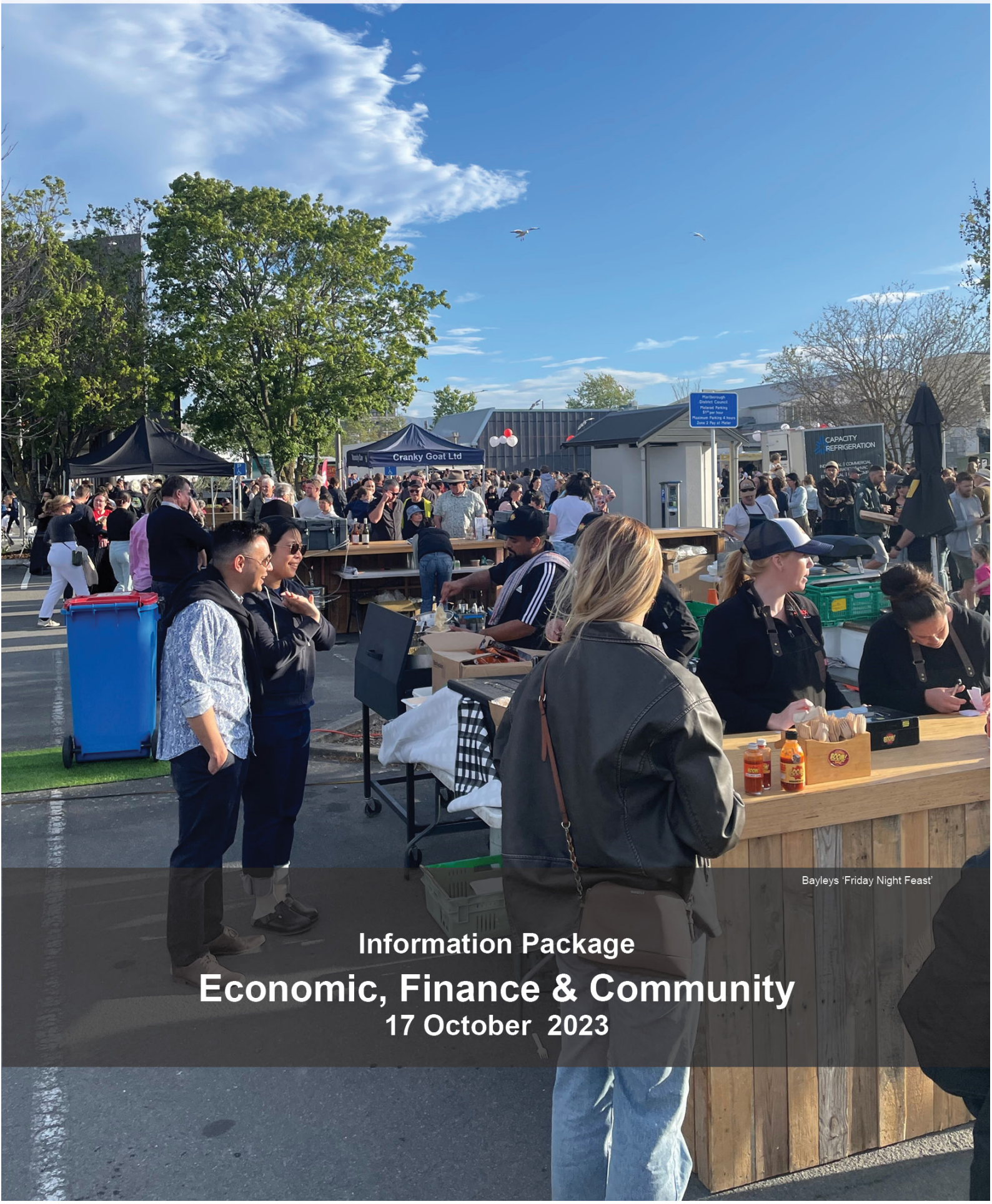




**MARLBOROUGH
DISTRICT COUNCIL**




Bayleys 'Friday Night Feast'

**Information Package
Economic, Finance & Community
17 October 2023**

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**Minutes for Meeting of the Sounds Advisory Group
held at the Marlborough District Council, Committee Room & via Teams
on Monday, 28 August 2023 commencing at 10.00 am.**

Present: Cllr Faulls, Cllr Innes, Cllr Minehan, Monyeen Wedge (Queen Charlotte Sound), Ross Withell (Kenepuru & Central Sounds), Vic Koller (Moetapu Bay), Wayne Boustridge (Te Whanganui/Port Underwood), Rawinia Puna (French Pass), Dick Kearsley (Cissy Bay), Tim Greenhough (Okiwi Bay), Dave Hayes (DOC), George Shallcross (Chair, Top of The South Wood Council), Steve Murrin (Marlborough Roads), Shon Emerson (Kaiuma Bay), Renée Love (Kaitohutohu Taiao (Taiao Support), Te Ātiawa o Te Waka a Māui Trust).

