



Public meetings scheduled for the Sounds from next week

The Marlborough community is invited to attend upcoming public meetings to provide input into the Marlborough Sounds Future Access Study. The meetings are being held around the Sounds from 31 January. Council has embarked on the study to support the case for funding safe, resilient and affordable long-term access



solutions for the wellbeing of residents, homeowners and businesses in the storm-affected areas of the Sounds. Mayor Nadine Taylor said the views of the community are crucial in helping the project team develop solutions to how we might get in and out of the Sounds in the future, and to underpin the business case for investment.

"The study will identify a series of potential options for solving the Marlborough Sounds access issues, and these potential options will be developed incorporating feedback received from the community," she said.

"There are important decisions to be made for the Sounds, and meeting face-to-face is a valuable way of having good conversations and gathering quality information, so we encourage people to attend a meeting if they can. There will also be a Zoom meeting for those who can't attend a face-to-face meeting, and there will be a survey for people to also provide feedback."

At the meetings, the project team will present the evidence that outlines what has been identified as being needed, and

ask the community for:

- feedback on whether there is more evidence to make a stronger case for investment
- additional ideas, including potential evidence or alternative options to be included in the study
- feedback and ideas about where improvements or interventions may be able to solve the problems that have been identified

The project team will then collate this information for input into the study. At the end of the study, Stantec will prepare a business case to support the funding plan for a safe, resilient and affordable transport system for the Sounds. Alongside Council, Waka Kotahi will consider the funding for the preferred options. The Department of Internal Affairs and National Emergency Management Agency are also taking a keen interest in this work.

For more information please go to www.marlborough.govt.nz/services/roads-and-transport/marlborough-sounds-future-access-study/2023-public-consultation-msfas

Where	Date	Time
French Pass Town Hall	Tuesday 31 January	11:00 am - 1:00 pm
Rai Valley, The Millers Rest	Wednesday 1 February	10:00 am - 12:00 pm
Havelock Town Hall	Wednesday 1 February	3:00 pm - 5:00 pm
Picton, Port Marlborough Pavilion	Thursday 2 February	2:00 pm - 4:00 pm
The Portage Hotel, Kenepuru Sounds	Friday 3 February	9:00 am - 11:00 am
Waitaria Bay Hall	Friday 3 February	2:00 pm - 4:00 pm
Zoom online	Wednesday 8 February	5:30 pm - 7:00 pm

Temporary road closure 29 January 2023 - Seaview Road, Seddon

On Sunday 29 January 2023 Seaview Road (Seddon), 400m from intersection of Reserve Road to 400m prior to Flemings Road intersection, will be closed to ordinary vehicle traffic from 7.30 am until 5.00 pm for the purposes of Marlborough Car Club Sprint Races.

During the period of closure, ordinary vehicle traffic may use the road being closed between events under the supervision and authority of an Officer of the New Zealand Police (Traffic Safety

Branch).

It will be an offence under the above regulations for any person other than under the authority of an authorised permit to use the road for ordinary vehicle traffic during the period of closure. This notice is given pursuant to the Transport (vehicular Traffic Road Closure) Regulations 1965.

Any enquiries should be addressed to Dean Hawkey, Marlborough Roads, Ph: 021 923 536.

Mental health first aid comes to Sounds

Hato Hone St John is running a series of mental health first aid courses in the Marlborough Sounds next month. Tania Nash, community engagement coordinator for St John, said the courses, being held at Waitaria Bay, Portage and Linkwater, provided valuable tools for improving mental wellbeing.

They are designed to teach people how to support colleagues, friends and family members who may be experiencing mental distress and equip individuals with skills to build their own mental fitness.

The first such day was held in Havelock in November last year and was attended by 14 people including local residents, workers and small

business owners.

"It was great to have the opportunity to bring this course to the community," said Tania.

The course in Portage on 22 February runs from 9.30 am to 4.30 pm and is a full eight-hour course while the two other courses at Waitaria Bay on 21 February and Linkwater on 23 February have been condensed to fit the school day and run from 9.30 am to 3.00 pm.

All courses are free and include tea, coffee and lunch.

Registrations are essential, please contact Marlborough District Council Navigator Charlotte Wood on email recovery@marlborough.govt.nz or phone 027 213 0341.

Temporary road closure – Marlborough Wine & Food Festival

On Saturday 11 February the following portion of road in Renwick will be closed or restricted to ordinary vehicle traffic for the Marlborough Wine and Food Festival from 9:30 am to 7:30 pm:

- Blinks Road between Inkerman Street/ Blinks Road and Alma Street/Blinks Road intersections.

During the period of closure, ordinary vehicular traffic may use the road being closed between events under the supervision and authority of an Officer of the New Zealand Police

(Traffic Safety Branch). It will be an offence under the above regulations for any person other than under the authority of an authorised permit to use the road for ordinary vehicular traffic during the period of closure. This notice is hereby given under Section 342 of the Local Government Act 1974.

Any enquiries should be addressed to Dean Hawkey, Marlborough Roads, Ph: 021 923 536.

NADINE TAYLOR

Youth voices sought

Young people's views are important and the Marlborough Youth Council is currently seeking applications from those who would like to contribute to the community.

The Marlborough Youth Council is made up of 21 diverse young people of secondary school age from varying backgrounds and ethnic origins. It aims to encourage youth to become involved in community affairs and events.

They meet monthly to discuss youth issues, gain valuable skills and learn about local government and all share a desire to make a difference for the region of Marlborough.

Members contribute to Marlborough District Council's decision making by providing a youth perspective. Community Partnerships Advisor Jodie

Griffiths said it was vital that youth had a voice in the community and on Council and it was an opportune time for parents and grandparents to encourage their children and grandchildren to apply.

"It gives young people a voice and helps them understand local decision making," she said. "We've had some great young people on the council involved in making good decisions including the inspirational George Glover who is about to embark on a fundraising swim for mental health."

There are currently 12 vacancies on the Council and applications close on Sunday 26 February – for further information go to <https://www.marlborough.govt.nz/our-community/marlborough-youth-council?ed-step=1>

Notification of Committee Meetings – February 2023

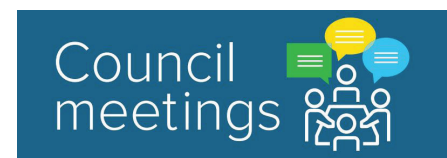
The following meetings are open to the public and anyone is welcome to attend. Copies of the agendas will be available online and at Council's Office, 15 Seymour Street.

Environment & Planning Committee

Thursday 2 February 2023 at 9.00 am

Economic, Finance & Community Committee

Tuesday 7 February 2023 at 9.00 am



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