

**Minutes for Meeting of the
Sounds Advisory Group
held at the Marlborough District Council Committee Room
on Monday, 8 July 2024
commencing at 10.00 am.**

Present: Clr Faulls, Clr Innes, Clr Minehan, Vic Koller (Moetapu Bay), Wayne Boustridge (Te Whanganui/Port Underwood), Tim Greenhough (Okiwi Bay), Steve Murrin (Marlborough Roads), Shon Emerson (Kaiuma Bay), Dave Hayes (DOC), Ross Withell (Kenepuru & Central Sounds), Dick Kearsley (Cissy Bay), Beryl Archer (Penzance/Tuna Bay Residents Association) and Dean Baigent (Elaine Bay Residents Association) with John Hellstrom (Marlborough Restoration Trust and Ailsa Carey (Rural Advisory Group).

Attending Via Teams: Poneke Rene (Rangitoto ki te Tonga/D'Urville Island), Sylvie Filipo (Environmental Planner, Te Ātiawa Manawhenua Ki Te Tau Ihu Trust), Dave Parsons (Senior Advisor Community Resilience, MDC) and Gary Spence (Emergency Services Officer, MDC), Jo Seddon (Chorus Community Relations Lead) and Geoff Shand (Chorus Regional Manager)

MDC Staff Attending: Alan Johnson (Environmental Science & Monitoring Manager), Katie Littlewood (Principal Coastal Scientist), Jorgia McMillan (Coastal Scientist), Heather Graham (Small Townships Projects Coordinator), Zeke Hoskins (Biodiversity Officer), Liam Falconer (Biosecurity Manager), and in attendance Bernadette Brooklands (Secretary).

1. Welcome and Introductions

- i. Clr Faulls welcomed attendees and introduced our new community representatives, Beryl Archer (Penzance/Tuna Bay Residents Association) and Dean Baigent (Elaine Bay Residents Association).
- ii. Resignation of Monyeen Wedge.
 - After many years of dedication to the Sounds Advisory Group and her community, Monyeen has resigned from her position as the Queen Charlotte Sounds Residents Association representative on the Sounds Advisory Group. Monyeen's passion for the environment will be greatly missed.

2. Apologies

Vikki Ambrose (MPI), Monyeen Wedge (Queen Charlotte Sound), Lynley Perkins (Central Pelorus/Te Hoiere), Rawinia Puna (French Pass), Renée Love and Kristie PakiPaki (Te Ātiawa Manawhenua Ki Te Tau Ihu Trust) Pere Hawes (Environmental Policy Manager) and John Cretney (Cissy Bay).

Apologies moved by Clr Faulls, accepted by Clr Innes.

3. Confirmation of Previous Minutes 18 March 2024 – previously emailed to members.

The minutes of 18 March 2024 were taken as read.

Clr Faulls moved / Tim Greenhough – carried.

An error was noted that under Item 6 the time should have read pm and not am.

4. Actions from the previous meeting

	Action	Person Responsible	Outcome
1	Eric to speak with Ned Wells from MFA about commercial fishery membership involvement rather than Fisheries.	Eric Jorgensen / Ned Wells	Ongoing. Ned and Eric not in attendance today.
2	Are boats required to have a limited decimal level.	Captain Oliver.	Completed. Having discussed with MNZ and requested clarification, the absence of a rule being brought to our attention suggests the absence of a rule for this.
3	Provide Clr Faulls with the community meeting schedule.	Clr Faulls / Dean Baigent	Ongoing. Dean Baigent to provide the community meeting schedule to Clr Faulls
4	Invite Heather Graham from MDC Small Townships Project to our next hui.	Clr Faulls	Completed Heather attending today.
5	Email Vic Koller and update him on the roading project for Moetapu.	Steve Murrin	Completed
6	Invite the Marlborough Restoration Trust to speak at next meeting.	Clr Faulls	Completed. John attending today.
7	Invite Elaine Bay and Penzance/Tuna Bay Residents Association Residents Association to join SAG.	Clr Faulls	Completed New members attending today.
8	Monyeen asked if Zeke Hoskins could come and speak to the next SAG meeting	Clr Faulls / Alan Johnson	Completed Zeke attending today.
9	Letter of acknowledgement and thanks to the years of dedicated work by DOCs Director of Regional Operations, Roy Grose who is retiring. Clr Faulls will draft a letter on behalf of SAG.	Clr Faulls	Completed
10	Invite Chris Duckworth from the Rural Youth and Adult Literacy Trust (RYALT) to November hui.	Clr Faulls	Completed.

5. Coastal Science Update (Katie Littlewood, Principal Coastal Scientist and Jorgia McMillian, Coastal Scientist)

- Jorgia presented her PowerPoint on The Importance of Seagrass on Estuary and Intertidal Health. **See Appendix 1**
- Katie advised that Oliver Wade has returned to his role as Principal Coastal Scientist. Katie has been covering Oliver's role for the past 12 months and will now be shifting into a new role.
- Last summer the Coastal Science Team carried out their estuary monitoring programme and as part of this noted the presence and health of seagrass in these estuaries. The team mapped over 20 estuaries. New Zealand only has one type of seagrass called *Zostera Muelleri*. The global loss rate for sea grass is estimated to be between 2 - 5% per year. Seagrass is a positive indicator of a healthy estuary. It provides a nursery for crabs, shellfish, and fish. Seagrass is an excellent recycler of carbon.
- With recent funding increases, the team can focus on education, awareness and the importance of nature-based solutions.
- The estuary monitoring this summer will be in Te Hoiere/Pelorus Sound. Community groups/residents' associations are welcome to come and see the Coastal Science team while they are in the field.

Questions/Answers

- It was asked if *Caulerpa* was a seagrass. Liam Falconer, MDC Biosecurity Manager advised that *Caulerpa* is a seaweed not a seagrass. Biosecurity and MPI are conducting a nationwide education awareness programme over the spread of *Caulerpa*. For now the Marlborough Sounds is safe. The weed tends to get stuck onto anchor chains/wells which is then transferred to other areas.
- The estuary in Mahakipawa arm has sediment plates installed and the coastal team found this site incredibly muddy, mixed with a lot of rubbish.
- Would citizen science provide benefits to the Coastal Science team? It was suggested that Okiwi Bay would be a good location for citizen science CoastSnaps as would Waikawa Bay. Katie advised that the team will be installing sediment plates in the Okiwi Bay area in the next few weeks.
Action Point Noted for Clr Faulls to connect Katie and Jorgia with Tim Greenhough from Okiwi Bay.
- **Action Point Noted** to add the Havelock Estuary report to November agenda for Jorgia and Katie to present to the group.

Attendance: 10.54 am Steve Murrin joined the hui.

6. Introduction of new MDC Biosecurity Manager, Liam Falconer

- Welcome to Liam who is the new Biosecurity Manager. Liam has replaced Jono Underwood.
- The marine biosecurity programme plan continues with checking hulls for Mediterranean fanworm. Six have been found so far including worms that were on rocks and not on hulls.
- Continuation of the Summer education plans with boat owners.
- The annual and operational plans such as *Nasella Tussock* are being wound up so a presentation can be done on this at our next hui. **Action Point Noted.**

Questions/Answers

- **Action Point Noted** for Liam to liaise with Clr Innes regarding community education sessions. It was also suggested that information could be provided for the community groups to add to their Facebook pages.

- Clr Innes suggested that an educational video could be of use for bach owners/holiday makers to watch at their leisure to learn about seagrass, parchment and Mediterranean fan worm.
- Attendance: 11.05 am Katie, Jorgia and Liam withdrew from the hui.

