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Improving freight efficiency on Marlborough's roads is one key focus in the Marlborough Regional Land Transport Plan

### Marlborough's Regional Land Transport Plan opens for consultation soon

Major Marlborough Sounds road repairs, increased road maintenance and improving freight efficiencies are Council's key focus in its Marlborough Regional Land Transport Plan (RLTP) 2024-2027.

The Regional Transport Committee met last week to approve the draft plan which is subject to final approval at Council's next meeting on 10 April.

Public consultation will open on the RLTP on 11 April at the same time as Council's Long Term Plan and will run until 13 May at 5pm.

Mayor Nadine Taylor said the RLTP was an important document which underpins Marlborough's road and transport planning and confirmed the region's investment priorities on both the state highway and local roads.

It is required under the Land Transport Management Act 2008 (LTMA) and is prepared by Marlborough Roads with NZ Transport Agency (NZTA) input.

"This RLTP is not surprisingly dominated by the Marlborough Sounds Future Access Study and the repairs and resilience work that this study has identified as needing to be done due to the major storm damage to our Sounds roads network. Work which is going to require significant investment over the next three years," Mayor Taylor said.

"The RLTP also includes increased funding for maintenance to improve the overall level of service for motorists which means smoother roads, less potholes and greater safety," she said. "The vision of this RLTP is to have a safe and connected region that is liveable, accessible and sustainable."

Regional Transport Committee Chair Councillor Scott Adams said it was good timing for Marlborough that the new

government's recently released Draft Government Policy Statement (GPS) on Transport was able to be factored into the region's new land transport plan.

"The GPS has a much stronger focus on economic growth and productivity through delivery, sticking to core business and providing value for money. Marlborough's priorities reflect this. With the cancellation of the iReX project, there is likely to be more trucks on the road, so we need to ensure Marlborough's roads, particularly the vital freight route on SH1, are ready, reliable, and robust enough to cater for freight demands into the future," Councillor Adams said.

More information will be available on Council's website from 11 April when submissions open.

### New truck park planned for Picton

Trucks waiting for ferries may have an alternative to parking on Picton streets if a facility in Waitohi Domain is built.

Money has been set aside in the Long Term Plan to terminate Port Marlborough's lease of the domain and use it for parking complete with a new ablutions block.

After the Kaikōura earthquake, when SH1 was closed, Council obtained partial funding from the government to build a temporary truck park on Waitohi Domain which catered for up to 26 truck and trailer units.

Once the highway reopened, the land was leased to Port Marlborough.

Since then there have been increasing issues with trucks parking on Picton streets with Council receiving complaints from residents regarding noise at night from refrigerated trucks and safety concerns.

Council surveys have found more than 50 trucks and trailer units parked in Picton streets when ferry delays occur.

Transporting New Zealand, the representative body, said the trucking fraternity needed toilets, showers, a laundry and a place to have a meal.

While the Riverlands Truck Stop near Blenheim provided that, a similar facility was needed closer to the ferry terminal.

An ablutions block with a swipe card system, similar to that used at Riverlands, could be installed with an estimated cost of \$400,000.

The cost of terminating the lease with Port Marlborough is \$209,500.



Trucks parking on Picton streets could become a thing of the past if a truck park in Waitohi Domain goes ahead

### Pavilion proposed for park

Blenheim's A and P Park could get a new multi-million dollar pavilion if approved through Council's Long Term Plan process.

In 2014 the ageing pavilion was identified by Council staff as needing replacement and funds were budgeted through various Long Term Plan processes.

A feasibility study in 2020 found the pavilion was no longer fit for purpose. A master plan was developed after consultation with stakeholders.

A multipurpose hub is proposed which will support local sports and community groups including the A and P Association and Marlborough Football.

The plan includes options on where to put the new pavilion and also makes provision for

demolishing the former groundsman's house to make way for a new storage area.

A budget of \$5.9M has been assessed for the full project which includes demolition of the existing pavilion, construction and fitout of the new one, with a new toilet near the Farmers' Market area. Of the total budget, \$3.7M is requested through the Long Term Plan.

Other community facility projects going out for consultation include:

- Upgrading the Havelock memorial which honours Marlborough scientist Sir William Pickering and Lord Ernest Rutherford - \$80,000

- Upgrading the Auckland Street Skate and Basketball Park in Picton including introducing more features to suit a growing number of younger participants - \$191,500

**Public consultation begins 11 April on Council's Long Term Plan (LTP) 2024-2034. This plan, reviewed every three years, highlights the key projects, services, facilities and funding Council has planned to invest in Marlborough's future, our people, quality lifestyle and outstanding natural environment. Consultation is the key to a good plan and we need your help in shaping Marlborough's next 10 years and beyond.**

### Estuary gets clean bill of health

Whangarae Estuary is a great example of a Marlborough river mouth in good health, Council's Environment and Planning Committee has heard.

