrade and the public can submit their views. Dates to be confirmed.

To read the full update from NZTA and see photographs of the ongoing repairs see their website <https://nzta-marlboroughroadsrecovery>

Note: All updates are posted on the Antenno app. See the Antenno app for weekly roading updates. The Antenno app is free and can be downloaded on both Apple and Android smartphones.

[Download Antenno from the App Store here](#)

[Download Antenno from Google Play here](#)

Read further details here - <https://www.marlborough.govt.nz/services/apps/antenno>

## Questions/Answers

- Cllr Faulls thanked Steve for the community meeting at Waitaria Bay and the work that has been done.

*Attendance: 11.15 am John Hellstrom joined the hui.*

*Attendance: 11.45 am Marlborough Roads staff withdrew from the hui.*

## **9. Sounds Restoration Trust** (John Hellstrom) **See Appendix 4**

Mr Hellstrom presented a PowerPoint on the updates from the Sounds Restoration Trust.

The Trust is strong and has a full quota of members. The Trust encourages community led programmes to undertake ungulate/pest control.

To read further on the excellent mahi the Trust does, see the website

<https://www.soundsrestoration.org.nz/>

[Wilding Pines](#)

[Pest Control](#)

[Wild Animal Control](#)

*A short break was taken for lunch at noon.*

*Attendance: 12.40 pm John Hellstrom, George Shallcrass, Heather Graham, Oliver Wade, Liam Falconer withdrew from the hui.*

## **10. Pelorus Area Health Trust Marlborough Volunteer of the Year** (Glenda Davies and Jenny Garing) – **See Appendix 5**

Cllr Faulls introduced Glenda Davies who is the well-deserved winner of the Marlborough Volunteer of the Year award for her work and dedication to the Pelorus Area Health Trust and her community.

The Trust assists the Pelorus community, however, is not available in Blenheim or Picton. The community are welcome to apply for funding. The only grant that is given to an individual is for health education.

The Trust volunteers also -

- Sort and clean donated goods prior to them going into the shop. Donated clothing that is not on-sellable is made into rags and donated to local businesses to reduce the waste at the landfill.
- The lounge is being well utilised by local groups and assists with connecting the community.
- Assists communities to purchase AED units and covers.
- Loans out items for a koha such as medical aids when a person has been discharged from hospital but requires a wheelchair etc for a short time.

The Trust is seeking a trustee from the community that can assist. Please contact Glenda if you would like further information. (03) 574 13 56.

Clr Faulls thanked Glenda and the Trust for the mahi they are carrying out for the community.

Attendance: 1.08 pm Glenda Davies and Jenny Garing withdrew from the hui.

## 11. Marlborough Emergency Management – Space Weather (Kaja Mazzotti-Vetter, Senior Advisor Welfare & Planning and Matt Kerr, Emergency Services Manager) – See Appendix 6

Welcome to Matt and Kaja from the Emergency Management Centre who presented an informative PowerPoint on how space weather will affect the earth and how to be prepared for an event.

To have a plan in place with your family if an event occurs just as for an earthquake or flood.

- Do you have cash to buy fuel or food if the eftpos machines go down?
- Do you have enough non perishable food and water to last several days? Do you have enough food for your pets, medicine for yourself or your family?
- Reminder that health equipment will also be affected such as monitors and breathing aides.

It was noted that solar panels do not get affected or damaged from a solar flare event.

We cannot predict earthquakes, but we can prepare for them! A public talk will be held to hear from leading Alpine Fault scientists about the likely impacts of an Alpine Fault earthquake in your region, and how we can be better prepared for such an event. See here for further information [www.af8.org.nz](http://www.af8.org.nz)

The AF8 roadshow will be held in Renwick on 7 May 2025 at 7.00 pm in the Anglican Parish Hall and in Picton on the 8 May 2025 at 7.00 pm in the Queen Charlotte College Hall. *(Details of the meetings and a copy of the flyer were emailed to members after the hui on 24 March).*

<https://www.marlborough.govt.nz/civil-defence-emergency-management/hazards/space-weather>

<https://www.marlborough.govt.nz/civil-defence-emergency-management>

### Action points noted to

- I. Invite Kaja and Matt to the 25 August meeting to give an update on the Alpine Fault roadshows.
- II. For Bernadette to email Kaja the members email list.

Attendance: 2.00 pm Emergency Management staff withdrew from the hui.

Clr Minehan withdrew from the hui and returned at 2.40pm.

## 12. DOC Update (Margot Ferrier, DOC Senior Ranger)

Dave Hayes is an apology today. Margot Ferrier presented on his behalf.

### Biodiversity

- Both Takapourewa and Te Pakeka had a change of staff in February. An existing DOC staff member and family are on Te Pakeka until Dec 2025 and casual rangers are on Takapourewa for now.
- Fencing upgrades on Arapawa Island to restrict ungulate access to the Scenic Reserve are underway. This will result in a refurbishment of the existing fence constructed in the mid 1990's which currently protects 440ha of the reserve. The new fence will add an additional 100ha of both mature and regenerating forest to this area.
- The Spartina eradication programme that is co-funded by MDC and DOC has wound up for the season with only one plant being located and controlled. Results to date suggest the project is progressing well to achieve eradication.



- Planning is well underway for the removal of the lighthouse keepers house on North Brother Island by contractors. This is in a very poor state of repair with the added issue of containing asbestos and leading to potential contamination of the island. The asbestos will be appropriately removed.
- An additional fencing project is also being delivered shortly on Takapourewa in conjunction with Ngāti Koata. This is to increase the size of the existing frog enclosure fence which protects the rare frog population and many of the island's unique invertebrates from the island's tuatara.

#### Heritage and Visitors

- Visitor numbers have continued to be high into autumn with few issues other than the usual problems with dogs where they shouldn't be and people forgetting to book/pay for their camping or hut use. Our volunteer camp / Nydia Lodge host programme is again a success with a number of returning hosts. They support visitors, clean facilities and encourage users to pay their fees. Whatamango Bay camp was busier for longer this year as a result of the ferry disruptions. Ongoing occasional thefts from iron rangers continue to be an issue. This is where the online booking system works well.
- NZCT funding from MBIE, as well as DOC Fit for Purpose money, is allowing us to complete track upgrades on the Queen Charlotte Track. We have relocated a bivvy from Ship Cove Saddle, formerly used by ZIP, to Camp Bay to house our Camp Host. Improvement work on the Umungata/Davies Bay shelter and toilet block has happened and we have also flown the toilet waste out from there. New toilet holes were also dug at Black Rock and Bay of Many Coves camps along with some basic track maintenance using this funding.
- The Kenepuru Road re-opening meant we had paid DOC staff based there again. They helped manage visitor numbers at Cowshed Bay where the lower septic system has failed. This site is likely to have the buildings removed on the foreshore side of the road making it a picnic only area to reduce the demand on the remaining septic system.
- Wasp numbers are high this summer and autumn given the warm winter so we have been using Vespex in some visitor sites and using Permex dust on obvious nests close to tracks and visitor areas. Volunteers from the Te Araroa Trail Trust did the Pelorus Track earlier in the season. Picton Dawn Chorus/Kaipupu Point plan to do Kaipupu Point and their traplines alongside and near the Link Pathway above Shakespeare and Ngakuta Bays. 'Wasp wipe out programme' will run again in October/November and is useful for applying for Vespex and equipment needed. You must be licensed to be able to buy the Vespex.