7. Marlborough Roads Recovery Update (Steve Murrin, Manager Marlborough Roads)

- Council have approved their side of the funding for Stage 3. Funding application lodged with NZTA, goes to the Board in August.
- A culvert to be replaced on Taylor Pass Road and another on Long Valley Road otherwise everything outside of the Sounds is completed.

Pelorus

- Daltons Bridge closed while repairs to north abutment done.
- Maungatapu Road, tidy up on the ford then all work completed.
- Work to commence on Kaiuma Bridge in early July.
- Prices Road work will commence early July with dry forecast.

Queen Charlotte Drive

- Cullen Point is progressing well with work to be finished early August.
- Moenui Culvert nearly complete and crews working on the last of the anchors.
- New wall started between Ngakuta and Momorangi.

Kenepuru

- Sealing of pavement repairs continues early July.
- Torea wall going well with completion mid-August.
- Bund removal by Leslies Brothers Contracting, continues to Portage early July.
- Moetapu Bay, crews are completing stormwater designs for Elephant Point and Driftwood corner with tenders being sought in late July.

French Pass - Croisilles

- Boat ramp at French Pass opened on 4 July.
- The box culvert design and size on Ronga Road is being reconsidered as large boulders upstream need to pass through culvert, rather than being stuck inside it.

Picton - Port Underwood

- First wall at Whatamango completed with retreat site works to commence.

Questions/Answers

- Dean Baigent, Elaine Bay Residents Association noted that their community group have added their own 30 KM speed limit sign in their bay. When will speed limits be revised? It was advised that the government are reviewing the speed limits and these will be made consistent over the Marlborough Sounds area.
- Thank you to Steve's team for the excellent work they have completed on the Kenepuru Road. Steve advised that once the safety review has been completed for the Water Tank slip, the 'residents only restrictions' can be removed for the summer period.

Attendance: 11.20 am John Hellstrom joined the hui.

Attendance: 11.25 am Steve Murrin withdrew.

8. Wilding Pine Control Programme (John Hellstrom, Marlborough Restoration Trust)

- John presented his PowerPoint on the Marlborough Restoration Trusts Wilding Pine Control Programme. **See Appendix 2**
- The Mission of the Sounds Restoration trust is to collaborate with those who share our vision, so that together we can take action to protect and restore the Marlborough Sounds. Our vision is to see the enduring protection of natural character and biodiversity throughout the Marlborough Sounds. The Trust's flagship programme is the control of wilding pines throughout the Marlborough Sounds.
- Tōtaranui 250 Trust is investing \$500K to open up a track from the jetty to Cooks Lookout at Arapaoa Island. The Marlborough Restoration Trust will eventually take over the maintenance of this track.
- Professional contractors are used and must adhere to Health and Safety standards when working for the Trust.
- It is difficult to control the seedbank off rocky areas and outcrops.
- Landowners can remove any wilding pine seedlings as they grow.
- Drones will be used for the Trust within the next five years, and this will replace the helicopter use.
- Cooks Lookout track will be replanted with the help of the community and DOC. The Trust fundraisers and helps community groups to organise plantings, however, the Trust does not do the plantings as such.
- For further information see info@soundsrestoration.org.nz
<https://www.soundsrestoration.org.nz/>

Attendance: 12.02 pm Ailsa Carey joined the hui.

Questions/Answers

- The group complimented John and his team on the work being undertaken and what a huge difference this has made.
- Members commented on Wattles being a pest plant. John advised that the wattles would die off as the bush grows as wattles cannot survive if suffocated by bush canopies.

A break was taken for lunch with the hui recommending at 12.39 pm.

Attendance: John withdrew from the hui at 12.40 pm.

9. Harakeke Project (Ailsa Carey, Rural Advisory)

- Ailsa introduced herself to the group. She is from Marlborough and has had 25 years' experience as a secondary teacher and 20 years at Marlborough REAP as a community education organiser running adult community courses, including down the Sounds and in rural areas. Ailsa is the Chair of the Marlborough Rural Advisory Group which is a joint venture between Council, farmers and people with rural interests.
- Ailsa is also involved with the Harakeke Project. The aim of the Harakeke Project is to connect people via community hubs who are new to Marlborough or who are socially isolated. If you know of anyone that would benefit from the Project, please encourage people to go along to an existing hub, or if you are in a rural area and wish to set up your own hub, the steering hub will help support you. Hubs in Wairau Valley and Seddon are currently in the pipeline.
- Four hubs currently operating which provide free tea and coffee.
 1. Picton Library
 2. Blenheim Library
 3. Havelock
 4. Crossroads

- The steering committee has members from Age Concern, Ngāti Rārua, Public Health Service, Te Whata Ora, Crossroads, Blenheim Library, Picton Library, Marlborough Migrant Centre, Welcoming Committees, Marlborough Rural Advisory Group, Citizens Advice, Volunteer Marlborough, Marlborough Youth Trust and Supporting Families.
- Marlborough now has a centralised directory for groups, services and activities on the Citizens Advice Bureau website <https://marlborough.cab.org.nz/>
- The 26 August is the next meeting in the Committee Room at Council for the Rural Advisory Group.

Harakeke
Know-how, Connect

FREE COMMUNITY CONNECTEDNESS HARAKEKE HUBS

HAVE A CUPPA, CHAT, & MEET NEW PEOPLE

DISCOVER GROUPS & SERVICES

Pelorus Community Lounge
(Behind Havelock Takeaways on Main Road)
Second Tuesday of the month
3:00pm - 4:30pm

Te Kahu o Waipuna Blenheim Library
(15 High Street, Blenheim)
Tuesday 18 June 24
10.30am to 12.00 noon

Te Kahu o Waipuna Blenheim Library
(15 High Street, Blenheim)
Tuesday 21 May 24
2.00pm to 3.30pm

Te Kahu o Waipuna Blenheim Library
(15 High Street, Blenheim)
Tuesday 16 July 24
10.30am to 12.00 noon

More info?
harakekehubs@gmail.com

EVERYONE WELCOME

Questions/Answers

- It was asked if Councillors could speak at the Hubs. Ailsa advised that there are generally no formal speakers, it is for a social interaction over a hot drink. However, Cllr Innes suggests that the Sounds Ward Councillors could attend the Havelock Hub.

Attendance: 12.58 pm Ailsa withdrew from the hui.

10. Working for Nature Grants (Zeke Hoskins, Biodiversity Officer, MDC)

- Zeke presented his PowerPoint on Working for Nature Grants. **See Appendix 3**
- Working for Nature details are on the Marlborough District Council website <https://www.marlborough.govt.nz/our-community/grants-and-awards/working-for-naturemahimo-te-taiao>

In September 2020, Marlborough District Council made it easier for the community to restore and protect native habitats through the creation of a new grant scheme: Working for Nature/Mahi mō te Taiao. This \$138,000 annual scheme will consider projects that protect and restore native habitats, and promote positive environmental outcomes.

This grant scheme is just one of the many biodiversity and environmental programmes run by the Council to celebrate the wide range of flora and fauna that is found in the region. Marlborough has been identified as one of five centres of biodiversity in New Zealand due to the concentration of endemic species (found only within New Zealand). The southern part of Marlborough is home to species that have evolved in the dry, rocky conditions whereas the northern region offers a spectacular collection of forests, wetlands, and coastal habitats.

The grant scheme is administered by the Environment Committee sub-committee. This grant scheme encourages community-led participation and collaboration. By working together, we can create enduring outcomes to restore and protect native biodiversity in our region.

