



An example of an eroding hill slope in Marlborough

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Environmental Science & Monitoring

Biosecurity

Reporting period: 26/02/2024 – 28/03/2024

(Report prepared by Liam Falconer and Brent Holms)

Broom and Gorse (E315-003-016, E315-003-005)

Surveillance has been undertaken on eleven properties in the Ure and Upper Wairau control zones. One area in Upper Wairau was found to be non-compliant. Change in land use in this area has meant that changing growing conditions will mean that significantly more control work will need to be undertaken by the occupier of this area.

Kangaroo grass (E315-003-017-01)

The two remaining sites subject to landowner obligations to destroy kangaroo grass were visited. Both properties were deemed compliant.

Maderia vine (E315-003-018-01)

Annual control and surveillance work for the maderia vine programme was carried out across nine sites. No plants were found at these locations. An additional three sites have been visited by Department of Conservation staff with a total of three plants found.

Mediterranean fanworm (E315-003-009-01)

A total of four Mediterranean fanworm have been found in the Waikawa Marina through Council's regular surveillance programme. The fanworms located were found to be reasonably large with a size range of 150mm to 400mm. A response is underway with more dive surveillance work being undertaken and further eDNA sampling also underway.

Mediterranean fanworm has not been located in the marina since 2019 when fanworm was found and removed from a vessel.



Figure1: The mature Mediterranean fanworm located on the sea floor in Waikawa Marina.
Photo Credit: TC Environmental

Moth plant

(E315-003-020-01)

Biosecurity staff completed visits to the remaining active, monitoring and historic moth plant sites over February and March. In total this season, 201 sites were visited with 329 plants destroyed.

Nassella tussock

(E315-003-021-01)

Council biosecurity staff have carried out surveillance for nassella tussock on 45 properties that are not currently part of the active compliance programme. Of these properties, none were determined to have nassella infestations that would require control programmes.

The team is also preparing to begin its annual transect monitoring later in the month.

Parrots feather

(E315-003-022-01)

Parrots feather control and surveillance has been completed for 2024. Several new sites were identified this year, including one substantial patch near the Ōpaoa River bridge. After conducting surveillance downstream, biosecurity staff found several smaller patches which were likely a result of fragments breaking off the main patch. The first round of control work has been undertaken with ongoing monitoring and subsequent operations likely required given how difficult it is to destroy this invasive aquatic plant.



Figure 2: A new patch of parrots feather found while conducting surveillance

Purple loosestrife

(E315-003-024-01)

Biosecurity staff have undertaken 15.5 hours of purple loosestrife control work across eight sites with one site remaining to be visited. A total of 35 plants were destroyed. These numbers are quite low compared to previous years and may be attributable to the dry conditions experienced this summer.

Reed sweet grass

(E315-003-026-01)

Biosecurity staff completed a second round of reed sweet grass control in this period, visiting Ruakanakana Creek and the Wairau drains. In total, 20 litres of herbicide mix was applied.

Rough Horse Tail

(E315-003-028-01)

All active, monitoring, and historical rough horsetail sites were visited last month. In total, biosecurity staff undertook 25.25 hours of control work and destroyed 154 plants.

Saffron thistle

(E315-003-029-01)

One site was visited for a third time by a biosecurity officer while undertaking a nassella inspection at the property next door. One plant was found and destroyed.

Wallabies

(E315-003-033-01)

The combined response to a Wallaby sighting with Nelson City Council in the Rai Saddle area is now complete with 68,000 images captured throughout the area with no sign of Wallabies located. This response is now closed.

An annual training event with the Environment Canterbury Wallaby team was attended by members of the Biosecurity team in March 2024. It provided access to more experience and knowledge to prepare for wallaby responses in Marlborough.



Figure 3: South Island Council wallaby control field trip in the Timaru area.

Environmental Science

(Report prepared by Mike Aviss)

Significant Natural Areas Programme Update

(E310-006-001)

Purpose of Update

To update the Committee on the results of the Significant Natural Areas Programme in April 2024, part way through the 23/24 Financial Year.

The East Coast Vehicle Bylaw continues to generate work in the maintenance/repair of signage and monitoring of its effectiveness at protecting indigenous biodiversity.

Monitoring of fourteen existing sites, and three sites were surveyed.

We assisted landowners with fencing four SNAs, including Hog Swamp.

Weed control in SNAs on ten properties.

Tree planting in SNAs on nine properties.

The new iPad-based SNA database has hugely streamlined the recording of photopoints and monitoring data generally.

Guided botanical walks in Victoria Domain for 130 students from Waikawa Bay School.



Image 1: A senior class from Waikawa Bay School keen to taste the kawakawa leaves picked from beside the track in Victoria Domain.

Environmental Science – Land & Soil

(Report prepared by John Jones)

Contaminated Land

(E355-005-000)

Rai Valley Dump Site

The old Rai Valley Dump site is composed of two distinct areas. The northern section was engineer designed in the mid-80s and is regularly monitored. The southern section is much older, was not engineer designed and is at risk of erosion from the Opouri River. We have been working with the Rivers and Solid Waste teams to form some short-term intervention and a longer term plan to stabilise the area and protect it from erosion.

The Old Gas Works

The old gas works has been monitored and we are contracting a consultant to explore whether there needs to be some remediation works or if the monitoring can be stopped or if monitoring frequency needs to be revisited. Current monitoring shows some elevated levels of contaminants.

Data Harvesting

Working with our data analysts to explore if we can harvest data from our existing contamination reports to find what the reality of contamination is on our sites.

(Report prepared by Jenny Buck)

Hill Country Erosion Fund

(E355-019-004)

The Hill Country Erosion Fund (HCEF) is jointly funded by the Ministry of Primary Industries (MPI) and Marlborough District Council. Marlborough is an erosion prone region, highlighted by a major weather event in 2022 that caused major slips in the Marlborough District. The extensive damage was not all weather related and human behaviour has been a major contributing factor to instability on hill slopes, including the historic clearing of native trees. This project focusses on identifying and treating those hill country areas identified as eroding or the potential to erode.

The HCEF provides assistance, advice and funding for landowners to treat eroding or erosion prone land through the use of space planting of exotic species such as poplars, willows, oaks or eucalypts or the retirement of land for native reversion planting. Climate, existing vegetation and land use are comparatively very different between North and South Marlborough, resulting in different land treatment requirements across the region. The HCEF is prevention focussed, working towards building resilience in the hill country during these weather events, in turn reducing silt and sediment into our waterways. Landowners benefit by retaining their topsoil and improving productivity on the farm.



Image 1: Eucalypt seedlings planted on hill slopes near Lake Grassmere

Last year HCEF delivered:

- 20,157 native plants for erosion control on permanently retired farmland;
- 2,917 poplar and willow poles for space planting on eroding pastoral land;
- 19ha of exotic trees (oaks and dryland eucalypts) for space planting and erosion control woodlot trials on particularly challenging faces; and
- Approx 5kms of retirement fencing permanently excluding stock from unsuitable grazing land.

The programme has so far been supported by approximately 150 landowners across the region with new enquiries coming in for the 2024 planting season this winter. Marlborough is in an official drought and as a result, farmers are delaying any planting or fencing until there has been adequate rainfall. However the survival rate of poplar and willow poles in 2023 has been very good given the exceptionally dry season in their first year of growth.



Image 2: An example of an eroding hill slope in Marlborough

Catchment Management

(Report prepared by Rosanne Homewood)

Catchment Care for At Risk Catchments Programme Update (E355-021-04-06)

Background/Context

The Catchment Care Programme works in partnership with MfE and landowners in four At Risk Catchments in Marlborough (Are Are, Linkwater, Tuamarina and Flaxbourne) to improve water quality. This is done through subsidised riparian fencing, planting and release of dung beetles, as well as the establishment of positive relationships between Council and Landowners to achieve collective outcomes of improved water quality in the catchment.

	Progress at Y4 Q3	Total Project Target
Plants established	28,250	36,450
Riparian/Wetland area planted (Ha)	6.8	4.3
Fencing completed (km)	13.4	24.3

We are currently ahead of schedule for plants established and area planted up, and on target for fencing.



Image 1: a planting completed in Linkwater

Since the last update, the Catchment Care Programme has been involved in delivering the Freshwater Farm Plan introductory meetings. These were held in all four At-Risk Catchments (Are Are, Tuamarina, Linkwater and Flaxbourne) and were undertaken to ensure that landowners were informed and supported with potential upcoming requirements. Whilst there was mixed turnout to the meetings (from over 20 attendees to fewer than five), it was an excellent opportunity to connect with landowners and promote the Catchment Care Programme and the information available on the Marlborough Rural Hub. It was also an opportunity to ensure that misinformation was corrected and a chance for landowners to ask questions and raise concerns. The development of CCCVs (catchment context challenges and values) as part of the Freshwater Farm Plan framework for each of these catchments is also proving a useful way of creating a Catchment Enhancement Plan, with key areas of focus for each catchment highlighted.

There have been three dung beetle releases completed in Flaxbourne, with landowners receiving their final instalment of beetles, and we have begun the process of developing a dung beetle monitoring protocol to be used across both Catchment Care and Te Hoiere projects. The Are Are Sedimentation and Erosion report has now been completed and we are in the process of delivering this to the landowners in the Are Are Catchment.

Fencing has been delayed across the catchments, due to the excessively dry conditions which have meant that putting fence posts in has been postponed until the ground is more accessible. This, along with the continued drought conditions, have also delayed all plantings under the programme, in the interest of ensuring that plants have the best chance of survival. Despite this, all landowners are still confident that their fencing will be done before the end of Year 4 and they are still on board with getting their planting done. This is very positive, in the current climate and the challenges facing many of the landowners. However, if drought conditions continue, some of this work may spill over into Year 5.

A final positive has been that we have had some new landowners engage with the Catchment Care Programme, from asking for advice or mapping support and getting their waterways maps, to doing fencing and planting under the programme's support. Despite the programme being in its fourth year, there are still landowners that are engaging now, either due to changes in circumstances or due to the development of positive relationships with the Land and Water team/Catchment Care team at Council.



Image 2: Freshwater Farm Plan meeting in Linkwater Catchment

Next steps

Work intended for the remainder of Year 4.

	Upcoming work planned for Y4 Q4
Plants	12000
Riparian/Wetland area planted (Ha)	4
Fencing (km)	4

Environmental Science - Hydrology

(Report prepared by Charlotte Tomlinson)

Water Resources Update February 2024

(E320-001-001)

Executive Summary

Blenheim is now in the ninth month of below-average rainfall, with 206.8 mm recorded from June 2023 to February 2024. This is the lowest rainfall total for this nine-month period in 94 years (1930-2024).

Summer 2023/24 is also setting records. Blenheim recorded 32.8 mm of rainfall this summer, the second lowest summer rainfall total in 94 years. The lowest summer rainfall total of 27.2 mm was recorded during the notable 2000-01 drought. Summer 2023/24 has also recorded the largest summer water deficit on record, with a potential water deficit of -422.9 mm (records begin in 1996).

While some areas recorded close to average rainfall in December, January and February rainfall have been well below average throughout the region. Marlborough generally only needs 6-8 weeks of dry weather to cause water shortage issues, which we are now seeing particularly to the south of the region. Total summer rainfall was below 50% of average on the Wairau Plains, as well as in the Wairau Valley, Waihopai, Rarangi, Taylor Pass, Awatere Valley, Seddon, Flaxbourne, and the Molesworth.

Water restrictions have been generally moderate through summer, with small amounts of rainfall arriving at opportune times to delay full restrictions on the largest rivers in Marlborough. In the Awatere, there have been 28 days of Class B restrictions this irrigation season (to the end of February), while Class A has been restricted to 80% of full use for seven days this season. The Wairau River Class A has remained unrestricted through summer this irrigation season.

Shallow soil moisture remains very low in Blenheim, with an average of 15.1% for February. This is well below the long-term average of 18.9%. The national soil moisture maps show large parts of Marlborough have extremely dry soils, and "extremely drier than normal" soils are present in parts of the Marlborough Sounds and large parts of the Wairau and Awatere Valleys.

The first week of March will bring some rain to Marlborough, but likely not enough to ease the long-term soil moisture deficit. Although the El Niño Southern Oscillation (ENSO) is expected to return to neutral by the end of autumn, El Niño conditions will continue as the atmosphere catches up with ocean conditions. From mid-March into April, dry conditions are expected to continue in the region, along with more north-westerly winds than average.

Climate

February was filled with warm days and cool nights, with a higher than average daily temperature variation of 12.7°C. The mean temperature in Blenheim was 18.0°C, which is 0.1°C above the long-term average. The 6 February was the hottest day of the month, recording 38.4°C in the Upper Clarence, 37.8°C in the Awatere Valley at Awapiri, and 32.3°C in Blenheim.

Blenheim recorded 287.4 sunshine hours, making February 2024 the seventh sunniest on record in the 94 years 1930 to 2024.

Rainfall

Blenheim at the Marlborough Research Centre recorded 12.6 mm of rainfall in February, bringing the summer rainfall total to 32.8 mm, which is just 24% of the long-term average. This is the second lowest summer rainfall total for Blenheim in 94 years (1930-2024). The lowest summer rainfall total of 27.2 mm was recorded during the notable drought of 2000-01.

Low rainfall coupled with high evapotranspiration (see Figure 1) led to summer 2023/24 having the largest summer water deficit on record (records begin in 1996). The potential water deficit in Blenheim was -422.9 mm for summer 2023/24, which is 156% of the long-term average. In comparison, the 2000-01 drought recorded a potential water deficit of -392.9 mm in Blenheim (see Table 1 below).



Figure 1: Monthly rainfall and evapotranspiration in Blenheim (Marlborough Research Centre) for the 2023-24 hydrological year, compared to average monthly totals.

Table 1: Rainfall, potential evapotranspiration, and potential water deficit in Blenheim for three notably dry summers: 2023/24, 2014/15, and 2000/01.

Summer	Rainfall (mm)	Penman Evapotranspiration (mm)	Potential water deficit (mm)
2023/24	33.4	456.3	-422.9
2014/15	51.4	387.5	-336.1
2000/01	27.2	420.1	-392.9

Of note for Blenheim are the extended dry conditions - all 9 months from June 2023 to February 2024 have recorded lower than average rainfall. Total rainfall in Blenheim for this nine month period was 206.8 mm, only 42% of the long-term average of 495.6 mm. This is the lowest rainfall total for the June to February period in 94 years (1930-2024).

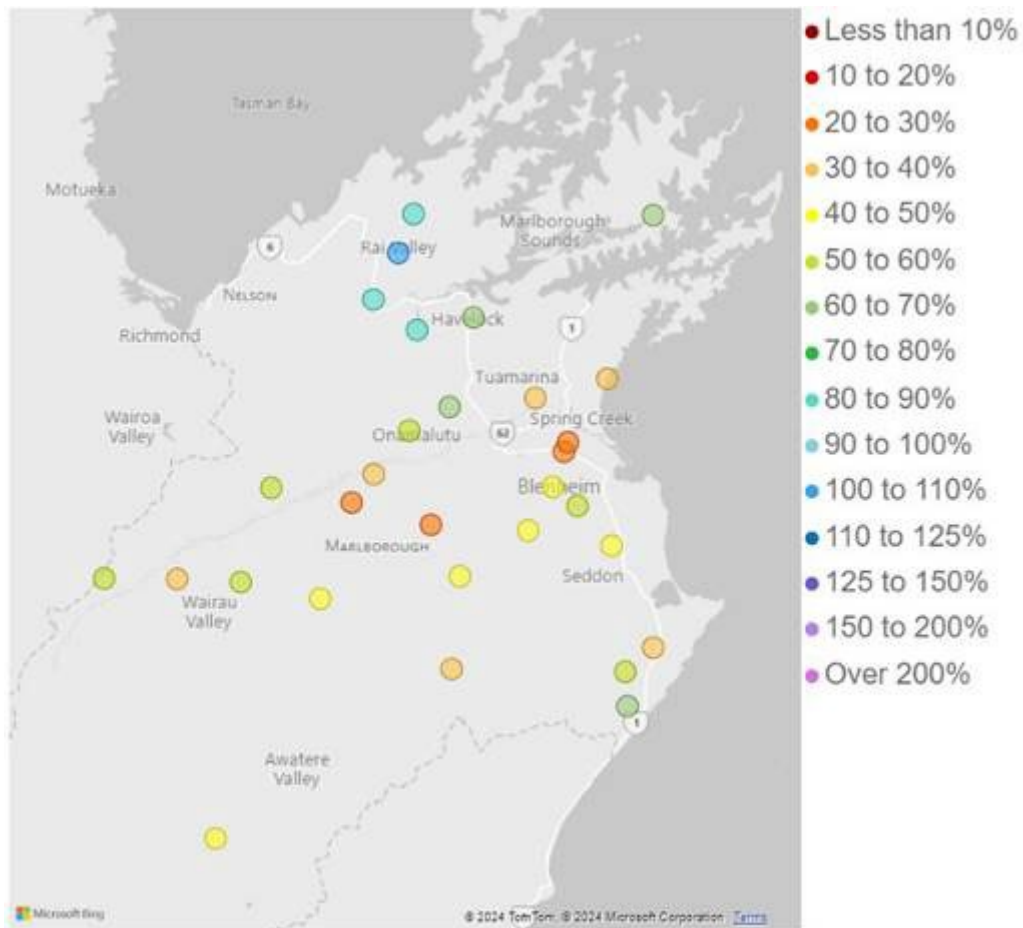


Figure 2: Summer 2023/24 rainfall at monitoring sites around Marlborough, as a percentage of average summer rainfall.

The map above (Figure 2) shows summer rainfall for monitoring sites around the region, as a percentage of average summer rainfall. The lowest rainfall areas are the lower Wairau Plains and the lower Waihopai Valley, with between 20-30% of average summer rainfall. Areas with less than 50% of average summer rainfall include the Branch catchment, the mid-Wairau Valley, Rarangi, Taylor Pass, the Awatere Valley, Flaxbourne area, and the Molesworth. The Te Hoiere/Pelorus area has received between 80-100% of average summer rainfall.

Figure 3 shows monthly rainfall from July 2023 onwards at four key sites in Southern Marlborough, compared to monthly averages. All four sites have recorded lower than average monthly rainfall throughout the summer months. As previously mentioned, Blenheim at the Research Centre has recorded the second lowest summer rainfall total in 94 years (1930-2024), and the rainfall site at the MDC office recorded a similar summer rainfall total of 29 mm. Also of note is the Branch at Branch Recorder site which has received 100 mm of rainfall in summer 2023/24, the lowest summer rainfall total since the site was established in 1974. Interestingly, the majority of this rainfall was recorded in December (90 mm), with the last two months recording just 10 mm of rain at the site.

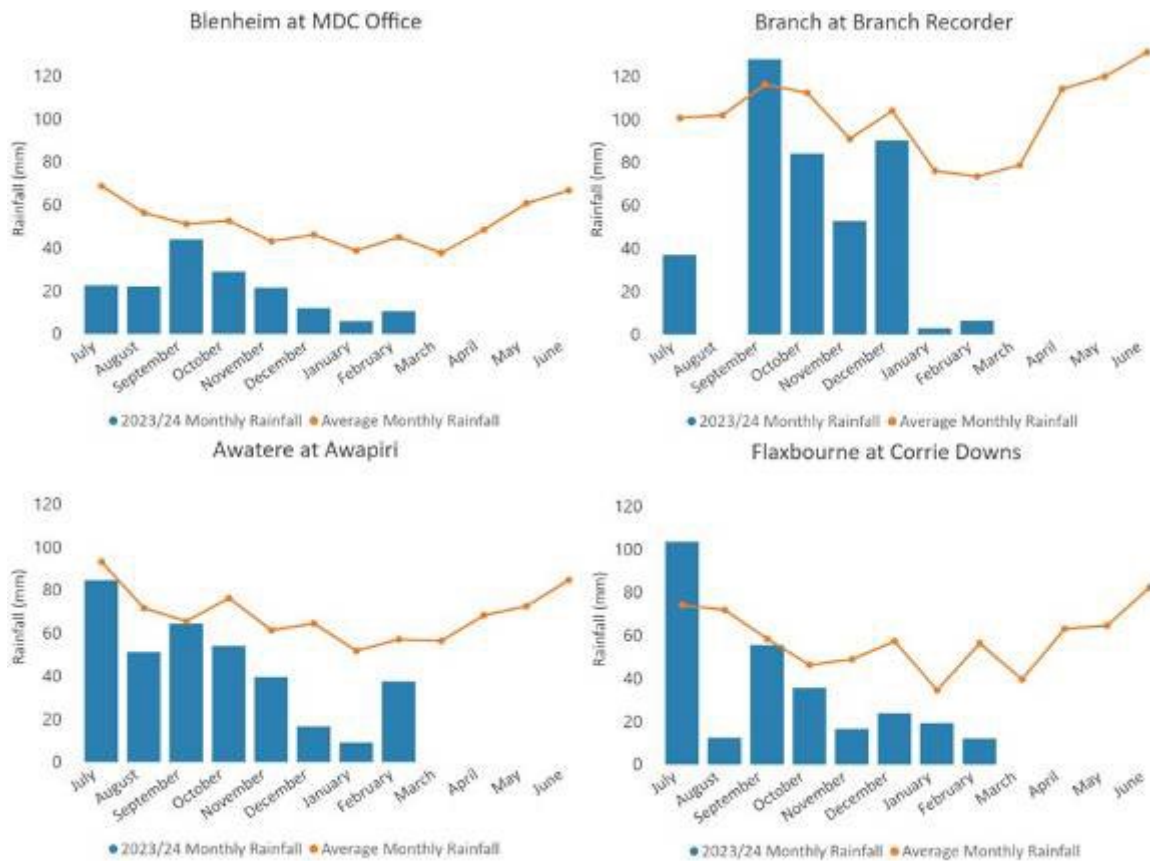


Figure 3: Monthly rainfall totals for the 2023-24 hydrological year from four key sites around Southern Marlborough, compared to average monthly rainfall totals.

Figure 4 shows monthly rainfall from July 2023 onwards at 4 key sites in Northern Marlborough, compared to monthly averages. The Tunakino/Rai Valley area received above average rainfall in December 2023, although rainfall so far in 2024 has been well below average. Top Valley on the northbank of the Wairau catchment has recorded 201 mm of rainfall for summer 2023/24, which puts it in the driest 10% of summers since the site was established in 1985.