#### Community

- The Summer Series Programme was a success with 30+ children attending the Momorangi Treasure Hunt in late January. Momorangi also hosted a family Seaweed event this last weekend.
- Marine mammal viewing permit compliance monitoring took place over summer, which seeks to ensure adherence to the Marine Mammal Regulations. Our staff have also supported this work across the region.
- There is a national focus on reducing the backlog of concessions and permits for Public Conservation Land meaning our staff are being asked to prioritise this work above other requests.

### 13. Sounds Representatives Updates

#### Ongoing Issues Discussed:

1. Roding
  - Discussed with Steve Murrin and Wayne Oldfield in Point 8.
2. Culvert maintenance
  - Discussed with Steve Murrin and Wayne Oldfield in Point 8.
3. Waste management (including green waste)
  - Discussed with Mark Lucas in Point 5.
4. Resource consent fees
  - Consents and Compliance will be invited to speak at the next meeting in June.



## 5. Ungulate and Pest control

- Vic Koller has Met with Lee Cresswell from Dawn Chorus who is now assisting Moetapu with pest control application.
- The use of Vespex for wasp control in several areas of the Sounds has been successful.
- Beryl noted that ungulate numbers are on the rise and enquired about when the noxious weeds will be targeted in the next three months.

### General:

- Ross Withell advised that the old Portage shop is nearly completed as an accommodation facility.
- Wayne Boustridge advised that Heather Graham is working with the community for the Horahora Kākahu lookout project.
- Fraenzi Furigo advised that the petrol tank at French Pass has been removed and the foreshore protection work is pending. Also, the cranes are back on each side at French Pass and D'Urville but can only be accessed with a key.
- Tim Greenhough noted that the Okiwi Bay fuel tanks are being removed in the bay. The community is reapplying for an expired resource consent for green waste and the application for wetland funding from DOC was unsuccessful.
- John Cretney discussed a tax submission relating to Associations which he will email to Bernadette to share with members of the group. **Action point noted.** John also advised that there have been growing numbers of shark sitings such as bronze whalers and great whites.
- Shon Emerson advised that he will continue attending SAG, however he is stepping away from his resident's association role.
- Roding issues are under control and the upgrades have been good however, concerns remain about the forestry at the end of the Kaiuma Bay road and the amount of truck traffic this will cause. **Action point noted** NES for forestry and how MDC will monitor this.

Attendance: Vic withdrew from hui at 2.47pm.

## 14. General Business

### a) 2025 Meetings

To be held in the Committee Room / Teams at Council from 10 .00 am till 3.00 pm. Please add these dates to your calendars and email Bernadette if you would like to suggest an agenda item.

1. Monday 16 June
2. Monday 25 August
3. Monday 17 November

### b) Distribution of minutes

The minutes cannot be emailed to members and residents associations or added to the Council website until they are approved by Environment and Planning Committee and then at the next Full Council meeting.

A discussion was held on how members preferred to receive the minutes electronically due to the size of the minutes with the presentations as appendices, a large number of emails bounce back as undeliverable. A ShareFile link has been set up for members and Residents Associations to access the full minutes.

The outcome from the members is that the minutes can be emailed without the appendices as the full minutes will be available on Councils website.

All past minutes are found here

<https://www.marlborough.govt.nz/environment/coastal/community-involvement/sounds-advisory-group>

Link to the ShareFile

<https://marlboroughdistrictcouncil.sharefile.com/public/share/web-sf40334541e404c42bcb8337d539b7413>

c) Working for Nature Grants

Note: This information was emailed to members due to the closing date being 30 April.

The Working for Nature Grant applications open on 1 April and close on the 30 April. \$130 thousand dollars is available. Contact Zeke Hoskins, MDC Biodiversity officer

[Zeke.Hoskins@marlborough.govt.nz](mailto:Zeke.Hoskins@marlborough.govt.nz) or Clr Ben Minehan [Ben.Minehan@marlborough.govt.nz](mailto:Ben.Minehan@marlborough.govt.nz)

See here for further information <https://www.marlborough.govt.nz/our-community/grants-and-awards/working-for-naturemahimo-te-taiao>

d) Te Hoiere Project Celebration Day – 19 June 2025

The celebration day will be held at the Havelock Hall from 9.00 am and all are welcome to attend and hear about the exemplary project. Please email

[Wilhelmina.Borst@marlborough.govt.nz](mailto:Wilhelmina.Borst@marlborough.govt.nz) by 12 June to register.

There being no further general business, the hui closed at 3.30pm.

## 15. Matters Arising

|    | Action                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | Person Responsible                                |
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| 1  | Invite Chris Duckworth from the Rural Youth and Adult Literacy Trust (RYALT) to the March hui.<br>Update: Deferred to later in the year.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | Clr Faulfs                                        |
| 2  | Liam to liaise with Clr Innes regarding community education sessions.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | Liam Falconer / Clr Innes                         |
| 3  | Update on the public toilet at the road entrance to Kaiumua Bay.<br><b>Updated: Heather Graham has discussed the Kaiuma Bay toilet with Kaiuma Park Services and is working to facilitate a meeting with the Kaiuma Bay Residents' Association, Kaiuma Park Services Ltd and Sounds Lifestyle Venture Ltd and will proceed from there. Going forward, this can now be removed from matters arising.</b> | <b>Completed</b><br>Heather Graham / Shon Emerson |
| 4  | Invite Jorgia McMillan to give an update on the Endeavour Inlet seagrass.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | Alan Johnson                                      |
| 5  | Invite Mr Lucas to our next meeting on 16 June to give an update on the Waste Management Bylaw and address members concerns on waste management including green waste.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | Clr Faulfs                                        |
| 6  | Invite Marlborough Emergency Management to 25 August meeting to give an update on the workshop to be held in May.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | Bernadette                                        |
| 7  | Invite Gina Ferguson, Consents and Compliance Group Manager and a planner to advise why resource consents fees are so expensive for septic tanks, jetty, moorings etc and explain the NES for forestry and how MDC will monitor this.                                                                                                                                                                   | Clr Faulfs / Alan Johnson                         |
| 8  | Harbourmasters update.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | Alan Johnson / Jake Oliver                        |
| 9  | KMTT update.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | Alan Johnson                                      |
| 10 | Information on tax submission. Email to Bernadette to share with members of the group.<br><b>Updated: Bernadette emailed information to members on the 25 March.</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | <b>Completed</b><br>John Cretney / Bernadette     |
| 11 | Send Marlborough Emergency Management a copy of the members list residents list.<br><b>Updated: Emailed to Kaja on the 25 March</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | <b>Completed</b><br>Bernadette                    |
| 12 | Invite Tracey Gibbs, D'Urville Association, to the June meeting.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | Bernadette                                        |
| 13 | Invite Kevin Bright to June hui as a new group member representing Marlborough Recreational Fishers Association, (MRFA).                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | Bernadette                                        |

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### The Information provided below is a table identifying provisions of the PMEP subject to appeal. A version of the PMEP showing the same information is also provided.

