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World-leading technology will aid Tory Channel mariners

A groundbreaking visual aid providing real-time guidance for mariners on current and tide conditions in Tory Channel/Kura te Au (pictured) went live on Council's website on Monday.

The world-leading technology is the result of more than two years of work as part of Council's Tide and Current Project, run in conjunction with marine and oceanographic survey experts Oceanum, Calypso Science and iXblue, and was presented to the Environment and Planning Committee last week.

Tory Channel/Kura te Au, the main trunk line for ferries travelling between the North and South islands, has long had a reputation amongst mariners as a complex waterway, Harbourmaster Captain Jake Oliver told

"Actual currents and expected currents are not always the same which means mariners cannot be certain of the conditions until they

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have entered the channe

"The tide and current model 'nowcasts' real-time information on the actual flow conditions at the entrance to the channel and will be free to use," he said.

"There is a high degree of accuracy, and we have confidence in the model. We can project 24 hours ahead and look back at the previous 24 hours as well.

Council owns the model, but Oceanum who have developed the product, mathematical models and visual aids will be able to use the technology developed for other applications around the world.

"The technology has the potential to be much more than a navigational safety tool," Captain

"The only Council investment has been staff time and energy," he said.

Cawthron Institute was also contracted to help with water flow measurements and data computers on some of the interisland ferries also helped validate the model

The work has been made possible due to the detailed bathymetric data collected during the HS51 multibeam survey of Queen Charlotte Sound/Tōtaranui in 2016/17.

"Without this data we would not have been able to understand the shape of the channel Now we will begin looking at the feasibility of expanding the project to encompass the whole of Queen Charlotte Sound/Tōtaranui.

The new visual aid will also be available via the Marlborough Cruise Guide.

For more information go to: <u>www.marlborough.govt.nz/environment/</u> harbours/tory-channel-current-and-tide-

Works are progressing well on water main upgrades in Springlands, Blenheim.

Springlands work progresses

The \$1.7m project started in McLauchlan Street with work timed for school holidays to cause minimum disruption to students. teachers and parents.

The upgrade of the old water main is part of Council's continued upgrade of services, planned in several phases and scheduled to finish in October 2024.

Contractors Fulton Hogan worked hard during January and achieved more pipe laying than expected, Council's Project Engineer Graeme Jackson said.

"McLauchlan Street has been sealed and tidied ready for the new school term." he said. "Work is now focused on Old Renwick Road, between Waipuna and McLauchlan streets, for the next couple of months. There will be stop-go traffic lights in place."

The new water main provides for growth to the north of Old Renwick Road to cater for the future expansion of housing in that area, Mr Jackson said.

"The pipes in McLauchlan Street are old so it's a timely upgrade. The new PVC pipes will be bigger and much more resilient.'

Motorists are encouraged to take alternative routes where possible



The new seal on McLauchlan Street

Cranes to go to island community

Cranes at Kapowai and Elmslie Bay ietties in the Marlborough Sounds are to be refurbished and handed over to the D'Urville Island Settlers Association.

Currently the electric cranes are owned and operated by Council and used by fishers to unload their catch, residents to load fuel and supplies and beekeepers to load honey.

At January's Assets and Services Meeting, Steve Murrin from Marlborough Roads said Council had inherited the cranes from the Marlborough Harbour Boad when it was disestablished in the late 1980s

Council had since managed and maintained them as they are were an essential connection between the island

The cranes are now coming to the end of their lives and need refurbishment to gair

certification. Once handed over to the association, the community would be able to apply for maintenance grants, Mr Murrin said. Sounds Ward Councillor Barbara Faulls said the cranes were a valuable piece of equipment for the island community particularly with the recent loss of fuel supply

"The cranes are an essential connection to the island and also used by Marlborough Roads and DOC," she said.

Mayor Nadine Taylor said: "The cranes are critical and gifting them to the community - which knows them best and uses them - is the best way forward," she said. "It's not a shifting of responsibility as Council will still be standing by."

The cranes will be gifted once their capability and ownership is confirmed.