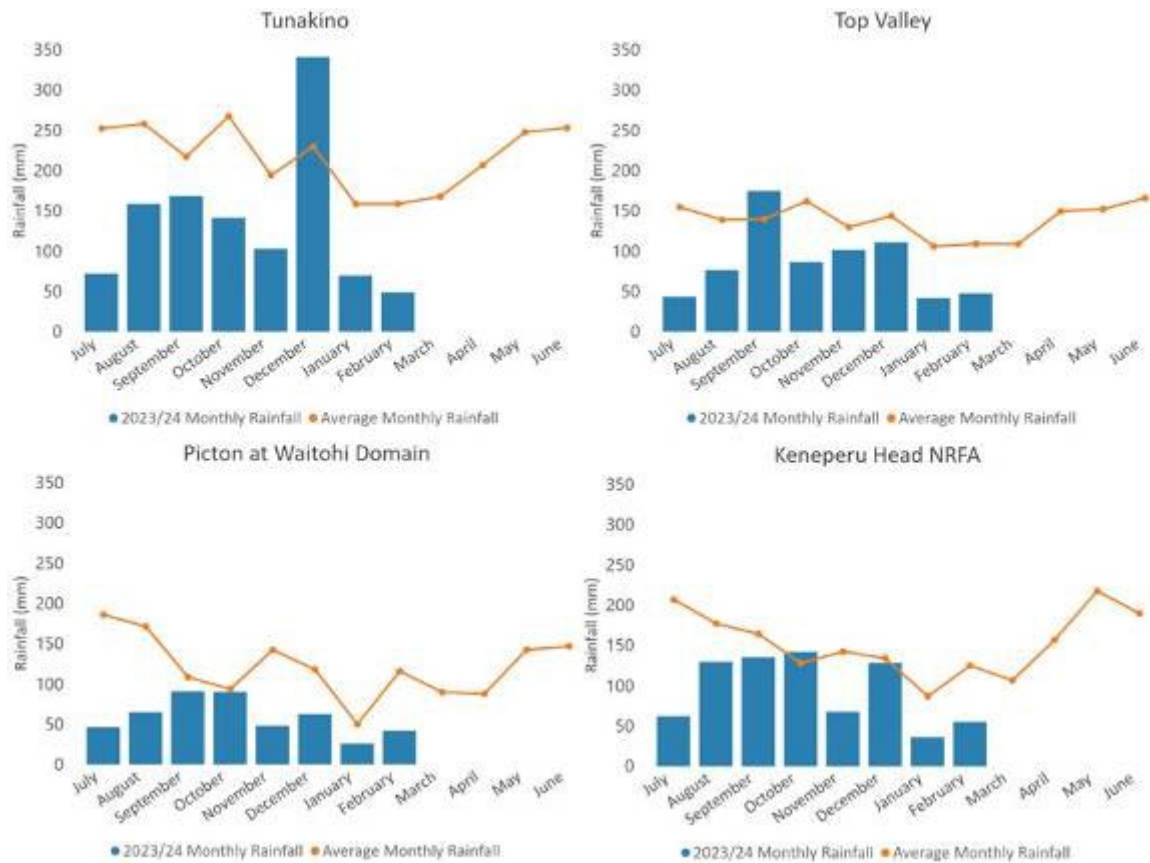


Figure 4: Monthly rainfall totals for the 2023-24 hydrological year from four key sites around Northern Marlborough, compared to average monthly rainfall totals. Note the adjusted scale when compared with the graphs in Figure 3 above.

A full list of monthly rainfall totals for the 2023/24 hydrological year at all rainfall monitoring sites can be found in Table 2.

Table 2: Monthly rainfall totals (mm) for the 2023-24 hydrological year at monitoring sites in Marlborough.

Site	July	August	September	October	November	December	January	February
Awatere at Awapiri	85	51	64	54	40	17	9	38
Awatere Glenbrae NRFA	44	18	53	48	20	24	16	12
Beneagle at Farm Stream	49		59	44	31	42	12	21
Blenheim at MDC Office	23	22	44	29	22	12	6	11
Branch at Branch Recorder	37		128	84	53	90	3	7
Branch at Mt Morris	34	70	215	188	106	176	74	54
Flaxbourne at Corrie Downs	104	12	56	36	17	24	19	12
Kaituna Rainfall at Higgins Bridge	41	76	116	121	45	104	39	42
Kenepuru Head NRFA	62	130	135	142	68	128	36	55
Koromiko NRFA	46	79	117	103	53	76	47	32
Lake Elterwater Climate	97	12	59	39	20	30	17	17
Lansdowne NRFA	46	64	80	45	42	18	14	22
Malings	56	101	227	239	59	129	81	98
Mid Awatere Valley NRFA	39	38	50	37	28	21	5	26
Molesworth NRFA	41	38	72	62	35	15	18	42
Omaka at Ramshead Saddle	44	52	72	50	58	52	14	29
Onamalutu at Bartletts Creek Saddle	68	156	175	104	58	89	41	36
Onamalutu at Hilltop Road NRFA	48	96	175	119	53	126	53	40
Picton Climate at Waitohi Domain	46	65	91	90	48	63	26	42
Pudding Hill NRFA	54	39	77	81	47	16	27	48
Rai at Rai Falls	44	119	234	183	102	273	70	47
Rai Valley NRFA	50	128	180	163	101	312	67	37
Rarangi at Driving Range	31	52	63	71	24	18	26	17
Red Hills	36	49	161	113	79	90	62	54
St Arnaud NRFA	57	70	120	125	97	146	79	65
Taylor at Taylor Pass Landfill	40	27	47	39	25	21	14	20
Taylor at Tinpot	85	48	112	58	49	49	14	23
Te Rapa	174	19	84	55	53	52	43	60
Top Valley at Staircase Ridge	43	77	175	87	102	111	42	48
Tor Darroch NRFA	47	61	114	100	89	71	52	38
Tunakino	72	159	169	142	103	341	70	49
Upper Clarence NRFA	106	31	50	37	49	10	6	36
Waihopai at Craiglochart	26	55	60	38	56	13	12	14
Waihopai at Spray Confluence	38	65	101	58	75	35	28	22
Waikakaho	49	57	73	71	35	32	24	20
Waikawa at Boons Valley	61	69	124	109	82			
Wairau Valley at Southwold	51	75	80	48	42	27	17	19
Wakamarina at Twin Falls	44	104	176	198	95	205	78	63
Ward NRFA	136	18	55	41	26	31	24	32
Wye at Charlies Rest	35	68	113	83	68	53	24	34

River Flows

After a summer of low rainfall, even the most resilient of river systems are now impacted by the ongoing dry conditions. The Wairau River at Tuamarina had a mean flow of about 19 m³/s in February, compared to an average of 52 m³/s. The rivers in the north-east (Pelorus, Rai) are now sitting at 25% of their long-term mean February flows after a dry January and February. The Awatere River at Awapiri had an average flow of just under 2.5 m³/s in February, which is 29% of the long-term February average. A full summary of river flows for February 2024 can be seen below in Table 3.

Table 3: A summary of river flows in Marlborough for February 2024.

Site Name	February Mean Flow (m3/s)	February Long-Term Mean Flow (m3/s)	% of long-term mean	Flow Record Begins	Catchment Area (km2)
Rai River at Rai Falls	1.70	6.97	24	1979	211
Pelorus River at Bryants	2.98	12.23	24	1977	375
Kaituna River at Higgins Bridge	0.49	1.91	26	1989	135
Branch River at Weir Intake	5.28	16.51	32	1958	551
Goulter River at Horseshoe Bend	1.70	5.70	30	2010	154
Waihopai River at Craiglochart	2.23	7.85	28	1960	745
Ohinemahuta River at Domain	0.03	0.78	4	2013	33
Are Are Creek at Kaituna Tuamarina Track	0.11	0.29	39	2007	32
Tuamarina River at Para Road	0.23	0.80	28	2004	100
Wairau River at Tuamarina	18.70	51.77	36	1960	3430
Omaka River at Gorge	0.15	0.56	27	1993	91
Taylor River at Borough Weir	0.02	0.18	9	1961	65
Flaxbourne River at Corrie Downs	0.01	0.13	9	2003	71
Awatere River at Awapiri	2.48	8.46	29	1977	983

Baseflow in the Awatere River continued to track in the lower quartile through February. A small fresh on the 2 February saw restrictions briefly lifted, although full Class B restrictions began again on the sixth. Class A water users were rationed to 80% of their total daily allowance for a week from the 21 February, in order to maintain the environmental flow of 2 m³/s at the river mouth. Two minor freshes in the river at the end of the month again saw Class B restrictions briefly lifted. Class B restrictions have been in place for 28 days this irrigation season (to the end of February).

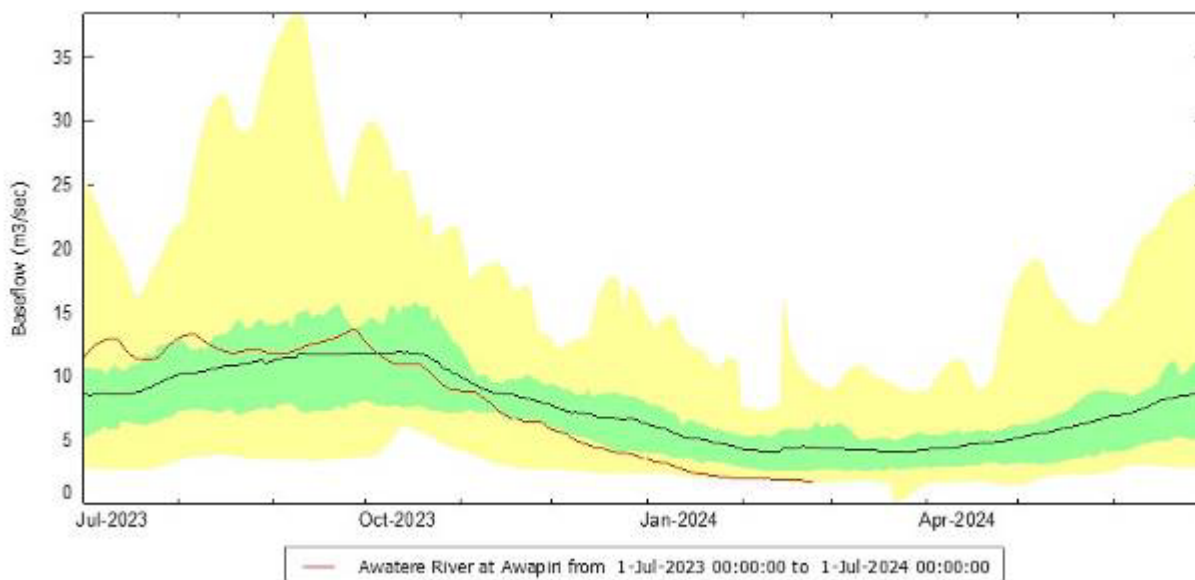


Figure 5: Awatere River at Awapiri baseflow, from 1 July 2023 to 30 June 2024. The black line is average baseflow and the red line is the 2023/24 baseflow. The green section is the middle 50% of data and the yellow sections show the upper and lower quartiles.

The Waihopai River at Craiglochart baseflow receded into the lower quartile in February. A small fresh at the start of the month delayed Class B restrictions somewhat, which came into effect mid-month. Small amounts of rainfall briefly lifted Class B restrictions towards the end of the month. Class B restrictions have been in effect for 13 days this irrigation season (to the end of February).

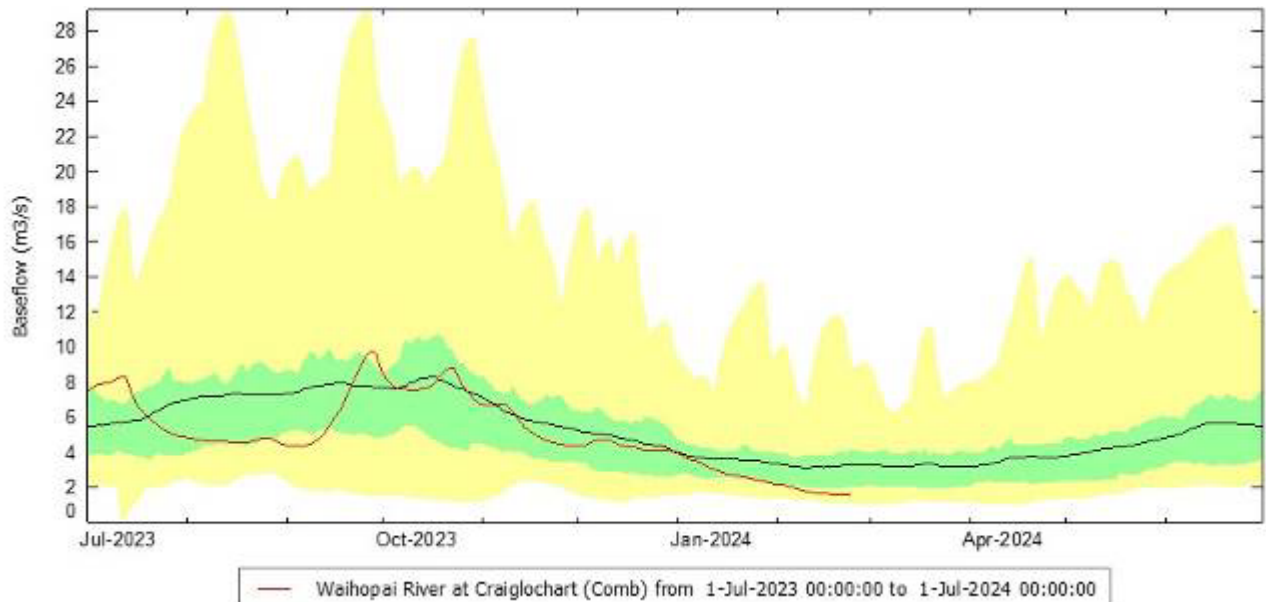


Figure 6: Waihopai River at Craiglochart baseflow, from 1 July 2023 to 30 June 2024. The black line is average baseflow and the red line is the 2023/24 baseflow. The green section is the middle 50% of data and the yellow sections show the upper and lower quartiles.

Baseflow in the Wairau River at Tuamarina has receded into the lower quartile in February, although a small fresh at the start of the month delayed water restrictions somewhat. Class B water users were restricted from taking water from about mid-February onwards. While mean daily flow declined throughout the month, and looked to be approaching 8 m³/s, Class A restrictions did not eventuate in February due to small rain events in the catchment.

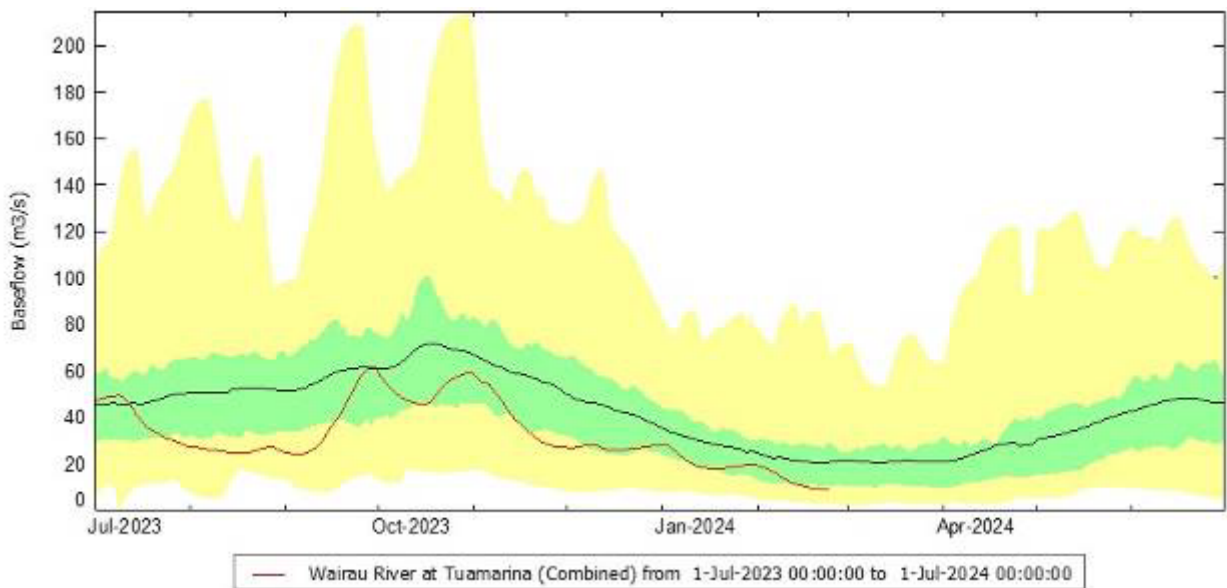


Figure 7: Wairau River at Tuamarina baseflow, from 1 July 2023 to 30 June 2024. The black line is average baseflow and the red line is the 2023/24 baseflow. The green section is the middle 50% of data and the yellow sections show the upper and lower quartiles.

After a small rain event in early February, flow in the Rai River continued to decline through February, with baseflow nearing the lower quartile. Class B consent holders were restricted from taking water from about mid-month. A small rain event in the last week of the month saw flows lift slightly, allowing Class B users a few more days of water use at the end of the month.

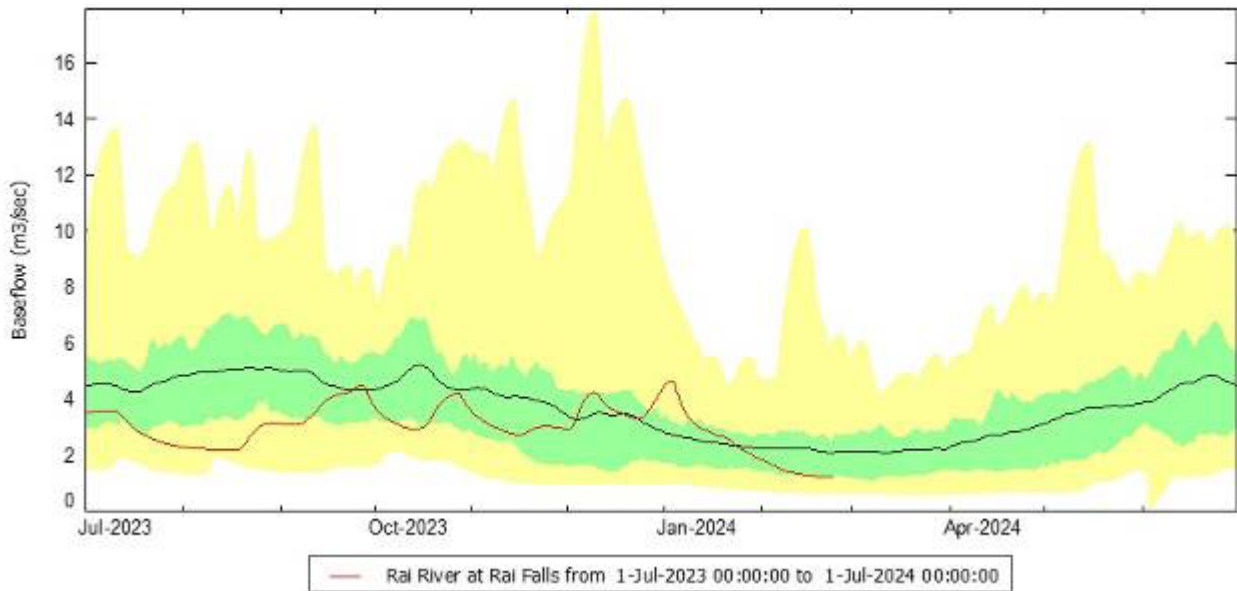


Figure 8: Rai River at Rai Falls baseflow, from 1 July 2023 to 30 June 2024. The black line is average baseflow and the red line is the 2023/24 baseflow. The green section is the middle 50% of data and the yellow sections show the upper and lower quartiles.

Soil Moisture

Average shallow soil moisture at Grovetown Park was 15.1% in February, well below the long-term average of 18.9%. Minimum moisture for topsoil is about 14%, meaning soils were about as dry as possible in February.

The 10 mm of rainfall on the 2 February raised the soil moisture just one percent, from 14.6 to 15.7% (see Figure 9 below).



Figure 9: Shallow soil moisture at the Marlborough Research Centre (Blenheim) from 1 July 2023 to 29 February 2024.

The soil moisture deficit maps from NIWA (Figure 10) show large parts of Marlborough have extremely dry soils (no water available for uptake by plants), which is consistent with local data. Marlborough, alongside parts of the Wairarapa, Canterbury, Otago and Northland look to have the driest soils as of late February.

The soil moisture anomaly map (Figure 11) shows how much wetter or drier current soil moisture is than normal. Soils are “extremely drier than normal” in the area shown in dark orange, including the Marlborough Sounds and large parts of the Wairau and Awatere Valleys.

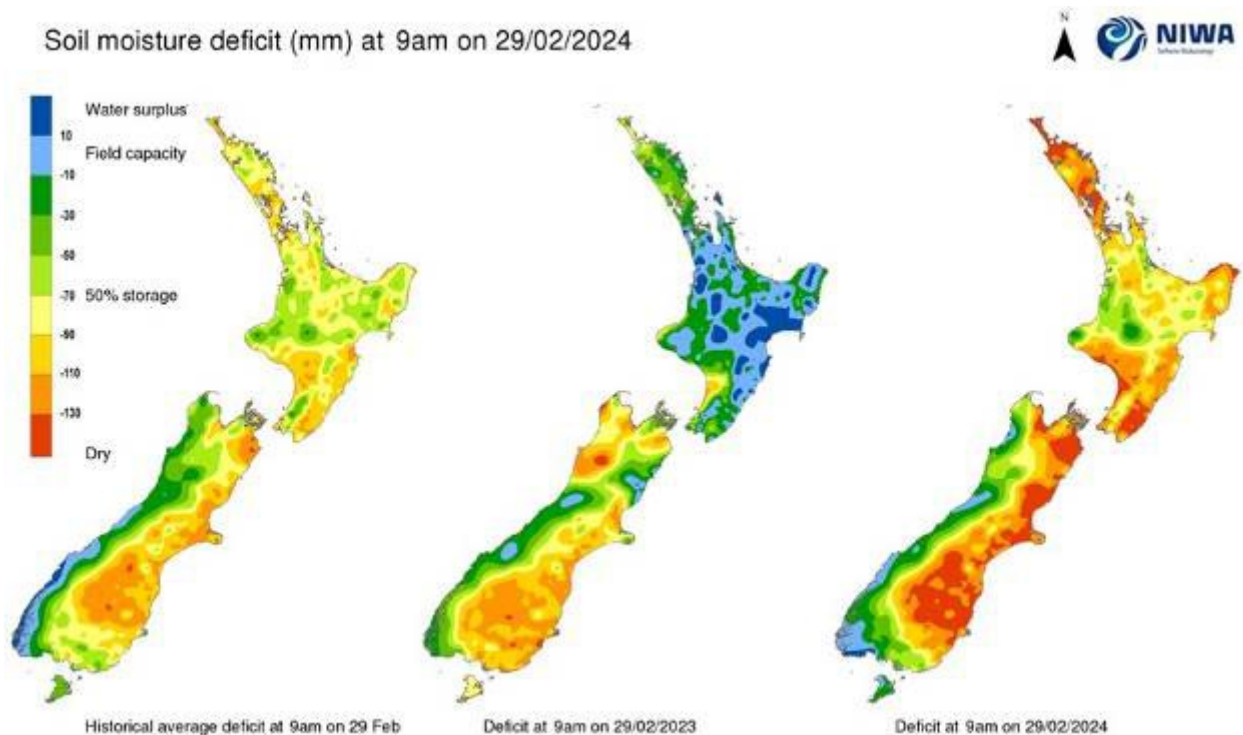


Figure 10: Soil moisture deficit maps of New Zealand, retrieved from NIWA on 29 February 2024.

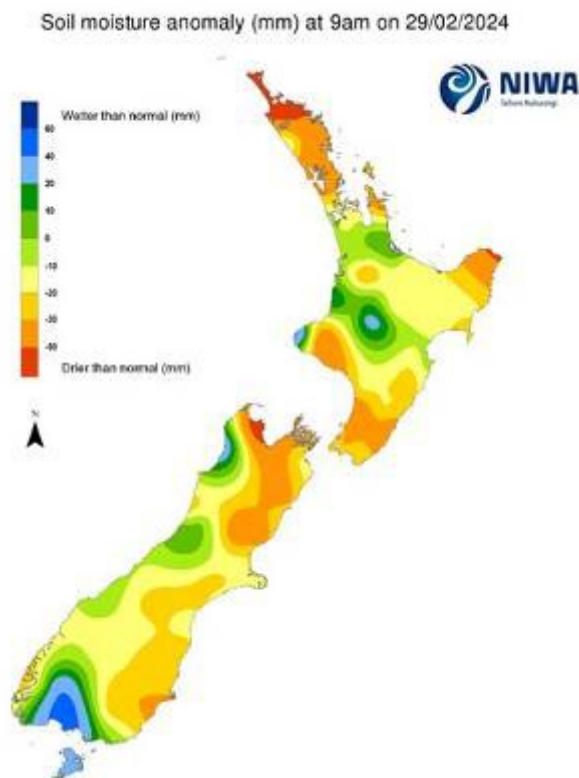


Figure 11: Soil moisture anomaly map of New Zealand, retrieved from NIWA 29 February 2024.

