

News from Marlborough District Council.

Crosses mark Anzac Day commemorations

Every April, Council gardeners prepare the flower beds in Seymour Square for the Anzac Day commemorations.



Some of the dozens of white crosses in Seymour Square

The colourful display of flowers is removed and beds prepared for the commemorative white crosses, placed by RSA members as a mark of respect to locals who died during war.

Anzac honours the contribution of all servicemen and women and commemorates the day Australian and New Zealand soldiers (the Anzacs) landed on the Gallipoli Peninsula in 1915 during World War One.

The goal of the campaign was to capture the Dardanelles, a key route to the Black Sea.

About 16,000 troops landed at Gallipoli that day facing fierce resistance from Turkish troops with both sides suffering huge casualties.

Anzac Day was first observed in 1916 and is when ceremonies rich in tradition and ritual are held at war memorials throughout New Zealand, Australia and around the world.

In Marlborough, ceremonies are held throughout the province from Ward to Wairau Valley and as far as French Pass and Mary's Bay in the outer Sounds. A combination of

dawn, morning and midday services are held in Blenheim, Seddon, Renwick, Spring Creek, Havelock and Rai Valley.

Torea Saddle soldiers' memorial, a popular rest stop for those on the Torea-Portage access road or the Queen Charlotte Track, is one of the more remote war memorial sites. Last year new granite engraved plaques were installed there.

Ahead of time Council staff do an annual clean up to make sure all war memorial sites are looking their best for the commemorations.

Getting Marlborough's recycling sorted

Most Marlburians are doing a great job, but some could do more to get Marlborough's recycling sorted.

Council's kerbside collection switched from rubbish bags to wheelie bins last July so it was a good time to revisit what could and could not go in the recycling bin, Council's Solid Waste Manager Mark Lucas said.

"What some people may not realise is that every item travels on a conveyor belt across a sorting table and is checked by a real human being," he said. "That's why when WM New Zealand (contractors) staff come across items such as a bundle of fishhooks or maggot-infested food, it creates a safety hazard.

"All staff wear high quality protective gloves but that is no match for sharp objects such as fishhooks which can cause a nasty injury. It's just not acceptable."

All recycling collected in the yellow wheelie bin and the maroon crate for glass goes to the Resource Recovery Centre in Wither Road, Blenheim.

Plastic material displaying recycling symbols 1, 2 and 5 is accepted as well as steel and aluminium cans.

Newspaper, other paper and glossy magazines can be recycled as well as cardboard, including egg trays and pizza boxes, cleaned of all food scraps. Everything should be clean and the tops removed.

Mr Lucas said another issue with the kerbside collection was people overfilling wheelie bins.

"Our contractor cannot collect bins that are filled to overflowing with so many items jammed into them the lid won't close. Your bin will not be collected if this is the case. It's important the lid closes so that

items do not blow away and the truck can pick it up and tip it safely," Mr Lucas said.

For more information go to: www.marlborough.govt.nz/services/recycling-and-waste/kerbside-collections



Solid Waste Manager Mark Lucas says every item of recycling collected kerbside is hand sorted

Seymour Square flower giveaway

Looking for some autumn colour for your garden?

Head along to Seymour Square on Monday 28 April from 8am until 10am when geranium, alyssum, cineraria, salvia, begonia and pyrethrum will be given away.

Twice each year, Council gardeners plant thousands of annuals in the flower beds of Seymour Square.

With autumn here, the time has come for them to be removed and garden beds prepared for winter planting.

In the event of rain, the event will be postponed to Tuesday 29 April.

Our gardeners will be on site to help. Please bring a fork and containers.



These annuals will be up for grabs in Seymour Square on Monday

Pipped by the Post at Environment Awards

A Marlborough company that revolutionised fencing by transforming recycled plastic waste into sturdy fence posts, won the supreme title at the 2025 Port Marlborough-Marlborough Environment Awards.

Future Post, founded by Jerome Wenzlick, which also won the wine industry category at the awards ceremony last week, beat 29 other entrants across eight categories to take out top honours.