Attending via Teams: Linda Booth (Duncan Bay), Vikki Ambrose (MPI)

MDC Staff Attending: Katie Littlewood (Principal Coastal Scientist), Alan Johnson (Environmental Science & Monitoring Manager), Matt Oliver (Environmental Scientist – Land), Dr Sarah Pearson (Strategic Planner), Nic Dann (Regional Catchment Facilitator), Rachel Russell (Te Hoiere Project Manager) and Bernadette Brooklands (Secretary).

1. Welcome and Introductions.

Cllr Faulls welcomed Renée Love from Kaitohutohu Taiao (Taiao Support), Te Ātiawa o Te Waka a Māui Trust to her first Sounds Advisory Group hui.

Apologies –

Jodi Milne (MPI), Dr John Cretney (Cissy Bay), Cllr Burgess, Sylvie Filipo (Environmental Manager, Te Ātiawa Manawhenua Ki Te Tau Ihu Trust), Eric Jorgensen (Sustainable Seas), Lynley Perkins (Central Pelorus/Te Hoiere), Oliver Wade (Coastal Scientist)

2. Confirmation of minutes 19 June 2023 – previously emailed to members.

The minutes of 19 June 2023 were taken as read.
Cllr Faulls moved / Carried.

3. Actions from the previous meeting.

Matters Arising	Action	Person Responsible	Outcome
1	Clr Faulls to follow up with Steve Trigg (Community Risk Manager, Marlborough)	Clr Faulls	Completed. Steve Trigg to attend the November hui.
2	Portage update (ongoing item). Written item due from MDC Environmental Protection Team. Clr Faulls to email update to members.	Clr Faulls	A watching brief is being kept on the site. It is currently closed and will not be opening until all outstanding issues have been resolved.
3	Eric to speak with Ned Wells from MFA about commercial fishery involvement rather than Fisheries.	Eric Jorgensen/Ned Wells	Ongoing as Eric an apology today.
4	Are boats required to have a limited decimal level.	Captain Oliver	Ongoing. Captain Oliver has emailed MNZ and is awaiting a response.
5	Do boats in the Pelorus Sound need a wake restriction like the ferries.	Captain Oliver/Oliver Wade	Completed. Captain Oliver an apology today, however provided the following written update - The Vessel Speed Bylaw is only applicable to Queen Charlotte Sound/Tōtaranui and Tory Channel/Kura Te Au, this outlines the maximum wave height permitted. Principal Coastal Scientist Katie Littlewood advised - Most likely not, the ecological impacts seen in Queen Charlotte Sound/Tōtaranui and Tory Channel/Kura Te Au, were due to high energy wake off ferries and large ships, which was (in part) why the Bylaw was enacted. With no large ships (i.e. ferries/cruise ships) entering Pelorus it would be hard to justify the need for wake restrictions from an ecological perspective.
6	Regarding incorporating water ski lanes, how will this be monitored and will these only be allocated via Resource Consents. Captain Oliver to enquire if Worlds End is a legal ski lane.	Captain Oliver	After the previous hui, Captain Oliver noted that he is still enquiring into the ski lane, however, nothing from the Bylaw states that ski lanes are permitted under the maritime rules and the Harbourmaster regulates the

Matters Arising	Action	Person Responsible	Outcome
			use of the lanes not the creation of them. When ski lanes are in effect it is the only activity permitted in them, however if the ski lane is not being used for the intended purpose, then other activities can take place.
7	Are trucks are paying the road user charges and an extra fee for bringing logs in and out.	Clr Faulls/Marlborough Roads	Completed. See point 6
8	Enquire with the Compliance Section about the new pine plantings in Cissy Bay.	Clr Faulls	Completed. Afforestation letter circulated to members.
9	Clr Faulls and Alan Johnson will speak with Dean Heiford regarding TOR.	Clr Faulls/Alan Johnson	Completed. See point 4.
10	Invite Katie Littlewood from the Nautical Science team to speak on her previous work in the North Island.	Clr Faulls/Alan Johnson	Completed. See point 7.

4. TOR and Member Travel Expenses (Clr Faulls)

- TOR were ratified at full Council. Alan Johnson and Clr Faulls have spoken to Dean Heiford regarding one-off reimbursements. Copies are available if members require.

5. GNS Marlborough Sounds Storm Report (Matt Oliver - Environmental Scientist – Land) – See Appendix 1

- Matt Oliver presented his PowerPoint on the GNS Marlborough Sounds Storm Report. You can view more information on the MDC website on the landslide and rainfall reports.

<https://hydro.marlborough.govt.nz/>

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

<https://www.marlborough.govt.nz/your-council/council-committees/environment-planning-committee>

[24 August 2023 - Item 4 – 14082023 – 2023 Rainfall State of the Environment Report \(PDF, 5.5MB\)](#)

[13 July 2023 - Item 3 - Marlborough 2021 and 2022 landslide report \(PDF, 23.3MB\)](#)

- **Questions/Answers**
- A study is looking into how visitors can be advised of the dangers of landslide risks while they are staying in a rental holiday home.
- Action point for Gina Ferguson, Consents and Compliance Group Manager to speak to the hui on resource consents regarding slope failure, not just with forestry land.