Climate Outlook March to May 2024

The first week of March will bring some rain to Marlborough, but likely not enough to ease the long-term soil moisture deficit. A cold spell in early March may also bring strong winds to the region. Dry conditions are expected in eastern areas (including Marlborough) for the rest of March and into April.

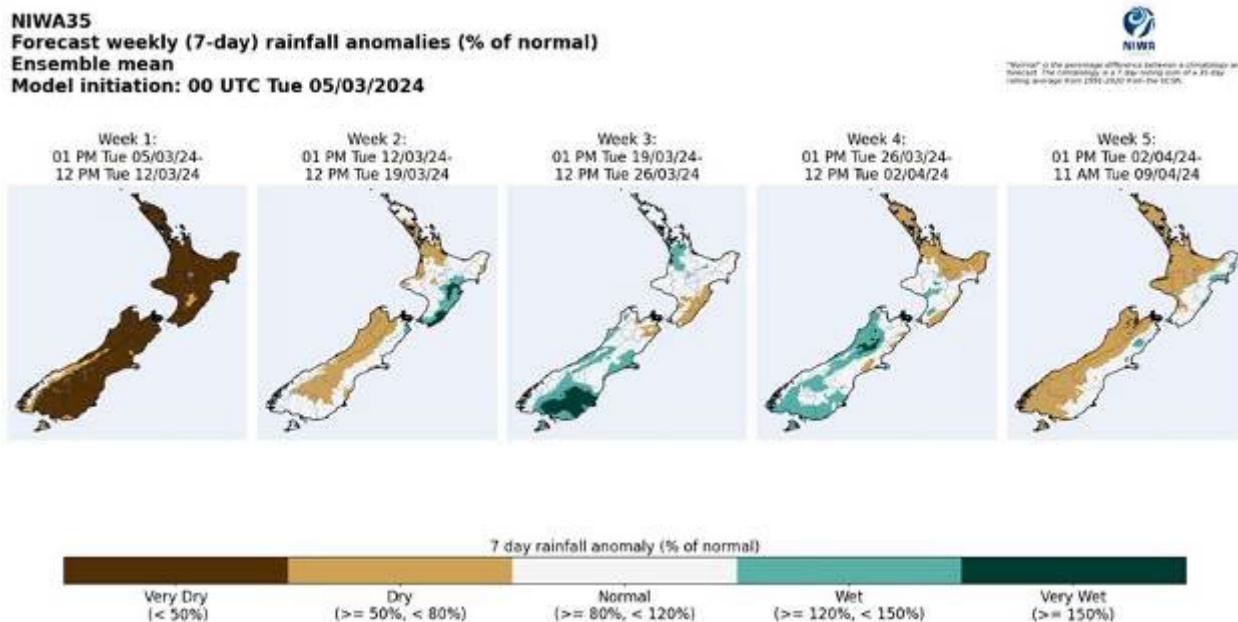


Figure 12: Marlborough/Nelson/Tasman weekly forecasted rainfall anomalies from the 5 March to the 9 April. Retrieved from NIWA on the 7 March 2024.

El Niño conditions in the central Pacific Ocean peaked in December, with the El Niño Southern Oscillation (ENSO) expected to return to neutral conditions by the end of autumn. The ocean-atmosphere lag means El Niño conditions are likely to continue through autumn, with more north-westerly winds than average forecasted through the season.

The Madden-Julian Oscillation is forecast to return to the Southwest Pacific around mid-March, leading to increase chances of tropical cyclone activity. Although New Zealand has normal to reduced risk for ex-tropical cyclones as a whole this season, increased awareness of possible tropical cyclone activity is encouraged.

The predictions for Marlborough/Tasman from March to May are:

- 🌡️ Temperature – equally likely to be average or above average
- ☁️ Rainfall – near average (45% chance)
- 🌱 Soil Moisture – below average (50% chance)
- 🌊 River Flows – equally likely to be below average or average

Environmental Science – Surface Water Quality

(Reports prepared by Steffi Henkel)

Recreational Water Quality and Toxic Algae Update (E370-005-001)

The weekly monitoring of recreational river and coastal sites concluded at the end of March, with the final samples collected in the week before Easter. A report card summarising the results from this summer season is scheduled to be presented at the Environment Committee meeting.

Although toxic algae monitoring is part of the recreational monitoring programme, media releases and public updates regarding toxic algae will continue beyond the usual programme end. During a drift dive in the

Wairau River as part of a fish survey, patches with significant amounts of toxic algae were discovered. These algae can be lethal for dogs and can also cause symptoms in humans, such as skin irritations and nausea.

Thanks to the exceptional work of the Council's communications team, Juliet Gibbons and Glyn Walters, a media release was promptly issued to the public on the day before Easter ([link](#)). While the media release was specific to the Wairau River, it's important to note that toxic algae can be present in other streams not monitored by the Council.

A reminder to the public to remain vigilant about toxic algae will be included in the next weekly Council page.

The MDC website features a dedicated toxic algae webpage containing a video and pictures to aid in identifying the algae: <https://www.marlborough.govt.nz/recreation/swimming-and-boating/toxic-algae>.

Fortunately, toxic algae warning signs were able to be removed from the two monitoring sites that had significant toxic algae cover earlier in the season: Rai Falls and the Omaka River at the Lions Reserve.

LAWA Website Report

(E375-016-006)

LAWA (www.LAWA.org.nz) serves as the data portal for the State of the Environment for unitary and regional councils. The website offers data for various environmental domains, including river health, recreational water quality, river flows, rainfall data, groundwater quality, estuary health, air quality, and land cover.

This year, the team managing the LAWA portal has compiled regional reports on website usage.

Webpages relating to the Marlborough region had almost 4,000 views, with a noticeable increase in usage during the summer months (see Figure 3). This trend is not unique to Marlborough, as nationally, the most visited sites were those related to recreational water quality and general river water quality.

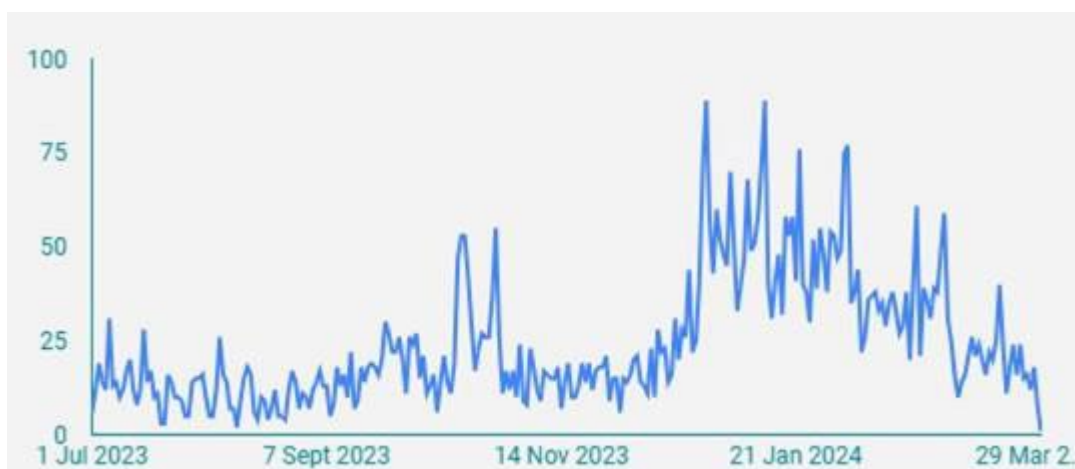


Figure 3: Visitors to LAWA webpages relating to content from the Marlborough region between July 2023 and March 2024.

In Marlborough, the site of greatest interest was the Wairau River at the State Highway 1 bridge (at Tuamarina), with 1,096 views, followed by the Waihopai River at Craiglochart (597 views) and the Branch River at Weir Intake (561 views).

Other monitoring sites in the top 10 included the Blenheim Air Quality site and Governors Bay in the Queen Charlotte Sound/Tōtaranui.

Interestingly, the majority of visitors to the Marlborough LAWA webpages were from outside of the region, mainly from Auckland and Christchurch. Regional residents comprised the fourth-largest group of visitors.

Most visitors accessed the LAWA website via search engines, such as Google, or through direct links (Favourites). Links on the MDC website ranked fourth in terms of usage.

Lake Monitoring Update

(E375-003-001)

On March 6, 2024, monitoring officers Darren Rooney and Mark Caldwell successfully conducted monitoring activities at remote lakes in the region. For the first time, the monitoring included Lake Chalice, situated on the Northbank of the Wairau River.



Figure 4: Remote Lake monitoring in March 2024.

The team rowed out into the deep parts of the lakes to gather depth profiles of various parameters, including temperature, dissolved oxygen, and chlorophyll-a. Additionally, they collected water samples for analysis by Hill Laboratories and the Cawthron Institute.

Another crucial task involved retrieving aquatic plant material for identification. Identifying the predominance of invasive or native aquatic plant species is a mandatory aspect for reporting lake health under the National Policy Statement for Freshwater Management. Fortunately, all plant material collected from the remote lakes consisted of native species.

The results of this monitoring will be published later this year as part of a regional Lake Health Monitoring Report.

River and Stream Monitoring Update

(E375-003-001)

Summer marks the period when macroinvertebrate samples are collected from rivers and streams across the region. Macroinvertebrates are small aquatic animals that are visible to the naked eye. They include aquatic insects, snails, and crustaceans, and offer valuable insights into general river health due to their continuous presence in waterways.

Macroinvertebrate species are assigned sensitivity scores based on their susceptibility to pollution. These scores, combined with species abundance, contribute to an overall "Macroinvertebrate Community Score" (MCI), typically ranging between 60 and 140, with scores above 110 indicating good stream health.

Macroinvertebrates are sampled at almost all of the 54 sites monitored monthly for water quality, excluding those naturally dominated by soft sediment, which host a different macroinvertebrate community. Additionally, a small number of extra sites with prior monitoring records, not meeting monthly monitoring criteria, are also monitored.

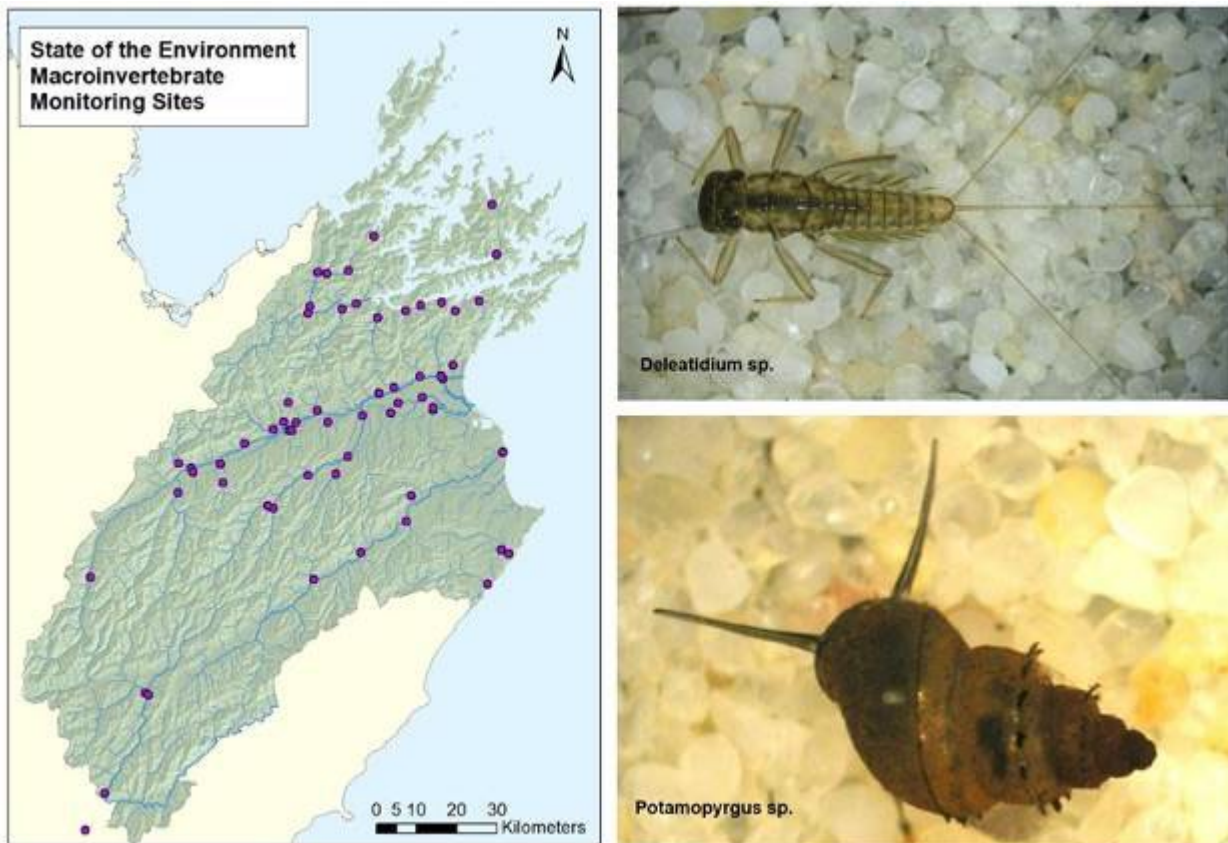


Figure 5: Location of Macroinvertebrate monitoring sites and two common macroinvertebrates found in rivers and stream.

Results of macroinvertebrate sampling are reported alongside monthly water quality monitoring in triennial State of the Environment reports. The most recent report was released last year and is available on the council website ([River Health SoE Report](#)).

Council employs a sampling methodology recommended by Dr John Stark, the original developer of the MCI score.

Macroinvertebrate monitoring is also mandated under the National Policy Statement for Freshwater Management (NPS-FM), necessitating a more time-intensive sampling methodology. Due to resource constraints and the extensive number of sites, the NPS-FM compliant methodology is applied to select sites to enable national-level reporting.

While most sites have now been sampled, the dry conditions have led to several sites experiencing no surface flow. Sampling will resume once adequate rainfall restores surface flows at these remaining sites.

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**Minutes for Meeting of the
Sounds Advisory Group
held at the Port Marlborough Pavilion, Waikawa Road,
Picton on Monday, 18 March 2024
commencing at 10.00 am.**

Present: Cllr Faulks, Cllr Innes, Cllr Minehan, Moneen Wedge (Queen Charlotte Sound), Vic Koller (Moetapu Bay), Wayne Boustridge (Te Whanganui/Port Underwood), John Cretney (Cissy Bay), Tim Greenhough (Okiwi Bay), George Shallcross (Chair, Top of The South Wood Council), Steve Murrin (Marlborough Roads), Shon Emerson (Kaiuma Bay), Lynley Perkins (Central Pelorus/Te Hoiere), with Kevin Bright (Kenepuru & Central Sounds Residents Association).

MDC Staff Attending: Alan Johnson (Environmental Science & Monitoring Manager), Dr Sarah Pearson and Clemetine Rankin (Strategic Planners), Captain Jake Oliver (Harbourmaster), Captain James Oliver (Deputy Harbourmaster) and in attendance, Bernadette Brooklands (Secretary).

1. Welcome and Introductions

Cllr Faulks welcomed attendees and introduced Kevin Bright from the Kenepuru & Central Sounds Residents Association.

Apologies

Dave Hayes (DOC), Rawinia Puna (French Pass), Ross Withell (Kenepuru & Central Sounds - Kevin Bright from Kenepuru & Central Sounds Residents Association attending in his place), Katie Littlewood (Principal Coastal Scientist), Jorgia McMillan (Coastal Scientist), Dick Kearsley (Cissy Bay), Eric Jorgensen (Sustainable Seas), Poneke Rene (Rangitoto ki te Tonga/D'Urville Island), Heather Graham (MDC Small Townships Projects Coordinator), Cllr Burgess, Te Atiawa Manawhenua Ki Te Tau Ihu Trust and Ned Wells (MFA).

Due to no Teams link for this hui, Vikki Ambrose (MPI) and Emma Hopkinson-Young (Outer Pelorus) are apologies.

2. Confirmation of minutes 27 November 2023 – previously emailed to members.

The minutes of 27 November were taken as read.
Cllr Faulks moved / Tim Greenhough – carried.

3. Actions from the previous meeting.

Action	Person Responsible	Outcome
1 Portage update (ongoing item).	Cllr Faulks	Enquire with the Compliance Manager and email comments to team
2 Eric to speak with Ned Wells from MFA about commercial fishery membership involvement rather than Fisheries.	Eric Jorgensen / Ned Wells	Ongoing Apologies today
3 Are boats required to have a limited decimal level.	Captain Oliver.	Ongoing Captain Oliver has emailed MNZ and is awaiting a response
4 Provide Cllr Faulks with the community meeting schedule.	Cllr Faulks / Rawinia Puna	Ongoing
5 Cllr Faulks to speak to Dean Heiford regarding further water taxi subsidies for Kenepuru Sounds businesses.	Cllr Faulks	Completed Water taxi subsidy is still available

4. **Update on the National Policy Statement for Fresh Water Management** (Dr Sarah Pearson and Clementine Rankin, Strategic Planners, MDC). **See Appendix 1**

- Dr Pearson presented her update on the freshwater management plan due to be changed by Central Government.
- Marlborough already has a new modern plan that gives effect to many of the requirements of the NPSFM as the plan was notified in 2016 and has since been going through hearings, appeals and mediation. Therefore, it gives effect to the 2014 and 2017 version of the NPSFM.
- Many other council's plans were developed in the late 1990's after the RMA came out and have not been updated since, so they are very outdated.
- The MEP water provisions (objectives, policies, rules and methods) are now what we call operative and need to be complied with.
- As such there is not a desperate need to update them, they are already providing better environmental protection and direction to our region on managing freshwater resources and what activities can be done.
- They are also certain, as such we do not have a strong need to rush to do a plan change and we can wait until the replacement NPSFM comes out in 2026.
- The farm plan regulations have not been changed by the Government however the official order from the Government will not come into effect until next year.
- Please advise your community groups to connect with feedback to Council on this matter.

Questions/Answers

- With climate change the summers are getting drier however it is property owners' responsibility to use water tanks to store water.

Attendance: 10.40 am Cllr Innes and Steve Murrin joined the hui.

Attendance: 10.52 am Dr Pearson and Clementine Rankin left the hui.

5. **Marlborough Roads Recovery Update** (Steve Murrin, Manager Marlborough Roads)

To check the status of a road before you travel, please visit the [Civil Defence Emergency Map](#).

- **Funding** - Business Case has been endorsed by NZTA. Consultation about to commence on how Council will raise their share. **See Appendix 2 for media release and community meeting date schedule.**
- Stage 1 & 2 works should be completed by September. Stage 3 works to commence 1 July.
- **Awatere Zone** - Two culverts to replace on Taylor Pass Road and then zone completely repaired.
- **Waihopai Valley** - Completed except for the new Māori Ford bridge. Construction starting after Easter for completion end of November.
- **Northbank/Onamalutu Roads** - River protection works underway. Should be completed by end of May.
- **French Pass Road** - Still several walls to complete for stage 1 & 2 on French Pass Road and Tennyson Hill. Stage 3 works currently being programmed.
- **Pelorus Zone** - A culvert to replace on Kaiuma Road, Daltons Bridge Pier protection completed. River repair works just about ready to go out for pricing. Works to complete Maungatapu Road to commence after Easter.
- **Queen Charlotte Drive** - A number of repairs underway including Cullen's Point. Road closures from 9.00 am to 3.00 pm at Shakespeare Bay commencing 8 April for two weeks maximum.
- **Port Underwood Road** - Retaining wall at Whatamango just been let to Moores Contracting starting 8 April. Retreat at 4.8 km just pricing, hoping to start mid-April.
- **Kenepuru Road** - Torea Wall starting Wednesday after Easter. Seal repairs should commence later this week. Tidy up of slip material and bunds to be done before winter.

Questions/Answers

- Steve to email Vic Koller and update him on the roading project for Moetapu. Action point noted.
- Pilot vehicles have been used to provide safety for road users while trucks are travelling on roads such as Queen Charlotte Drive.
- Waitaria Bay Jetty can be repaired with insurance payout.
- Shon Emerson complimented Marlborough Roads on the excellent work that is being done on Queen Charlotte Drive. Shon noted that there is heavy vegetation on Kaiuma Bay Road and tourists are finding navigating the road difficult due to visibility being hindered by weed growth on the road. Steve will investigate this complaint.
- Steve advised that it is difficult to monitor the traffic on the Kenepuru Road to prevent non-residents travelling on the road.
- The review of Port Underwood Road is for trucks only. Wayne Boustridge asked if there will be a budget breakdown for the community to see for the Port Underwood roading repairs. Steve advised that the first budget breakdown has been received.
- When will the Kenepuru Road be classed back to class 1 for vehicles? Steve advised that it would be at least three years to have all classes back on this road.
- GNS will be conducting a road slip detection survey over the next three years to assist Council with forward planning.

Attendance: 11.27 am Steve withdrew from the hui.

6. **Tide Model and Introduction of New Deputy Harbourmaster** (Captains Jake Oliver and James Oliver) **See Appendix 2**

- Captain Oliver presented his PowerPoint presentation on the Tide Model.
- See here for the new Tory Channel app <https://mdc-tory-channel-main-prod-open-apps.oceanum.io/>

Attendance: 12.30 am Captains withdrew from the hui.

7. **DOC Update** (Dave Hayes)

A written update was provided by Dave as he was unable to attend today's meeting due to prior commitments.

Department of Conservation Activities and Issues of Interest. Prepared for Sounds Advisory Group meeting 18 March 2024.

Heritage and Visitors

- An increasing fire risk has led to some early messaging going out to businesses connected with the Queen Charlotte Track that sections of the track may need to be closed if significant rain doesn't come soon.
- The two serviced campgrounds at Pelorus Bridge and Momorangi have continued to create a number of urgent issues, usually connected to sewerage or fresh water supply. Camp use has been steady over the last two months with a usual drop off once schools started up again.
- A coffee cart concession operated at Momorangi over the summer season. This was very successful, and 500 coffees a day were being served over the peak period.
- A new toilet has been put in at Schoolhouse Bay on the Queen Charlotte Track. This increases the capacity of containment and will save on barging costs for emptying.
- This was the first summer that bikes were permitted between Meretoto/Ship Cove and Kenepuru Saddle. All track users were encouraged to give feedback. Overall, there has been far more positive feedback than negative. There was one reported incident involving a walker and a biker.
- The Pelorus Valley has been busy as all hut books had to be replaced.

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- We have had some difficulty in finding replacement campground managers at French Pass. A scarcity of accommodation is a limiting factor. We are following up one lead at the moment.

Biodiversity.

- Further monitoring for plague skinks at Havelock has shown no new sightings. The Technical Advisory Group has been confident enough to say that they believe that they have been eradicated and therefore this marks the first time that a lizard pest has been removed from an area. DOC had a large part to play in the latter stages of this once MPI deemed that these skinks were here to stay. The risks of transfer to susceptible island from Havelock was seen to be too high by DOC to not continue with the control work.
- A replacement community trustee has been appointed to the Te Hoiere Kaitiaki Trust. All positions on the Trust are currently filled.
- Staff spent a couple of days in the Long Island Marine Reserve monitoring blue cod using an underwater camera set up. Results are being written up now.
- The annual dive monitoring has also been carried out in the Marine Reserve. Areas of the invasive Parchment Worm were noted which is of concern.
- A boat was spotted approaching Takapourewa/Stephens Island. A dog was let off on the beach and then retrieved after it completed its ablutions. Fortunately, the boat did not land and no-one else got off. Even so, a cautious approach is always taken and extra pest monitoring devices were deployed in the area.
- Staff are monitoring wasps at key sites at the moment. Numbers are steadily increasing and control with Vespex is now underway.
- A further 22 Orange Fronted Parakeets have been transferred to Oruawairua/Blumine Island. They were raised in Christchurch. All birds seem to be enjoying their new surroundings.

