

COMMUNITY NEWS

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Funding information workshops

If you need information about funding options in Marlborough mark April 17 and 18 in your diaries. That's when the annual Funding Information Workshops will be held.

Council recognises the important contribution made by community organisations to the overall wellbeing of Marlborough and its residents and makes funds available through various grants, schemes and funds.


We will be presenting about the various funding rounds Council oversees relating to community services, the environment, arts, sport and recreation, heritage and culture. Also get to hear from other funders who support our community.

Te Tari Taiwhenua / The Department of Internal Affairs administers the Community Organisation Grants Scheme and Lottery Communities Fund.

Rātā Foundation focuses its funding in five key areas of connect, learn, participate, support and sustain and their funding programmes provide options and flexibility for community organisations working to reduce barriers, provide support to those in need and acting to benefit our environment and climate.

Presentations will be given by the above on the variety of funds available in Marlborough and information provided on how to get your application details right.

The first workshop is in Havelock at 2pm on Monday, April 17, followed by one in Picton at 5.45pm that evening. The final session is in Blenheim at 10am on Tuesday morning. Registration is essential.




Marlborough's 2023
FUNDING
INFORMATION
WORKSHOPS



PRESENTATIONS FROM FUNDERS + RESOURCES
Q&A + TOOLS + NETWORKING OPPORTUNITY

Havelock + Picton: Monday 17 April
Blenheim: Tuesday 18 April



Please register via the links below:
Havelock - <https://bit.ly/3LmwqDf> Picton <https://bit.ly/3JmN0Qz> Blenheim <https://bit.ly/3YRkZ9u>



Following the presentations and sharing of helpful tools and resources, light refreshments will be provided while the funders make themselves available for a chat.

To register for one of the events in Havelock, Picton or Blenheim <https://www.marlborough.govt.nz/our-community/grants-and-awards/funding-bodies> or contact Natalie.Lawler@marlborough.govt.nz for more information.

Seniors Expo

On 7 March the Marlborough Seniors Expo was held and we were delighted with the great turn out. About 600 people attended, with 50 information sites and demonstrations highlighting just how much support and opportunities there are in Marlborough for people aged over 65.

The new Positive Ageing information booklet and Get Connected resources, listing groups and activities to get involved in, are now available. These can be picked up from Council, Picton library, Citizens Advice, Greypower, Age Concern etc.

They are also available online <https://www.marlborough.govt.nz/our-community/positive-ageing>

A huge thank you to everyone involved in the expo or helped promote the event!



Techweek23 “Creating Tech for a Better Tomorrow”

Techweek23 fosters innovation by providing New Zealand with a weeklong opportunity to meet and share ideas. Held in May, across the country, six narratives support the 2023 theme:

- Becoming More Digital
- Celebrating Tech Leaders and Tech Stories
- Climate and Sustainable Tech
- Diversity of Thought
- Advancing Māori Tech
- Inspiring Tech Careers

The Council's Innovation Team has created a webpage that is ready to list your technology and innovation events that week: <https://techweek.co.nz/regions/marlborough/>

Techweek events will be happening in Marlborough from 13 May ... keep an eye out for more details, or if you would like to get involved or find out more marlborough@techweek.co.nz

Welcoming Communities



Marlborough's first unity week

The Welcoming Communities – Te Waharoa ki ngā Hapori Programme was very honoured to have worked with the Marlborough Multicultural Centre and the Marlborough Red Cross in organising the first Unity Week event for Marlborough.

Unity Week is an initiative started in 2022 by the Sakinah Community Trust, a women-led organisation comprising family members of those lost in the terrorist attack at two mosques on March 15th 2019. The work of the Sakinah Community Trust is a way to honour the legacy of those lost to this tragedy and to ensure that the goodwill generated after the attacks is enabled to continue in a positive way. The women behind Sakinah Community Trust and Unity Week believe that everyone, regardless of their background or community, should feel welcome, respected and



loved for who they are and where they come from

To celebrate social cohesion and bring people together, Marlborough's Unity Week event was a special morning tea at Connect and a visit to the Marlborough Art Society's "Cultural Kaleidoscope" exhibition. Over 50 people attended the event from the Rohingya community, English Language Partner classes, Marlborough Multicultural Centre and representatives from Council and community organisations.

The morning tea was a great chance to catch up with friends, meet new people and find out about services in the community like Volunteer Marlborough and the Citizens Advice Bureau. After

coffee, cake and some delicious homemade food Anne Barrer, president of the Marlborough Art Society, gave the group a tour of the art exhibition which celebrated Marlborough's diversity and had art created by Marlburians, old and new.

Please contact Heather Barnes, Welcoming Communities Coordinator at the Marlborough District Council if you would like more information about the The Welcoming Communities – Te Waharoa ki ngā Hapori Programme.