Attendance – 10.52 am Steve Murrin joined the hui.

Attendance – 11.09 am Katie Littlewood joined the hui.

Attendance – 11.21 am – Matt Oliver withdrew from the hui.

6. Marlborough Roads Update (Steven Murrin, Manager Marlborough Roads) – See Appendix 2

- Steve Murrin gave an update on the roading works. For full details, see Appendix 2 for the recovery newsletter.
- Trucks pay road user charges and that is it, except there is some forests in Te Whanganui/Port Underwood where the conditions of consent required the logs to be barged out. In a couple of cases, we have allowed them to truck the logs out but have charged a maintenance rate of so much per tonne.
- Daytime construction closures are planned over the coming weeks on Duncan Bay Road, 2km from the start of the road. These closures will be in place Monday to Friday from 8.30 am to 12.00 pm and 1.00 pm to 4.30 pm.
- Marlborough District Council's Assets & Services Committee has approved the establishment of a holding account to fund critical storm repairs within the Marlborough Sounds Future Access Study Area (MSFAS).

Mayor Nadine Taylor said the repairs represented "safety, possible damage to property and cost increase risks" to Council if they were not progressed soon.

"Until the Sounds Future Access Study is complete, and funding and the Financial Assistance Rate (FAR) is confirmed by the Waka Kotahi board, there is no money available to undertake critical repairs within the Marlborough Sounds," said Mayor Taylor.

The Marlborough Roads Recovery Team (MRRT) has a list of 25 sites within the Sounds that they believe need to be progressed. This funding also allows expenditure to "hold" sites, so they do not deteriorate further, as well as to progress designs on some of the more complex and critical sites within the MSFAS area.

Some of the priority sites are listed below, with more to be confirmed:

- Akerbloms Road - drainage improvements.
- Anakiwa Road - reinstate the road and lift traffic management restrictions.
- Daltons Bridge - river repairs.
- Kenepuru Road, Torea slip - build retaining wall, reinstate full width of road.
- Moetapu Bay Road, Elephant Point and Driftwood Corner - reinstate full width of road.
- Port Underwood Road, Whatamango Bay dropouts - reinstate full width of road.
- Marlborough District Council, with funding support, will subsidise water taxi services for residents, workers and visitors to areas in the Marlborough Sounds that were previously accessible by road until June 2024.

Please note there has been a further change to the water taxi subsidies, the subsidy has been revised to \$25 (including GST) per person, to a maximum subsidy of \$100 per group. This was previously per trip.

In summary, the changes that have been made to the water taxi subsidies from 1 August are:

- Introduction of a maximum subsidy of \$100 for private water taxis per group.
- A stricter eligibility check.
- Discontinued freight subsidies.

- **Questions/Answers**

- Okiwi Bay have a fire heap that has gravel on it. When will this be removed? Steve advised Tim Greenhough to take a photograph and email it to him so he can follow up.
- Thank you to Steve and his team from the community for the incredible work being done on the roads.

Attendance – 11.32 am Steve Murrin withdrew from the hui.

7. Nautical and Coastal Science Update (Katie Littlewood, Principal Coastal Scientist) See **Appendix 3**

- Katie Littlewood presented her PowerPoint presentation on coastal updates. The latest water quality report can be found here - <https://www.marlborough.govt.nz/recreation/swimming-and-boating/recreational-water-quality-reports>
- It is clear that the water is warming, and this will have an impact on the environment going forward.
- **Questions/Answers**
- The current red algae bloom in the Waikawa Marina has been tested and found not to be toxic. If a bloom is found to be toxic, an alert will be sent out via Antonio app and Facebook.
- Cllr Minehan asked if an assessment will be done at the Whangarae Estuary. Katie advised that this area is a significant natural marine site, so it is already being monitored.

Attendance – 11.49 am Dr Pearson and Nic Dann joined the hui.

8. Fresh Water and Farm Plan Regulations (Dr Sarah Pearson - Strategic Planner & Nic Dann - Regional Catchment Facilitator) - See **Appendix 4**

- Dr Pearson and Nic Dann presented their PowerPoint on the Fresh Water and Farm Plan Regulations.
- **Questions/Answers**
- Cllr Minehan asked why the Taylor River is third on the list when it is so degraded? It was noted

that these areas already have catchment care groups, and a staggered approach is needed due to the large amount of farm plans to be completed.

A short break was taken for lunch with the hui recommencing at 1.00 pm.

Attendance: 12.30 pm Renēe Love withdrew from the hui to attend another hui.

Attendance: 12.45 pm Dr Pearson and Nic Dan withdrew from the hui.

Attendance: 1.00 pm Katie Littlewood withdrew from the hui.