Community

- The Te Hoiere project held a field day in the Linkwater catchment which involved visits to three farms to witness riparian enhancements and progress on improvements to fish passage.
- We have had a successful volunteer camp host season over the summer. Many of our hosts have done this work before, either in the Sounds or in other districts. Hosts were deployed at Nydia Bay, Camp Bay and at Whatamango campsite.

Other

- Our Director, Regional Operations, Roy Grose is retiring next month. Many of you will know Roy from his 25 years in the Sounds Manager role. Roy's replacement is Martin Rodd who returns to Regional Operations after spending the last 10 years in the partnerships group. Martin is very familiar with the top of the South Island.

8. Other Council Updates (Alan Johnson). See Appendix 2

- A discussion was held on the Long Term Plan document. The Long Term Plan will be available in April for the community to contribute to. Links will be on the Council website. Please ensure that members pass this information on to their community groups. **See Appendix 2**
- Working for Nature grant scheme will be open for a month to apply for funding for protection (pest management), restoration plantings and education (eg educational signage). Please advise your community groups to apply for funding. Zeke Hoskins from MDC is the contact person for the Working for Nature grant. See further information here <https://www.marlborough.govt.nz/our-community/grants-and-awards/working-for-naturemahimo-te-taiao>
- Monyeen asked if Zeke Hoskins could come and speak to the next SAG meeting. Action point noted.
- Media release for the drought status of Marlborough has been released. The rainfall report was presented to the Environment and Planning Committee in early March. See copy of the information package and the agenda items here <https://www.marlborough.govt.nz/your->

[council/meetings](#)

- A discussion was held on Elaine Bay and Duncan Bay Residents Associations request to join the Sounds Advisory Group. The Penzance/Tuna Bay Residents Association (PTBPOA) will cover the Tennyson Inlet area. Members voted to invite these groups to join. Clr Faulks moved/Clr Innes carried. Action point noted.
- Council biosecurity staff have just released old man's beard sawflies (*Monophadnus spinolae*) in the Awatere Valley in a bid to have some impact on this highly invasive pest plant. Old man's beard sawflies were first imported by Manaaki Whenua Landcare Research in 1997 from central Europe but they did not establish readily. In 2018 a new population was imported which has grown successfully. The larvae are the damaging life stage of the sawfly, feeding on the leaves. A single larva may eat several leaves, sometimes only leaving the central vein intact.

9. Sounds Representatives Updates

- I. **MPI Update** (Vikki Ambrose) – Apology
- II. **Rangitoto ki te Tonga/D'Urville Island** (Poneke Rene) - Apology
- III. **Kenepuru & Central Sounds Residents Association (KCSRA)** - Ross an apology, however Kevin Bright attending on his behalf.
 - Fulton Hogan executives meeting with the association over the roading issues.
 - Rubbish tip site option is being considered by Council.
 - The community do question whether \$7 million should be funding a marine survey when this money could be used for the roads. The community are impressed with how available the Mayor, Deputy Mayor and MDC Chief Executive, Mark Wheeler have been around the Marlborough Sounds Future Access Study.
- IV. **Moetapu Residents Association (Mahau Sound Outward Bound)** (Vic Koller)
 - Steve Murrin will connect with Vic around a programme of works for Moetapu Bay Road.
 - Vespex completed with the help of six volunteers.
 - Deer are being culled by ground hunting only and helicopters will no longer be used in the area.
 - Stoats and possums are still an issue. Two new possum traps have been purchased and will be trialed in Mahu area.
 - Sea level rise causing issues at the new jetty due to sediment levels.
- V. **Queen Charlotte Residents Association** (Monyeen Wedge)
 - Residents not replanting where the slips occurred in the floods. This may cause future issues if a rain event reoccurs.
 - Rabbit population increased.
 - Concern if ungulate control undertaken in Lochmara that the carcasses will cause pollution to the streams. The Marlborough Sounds Reservation Trust will visit Monyeen to discuss her concerns.
 - Monyeen would like the group to acknowledge the retirement of Director, Regional Operations, Roy Grose from DOC and a letter of thanks for his years of work to be sent. Clr Faulks will draft a letter. Action point noted.
- VI. **Te Whanganui/Port Underwood Residents Association** (Wayne Boustridge)
 - BAU
- VII. **Top of The South Wood Council** (George Shallcrass)
 - BAU
- VIII. **Te Aumiti/French Pass** (Rawinia Puna) – Apology
- IX. **Outer Pelorus** (Emma Hopkinson-Young) – Apology
- X. **Central Pelorus** (Hopewell) (Lynley Perkins)
 - New waste depot is due to open in July.

- Community appreciates the road access and water access and the amazing service they receive from NZ Post despite the roading issues.

XI. Okiwi Bay (Tim Greenhough)

- Water system is now fully compliant.
- Okiwi Bay association will be applying for a new consent for vegetation burning.
- The blackberries have been sprayed behind the burn pile in the wetland, however they have missed a large section. This is Council owned property.

XII. Cissy Bay (John Cretney)

- Roading access has improved.
- AGM coming up.
- Forestry block is preventing sunlight in the bay and blocking the satellite for phones.

XIII. Kaiuma Bay (Shon Emerson)

- There are two septic systems in the Kaiuma Bay development that the resident's association are trying to find out the resource consent status on. Cllr Innes will assist with the association contacting the Council Consents and Compliance Group manager.
- Dredging will require a resource consent from Council for the jetty area.
- Water frontage of the subdivision is part DOC and part Council land. The contact people to find out what part of the land belongs to DOC or Council, is the Parks and Reserves team.
- Water flooding across the road when the tide is high. It is felt this issue may be caused by sediments.

XIV. Te Ātiawa Manawhenua Ki Te Tau Ihu Trust (Kristie Paki Paki) – Apology

XV. Marine Farming Association (Ned Wells) – Apology

10. General Business


- Monday, 17 June – MDC, Committee Room
- Monday, 19 August – MDC, Committee Room
- Monday, 25 November – MDC, Committee Room

There being no further general business, the hui closed at 2.54 pm.

11. Matters Arising

	Action	Person Responsible
1	Portage update (ongoing item). Get update from Compliance Manager and email comments to team.	Cllr Fauls
2	Eric to speak with Ned Wells from MFA about commercial fishery membership involvement rather than Fisheries.	Eric Jorgensen / Ned Wells
3	Are boats required to have a limited decimal level. Captain Oliver has emailed MNZ and is awaiting a response.	Captain Oliver.
4	Provided Cllr Fauls with the community meeting schedule.	Cllr Fauls / Rawinia Puna
5	Invite Heather Graham from MDC Small Townships Project to our next hui.	Cllr Fauls
6	Email Vic Koller and update him on the roading project for Moetapu.	Steve Murrin
7	Invite the Marlborough Restoration Trust to speak at next meeting	Cllr Fauls
8	Invite Elaine Bay and Duncan Bay Residents Association to join SAG	Cllr Fauls
9	Monyeen asked if Zeke Hoskins could come and speak to the next SAG meeting	Cllr Fauls/ Alan Johnson
10	Letter of acknowledgement and thanks to the years of dedicated work by DOCs Director of Regional Operations, Roy Grose who is retiring. Cllr Fauls will draft a letter on behalf of SAG.	Cllr Fauls

**Appendix 1 Update on the National Policy Statement for Fresh Water Management
(Dr Sarah Pearson)**



Update on the National Policy Statement for Freshwater Management

More changes.....

March 2024

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Change to the NPSFM are not new!
Changed 3 times since it came out in under a 10-year period.

Regional Plans are supposed to have a 10-year life (many have longer!).



Proposed Marlborough Environment Plan – Notified 2016 – gave effect to 2014 NPSFM version and through the hearings process the 2017 version.

What happened?



- The new Government have said they want to review and replace the NPSFM 2020.
- Replacement won't be out till 2026.
- To allow for the replacement process the deadline for Councils to give effect to the NPSFM 2020 has been extended from end of 2024 to end of 2027.

Current Situation
 NPSFM 2020 must be given effect to,
 but it will be replaced within 2 years.

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What does this actually mean for councils? = Uncertainty

Councils need to continue with plan changes to meet the NPSFM 2020 as soon as reasonably practicable.

It's Not A Merry Christmas For The Environment
 Thursday, 21 December 2023 2:04 pm
 Press Release: Environmental Services

New Government crashes environment

Both are somewhat correct

Where does that leave Councils?

Councils should stop work until there is the replacement legislation, or wasting ratepayer money, and everyone's time.

Work on water reform slows to a trickle

"Simply pushing out the implementation dates probably won't be enough to have councils stop work on this because the NPS-FM requires councils to give effect to the regulations 'as soon as practicable'."

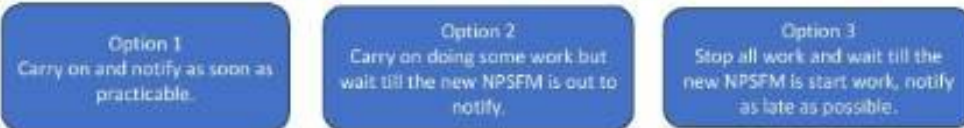
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What are councils doing?

Depends on the answer to 3 questions.....

1. How old are their current regional plans?
2. How close are they to notifying a change to their regional plans for the NPSFM 2020?
3. How bad a state is their regional freshwater in?

3 main options surfacing



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What are Marlborough's answers?

1. PMEP is a modern plan with extensive operative water quality and allocation provisions which give effect to NPSFM versions 2014 and 2017.
2. Completed 3 of the 6 NPSFM 2020 steps with Community.
3. Marlborough's freshwater is comparatively good when compared to the rest of NZ.

Percentage of water bodies in each band

Marlborough

New Zealand (not Marlborough)

Legend:
A Band = Good
E band = Very Bad

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Which option looks good for Marlborough?

Option 2
Carry on doing some work but wait till the new NPSFM is out to notify.

Why?

Proposed Marlborough Environment Plan (PMEP)



PMEP gives effect to many of the requirements of the NPSFM. Notified in 2016 so captured 2014 and 2017 versions.

Also had a water allocation regime for 30+ years in Marlborough.

Water provisions (Water Quality and Allocation) became operative in November 2023 (after mediation on resolved all appeals).

PMEP less than 10 years old – New / modern 2nd generation Plan.

So as a region we have some freshwater management certainty that goes a long way to aligning with national direction.

All means we can wait for the new NPSFM before doing a freshwater management plan change.

NPSFM 2020 – National Objectives Framework (NOF) Steps



Freshwater situation and Current actions

River Health Monitoring Report 2023

Region	Water Body	Flow	Temperature	Turbidity	Chlorophyll a	Secchi Depth	Water Quality	Ecology
Waikato	Waikato	A	A	A	A	A	A	A
	Waipara	A	A	A	A	A	A	A
	Waikaremu	A	A	A	A	A	A	A
	Waikaremu	A	A	A	A	A	A	A
Bay of Plenty	Whakapapa	A	A	A	A	A	A	A
	Whakapapa	A	A	A	A	A	A	A
	Whakapapa	A	A	A	A	A	A	A
	Whakapapa	A	A	A	A	A	A	A
North Island	Waikato	A	A	A	A	A	A	A
	Waikato	A	A	A	A	A	A	A
	Waikato	A	A	A	A	A	A	A
	Waikato	A	A	A	A	A	A	A

- Not widespread degradation.
- Worst are E-coli, MCI and clarity in specific locations.
- PMEP already identifies degraded and at-risk catchments.
- These have active non-regulatory programmes and projects operating to make improvements. e.g. catchment care groups and Te Hoiere Restoration project.



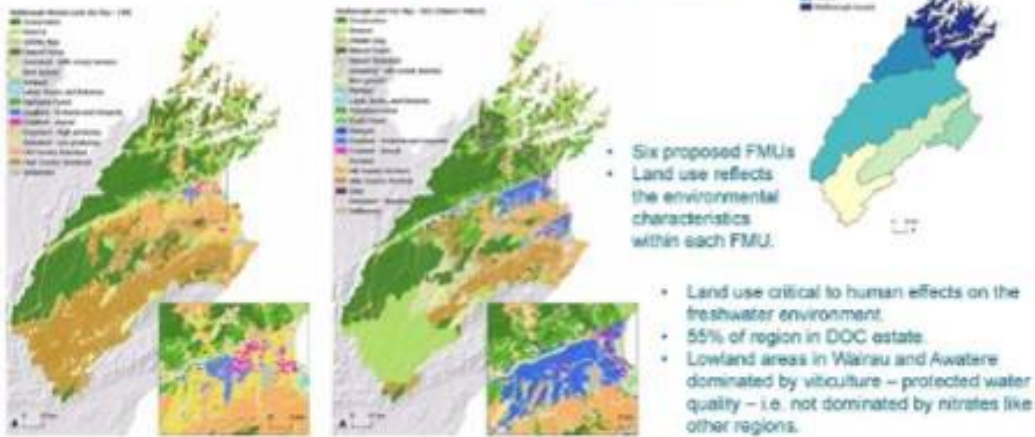
Catchment Care

Te Hoiere Project

Many Voices, One Vision

Working together to improve our water through voluntary catchment care projects in Marlborough. We're currently looking for new volunteers.

Our Region and Land Use



A generation of land use change 1990-2023



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What work do we still have to do?

Work Programme Area	2024	2025	2026
Iwi – Understanding Māori freshwater values, visions and environmental outcomes	→	→	
MDC science projects completions	→	→	
Non-regulatory programmes – significant reporting	→	→	
Internal MDC Policy & Science prep work – NOF steps 4-6 taking into consideration Iwi visions and values, new science and non-regulatory programme knowledge. Testing options	→	→	→

Wairau Aquifer Project



Scientists study water movement in Pelorus/Te Hoiere



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Molesworth
Management Plan



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Summary

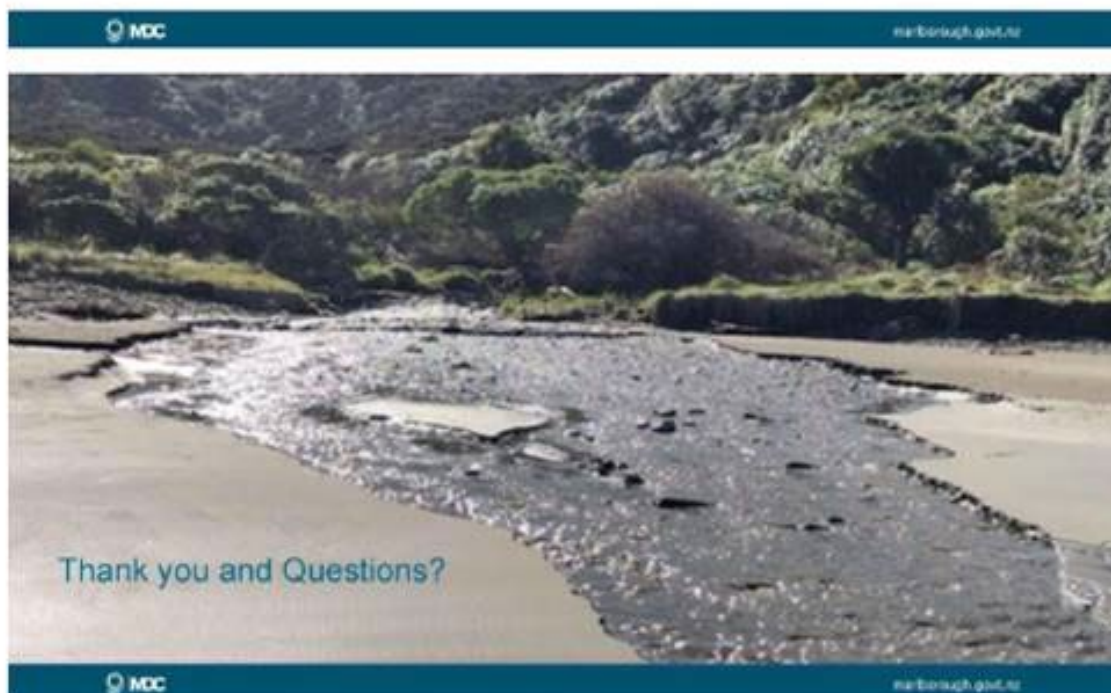


Until the release of the new NPSFM in 2026....

1. There will be no more public engagement on the NPFM 2020.
2. There will be no full freshwater management plan change to the PMEP.

Work will continue on....

- A) Iwi engagement
- B) Understanding new regional science.
- C) Assessing outcomes of non-regulatory programmes.
- D) Preparatory work supportive of regional freshwater management.
- E) Testing of any required policy change options to further protect Marlborough's freshwater.



Appendix 2 Community Consultation Timetable and Long Term Plan Media Statement

**Long Term Plan - Marlborough Sounds roading funding:
community consultation drop-in meetings and webinar**

Date	Time	Location	Meeting style
Monday 15 April	5.30pm – 7.30pm	Blenheim Lansdowne Hub 88 Lansdowne Street, Mayfield,	Community drop-in
Tuesday 16 April	2pm – 4pm	Rai Valley The Millers Rest 8767 State Highway 8	Community drop-in
Wednesday 17 April	12.30 pm – 2.30 pm	Waitaria Bay Waitaria Bay Hall	Community drop-in
Thursday 18 April	5.30 pm – 7pm	Online webinar	Via Zoom: https://us06web.zoom.us/j/58384985861
Friday 19 April	12pm – 2pm	Seddon Awatere Memorial Hall 10 Foster Street	Community drop-in
Monday 22 April	2pm – 4pm	Linkwater Linkwater Settlers and Memorial Hall 1351 Queen Charlotte Drive	Community drop-in
Tuesday 23 April	5.30 pm – 7.30 pm	Picton Port Marlborough Pavilion, Endeavour Park Waikawa Road	Community drop-in

Long Term Plan proposal agreed.

Date: 4 Mar 2024
Media Releases

People will soon have the opportunity to have their say on Council's planned expenditure in its ten year plan, which proposes an average rates increase of 12.65 per cent for the 2024/25 financial year.

Mayor Nadine Taylor said it costs about \$160 million a year to run Marlborough and consultation was critical. "We need everyone's input into shaping Marlborough's future and how we get there together," she said.

Councils around the country were facing double digit increases but Marlborough's was at the lower end of the scale.

"We're not alone in facing increased costs due to factors outside our control, such as damaging storms, inflation, contract price increases and the lasting effects of the Covid pandemic," Mayor Taylor said.

"However, we're not proposing to cut services and we're continuing to invest in core infrastructure because we don't want to see Marlborough going backwards."

The Long Term Plan 2024/2034 budget sees new investment in the region's infrastructure, repairs to Marlborough Sounds roads, provides increases in some levels of service and removes the Council's Covid rates subsidy.

At last week's budget meeting councillors approved a number of recommendations to go to public consultation.

Key infrastructure projects include continuing work on the water supply in Awatere, Seddon, Blenheim, Havelock, Picton, Renwick, Riverlands and Wairau Valley, including upgrading pipelines, pump stations and wells to ensure they meet current needs. Drinking water improvements will continue with chlorination to be introduced in Blenheim and a new water treatment plant in Havelock, to ensure water meets national standards.

A new reservoir is planned for Dashwood, new wells are proposed north of Blenheim to increase resilience and supply capacity, and work is ongoing with Picton's water supply, dams and reservoirs.

There will also be investment in sewage treatment plants and pump stations in Blenheim, Riverlands, Picton and Renwick, plus new a sewage treatment plant for Havelock and a major upgrade for Seddon's plant.

Roading is the biggest item of Council expenditure at around 20 per cent, including maintenance, renewals and improvements to roads, footpaths, bridges and drainage. The plan proposes increasing this funding by \$10m over the next three years.

Other key projects include:

- Marlborough Sounds Roothing Funding Recovery - \$234m for repairs, improvements and increased marine access, with \$106m funded by ratepayers over 25 years. Council proposes to pay for repairs to flood damaged roads in the Sounds via a 70/30 split (Marlborough ratepayers paying 70 per cent and Sounds-based ratepayers 30 per cent).
- Spring Creek - \$8.7m for design, repair and upgrade of the stop banks adjacent to Peninsula Road to ensure the safety of the township and transport links during a flood (debt funded)
- Emergency Events Reserve - replenished to its previously agreed level, at an additional \$500k per year over 10 years (rates funded from 2026-27)

- Reducing Council's future reliance on debt by moving to fully fund depreciation on three waters assets by increasing depreciation funding from rates by \$1.75m a year from 2026-27
- Taylor and Ōpaoa rivers sediment removal - additional \$800k over the next two years (rates funded)
- Riverside Park boardwalk, Blenheim - resurface with recycled plastic boards - \$493,600 (reserve funded)
- Public toilets – upgrades at Horton Park, Oliver Park, Pollard Park and Fairhall Cemetery, and build 12 new facilities including at the Taylor River Reserve, Blenheim Mountain Bike Park and Omaka Cemetery - \$1.48m (debt funded)
- A&P Park sports pavilion replacement - additional \$3.7m (funded from reserves and debt)
- Arts, Culture and Creativity Strategy - \$200k over four years to help build a flourishing creative community (rates funded)
- Waitohi Domain, Picton - new ablutions block for truck drivers, and lease termination - \$609k (reserve funded)
- Nautical and Coastal Science - additional funding of \$809k over three years (rates funded)
- Marlborough Events Centre - \$250k operating costs over three years (rates funded)
- Marlborough Museum - additional funding for digitisation and IT upgrades - \$116k in 2024/25 and \$40k per year over 10 years (reserves and rates funded)
- Springlands stormwater upgrade 'Option G' - an additional \$2.7m (rates funded)
- Changes in fees, including for parking in Blenheim.

You can have your say and make a submission from 4 April to 6 May. There will be public meetings and hearings - further information will be made available.

Sounds recovery

- The most significant decision for this LTP and for our Sounds communities and everyone in Marlborough, is the Sounds roads recovery work, currently costed at \$234 million, and expected to take about 20 years to complete.
- Of that \$234m, \$108m is to be covered by ratepayers, although that can still change.
- The New Zealand Transport Agency Waka Kotahi (NZTA) board had signalled it would pay 71 percent of the cost of repairs, and 51 percent of road improvements, subject to further detailed design work, after they considered our draft Programme Business Case prepared by engineering company Stantec in December.
- At the LTP Budget meeting on 26 February, five options were confirmed for consultation.
- The first four were: 1) do nothing, which meant NZTA would not release the funding; 2) Split the cost across all of Marlborough evenly; 3) Split the cost across the Sounds (excluding Picton and Havelock); 4) Or split the cost across different zones within the Sounds.
- Council's preferred option was to split the cost across different zones within the Sounds, and the rest of Marlborough would also contribute, although at a lesser rate per household – via a UAC rather than a land value rating.
- Under that option, the zones would be defined as they were in Stantec's business case for the work.
 - French Pass (896 properties) Total cost to fix: \$52.84m
 - \$67.80 in 2025-26; \$524.38 by 2034
 - Pelorus (162 properties) Total cost to fix \$6.27m
 - \$34.80 in 2025-26; \$331.26 by 2034

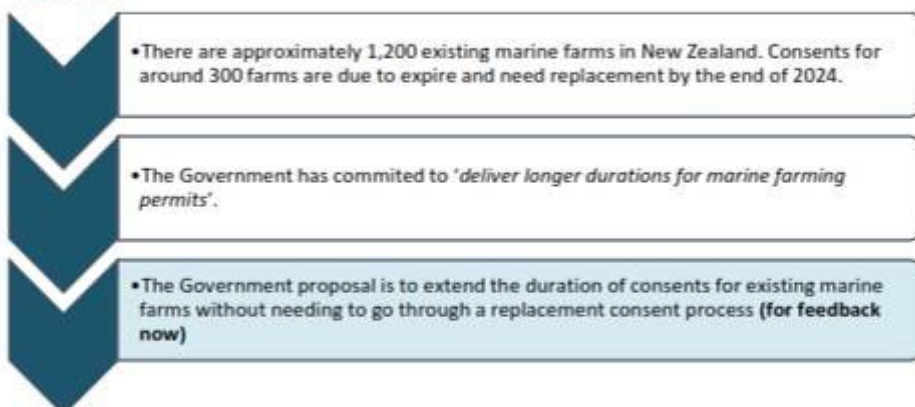
- Queen Charlotte (712 properties) Total cost to fix \$27.63m
 - \$45.43 in 2025-26; \$346.10 by 2034
 - Kenepuru (930 properties) Total cost to fix \$128.48m
 - \$206.67 in 2025-26; \$1291.24 by 2034
 - Port Underwood (339 properties) Total cost to fix \$19.53m
 - \$72.16 in 2025-26; \$520.12 by 2034
 - Sounds Rural with no road access (1451 properties)
 - \$22.53 in 2025-26; \$153.35 by 2034
 - Non-Sounds – Rest of Marlborough (22,297 properties)
 - \$38.07 in 2025-26; \$259.15 by 2034
- Kenepuru, in the Marlborough Sounds, has the largest repair build and is by far the most expensive road to fix at a total cost to fix of \$128.48m (compared to the cheapest road – Pelorus at \$6.27m).
 - Kenepuru ratepayers would pay more each year compared to other Marlborough Sounds zones and the rest of Marlborough (starting at \$206 - \$1291.24, compared to Pelorus starting at \$34.80 - \$331.26 & Non-Sounds starting at \$38.07 – \$259.15)
 - As part of the consultation, we will be holding public meetings and inviting submissions from residents, ratepayers and interested parties from right across Marlborough and beyond.
 - The final rating decisions will follow the consultation process and won't be made until June this year.
 - Then we can get on with the job of fixing the Sounds' roads.