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[Appealed Provisions List by Appendix \(PDF 570.79KB\)](#)

Approved at Executive Committee Meeting 06/07/2016 PMS AGO

## Chapter 8 of environment plan

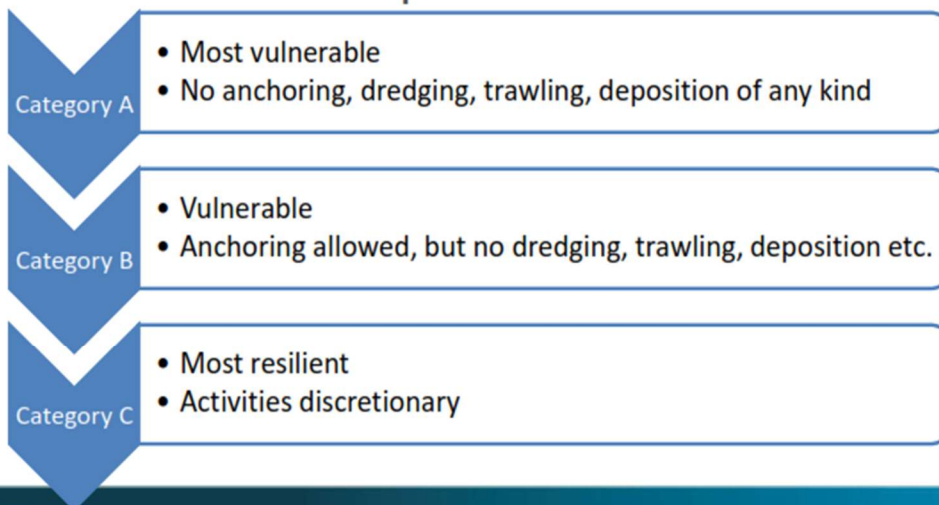
- Policy 8.1.1 – When assessing whether terrestrial, wetlands, freshwater or marine ecosystems, habitats and areas have significant indigenous biodiversity value, the following criteria set out in Appendix 3 will be used and applied with expert judgement by suitably qualified and experienced ecologists
- Identification Criteria
  - (a) representativeness;
  - (b) rarity;
  - (c) diversity and pattern;
  - (d) distinctiveness;
- Management Criteria
  - (e) size and shape;
  - (f) connectivity/ecological context; and
  - (g) sustainability

For a site to be considered significant, one of the first four criteria (representativeness, rarity, diversity and pattern or distinctiveness/special ecological characteristics) must rank medium or high.

List of sites in APPENDIX 27

## ESMS have rules applied to them

- PMEP volume 2 Chapter 6.







**How to communicate these sites in  
positive manner?**  
**How to reach public and interest groups?**





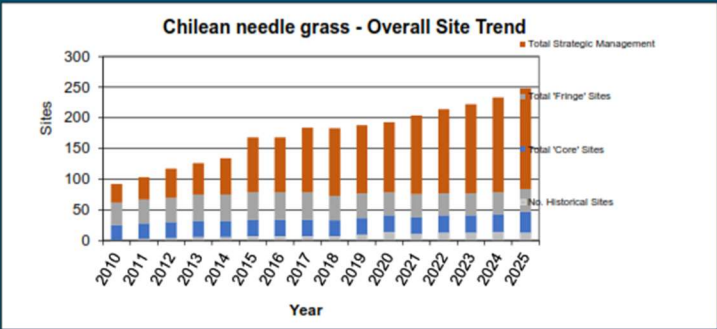
# Biosecurity Update

Liam Falconer, Biosecurity Manager

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## Chilean needle grass

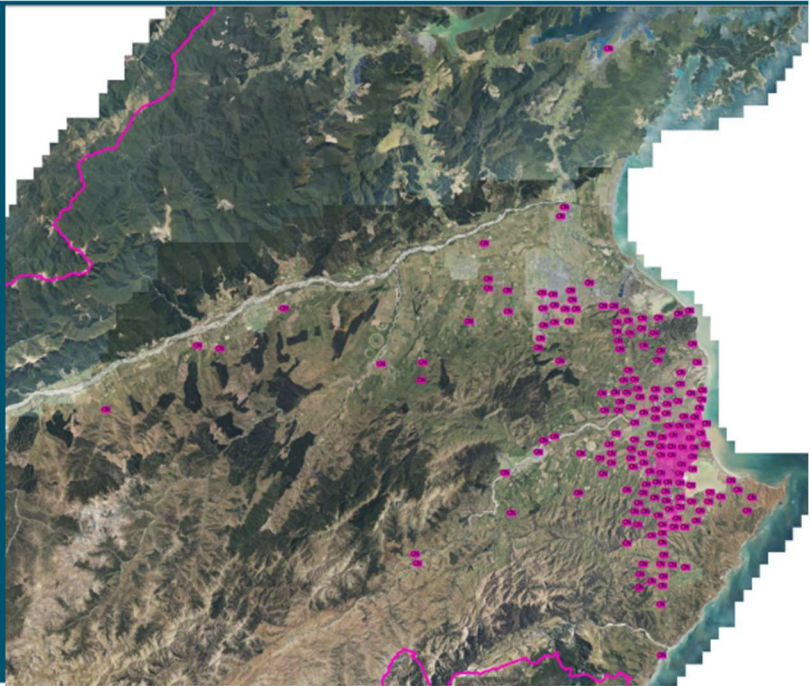
- 9 new properties affected
- Total properties now 246



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## Chilean needle grass distribution



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## Wilding Conifer funding

One off IVL funding of  
\$400k received in March

Total regional funding  
\$1.7mil this year

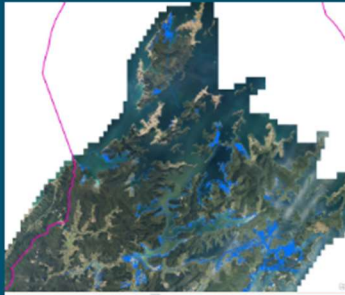


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## Small Scale Programmes

- 90 % of small scale invasive weed programme now completed in the Sounds over the summer period



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## Mediterranean fanworm

1500 vessel checked this year

3 vessel located with fanworm



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## Appendix 3: Marlborough Roads Recovery Update (Steve Murrin)



## Topics

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Recovery Programme Key Target Dates

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Kenepuru Programme

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Progress

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Upcoming Works

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Waitaria Jetty Replacement

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Planned Maintenance

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Picton Port Upgrade

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## Current Recovery Programme and Key Target Dates

| ZONE/ACTIVITY                                 | TARGET COMPLETION DATE*       |
|-----------------------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Queen Charlotte Drive - Construction Complete | December 2025                 |
| French Pass – Construction Complete           | June 2026                     |
| Picton/Port Underwood – Construction Complete | September 2025                |
| Kenepuru Complex Construction Complete        | December 2027                 |
| Phase 2 Construction Complete                 | July 2025                     |
| Design Complete                               | September 2025                |
| Landowner agreements                          | Inline with overall programme |