Timeline to apply for 2025/2026 grants –

- a) 1 September 2024: Agreement forms signed and returned
- a. 1 - 30 April 2025: 2025/26 applications open
- b. 1 June 2025 – Invoicing and accountability forms due.

For further information or to connect with Zeke please email envirogrants@marlborough.govt.nz

Attendance: 1.20 pm Zeke withdrew from the hui.

11. **Small Townships Grants** (Heather Graham, Small Townships Projects Coordinator, MDC)

Heather introduced herself to the group and explained the Small Townships Programme and the Community Projects Fund. Heather explained that the Community Project Fund is likely the most relevant to those living in the Sounds area. **See Appendix 4.**

Small Townships Programme

The purpose of the Small Township Programme is to:

- Design a liveable town with an attractive central space
- Allow freedom of movement, connectivity and accessibility
- Strengthen a sense of place and unique identity
- Enhance the use, enjoyment and pride in outdoor public spaces

The investment through this programme is managed through the development of a Township plan.

Community Project Fund

As part of this programme, the Council allocates a percentage of the annual Small Townships budget (around \$75,000) to the Community Project Fund, which communities can use for small, low-cost infrastructure projects in outdoor public spaces.

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

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

- Improves an outdoor public space
- Includes a high level of community involvement and support
- Is able to be completed within one year

Best meets the objectives of the programme to:

- Design a liveable town with an attractive central space
- Allow freedom of movement, connectivity and accessibility
- Strengthen a sense of place and unique local identity
- Enhance the use, enjoyment and pride in outdoor public spaces.

Applications are considered by the Small Township Programme Sub-Committee at each Small Township Programme Sub-Committee meeting, which are held in February, July and October each year.

The next closing date is 18 September 2024.

To see more information on the grants go to <https://www.marlborough.govt.nz/our-community/small-townships-programme/the-community-projects-fund>

To know more or discuss potential project ideas please contact Heather at heather.graham@marlborough.govt.nz or phone 03 520 7596 or 027 207 8717

12. RMA Policy Update (Pere Hawes, Environmental Policy Manager, MDC)

- Pere Hawes an apology today due to attending a conference. Alan Johnson provided the below update on behalf of Pere.

PMEP:

- Great progress has been made in resolving appeals through mediation processes. Most of the remaining appeals are connected to the outcomes being sought through Variation 1: Marine Farming. Council will be looking to make the PMEP operative in part in this calendar year (i.e., for the majority of provisions that are beyond legal challenge). If people would like further information, please see summary report in Thursday's Environment and Planning Committee agenda.

Variation 1: Marine Farming

- Mediation is occurring on appeals to Variation 1. Mediation on the management framework occurred in March and April. Mediation on spatial (AMA) appeals is likely to occur in October and November. The process is without prejudice and confidential, so progress is not able to be reported to you.

Marine Farm Duration Extension Bill

- This Bill, if passed, could affect the outcome of appeals on Variation 1. This would extend the duration of all existing coastal permits by 20 years, regardless of whether the marine farm was sustainable and located in an appropriate place. Council presented to the Select Committee on the Bill two weeks ago. Use this link to view the presentation: <https://vimeo.com/showcase/10758268>

Variation 2: ESMS

- Variation 2 proposes to add 64 new ESMS to the PMEP and adjust the spatial boundaries of 44 existing ESMS. Hearings occurred in February. The decision on Variation 2 was publicly notified last Wednesday. You access the decision here: <https://www.marlborough.govt.nz/your-council/resource-management-policy-and-plans/proposed-marlborough-environment-plan/variations/variation-2-ecologically-significant-marine-sites>

Variation 3: Meretoto (Ships Cove)

- This has completed the First Schedule and Meretoto (ships Cove) is now included as a heritage resource in the PMEP.

Questions/Answers

- Poneke asked about the fast tracking and where do communities stand with staying connected with polices? It was noted that this would be Government level and not Council level. **Action Point** noted Cllr Faulls to action how this is done.

13. Chorus Update (Jo Seddon, Chorus Community Relations Lead and Geoff Shand Chorus Regional Manager)

- Thank you to Luke Henshall, Chorus Stakeholder Communications Manager for organising Ms Seddon and Mr Shand to attend our meeting today via Teams. Ms Seddon and Mr Shand introduced themselves to the group discussed the future changes to the landline phone services in the Marlborough Sounds. For further information see <https://www.chorus.co.nz/help/moving-phone-services-due-to-technology-retirement>

14. DOC Update (Dave Hayes)

Heritage and Visitors

- The Queen Charlotte Track annual vegetation clearance is well underway and the goal of completing a sweep through the entire track (73 KM) is achievable.
- With the likelihood of the Kenepuru Road opening for visitors over the Summer we are preparing a plan on what we need to do to recommission the camps. Ideally, we are looking to re-instate a Roving Ranger for at least part of the Summer to support Camp Hosts.
- The results of the trial to provide access to cyclists over the last Summer on the Camp Bay to Meretoto section of the QCTrack are being assessed. We received a couple of complaints regarding walkers having encounters with cyclists but overall there is support to continue with this activity this Summer. We will consider adding another timeslot for when commercial boat operators can deliver cyclists to Meretoto.
- We have a new camp manager at French Pass looking after the site and collecting fees.

Biodiversity.

- The Orange Fronted Parakeet project on Oruawairua has wound back following the end of their Jobs for Nature funding. This ran for two years and they were successful in gaining new behavioural information which will be useful to figure out what the birds need to really thrive on the island. A total of 40 extra birds were bred and translocated to the island from the breeding site in Christchurch.
- Sponsorship from Blacks Fastenings has made it possible to purchase two portacombs that the team used as a base. The Sounds team will continue to monitor for predators and to maintain drinking water and feed stations.
- Over 10,000 trees are being planted at Moawhitu on Rangitoto ki te Tonga/D'Urville Island this season. This is a continuation of the wetland restoration project which is in partnership with Marlborough District Council and Ngāti Koata. Planned restoration of water quality in Lake Moawhitu is at the resource consent application stage. We have an issue with wild animals browsing on plantings which will need to be addressed.
- The team achieved an extra hit on wilding pines on Te Pakeka/Maud Island in June. The plan is to eradicate pines from this site and this work was a big chunk of it.
- Plans are afoot to remove the old lighthouse keepers house from North Brother's Island. This has disintegrating asbestos cladding which creates a risk of contaminating this important wildlife site. This would be one of the most difficult sites anywhere to extract a house from.
- Staff are working with Ngāti Koata on a project that Ngāti Koata have funding for on Takapourewa/Stephens Island. This involves an expansion of the area where native Hamilton's Frogs live. Rocks will be brought up to the site for habitat creation and the fence (to keep Tuatara out) will be expanded.
- Staff have been working with neighbours, Ngāti Apa, on planning some fencing at Melville Cove which will exclude stock and wild animals from a wetland. Ngāti Apa will then carry out planting of native species.

Community

- Monica Bean has recently started with us as our Senior Community Ranger. Previously she was a Community Ranger in Christchurch.
- Another successful Biodiversity Forum was held in early May. There was a good turn out from community conservation group members and good presentations on what they have been up to.
 - Dave encouraged community members to attend the DOC biodiversity meetings. They can contact Miranda Van Der Linde at mvanderlinde@doc.govt.nz who will add them to the mailing list.

15. Sounds Representatives Updates

MPI Update (Vikki Ambrose)

Vikki an apology today however, she provided the following written update on Fisheries New Zealand (FNZ) inshore South.

Fisheries New Zealand is seeking feedback on proposed changes to sustainability measures for a range of fish stocks as part of the 2024 October sustainability round. We invite feedback from tangata whenua, stakeholders, and the public on these proposed changes. Closing date is 29 July 2024.