Submission on government proposal to extend the duration of coastal permits for existing marine farms

On 23 February 2024, the Council was invited to provide feedback on a proposal to extend the duration of existing coastal permits for marine farms by 25 years. Feedback was required by 4 March 2024. The period for providing feedback fell between Committee meetings. As such, a staff submission was made. The submission focussed on the interaction of the proposal with Council's Variation 1: Marine Farming. A copy of the proposal and a copy of the submission is attached.

Extending the duration of existing consents for marine farming

Context:



Preliminary Proposal:

The Government is proposing to extend existing marine farm consent durations by an additional 25 years (added to existing consent terms).

The proposal:

- All existing marine farming consents will have the consent expiry date moved 25 years out from the current expiry date. No farms will be excluded.
- This extension will be automatic and will not require an application.
- Only the expiry date of each consent will change, with no changes to or reconsideration of consent conditions.

This proposal requires a legislative change to the Resource Management Act 1991 (RMA) which will be delivered this year through RMA amendments.

Impacts of the proposal:

- This change will provide certainty of tenure for all consent holders as they will not need to seek a replacement consent for an additional 25 years. Improved certainty of tenure will give consent holders greater confidence to invest in farm productivity and innovation.
- This approach will avoid a 'bottleneck' from extending all consents to a specific date.
- Having the proposal in place as early as possible in 2024 will provide greatest certainty to consent holders, particularly for those with consents expiring soon.

We welcome your feedback

The Government is seeking feedback from Partners and stakeholders before final decisions are taken.

The Ministry for Primary Industries is hosting a series of online meetings to gather feedback on the proposal (see letter for details). Please provide any written feedback by 4 March 2024 by email to AquaculturePolicy@mpi.govt.nz.

Existing Marine Farm Duration Extension

Marlborough District Council Submission

Council position

Council understands the motivation for the government proposal to add 25 years to the term of existing marine farm coastal permits. Significant effort has been invested locally into planning for a sustainable and enduring marine farming industry (see details below). Certainty of tenure has been a message that has consistently been heard by Council in all its collaboration with the marine farming industry.

The short period for feedback on the proposal has limited the ability to provide a formal Council position. The following feedback is therefore a staff submission. Most of the submission focuses on the risk of the proposal undermining the outcomes sought by the Proposed Marlborough Plan (PMEP) Variation 1: Marine Farming. Variation 1 reflects the formal position of Council under RMA and NZCPS planning requirements. A key focus of the variation was on providing certainty to the marine farming industry and the wider community. It is therefore likely that the following submission would reflect Council's formal position should time have enabled that to occur.

Problem definition

There is limited information in the material provided that allows Council to understand the issue that the proposal is seeking to remedy. In the "one pager", it is stated that there is a desire to provide the marine farming industry certainty and there is a concern over a bottle-neck for processing re-consenting applications for deemed coastal permits.

In a Marlborough context, Council commenced proactively addressing this issue through both policy and consenting responses in 2017 and 2019 respectively. There has been a dedicated re-consenting project in place for the past five years. At the commencement of the re-consenting project in 2019, there were **324 marine farms** authorised by coastal permits that were due to expire by December 2024 (that had not already applied for a replacement consent). That figure has subsequently been reduced to **101 marine farms**.

84 of the marine farms remaining to be re-consented are wholly or partly owned by Sanford Limited. However, the company has been preparing replacement applications for the past 18 months pending the Variation 1 decision, and it is now actively lodging re-consenting applications (on a Coastal Management Unit-by- Coastal Management Unit basis).

Of the remaining 17 farms, 5 are owned by NZ King Salmon, 4 are owned by Ngai Tahu Seafood Resources, and the remaining 8 by various private individuals or small companies.

The concern expressed in the "one pager" regarding a bottle neck of applications does not exist in Marlborough through proactive engagement with the marine farming industry. Combined with the effect of Variation 1 in providing certainty to the industry, there would seem little justification for the intervention locally.

PMEP Variation 1

When the PMEP was publicly notified in June 2016, it did not contain provisions managing marine farming. At that time, Council made a conscious decision to continue its review of the operative provisions that were then managing marine farming.

In September 2016, Council appointed the Marlborough Aquaculture Review Working Group (MARWG) to assist Council with the review process. The MARWG consisted of members of the marine farming industry, community organisations in the Marlborough Sounds and central government agencies, including MPI.

Over a period of three years MARWG considered the marine farming industry's strong desire for certainty of tenure as well as Council's obligation under Policy 8 of the NZCPS to provide for aquaculture in appropriate locations within the coastal marine area. It is within this context that MARWG considered the future of every authorised marine farm, other than finfish farms (586 marine farms).

MARWG reported its recommendations to Council in July 2019, including a draft set of PMEP provisions. Those provisions ultimately became Variation 1 to the PMEP, which was publicly notified in December 2020.

After a hearing of the submissions by an appointed independent Hearings Panel, Council's decision on Variation 1 was publicly notified in May 2023. The key components of Variation 1 are:

- A spatial allocation of coastal space for existing marine farms via Aquaculture Management Areas (AMA);
- For most farms, a seaward movement/adjustment of the existing marine farm via the relevant AMA;
- A controlled activity status for consenting existing marine farms within AMA;
- The relocation of inappropriate marine farms to AMA.

Council has successfully provided certainty to marine farmers and the marine farming industry, including those farmers still operating under deemed coastal permits. Provided the standards and terms of the relevant controlled activity are complied with, marine farmers will secure a replacement coastal permit to continue farming in the relevant AMA. The controlled activity status has not been disputed via appeals, so there now exists a streamlined consenting process and reduced consenting costs for marine farmers going forward.

This outcome is more lenient than that established by government via the NES for Marine Aquaculture.

Many marine farmers have already adopted the AMA when consenting through the process outlined above (i.e., the marine farmer proposes to move existing lines not already in the AMA into the AMA).

Although Variation 1 is not complex, it does anticipate and provide for the complexity of circumstances in which marine farming has been established in Marlborough and currently still occurs.

Undermining Variation 1:

Variation 1 strikes the right balance of enabling Marlborough's marine farming industry to continue to thrive while at the same time ensuring sensitive coastal areas and habitats (many of which are regionally and nationally significant) are protected. It is Council's view that the proposal has the very real potential to undermine the outcomes sought by Variation 1 and the NZCPS.

There are three circumstances that raise particular concern, as follows:

1. Seaward move

In many coastal management units, the AMAs are seaward of the existing marine farms by up to 50 metres. This seaward move protects the most productive and sensitive part of Marlborough's coastal marine area (most biogenic habitat in the Marlborough Sounds, such as reef and cobble habitats, is close to the shore). This seaward move has limited the future overlap between marine farms and ecologically significant marine areas identified in, and protected via, the PMEP.

The seaward move into the AMA¹ was to occur within a 3-year time frame to ensure an orderly transition to the new spatial allocation.²

However, the proposal currently being considered creates the opportunity for the marine farmer to remain in situ for an additional 25 years, and in locations considered to be inappropriate under the NZCPS and Variation 1.

It is also possible to predict an outcome where some farmers move seaward, in compliance with the spatial allocation of Variation 1, and some do not (as there is a cost involved with moving lines), resulting in an inconsistent ribbon of marine farming along the shore of the Marlborough Sounds. An inconsistent ribbon could have consequential effects on navigational safety, as it creates challenges for effective and coherent lighting of marine farms.³

¹ This typically involves the movement of one or two inshore lines to the outside and seaward of the other existing marine farm lines.

² A standard of the controlled activity rules was that the seaward move into the AMA occurs within a three-year period.

³ A consistent ribbon along the coast allows for the rationalisation of existing marine farm lighting.

2. Biogenic habitat protection

Where the standard seaward move described above is insufficient to avoid biogenic habitat, and particularly where information held by Council indicates the presence of hard substrate⁴, the use of structure exclusion areas is to be considered at the time of consenting the marine farm to protect important biogenic habitat. The use of structure exclusion areas had already become a common practice, when necessary, in consenting processes prior to the notification of Variation 1. The marine farms for which an additional matter of control applies in this manner are specifically identified in Schedule 1 of Variation 1.

If marine farmers choose to continue to farm in their current location, as enabled by the proposal, then the protection of biogenic habitat contemplated by the Variation will not occur until the extended expiry of the current coastal permits (i.e., in the long term). This outcome is considered to be contrary to Policies 8 and 11 of the NZCPS.

3. Inappropriate farms

In some cases, replacement space has already been allocated in Variation 1 to allow marine farmers to relocate from inappropriate locations to appropriate locations, as required by Policy 8 of the NZCPS. However, for a small number of marine farms, replacement space has yet to be established.⁵ The extension to the duration of the relevant coastal permits will allow those marine farms to remain in inappropriate locations, contrary to Policy 8 of the NZCPS, for a significant period. There may also be a risk that, even where replacement space has been allocated in Variation 1, the marine farmer chooses to remain at the current inappropriate location.

In summary, extending the duration of marine farm coastal permits dulls the current incentive to move seaward, significantly delays the application of structure exclusion area to protect of biogenic habitat required by Policy 11 of the NZCPS, and enables inappropriate farms to remain in their current location for a significant period, contrary to Policy 8 of the NZCPS. Council is concerned that the proposal undermines 8 years of planning by Council, the marine farming industry and the community to achieve enduring outcomes. Those outcomes focus on a strong marine farming industry occurring within a healthy and productive marine ecosystem.

Variation 1 involved a robust process, an independent hearings panel, and has a decision subject to relatively small number of appellants. It is Council's view that the outcomes sought by the variation should be respected.

Alternatives to the proposal and exemptions:

Although Council argues that a controlled activity status provides the greatest certainty of tenure, if government wants to compliment Council's comprehensive framework for marine farm management, there may be alternatives to the current proposal.

A measure that would not undermine the outcomes sought in Variation 1 would be to amend Section 123A of the RMA to provide for longer minimum terms for marine farm coastal permits. Council would be neutral on a 30-year coastal permit term if the marine farming was consistent with the spatial allocation included in Variation 1 and was proposed to occur in an AMA.

Otherwise, Council seeks exemptions to the proposal to acknowledge the risks identified in this submission above. Those exemptions should include, at a minimum, marine farms identified in a regional coastal plan to be in inappropriate locations. In addition, Council also seeks exemptions for marine farms identified on Schedule 1 of Variation 1 to enable the mechanisms for dealing with potential effects on biogenic habitats to operate as intended.

Finfish Farms

⁴ Council has good information on seabed habitats through data obtained by multibeam surveys of the coastal marine area.

⁵ At the time of notification of the decision the number of farms in this category was 18. However, replacement space continues to be discussed with some appellants and this number has already reduced and is likely to reduce further.

It is assumed that the proposal would also apply to existing finfish farms. Recent advances in understanding have allowed MPI to develop best management practice guidelines to improve the management of potential benthic and water column effects of finfish farming. The proposal would prevent the application of this best practice at the time of re-consenting. This is relevant in Marlborough as several of the existing salmon farms are authorised by deemed permits or historic coastal permits.

Practical effects from a consenting perspective

The circumstances under which current coastal permits have been granted vary from marine farm to marine farm. In some cases, short durations have been imposed deliberately and for site specific reasons. Those reasons range from allowing the current crop to be harvested prior to the relevant coastal permit expiring, through to the use of trials and/or the use of adaptive management regimes. The proposal does not reference these specific circumstances and could therefore undermine the legitimate resource management reasons for current shorter durations.

The proposal may also have unintended consequences for the application of innovation in the marine farming industry. Marine farmers may apply to change species and/or change growing or mooring structures to apply new technology to existing farms. The associated coastal permits, being new consents for new farm operations, would not be covered by the proposal and would be granted for shorter duration than the parent consent.

For Council, the extension of duration would involve updating the records of over 580 marine farms, including the issue of a new decision documents to the consent holder. This process will take time and resource to perform.

Further engagement

In Council's opinion, the proposal in its blunt form involves a risk of unintended consequences that will be detrimental to Marlborough's coastal environment. These consequences will occur in circumstances when certainty has already been provided to the marine farming industry via Variation 1 and current consenting practice. Council urges the government to consider alternative options to this proposal for providing certainty to the marine farming industry, especially alternatives that complement Variation 1 presented in this submission. Council would welcome the opportunity for discuss these alternatives. Council understands that the Marine Farming Association would also welcome the opportunity to jointly explore such alternatives.

Submission on targeted changes to the Resource Management Act 1991 (RMA)

L150-019-R01

On 28 March 2024, the Minister Responsible for RMA Reform invited the Council to provide feedback on targeted changes to the RMA that could be incorporated as part of Phase 2 of the Government's work programme to reform the resource management system. Submissions were due by 5 April 2024. The period for providing feedback fell between Committee meetings. Accordingly, Council staff prepared a submission on behalf of Mayor Taylor identifying the issues with the current resource consent system, and amendments that could be made to the RMA to achieve relief. A copy of both the Minister's letter and Council's submission is **attached**.

Hon Chris Bishop

Minister of Housing
Minister for infrastructure
Minister Responsible for RMA Reform
Minister for Sport and Recreation
Leader of the House
Associate Minister of Finance



28 MAR 2024

Tēnā koe

Inviting your views on targeted changes to the Resource Management Act 1991 (RMA)

I am writing to you as the Minister Responsible for RMA Reform to inform you about the Government's plans for the resource management system and to invite your input.

On Friday I announced the Government's plan to address resource management reform. In short, we are determined to make it easier to build houses and grow businesses, deliver high quality infrastructure and grow the primary sector, while ensuring the protection of our environment and Treaty settlements.

Our plan is extensive and ambitious, and we are tackling it in three phases. You can read my speech here: <https://tinyurl.com/yjb7hz5h>.

Phase One of our plan was to repeal the Natural and Built Environment Act and Spatial Planning Act, which we delivered before Christmas.

Phase Two started by introducing a new one-stop-shop fast-track consenting regime, which aims to make it easier and faster to build the infrastructure and major projects New Zealand needs to get our country moving.

We will also be making targeted changes to the RMA, in the form of two Bills that will have real impact in the short term.

The first Bill will give effect to some urgent coalition commitments that need to be progressed quickly to give certainty to industry, councils, and resource consent applicants. I expect to introduce the first Bill to Parliament in May 2024.

For the second Bill, I am inviting your views on what changes should be included. I will be looking to include changes that are targeted, practicable and in line with the government's stated policy priorities. I expect to introduce the second Bill to Parliament later in 2024.

My focus is on changes that will have real impact in the short term. These will be ahead of Phase Three which involves the long-term solution to replace the RMA. Complex or fundamental changes to the system are unlikely to be progressed this year and will need to be considered as part of our Phase Three work.

If you have any suggestions about what should be included in the second Bill, please send them to rmareform@mfe.govt.nz by 5 April 2024, so that we can continue to progress this important work at pace. All suggestions will be collated by officials at the Ministry for the Environment.

Ongoing engagement will be required throughout the reform programme, particularly with local government, Māori, and key industry groups. I look forward to continuing to work with you as it develops.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Chris Bishop', written in a cursive style.

Hon Chris Bishop
Minister Responsible for RMA Reform



5 April 2024

Record No: 2492727
File Ref: L150-019-r01
Ask For: Mayor Taylor

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Tēnā koe Minister

RESOURCE MANAGEMENT REFORM – TARGETED CHANGES

Thank you for the opportunity to provide feedback on changes that could be readily included in Phase Two of the Government's plan and make an immediate difference to the performance of the Resource Management Act (RMA) ahead of the Phase Three reform.

The Marlborough District Council (Council) is very supportive of any reform that improves the efficiency and effectiveness of resource management, as the wellbeing of the people, the economy, and the environment, depend on it.

Under the existing system, the fulfilment of the sustainable management objective of Part 2 of the RMA has, over time, fallen almost entirely and inappropriately into the resource consenting arena to resolve. Ideally, the objective should be achieved at the outset through the plan making process.

Currently, for each resource consent application, applicants and decision makers are required to address the requirements of a plethora of instruments, including District and Regional Plans, both operative and proposed, National Policy Statements, National Environment Standards, Iwi Management Plans, and even the complexities of the RMA itself. As a result, applicants and councils are being subjected to an extraordinary amount of effort, time delay and financial cost. In Marlborough alone more than 50,000 consent applications since 1991 have had to contend directly with the multiplicity of inherently complex statutory instruments.

The current system is not fit for purpose and places an enormous and disproportionate burden on the consenting process to achieve sustainable management. This objective is better resolved through a streamlined plan making process, with limited discretion being left to

resource consent decisions. To that end, one statutory instrument for each region and unitary authority would suffice to make the system more comprehensible and cost efficient for both applicant and decision maker as well as give applicants greater certainty about outcome.

To achieve immediate relief and rebalance the mechanics of the RMA, the following amendments could be made now:

1. Amend s 104 of the RMA to require the consent authority, when considering an application for a resource consent, to only:
 - a. give effect to the standards in a National Environmental Standard and rules in the proposed or operative plan; and
 - b. have regard to any relevant objectives or policies in the proposed or operative plan.
2. Limit appeal rights on consenting decisions to appeals to the Environment Court only (a one stop shop).
3. Require all regions and unitary authorities to have one combined resource management plan under s 80 of the RMA. Marlborough has successfully administered its combined plans, promoting integration, efficiency, and useability for the public.
4. The purpose of regional policy statements under s 59 of the RMA should include spatial planning and be integrated into the combined planning document.
5. Remove the ability under the RMA to prepare and issue National Policy Statements. High level direction should be included as Matters of National Importance under s 6 of the RMA as was the case before the advent of the National Policy Statements.
6. The relevant Ministers should have the power to amend plans by Order in Council to deal with urgent deficiencies in plans when so identified.

On behalf of the Council, I welcome the opportunity to discuss the details and rationale behind these proposals with you further.

Ngā mihi mahana



NADINE TAYLOR
MAYOR

Copy to: Mark Wheeler, CE, MDC

Building Control Group

Building Control - Building Consent Authority (BCA) & Territorial Authority (TA) Activity to 31 March 2024.

Activities across the group's functions as a Building Consent Authority (BCA) and Territorial Authority (TA) continues to be slow in comparison with last year and the five-year average. Despite the national slowdown in the building industry the changes to building codes, increased surveillance by BCA auditors, and departure and some large commercial projects have put considerable demand on staff resources.

Over the last quarter, the overall number of applications for Building Consents received by the building consent authority continue to be low. Overall building consents received in Jan-Mar 2024 is down by 23% compared to Jan-Mar 2023. There drop in the residential building consent numbers also continued over the last three months with Marlborough seeing 38% drop of new dwelling building consents received compared to same time last year.

The overall sector slowdown was as forecasted and will come as no surprise to most. The downturn in residential building construction is deepening and we're expecting a sizeable downturn in overall building activity over 2024, with many of those we've spoken to in the building industry reporting a sharp drop in forward orders from customers. However, at least for now the extent of any softening has been moderated by the pipeline of projects which were consented over the past few years. It is expected that the residential building consent market will remain very tight for the next quarter months or more so for next 9-10 months. Without questions, the first quarter of 2024 has been a tough year for whole construction sector, right across New Zealand.

Dam Safety Regulations

Building (Dam Safety) Regulations 2022 will come into effect on 13th May 2024. The regulations will provide a consistent, nationwide framework by setting out minimum safety standards for dams in New Zealand. Building Control will have to have all its processes and systems in place by 13th May to be able to administer the regulations. Marlborough District Council has also been working collaboratively with other regional authorities to ensure consistent decision making when administering the new regulations.

A significant change to the initial published regulations was made on 28th March 2024 by the Minister for Building and Construction - Chris Penk which amends the definition of a 'classifiable dam'. The regulations will no longer apply to dams that are less than four meters high, regardless of their storage volume. The height and volume thresholds for classifiable dams are being raised to four metres or higher and 20,000 or more cubic metres of stored liquid. These changes will result in additional workload for Building control staff whereby amended to the processes will be required to processes and materials already put in place to get our council ready for upcoming regulations. Additional work will result in preparing communication materials, activities, and stakeholder engagement related to the threshold change. This will also result in Council requiring to further amend their recently reviewed (November 2023) Dangerous Dams, Earthquake Prone Dams, and Flood Prone Dams Policy.

We acknowledge that some small dam owners may be well on their way to meeting the regulations with the threshold change meaning their dams are no longer impacted. This effort is not wasted. Regardless of size, owners are encouraged to understand the potential impact if their dam was to fail and have safety plans in place to safeguard the surrounding area against disproportionate risk. Understanding the potential impact of dam is important, even if the dam is not subject to these regulations.

Building Consent Statistics

Another coalition government change affecting the Building Control group is that the Minister for Building and Construction recently announced that in order to better understand delays in the building consent system and how improvements might be made to the sector, BCA will need to provide ongoing regular access to building consent data. This data is being requested under Section 204 of the Building Act 2004 which enables MBIE to obtain information from BCAs for the purpose of monitoring the performance of functions under the Building Act. The ongoing quarterly request for this data includes provision of information for a set of specific fields that relate to timeframes for processing building consents, amendments, and code

compliance certificates. A summary of the data showing the performance of individual BCAs will be published on MBIE's website quarterly.