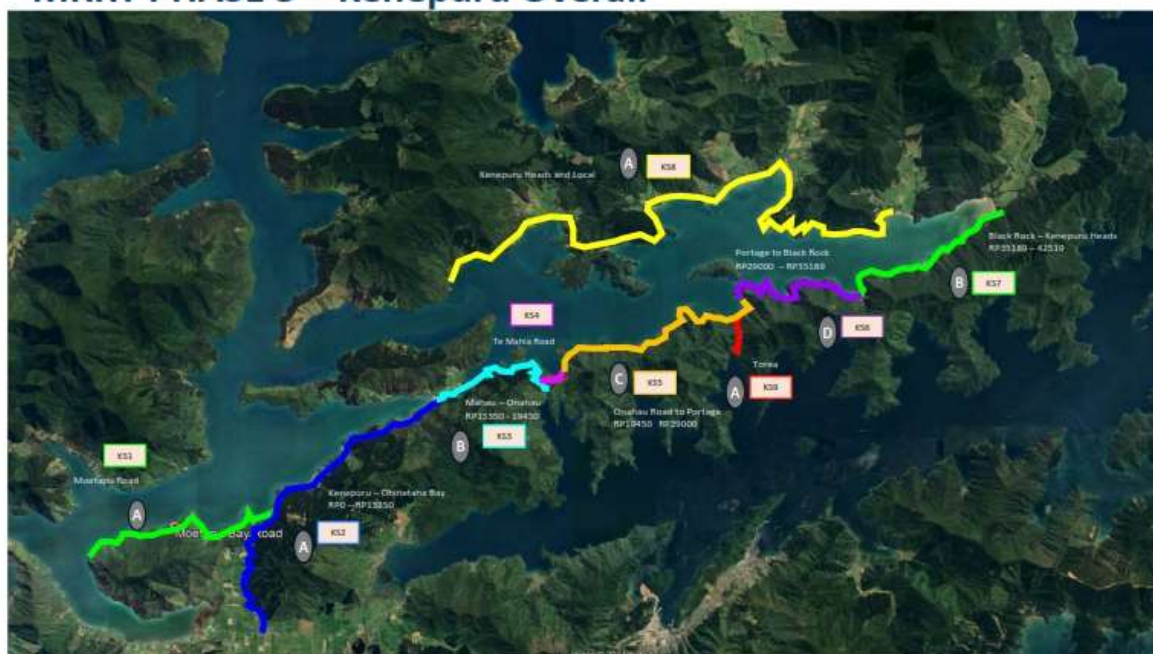
\*Current programme dates as at 3 February 2025.

Dates will be further refined when detailed designs are completed allowing scope of works to be fully defined. This in turn will then allow the construction durations of the various projects within the overall Programme of Works to be confirmed and tied down.

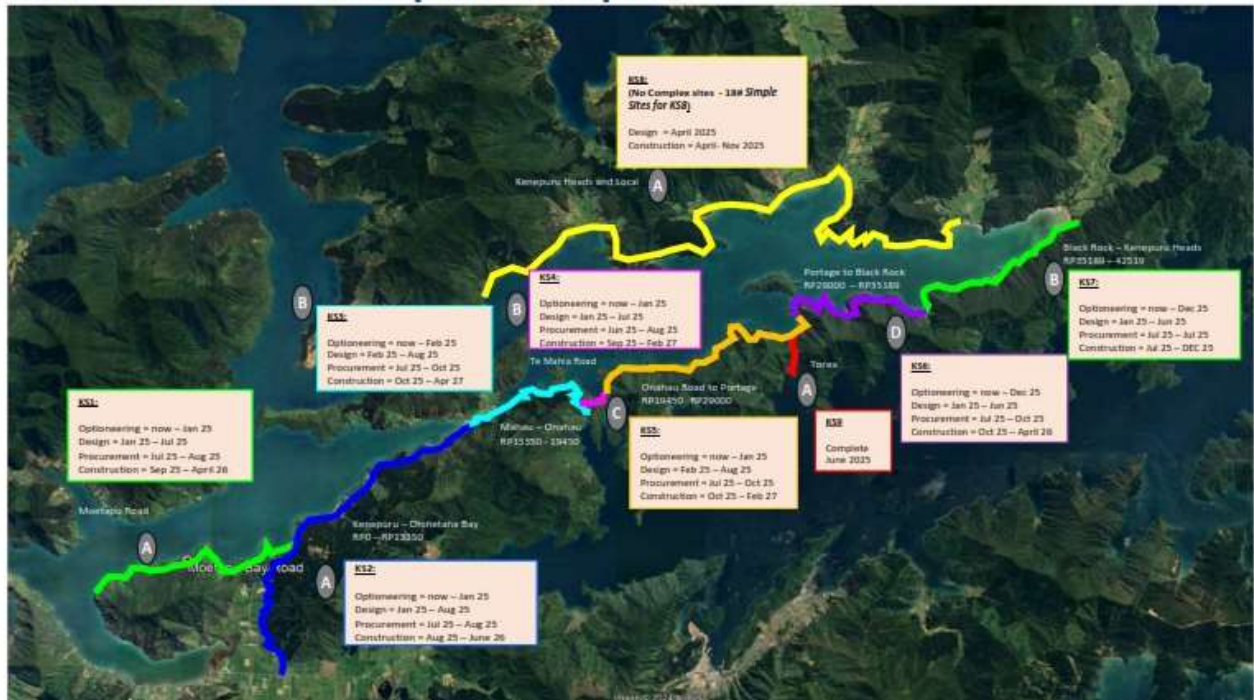
**Marlborough Roads**

WAKA KOTAHU  
Kaitiaki Take Kōwhiri  
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### MRRT PHASE 3 – Kenepuru Overall



## MRRT PHASE 3 – Kenepuru Complex



## Progress- Daltons Bridge



Marlborough Roads





## Progress- Moetapu Bay- Elephant Point



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## Progress-Torea Barge/Launching Ramp



**Marlborough Roads**





## Progress- Ronga Road



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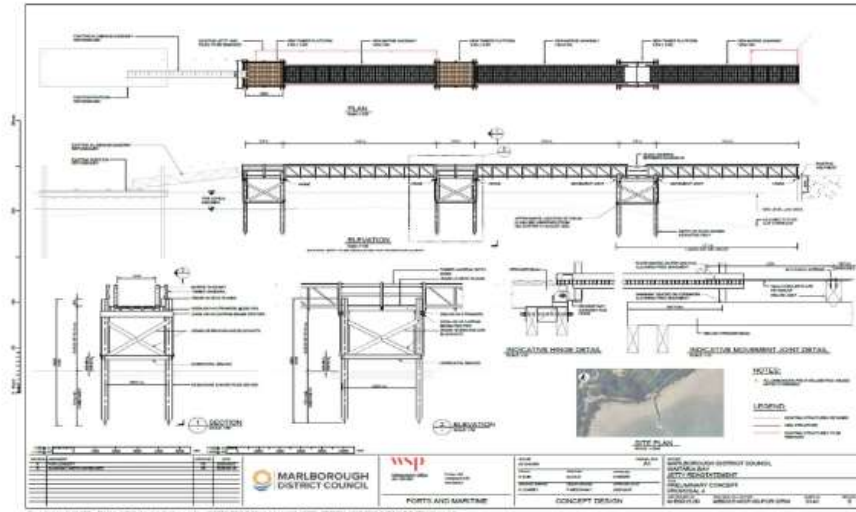
## Upcoming Major Recovery Works