The business, based in an industrial park in Burleigh, transforms more than 4,500 tonnes of New Zealand plastic waste a year into high-performance fence and vineyard posts as well as landscaping material.

Judges were struck by Mr Wenzlick's creativity and determination, Future Posts' dedication to sourcing all materials in New Zealand, the company's partnership with leaders in the wine industry, its continual product development and its strong emphasis on staff safety.

"Future Post is an inspiring example of Kiwi innovation at its best," the judges said. "They've taken a pressing environmental issue - plastic waste - and turned it into a profitable, scalable solution that benefits multiple sectors, including agriculture, viticulture and infrastructure. Their dedication to continuous improvement, environmental responsibility and community engagement sets a new benchmark for sustainable enterprise in New Zealand."

The Marlborough Environment Awards are held every two years and honour individuals, businesses and community groups committed to sustainability, innovation and environmental stewardship.

The awards, held this year at the ASB Theatre, are managed by a charitable trust and supported by Port Marlborough, Council, DOC, and numerous local sponsors.

To learn more, go to: www.mea-nz.com



Alastair Kirk, Future Post Sales and Marketing Manager accepting the Supreme Winner Award - sponsored by Marlborough Research Centre & Plant and Food Research

Next Café Create coming up

There is still time to register for Café Create, a new bi-monthly breakfast get together to celebrate Marlborough's unique blend of creativity and community.

The next event is on 1 May at the ASB Theatre from 7.15am to 8.45am featuring theatre CEO Joseph Casalme who will share insights into their community programmes.

In 2023, ASB Theatre Marlborough launched the Creative Arts Access Programme, providing a new platform for community groups to celebrate, express and share their creativity. Joseph will share some of the results, insights and inspiring stories from the past two years.

To book go to: www.eventbrite.co.nz/e/caf-e-create-tickets-1218716095649

Arts, Culture and Heritage Manager Nicola Neilson said the first Café Create held in March was a sellout success.

"The event was buzzing with energy as Marlborough's creative community came together for the first time in this way at

Kaiaka Café. It was a welcoming and inspiring space for artists, entrepreneurs and innovators to connect, collaborate and spark new ideas," she said.

Three guest speakers - Aimee Preston (Creative at Heart Programme Coordinator), Emma Toy (art therapist), and Anna Moore (music therapist) - shared insights on the transformative power of the arts, particularly in their new initiative, Caring for the Carer. There was also a peek at plans for the upcoming Creative Marlborough website, a new hub Council is developing to connect and support the region's creative community.

Mrs Neilson said Café Create was all about bringing creative minds together to exchange ideas, share experiences, and build meaningful connections across industries. "Seeing that in action at the first Café Create was wonderful. It really is a fantastic opportunity to network, socialise, and connect with others in our creative community."

Each gathering features light refreshments, a guest speaker, Q and A session and networking.



The first Café Create was sold out - Marlborough's creative community are advised to register early for the next one

Have your say on Local Water Done Well

Your views on Council's preferred option for the future of water services in Marlborough are being sought from today.

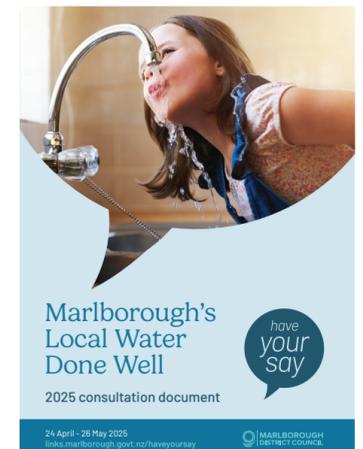
The Government's Local Water Done Well (LWDW) reforms aim to address New Zealand's long-standing water infrastructure challenges. The reforms place strong emphasis on financial sustainability, including new ring-fencing rules that require financial separation from Council's other functions and activities. LWDW is also designed to meet new, higher water quality standards and support housing growth and urban development.

Council's preferred option is to set up a Council-owned water services organisation. It would have a greater financial capacity to meet Marlborough's future water infrastructure investment needs and an ability to drive cost efficiencies and attract the specialist staff needed in the future. Council would be its sole shareholder and would appoint its board of directors and set its direction via a statement of expectations, thereby holding it accountable to the people of Marlborough.

