

## Government funding welcomed for library and art gallery

Mayor John Leggett has welcomed the Government's announcement of \$11m in infrastructure funding for the new district library and art gallery planned for Blenheim's CBD.

"This is a shot in the arm for Marlborough's construction industry and a vote of confidence in a long-planned Council redevelopment project."

"The build alone will support and create many local jobs during its construction phase, which will take up to two years, starting this September. There will be many indirect employment, business and servicing benefits as well."

"The new facility will revitalise downtown Blenheim. As well as being a fantastic new library and stunning new art gallery, it will also become the town's community meeting place and hub and further enhance the Quays riverside precinct."

"The current library in Blenheim already has 17,900 visitors a month and that will only increase with this new, multifunctional venue."

The Mayor thanked Finance Minister Grant Robertson who took the time to meet with him and Council Chief Executive Mark Wheeler on a recent visit to Marlborough.

"We were able to outline to him a number of 'shovel-ready projects' in Marlborough, and the library/art gallery was one of those."

The Mayor noted the new library and service centre in Waitohi/Picton has transformed users' experience there, attracting 24 per cent more visitors since it opened in 2017, and has delivered a multi-use venue for many diverse community activities.

"We know the COVID-19 emergency will have a serious impact on our tourism, retail, hospitality and construction sectors. This project will help support new, local jobs here and provide a destination for visitors to Blenheim, drawing them into our town centre."

"The Millennium Public Art Gallery Trust want to upgrade their facilities to meet national and international exhibition and collection management requirements."

"The new building will address the old art gallery's inadequate storage and exhibition space and limited education facilities."

The project's construction is currently out to tender and closes on 15 July. The construction budget is just under \$20m.

## Special ceremony celebrates new Picton features

A special ceremony was held in Picton last week to unveil a mural created by members of the Youth Council and Queen Charlotte College, and to officially open the new public toilets in High Street.

Unveiling the mural, Councillor Jenny Andrews said it is an example of the way the Youth Council connects with the community.

"Working in with Queen Charlotte College the students linked up with Sustainable Coastlines to research and plan this artwork. The students spent more than 30 hours gathering their ideas on their environmental theme."

"The result is simply stunning - they've picked out the features of Shelly Beach which have significance to them, acknowledging the place of Te Reo and illustrating to us all how our young people relate to, and connect with, our environment."

The new toilet block, which has been operational for a few months was also officially opened as part of the ceremony.

Councillor Jenny Andrews said as the town has got busier, the two single toilet units at the High Street car park haven't been up to par, with people queuing for the ageing facilities.

"The need was well proven with more than 2,000 uses in the first week they opened."

The assistance of 50 per cent funding from the Government's Tourism Infrastructure Fund was acknowledged, along with support of local businesses. With seating, a new drinking fountain and planters, it's now a much more welcoming spot.



Youth Council members Jarrah Timms (left) and Nathan Jamieson



Members of the Youth Council and Queen Charlotte College perform a haka in front of Picton's new toilet facilities.

## Havelock Community Pathway given green light

The construction of the Havelock Community Pathway is underway following funding approved by the Council's Small Townships Programme Sub-committee.

The one kilometre pathway will connect the Mahakipawa Road with Inglis Street allowing greater accessibility and connectivity for walkers and cyclists.

Small Townships Sub-committee Chair, Cynthia Brooks, said it's great that progress can be made on the new pathway, which was identified by the Havelock community many years ago as a key piece of infrastructure for the town and wider community.

Council has been working closely with the Havelock Community Association and the Link Pathway Trust over the last few years to identify a suitable route and get relevant consents and budget in place to allow for the construction to start.

"The end result will be a fantastic asset for locals and visitors to the town - a real drawcard for Havelock. And the committee is particularly pleased that the project will be delivered by the Link Pathway Trust, a win, win," Councillor Brooks said.

Havelock Community Association Chair, Val Seatter, said the pathway has been a priority project for the community for many years.

"We are all thrilled that our original vision from the 2014 Havelock Community Plan is now becoming a reality," Mrs Seatter said.

Link Pathway Trust spokesperson, Rick Edmonds said the project will include a combination of estuary boardwalks, dryland walkways and a bridge over to the cemetery.

"The new project will connect the Link Pathway with the Havelock Township providing safe access for walkers and cyclists, away from the main road," Mr Edmonds said.

Construction has begun on Stage One which is approximately 600m long and runs from the end of Outram Street, below the cemetery before crossing the estuary below Brownlee Close.

There will be a new side path that links up to the State Highway at this point, but the main pathway heads alongside the estuary and finishes at Mahakipawa Road.

## Pound Keeper appointment

In accordance with section 11 of the Impounding Act 1955, Marlborough District Council advises that Milena Chador has been appointed as Deputy Pound Keeper to carry out the provisions of this Act.

## Waste Sorting Centre open for business

Blenheim's Waste Sorting Centre officially reopened on Monday 6 July. The centre closed in January 2019 after a fire at the facility.

Council's Solid Waste Manager Alec McNeil says the improved centre features a new tipping system that will make it easier and safer for people to use.

"Now people can push their rubbish on to a platform that lowers and tips into the sorting shed."

"Anyone coming to the centre will be helped by transfer station attendants, so

we ask that people follow their instructions on how to use the new system," Mr McNeil said.

Under a new way of working, greenwaste and grass deliveries will continue to be collected at the existing site, along with general rubbish. When leaving the site, pay at the weighbridge as normal.