- Kenepuru -Portage Heights- Mid April
- Kenepuru -Torea Road – May
- Kenepuru-Island Point –May
- French Pass- Elaine Bay Intersection- Mid April

**Marlborough Roads**



## Waitaria Jetty



## Marlborough Roads



## Planned Maintenance Works April-June



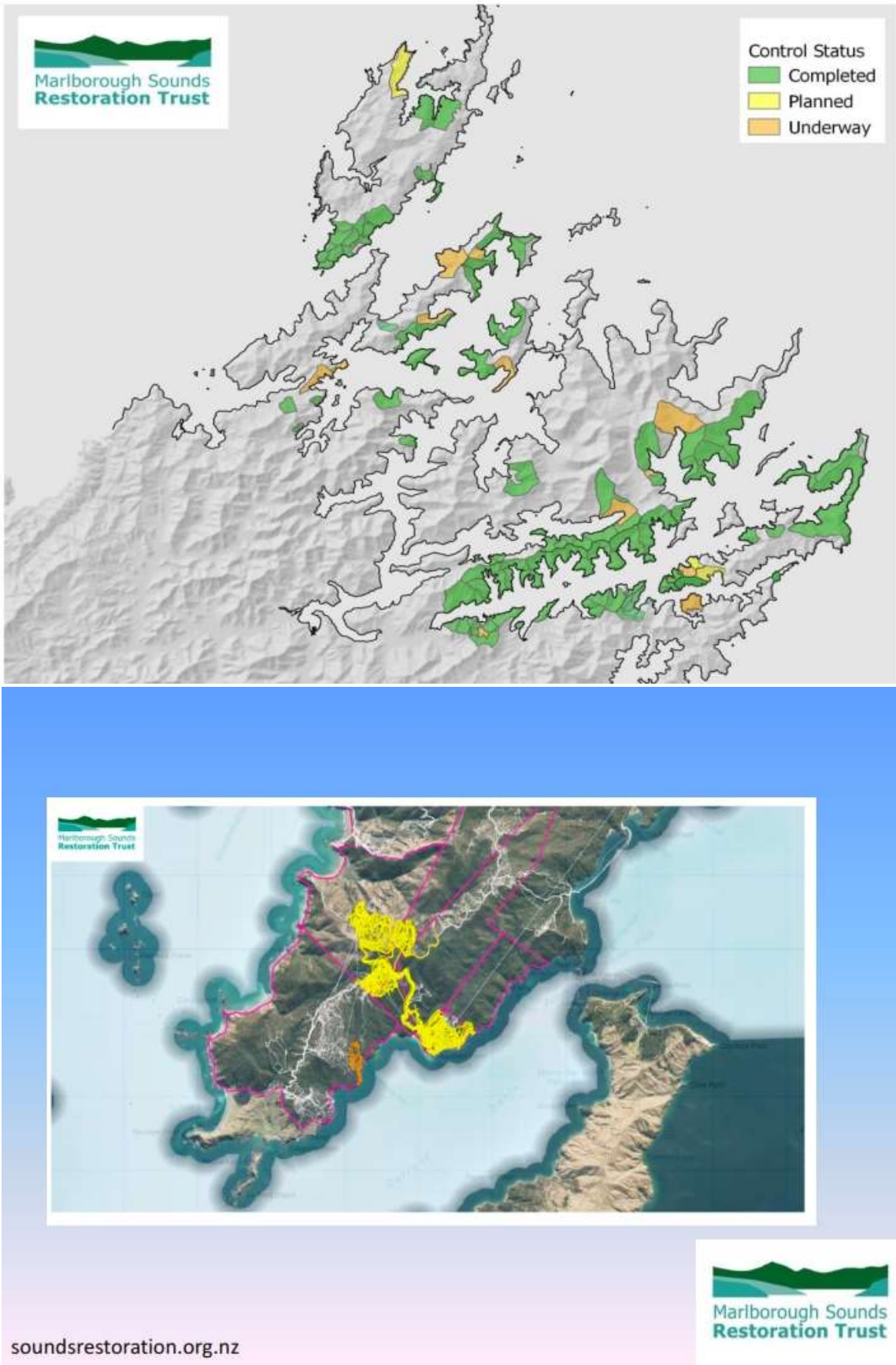
## Marlborough Roads



## Picton Port Upgrade

- State Highway 1 revocation project is underway.
- This includes intersection improvements along Kent Street and Auckland St
- Public consultation to start around Easter
- SH 1 Elevation. Works complete but will monitor.

Appendix 4: Sounds Restoration Trust (John Hellstrom)





### Elaine Bay

R&D Environmental

\$1,830.60



[soundsrestoration.org.nz](https://soundsrestoration.org.nz)



### Double Bay

R&D Environmental

\$1,605.00



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|--------------------|------------|
| Russ Tree Services | \$5,789.00 |
| R&D Environmental  | \$2,760.00 |



Marlborough Sounds  
Restoration Trust

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| <i>Environmental Forest Services</i> | <i>\$13,920.00</i> |
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Marlborough Sounds  
Restoration Trust



## Te Rua

R&D Environmental

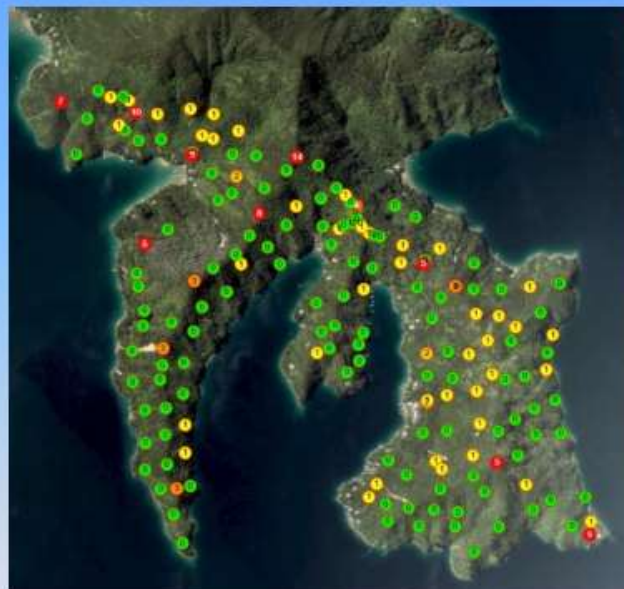
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## Three peninsulas pest control



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# Three peninsulas extension