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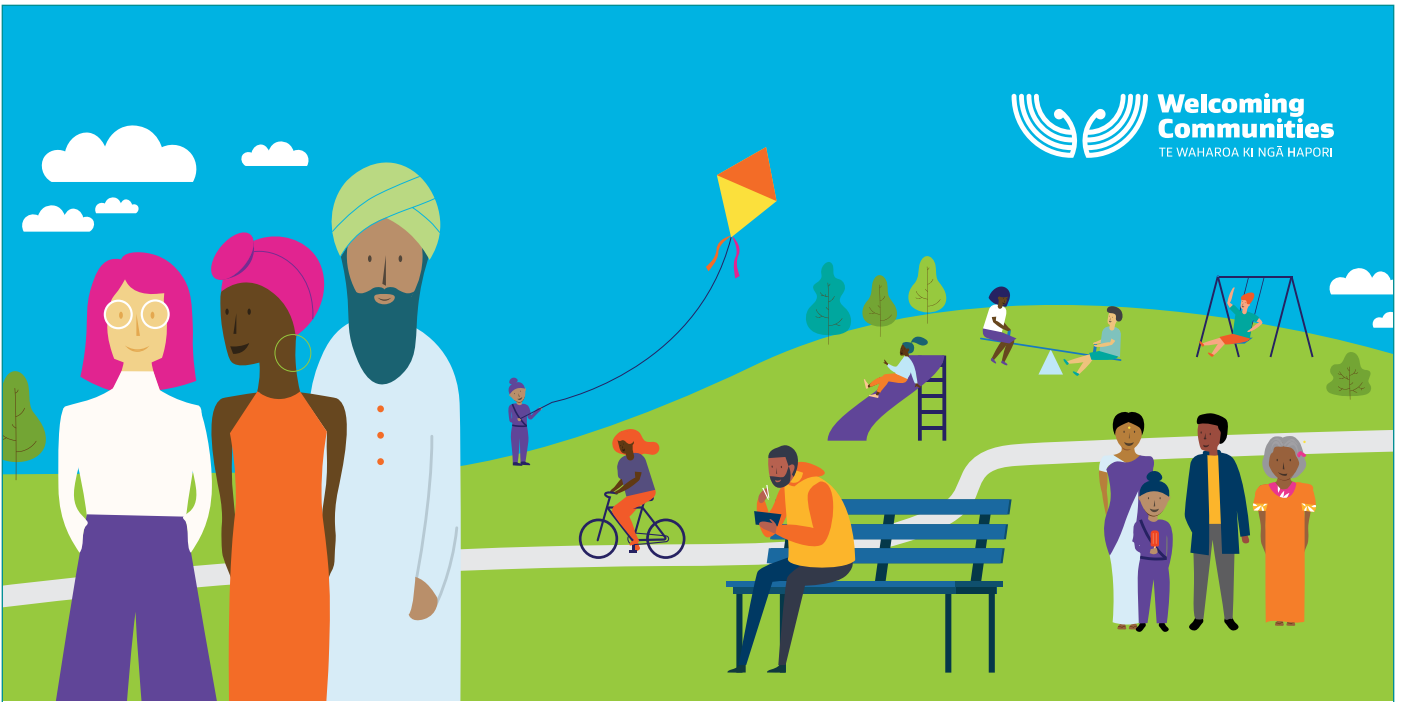


Photo Credit: Millaray Acevedo

Above left to right: Camila Quinteros, Paz Herrera, María Valencia, Giancarlos González

Previous page, main image, left to right: Osmith Vides Contreras, Geraldine Wong, Vanessa

Martínez and Geraldine's baby. Previous page, bottom right: Councillor Deborah Dalliessi at the Unity Week event with Burie Lilly, originally from Papua New Guinea



The Welcoming Communities programme wants to know what makes newcomers living in Marlborough feel welcome and feel like they belong in the Marlborough community.

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



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 experience of being a newcomer in Marlborough or of living in our diverse community.

Go to: www.surveymonkey.com/r/MWC2023

Want to find out more?

Get in contact with Heather Barnes

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A free brief therapeutic service for those bereaved by suicide

Aoake te Rā offers a service for those needing focused support following bereavement by suicide.

The service is:

- free
- available to all ages and at any stage after bereavement
- a therapeutic brief service with approximately four hours support per person
- available for individuals, couples, whānau groups, or a combination
- delivered via face to face, online, or phone.



Find further information at:
aoaketera.org.nz



FREE
SUICIDE PREVENTION
TRAINING

REGISTER NOW!

BLENHEIM
TUE 18TH APR 2023
8:30AM - 5:00PM



LIFEKEEPERS

**Kia hora te marino, kia papa pounamu te moana, kia tere te karohirohi i
mua i tou huarahi.**

May calm and tranquility be widespread, may the waters that you sail in glisten like
greenstone, and may their shimmering light guide you safely on your journey.

The **LifeKeepers** programme aims to equip communities and whānau with the
knowledge and skills needed to help prevent suicide.

Through this training you will:

- learn how to talk responsibly about suicide
- gain an understanding of the risk factors that contribute to someone being suicidal
- learn what to look for when someone may be at risk of suicide
- develop strategies for how to ask about suicide, respond with confidence, and engage different services and supports

LifeKeepers suicide prevention training is **FREE**, evidence based, clinically safe,
culturally responsive, and available to New Zealand citizens and residents 18 and over*

Register now via the website: www.lifekeepers.nz

*LifeKeepers is funded by the Ministry of Health to provide suicide prevention training for those New Zealanders who are most likely to interact with people at risk of suicide and who do not already have access to funded suicide prevention training. The programme has not been funded for registered professionals who already have access to suicide prevention training, or for those who belong to organisations which currently provide or fund suicide prevention training for their staff.



Strangulation the context of Intimate Partner Violence – A Public Health Issue

Family Violence Workshop Series
BLenheim, 16th June 2022

About this Presentation/Workshop

It is critical that agencies, professionals and the wider community recognise the signs, symptoms and dynamics associated with strangulation in the context of intimate partner violence (IPV). Described as 'a red flag on the trajectory to homicide', strangulation together with other associated risk markers should be considered in all risk assessment and safety planning processes.

This workshop also introduces topics such as traumatic brain injury (TBI), sexual violence, threatening behaviour and other factors including ACEs (Adverse Childhood Experiences) to enhance decision-making and ultimately safety for victims, families and whanau.

By the end of this workshop participants will be able to:

- Define strangulation in the context of intimate partner violence
- Describe the signs, symptoms and injuries associated with strangulation
- Know some of the resources available to facilitate effective documentation
- Understand behaviours often associated with strangulation including TBI, sexual violence, threats and separation
- Apply learnings to risk assessment and safety planning
- Consider how an awareness of ACEs could be included in current organisational practice.

The presenter

Rob has worked in the family violence sector for over 30 years. His work in this area was recognised in the New Year Honours list in 2006. He shares his experience as a police officer, a national and international advisor, a member of the Family Safety Team National Steering Committee and New Zealand Family Violence Death Review Committee.

Rob has developed and delivered training to many groups throughout New Zealand on a range of family violence-related topics. Leading up to and since the introduction of specific strangulation legislation, Rob has delivered presentations at workshops and conferences throughout New Zealand, raising community awareness of strangulation in the context of intimate partner violence as a significant public health issue.