Building Consent Authority Activity for January 2024

Total Consents issued

- Total of 65 consents, with a total value of \$ 18,971,350.00
- This total included 11 new dwellings, with a value of \$8,500,600.00

Total Consents received

- Total of 63 consents, with a total value of \$9,987,120.00
- This total included 8 new dwellings, with a value of \$3,302,945.00

Building Consent Authority Activity for February 2024

Total Consents issued

- Total of 91 consents, with a total value of \$ 17,940,602.90
- This total included 16 new dwellings, with a value of \$9,570,945.00

Total Consents received

- Total of 89 consents, with a total value of \$ 10,468,360.00
- This total included 9 new dwellings, with a value of \$4,029,138.00

Building Consent Authority Activity for March 2024

Total Consents issued

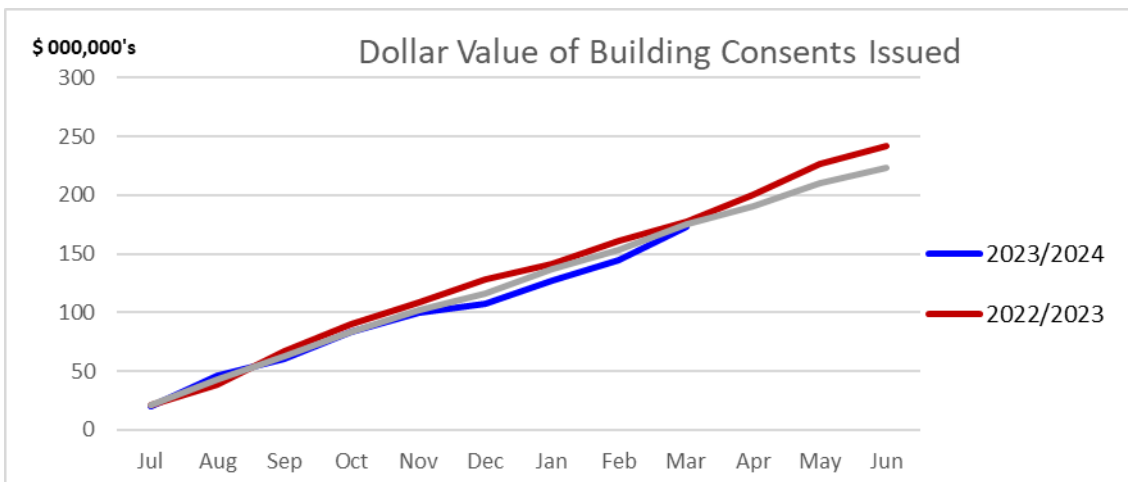
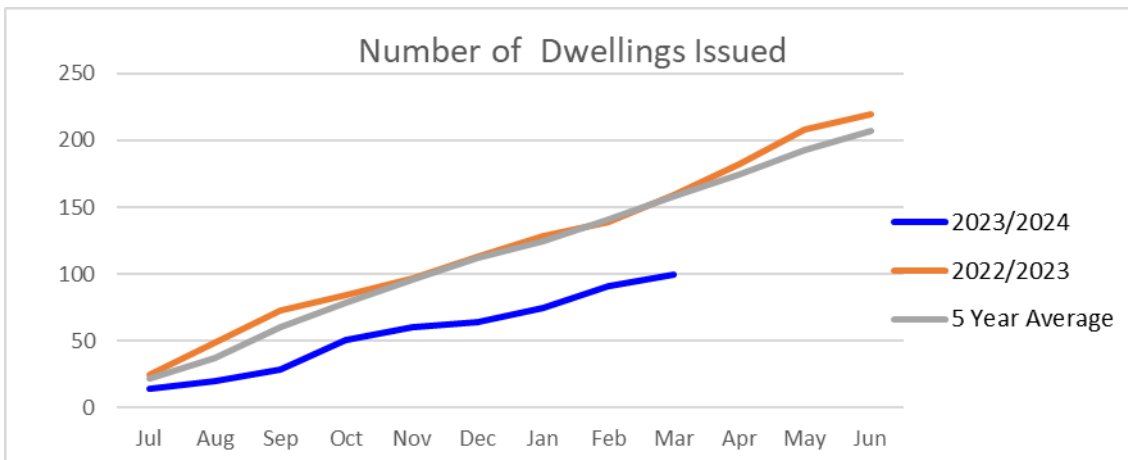
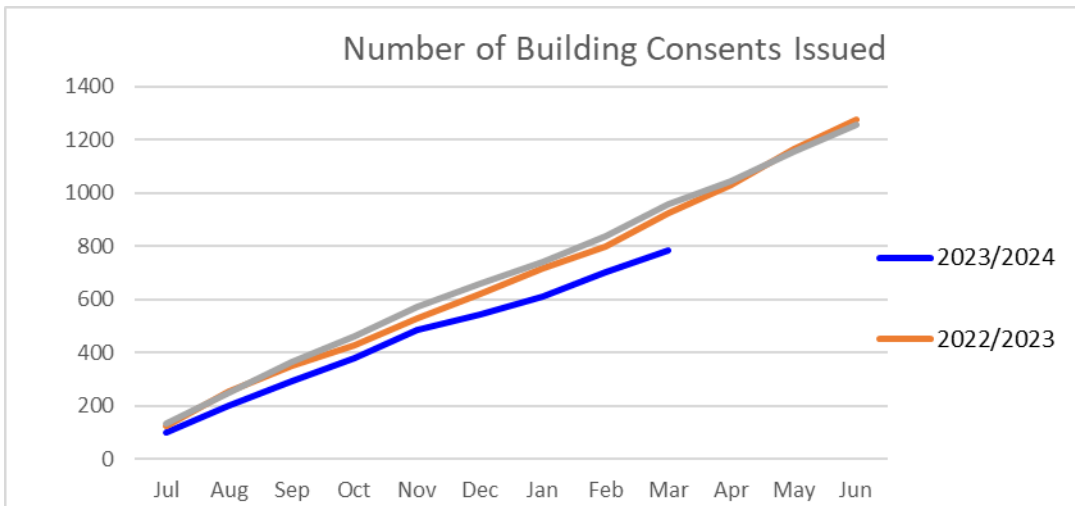
- Total of 81 consents, with a total value of 28,788,888.00
- This total included 9 new dwellings, with a value of \$3,517,138.00

Total Consents received

- Total of 91 consents, with a total value of \$ 17,888,800.00
- This total included 9 new dwellings, with a value of \$14,509,700.00

Statutory Processing Stats for First Quarter of 2024 (Jan to Mar)

- For the First Quarter of 2024, the group issued 89% of the building consent applications within statutory times frames of 20 working days.
- 216 Code Compliance Certificates were issued with issued in the First Quarter of 2024, with 99% of them issued within statutory times frames of 20 working days.



Statistics for First Quarter of 2024:

Building Consents Issued Summary

DateIssued >= '01 Jan 2024' and <= '31 Mar 2024'

Description	Building Code	Number Of	Total Value
Ancillary	AN	37	\$6,123,150.00
Commercial	CO	8	\$15,490,000.00
Commercial Addition	CAD	7	\$149,000.00
Communal Non Residential	CNR	2	\$565,000.00
Communal Residential Addition	CRA	5	\$403,000.00
Communal Residential New	CR	1	\$800,000.00
Drainage	DR	10	\$834,500.00
Housing Addition	HA	35	\$2,954,225.00
Housing New	HN	36	\$21,588,683.00
Industrial	IND	4	\$13,380,000.00
Industrial Addition	INA	2	\$300,000.00
Outbuildings	OB	26	\$2,229,282.90
Relocated to this site	RL	8	\$488,000.00
Solid Fuel	SF	58	\$410,000.00
		239	\$65,714,840.90

Building Consents Received Summary

DateReceived >= '01 Jan 2024' and <= '31 Mar 2024'

Description	Building Code	Number Of	Total Value
Ancillary	AN	41	\$3,938,400.00
Commercial	CO	4	\$6,085,000.00
Commercial Addition	CAD	7	\$302,000.00
Communal Residential Addition	CRA	3	\$195,000.00
Drainage	DR	15	\$291,900.00
Housing Addition	HA	41	\$2,691,025.00
Housing New	HN	26	\$21,841,783.00
Industrial Addition	INA	4	\$415,000.00
Outbuildings	OB	22	\$1,531,172.00
Relocated to this site	RL	7	\$549,000.00
Solid Fuel	SF	73	\$504,000.00
		243	\$38,344,280.00

Territorial Authority Statistics

Pool Compliance for 01.01.2024 – 31.03.2024

Figures represent the statistics for first quarter of 2024 (out of the 33.3% of all pools inspection target for the calendar year) inspection requirements:

<u>Total Pools</u> 1,499		Re-Check Inspection Results	
<u>Pass:</u>	41	<u>Pass:</u>	5
<u>Fail:</u>	45	<u>Fail:</u>	0
<u>Removed:</u>	11	<u>Additional Re-Check Pass:</u>	0
<u>Empty:</u>	12	<u>Additional Re-Check Fail:</u>	0
<u>Total Completed to Date:</u>	109	Re-Checks Required from this Years Inspection	
<u>% Completed for this Year:</u>	22	<u>First Re-Check:</u>	40
<u>Remaining Audits for this Year:</u>	391	<u>Additional Re-Checks:</u>	0

TA is on target in the first quarter to complete the minimum number of swimming pool inspections it is required to undertake for the year. The number of swimming pool inspections failed is significantly high compared to the inspections that were passed. The common items associated with failure of these inspections is general lack of maintenance of swimming pool fences where either the gates are not self-closing or not self-latching. Several failures are also associated with properties not having a backflow prevention device installed to protect water supply within their own properties. This high number of swimming pool inspections fails puts additional pressure on staffing resources in this area given the high numbers of multiple follow up inspections that are required to be undertaken to resolve the issues.

Building Compliance “Customer Request Management” (CRM’s) 01.01.2024 – 31.03.2024

CRMs Received	43
CRMs Closed	25
Notice to Fix (NtF) issued	16
Compliance Achieved via NTF	7
Prosecutions	0
Infringements	13

Earthquake Prone Buildings

There are 49 buildings in Marlborough that are listed on the Ministry of Business and Innovation (MBIE) Earthquake Prone Building register. 15 of those buildings have been strengthened/demolished and will be removed from the register. The buildings that remain on the register have between 10-15 years to complete strengthening otherwise they face demolition.

Alcohol Licensing

A100-04

Attached is a schedule of applications for alcohol licences issued by Marlborough District Licensing Committee under delegated authority from 11 January to 28 March 2024.

**Alcohol Licences issued by the Marlborough District Licensing Committee
From 11 January to 28 March 2024**

Special Licences

Licence Number	Applicant	Location	Event	Date/s
SPC/001/2024	Blenheim Polo Club Inc	117 A Redwood St, Blenheim	Polo Tournament	27-28 January 2024
SPC/002/2024	Lions Club Of Seddon Inc	SH 1, Ward	Flaxbourne A & P Show	24 March 2024
SPC/003/2024	Antmoore Brands Limited	10 Uxbridge Street, Renwick	Marlborough Wine and Food Festival	10 February 2024
SPC/004/2024	Flaxbourne Collie Dog Trial Club	301 Ward Beach Road, Flaxbourne	Annual Local Dog Trial Event	9-10 February 2024
SPC/005/2024	Blenheim Bowling Club Inc	65 E Weld Street, Blenheim	Wedding and wedding reception	27 April 2024
SPC/006/2024	Elizabeth Fay McKay	60 Nelson Street, Blenheim	Turn Up For Tyler	24 February 2024
SPC/007/2024	Marlborough Repertory Soc Inc	12 Horton Street, Blenheim	Live theatre	24 February 2024
SPC/008/2024	Riverside Enterprises Limited	52 Opouri Road, Rai	A&P Show	02 March 2024
SPC/009/2024	Johnson Estate Limited	37 Lake Timara Road West, Waihopai	Wedding	24 February 2024
SPC/010/2024	Blenheim Club Incorporated	92 High Street, Blenheim	Angel Investments Meetings 2024	21 Feb – 20 Dec 2024
SPC/011/2024	Blenheim Club Incorporated	92 High Street, Blenheim	Wedding	9-10 March 2024
SPC/012/2024	Marlborough Kart Club Inc	1 Fell Street, Grovetown	KartSport New Zealand Prizegiving 2024	31 March 2024
SPC/013/2024	Joshua Benjamin Allan Scott	353 Hammerichs Road, Rapaura	School fair fundraiser - Silent wine auction	02 March 2024
SPC/014/2024	The Alchemist Limited	Havelock Quay, Havelock	Havelock Mussel Festival	16 March 2024
SPC/016/2024	Hugh Drummond T/A Leftbranch Cider	Havelock Quay, Havelock	Havelock Mussel Festival	16 March 2024
SPC/017/2024	Marlborough Cricket Association Incorporated	31 Redwood Street, Blenheim	Cricket festivals and awards evening	09 March 2024
SPC/018/2024	EP Wines Limited	Havelock Quay, Havelock	Havelock Mussel Festival	16 March 2024
SPC/019/2024	Marlborough Bridge Club	Cleghorn Street, Blenheim	Bridge Tournament	13-14 April 2024
SPC/021/2024	Harlequins Rugby Club	4 Lansdowne Street, Blenheim	Fundraiser and After Match Functions	23 March – 3 August 2024
SPC/024/2024	Mary Ann Surridge	1113 Queen Charlotte Drive, Linkwater	Cricket tournament	23 March 2024
SPC/115/2023	Damian Ben Johnson	Campbells Road, Tuamarina	Tua Marina School Christmas Fair Fundraiser	19 November 2023
SPC/122/2023	Wither Hills Vineyards Marlborough Ltd	10 Uxbridge Street, Renwick	Marlborough Wine and Food Festival 2024	10 February 2024
SPC/123/2023	The Alchemist Limited	10 Uxbridge Street, Renwick	Marlborough Wine and Food Festival 2024	10 February 2024

Licence Number	Applicant	Location	Event	Date/s
SPC/124/2023	Lawson's Dry Hills Wines Ltd	10 Uxbridge Street, Renwick	Marlborough Wine And Food Festival 2024	10 February 2024
SPC/125/2023	Esses Wine Company Limited	10 Uxbridge Street, Renwick	Marlborough Wine And Food Festival 2024	10 February 2024
SPC/126/2023	Blank Canvas Wines Limited	10 Uxbridge Street, Renwick	Marlborough Wine and Food Festival 2024	10 February 2024
SPC/127/2023	Joval Family Wines Pty Limited	10 Uxbridge Street, Renwick	Marlborough Wine and Food Festival 2024	10 February 2024
SPC/128/2023	Kono NZ LP	10 Uxbridge Street, Renwick	Marlborough Wine and Food Festival 2024	10 February 2024
SPC/129/2023	EDR-H New Zealand Limited	10 Uxbridge Street, Renwick	Marlborough Wine and Food Festival 2024	10 February 2024
SPC/130/2023	Giesen Wines Limited (BHE)	10 Uxbridge Street, Renwick	Marlborough Wine and Food Festival 2024	10 February 2024
SPC/131/2023	Johnson Estate Limited	10 Uxbridge Street, Renwick	Marlborough Wine and Food Festival 2024	10 February 2024
SPC/132/2023	Scott Family Winemakers Ltd	10 Uxbridge Street, Renwick	Marlborough Wine and Food Festival 2024	10 February 2024
SPC/133/2023	Forrest Wines Limited	10 Uxbridge Street, Renwick	Marlborough Wine and Food Festival 2024	10 February 2024
SPC/134/2023	The South Sea Catering Company Limited	10 Uxbridge Street, Renwick	Marlborough Wine and Food Festival 2024	10 February 2024
SPC/135/2023	Clos Henri Limited	10 Uxbridge Street, Renwick	Marlborough Wine and Food Festival 2024	10 February 2024
SPC/136/2023	Mount Riley Wines Limited	10 Uxbridge Street, Renwick	Marlborough Wine and Food Festival 2024	10 February 2024
SPC/137/2023	Marlborough Wine Limited	10 Uxbridge Street, Renwick	Marlborough Wine and Food Festival 2024	10 February 2024
SPC/138/2023	Negociants New Zealand Ltd	10 Uxbridge Street, Renwick	Marlborough Wine and Food Festival 2024	10 February 2024
SPC/139/2023	Rose Family Estate T/A Wairau River Wines	10 Uxbridge Street, Renwick	Marlborough Wine and Food Festival 2024	10 February 2024
SPC/140/2023	Babich Wines	10 Uxbridge Street, Renwick	Marlborough Wine and Food Festival 2024	10 February 2024
SPC/141/2023	Cloudy Bay Vineyards Limited	10 Uxbridge Street, Renwick	Marlborough Wine and Food Festival 2024	10 February 2024
SPC/142/2023	Villa Maria Estate Ltd (BHE)	10 Uxbridge Street, Renwick	Marlborough Wine and Food Festival 2024	10 February 2024
SPC/143/2023	EP Wines Limited	10 Uxbridge Street, Renwick	Marlborough Wine and Food Festival 2024	10 February 2024
SPC/144/2023	Yealands Estate Wines Limited	10 Uxbridge Street, Renwick	Marlborough Wine and Food Festival 2024	10 February 2024
SPC/145/2023	Hunter's Wines (NZ) Limited	10 Uxbridge Street, Renwick	Marlborough Wine and Food Festival 2024	10 February 2024
SPC/146/2023	Accolade Wines New Zealand Limited	10 Uxbridge Street, Renwick	Marlborough Wine and Food Festival 2024	10 February 2024
SPC/147/2023	Two Rivers Marlborough Limited	10 Uxbridge Street, Renwick	Marlborough Wine and Food Festival 2024	10 February 2024
SPC/148/2023	Tupari Wines Limited	10 Uxbridge Street, Renwick	Marlborough Wine and Food Festival 2024	10 February 2024
SPC/149/2023	Landon-Lane/Janssen Family Vineyard	10 Uxbridge Street, Renwick	Marlborough Wine and Food Festival 2024	10 February 2024
SPC/150/2023	Riverby Estate Limited	10 Uxbridge Street, Renwick	Marlborough Wine and Food Festival 2024	10 February 2024
SPC/151/2023	Rock Ferry Wines Limited	10 Uxbridge Street, Renwick	Marlborough Wine and Food Festival 2024	10 February 2024
SPC/152/2023	Marisco Vineyards Limited	10 Uxbridge Street, Renwick	Marlborough Wine and Food Festival 2024	10 February 2024
SPC/154/2023	Socially Good Enterprises Ltd	10 Uxbridge Street, Renwick	Marlborough Wine and Food Festival 2024	10 February 2024
SPC/155/2023	Picton Little Theatre Inc	9 Dublin Street, Picton	Drama, musical and members evenings	04 February 2024
SPC/156/2023	Two Rivers Marlborough Limited	311 Brookby Road Hawkesbury	Brookby Beats	09 February 2024
SPC/157/2023	Havelock Mussel Festival Inc	Havelock Quay, Havelock	2024 Havelock Mussel Festival	16 March 2024
SPC/158/2023	Woodbourne 2010 Limited	80 High Street, Renwick	Wine & Food After Party	10 February 2024

Licence Number	Applicant	Location	Event	Date/s
SPC/160/2023	Eradus Wines Limited	10 Uxbridge Street, Renwick	Wine & Food	10 February 2024
SPC/161/2023	Lions Club District 202e	1 Fell Street, Grovetown	Lion Club Convention	15 March 2024
SPC/162/2023	Renwick Arms Country Club Incorporated	92 High Street, Renwick	2024 Annual fishing competition	25 February 2024
SPC/163/2023	Marlborough Kart Club Incorporated	3 Wither Road, Blenheim	2024 Kart Club race day gathering	3 February – 4 May 2024
SPC/164/2023	Dodson Street Beer Garden	61 Maxwell Road, Blenheim	School Gala Silent Auction	23 March 2024
SPC/165/2023	Framingham Wines Limited	10 Uxbridge Street, Renwick	Marlborough Wine and Food Festival 2024	10 February 2024
SPC/166/2023	Waikawa Boating Club Inc	Waikawa Marina, Waikawa Bay	Wedding	24 February 2024

New Premises Licences

Licence Number	Applicant	Licence Type	Premises	Expiry Date
OFF/058/2023	Astrolabe Wines Limited	Off Licence	Astrolabe Small Town Winery	01 February 2025
OFF/064/2023	Viscosity Limited	Off Licence	Cirro Wines	22 March 2025
ON/002/2024	The Waitohi 2023	On Licence	The Waitohi 2023	22 March 2025
ON/061/2023	Astrolabe Wines Limited	On Licence	Astrolabe Small Town Winery	23 February 2025
ON/063/2023	Shyloe Jennifer Leslie	On Licence	Fat Tonys Limited	07 February 2025
ON/071/2023	Rajasthan Jat Ltd	On Licence	Watery Mouth Cafe	09 February 2025
ON/078/2023	Bombay High Limited	On Licence	Cancun Eats	27 February 2025

Renewed Premises Licences

Licence	Applicant	Licence Type	Premises	Expiry Date
CLUB/006/2023	Marlborough Squash Rackets Club Incorporated	Club Licence	Marlborough Squash Rackets Club Inc	06 December 2026
CLUB/007/2023	Awatere Bowling Club Incorporated	Club Licence	Awatere Bowling Club Incorporated	17 December 2026
OFF/001/2024	Bradley Daniel Frederickson	Off Licence	Outside The Box Wines	02 February 2027
OFF/002/2024	Sorrell Wines Limited	Off Licence	Sorrell Wines Limited	02 March 2027
OFF/054/2023	Mount Riley Wines and Estates Ltd (AKL)	Off Licence	Mount Riley Wines and Estates Ltd (AKL)	21 October 2026
OFF/057/2023	Churton Wines Limited	Off Licence	Churton Wines Limited	25 October 2026
OFF/060/2023	EW Freshfoods Limited	Off Licence	FreshChoice Renwick	28 November 2026
OFF/061/2023	Cralex Enterprises Limited	Off Licence	Wairau Valley Tavern	22 November 2026

Licence	Applicant	Licence Type	Premises	Expiry Date
OFF/062/2023	Savvy Wines Limited	Off Licence	Savvy Wines Limited	15 December 2026
OFF/063/2023	Benton Wine Group Limited	Off Licence	Jackson Estate Limited	13 December 2026
OFF/065/2023	Ataru Portfolios Limited	Off Licence	Alcove Wines	13 December 2026
ON/059/2023	The Marlborough Lodge Limited	On Licence	The Marlborough Lodge Limited	11 November 2026
ON/064/2023	The Fancy Cow Limited	On Licence	The Fancy Cow Limited	13 December 2026
ON/065/2023	The Runway Store 2019 Limited	On Licence	The Runway	14 November 2026
ON/066/2023	HRD Limited	On Licence	Grovetown Hotel	07 November 2026
ON/067/2023	Sisu Poltergeist Limited	On Licence	SISU Eatery And Bar	19 January 2027
ON/068/2023	Clos Henri Limited	On Licence	Clos Henri Vineyard	20 December 2026
ON/069/2023	Polaris Group Import and Export Limited	On Licence	Norimaki	08 November 2026
ON/070/2023	Cralex Enterprises Limited	On Licence	Wairau Valley Tavern	22 November 2026
ON/072/2023	Chateau Marlborough Limited	On Licence	Chateau Marlborough	09 December 2026
ON/073/2023	Endeavour Park Pavilion Society Incorporated	On Licence	Port Marlborough Pavilion	27 November 2026
ON/074/2023	OJR Hospitality Limited	On Licence	Dolce Cafe Restaurant & Bar	17 December 2026
ON/075/2023	Moa Brewing Company Limited	On Licence	Moa Brewing Company Limited	20 December 2026
ON/076/2023	Barton Food Limited	On Licence	Herb & Olive	06 January 2027

Temporary Authorities Issued

Certificate Number	Applicant	Premises	Expiry Date
CERT/107/2023	Penelope Audrey Lynette King	Te Rawa Lodge	15 November 2024
CERT/125/2023	Susan Kaye Cooke	ASB Theatre	15 November 2024
CERT/126/2023	Felicity Claire Scammell	ASB Theatre	15 November 2024

New Manager Certificates

Certificate Number	Applicant	Premises	Expiry Date
CERT/001/2024	Fredrick Isheanesu Chikomba	Framingham Wines Limited	07 February 2025
CERT/002/2024	Alexander Simpson	Criterion Hotel/Biddy Kates	14 February 2025
CERT/003/2024	Donna Marie Hall	The Waitohi 2023	13 February 2025
CERT/004/2024	Lynette Brice	The Grove Tavern 2022 Limited	13 February 2025
CERT/005/2024	Halle Jorja Hamilton	Vines Cafe	28 February 2025
CERT/008/2024	Hannah Aimee Johnston	Speights Ale House Blenheim	28 February 2025

