

Marlborough Visitor Guide now online

Destination Marlborough has launched a new Visitor E-Guide.

Acting General Manager Tracey Green said the Official Marlborough Visitor Guide was a well-loved planning tool for both visitors considering the region and those recently arrived. It features maps, information and a directory of operators.

For the first time the regional tourism organisation has done a smaller print run of the printed guide and introduced a complementary digital

version which also offers more information on each operator.

“We are now asking visitors to choose sustainability and go paperless,” Tracey said. “We are proud to have started the transition to the digital space and it’s encouraging to see so many operators supporting this sustainability initiative.”

“Moving forward we will have a QR code stand in our i-SITEs and at operators’ businesses throughout the region,” she said.

To view the new e-guide go to: <https://marlboroughnz.com/operators>



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Have your say on walking/cycling routes

Marlborough walkers and cyclists are being asked about the best route to reach Wairau Hospital from the Taylor River Reserve.

Council is considering improving access to and from the hospital for those who commute by walking or biking, with safety for users being the primary focus.

The Wairau Hospital Travel Survey has been put together by Marlborough Roads and Te Whatu Ora, and asks users to provide their thoughts on;

- The proposed options for the upgrades
- Your travel to and from Wairau Hospital

Feedback needs to be submitted before 9 April 2024, via this link: <https://forms.office.com/r/5F6f0TNk1V>

Marlborough Roads Multi Modal Advisor Charlotte Campbell-Lamerton is also working on several other initiatives to improve overall safety for Marlburians and visitors who choose walking or biking as their primary form of transport.



Alongside the Wairau Hospital access survey, she would like to encourage people to report walking or cycling-related crashes or near misses online at www.marlborough.govt.nz/recreation/cycling-and-walking/cycling/report-a-crash-or-near-miss

Reports help create a clear indication of ‘hotspots’ in the region, where road safety could potentially be improved.

“It’s about transport choices, and about people who choose to use a bicycle, or walking, as their preferred choice of getting in and

out of the CBD,” Charlotte says. “It would be brilliant if they had a safe environment - roads are for everyone, not just vehicles.”

Charlotte has reinstated a monthly newsletter which will keep subscribers up to date with what’s happening in the region in the cycling, walking and roads space.

Formerly known as the Bike Walk Newsletter, the first issue in nearly two years was released this month. Go to www.marlborough.govt.nz/recreation/cycling-and-walking

Rescue team spreads the word

Marlborough’s emergency response team (NZ-RT20) was highly visible at the Marlborough Multicultural Festival at Pollard Park.

Team leader, Senior Advisor Community Resilience Dave Parsons said their presence was to promote the team’s skills and functions and to highlight to the community their work during an emergency event.

Marlborough Emergency Management works with all communities throughout Marlborough to make sure everyone is prepared for an emergency. Having a presence at the festival and materials available in a variety of languages was a great way to promote the “get ready” messaging, Dave said.



Marlborough CDEM team members at the Multicultural Festival (from left) Jo Malony, Kaja Mazzotti-Vetter, Andy Cameron, James Rooney and Dave Parsons

The presence of the “Shaky House” allowed festival goers to observe and practice the “drop, cover and hold” earthquake response advice.

The team is also canvassing for more volunteers and there was some interest shown by those visiting, Dave said.

Work on SH1 Picton Elevation gets back into gear

NZTA will resume drainage works and repairs and reinstate the slow vehicle lane on the Picton Elevation to bring the entire stretch of road back to 100 km/h by early May.

From Monday 25 March work will be carried out between 7am and 5.30pm under a temporary speed limit of 30 km/h. From 6pm to 6am work will

continue under stop/go. Road users should plan for delays of up to 15 minutes and factor this into their travel plans. This is especially important for drivers with Cook Strait ferry connections.

At the end of last year, contractors worked hard to fix groundwater issues affecting the road surface.

Rob Service, NZTA’s System Manager Top of the South, says these efforts as well as subsequent site monitoring have shown that the groundwater flow has reduced. “It means we can now get on with reinstating this vital stretch of highway and make it easier for drivers to complete their travel.”

“Contractors will repair the

slumped road surface in the slow vehicle lane and install new culverts across the full width of the highway, new sumps and drainage channels on the eastern side of the road, and new outlets and bank protection on the western side, before reinstating the full width of the road,” Mr Service said.

“We realise this part of State

Highway 1 has been affected for some time, but it has been a big job and has required careful planning and construction,” he said.

There are other work areas on the state highways across the top of the South Island including night works on State Highway 1, near St Andrews south of Blenheim, until 28 March.

Opening Hours

Mon to Fri: 8.30 am - 4.30 pm
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