Dates, Times and Venue

Attendees are invited to an extended 5-hour session in the **Seminar Room at Marlborough Community Centre, 25 Alfred Street, Blenheim at 9.30am on Thursday 16th June 2022**. Registration details can be found on www.robveale.com.

Costs (GST inclusive)

- \$75 for staff from Government, DHB staff, other professionals
- \$50 for NGOs, PHO staff, community agencies and other not-for-profit organisations
- Groups may also choose to organise a workshop on a one-off cost basis. Please contact Rob directly.

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MORE STABLE MORE ABLE FALLS PREVENTION



Where: ST CHRISTOPHERS CHURCH
92 WELD ST , REDWOODTOWN
BLenheim

When: THURSDAY 13TH APRIL
10:30 am—12:30 pm



Nelson Bays Primary Health
Hauora Matua ki Te Tai Aorere

WHO CAN ATTEND:

Anyone wanting to improve their strength & balance

ABOUT THE SESSION:

A free 2 hour session for anyone at risk of or has had a fall

TOPICS INCLUDE:

- Maintaining independence
- Causes of falls
- Strength/balance exercises
- Bone strength
- Making your home safer
- Eating well

BOOK IN - CONTACT

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**LIVE STRONGER
FOR LONGER**

PREVENT FALLS & FRACTURES

CHUR!
ALL GOOD, BRO?

Tips on how to kōrero/talk with the bro about the tough stuff

Mental Health Foundation
mauri tū, mauri ora

Step 2: HEAR HIM OUT

*He taonga te whakarongo.
The ability to listen is a gift.*

When your bro starts talking about what he's been going through, you should:

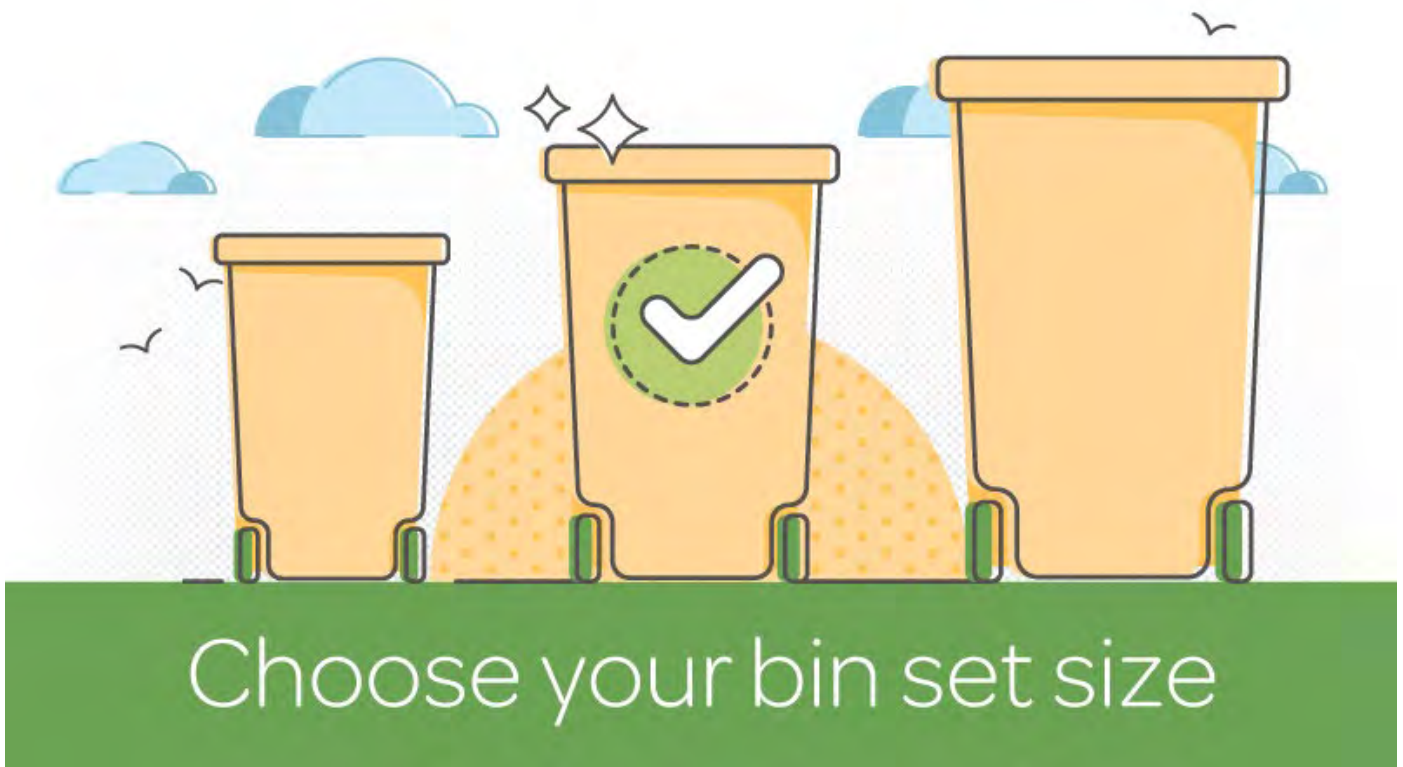
- Keep calm and really listen to what he's saying.
- Try not to judge – even if you don't totally get it or agree with everything.
- Know it's okay to not have all the answers – you can look for those together later.
- Not assume he wants your advice. Just acknowledge things are a bit of a mess right now and try to make him feel heard.
- Not feel like you need to handle the situation on your own. Put your heads together and figure out who else should be in his support crew.

*More often than not, the feeling of judgement is hard to navigate.
Show them you're there purely as a friend without judging them.*
– Tāne Mōori from Tāmaki Makaurau

MARLBOROUGH
Youth Week
15 - 21 MAY 2023

RANGATIRA MŌ ĀPŌPŌ?
RANGATIRA I TĒNETI RĀ!

LEADERS OF TOMORROW?
LEADERS FOR TODAY



Watch out for wheelie bin letter

Most Marlborough property owners will receive a letter from Council in the next few days asking which wheelie bin size they would like to use when the new service rolls out on 1 July 2024.