Certificate Number	Applicant	Premises	Expiry Date
CERT/010/2024	Emily Annie Gidlow	Oxley's Bar & Kitchen	28 February 2025
CERT/011/2024	Lisa Jenny Oline Bjoerklund	Portage Hotel	28 February 2025
CERT/019/2024	Corie Boley	The Fancy Cow Limited	18 March 2025
CERT/121/2023	Hadmana Ram Jat	Watery Mouth Cafe	28 February 2025
CERT/161/2023	Samuel Keir Webb	Franks Oyster Bar And Eatery	09 February 2025
CERT/186/2023	Craig James MacDonell	Riverside Bowling Club Incorporated	22 January 2025
CERT/187/2023	Michael John Whareaitu	Te Rawa Lodge (2021) Limited	23 January 2025
CERT/189/2023	Karleeta Caroline Petrice Watson-Reece	Moa Brewing Company Limited	14 February 2025
CERT/190/2023	Fiona Susan Burnett	The Omaka Aviation Heritage Centre	23 January 2025
CERT/194/2023	Debora Lynn Skelton	Villa Maria Estate Ltd (BHE)	07 February 2025
CERT/195/2023	Cassandra Dawn Boon	Eastern States Speedway (1995) Incorporated	22 March 2025
CERT/196/2023	Katherine Nadine Covell	Cloudy Bay Vineyards Limited	07 February 2025
CERT/198/2023	Laura Ricci	Fidelio Cafe and Wine Bar	13 February 2025
CERT/200/2023	Thomas Ludwig-Simon	Rimapere	07 February 2025

Renewed Manager Certificates

Certificate Number	Applicant	Premises	Expiry Date
CERT/001/2013	Matthew William Carl Sutherland	Dog Point Vineyard	13 February 2027
CERT/001/2023	Inkeri Elina Raina	SISU Eatery And Bar	02 March 2027
CERT/002/2014	Hamish James Watson	Picton Fresh Choice	05 March 2027
CERT/003/2023	Natalie Mary White	Central Rugby Football and Sports Club Incorporated	23 February 2027
CERT/004/2023	Marguerite Claudia Speck	Hotel D'urville	02 March 2027
CERT/005/2020	Kevin Hemant Anand Kamat	Seddon Supervalu	31 January 2027
CERT/006/2023	Heike Andrea Schnarre	Dodson Street Beer Garden	13 March 2027
CERT/007/2017	Rachel Lisa Tau'alupe	Marlborough Vintners Hotel	02 February 2027
CERT/007/2023	Jason Robert Walker	New World Blenheim	23 February 2027
CERT/008/2023	Jessie Annemarie Mate Gleeson	New World Blenheim	23 February 2027

Certificate Number	Applicant	Premises	Expiry Date
CERT/010/2023	Maureen Anne Blackman	New World Blenheim	02 March 2027
CERT/014/2017	Christina Marlena Marie Van Der Laan	Redwood Tavern	10 March 2027
CERT/014/2023	Jade Patricia Davies	Raupo Cafe & Restaurant	21 March 2027
CERT/015/2020	Lisa Jane Stove	The Runway	14 February 2027
CERT/018/2023	Debra Kaye Martis	Port Marlborough Pavilion	27 March 2027
CERT/020/2023	Victoria Kelly Twose Gemmell	The Fancy Cow Limited	06 March 2027
CERT/024/2023	Deborah Ann Kirton	The Marlborough Flyer	21 March 2027
CERT/025/2015	Michelle Ann Gilchrist	Countdown Springlands	02 March 2027
CERT/026/2015	Melanie Jane Fishburn	Clubs Of Marlborough	28 January 2027
CERT/029/2023	Te Manuao Georgie Boy Quinn	Tupari Wines Limited	29 March 2027
CERT/031/2015	Deborah Ann Scott	Mikeys Bar And Restaurant	28 January 2027
CERT/039/2015	Malcolm Rodney Young	Blenheim Bowling Club Incorporated	11 February 2027
CERT/043/2015	Stuart Edward Borrie	Havelock Bowling Club Incorporated	25 February 2027
CERT/068/2015	Bevan Roger Garland	Havelock Four Square	12 March 2027
CERT/072/2015	Joanna Mary Landon-Lane	Renwick Sports & Events Centre	12 March 2027
CERT/074/2015	Laurel Joan Rockliff	Framingham Wines Limited	14 March 2027
CERT/129/2021	Bradley Daniel Frederickson	Frederickson	02 February 2027
CERT/142/2022	Sarah Elizabeth Clark	Clark Estate Cellar Door	24 November 2026
CERT/143/2022	Zana Louise Whittaker-Scott	Whittaker-Scott	13 December 2026
CERT/150/2022	Benjamin David Godsiff	Wither Hills Vineyards Marlborough Limited	01 February 2027
CERT/155/2022	Henry James Thompson	Grove Road Superliquor	20 January 2027
CERT/158/2022	Niki Anne Penberthy	Lochmara Lodge	10 February 2027
CERT/159/2022	Thomas Alan Pegler	Huia Estate Vineyards Limited	10 February 2027
CERT/160/2022	Fillippa Mary Haigh	Marlborough Aero Club Incorporated	01 February 2027
CERT/163/2022	Robert John Clark	The Marlborough	01 February 2027
CERT/164/2022	Kaden Victor Harris	Countdown Redwoodtown	23 February 2027
CERT/178/2019	Katherine Ann Cossar Cunningham	Misty Cove Wine Group Limited	16 December 2026

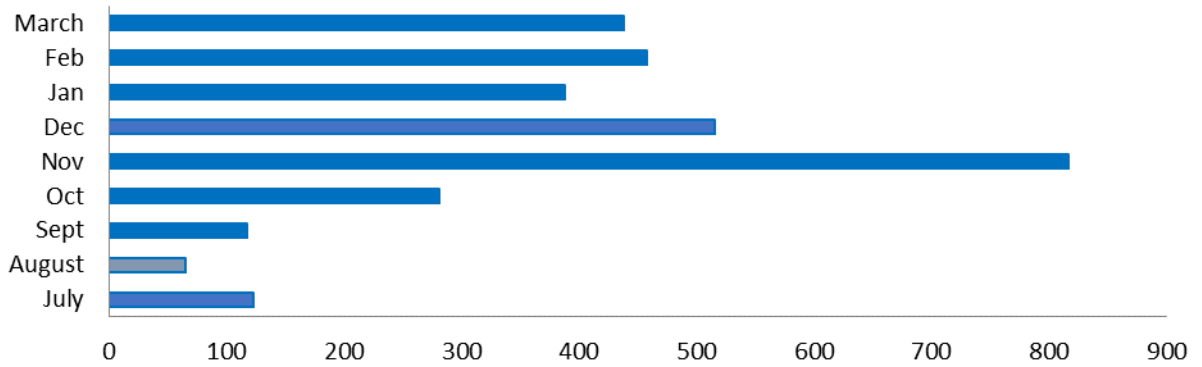
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CERT/192/2019	La Mer Chanelle Tohiariki	Havelock Hotel	31 January 2027
CERT/304/2016	Mark Robert Morgan	Awatere Rugby Club	24 February 2027
CERT/307/2014	Amy Elizabeth Murphy	Mount Riley Wines & Estates Limited	01 December 2026
CERT/324/2016	Erika Nicole Malaquin	Pak'n Save Blenheim	02 February 2027
CERT/328/2014	Bradley John Newton	Foley Wines Limited	04 February 2027
CERT/334/2016	Mikela Dennison	Te Pa Family Vineyards Limited	02 February 2027
CERT/339/2016	Amanda Helen Johnson	Spy Valley Wines Limited	02 February 2027

Compliance Monitoring Update – April 2024

(Report prepared by Claire Frooms)

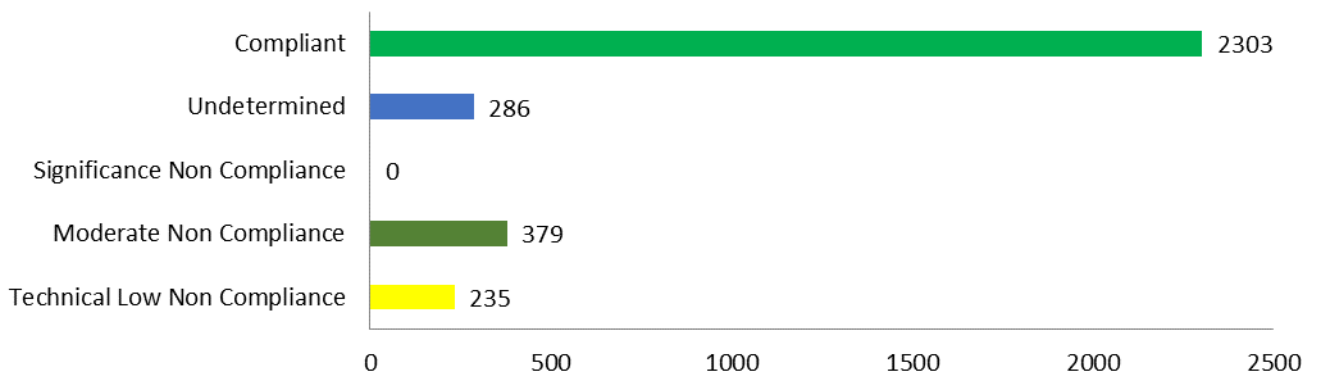
Number of **Consents Monitored** for period 1 July 2023 to date.

Resource Consents Monitored for July 2023 to date



	July	August	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	March
RC Monitored	123	65	118	281	817	515	388	458	438

Compliance Status of Monitored Consents for July 2023 to date

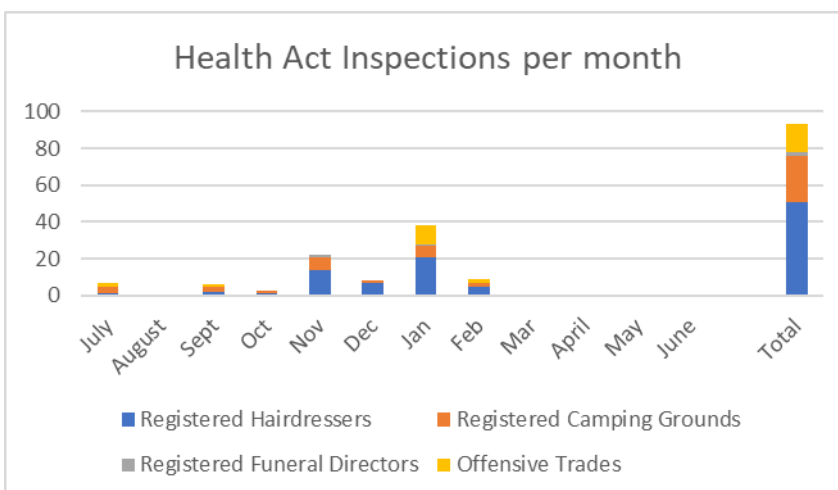
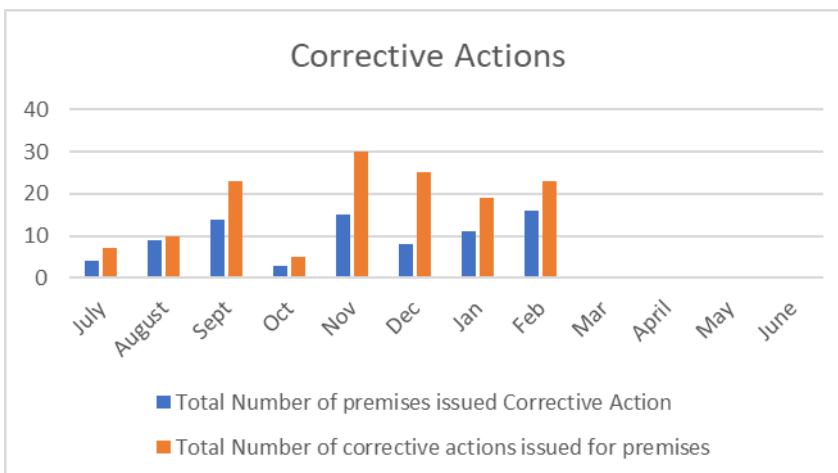
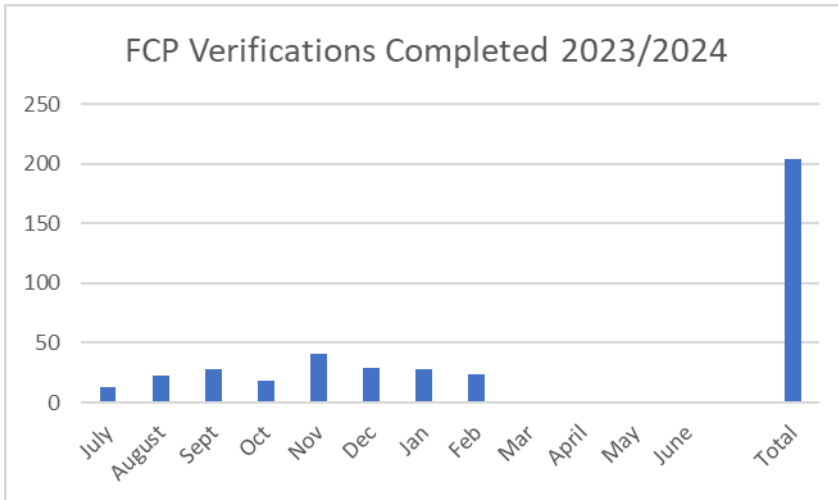


	Technical Low Non Compliance	Moderate Non Compliance	Significance Non Compliance	Undetermined	Compliant
Compliance YTD	235	379	0	286	2303

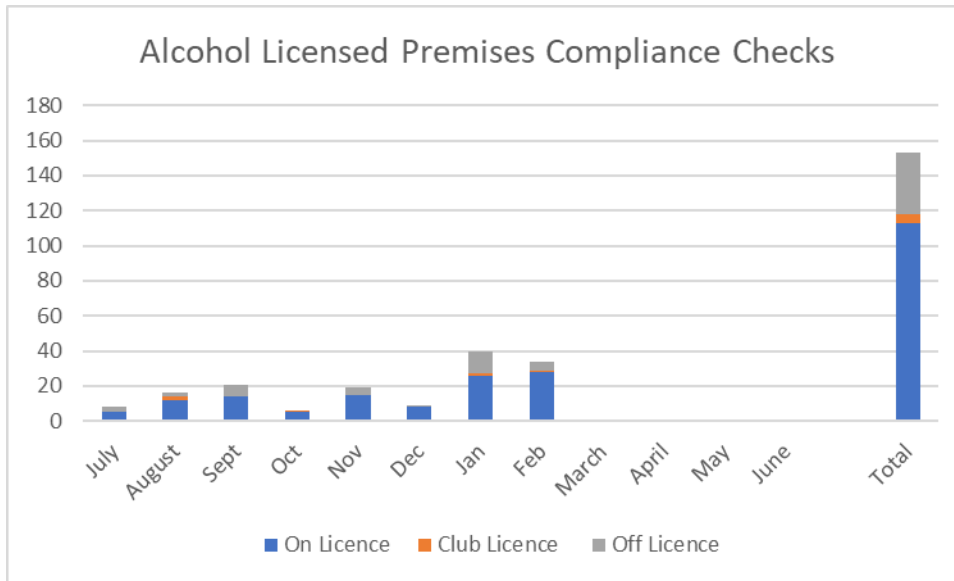
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Number of Food Act **Verifications** completed year to date from 1 July 2023.



Number **Alcohol Compliance Inspections** from 1 July 2023 to date.



Number of **complaints received** by Environmental Health matters for period of 1 July 2023 to date.

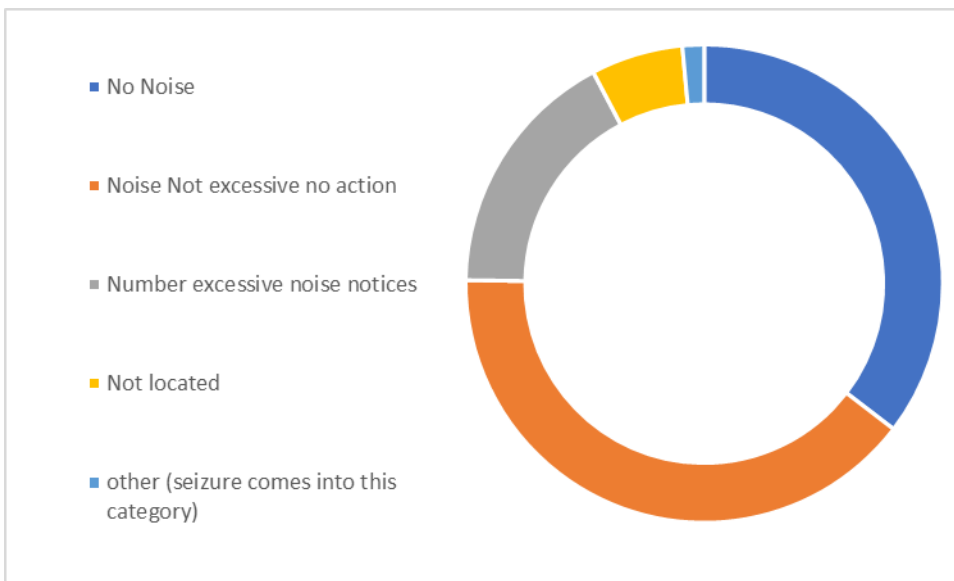


Noise Control

Number of Noise Complaints received 1 July 2023 to date



Outcomes of noise complaint assessments as percentage

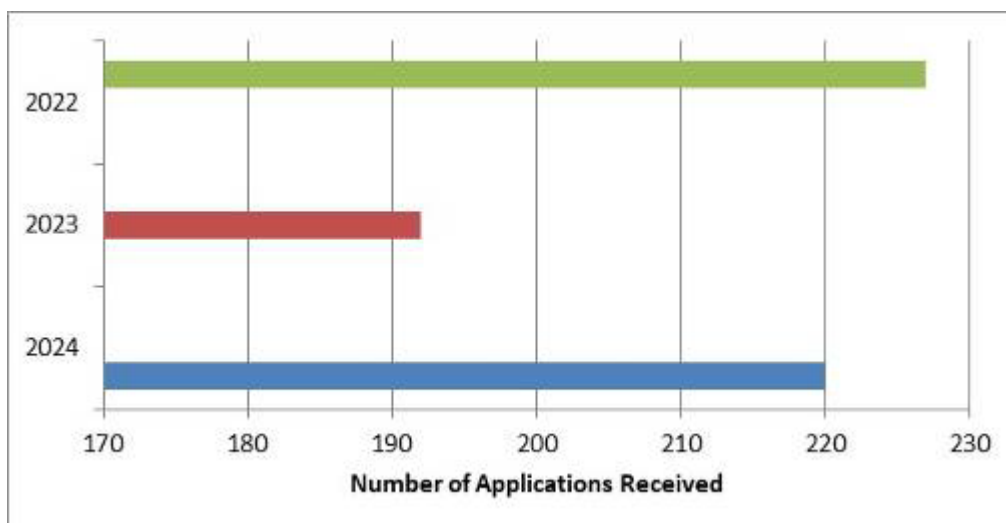


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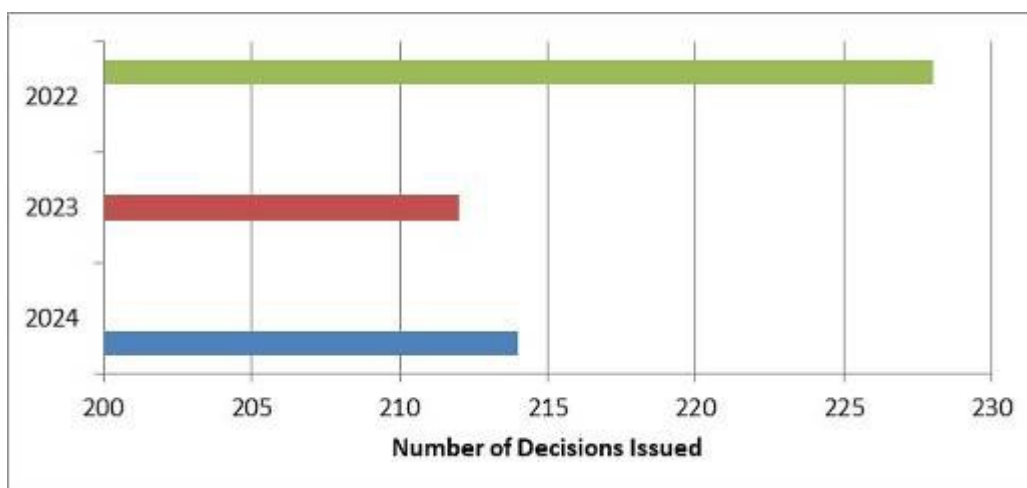
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The number of applications being received by the Resource Consent (RC) Team has picked up after a relatively slow start earlier in the year. In the first 12 weeks of the 2024 year the Council received **220** applications which is more than in 2023 and less than 2022. Of the total received, **204** were new applications for resource consent. Council also received **16** applications for variations to resource consent conditions under section 127. In the same period in 2023 Council received **192** applications and in 2022 Council received **227** applications.



Over the first 12 weeks of 2024 Council has issued **214** decisions. Of that total, **193** were for new applications for resource consent. Council has also issued **19** section 127 decisions (variations to resource consent conditions) and **2** section 125 decision (extension to lapse date). In the same period in 2023 Council issued **212** decisions and in 2022 Council issued **228** decisions.



Applications in processing were at a **560** at the end of March 2024. This is more than the numbers in processing in 2023 (**556**) and less than in 2022 (**570**).

The RC Team sent out the Autumn RC Team newsletter on 1 March 2024. The newsletter had articles on what happened in the resource consent space in 2023; information on Council's opening hours; duty planner statistics; what the repeal of the NBEA means for resource consent planners and applicants; water permits due for renewal over the next ten years and a staff profile. The RCT newsletter which has been very well received to date is widely distributed via email and is also available on the Council website. Previous issues can also be found on the Council website.

Resource Consent Approvals Under Delegated Authority

The following applications have been approved under delegated authority pursuant to Council's Instrument of Delegation pursuant to the Resource Management Act 1991, and the relevant clause thereof as identified below.