Sustainability round consultation papers have been released for a number of local stocks – snapper, flatfish, elephant fish, kingfish, pilchard, jack mackerel in FMA 7.

As part of the SNA 7 paper, FNZ is seeking feedback on a request by some recreational stakeholders to review the recreational daily bag limit, with a view to an increase from 3 to 6 fish.

Our preliminary view is that the current limit remains appropriate based on available information, but we are seeking wider views.

Also, there is a new special permit purpose under section 97(1)(c) of the Fisheries Act, “to allow persons or organisations to take and dispose, cull, or translocate sea urchins for the purpose of habitat restoration and/or prevention of urchin barrens.”

See website for more information and the submission form

<https://www.mpi.govt.nz/consultations/review-of-sustainability-measures-for-fisheries-october-2024-round/>

Rangitoto ki te Tonga/D’Urville Island (Poneke Rene) – Nil further updates

Kenepuru & Central Sounds Residents Association (KCSRA) - (Ross Withell)

- Ross complimented the excellent road repairs that have been completed by Marlborough Roads.
- Issues with the rubbish/recycling bins.
- It is not practicable for Portage to take a weekly water sample. Clr Faulls to speak to Gina Fergusson, Consents and Compliance Manager and Stephen Rooney, Operations & Maintenance Engineer.

Moetapu Residents Association (Mahau Sound Outward Bound) (Vic Koller)

- Vic told the story of how the Moetapu reserve came to be 60 years ago. To meet the predator free deadline the association met with Dawn Chorus to set up a similar plan for the Moetapu area.
- After \$35K spent on ungulate culling, further deer have been sighted.

Queen Charlotte Residents Association (Monyeen Wedge) - Apology

Te Whanganui/Port Underwood Residents Association (Wayne Boustridge)

- The residents are still waiting for a secure location for the waste and recycling center. The previous recycling bin was removed over the long weekend and has not been returned. **Action Point Noted** Clr Faulls will speak to Mark Lucas, MDC Waste Manager.

Top of The South Wood Council (George Shallcrass) -Did not attend

Te Aumiti/French Pass (Rawinia Puna) – Apology

Outer Pelorus (Emma Hopkinson-Young) – Did not attend

Central Pelorus (Hopewell) (Lynley Perkins) – Apology

Okiwi Bay (Tim Greenhough) - Nil further

Cissy Bay (John Cretney)

- John an apology today however, Dick Kearsley attended on his behalf.
- Damage to Cissy Bay Road. Marlborough Roads aware.

- The community is happy with the new cell tower and the improved connectivity.

Kaiuma Bay (Shon Emerson)

- The annual fee doubles this year for residents to manage the second stage of the septic system. The residents also need to pay fees to set up private insurance for the septic system as it is not covered under Council. There are now 50 core residents in the Bay.
- The public toilet at the road entrance to Kaiuma Bay will need to be reassessed as it is currently locked and it was hoped that DOC would take it over. **Action Point Noted** for Dave will look into this.

Te Ātiawa Manawhenua Ki Te Tau Ihu Trust (Sylvie Falipo)

- Cllr Faulls welcomed back to Sylvie after her maternity leave.

Penzance/Tuna Bay Residents Association (Beryl Archer)

- 31 residents now in the bay.
- Thank you to DOC for the recent ungulate control.
- Cllr Faulls to provide Stephen Rooney's contact details to Beryl to help with the small community water supply as the power company advised that to get power it would be another \$37K plus. **Action Point Noted.**
- The community clearing water tables prior to heavy rains to help prevent further flooding.
- The harbourmaster was informed of a derelict boat in Duncan Bay. The Harbourmaster has given the owner two months to have it removed. **Action Point** for Cllr Faulls to follow up with the Harbourmaster.

Elaine Bay Residents Association (Dean Baigent)

- The petrol bowser needs replacing and it is hoped to be repaired by Christmas. The diesel bowser is working.
- After the weather event, part of the boat ramp was damaged. The community will be sourcing ways to have this repaired.

Marine Farming Association (Ned Wells) – Did not attend

16. General Business

- Information on the community grants scheme was given to members. The grants are for not-for-profit groups for Arts & Culture, Community Welfare & Social Services, Heritage, Sports & Recreation. Applications close on 19 August. For full details **See Appendix 5**. For more information or to apply visit: <https://bit.ly/MarlCommunityGrant>
- Cllr Faulls thanked all members and their community groups who provided submissions for the Long Term Plan and gave a brief update on the Sounds roading and recovery work in relation to rates increases. Please contact the rates department at Council if you have any questions.
- **Future meetings all commence at 10.00 am and will be held at Council.**
 - a) ~~Monday, 19 August – MDC, Committee Room. CANCELLED~~
 - b) Monday, 25 November – MDC, Committee Room

There being no further general business, the hui closed at 3.10 pm.

17. Matters Arising

	Action	Person Responsible
1	Eric to speak with Ned Wells from MFA about commercial fishery membership involvement rather than Fisheries. UPDATE: Eric has since resigned from the Sounds Advisory Group.	Eric Jorgensen / Ned Wells
2	Provide Clr Faulls with the community meeting schedule.	Dean Baigent
3	Invite Chris Duckworth from the Rural Youth and Adult Literacy Trust (RYALT) to November hui.	Clr Faulls
4	Action Point to connect Katie and Jorgia with Tim Greenhough from Okiwi Bay.	Completed by secretary
5	Invite Jorgia and Katie to present the Havelock Estuary Report and the Nydia Bay Report.	Clr Faulls
6	Liam to liaise with Clr Innes regarding community education sessions.	Liam Falconer / Clr Innes
7	The annual and operational plans such as Nasella Tussock are being wound up so a presentation can be done on this at our next hui.	Liam Falconer
8	Poneke asked about the fast tracking and where do communities stand with staying connected with polices? It was noted that this would be Government level and not Council level. Clr Faulls to action how this is done.	Clr Faulls
9	Follow up with harbourmaster regarding the removal of a derelict boat in Duncan Bay.	Clr Faulls./ Captain Oliver
10	Provide Stephen Rooney's contact details to Beryl to assist with the small community water supply as the power company advised that to get power it would be another \$37K plus.	Clr Faulls
11	The public toilet at the road entrance to Kaimua Bay will need to be reassessed as it is currently locked and it was hoped that DOC would take it over. Dave Hayes to investigate this.	Dave Hayes
12	Te Whanganui/Port Underwood Residents Association are still waiting for a secure location for the waste and recycling center. The previous recycling bin was removed over the long weekend and has not been returned. Clr Faulls will speak to Mark Lucas, MDC Waste Manager.	Clr Faulls

Appendix 1: The Importance of Seagrass on Estuary and Intertidal Health

(Katie Littlewood, Principal Coastal Scientist and Jorgia McMillian, Coastal Scientist)



The importance of seagrass on estuary and intertidal health



Bottle Bay – Queen Charlotte Sound

Seagrass - *Zostera muelleri*



Fence Bay



Waterfall Bay (West)



Onahau Bay



Endeavour Inlet



Bottle Bay



Ecosystem Benefits

- Nursery habitat
- Stabilizes ocean floor
- Nutrient recycling > improving water quality
- Buffer between land and sea
- Nature-based solution to mitigate climate change



Monitoring & Education

- Council's estuary monitoring programme shows seagrass presence in varying abundance and health over our 65 estuaries
- Council's Coastal Science team mapped over 20 estuaries in the 2023/2024 summer
- Recent funding increase
 - > Education
 - > Awareness
 - > Importance of nature-based solutions