The new wheelie bin kerbside collection areas include Blenheim, Grovetown, Havelock, Picton, Rarangi, Rai Valley, Renwick, Seddon, Spring Creek and Tuamarina.

Council's Solid Waste Manager Dr Alec McNeil said the standard wheelie bin size is 140 litres and if property owners are happy with that, they don't need to do anything.

"If people would prefer a smaller (80 litre) or larger (240 litre) bin set size, they need to let us know by scanning the QR code on the form included with the letter, or by filling out the form and returning it to Council in the pre-paid envelope provided," Dr McNeil said.

"We need this information by 30 April so we can

order the wheelie bin sizes people want. If we don't hear back we will provide the standard size," he said.

If people are unsure which size best suits their needs they can visit the Marlborough District Library (Blenheim), the Picton Library and Service Centre or the Council's office in Blenheim during April to view the wheelie bins on display.

Dr McNeil said for those who are on the kerbside collection route for rubbish and recycling, the wheelie bin size selected applies to the bin set - there is not an option to choose one size bin for recycling and a different size bin for rubbish.

Under the new service, kerbside rubbish and recycling will be collected fortnightly on alternate weeks. People will be provided with one wheelie bin for rubbish, one wheelie bin for recycling (excluding glass) and a recycling crate for glass only.

There is no opt-out option and the cost of the

wheelie bin service is paid through the rates of those included in the collection areas.

Commercial customers will need to select the wheelie bin size they want for their rubbish. Please note commercial customers in the Blenheim CBD and in Redwoodtown will not receive a letter and will

Changes for Interislander vehicle check-ins

On Monday 3 April the Interislander ferry check-in for private vehicle passengers will move to a new site off Lagoon Road. This means traffic arriving in Picton will need to turn left at Kent Street instead of going straight ahead to Auckland Street. Once inside the terminal passengers will be directed into a new marshalling yard where Interislander staff will help people boarding.

This change is another step in the Waitohi Picton ferry terminal redevelopment project. It's part of the enabling works underway to get the site ready for the arrival of the first of two new purpose-built, hybrid-electric ferries in 2025.

Another milestone is the new temporary terminal building on Auckland Street which is almost complete and will be open for foot passenger check-in in mid-May.

There's a lot of construction activity scheduled in the terminal area over the next few months. This includes the construction of two new commercial jetties just north of the Edwin Fox Museum, moving the rental kiosks to a new location in the lower car park and increasing capacity at the outlet end of the Waitohi culvert. Work will also start soon on decommissioning the old terminal building.

Keep an eye on this page for future updates on the Waitohi Picton Ferry Terminal redevelopment or

Old library building closes on 23 April

Mark Sunday 23 April on your calendar. That's when the Marlborough District Library in Blenheim closes.

But don't panic - in the lead up to the library closing you can take out as many books as you like and return them once the new library and art gallery opens on Friday 12 May. Items won't be due for return while the library is closed and no fines will be

imposed.

For more information about the wheelie bin roll-out, or for answers to frequently asked questions go to our Changes to Waste Services page:

[Go to the Changes to Waste Services page](#)



Above: An illustration of one of the new purpose-built, hybrid-electric ferries due to arrive in 2025.

[Go to the iReX website](#)

Accommodation for Waitohi Picton ferry terminal redevelopment workers

Downer HEB JV will be involved in the planning and delivery of the main construction works for the Waitohi Picton ferry terminal redevelopment.

Their team are interested in hearing from potential accommodation providers, in particular Blenheim, Picton and nearby surrounding areas. If you have a rental property, motel units or other accommodation you would like included on a database, please email jane.davison@downer.co.nz

imposed.

Once the new library opens you can return them there.

For the three weeks between the Marlborough District Library (Blenheim) closing and the new Marlborough Library and Art Gallery opening,

Libraries' Manager Glenn Webster suggests customers make sure they take out enough books to keep them going.

Mr Webster also reminds people they can access the online facilities while the library is closed.

"Customers can use our online resources with their membership card including the newspapers," he said. "And the Picton Library and Service Centre will be open as normal." The popular Justice

JPs' new home during library closure

Many Marlborough people use the Justice of the Peace service offered at the Marlborough District Library.

During the library closure – the Blenheim library closes on Sunday 23 April for three weeks – the service will be available at the Citizens Advice Bureau in Alfred Street instead.

Ian Camerson, Registrar for Marlborough Justices of the Peace Association, said the service was very popular.

"Although Covid requirements meant the centre could not open for much of the last year, in 2020-2021, 3,500 people attended and more than 8,900 documents were processed."

Work carried out by Justices of the Peace includes witnessing signatures on documents, certifying copies of documents, taking oaths, declarations, affidavits or affirmations, and confirming identity.

Justices will be at the CAB on Mondays, Wednesdays, Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays from 10.00 am to 12 midday. "We are very grateful

Council calls for feedback on future of Wither Hills Farm Park

Council wants your feedback on the future management of the Wither Hills Farm Park.

Consultation on a review of the current management plan begins today and community suggestions on what the management direction of the farm park should look like will help ensure the area best meets the needs of Marlborough residents into the future.

Council's Assets and Services Committee Chair

of the Peace service, with local JPs present at the Marlborough District Library on Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Saturday from 10.00 am until 12.00 pm, will continue at the Citizens Advice Bureau in Alfred Street.

Keep an eye on our newspaper pages in the coming weeks for more information about the opening of the new building.



to the Bureau for making us so welcome and providing areas where the two justices on duty can attend," Mr Cameron said.

The role is a voluntary one and no payment is charged for the service.

Mr Cameron said the JPs would be available at the new Marlborough Library and Art Gallery from 15 May.

[Go to Marlborough Libraries website](#)

Councillor David Croad said the Wither Hills Farm Park is an iconic and highly valued backdrop to Blenheim and the surrounding Wairau Valley. "It plays an important role in soil conservation and is a significant recreational asset for our community," he said.

The current management plan was produced in 2003 and a lot has changed in the last 20 years. More extreme weather events associated with

climate change are already being experienced across the district.

