



# Kevin Judd named Marlborough's newest living cultural treasure

Pioneering Marlborough photographer and winemaker Kevin Judd is the 2025 Marlborough living cultural treasure.

The award is open to those who have made an extraordinary contribution to cultural endeavour in Marlborough.

Receiving the prestigious title at a ceremony at Te Kahu o Waipuna, Mr Judd said he was thrilled to be the 12th recipient, and humbled to be included in such a list of prominent Marlborough artists.

"My interest in photography has evolved, initially focusing on the spectacular vineyard landscapes and more recently on the stunning natural beauty of Marlborough's mountains, the dramatic coastal terrain and the precious bird life that inhabits it. It's an absolute pleasure to share my images and I hope that they help

generate a deeper appreciation of Marlborough," he said.

Mayor Nadine Taylor said the award provided a special opportunity to acknowledge worthy Marlburians for their exemplary service to the arts, culture and creative sectors.

"Kevin joins a select and inspiring group of Treasures who have made a significant contribution to our cultural landscape," she said.

Toni Gillan, who was instrumental in establishing the award, said if there was ever a name synonymous with capturing the essence of Marlborough's unique and varied landscapes it had to be Kevin Judd.



"Kevin's recording and sharing of the changes in nature and our landscape is a treasured archival work in progress which, as a digital record will be with Marlburians forever."

One of his early images of the Richmond Ranges was used on a Cloudy Bay wine label. It helped establish Cloudy Bay and Marlborough sauvignon blanc as an iconic worldwide brand. The award, given once every three years, was established in 2012 by Marlborough Museum in partnership with Council and the Marlborough Express. In 2023, the Marlborough Heritage Trust closed its operations and in early 2024 Council took on its guardianship.

## NIWA helps Council survey Sounds seafloor

The research vessel *Ikateri* has been exploring biodiversity on the seafloor in Te Hoiere/Pelorus Sound.

The initial phase of this survey, which kicked off in mid-March, wrapped up last week.

Council's Principal Coastal Scientist Oliver Wade said a vital part of effectively managing the marine ecosystem was to develop a comprehensive understanding of its diverse elements.

"This information can be used to identify significant habitats and areas of biodiversity, enabling the Council to explore ways to preserve these area," he said.

"It can help inform policies directly related to the coastal marine area, whether involving the placement of marine farms or places where people can anchor vessels. It can also enhance our understanding of the impacts of land use on the marine environment." Mr. Wade said that land erosion, worsened by storms over recent years, had a considerable effect on the seafloor.

"We are observing significant sedimentation due to erosion. This material settles and accumulates on the seafloor, creating a lasting legacy



that doesn't disperse. It poses a major problem."

Council is funding the work, which is managed by a committee comprising DOC and Fisheries NZ and Council, with the support of Ngāti Koata and Ngāti Kuia who gifted the project the name Te Hoiere Ine Parumoana.

NIWA marine ecologist Dr. Mark Morrison says the survey used a towed camera system CoastCam to map animal species, habitat and geology. "As part of this systematic sampling, we sought new areas of important habitat, including those that support ecosystem functioning, biodiversity and fisheries. We also conducted limited sampling to determine if juvenile snapper nurseries, previously sampled in the 1980s, still exist today, including areas now covered by mussel farms."

This survey marks the third phase of the Te Hoiere Ine Parumoana project. The information gathered will contribute to the analysis of seafloor mapping data collected in 2020. To learn more, go to: [marlborough.govt.nz/environment/coastal/seabed-habitat-mapping](http://marlborough.govt.nz/environment/coastal/seabed-habitat-mapping)

## Local alcohol policy opens for consultation

Marlborough's alcohol sales, supply and consumption will come under scrutiny during the implementation of the area's Local Alcohol Policy (LAP).

The LAP provides an opportunity for people to have their say on alcohol sales and consumption in their communities. It also provides certainly for both regulatory agencies and licensees on what will and won't be allowed.

An LAP identifies the location of licensed premises and outlines whether further licenses should be issued in the district. It also outlines maximum trading hours and discretionary conditions that could be appropriate.

Marlborough's draft LAP proposes no new alcohol licences be allowed within 100 metres of a sensitive site, such as a school, unless in a business zone, Council's Chief Licensing Inspector Karen Winter said.

"This is an important way to minimise alcohol exposure to vulnerable groups of people," she said. "In particular, young people's exposure to alcohol outlets and susceptibility to alcohol advertising provides the grounds for the inclusion

of a buffer between licensed premises and sensitive sites."

The LAP also seeks a cap on off-licence bottle stores (not cellar doors, hotels or supermarkets) and a restriction of bar opening hours to 2am rather than the existing 3am. Similarly, off licence trading would be reduced from 11pm to 10pm. In July 2024 Council confirmed it wished to have an LAP that reinforced the Sale and Supply of Alcohol Act in ensuring the safe and responsible sale, supply and consumption of alcohol and minimising alcohol-related harm.

You can make a submission at: [www.marlborough.govt.nz/your-council/have-your-say-consultations](http://www.marlborough.govt.nz/your-council/have-your-say-consultations)

For questions email: [alcohol@marlborough.govt.nz](mailto:alcohol@marlborough.govt.nz) or contact Council's Environmental Health Team on: Ph 03 520 7400.

Submissions close on 30 May 2025 and submitters can speak to their submission.

## Council services over Easter

Council's Blenheim office will be closed from 4.30pm Thursday 17 April and will reopen on Tuesday 22 April at 8.30am. If you have an urgent issue during this time, please phone 03 520 7400.

### WASTE SERVICES

All Council waste facilities including transfer stations, the Recycling Centre, Hazardous Waste Centre and Dump Shop will be closed on Good Friday but open normal hours on the other days.

### LANDFILL

The Bluegums landfill will be closed on Good Friday. On all other public holidays, the landfill will be open from 8am to 12 noon.

### KERBSIDE COLLECTIONS

There will be no kerbside collection on Good Friday. If your collection day is Friday, please place your wheelie bin out for a 7am Saturday collection. Kerbside collection continues as normal on all other days. To download the Wheelie Bin Collection Schedule, go to: [links.marlborough.govt.nz/collection-day](http://links.marlborough.govt.nz/collection-day)

### MARLBOROUGH DISTRICT LIBRARIES

Marlborough Library (Blenheim) and Picton Library and Service Centre will be closed on Friday 18 April, Sunday 20 April and Monday 21 April. The libraries will be open on Saturday 19 April from 10am to 4pm.

### BUS SERVICES

Bus services will not operate on Good Friday 18 April or Easter Monday 21 April. Normal services will operate on Saturday.