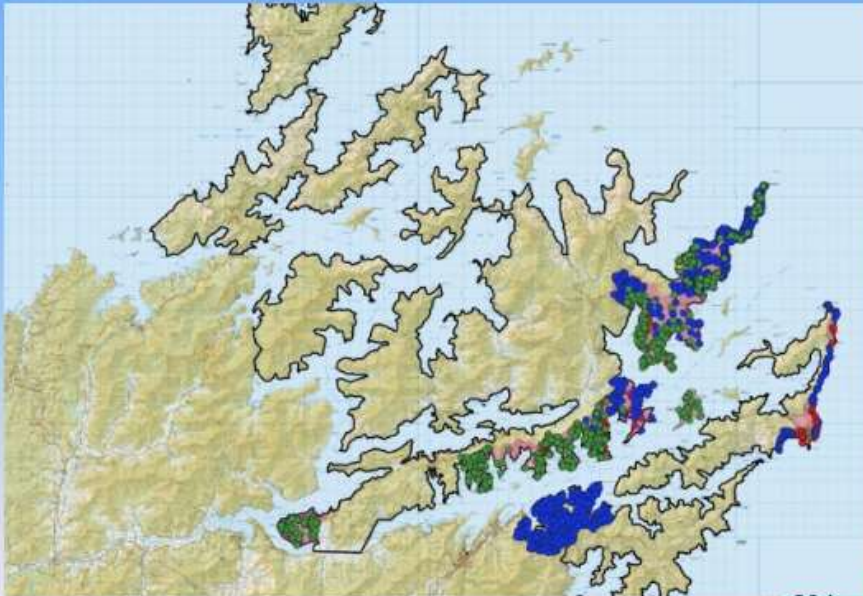
— Existing Three Peninsulas Project  
--- Proposed Track Network (using existing tracks & ridgelines)  
... Proposed A1220 Trap Network (indicative)  
... (all those)

Marlborough Sounds Restoration Trust

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Marlborough Sounds  
**Restoration Trust**

## Ungulate control



A map of the Marlborough Sounds region in New Zealand, showing the coastline and surrounding land. The map is overlaid with a grid. Various areas are highlighted in different colors: blue, green, and red. These colors likely represent different levels of ungulate control or management zones. The map is set against a light blue background.

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Marlborough Sounds  
Restoration Trust

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Figure 1: The initial concept for a Grove Arm operation, targeting the green areas (public conservation land). Other areas would be subject to landowner support and funding.

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## The Future

- Trust is strong and well-supported
- Moving from killing pines to protecting the native regeneration
- Moving from Trust instigated projects to facilitating community pest control programmes
- Sounds landowners have contributed \$350k to pest and ungulate control
- We have an agreed \$450k plan for Sounds-wide ungulate control but no funding

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# Thank you



Adventures for your Soul

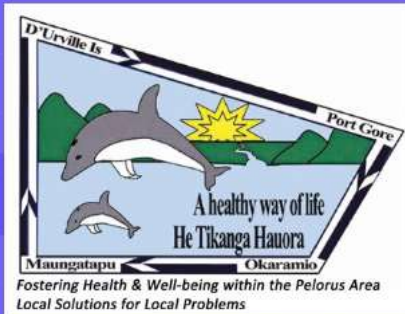
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# Pelorus Area Health Trust

Finding Solutions



Small Beginnings  
to Multiple  
Buildings







Now we are two buildings +

More Storage



## Upcycling/Recycling



## Groups using the Lounge

Its all about connecting people in the community





## Direct Initiatives into the community



**Pelorus Area Health Trust**

### Hot Soup Run

Every Friday homemade hot soup, a bread roll and a sweet treat are delivered to approx. 30 recipients in the PAHT area- from Canvastown to Okaramio. This has been operating for two years






This initiative is funded by the income from the Havelock Charity Shops, and from generous donations from individuals and the Havelock 4 Square




## The Source of PAHT's Resource!

Our volunteers are our life blood!

Trustees, Shop Volunteers, Lounge Volunteers, Medlab volunteers, those doing the sorting, ironing, gardening, cooking, soup delivering, maintenance, handyman stuff etc etc etc



# Many volunteers One New Co-ordinator



## And the money goes to.....

We still give funding to community groups to improve health and well-being in the Pelorus region.

1. At the AGM to regular organisations doing amazing work
2. Throughout the year to individuals and groups who apply and will use it to benefit the health and well-being of their community
3. We assist isolated communities to purchase AED units and covers



# \$11,560 given by PAHT in the financial year

Including to:

Fare-well Trust  
Hospice Marlborough  
NM Rescue Helicopter  
St Johns Havelock  
St Johns Youth  
Havelock Community Gardens  
Life Flight  
Community Newsletter groups  
Cancer Society  
Marlborough Coast Guard  
AED cover for French Pass  
Link Pathway  
Pink Shirt Day



## Pelorus Area Health Trust Grants and Donations

Every year PAHT gives out grants and donations with money that has been raised by the two Havelock Charity Shops.

Between \$10,000 and \$30,000 pa is donated to organisations like:

- \*Cancer Society
- \*Hospice Marlborough
- \*Havelock St Johns
- \*Fare-well Trust
- \*NM Rescue Helicopter
- \*Life Flight
- \*Havelock Community Garden etc.

and to individuals and groups who need funding to benefit the health and well-being of the Pelorus area



Fare-well Trust & Hospice Marlborough receiving grants



Jack Clerk, recipient of a HEG

We have contributed to the cost of over 30 AED units in isolated communities in the Marlborough Sounds and Havelock areas

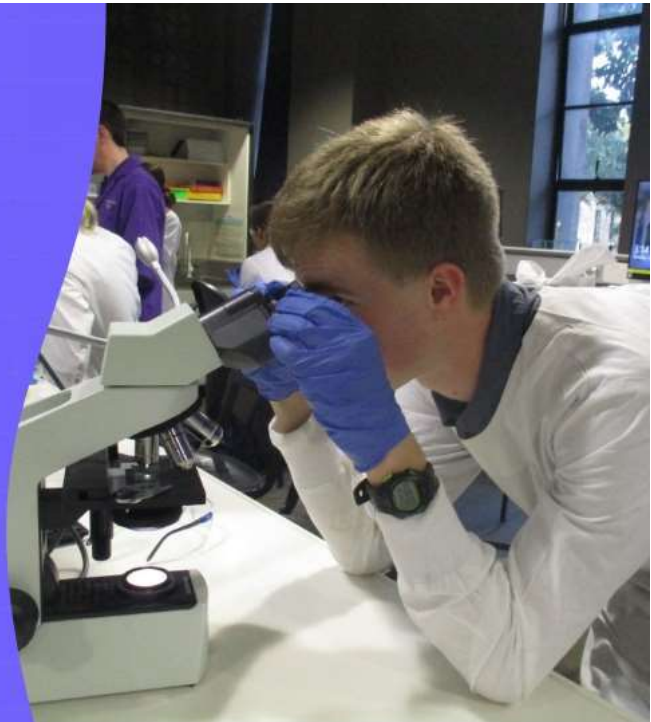


PAHT also gives an annual Health Education Grant to an individual studying a Health or Well-being course