Councillor Croad said improving the stability and resilience of this area from floods, erosion, drought and fire remains the primary purpose of the revised management plan.

“Soil conservation has been the priority for the Wither Hills Farm Park area since the 1940s and that won’t change given the significant risks to the Blenheim urban area from severe erosion. However, Council appreciates the park also contributes to the quality of life for the community in a range of other ways which are likely to have evolved from those identified in the 2003 Plan - that’s why we want to know how the community would like this important facility to be used in future,” he said.

You can have your say on the Wither Hills Farm

Emergency response volunteers return

A second deployment of volunteer emergency responders from Marlborough’s NZRT20 team has been completed.

The group was based in Hawke’s Bay and worked with other volunteers from around the country.

Team members worked in small groups flying into remote areas by helicopter to support cut off communities.

Team manager Gary Spence said: “Thank you to the families and employers for giving our team members the time to help their fellow Kiwis up north. It is very pleasing that Marlborough is able to help these communities directly.”

Kids’ edible garden booming bounty

Summer is a favourite time for children in the Kids’ Edible Gardens programme.

Created by a Christchurch trust in 1995, it aims to teach students to re-use organic waste, grow organic edible gardens and eat the produce they grow.

The Marlborough programme, adapted with

Park Management Plan Review by making a submission online:

[Go to the Wither Hills Farm Park section of our website](#)

You can also download a submission form from Council’s website, or collect a form from Council’s Blenheim Office, or the Picton Library and Service Centre. Forms must be returned to Councils offices, or posted to Parks Planner, Marlborough District Council, PO Box 443, Blenheim 7240.

Submissions close at 5.00 pm on Thursday 27 April 2023.

Once the draft management plan has been prepared there will be a further opportunity to provide feedback on that document before the revised plan is presented to Council.



Left to right: Don Anderson, Hemi Priestly, James Dadson, Cameron Wilson, Shelley Wetton (Team Leader), Jaco du Plessis, Dave Parsons (Deputy Team Leader) and Phil Vercoe.

permission from the Christchurch one and supported by Council, has 21 schools participating. There is a school facilitator and teaching resources have been developed to help integrate gardening with the classroom programme.

Ongoing professional development training for teachers is also provided.

Waikawa Bay School and Linkwater School have embraced the concept, Council's Environmental Educator Angela Wentworth said.

"At Linkwater, water is important and children wanted to ensure it wasn't wasted," she said. "They discovered Olla Pots, a traditional Italian irrigation method where unglazed terracotta pots are filled with water which seeps through the pores into the soil keeping it moist."

Children also made their own fertiliser using weeds from the garden soaked in a bucket of water for a week or two.

At Waikawa Bay School, children have been busy tidying and weeding the garden beds, uncovering treasures of fruit and vegetables after the summer break.

"Term four turned out to be one of their most successful growing and harvesting seasons which they attributed to the rain and using good compost," Angela said. "Children harvested cauliflower, spinach, lettuces, sugar snap peas, broad beans, radishes, celery, leeks, garlic and potatoes in time for Christmas."

Growing garlic was a particularly valuable learning

New road safety chair appointed

Councillor Jonathan Rosene has been elected chair of the Road Safety Action Planning group.

The group plays an important role in delivering the government's Road to Zero national strategy interventions to achieve a target of a 40 per cent reduction in death and serious injuries on our roads by 2030.

The Road Safety Action Planning group looks to improve road safety in Marlborough through alignment with the Road to Zero campaign by identifying crash risks. It works with the Police, ACC, Waka Kotahi, Te Whatu Ora, Marlborough Roads and Council.

Mayor Nadine Taylor endorsed Councillor Rosene's appointment and said the Road to Zero was a society wide challenge and all stakeholders needed to act together to ensure the goal set by government

experience for children as they saved bulbs from the previous year for replanting as well as growing, harvesting and drying the crop. Students are now harvesting tomatoes, cucumbers, zucchini, corn, basil and lettuce.

"The pumpkins still have a way to go, but they are confident that their trial of planting companion sunflowers alongside them will prove to be a winner," Angela said.



Above: A great crop of leeks grown by children in the Kids' Edible Gardens programme in Marlborough.



Above: New Road Safety Action Planning group chair Jonathan Rosene.

was achievable.

"It's a goal we certainly want to achieve," she said.

Marlborough Road Safety Coordinator Robyn Blackburn said Road Safety Action Planning is focussed on addressing death and serious injury crashes that impact our communities through applying the Road to Zero strategy interventions.

“It’s time now to consolidate on the good, reflect on the not so good, work in partnership to strengthen connections and identify all local actions that can help achieve Vision Zero,” she said.

Temporary changes to northern Blenheim bus route

Due to the watermain replacement works on Nelson Street, the bus stops at Seymour Square, the Marlborough Events Centre and on Nelson Street will be closed until mid-June when the project is due to be completed.

The bus route will be re-directed west after the Seymour Street stop outside Countdown, along High Street and out to the Boyce Street roundabout, before continuing as normal.

BBC Earth highlights conservation efforts at the Top of the South

Conservation partnerships in the Marlborough Sounds are hitting the international stage today with BBC Earth releasing a 12-minute video highlighting how nature can help to solve the climate crisis. The video is part of a wider effort by BBC Earth to share extraordinary stories from across the world for its #OurFrozenPlanet campaign.

Viewers can watch the video on the BBC Earth Facebook page, which has over 17 million followers. The stories feature collective conservation efforts across the top of the South Island, such as work by the Te Hoiere/Pelorus Catchment Restoration Project and Picton Dawn Chorus.

The Kotahitanga mō te Taiao Alliance and Nature Conservancy (the New Zealand arm of a global environmental not-for-profit) worked with BBC Earth and the Moondance Foundation to produce the video. Marlborough District Council is a member of the Alliance, alongside other Te Taihū and Kawatiri councils, iwi and the Department of Conservation.

“For Marlburians, we know that the Top of the South is a special place. We love sharing our stories with the world but we know there is still much work to do to protect and enhance our natural environment,” said Mayor Nadine Taylor.