9. Te Hoiere Project (Rachel Russell, Te Hoiere Project Manager) - See **Appendix 5**

- Rachel Russell presented her PowerPoint on the Te Hoiere Project.
- Te Hoiere catchment has been identified as an exemplar catchment as a part of the Ministry for the Environment's *At Risk Catchments*' programme and by DOC as one of its 14 *Ngā Awa* rivers. The MDC seeks to meet its legislative responsibilities for water quality and Ngāti Kuia strives to implement their kaitiakitanga responsibilities associated with the catchment.
- The current environmental quality of Te Hoiere catchment is good, but is deteriorating. This is evident in some of the sub-catchments, where water quality is being degraded, with impacts on the receiving environment; the Motuweka/Havelock Estuary suffers from sedimentation. The Project aims to tackle these problems before the state of the catchment is beyond repair.
- Te Hoiere is a landscape with a rich cultural history, multiple stakeholders, a strong primary industry presence, a range of community and customary values and recreational uses. This Project seeks to bring people together to carry out landscape scale restorative actions to increase catchment health and put measures in place to prevent further degradation. Without engaging the local community, integrated management of the catchment will not be possible. Without the structure, direction and resources that the Project proposes, the communication needed to bring about large-scale changes, risks becoming diluted and ineffective.
- Due to restricted Agency and Iwi resources, the Project partners alone cannot achieve the outcomes necessary to implement change. A collaborative approach is vital to improve whanaungatanga - the relationships required to reach mutually desirable catchment outcomes, where the pride of work effort and sense of belonging belongs to the people and future generations.
- See here for further information <https://www.marlborough.govt.nz/environment/te-hoiere-pelorus-catchment-restoration-project>

Attendance : Rachel Russell and Vikki Ambrose withdrew from the hui 1.25 pm.

10. DOC Update (Dave Hayes)

- Te Pākeka/Maud Island is thought to have had a singular mouse detected however after a thorough search no further mice were located.
- Dan Moore leads a project on Rangitoto ki te Tonga/D'Urville Island to restore a wetland with the next focus on the lake which has consistent algae blooms. The wetland is mainly freshwater source. It is a delicate ecosystem at present.
- Several weeks ago, a humpback whale delayed the ferry at Picton/Waitohi before heading out to the strait.
- Blumine Island/Oruawairua is a predator free island and the mohua parrots that were released there as part of a breeding programme are now doing well. From the DOC website - *Orange fronted parakeet were translocated to the island in 2011 and 2012. These birds are classified as "nationally critical" and the species has a high risk of extinction. They survive in only a handful, isolated populations. Blumine Island offers a unique opportunity to see a species that was once widespread throughout New Zealand but is now our rarest parakeet.*
- Queen Charlotte track work continues after the weather event and is now in a presentable state for the public.
- The Perano whaling station has parts of it shut off from the public due to safety concerns

regarding the old metal falling down. From the DOC website - *If you visit the site, please be aware that all buildings and concrete areas with poles and beams are closed. Follow all signage and stay out of the barriered areas. The toilet area is still accessible.* DOC are enquiring into the heritage status.

- The lighthouse keepers house will stay unoccupied due to a slip that came down behind the house. It is no longer safe to have anyone to occupy the house for now.
- The Pelorus Bridge café and campground has a tender vacancy. DOC has received some interest.
- Sounds foreshore permits and renewals are steady.
- The Picton Dawn Chorus and Kaipupu will be merging into one.

11. MPI UPDATE – (Vikki Ambrose)

- The decision paper to prohibit commercial kina dredging in Tory Channel/Kura Te Au will have gone to the Minister.
- Jodi Milne will no longer be attending the Sounds Advisory Group due to secondments to other areas of MPI.

Attendance: 2.10 pm Linda Booth withdrew from hui.

12. Sounds Representatives Updates

- **Rangitoto ki te Tonga/D'Urville Island** (Poneke Rene) – Nil
- **Kenepuru & Central Sounds Residents Association (KCSRA)** – (Ross Withell)
 - Appreciate the work that Marlborough Roads is doing, however a lot of work still needs to be done in this community.
 - Portage ongoing.
- **Sustainable Seas** (Eric Jorgensen) – Apology
- **Moetapu Residents Association (Mahau Sound Outward Bound)** (Vic Koller)
 - The community has ten thousand dollars to carry out further deer culling. The area is approx. 300 hectares.
 - Good news regarding Moetapu Road to be repaired.
- **Queen Charlotte Residents Association** (Monyeen Wedge)
 - Lochmara Lodge is closed for the winter.
 - Deer and pigs are back in the bay.
 - There are some residents/holiday homeowners considering moving from the bay after the recent weather events.
- **Te Whanganui/ Port Underwood Residents Association** (Wayne Boustridge)
 - Residents are in holding pattern while awaiting the outcome of the Future Access Study.
 - The Port Underwood community safety plan has been finalised with the assistance of the Emergency Management Team. This should be available on the portal shortly.
- **Top of The South Wood Council** (George Shallcrass)
 - Nil further to add.
- **Te Aumiti/French Pass** (Rawinia Puna)
 - Next year the Rai Valley refuse center will be opening 24/7 to meet the needs of the

community and will be free.