Apply for funding online at [www.PelorusAreaHealthTrust.co.nz](http://www.PelorusAreaHealthTrust.co.nz)

## Health Education Grants

Jack Clerk studying to be a doctor who will practice in our community







## Strategic Planning

1. How can we become more of a hub for health services
2. What other direct initiatives can we provide for those in need
3. How do we bring different groups together in our community
4. What local solutions do we find for local problems

## What will PAHT be in the future

We are constantly striving to

Support those who have slipped through the cracks,

Provide a place for people to connect,

Encourage more health services to be available in our communities ,

Facilitate health and well being initiatives,

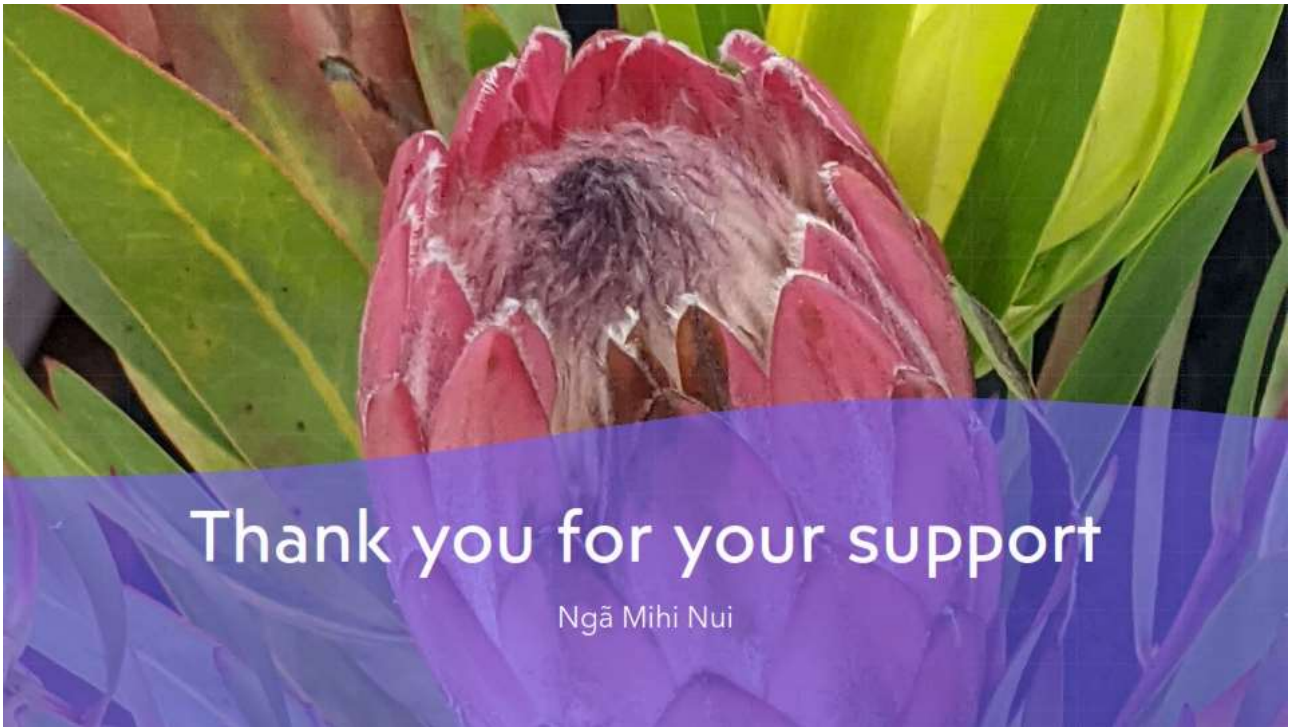
Value our volunteers and provide what they need,

Expand on services we offer or support.

We are exploring different avenues to secure our future

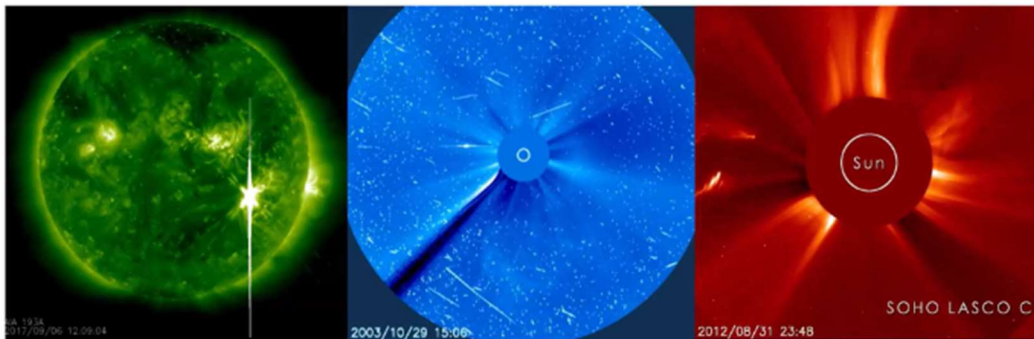








## What is space weather?



Solar flares

Particle radiation

Coronal mass ejections

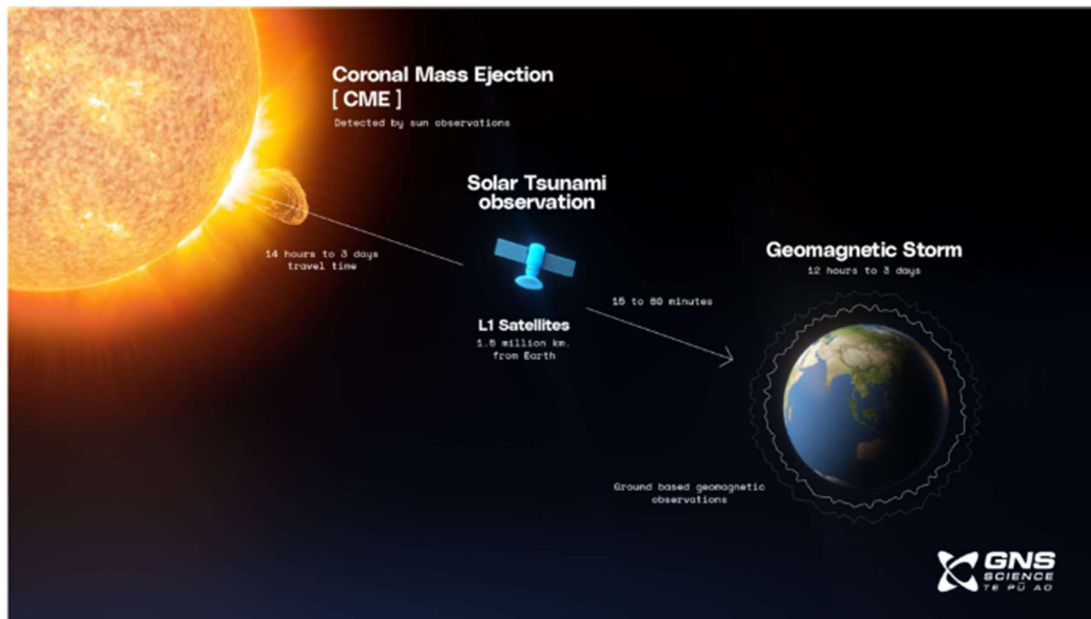
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⌚ 10 mins - hours