Senior Coastal Scientist Katie Littlewood said a report showed the Croiselles Harbour estuary, one of many in the province being observed, benefitted from its remoteness.

"The limited human pressure and lack of development in this catchment make it one of the most natural estuaries in Marlborough," she said. "Being a regenerating native catchment means there are not a lot of land use effects compared to many of our other estuaries."

The Marlborough coastal marine environment includes more than 60 estuaries and intertidal areas which are biodiversity hotspots providing habitat and nursery grounds for many species, with numerous ecosystem functions.

The 125-hectare estuary was dominated by regenerating native forest, had well flushed tidal flats with prolific shellfish beds and seagrass.

"Estuaries are an important biogenic habitat providing a nursery ground for juvenile fish species," Katie said. "Monitoring is critical as they are an interface between the land and sea and are strongly impacted by land use practices."

Whangarae Estuary was an important reference to compare with other estuaries that were impacted by human activities.

"Estuary and intertidal monitoring includes broad and fine scale mapping and seagrass and sediment monitoring which gives Council robust information about the changing state of each estuary," she said. "This report shows everything here is tracking quite beautifully."



Native bush surrounding Whangarae Estuary helps keep it natural and in good health. Photo credit: Salt Ecology

### Marlborough Energised promises to be spectacular

An interactive lighting display is a feature of next weekend's Marlborough Energised event at Pollard Park.

The event celebrates a 100-year milestone for Marlborough Lines, who are excited to bring a spectacular light and visual event to Blenheim.

Parking will be at a premium so please use the map as a guide.



#### EVENT ACCESS MAP

- As a high number of attendees are expected, parking is very limited. Please consider walking to the event instead of driving.
- Stop, look & listen when crossing any roads.
- Please remain vigilant and aware of other pedestrians, cyclists or vehicles when travelling to or from the event.
- Access via Parker Street entrance ONLY.
- All carparks are public carparks, please be kind and considerate of others – watch your speed at all times, look out for families or young children accessing the event.

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### Working for Nature/Mahi mō te Taiao grants open

The 2024/25 Working for Nature/Mahi mō te Taiao grant scheme is now open for online applications.

Now in its fifth year, \$120,000 is available for projects ranging from pest control to restoring wetlands on public, private or Māori-owned land in Marlborough.

Funding is awarded under three categories:

- Habitat Marlborough - for restoring native habitats, improving biodiversity and freshwater quality
- Protecting Marlborough - for animal and plant pest control
- Environmental Advocacy - a new category for initiatives that promote environmental awareness

The scheme provides the opportunity for groups and individuals to protect and enhance the environment.

The maximum cap on a Habitat Marlborough project is \$10,000; Protecting Marlborough is \$15,000 and Environmental Advocacy is \$2,000.

Community groups or community trusts operating multi-year projects are invited to apply for multi-year funding through the grant, up to the designated category maximum per year.

To be eligible, the trust or group must have a proven history of successfully undertaking environmentally beneficial biodiversity projects.

More information can be found on Council's website - online applications can be made at: [www.marlborough.govt.nz/our-community/grants-and-awards/working-for-nature-mahi-mo-te-taiao](http://www.marlborough.govt.nz/our-community/grants-and-awards/working-for-nature-mahi-mo-te-taiao)

Please note paper applications will not be accepted. Applications close at 5pm on 30 April, with all applicants notified of outcomes by July 2024.

### Recycle your containers with Council

Marlborough is now a collection point for the Food and Beverage Carton Recycling Scheme (FBCRS).

Council's Solid Waste Manager Mark Lucas said Council's approval by the Packaging Forum as a collection point is great news for the region. Recycled containers can be dropped at the Hazardous Waste Centre in Wither Road, Blenheim or Envirohub in Picton.

"Marlborough can now recycle all manner of food and beverage containers. We currently send 30 tonnes of these packages to landfill each year but now we can divert them if we all work together," Mr Lucas said.

"Once we have sufficient containers - around 600kg - they will be baled and shipped to Hamilton to a company that is turning them into a building product called saveBOARD. One major advantage of this product is that any off-cuts can be reprocessed again," he said.