- There has been a reported increase in exotic pest plants.
- Advise Cllr Fauls of the community meeting schedule so that MDC staff may be able to come and speak on relevant topics.
- Residents would like to have discussion on the Bulwer Scenic Reserve.
- Rawinia invited the members to attend the next hui in Te Aumiti/French Pass and requested that one hui each year be in an outer Sounds location.

- **Duncan Bay Residents Association** (Linda Booth) – Nil
- **Outer Pelorus** (Emma Hopkinson-Young) – Nil

- **Central Pelorus (Hopewell)** (Lynley Perkins) – Apology
- **Okiwi Bay** (Tim Greenhough)
 - The local hall is being repaired and should be painted this week.
 - The upgrade of the water scheme will commence in September and will then be compliant as per the new regulations.
 - The community have recently been funded by Council under the Small Townships project. This enables communities to enhance their local area, for example adding basketball hoops for the young people, a new picnic area etc.

- **Cissy Bay**
 - Attended by Dick Kearsley as Mr Cretney is on leave.
 - The community cleared the debris from the water tables and the water quality in the bay is improving after the sediments have dispersed.
 - A conversation was held regarding fuel. An above ground fuel tank may be looked at for D'Urville, Elaine Bay and Cissy Bay areas as the old underground tanks are not viable.

- **Kaiuma Bay** (Shon Emerson)
 - Kaiuma Bay is a private subdivision and now has just over 40 permanent residents. Stage three is being planned.
 - Residents concerned about the downstream sedimentation.
 - Kaiuma Bay has officially formed a resident's association and the Body Corp looks after the power and septic tank etc. The association continue on their quest to source the insurance for the septic tank. There may be a rotation of members attending to SAG from Kaiuma Bay.
 - Residents are finding it difficult to purchase MDC rubbish bags in Havelock. It was noted that this may have been a short-term supply issue. Rubbish bags can be purchased in Blenheim and Picton.

- **Te Ātiawa Manawhenua Ki Te Tau Ihu Trust** (Renēe Love - Kaitohutohu Taiao (Taiao Support) –
 - Nil update as Renēe put in her apologies prior to the representative updates section to attend another hui.

- **Cllr Ben Minehan**
 - The Long Term Plan is coming up. This is a future forecast for the following ten years. Submissions will be called for in March 2024. This is the communities' chance to voice their options on future plans for Marlborough.

To view the information on the MDC website see here - <https://www.marlborough.govt.nz/your-council/long-term-and-annual-plans-policies-and-reports/long-term-plan/2021-31-long-term-plan>

13. General Business

- Clr Minehan enquired about the Passive Acoustic Monitoring (PAM) buoy system to identify marine mammals in the Marlborough Sounds.
- Dave Hayes from DOC advised that this was used for the Sail GP for the safety of the animals. DOC felt that it would not be ideal to have mammals targeted in this way in the Sounds. This was in relation to a Stuff article. Hydrophones can provide good data on the mammals, but DOC is not in favour of it being used as a tourist tool.
- The final hui for the year will be on Monday 27 November commencing at 10.00 am (Please note that this date has been changed from the 20 November due to another Council meeting being held on this day). Location TBC.

There being no further general business, the closing karakia was performed by Rawinia Puna and the hui closed at 2.52 pm.

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3	Are boats required to have a limited decimal level.	Ongoing. Captain Oliver has emailed MNZ and is awaiting a response.
4	Invite Gina Ferguson, Consents and Compliance Group Manager to speak on resource consents regarding slope failure (not just with forestry land).	Clr Faulls
5	Invite Matt Oliver to speak on the geomorphology report.	Clr Faulls / Alan Johnson
6	Invite Steven Rooney or the new Waste Manager to speak on the waste in areas such as in Kaiuma Bay.	Clr Faulls / Alan Johnson
7	Provided Clr Faulls with the community meeting schedule.	Clr Faulls / Rawinia Puna
8	Send Steve Trigg from FENZ a calendar invitation to speak at the November hui regarding evacuation plans.	Bernadette Brooklands

Strategic Planning & Economic Development

Follow-ME Website Analytics

(Report prepared by Samantha Young)