If you think you have seen bomarea please contact the Biosecurity team; Ph. 03 520 7400 or email biosecurity@marlborough.govt.nz Our website has more information on unwanted

Over the next few weeks we will look at some of these pests

iReX project winds down in Waitohi Picton

At the end of last year, the

on the Waitohi Awa culvert.

Government announced that the

increase in construction costs for

iReX (Interislander's ferry terminal

redevelopment and new ships project)

were too great to continue the project.

The iReX team is now focused on winding

means making sure all sites are left safe and

tidy and completing the strengthening work

down the project. For Waitohi Picton this

KiwiRail is working in partnership with

Marlborough District Council and the NZ

Transport Agency Waka Kotahi (NZTA) about

what next for the transport network around

Marlborough Mayor Nadine Taylor says

Picton community about the Dublin

Street upgrades

community's questions.

Street overbridge and the Kent/Wairau

with KiwiRail and NZTA to answer the

Council's Biosecurity team's work

includes managing plant, animal

and marine pest species, with the ever-present risk of new threats that

industries and quality of life.

can impact our environment, primary

"We understand there is intense interest in

the 'where to from here' and we are working

Council is working closely with all parties nvolved to get more certainty for the

Bomarea multiflora, also known as climbing alstromeria, is a scrambling perennial vine from South America that twists around any available support, including native plants, and strangles them.

Its leaves are long and pointed and the tubular flowers are red to orange or gold on the outside and yellow inside with dark spots, hanging in clusters of 15 to 20 flowers, from summer to winter.

Numerous fleshy, round, bright orange fruit develop from May to August.

Its stems come from underground rhizomes bearing numerous tubers which break easily Bomarea seedlings creep along the ground, smothering low-growing species.

Biosecurity: watch out for Bomarea

Interislander Programme Director David

Warburton savs last year's decision marks

the end of the iReX project, but not KiwiRail's

work with Government, partners, community

"Everyone accepts that investment is needed

and staff on finding an alternative solution

to deliver a reliable, safe and sustainable

"Waitohi Picton is a special town with good

people who've been extremely supportive of

the Interislander and the iReX project. We'll

continue to keep in touch with everyone as

new plans emerge," David Warbuton says.

We were always planning to run the current

"For Interislander it is business as usual.

"Safety and reliability continues to be a

busiest months, Interislander delivered

100 per cent reliability with 94 per cent

on time performance. For January we

continued to provide a reliable service.

and 92 per cent on-time performance

closing the month at 99 per cent reliability

huge focus for the team and we're proud to say that during December, one of our

for Interislander

fleet until 2026

Cook Strait Service.



The invasive South American climber bomarea

Council greenhouse gas emissions fall

The Climate Change sub-committee met last week to receive a report on Council's latest emissions inventory, plus an update on the Climate Change Action Plan and hear from members of the community

In 2023, greenhouse gas emissions from councilcontrolled operations totalled 38,761 tonnes, down 14.7 per cent from a peak in 2020.

The largest sources of emissions are the Bluegums landfill (30,426 tonnes) and wastewater treatment (3.998 tonnes)

Environmental consultancy WSP undertook the independent audit and report.

Previous emissions inventories in 2019 and 2020 were also prepared by an independent consultant Assets and Services Manager Richard Coningham told the sub-committee emissions peaked in 2020 due to Covid-19, when Blenheim's waste sorting centre was closed and more waste was sent to

The report shows a step in the right direction. said Councillor Gerald Hope, who chairs the

"This is a whole-of-Council approach to take stock of our emissions profile. While it shows



Landfill made up 78% of greenhouse gas emissions for Council in 2022/23, with the biggest contributor being organic waste such as food scraps

improvement, it also shows where we can do better." Clr Hope said. "We are in this together and that's why we're taking a coordinated approach to

Council's Climate Change Action Plan outlines several actions underway to mitigate greenhouse gases, as well as how the organisation is planning

Government rules will require greenwaste and food waste to be diverted from landfill by 2030. Council is also considering buying more hybrid vehicles as its fleet lease expires, as well as replacing old office air conditioning units for efficiency gains.