“Our region has suffered two major storms in the last two years - the evidence points to the fact that climate change is bringing more frequent and more intense rainfall events to our part of the world.”

“Healthy ecosystems are a key part of mitigating the

effects of climate change.”

“The Te Hoiere project is an exemplar project in New Zealand and now it’s an example internationally of what can be achieved when we work together for landscape-scale transformation. As a member of the Kotahitanga mō te Taiao Alliance, we know that our collective efforts are stronger than any one organisation.”

In addition to Alliance membership, Council is a partner in the Te Hoiere/Pelorus Catchment Restoration Project, a landscape scale restoration initiative that brings together the catchment community and supporting partner agencies to work together. Te Hoiere/Pelorus River is the largest river catchment that flows into the Marlborough Sounds and has been identified as an exemplar catchment as a part of the Ministry for the Environment’s At Risk Catchments programme and by the Department of Conservation as one of its 14 Ngā Awa rivers across New Zealand.

[Go to the video on the BBC’s Facebook page](#)

Further information:

[Go to Te Hoiere / Pelorus Catchment Restoration Project section](#)

[Go to the Kotahitanga mō te Taiao Alliance page](#)

[Go to the Picton Dawn Chorus website](#)

MARLBOROUGH'S

Small Townships

COMMUNITY PROJECTS FUND



Council allocates a percentage of the annual Small Townships budget (around \$50,000) for small, low-cost infrastructure projects on outdoor public spaces.

Any organisation or group that represents a small township or community in Marlborough can apply. This does not include Blenheim and Picton/Waikawa whose projects are funded differently.

The criteria that will be used to assess the applications will be whether the project:

- Improves an outdoor public space
- Includes a high level of community involvement and support.
- Is able to be completed within one year
- Best meets the objectives of the programme to:
 - Design a liveable town with an attractive central space
 - Allow freedom of movement, connectivity and accessibility
 - Strengthen a sense of place and unique local identity
 - Enhance the use, enjoyment and pride in outdoor public spaces

Recent examples of projects completed as part of this fund include:

- French Pass Memorial
- Wairau Valley Story Board
- Okiwi Bay path and picnic tables
- Okaramio Fencing
- Homewood Hall Flagpole

Top right: Okiwi Bay Path

Bottom right: Okaramio Fence



Adult & Community Education

Keep an eye on Instagram or Facebook for more great courses coming up ... and don't forget, if there is something you would like to learn, contact us and we'll see what we can do to help.



Te Reo Maori Evening Classes

Location: REAP Marlborough, 65 Seymour Street, Blenheim
 Cost: \$70.00 (6 week course)
 Time: 6.00pm - 8.00pm
 Tutor: **Virgil Houpapa**

Date: Wed, 29th Mar - Wed, 3rd May
 Date: Wed, 7th June - Wed, 12th July
 Date: Wed, 9th Aug - Wed, 13th Sept
 Date: Wed, 11th Oct - Wed 15th Nov

An introductory course covering basic Māori language skills and culture. Course fills up fast so get in quick. 4 course dates to choose from.

Ukulele For Beginners

Location: REAP Marlborough, 65 Seymour Street, Blenheim (6 week course)
 Cost: \$30.00
 Time: 7.00pm - 8.30pm
 Tutor: **Kathrine Townshend**

Date: Mon, 17th Apr - Mon, 22nd May
 Date: Mon, 7th Aug - Mon, 11th Sept

Learn the basics, including how to play some basic songs and waiata.

Ukulele Part 2

Location: REAP Marlborough, 65 Seymour Street, Blenheim (6 week course)
 Cost: \$30.00
 Time: 7.00pm - 8.30pm
 Tutor: **Kathrine Townshend**

Date: Mon, 12th June - Mon, 17th July
 Date: Mon, 6th Nov - Mon 11th Dec (**Xmas Edition**)

Continuing to build on the skills and further practice with the chords learnt from the beginners class

Photography for Beginners

Location: REAP Marlborough, 65 Seymour Street, Blenheim
 Cost: \$65.00 (6 week course)
 Time: 6.00pm - 8.00pm
 Tutor: **Helen Nickisson**

Date: Mon, 20th Feb - Mon, 27th Mar

Learn how to master your camera and make the most of whatever camera you have to take photo's

Te reo Maori Language Daytime Class

Location: Comcol, 65 Scott Street, Blenheim
 Cost: \$70.00 (6 week course)
 Time: 10.00am - 12.00pm
 Tutor: **Glenna Casalme**

Date: Wed, 15th Mar - Wed, 19th Apr
 Date: Wed, 7th June - Wed, 12th July
 Date: Wed, 9th Aug - Wed, 13th Sept
 Date: Wed, 11th Oct - Wed, 15th Nov

An introductory course covering basic Māori language skills and culture. Course fills up fast so get in quick.



Marlborough Community Vehicle Trust

Volunteer Coordinator wanted

Are you a people person who helps others?

We are looking for that person to support our team. We transport people who need our assistance with travel from Picton to Blenheim hospital and residents of Blenheim or Picton to Nelson for medical matters. The travel coordinator takes phone calls from those needing assistance and allocates a car and driver. This is a work from home position. Full training and assistance will be provided. There is no requirement for physical fitness, and back up will be available. Minimal computer ability is required.



If you are interested please contact **03 574 1311** or soundsvehicle@gmail.com

VOLUNTEER TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES IN NELSON

We have three courses planned - chose the one that suits you best

Course 1: Weekends

Saturday 11 March 9.30 - 3pm
Saturday 18 March 9.30 - 3pm

Course 2: Evenings

Monday 1 May 6.30 - 9pm
Tuesday 2 May 6.30 - 9 pm
Monday 8 May 6.30 - 9pm
Tuesday 9 May 6.30 - 9 pm

Course 3: Weekends

Saturday 20 May 9.30 - 3pm
Saturday 27 May 9.30 - 3pm



Any Questions?