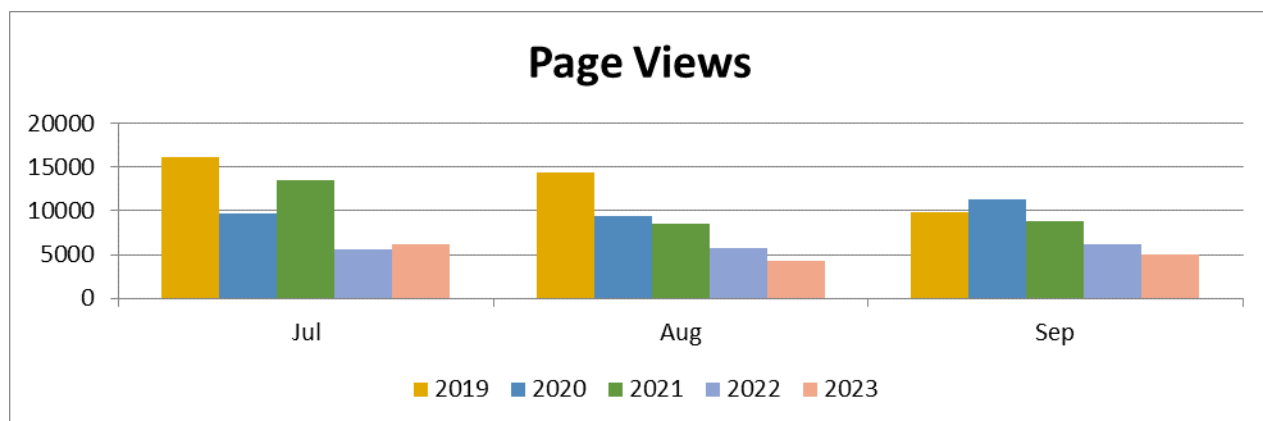
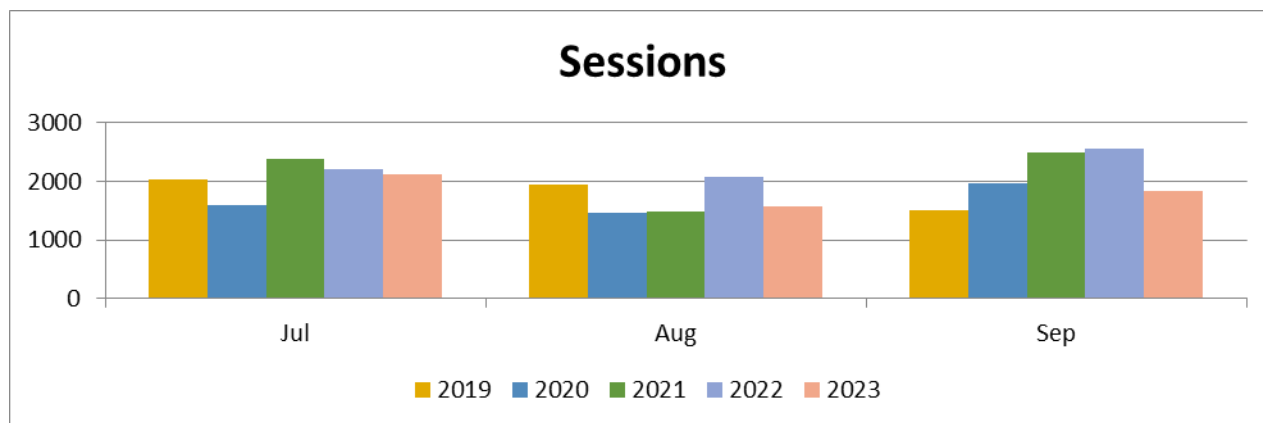
The tables and graphs shown below display the analytics from the Follow-ME website (Marlborough's official events calendar) for the last quarter (1 July to 30 September 2023). Comparisons have been made year on year for the last five years to monitor growth.

The analytics shown are based on statistics generated from www.follow-me.co.nz which is hosted on Destination Marlborough's www.marlboroughnz.com. It does not allow for any statistics from Eventfinda (the most recognised national events website supplying event details to over 100 websites) which www.follow-me.co.nz feeds through from.

SESSIONS & PAGE VIEWS

Sessions: Represent the number of individual sessions initiated by all the users to the site. If a user is inactive for 30 minutes or more, any future activity is attributed to a new session. Users that leave the site and return within 30 minutes are counted as part of the original session.