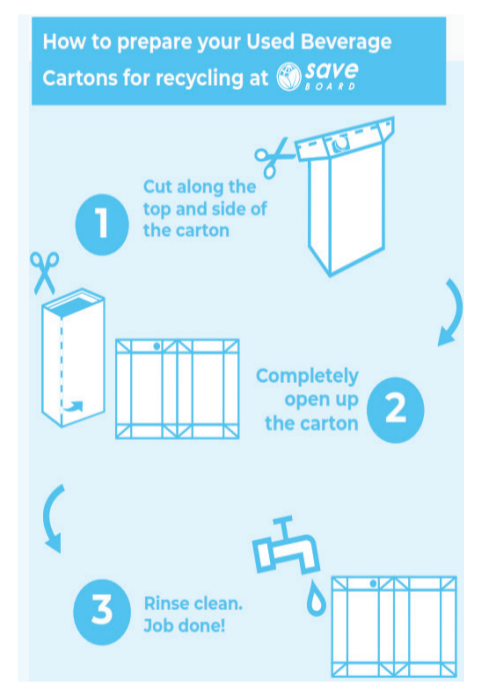
This nationwide initiative is a voluntary product stewardship scheme supported by the users of these containers. For more information go to: <https://fbcarton.recycling.kiwi.nz/>

"Being a product stewardship scheme there is no cost to Council or ratepayers for the transport of the product, but we get the benefit of the landfill cost savings," Mr Lucas said.

For the cartons to be accepted they need to be cut open, rinsed and laid flat.

"At the moment we cannot collect these in our kerbside collection but there is work in progress to see if we can get that changed. But we hope to roll out this service to all the transfer stations from 1 July."

For more information go to: [www.marlborough.govt.nz/services/recycling-and-waste/recycling/food-and-beverage-cartons](http://www.marlborough.govt.nz/services/recycling-and-waste/recycling/food-and-beverage-cartons)



For cartons to be accepted follow these instructions



Council's Hazardous Waste Centre is now an approved collection point for containers like these

# Public Notices

## Meet your Council



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

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

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

## Sport & Recreation Community Activity Fund closing soon

Council's 2023/2024 Sport & Recreation Community Activity Fund closes next Monday 8 April. Applications are being accepted for activities held before 28 February 2025. There is \$30,000 available for allocation per annum.

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

Key dates:

- Applications close: 5pm Monday 8 April 2024
- Funding decision by: 5pm Friday 19 April 2024

Applications must be completed via Council's website - <https://www.marlborough.govt.nz/recreation/events/sport-and-recreation-community-activity-fund>

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

## Proposed road closures, navigation warnings and alcohol licensing

For the latest public notices, please go to [www.marlborough.govt.nz/your-council/latest-news-notice-and-media-releases/all-news-notice-and-media-releases](http://www.marlborough.govt.nz/your-council/latest-news-notice-and-media-releases/all-news-notice-and-media-releases)

## Awatere and Dashwood rural boil water notice

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

It does not currently meet the NZ Drinking Water Standards and may contain bacteria or protozoa that are harmful to human health.

All water used for drinking, food preparation or cleaning teeth should be boiled before use.

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



## Antenno keeps you in the loop

Council's mobile app Antenno is a great way to keep up to date with important Council alerts.

Free to install, Antenno is available on Apple and Android smartphones and no personal information or login details are required.

You simply save the locations you want to be informed about, such as your home address, workplace or school.

When Council posts an update relevant to your chosen locations, you receive a notification.

While most posts are specific to your location, some notifications like sports ground closures are published district-wide. This means no matter where a team is playing, they'll have the relevant information.

During rainfall and flooding events, road closure information changes quickly. In these instances, Antenno updates link to information on Council's website. These notifications are sent out district-wide to ensure they reach as many people as quickly as possible.

To learn more about Antenno including how to download the app visit: [www.marlborough.govt.nz/services/apps](http://www.marlborough.govt.nz/services/apps)

## Blenheim Customer Service Centre

15 Seymour Street, Blenheim 7201  
Ph: 03 520 7400

[mdc@marlborough.govt.nz](mailto:mdc@marlborough.govt.nz)

Mon - Tues 8.30am - 4.30pm

Wed 8.30am - 12.30pm  
1.30pm - 4.30pm

Thurs - Fri 8.30am - 4.30pm

## Picton Library & Service Centre

2 Dublin Street, Picton 7220  
Ph: 03 520 7493

[pictonlibrary@marlborough.govt.nz](mailto:pictonlibrary@marlborough.govt.nz)

Mon - Fri 8am - 5pm

Sat - Sun 10am - 4pm

## Council & Committee Meetings

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

### Council

Wednesday 10 April 2024 at 9am

### Assets & Services Committee

Tuesday 16 April 2024 at 9am

### Environment & Planning Committee

Thursday 18 April 2024 at 9am

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

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