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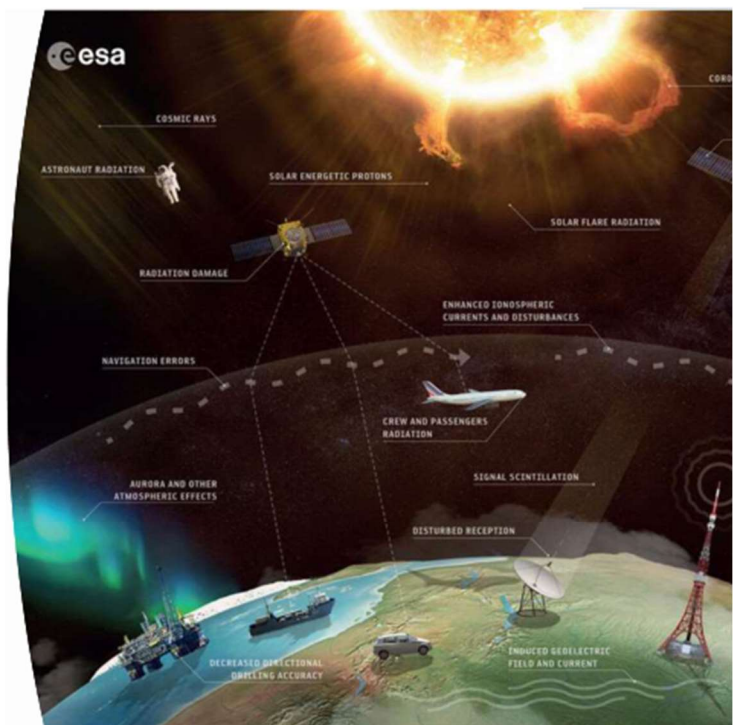


# What is space weather?



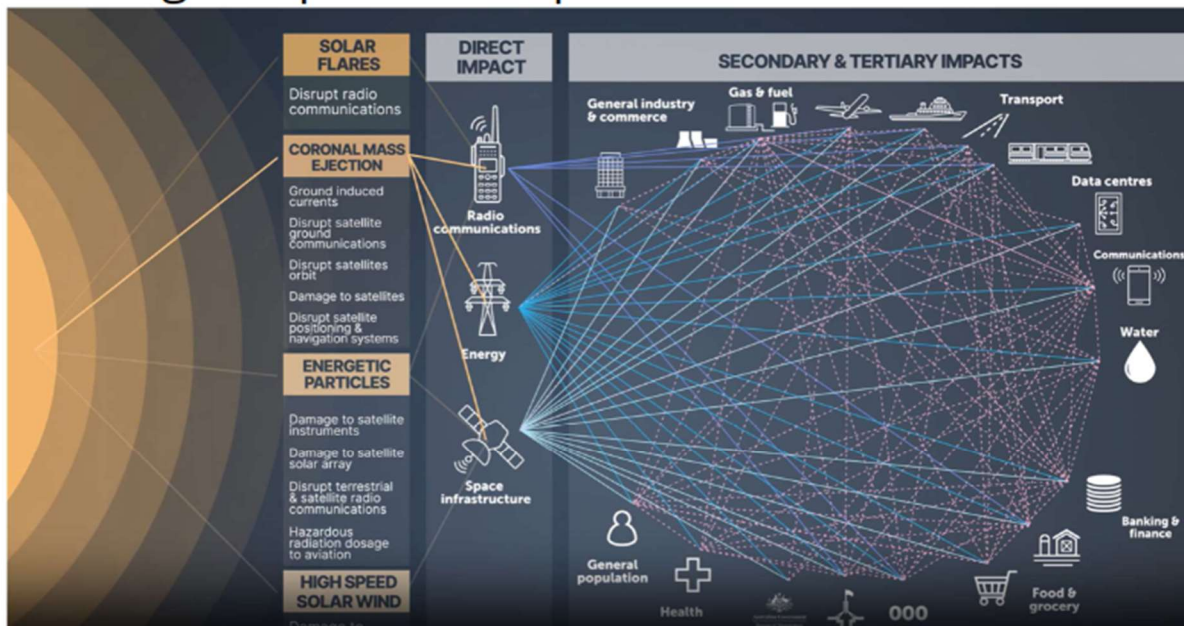
## The Problem – Why?

- **Novel and complex risk – increased activity**
- **Extreme event – (potential) catastrophic consequences**
- **Global scale**
- **Long restoration times**





...causing complex consequences



## NEMA's Space Weather Programme

National operational readiness & response:

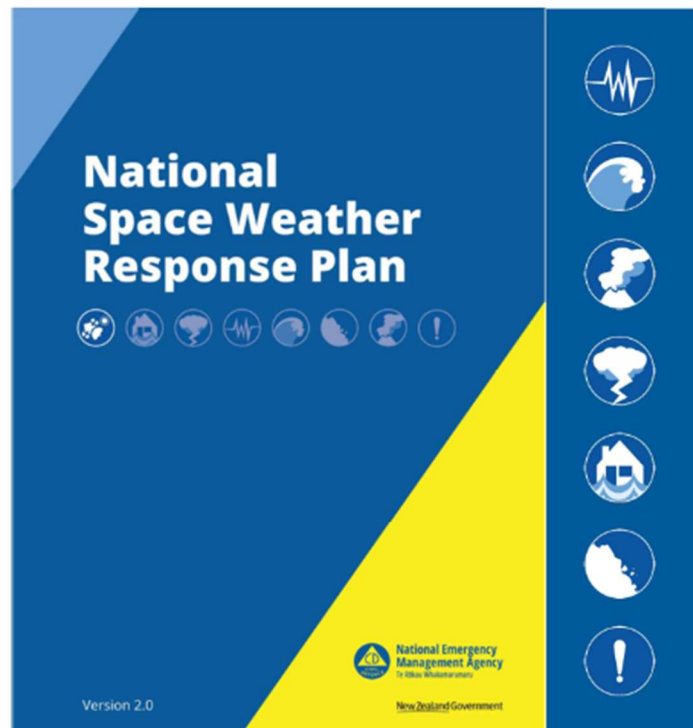
1. *NZ Space Weather Response Plan*
2. Enhance NEMA's operational readiness
3. Support system-wide activities

Co-located with the Catastrophic Planning Programme



# The Response Plan

- To coordinate immediate AoG response:
  - governance
  - lead agency
  - agency responsibilities.
- Guides response at National Crisis Management Centre
- Can be found on Civil Defence website



## CDEM Readiness

- Regional risk assessments & consequence-based planning

### Regional SOPs & BCPs

- General 'Get Ready' education: public & personal preparedness
- Situational awareness: Subscribe to alerts for from international space weather centers  
(CDEM will be notified by NEMA for big event)