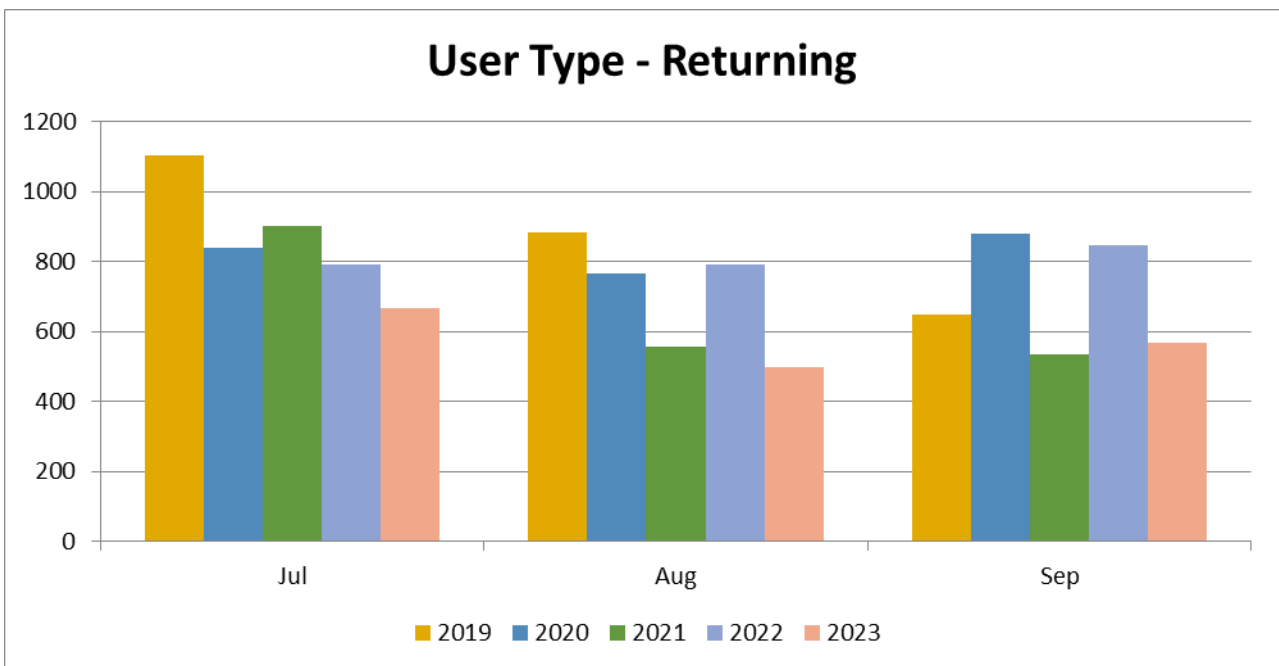
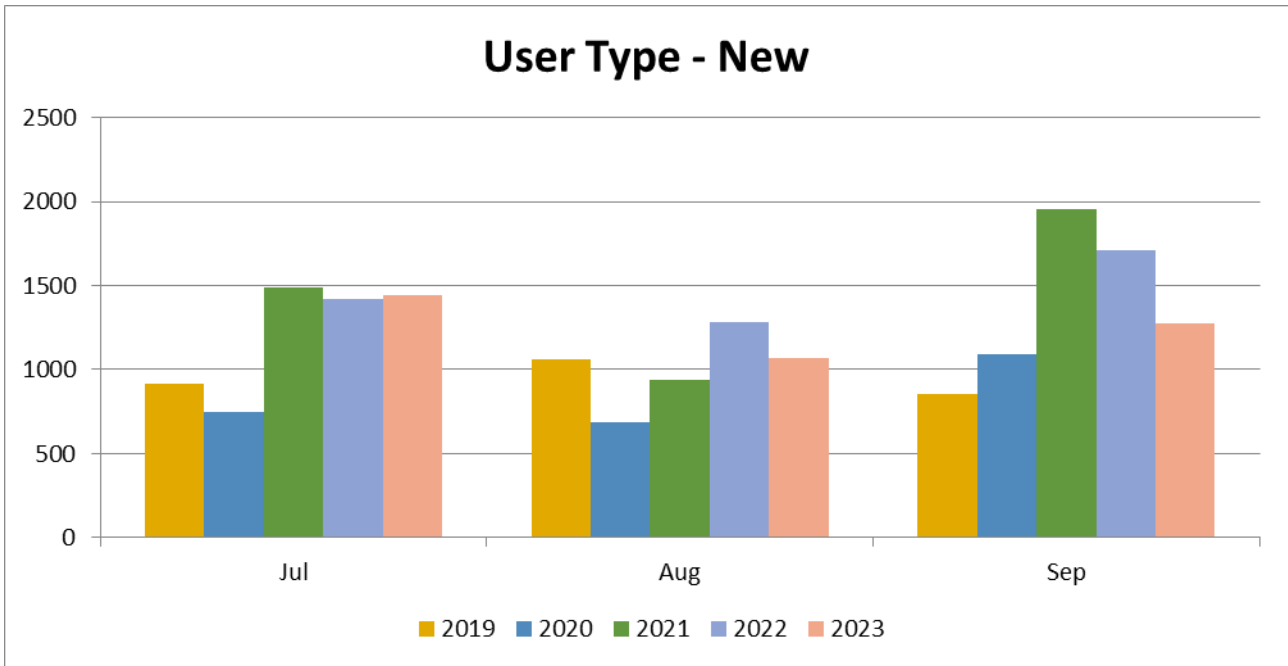
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USER TYPE

New Users: The number of first-time users accessing the website. New users indicates growth and return on promotion.

Returning Users: The number of users who have previously accessed the website and returned. Good numbers of returning users indicates the website is useful to those using it.



SESSIONS BY COUNTRY (TOP 4)

The table below shows the top four countries where sessions originate. It compares the statistics for 1 July to 30 September each year.

Country	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
New Zealand	4864	4620	4915	6059	5001
Australia	174	54	123	253	191
USA	155	227	1101	210	129
UK	76	21	51	95	45

SESSIONS BY TOWNS / CITIES

The table and chart below show the top four New Zealand towns/cities where sessions originate. It compares the statistics for 1 July to 30 September each year.

City	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Blenheim	1118	862	490	1218	939
Nelson	1062	664	656	495	389
Auckland	522	530	875	1699	1528
Christchurch	758	973	1250	1211	970

SESSIONS BY SOURCE

The table below shows the top four channels that users used to land on the Follow-ME website. Google/Organic suggests they searched for either 'Marlborough Events' or 'Follow-ME'. Direct indicates they went directly to the Follow-ME website. Other channels listed provide links to Follow-ME. It compares the statistics for 1 July to 30 September each year.