The public are invited to give their feedback online at: <https://links.marlborough.govt.nz/haveyoursay> from 5pm on 24 April until 8am on 26 May.

A detailed consultation document explains the background and how the options were assessed, and also presents an alternative Option 2, which is an internal water services unit at Council.

There's also supporting information about the LWDW requirements and process, including a video of the councillors' discussion and decision. Go to: www.marlborough.govt.nz/services/utilities/local-water-done-well



Public Notices

Meet your Council



Mayor Nadine Taylor leads a team of 14 elected councillors. They are responsible for making decisions and developing policies that will help shape our province into the future.

Council's vision is that Marlborough is a globally-connected district of smart, progressive, high-value enterprises, known for its economic efficiency, quality lifestyle and wellbeing, caring community, desirable location and healthy natural environment.

For more information or to contact one of your elected representatives, go to: www.marlborough.govt.nz/your-council/councillors or Ph: 03 520 7400.



We are creating a Welcoming Plan for Marlborough. Share your ideas that can help newcomers feel welcome and create a sense of belonging for them in Marlborough.

We would love to hear the thoughts of people who have moved to Marlborough in the past few years, either from overseas or another part of Aotearoa.

Have your say until April 30th



Fill in the survey for a chance to WIN a \$50 supermarket voucher!

Scan the QR code or visit the link below to share your ideas

Go to: links.marlborough.govt.nz/WS25

Want to find out more?
Get in contact with Heather Barnes
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Awatere and Dashwood rural boil water notice

Water from Council's reticulation network to the Awatere and Dashwood rural areas should be boiled.

It does not currently meet the NZ Drinking Water Standards and may contain bacteria or protozoa that are harmful to human health. All water used for drinking, food preparation or cleaning teeth should be boiled before use.

Treated water is available at the public taps on Marama Road, outside Seddon School. For further information contact the Council on Ph: 03 520 7400.



Blenheim Customer Service Centre

15 Seymour Street, Blenheim 7201

Ph: 03 520 7400

mdc@marlborough.govt.nz

Mon - Tues 8.30am - 4.30pm

Wed 8.30am - 12.30pm
1.30pm - 4.30pm

Thurs - Fri 8.30am - 4.30pm

Picton Library & Service Centre

2 Dublin Street, Picton 7220

Ph: 03 520 7493

pictonlibrary@marlborough.govt.nz

Mon - Tues 8.30am - 5pm

Wed 9am - 5pm

Thurs - Fri 8.30am - 5pm

Sat 10am - 4pm

Sun 1pm - 4pm

Council & Committee Meetings

The following meetings are open to the public and anyone is welcome to attend. Copies of the agendas will be available online and at Council's Office, 15 Seymour Street, Blenheim.

Economic, Finance and Community Committee

Tuesday 29 April at 9am

Public Forum

A public forum will be held prior to the Economic, Finance and Community Committee, starting at 8.30am. If you wish to address the committee you need to confirm your attendance and speaking time with the Committee Secretary on the Friday prior. Please note topics are restricted to the agenda items or those within the Committee's delegation.

Council

Thursday 8 May at 9am

Times and dates may be subject to change; please contact the Committee Secretary, Ph: 03 520 7400 for confirmation.

Proposed road closures, navigation warnings and alcohol licensing

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Anzac Day Services

Thursday 24 April

2:00pm Ward War Memorial

Friday 25 April

6:00am Picton War Memorial

6:30am Seddon War Memorial

9:00am Renwick War Memorial

9:30am Spring Creek Spring Creek Hall

10:00am Havelock Town Hall

10:00am French Pass War Memorial (followed by light refreshments in the Memorial Hall, please bring a small plate to share)

11:00am Rai Valley War Memorial

12:00pm Blenheim Cenotaph, Seymour Square

12:00pm Mary's Bay Homewood Memorial

12:00pm Wairau Valley Community Hall



Contact the Marlborough RSA for the most up to date information.