Sparse	Moderate	Dense	Complete
1 to <10 %	10 to <30 %	30 to <50 %	50 to <70 %
70 to <90 %	90 to <100 %		

Fig. 5. Visual rating scale for percentage cover estimates. Macroalgae (top); seagrass (bottom). Modified from FCDC (2012)

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Appendix 2: Wilding Pine Control Programme

(John Hellstrom, Marlborough Restoration Trust)

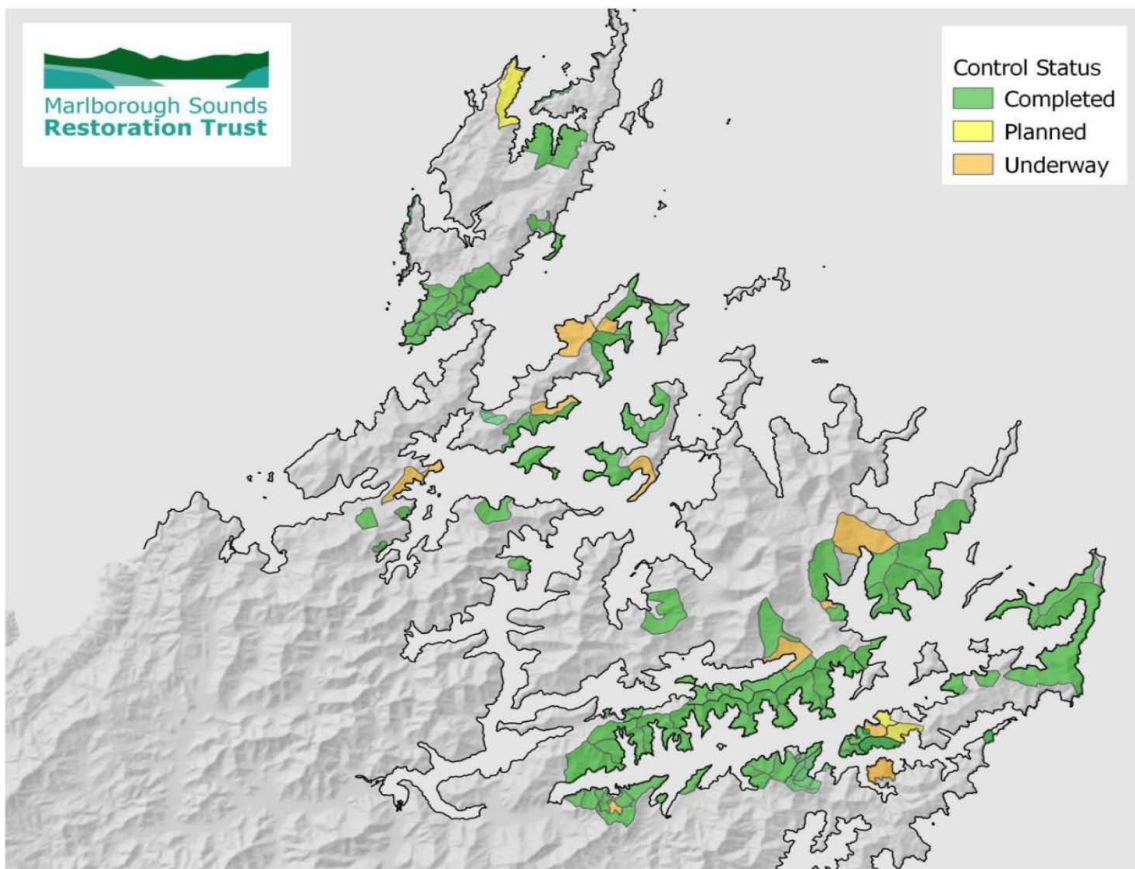
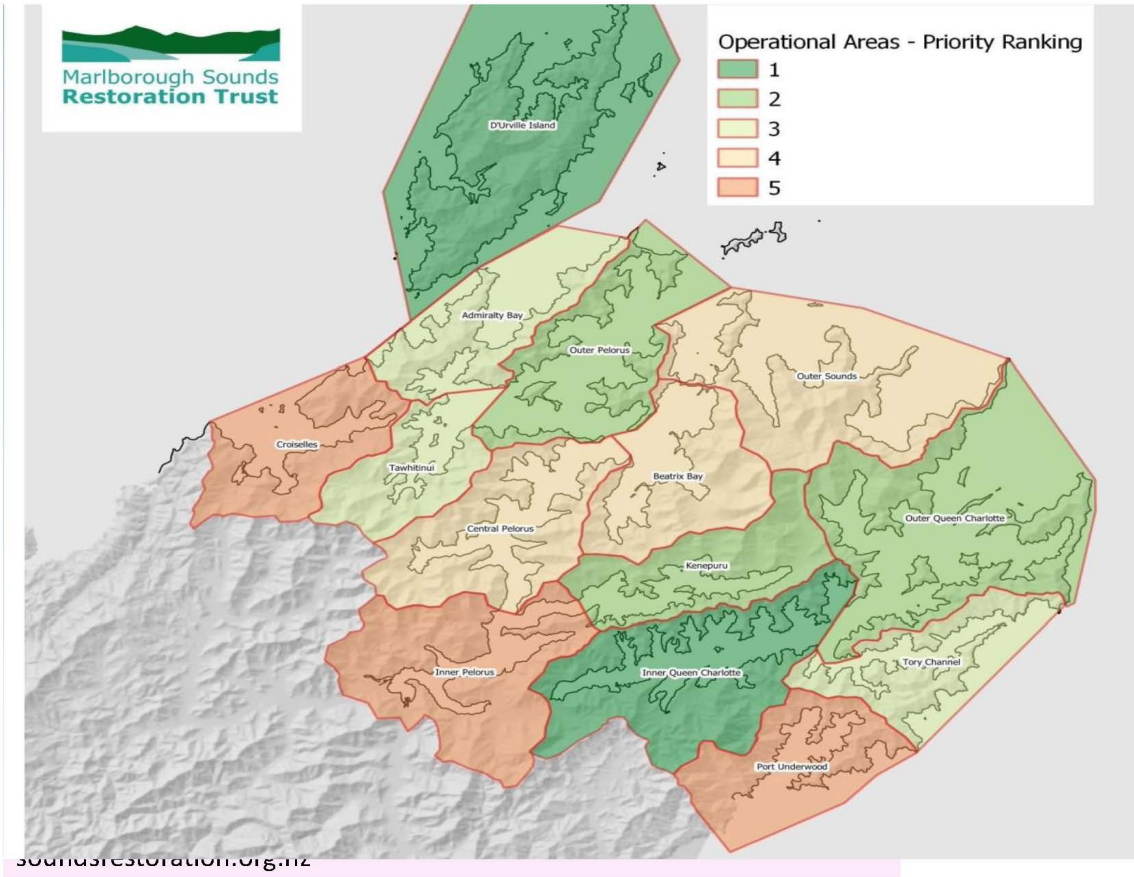


BACKGROUND

- Trust established 2003
- DOC funded management plan 2007
- Initial project was wilding pine control in Inner Queen Charlotte Sound 2008
- MDC contributed to the initial project
- That facilitated lotteries funding
- Phenomenal success from the beginning

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FUNDING

- More than \$5m expenditure over 16 years
- Funding agencies (NZ Lottery Grants Board, Rata Foundation, DOC Community Fund,)
- NWCCP funds 2020-24
- Marlborough District Council
- Department of Conservation
- Landowners
- Local businesses
- Boating clubs
- Public donations