The Climate Change Action Plan also outlines how Council is planning to adapt to climate change such as considering rising sea levels.

In October 2023, the National Institute of Water and Atmospheric Research presented a Marlborough-wide assessment of potential coastal inundation influenced by sea level rise.

One of its recommendations was to undertake more advanced modelling in the Lower Wairau (including Blenheim, Rarangi to Te Pokohiwi/ Boulder Bank), which is underway. Once compete. Council will work with the community on future pathways to address possible sea level rise in this area over the next 100 years.

For more information go to: www.marlborough. govt.nz/environment/climate-change

The crane at Kapowai on D'Urville Island which is to be gifted to the D'Urville Island Settlers

Commercial Events Fund - opening soon

Round two of Council's 2023/2024 Commercial Events Fund opens next Monday 12 February

This Fund was established to help create economic benefit to Marlborough by attracting new events and helping to build on existing ones. Council's Commercial Events Fund sub-committee considers the applications and there is up to \$100,000 available for allocation for 2023/2024.

To be eligible, commercial events must be held within the Marlborough District Council boundaries. Community events, conferences, conventions, trade shows and exhibitions are not eligible. Funding is granted on an annual

basis but it does not mean that all funds must be distributed each year. Past applicants who have been unsuccessful may re-apply.

Kev dates:

- Applications close 5pm Monday 11 March 2024
- Funding decision by: 5pm Friday 5 April 2024

Applications must be completed via Council's website - https://www.marlborough.govt.nz/ recreation/events/commercial-events-fund

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

Every drop counts

Picton and Waikawa residents can now use sprinklers on alternate days

Hand held hoses, flushing of boat motors and light boat washing are allowed too.

- · A property with an even numbered street address may use a sprinkler on even numbered calendar days
- A property with an odd numbered street address can use a sprinkler on odd numbered calendar days

The water play area on the Foreshore will be open on weekends and public holidays











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.

The 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/yourcouncil/councillors or Ph: 520 7400.

Blenheim to Nelson road to close

The Whangamoa Saddle, on State Highway 6 between Rai Valley and Hira, is closing at night during February.

NZTA/Waka Kotahi said the road would close for road resurfacing and maintenance.

Work is scheduled to run from 11 February until 1 March, dependent on weather, and during this time the road will close from 8pm until 5.30am Sunday to Thursday nights. No work will be done on Fridays and Saturdays

The road will open once each night at 12.30am to let traffic through and drivers are urged to plan carefully to ensure they meet this schedule.

The work is the first major work on the saddle since the seven-week closure for flood repairs in 2022.

"We need to resurface parts of the highway before winter to ensure the highway is safe and in tip-top

shape," Rob Service, System Manager Top of the South

"Road crews will also be clearing water channels and fixing guardrails. We have deliberately timed the work to happen at night and outside the busy holiday period to affect as few road users as possible.

Full closure is need due to the narrowness of the road and the equipment being used.

"We realise road closures are disruptive but they're the best option," Mr Service said.

"They are safer for our road crews and allow us to complete the work much faster.'

The alternate route for drivers wanting to travel overnight between Blenheim and Nelson is via State Highway 63.

Wither Hills Farm Park remains closed

The Wither Hills Farm Park remains closed due to the hot and dry conditions.

Council made the decision following discussion with Fire and Emergency New Zealand (FENZ) in the interest of

Due to the mixture of dry grass, steep slopes and warm and windy conditions, a fire would spread very quickly, placing people at extreme risk.

Council is also warning people to be very careful when walking or biking in the Taylor River reserve, especially between the Burleigh Bridge and Taylor Dam.

The vegetation is super dry and a spark could cause a quick-spreading fire. Reserve users should think carefully about their route and ensure they have a plan to exit the reserve quickly in case of fire. Early morning and late evening walks are recommended when the danger level is a lower.

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 the Council on Ph: 03 520 7400.



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Thurs - Fri 8.30am - 4.30pm

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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 districtwide to ensure they reach as many people as quickly as possible.

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Council's Harbours team - working to ensure our waterways are safe for everyone to enjoy.

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