

He kōrero nā te Kaunihera o Wairau. News from Marlborough District Council.

Spring Creek stop bank gets funding

Council has welcomed a \$3.6M injection from the government to help get Spring Creek's stop bank rebuilt.

Mayor Nadine Taylor said confirmation the Beyond the Deluge river protection works will be grant funded was fantastic news.

"It means we can now proceed with confidence with the Spring Creek Peninsular Road stop bank works for which \$8.7M has been budgeted for in the Long Term Plan 2024-2034," she said.

"This is very positive news for the Spring Creek community and it also means Council's other flood protection rebuild plans can be accelerated. The Government's commitment to this co-investment in flood protection will benefit projects around the country like ours. It is very welcome and much needed."

Council's Rivers and Drainage Engineering Manager Andy White said at a public meeting at Spring Creek the contribution from central government was significant. "The \$3.6M will help offset the overall cost of the project and is warmly welcomed after years of lobbying," he said.

Recent geotechnical assessments in the area verified the extent of cracking through the stop bank, which occurred during the 2016 Kaikōura earthquake and were further damaged in the 2021 and 2022 floods.

"The assessment has confirmed the stop bank needs to be reconstructed using a raft foundation to ensure future seismic stability -



we cannot simply raise the stop bank without resolving the underlying foundation," he said.

Phase one of the physical work started in May and is nearly complete. It involved removing a bar formed on the true left of the river to reduce pressure on the true right of the river which was causing undermining and erosion of the stop bank.

"We have reduced the risk of damage to the stop bank while we prepare for the longer-term solution of rock armouring," Andy said.

Excavated material has been stockpiled higher up in the floodplain to be shaped and seeded.

Regional Development Minister Shane Jones confirmed the Spring Creek funding, and a further \$2.8M for flood protection work on the Wairau, at a Nelson Regional Infrastructure Fund summit last week.

"This funding will allow physical work to begin in the 2024/25 summer season, if not sooner," he said. "Investment in flood resilience provides security for local landowners and communities and is an investment in our future."

Marlborough's economic priorities pitched at summit

The case for investing further in Marlborough was put firmly forward at the Te Taihu Regional Growth Summit in Nelson recently.



Council and Port Marlborough jointly promoted future investment opportunities such as improvements at Havelock port at the recent Te Taihu Regional Growth Summit

A team from Marlborough including Mayor Nadine Taylor, Council's Chief Executive John Boswell, senior economic development staff and local industry representatives travelled 'over the hill' to promote Marlborough's economic priorities.

The summit brought together Marlborough, Tasman and Nelson councils with community and business leaders to discuss regional priorities, growth and infrastructure priorities and opportunities to partner with Government.

This included a facilitated session with Regional Development Minister Shane Jones and was the first of a series of summits around the country organised by Kānoa Regional Economic Development and Investment Unit.

Mayor Taylor's presentation on the day focussed on two major Marlborough industries - wine and aquaculture.

"While Marlborough is the dominant New Zealand wine region, there is potential for further growth in volume and value with investment to overcome barriers associated with water availability, logistics, productivity and labour shortages, biowaste and energy," Mayor Taylor said.

"Aquaculture is another industry where investment could help secure its future through securing spat production, logistics, including investment in Havelock port and deriving value from biowaste."

She identified investment priorities going forward as marine infrastructure, responding to storm damage, the region's roading and investment in Sounds Marine. Marlborough's focus was on the economic benefits of aquaculture, forestry, farming and tourism as well as the need to lock in long term water resilience, flood protection investment, support the Woodbourne Airport aviation cluster and the nationally critical future interisland ferry project, she said.

Port Marlborough's General Manager, Marinas and Property Anouk Euzéby and Council's Manager Strategic Planning and Economic Development Neil Henry also delivered presentations on future investment opportunities.

This included \$15.3M worth of Stage 1 improvements at Havelock port and \$500K for a Sounds Marine Study to identify local and arterial marine hubs in other parts of the Marlborough Sounds.