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PROGRESS

- Strong community support
- Clear outcomes (ecological, landscape, amenity)
- A model for collaboration
- Estimated 70% of the job done
- But future challenge in funding maintenance
- Harder to fund maintenance than control

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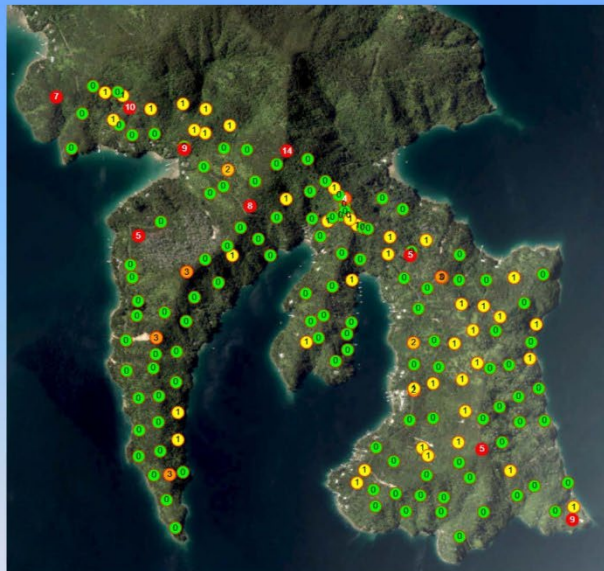
The Future

- Trust is strong and well-supported
- No point in killing pines if we don't protect the native regeneration
- In 2020 started to facilitate community pest control programmes
- 2022-24 major ungulate control projects
- Bach owners have contributed \$300k
- Planning for sounds-wide control underway

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Three peninsulas pest control



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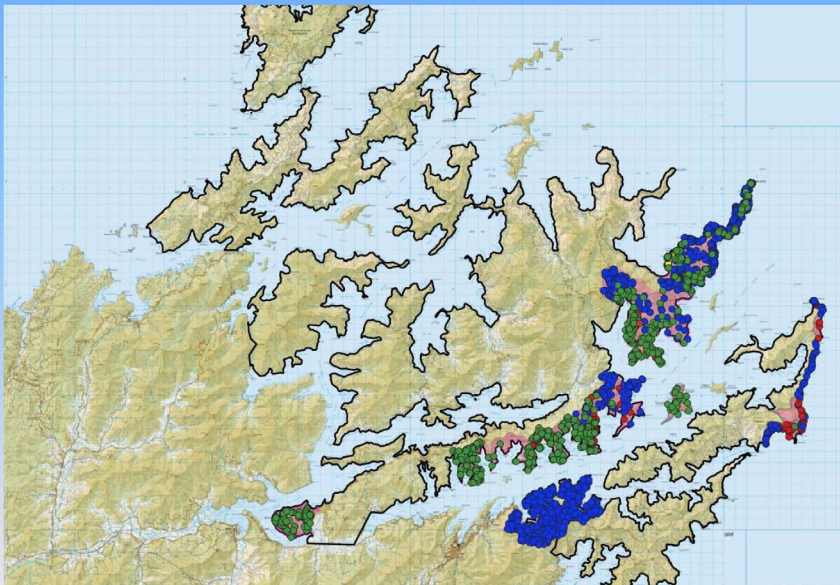




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Ungulate control



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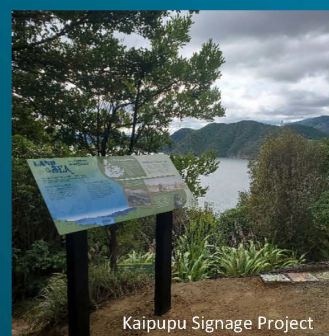
Appendix 3: Working for Nature Grants

(Zeke Hoskins, Biodiversity Officer)



Working for Nature/ Mahi mō te Taiao Grant

Presented by Zeke Hoskins
Working for Nature/ Mahi mō te Taiao
Grant Administrator



2024/25 Application Round

- Applications opened from 1 April to 30 April 2024
- Available: \$138,000.00
- Three categories: Habitat Marlborough, Protecting Marlborough & Environmental Advocacy.



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Successful Applicants

Habitat Marlborough			
Clos Henri Central Valley Restoration	Partial funding	\$3,800	Native plants
Hares Hut – Taylor River	Partial funding	\$5,000	Willow control
Harvey Bay Stream Rewilding Project	Full funding	\$3,737.50	Native plants
Waikawa Stream Habitat Enrichment Yr3	Partial funding	\$5,000	Old man’s beard control
Whataroa Bay Restoration	Full funding	\$10,000	Pine control via heli-spraying

Successful Applicants

Protecting Marlborough			
Arapaoa Kiwi Stage 3	Full funding	\$4,979.50	Traps
Dayvinleigh Wetland Restoration	Partial funding	\$3,100	Weed control (willow, gorse)
Duncan Bay Trapping	Full funding	\$1,686.89	Traps
Limestone Coast Restoration Buffer	Partial funding	\$10,000	Traps, marram control and volunteer training
Maungatapu Pest Control	Partial funding	\$5,000	Traps

Successful Applicants

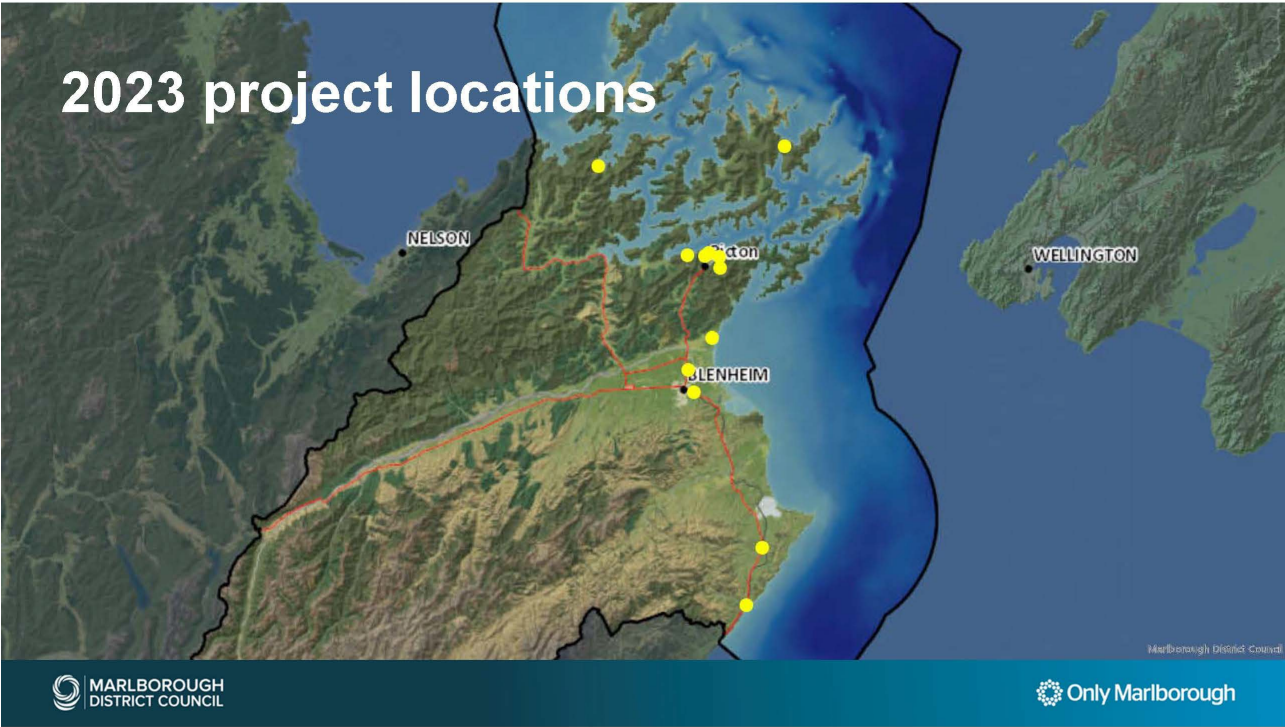
Protecting Marlborough continued			
Parsons Covenant	Partial funding	\$770.94	Traps
Pest Free Ngakuta Bay	Full funding	\$14,345.01	Traps
Picton Dawn Chorus	Full funding	\$15,000	Traps
Port Ligar Predator Control (PLPC)	Partial funding	\$2,000	Traps
Te Hoiere/ Pelorus Bridge Pest Control	Partial funding	\$10,716.06	Traps and storage box