	Delegation	Consent Holder	Consent No.	Consent(s) Issued	Proposal	Site Location	Date Issued
1.	104B	J R and J M Cowin	U240109	Coastal Permit	New coastal permit replacing U140230 for the continuation of an existing swing mooring M2278 located at Rocky Creek.	Rocky Creek, Admiralty Bay	26/02/2024
2.	104B	Pernod Ricard Winemakers New Zealand Limited	U240103	Water Permit (Take Water) (x2) Water Permit (Use Water) (x2)	Take A Class Awatere FMU from an existing infiltration gallery up to a maximum rate of 1,342 cubic metres per day. Take B Class Awatere FMU from an existing infiltration gallery up to a maximum rate of 222 cubic metres per day. Use water for the irrigation of up to 71.09 hectares of vineyard on Section 18 Block XI Clifford Bay SD. Use water for incidental uses associated with vineyards on Section 18 Block XI Clifford Bay SD.	671 Seaview Road, Seddon	26/02/2024
3.	104B	Sanford Limited	U240066	Coastal Permit	New coastal permit replacing MFL208 to realign and operate, using conventional longline methods, an existing 2.0582 hectare marine farm site 8542 located in Crail Bay.	Crail Bay, Pelorus Sound/Te Hoiere	26/02/2024

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4.	104B	Sanford Limited	U240065	Coastal Permit	New coastal permit replacing MFL227 to realign and operate, using conventional longline methods, an existing 3.0 hectare marine farm site 8528 located in Wet Inlet.	Wet Inlet, Pelorus Sound/Te Hoiere	26/02/2024
5.	104B	Sanford Limited	U240061	Coastal Permit	New coastal permit replacing MFL265 and U080053 to realign and operate, using conventional longline methods, an existing 6.07 hectare marine farm site 8525 located in Crail Bay.	Crail Bay, Pelorus Sound/Te Hoiere	26/02/2024
6.	104B	Sanford Limited	U240057	Coastal Permit	New coastal permit replacing MFL080 and U071391 to realign and operate, using conventional longline methods, an existing 5.41 hectare marine farm site 8526 located in Crail Bay.	Crail Bay, Pelorus Sound/Te Hoiere	26/02/2024
7.	104B	Hackthorne Trustees Limited	U240011	Land Use Activity	Create legal rights of way for pedestrian access only over Lots 12 appurtenant to Lots 9 and 10 and over Lot 13 appurtenant to Lots 9, 10 and 12.	Peninsula North of Portage	26/02/2024
8.	104B	A Thomson	U230794	Land Use (Gravel Removal)	To extract up to 500 cubic metres of gravel per year from the Flaxbourne River.	365 Ward Beach Road, Ward	26/02/2024
9.	104B	Port Marlborough New Zealand	U230528	Land Use (Activity) Discharge Permit (To Water)	Operate a clean-fill site on Lot 3. Discharge contaminants to an unnamed stream on Lot 3.	Shakespeare Bay, Picton	27/02/2024
10.	104B	G J and R M Gane	U230670	Land Use (Activity) Land Use (Land Disturbance)	Establish a shed within 8 metres of a waterway and within 5 metres of a side boundary on Lot 1. Undertake excavation within 8 metres of a waterway on Lot 1.	85 Selmes Road, Rapaura, Spring Creek	27/02/2024

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11.	104B	Sanford Limited	U240067	Coastal Permit	New coastal permit replacing MFL236 to realign and operate, using conventional longline methods, an existing 2.5 hectare marine farm site 8517 located in Crail Bay.	Crail Bay, Pelorus Sound/Te Hoiere	27/02/2024
12.	104B	Sanford Limited	U240049	Coastal Permit	New coastal permit replacing MFL179, U060914 and U090452 to realign and operate, using conventional longline methods, an existing 7.02 hectare marine farm site 8391 located in Hikapu Reach.	Hikapu Reach, Pelorus Sound/Te Hoiere	27/02/2024
13.	104B	S M Lissaman and S D Rohloff	U240044	Land Use (Activity) Land Use (Land Disturbance)	Construct a dwelling that does not comply with outdoor amenity standards on Lot 8. Undertake excavation and filling in excess of 50 cubic metres on a slope greater than 10 degrees on Lot 8.	28 Amelia Crescent, Waikawa	27/02/2024
14.	104B	Whitehaven Wine Company Limited	U230465	Land Use (Dam) Water Permit (Dam Water) Water Permit (Divert Water)	Construct a storage reservoir with a maximum wall height of 8.7 metres located on Lot 1. Dam up to 50,000 cubic metres of water within a storage reservoir located on Lot 1. Divert sub-surface water beneath a storage reservoir located on Lot 1.	3459 State Highway 63, Mount Richmond Forest Park, Wairau Valley	27/02/2024
15.	104B	Ragged Point Limited	U240072	Land Use (Activity)	Construct a swimming pool and associated structures in an Outstanding Natural Feature and Outstanding Natural Landscape overlay on Lot 4.	Greville Harbour Road, Rangitoto Ki Te Tonga/ D'Urville Island	28/02/2024

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16.	104B	Te Kohanga Reo National Trust Board	U240028	Land Use (Activity)	Establish a double-sided freestanding sign in Road Reserve adjacent to Lot 1.	Road reserve, northeast Corner of Ballinger Drive and Budge Street, Riversdale, Blenheim	28/02/2024
17.	104B	H J and M L Neame	U230843	Subdivision (Boundary Adjustment)	Undertake a boundary adjustment between two titles containing Lot 2 and Lot 3 and Lot 1 and Lot 2.	167 Marama Road, Seddon	28/02/2024
18.	104B	Kainga Ora - Homes and Communities	U230333	Land Use (Land Disturbance) Land Use (Activity) Subdivision (Allotment Creation)	undertake earthworks associated with the remediation of contaminated soils and construction of residential development on Lot 5. Erect five dwellings on Lot 5 as part of an integrated residential development. Subdivide the 5 new dwellings erected on Lot 5 under U230333.02 into separate allotments, plus a Jointly Owned Access Lot (JOAL) for shared access.	60 Muller Road, Blenheim	28/02/2024
19.	104B	Talley's Limited	U230298	Land Use (Gravel Removal) Land Use (River Surface or Bed Activity) (x2)	Extract up to 10,000 cubic metres of gravel in the first year and up to 5,000 cubic metres of gravel over the following two years, from the Awatere River located adjacent to Section 8 SO 6328. Operate a gravel stockpile and processing site adjacent to Section 8 SO 6328. Remove non-indigenous vegetation from the dry bed of the Awatere River adjacent to Section 8 SO 6328.	Awatere River, to the north of Higgins Road, Awatere Valley	28/02/2024
20.	104B	L S and S J Masters	U210769	Coastal Permit	Coastal permit to establish a new swing mooring M3824 in Raspberry Bay.	Raspberry Bay, Mahau Sound	29/02/2024

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21.	104B	Foreshore Investments Limited	U230324	Land Use (Land Disturbance) Land Use (Activity) Subdivision (Allotment Creation)	Undertake earthworks associated with installation of services and access associated with residential development on Lot 278. Construct three dwellings on Lot 278, and to authorise recession plane encroachments on the internal boundaries of the allotments being created under the subdivision consent. Subdivide the three (substantially completed) townhouses on Lot 278 into separate allotments.	14 Keiss Street, Blenheim	29/02/2024
22.	104B	A G and L M Stowell	U240095	Subdivision (Flat Plan)	Update a cross lease title with the addition of a lean-to porch/garage to the lease area of Flat 1 on Lot 1.	17 White Street, Blenheim	29/02/2024
23.	104B	Cat Creek Horticulture Limited	U240084	Land Use (Land Disturbance)	Undertake excavation and filling within 8 metres of waterways and within a Level 2 Flood Hazard area for the purpose of recontouring on Pt Section 5 Block III Mt Olympus SD and Pt Sec 5 Block XVIII Pine Valley SD.	55 Cat Creek Road, Northbank	29/02/2024
24.	104B	G J and A E Wallace	U230722	Coastal Permit	Coastal Permit to establish a new swing mooring M3899 for a 16.0 metre vessel associated with Lot 2 in Double Cove.	Double Cove, Queen Charlotte Sound/Tōtaranui	29/02/2024
25.	104B	E & S Underdown Family Trust, Titan Trustees Limited Clark, Belinda Clark	U230239	Land Use Activity	Create a right of way marked "D" on the appended scheme over Pt 1A Section 19 Square 91 (RT NL12C/224) to the benefit of Lot 1 (RT NL4C/918).	Croisilles-French Pass Road	29/02/2024

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26.	104B	M J and A M Pattinson	U240091	Coastal Permit	New coastal permit replacing U041222 for the continuation of an existing swing mooring M2590 in Okiwa Bay.	Okiwa Bay, Grove Arm, Queen Charlotte Sound/Tōtaranui	01/03/2024
27.	104B	R J Davidson as trustee for the R J Davidson Family Trust, and Beleve Limited	U240087	Coastal Permit	New coastal permit replacing U120470 to realign and operate, using conventional longline methods, an existing 3.05 hectare marine farm site 8627 located in Oyster Bay.	Oyster Bay, Croisilles Harbour	01/03/2024
28.	104B	R J Davidson as trustee for the R J Davidson Family Trust, and Beleve Limited	U240086	Coastal Permit	New coastal permit replacing U150617 to realign and operate, using conventional longline methods, an existing 3.57 hectare marine farm site 8153 located in Anakoha Bay.	Anakoha Bay, Marlborough Sounds	01/03/2024
29.	104B	P C and S J Adams	U240078	Land Use (Land Disturbance)	Disturb and remove contaminated soil that does not comply with Regulation 8(3)(c) and (d) of the National Environmental Standards for Assessing and Managing Contaminants in Soil to Protect Human Health Regulations 2011 on Lot 1.	64 David Street, Blenheim	01/03/2024
30.	104B	Sanford Limited	U240068	Coastal Permit	New coastal permit replacing MFL043 and U050510 to realign and operate, using conventional longline methods, and to extend by 0.174 hectares, an existing 4.84 hectare marine farm site 8512 located in Crail Bay.	Crail Bay, Pelorus Sound/Te Hoiere	01/03/2024
31.	104B	Ricanne Development Trustees Limited	U230671	Land Use (Activity)	Establish RSE workers accommodation for 48 workers (within two new accommodation buildings) on Lot 1.	190 Rapaura Road (State Highway 62), Rapaura	01/03/2024

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32.	104B	The Rural Connectivity Group	U240108	Land Use (Activity)	Establish, operate, and maintain a telecommunication facility in Cockle Bay, Port Gore in the Outer Pelorus Sound, Marlborough Sounds.	-41.076556 Latitude; 174.237406575 Longitude, Cockle Bay, Port Gore	04/03/2024
33.	104B	The Rural Connectivity Group	U240099	Land Use (Activity)	Establish, operate, and maintain a telecommunication facility at 103 Mt Lyford Avenue, Stag and Spey, Upper Clarence, Awatere Valley, Lot 5.	103 Upper Clarence, Awatere Valley	04/03/2024
34.	104B	Talley's Group Limited	U240097	Coastal Permit	New coastal permit replacing U100664 to realign and operate, using conventional longline methods, an existing 4.5 hectare marine farm site 8289 located in Squally Cove.	Squally Cove, Croisilles Harbour	04/03/2024
35.	104B	Talley's Group Limited	U240096	Coastal Permit	New coastal permit replacing U200789 to realign and operate, using conventional longline methods, an existing 7.135 hectare marine farm site 8298 located in Symonds Bay.	Symonds Bay, Squally Cove, Croisilles Harbour	04/03/2024
36.	104B	Mata Maataitai Partnership (G W Roberts, J C A West and Rongo Marie Limited as partners)	U240093	Coastal Permit	New coastal permit replacing MFL410 to realign and operate, using conventional longline methods, an existing 3.0 hectare marine farm site 8270 located in Squally Cove.	Squally Cove	04/03/2024
37.	104B	T G and Y M Duff	U240022	Land Use (Activity)	Establish visitor accommodation for six (6) guests on Lot 2.	24 Nelson Street, Mayfield, Blenheim	04/03/2024
38.	104B	Marlborough District Council	U230760	Land Use (Land Disturbance)	Undertake filling of land with clean fill up to a volume of 12,900 cubic metres on land at Lot 4, Croisilles-French Pass Road, Squally Cove.	Lot 4 DP 13040, Croisilles-French Pass Road, Squally Cove, Croisilles	04/03/2024

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39.	104B	Upper Avon Farming Group Limited	U240107	Water Permit (Take Water) Water Permit (Use Water) Discharge Permit (to Land)	Take A Class Waihopai River FMU water from a portable suction intake on the Teme River up to a maximum rate of 2 cubic metres per day. Use water for commercial uses in a hunting/tourist lodge and accommodation cottage on Section 4 Block V Hodder SD. Discharge primary treated domestic wastewater to land on Section 4 Block V Hodder SD.	715 Avon Valley Road, Waihopai Valley	05/03/2024
40.	104B	Talley's Group Limited	U240098	Coastal Permit	New coastal permit replacing U130248 to realign and operate, using conventional longline methods, an existing 10.62 hectare marine farm site 8228 located in Beatrix Bay.	Beatrix Bay, Pelorus Sound/Te Hoiere	05/03/2024
41.	104B	R P Stewart	U230838	Coastal Permit	Coastal permit to establish a new swing mooring M3902 in Pendeen Cove.	Pendeen Cove, Kenepuru Sound	05/03/2024
42.	104B	R D Gray	U240171	Land Use (Activity)	Marginal noncompliance for construction of dwelling additions which will encroach into the recession plane on Lot 1.	47 Parker Street, Mayfield, Blenheim	06/03/2024
43.	104B	B Lindsay	U240112	Discharge Permit (to Land)	Discharge of primary treated effluent to land on Pt Section 60 Pelorus DIST.	15 Wakamarina Road, Canvastown, Havelock	06/03/2024
44.	104B	G N and K L McKenzie	U240102	Land Use (Activity) Land Use (Land Disturbance)	Construct a retaining wall within 8 metres of a boundary on Lot 1. Undertake excavation and filling in excess of 50 cubic metres on land with a slope greater than 25 degrees on Lot 1.	280 Moetapu Bay Road, Moetapu Bay	07/03/2024

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45.	104A	Sanford Limited	U240056	Coastal Permit	New coastal permit replacing MFL177 to realign and operate, using conventional longline methods, an existing 3.0 hectare marine farm site 8521 located in Crail Bay.	Crail Bay, Pelorus Sound/Te Hoiere	07/03/2024
46.	104A	Sanford Limited	U240063	Coastal Permit	New coastal permit replacing MFL125 and U000245 to realign and operate, using conventional longline methods, an existing 6.0 hectare marine farm site 8536 located in Elie Bay.	Elie Bay, Pelorus Sound/Te Hoiere	08/03/2024
47.	104B	Sanford Limited	U240058	Coastal Permit	New coastal permit replacing MFL042 and U960789 to realign and operate, using conventional longline methods, an existing 3.0 hectare marine farm site 8527 located in Wet Inlet.	Wet Inlet, Pelorus Sound/Te Hoiere	08/03/2024

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48.	104B	W H, L, A W and J H Jones	U240029	<p>Land Use (Activity) (x3)</p> <p>Land Use (Land Disturbance) (x3)</p> <p>Discharge Permit (to Land)</p>	<p>Build a deck and retaining wall within the 8 metres boundary set back associated with the construction of a sleepout annex on Lot 1.</p> <p>Undertake indigenous vegetation removal associated with preparing a site for construction of a sleepout annex on Lot 1.</p> <p>Install a concrete structure for use as a stormwater dispersal pad within 8 metres of a watercourse on Lot 1.</p> <p>Excavate approximately 150 cubic metres of soil to create a building platform within a 12-month period on Lot 1.</p> <p>Place more than 50 cubic metres of fill material within a 12-month period on Lot 1.</p> <p>Undertake excavation within 8 metres of a watercourse for the installation of a stormwater dispersal pad on Lot 1.</p> <p>Discharge secondary treated domestic wastewater to land on Lot 2.</p>	Mistletoe Bay, Onahau Bay, Queen Charlotte Sound/Tōtaranui	08/03/2024
49.	104B	Marlborough District Council - Planning and Communities Facilities Department	U230654	Land Use (Activity)	Establish and operate a freedom camping site.	Wash Bridge Recreational Reserve, State Highway 63, Wairau Valley	08/03/2024

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50.	34A(1), 104 and 104B	Horahora Trustees Limited	U230620	Land Use (Activity) Land Use (Disturbance)	Undertake indigenous and exotic vegetation clearance associated with the construction of an access track. Undertake excavation, filling and side casting associated with the construction of an access track.	Willawa Point on the Southern side of Oyster Bay	11/03/2024
51.	34A(1) and 104B	Ricanne Development Trustees Limited	U190375	Discharge Permit (To Land)	Change conditions 2 and 3 to allows for two new workers accommodation blocks to be connected to the existing wastewater system.	190 Rapaura Road, Rapaura	11/03/2024
52.	34A(1), 104 and 104B	Ricanne Development Trustees Limited	U210501	Land Use (Activity) Discharge Permit (To Land).	Vary condition 1.	190 Rapaura Road, Rapaura	11/03/2024
53.	34A(1), 104 and 104B	Grant Kenneth Coles, Carolyn Ann Coles and Kenneth James Coles as Trustees of the Grant Coles Family Trustees	U210746	Land Use (Activity)	Change conditions 1, 2 and 6 of U210746.01 and to change conditions 1,3 and 4 of U210746.02 to allow for site configuration changes including relocating the proposed shed, relocating the administration office, moving the location of the western site entrance and provision of additional on-site parking.	308mand 320 Old Renwick Road, Blenheim	11/03/2024

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54.	34A(1), 104 and 104B	Pukematai Farm Limited	U240004	Discharge permit (To Land) Land Use (Activity)	Discharge treated domestic wastewater to land from a new wastewater system. Relocate a three-bedroom dwelling on Part Section I Wairau DIST which will be within 300 metres of a frost fan located on a neighbouring property.	179 Chaytors Road	11/03/2024
55.	34A(1), 104 and 104B	Joanne Frances van Polanen, John Anthony van Polanen	U240085	Discharge permit (To Land)	Discharge secondary treated wastewater to land via a new onsite wastewater system.	3123 Kenepuru Road, Portage	11/03/2024
56.	34A(1), 104 and 104B	Camp Costigan Health Resort Limited	U240106	Coastal Permit (Mooring)	Establish a new elasticated swing mooring at The Pines, Endeavour Inlet, Queen Charlotte Sound/Totaranui.	Endeavour Inlet, Queen Charlotte Sound/Totaranui	11/03/2024
57.	34A(1), 104 and 104B	Upper Avon Farming Group Limited	U230879	Land Use (Activity)	Relocate a cottage onto section 4 block V Hodder SD to be used as a visitor accommodation facility for a maximum of four guests.	715 Avon Valley Road	12/03/2024
58.	348	Christopher Raymond and Katrina Anne Ferris	U240176	Land Use (Activity)	Create a right of way shown as A on DP 12031 over Lot 1 DP 12031 in favour of Lot 6.	255 Tyntesfield Road, Waihopai Valley	13/03/2024
59.	87BA	Graham George Cooper, Doreen Frances Cooper	U240128	Land Use (Activity)	Construct a slip repair containing wall within the 1.5 metres of the side boundary	738 Quenn Charlotte Drive, Havelock	14/03/2024
60.	34A(1), 104 and 104B	Ball Family Trust	U151149	Coastal Permit (Structure)	Change condition 12 to change the related land.	Ruakaka Bay, Inner Queen Charlotte Sound	15/03/2024
61.	34A(1), 104 and 104B	Andrew Angus McFarlane, Sarah Helen McFarlane	U151140	Coastal Permit (Structure) Coastal Permit (Structure)	Change condition 12 to change the related land.	Ruakaka Bay, Inner Queen Charlotte Sound	15/03/2024

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62.	34A(1), 104 and 104B	Michelle Ann Russ	U230687	Land Use (River Surface or Bed Activity) Water Permit (Divert Water) Land Use (Land Disturbance)	Undertake works in Top Valley stream to construct and maintain bank protection works including gravel benching, constructing groynes, vegetation establishment and removal and construct a new channel. Divert Top Valley water stream down a new preferential flow path. Undertake vegetation removal adjacent to Top Valley Stream	362 Top Valley Road, North Bank Mount, Richmond Forrest Park.	15/03/2024
63.	34A(1), 104 and 104B	Awatere Irrigation Limited	U240137	Water Permit (Use Water)	Use water for the irrigation of up to 23.1 hectares of vineyard.	The Gorges, 315 Upton Downs Road, Awatere Valley	18/03/2024
64.	34A(1), 104A, 104 and 106	Junpei Justice	U240111	Subdivision (Allotment Creation)	Subdivide into two allotments.	7 Fantail Heights, Picton	18/03/2024
65.	34A(1), 104 and 104B	Philip Graham Wright	U230431	Discharge Permit (To Land)	Discharge secondary treated domestic wastewater to land from an existing wastewater management system.	Maraetai Bay	18/03/2024
66.	34A(1), 104, 104B and 105	Euan John and Rosemary Elisabeth Lawson	U240138	Discharge Permit (To Land)	Discharge secondary treated wastewater to land	35 Matai Street, Duncan Bay, Tennyson Inlet	19/03/2024
67.	34A(1), 104B and 104	Kate Laura Morgan, Samuel James Houston	U230232	Discharge Permit (To Land)	Change condition 1 to allow for a revised wastewater design which differs to that which was granted resource consent.	37 Tytler Street, RD 3, Blenheim 7273	19/03/2024
68.	34A(1), 104B and 104	Upton Fells Station Limited	U240073	Water Permit (Take water) Water Permit (Use Water)	Abstract B class Awatere FMU water up to a maximum cumulative rate of 728 cubic metres per day from three existing intakes	1007 Medway Road, Awatere Valley, Ward	19/03/2024

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69.	34A(1), 104B and 104	Lion NZ Limited	U240041	Water Permit (Take Water) Water Permit (Use Water) x2	Take Omaka aquifer FMU water up to a maximum of 30,030 cubic metres annually from well. Use water for the irrigation of 14 hectares of vineyard. Use water for ancillary purposes.	541 Hawkesbury Road, Hawkesbury, Waihopai Valley	19/03/2024
70.	34A(1), 104B and 104	Hortus Limited	U240125	Water Permit (Take Water) x 2 Water Permit (Use Water) x 2	Take Riverlands aquifer FMU water up to a maximum rate of 35,000 cubic metres per year from well. Use water for domestic, commercial and associated uses in a RSE worker accommodation facility and administration offices. Take Riverlands aquifer FMU water up to a maximum rate of up to 14,195 cubic metres per year from well.	3043 State Highway One Riverlands	19/03/2024
71.	34A(1), 104B, 104 and 105	Melissa Cragg	U190564	Discharge Permit (To Land)	Discharge treated domestic wastewater to land.	268 New Renwick Road, RD 2, Fairhall	20/03/2024
72.	34A(1), 104B, 104 and 105	Gregor Richter, Okamoto Tomoko	U240151	Discharge Permit (To Land)	Discharge secondary treated domestic wastewater to land	742 Queen Charlotte Drive, Havelock	20/03/2024
73.	34A(1), 104B and 104	PH Kinzett Limited	U240167	Water Permit (Take Water) Water Permit (Use Water)	Abstract Wairau aquifer FMU water up to a maximum of 30,000 cubic metres per year from wells. Use water for the irrigation of up 2 hectares of glasshouse crops.	412 Old Renwick Road, Springlands, Blenheim	20/03/2024

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74.	34A(1), 104B and 104	Shearer Family Fames Limited	U230755	Water Permit (Take Water) x 2 Water Permit (Use Water) x2	Take A Class Pelorus River FMU water up to a maximum of 2500 cubic metres per day from an existing screened intake structure. Take B Class Pelorus River FMU water up to a maximum of 786 cubic metres per day from an existing screened intake structure. Use water for the irrigation of up to 62 hectares of pasture.	5505 State Highway 6, Canvastown, Havelock	20/03/2024
75.	34A(1), 104B and 104	Alganutrics Limited	U230867	Land Use (Activity)	Establish and operate a small batch biorefinery, processing up to 6,000 litres of culture media per day to produce high quality nutraceuticals.	12 Uxbridge Street	22/03/2024
76.	34A(1), 104B and 104	McKendry Properties Limited	U240183	Land Use (Activity)	Construct four dwellings with instructions into recession planes of the future subdivision.	5 Poynter Street, Blenheim	22/03/2024
77.	34A(1), 104 and 104B in accordance with section 128 of the RM Act.	Kelly Anne Ritchie, Glenn Cameron Ritchie	U080639	Coastal Permit (Mooring) x 2	Change condition 3 to change the position of the mooring and to change conditions 3 and 5 to change the position of the mooring and increase the maximum vessel size from 10 metres to 14 metres.	Endeavour Inlet, Outer Queen Charlotte Sound	22/03/2024
78.	34A(1), 104 and 104A	Mt Riley Wines and Estates	U240206	Land Use (Activity) x5	Establish and operate five Frost Boss C49 frost fans with John Deere Engines.	3782 State Highway 63, Wairau Valley, Mount Richmond Forrest Park.	22/03/2024
79.	34A(1), 104 and 104A	Pyramid Investments Limited	U240212	Land Use (Activity) x11	Establish and operate five Frost Boss C49 frost fans with John Deere Engines.	256 Avondale Road, Waihopi Valley	22/3/2024

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