Contact: John Adams

Volunteer Trainer Te Tau Ihu (Nelson & Blenheim)

New Zealand Red Cross

Mobile: 027 223 5972

migration.volunteers@redcross.org.nz

VOLUNTEER TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES IN BLENHEIM

We have two courses planned - chose the one that suits you best

Course 1: Evenings

Wednesday 19 April 6.30 - 9pm
Thursday 20 April 6.30 - 9pm
Wednesday 26 April 6.30 - 9pm
Thursday 27 April 6.30 - 9pm

Course 2: Weekend

Saturday 10 June 9.30 - 3pm
Sunday 11 June 9.30 - 3pm

Refugee resettlement in New Zealand

Sport & Recreation Community Activity Fund - Open Now

The 2022/2023 Sport & Recreation Community Activity Fund is open now and accepting applications for activities held before 31 December 2023. There is \$30,000 available for allocation per annum.

This fund is open to event organisers or local clubs and organisations looking to create small sport and community activities that are of low cost to participants and that encourage and promote involvement, accessibility and physical activity.

Key dates:

- Applications close: 5.00 pm, Monday 10 April

2023

- Funding decision by: 5.00 pm, Thursday 20 April 2023

Applications must be completed via Council's website -

<https://www.marlborough.govt.nz/recreation/events/sport-and-recreaton-community-activity-fund>

Any enquiries can be directed to Council's Regional Events Advisor, Samantha Young, Ph: 03 520 7400 or email: events@marlborough.govt.nz

Mahi mō te Taiao / Working for Nature - Open Now

The 2023/24 Mahi mō te Taiao / Working for Nature grant scheme will open for online applications on 1 April 2023.

This year \$111,500 will be available for projects from pest control to restoring wetland areas on public, private or Māori-owned land in Marlborough.

Funding is awarded under three categories:

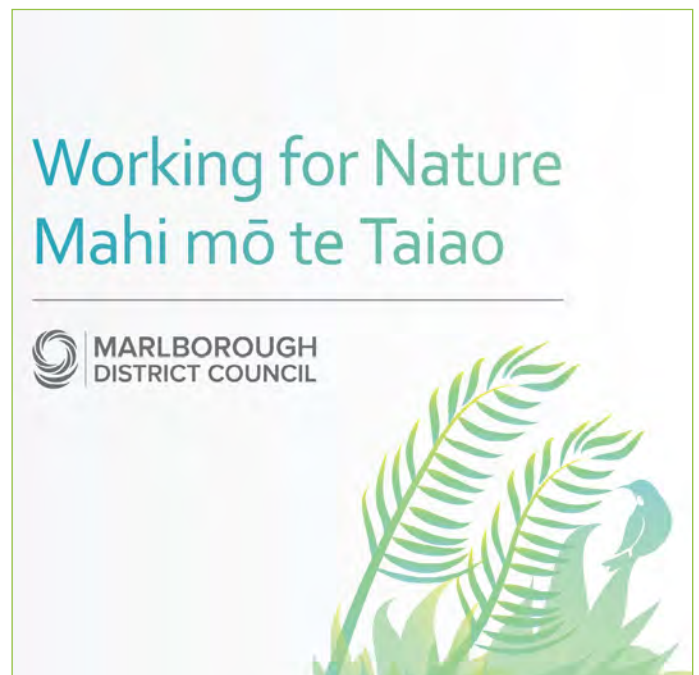
Habitat Marlborough – for restoring native habitats, improving biodiversity and freshwater quality

Protecting Marlborough – for animal and plant pest control

Environmental Advocacy – a new category for initiatives that promote environmental awareness

This will be the fourth year of funding for the scheme which has provided the opportunity for groups and individuals to protect and enhance the environment. The maximum cap on a Habitat Marlborough project is \$10,000; Protecting Marlborough is \$15,000 and Environmental Advocacy is \$2,000.

More information can be found on Council's website via the link below. Applications close at 5.00 pm



on Sunday 30 April, with all applicants notified of outcomes by July 2023.

Paper applications will not be accepted. All online applications should be made on our website:

[Go to Mahi mō te Taiao / Working for Nature section of this website](#)



Community Organisation Grant Scheme (COGS)

Opens 5 April 2023

Closes 3 May 2023

For further information:

Contact : Luke Katu Community Advisor 027 223 4907

Contact : Blair Carpenter Community Advisor 027 839 6246

Contact : Eva Lawrence Community Advisor 027 215 7427







Email : LowerNorth&Nelson@dia.govt.nz

Website : <https://www.communitymatters.govt.nz/community-organisations-grants-scheme/>

New Zealand Government



Te Tari Taiwhenua
Internal Affairs

| Funder | Website | Contact |
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|  Te Tari Taiwhenua Internal Affairs | www.communitymatters.govt.nz | Luke Katu Luke.Katu@dia.govt.nz 0800 824 824 |
|  Rātā Foundation | www.ratafoundation.org.nz | Vimbayi Chitaka 03 335 0305 enquiry@ratafoundation.org.nz |
|  MARLBOROUGH DISTRICT COUNCIL | www.marlborough.govt.nz | Jodie Griffiths jodie.griffiths@marlborough.govt.nz 03 520 7400 |
|  Top of the South COMMUNITY FOUNDATION <i>Te Tāuiku</i> | www.topsouthfoundation.org.nz | Gavin Larsen eo@topsouthfoundation.org.nz 027 856 9752 |
|  The Tindall Foundation <i>Contributing to a stronger New Zealand</i> | www.tindall.org.nz | Martina O'Driscoll donations@tindall.org.nz 09 488 0170 |
|  Te Tari Matawaka Office of Ethnic Communities | www.ethniccommunities.govt.nz | mona.contractor@dia.govt.nz 0272 148 644 |