Successful Applicants

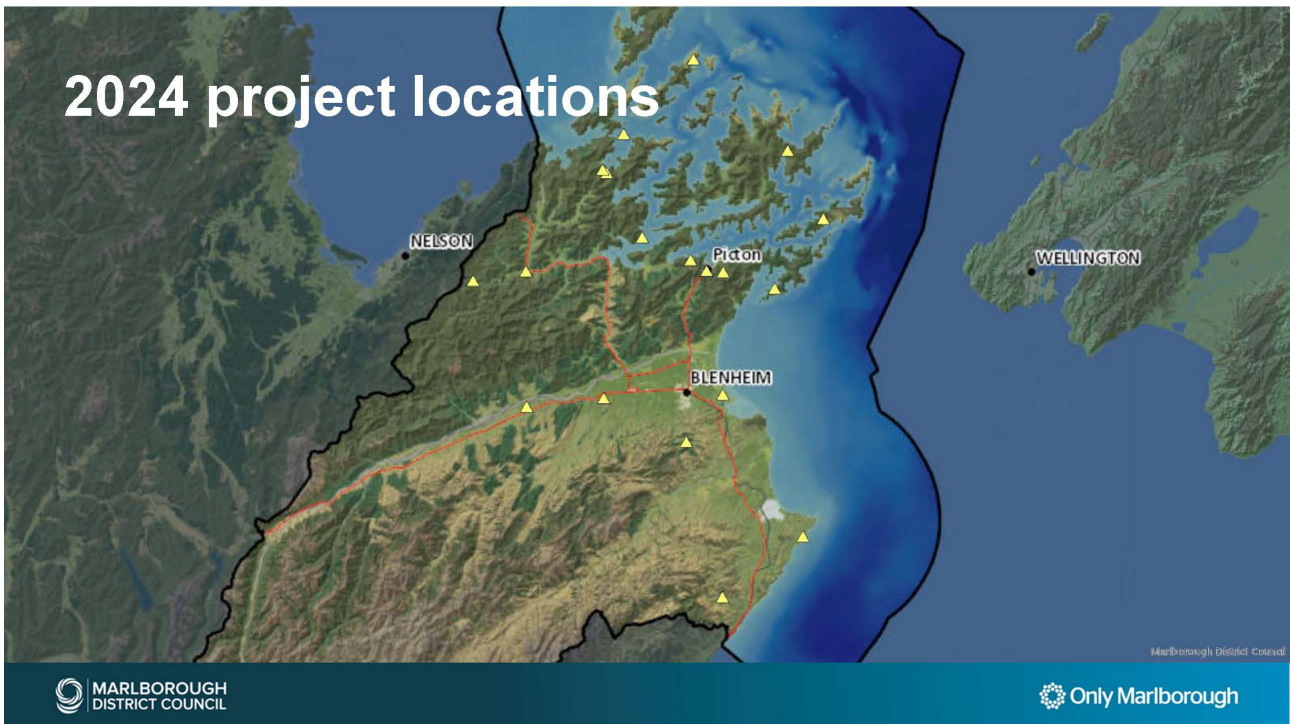
Protecting Marlborough continued			
Tennyson Inlet Islands Pest Eradication	Partial funding	\$3,200	Bait stations, bait, PPE, and public warning signs
Ungulate Control in the Sounds 2024-25	Full funding	\$11,500	Coordination of ungulate control
Waima/ Ure River Restoration Project	Partial funding	\$10,000	Weed control (marram, buddleia, gorse, broom, etc.)
Whatanihi Conservation Action	Partial funding	\$5,300	Chemical & PPE for weed control, vespex and traps
Wild Waikawa Restoration	Partial funding	\$5,175	Traps and consumables

Successful Applicants

Environmental Advocacy			
CKNZ Save Our Species Programme – Video	Full funding	\$2,000	Video and website content to promote species conservation



2024 project locations

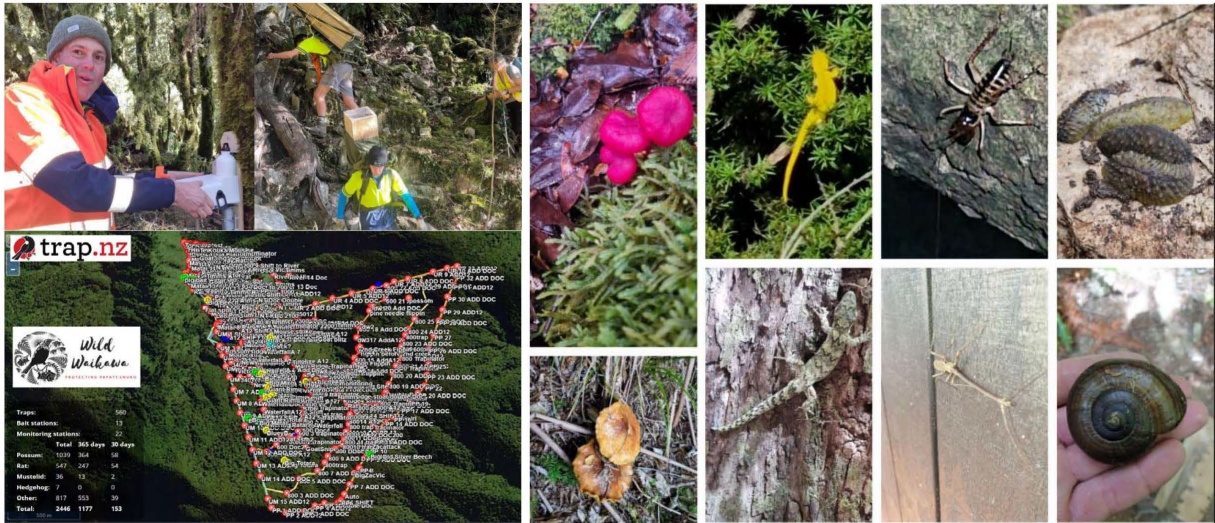


What's next?

- 1 September 2024: Agreement forms signed and returned
- 1 - 30 April 2025: 2025/26 applications open
- 1 June 2025 – Invoicing and accountability forms due



Past Projects – Boons Valley Restoration



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Past Projects – Waikawa Stream Habitat Enrichment



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Past Projects – Growing Trees, Growing Children



Past Projects – Hinepango Wetland Restoration



Appendix 4: Small Townships Grants

(Heather Graham, Small Townships Projects Coordinator, MDC)

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Small Townships

PROGRAMME



Small Townships Programme 'Love Where You Live'

The Marlborough District Council has funding to provide an integrated planning and design process for improving public amenities in small townships.