Source	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Google / Organic	1975	2172	3347	4579	3314
Direct	1906	1685	2136	1316	1329
Facebook	1019	543	357	410	252
MDC	126	60	99	114	96

Marlborough District Libraries Activity Report – September 2023

(Report prepared by Glenn Webster)

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Purpose

The following report is an update Council on the operations of the Library service.

Architecture NZ : September / October edition

Te Kahu o Waipuna featured on the cover of the September / October edition of the Architecture NZ magazine, with an associated article.

Te Kahu o Waipuna

School holidays commenced on the last week of September with drop in crafts, Story Box Library stories and Movie Time.



Story Box Library is an online database aimed at preschool and primary aged children and available through the Libraries website. The stories were made available by displaying on the large TV screen in the Children's Library. This online database subscription was funded from a bequest to Picton Library from the Thorburn Trust. It is an ever-growing library of the best stories being read aloud by favourite storytellers.

The Gallery installed its new exhibitions, Selwyn Muru, Kupe Sites, and Don Binney – Flight Paths.

Carmina Burana

In preparation for Blenheim Choral's production of "Carmina Burana" at the ASB Theatre on 2 September, two items were performed at the bottom of the Atrium stairs at Te Kahu o Waipuna on Sunday, 27 August at 1pm. The performance was well received with people sitting on the stairs to listen and view from the first floor.

Picton Library and Service Centre

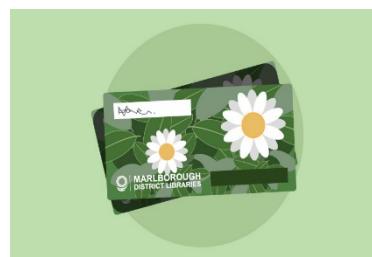
With delays to the Interisland ferries during the first week of the School Holidays due to adverse weather conditions, Picton Library was the place to rest for many. Drop in crafts, Story Box Library stories and Movie Time was offered.

Staff have been working on strategies to increase reading and usage of their resources by placing appropriate resources in the Activity Space when various community groups are meeting.

Marlborough Libraries Usage Statistics

Membership - New Members

• 12 May – 30 June	= 1,420
• 1 July – 31 July	= 494
• 1 August – 31 August	= 416
• 1 September – 30 September	= 312
TOTAL	2,642



Renewed Memberships

• 12 May – 30 June	= 1,625
• 1 July – 31 July	= 572
• 1 August – 31 August	= 455
• 1 September – 30 September	= 303
TOTAL	2,955

New Memberships 12 May – 30 Sept	Membership Renewals 12 May – 30 Sept
2,642	2,955

Visitor Numbers (Door Count)

The number of people who visited **Te Kahu o Waipuna**, recorded via the RFID entrance gates, was:

• 12 May – 30 June 2023	= 64,578
• 1 July – 31 July 2023	= 35,743
• 1 August – 31 August	= 31,917
• 1 Sept – 30 September	= 30,178
TOTAL	162,416

Visitor Numbers	Visitor Numbers
1 – 30 September	12 May – 30 September 2023
30,178	162,416

(12 May – 30 September 2022 comparison = 60,014 visitors)

The number of people who visited **Picton Library and Service Centre Waitohi Whare Mātauranga**, recorded via the RFID entrance gates, was:

• 1 May – 30 June 2023	= 13,669
• 1 July – 31 July 2023	= 7,157
• 1 August – 31 August	= 7,108
• 1 Sept – 30 September	= 7,166
TOTAL	35,100

Visitor Numbers	Visitor Numbers
1 – 30 September	12 May – 30 September 2023
7,166	35,100

(1 May – 30 September 2022 comparison = 29,585 visitors)

Items Checked Out (Issued) and Checked In (Returned)

Checkouts and Renewals	Sept-23	Sept-22	Variance
Marlborough library	37,399	29,779	+ 7,620
Picton Library	5,391	5,039	+ 352
E-Resources	4,317	3,535	+ 782
TOTAL	47,107	38,353	+ 8,754
Check-ins	Sept-23	Sept-22	Variance
Marlborough Library	31,231	26,767	+ 4,464
Picton Library	4,953	4,524	+ 429
TOTAL	36,184	31,291	+ 4,893

Room Bookings

The number of rooms booked by groups and individuals in September was:

September Room Bookings		Community Use	Commercial Use	TOTAL Use
Te Kahu o Waipuna		178	16	194
Picton Library		76	0	76
TOTAL		254	16	270

Holdings (Items Reserved)

The number of holds placed on items in September 2023 was: **4,149**

Internet Usage Sessions – Aotearoa People’s Network Kaharoa (APNK)

The following usage statistics were recorded in September 2023



	In-Library Computer Sessions	Wi-Fi Sessions
Marlborough Library	2,259	6,622
Picton Library	650	1,994
TOTAL	2,909	8,616

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