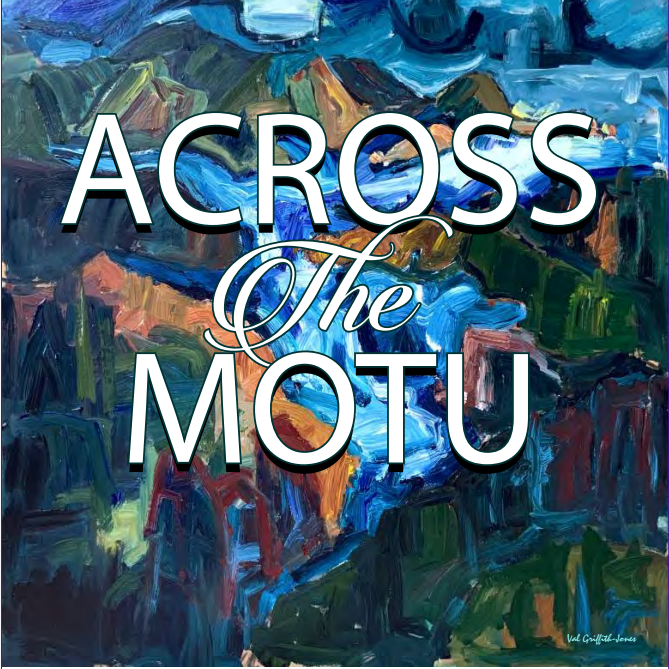
**CARE Marlborough
Fundraiser Dinner**
15th May @6pm



Bamboo Garden Dinner
Guest speaker Tony Johnson
Silent Auction and Raffle
Tickets \$50pp


Follow link at carem.nz
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8th - 23rd April 2023
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info@marlboroughartsociety.co.nz

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20 April 2023

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Marlborough Events Centre, 42a Alfred Street, Blenheim.

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Ticket sales close March 31 2023 For more information visit www.cmea.org.nz















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STARTING TERM 2
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- Goal setting
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WEEK 1 - WEDS 3RD MAY

10am-12pm

Goal Setting
Baby Massage

WEEK 4 - WEDS 24TH MAY

10-11am

Mums n' Bubs Swimming Class -
Stadium 2000

WEEK 2 - WEDS 10th MAY

10:30am - 1pm

White's Bay Outing
Lunch

WEEK 5 - WEDS 31ST MAY

10am - 12pm

Pelvic Floor Workout
Nutrition
Budget Advice

WEEK 3 - WEDS 17TH MAY

10am-12pm

Yoga & Meditation
Self Care

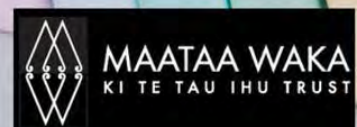
WEEK 6 - WEDS 7TH JUNE

10am-12pm

Grovetown lagoon Walk

Days & activities are subject to change, weather permitting

DATES: STARTS WEDNESDAY MAY 3RD, 10am
VENUE: MAATAA WAKA - 56 MAIN ST, BLENHEIM
FACILITATOR: KOWHAI BUCHANAN



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SEDDON – COMMUNITY SCIENCE TALK

Wednesday 24th May, 7pm

Awatere Memorial Hall

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- ☎ 021 108 7637
- 🏠 Weld Street, Redwoodtown Blenheim
- 🌐 www.redwoodtown-community-centre-hall.business.site/

Wairau Valley Hall

- ☎ 03 572 2535
- 🏠 Morse Street. Wairau Valley Township
- ✉ wvcommunityhall@gmail.com
- 🌐 www.wairau-valley.co.nz/wairau-valley-hall.html

Spring Creek Hall

- ☎ 03 579 6036
- 🏠 24-26 Ferry Road. Spring creek
- ✉ info@yogaroom.co.nz

Linkwater Settlers and Memorial Hall

- ☎ 03 574 2201
- 🏠 1351 Queen Charlotte Drive, Linkwater
- ✉ jysmith1173@gmail.com

Picton Community Centre Hall

- ☎ 03 573 7289
- 🏠 7 Wairau Road, Picton
- ✉ picton.earlylearning@xtra.co.nz

Renwick Memorial Hall

- ☎ 03 572 8158
- 🏠 39 High Street, Renwick
- ✉ heather@renwick.school.nz

Yealands Awatere Memorial Hall

- ☎ 03 575 7975
- 🏠 Foster Street, Seddon
- ✉ awaterecom@xtra.co.nz

Havelock Town Hall

- ☎ 03 574 2555
- 🏠 61 Main Road, Havelock
- ✉ hcaoffice@havelock.co.nz
- 🌐 www.havelock.co.nz

St Andrews Church and Hall

- ☎ 03 578 7119
- 🏠 5 Henry Street, Blenheim
- ✉ st.andrews.church@xtra.co.nz
- 🌐 www.standrewsblenheim.org.nz

Fairhall Community Hall

- ☎ 03 578 3556
- 🏠 New Renwick Road, Fairhall

Canvastown Memorial Hall

- ☎ 03 574 1407

Homewood War Memorial Hall

- ☎ 03 579 8232
- 🏠 Marys Bay, Pelorus Sound
- ✉ hopai@actrix.co.nz

Ward Town Hall

- ☎ 03 579 2336
- 🏠 SH1 Ward

Beavertown Hall

- ☎ 03 578 1712
- 🏠 Brayshaw Park, Blenheim
- ✉ info@marlboroughmuseum.org.nz

Rapaura School Hall

- ☎ 03 570 5752
- 🏠 349 Hammerichs Road, Rapaura
- ✉ office@rapaura.school.nz

Rarangi Community Centre

- ☎ 027 2575 683
- 🏠 252 Rarangi Beach Road, Rarangi

Renwick Sports & Event Centre

- ☎ 03 572 9688
- 🏠 8 Uxbridge Street, Renwick
- ✉ info@renwickeventscentre.co.nz
- 🌐 www.renwickeventscentre.co.nz

Port Marlborough Pavilion

- ☎ 03 573 5400
- 🏠 Endeavour Park, Picton
- ✉ manager@endeavourparkpicton.co.nz
- 🌐 www.endeavourparkpicton.co.nz

Havelock Sports Pavilion

- ☎ 03 574 2555
- 🏠 Neil Street, Havelock
- ✉ hcaadmin@havelock.co.nz

Tua Marina Hall

- ☎ 03 570 5583
- 🏠 SH1, Tuamarina
- ✉ tuamarinahall@gmail.com

French Pass Hall

- ☎ 03 576 5287
- 🏠 French Pass
- ✉ laurence@steadfastsail.com