"As the main hub for aquaculture, Havelock's efficient ports and waterways enhance operational efficiency and drive economic growth. Funding this project will provide resilience and enable Havelock to continue to facilitate trade and effectively serve the community," Ms Euzéby told attendees.

Mr Henry outlined that current marine infrastructure in the Sounds was not resilient or sufficient if a future storm event severely damaged roads.

"The Sounds Marine Study will identify a viable network of water infrastructure to support ongoing use with primary, secondary and local marine hubs throughout the Sounds," he said.

Council's Economic Development Portfolio Manager Dorien Vermaas said the Government was keen to see applications for infrastructure projects to build infrastructure for growth and resilience, growing skills, doubling exports in the next 10 years and investment and supporting innovation, technology and science.

"Government is looking for strategic partnerships - not wish lists," Ms Vermaas said.

Queen Charlotte Drive sites closer to completion

Queen Charlotte Drive's road to recovery took a step forward this month with two complex sites completed between Havelock and Moenui Road.

The first site, near Cullen Point, was under construction since February with temporary works required before excavation. A mechanically stabilised earth wall has since been built, along with drainage improvements and the road was sealed last week.

It has been a huge effort from the team to repair this site, originally damaged in the July 2021 weather event.

Only three kilometres down the road, the installation of a new box culvert and road repair has also been completed.

The large 1.5m diameter precast concrete culvert was installed in stages, before the road was repaired and sealed earlier this month. The site was also stabilised and hydroseeded and the Link Pathway reinstated.

Other Queen Charlotte Drive works include a rail iron wall near Ngākuta Bay.

Meanwhile, investigative drilling on Kenepuru Road means night closures between 6pm and 6am at the following locations and dates:

- Monday 2 to Wednesday 4 September at Portage Heights, from 3000 Kenepuru Road for 300m towards Kenepuru Heads
- Wednesday 4 to Friday 6 September at Portage, for 150m before the Torea Road intersection (road users will be able to access Portage via Torea Road)
- Friday 6 to Sunday 8 September at Tara Bay, from 2182 Kenepuru Road for 450m towards Tara Bay Road
- Sunday 8 to Tuesday 10 September at Broughton Bay from 1773 Kenepuru Road for 200m towards Te Mahia

If you have any queries, please contact recovery@marlboroughroads.com



A site near Moenui Road is one of two complex repairs completed on Queen Charlotte Drive

Renwick bike trail beautified

Children from Renwick School dug in to help plant natives on Renwick's new cycle trail last month.

The 6.5km section, which links Allan Scott Winery in Jacksons Road to Renwick using off-road routes, is part of a proposed trail that will eventually complete an entire trail around Renwick benefitting locals and tourists.

Once finished, it will be known as the Marlborough Vineyard Trail.

There are 20 cellar doors within an eight-kilometre radius of Renwick and 10,000 bike visitors each year. Visiting the cellar doors by bike - either self-guided or on an organised trip - is popular in the area.

Steve Hill, chairman of the Renwick Walk Bike group, said the new trail was a few months away from completion.



Renwick School pupils and volunteers help plant hundreds of natives on the new Renwick cycle trail

"It's planned to have it up and running in time for the busy summer season," he said.

The area the children helped plant out will eventually feature picnic tables and provide a spot for cyclists to take a break, eat their lunch and enjoy the surroundings.

Pernod Ricard donated 250 natives while Tasman Crop Protection gave plant guards and Fruitfed came up with fertilizer.

Council has invested significantly in the trail which was complex and only possible due to the backing of landowners, including corporates, who gave easements through their properties to allow cyclists to get off the busy roads and cycle through vineyards.

Festival an overwhelming success



The Southern Jam Youth Jazz Festival, held in Marlborough in mid-August, attracted 18 schools from all over the South Island and featured a sold-out gala finale.

Marlborough Librarian helps students find answers

Sandra Parker certainly has many answers.