For further information go to [www.marlborough.govt.nz/services/recycling-and-resource-recovery/recycling-and-resource-recovery-faqs/waste-sorting-centre-faqs](http://www.marlborough.govt.nz/services/recycling-and-resource-recovery/recycling-and-resource-recovery-faqs/waste-sorting-centre-faqs)



The new tipping system makes it safer and easier for you to off-load your rubbish from your vehicle



The new electric system makes tipping your rubbish into the sorting shed much easier

## Positive Ageing – be seen to stay safe

Keeping active, even if it's just a daily walk down the street, is important for good health. But statistics show that at least half a dozen pedestrians are injured on local streets each year.

With age, reactions tend to slow so it's important to be aware if you have any limitations to your sight, hearing and general alertness.

It's also important to make sure you can be seen at all times. During the day wear bright or light-coloured clothing. If you are walking in poor light or darkness it's a good idea to carry a torch or use reflector tape on your jacket.

When it comes to crossing the road, legally you must use a pedestrian crossing if you're within 20 metres of it. Remember that the

courtesy crossings in town are just that - you are reliant on the courtesy of a driver to stop and make eye contact before you step out. Never assume that a driver has seen you. For more information about courtesy and pedestrian crossings visit: <https://bit.ly/2VEZ7RO>

If you lack confidence when it comes to crossing the road you can wait for others (or ask someone to accompany you). Don't step out into the road from between parked cars and be wary of people reversing out of driveways.

Lastly, remember that mobility scooter riders must observe the rules for pedestrians too. Adjusting your scooter speed to a walking pace is safer for you and those around you.

## Regional Pest Management Plan Amendment – Pest Conifers

Under section 75 of the Biosecurity Act 1993, Marlborough District Council gives public notice that it has made its decision on the amendment to the Regional Pest Management Plan (RPMP) to incorporate a new programme for pest conifers ("wilding pines"). The amended RPMP is intended to replace the existing RPMP which became operative on 1 October 2018.

A decision report and amended RPMP are available on the Council website at: [www.marlborough.govt.nz/environment/biosecurity/regional-pest-management-plan/amendments-and-rpmp-reviews/stage-4-council-resulting-rpmp](http://www.marlborough.govt.nz/environment/biosecurity/regional-pest-management-plan/amendments-and-rpmp-reviews/stage-4-council-resulting-rpmp)

Hard copies of the report and/or the amended RPMP can be requested by emailing: [pestreview@marlborough.govt.nz](mailto:pestreview@marlborough.govt.nz)

### Applications to the Environment Court

Under section 76(3) of the Biosecurity Act

1993, anyone who made a submission on the Proposal to amend the RPMP may make an application to the Environment Court on the matters set out in section 76(2) of the Biosecurity Act 1993.

The application must be made within 15 working days after the date of the public notice, which was first published today, Thursday 9 July 2020.

An application is made under section 291 of the Resource Management Act 1991 and regulations made under the Resource Management Act 1991.

For further information contact Jono Underwood on Ph: 03 520 7400.

**Mark Wheeler**  
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Marlborough District Council

## Community News – need help preparing to get into work?

Do you need help to rewrite your CV or help searching and applying for jobs?

If so, look no further than the Marlborough District Library. From Thursday 23 July the library will run a series of free courses to help you:

- Create or update your CV or covering letter

- Search for jobs online
- Learn computer skills, filing and email
- Learn about RealMe and MyMSD

Courses run on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9.00 am to 11.00 am. Places are limited so please register your interest on Ph: 03 520 7491 or email [library@marlborough.govt.nz](mailto:library@marlborough.govt.nz)

## Marlborough Events [www.follow-me.co.nz](http://www.follow-me.co.nz)



### Koha

An exhibition acknowledging the generous support from donors over the last 20 years, showcasing new donations of art works to the Millennium Public Art Gallery's permanent collection.

On now: 10:30 am – 4:30 pm  
(weekends 1.00 pm – 4.00 pm)

Millennium Public Art Gallery, Blenheim



### Expression Sessions Matariki Exhibition

Grand opening event for a new youth art exhibition celebrating creativity within, through spoken word, photography and skateboard art.

Sat 11 July: 5.00 pm – 7.00 pm

Return to Eden Gallery, 13 Selmes Road, Blenheim



### Marlborough Farmers' Market

Head along to Marlborough's popular farmers' market this Sunday and pick up some great seasonal produce and products directly from those that pick, grow, farm, fish and make them.

Sunday 12 July: 9.00 am – 12.00 pm

Marlborough A & P Park, Blenheim



## Council 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.

- **Assets & Services**  
Thursday 9 July at 9.00 am

- **Environment**  
Thursday 16 July at 9.00 am

- **Planning, Finance & Community**  
Thursday 23 July at 9.00 am

The times and dates may be subject to change, please contact the Committee Secretary Ph: 03 520 7400 for confirmation. Further information can be found at: [www.marlborough.govt.nz/your-council/meetings](http://www.marlborough.govt.nz/your-council/meetings)



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## Awatere and Dashwood rural boil water notice

Although the boil water notice has been lifted for Seddon township, the Awatere and Dashwood rural areas are still subject to a boil water notice.

Water from Council's reticulation network providing water to the Awatere and Dashwood rural areas should be boiled. It does not currently meet the NZ Drinking Water Standard 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.