Townships initially identified through the Growing Marlborough Strategy for inclusion in the Small Townships Programme are:

- Anakiwa/Tirimoana
- Canvastown/Wakamarina Valley
- Grovetown
- Havelock
- Linkwater/The Grove
- Momorangi Bay
- Ngakuta Bay
- Ohingaroa Bay
- Okiwi Bay
- Rai Valley
- Rarangi
- Renwick
- Seddon
- Spring Creek
- Tuamarina
- Wairau Valley
- Ward

The purpose of this programme is to:

- Design a liveable town with an attractive central space
- Allow freedom of movement, connectivity, and accessibility
- Strengthen a sense of place and unique identity
- Enhance the use, enjoyment, and pride in outdoor public spaces

Township Plan

Using the Smart and Connected framework, Council will link the aspirations of communities with good outdoor public space design.

During the development of the township plan the Small Townships Programme looks to the community as the key stakeholder.

A township plan is developed capturing the community's shared vision and priorities for their community outdoor public spaces.

Using the plan as our guide, Council will then undertake delivery of prioritised projects.

The plan can be used as a tool for both community and council when revisiting where to next for future town development.

Steps	Description
Initial Engagement	Council identify and inform stakeholders including <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Iwi • Residents • Community groups • Local business • Schools
Initial Planning	Council will meet with local groups to identify <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community vision for the future of their township • Local community projects • Upcoming council projects
Draft Plan	Using information gathered during the initial planning stage, Council will draft a township plan that will be shared with the community and invite further clarification around the plan content and prioritisation of projects. The draft plan will include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community vision • Potential projects • Key issues, barriers and constraints • Potential solutions
Township Plan	Using the finalised township plan, Council now proceeds with delivery of projects. Regular news of progress and opportunities to celebrate successes is shared with the community.
A Living Document	Having invested in the creation of a township plan, the plan offers opportunity for both Council and community to revisit and assess where to next for future township development.

For more information: <https://www.marlborough.govt.nz/our-community/small-townships-programme>

Appendix 5: Marlborough District Council Community Grant Information

Marlborough District Council Community Grants

Key dates below.

Grant information clinics will be offered to answer questions. Dates will be listed closer to the grant round opening.

Date	Details
1 July 2024	Grant round opens
19 August 2024	Applications close at 8.00 am
8 October 2024	Grants Committee meets
31 October 2024	Full Council meeting
31 October 2024	Decisions advised (within 3 working days)

Sectors Eligible for Funding

Council will consider requests for funding from community organisations providing services in the following categories (in no order of priority):

- Arts & Culture
- Community Welfare and Social Services
- Heritage
- Sport and Recreation

Each application is considered on its merits using the criteria set out below with decisions made in the best interests of the local community. Please ensure that you read the information sheet.

Who Can Apply?

Organisations wanting to apply for funding assistance must meet the following criteria:

- Be a not for profit organisation
- Provide services to the wider community or specific sectors in the Marlborough community (any National or Regional organisation applying must refer specifically to Marlborough costings and benefit)
- Be able to supply verified Annual Accounts

Apply for the Grant

Applications are made online via the MDC webpage

- Arts, Culture and Heritage
- Chorus Cabinet Art Programme
- Community Fundraising Support
- Community Newsletter and Information Database

[Funding, Grants and Awards](#)

- Cawthron Marlborough Environment Awards
- Civic Honours Awards
- Funding Bodies
- Grant and Funding Accountability Forms
- Marlborough Awards
- Marlborough Community Awards
- Marlborough Creative Communities Scheme
- Marlborough District Council Arts and Heritage
- Marlborough District Council Community Grants**
- Outward Bound - Ka Mahi Scholarship Programme

Funding, Grants and Awards

This page provides information on a range of funding that Marlborough District Council either provides directly, or administers on behalf of other, organisations. Application forms, and information on eligibility, criteria, and closing dates can be found here.

There is also information on awards for individuals and community groups. These awards acknowledge excellence or contribution to the local community.

Grants and Funding

Marlborough District Council recognises the important contribution made by community organisations to the overall wellbeing of Marlborough and its residents. To help organisations benefit the wider community, Marlborough District Council makes funds available through:

- Creative Communities NZ Scheme: Local arts funding, supporting art and cultural activities that increase participation
- Marlborough District Council Community Grants: one-off funding for not-for-profit organisations providing essential services in the Marlborough community
- Sport NZ Rural Travel Fund: encourage youth (five to 19 years) participation in local sports competition for those in rural areas

Community Grants - Information Sheet 24-25

Purpose

These small grants are Council's way of acknowledging the contribution of not-for-profit organisations in providing essential services which assist in developing the community at large. Council's role is to add value to the ability of the volunteer sector to thrive and respond to community needs by providing funding assistance.

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Each application is considered on its merits using the criteria set out below with decisions made in the best interests of the local community.

Who Can Apply?

Organisations wanting to apply for funding assistance must meet the following criteria:

- Be a not-for-profit organisation.
- Iwi groups
- Provide services to the wider community or specific sectors in the community.
- Be able to supply Annual Accounts
- Provide verification of charitable status (if applicable)
- Account for expenditure of funds specifically for grants received (this will affect eligibility for any future grants)
- There must be a monetary contribution from the applicant towards the cost of the activity applied for. This can be from own funds or grants from other sources.
- Regional/national organisations can apply on behalf of a Marlborough group but must provide Marlborough specific costs/budget and benefits.

Maximum Grant Allocation

Due to demand for funds, grants will be allocated to a **maximum of \$10,000 per application.**

What CANT be Funded

- New building or extensions/s to current buildings
- Landscaping and carparks
- Debt Servicing and Retrospective funding
- Conventions, conferences, reunions and tournaments
- School based curriculum programmes, and other central government services
- All travel or costs associated with events outside of Marlborough including overseas travel.
- Projects that have already received Council funding including through contracts and partnership agreements for the same activity.
- Floor coverings excluding mats.

- Food and catering
- Fundraising events
- Projects which fit within the environmental fund (please seek clarification if this might apply)

What **CAN** be funded?

- One application per organisation per year can be considered for funding.
- Partnership projects can be applied for by an umbrella organisation – applicants must be not for profit.
- An organisation can make an application of their own as well as being the umbrella organisation for a partnership project.
- Projects must be of direct benefit to people of the Marlborough district.
- Activity that can be considered for funding include:
 - Small operating grants up to \$5,000 (organisations already receiving a Council operating grant excluded). Operating costs refer to coaching, rent, utilities etc and ongoing operating costs.
 - Furniture and fittings – items that can be removed from the facility and not become a building asset.
 - Equipment
 - Seeding funding for new projects/programmes
 - Volunteer expenses.
 - Repairs and maintenance for community facilities
 - Training/workshops with a community development focus that are open to the public.
 - Consultancy fees towards activities such as feasibility studies or engineers reports for community projects.
 - Community events that do not fit with the Council Commercial Events Fund or Community Events Fund (separate funds) – excluding fundraising events.
 - Projects that promote sustainable use and enjoyment of Marlborough arts and heritage resources.
 - Projects that establish closer linkages between arts, heritage and regional promotion and development.

Application Process and Allocation of Funds

Council Community Grants will be allocated by Council's Grants Committee on 8 October 2024 and their recommendations considered by Full Council on 31 October 2024. Projects should not have commenced before this date to be eligible for funding (excluding requests for small operating grants).

All applications must be made on Council's online application form so that all organisations are meeting the same requirements for supplying information for consideration.

NOTE: Closing date is Monday 19 August 2024 at 8.00am - Late or incomplete applications will not be considered. Council's decision on all allocation of funds will be final.

If you require further information or assistance, please contact:

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