The Marlborough District Libraries Reference Librarian has, for the past four years, researched regional resources for the ManyAnswers website alongside her regular duties at the library.

AnyQuestions/ManyAnswers is a platform funded by the Ministry of Education, managed by the National Library of New Zealand and staffed by librarians around New Zealand.

It is designed to help school students researching a variety of topics. Informally known as 'homework help', the idea is not to give students the answers, but to show them how to find the information they need from reliable authoritative sources.

Sandra joined a team of reference librarians from across the motu in 2020 to develop content for the Regional Resources section of the ManyAnswers website, providing research support for students that aligns with the Aotearoa New Zealand histories curriculum.

Her impressive package of work, focussing on Marlborough/Te Taihu-

The annual festival, which involved Marlborough Girls' and Boys' Colleges, provides an opportunity for young musicians to compete, perform and learn.

Twenty-one bands took part in the Council-owned event, run by Pure Events Marlborough.

Feedback from those involved said the festival was one of the best ever.

A number of free-of-charge public performances were held at venues around Blenheim, Picton, Renwick and Rapaura.

o-te-waka, began as New Zealand was coming out of Covid lockdowns and working in 'bubbles'. Starting with brainstorming content and ensuring alignment to the curriculum, Sandra looked at many websites, ebooks, databases and physical books to verify content and work out which section the information related to.

A shortlist of places, events and people was grown before the website was developed, edited and finally published in May this year.

"My advice when researching historical places or events would be to remember that places and events have changed their names over time. If you are looking up something such as The Wairau Affray, you should also try using 'Wairau Massacre', 'Wairau Incident' and 'Tuamarina' as keywords to find relevant material," Sandra said.

Marlborough/Te Taihu-o-te-waka has a unique story involving a variety of people, places and events. Users can find the best websites and books to use to explore this history and find out what has happened in Marlborough in the past: <https://anyquestions.govt.nz/many-answers/regional-resources/marlborough>

Rārangī looking smart

Several areas in Rārangī have had a spruce up thanks to Council's Small Townships Programme.

The entranceway to Pipitea Drive, which provides access to the Hinepango Reserve, has had rock piles removed and new garden beds and paths established.

A sign, built by the Rārangī Menz Shed using timber repurposed from the old Echo site, has further enhanced the area.

The Hinepango Reserve Restoration Group has been supported with community grants including Council's Working for Nature Fund and the Small Townships Programme, enabling extensive work including clearing pest species and replanting the significant wetland.

Rārangī resident, and member of the local residents' committee, James Travers was ecstatic with improvements in the area.



The improved entranceway to Pipitea Drive in Rārangī

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, Ph: 03 520 7400 or go to: marlborough.govt.nz/your-council/councillors

Justice of the Peace Service desk - Awatere

Local JPs will resource a service desk every second Tuesday between 11am-1pm starting on 3 September 2024.

This facility will be available at the Awatere Information Centre. No appointments are required and there is no charge.

The service provided will include:

- Witnessing signatures on documents
- Certifying copies of documents
- Completing declarations (including statutory declarations), affidavits or affirmations

This is a new initiative to assist the local community.

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 both 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

If you are unsure how to do this, get a family member to help or contact Council on Ph: 03 520 7400.



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.



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1.30pm - 4.30pm

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Sat 10am - 4pm

Sun 1pm - 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.

Economic, Finance & Community Committee

Tuesday 3 September 2024 at 9am

Public Forum

A public forum will be held prior to the Economic, Finance & Community Committee meeting, commencing at 8.30am. If you wish to address the Committee during this Public Forum session you will need to confirm your attendance and speaking time with the Committee Secretary the Friday prior to the meeting, Ph: 03 520 7400. Please note topics are restricted to those agenda items for the meeting or within the Committee's delegation.

Council

Thursday 19 September 2024 at 9am

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

Proposed road closures, navigation warnings and alcohol licensing

For the latest public notices, please go to: links.marlborough.govt.nz/public-notice

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

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