



Heritage Marlborough shines light on Women of the War

The roles of Marlborough women during WWII are being put into the spotlight at a series of events hosted by Heritage Marlborough, Council's new heritage team.

The next event, Heritage Out Loud: Stitching for Victory, will be held on 24 August at Marlborough Library, Te Kahu o Waipuna, at 2pm.

Hosted by Dr Liz Ward, the event will focus on a wall hanging stitched by women of the Clarence Bridge Women's Division of the Farmer's Union during the war.

"The women stitched the signature quilt, which has more than 140 names stitched onto it, as a fundraiser during the Second World War. It features family names from Clarence Bridge, Kēkerengu and Kaikōura," Dr Ward said.

Dr Ward will talk about the history of signature quilts and the ways

women used them to raise funds for patriotic causes during both the First and Second World Wars.

The event will be of interest to anyone who is curious about the home front during the Second World War. The history of women's handicrafts and the role that community projects played in the lives of women who were often living on isolated farms will also be discussed, Dr Ward said.

"The talk will delve into how family history research led to further discoveries about the hanging and the women who made it."

As part of its work to preserve the history of Marlborough into the future, Heritage Marlborough will shine a spotlight on the many people and communities who have shaped the region. Women of the War is the first such series hosted by the team. Keep an eye out for further upcoming events covering a wide array of topics.

Taylor River rabbit control starts

Pindone poison, an anticoagulant in bait form, is to be laid at specific areas on the Taylor River Reserve from next Monday 12 August.

Increasing numbers of rabbits will be targeted in two key areas – a 49-hectare block running from Doctors Creek through to the boundary of the lifestyle block area on Waters Ave and the second 21-hectare block from Wither Road extension through to Richardson Ave.

The targeted pest control operation was planned to start earlier this month but conditions were unfavourable with too much grass available, Council's Parks and Open Spaces Officer Kiri Whiteman said.

"Instead, dummy bait stations were laid with non-poisonous bait to trial whether the rabbits would take the bait or we would need to postpone the operation," she said. "The trial had a 84 per cent success rate so contractors will be laying pindone from early August."

Pindone will be laid in fenced bait stations followed by night shooting to reduce numbers. This will help get rabbit numbers below the required level set in Marlborough's Regional Pest Management Plan.

Pindone is an anti-coagulant poison – commonly used for rabbit control since the 1940s in New Zealand. It is considered relatively safe to both dogs and cats as a large volume would need to be consumed over a number of days to affect them. As a precaution, Council advises people with dogs to avoid the area when signs are in place.

Anyone with any concerns their dog has eaten pindone should contact their vet as there is an antidote available.

All precautions will be taken to ensure only rabbits eat the bait. Bait stations will be fenced to prevent interactions with stock, dogs and children and will only be opened at night.



A bait station on the Taylor River Reserve

If a bait station appears to have been interfered with, please contact the Parks and Open Spaces team at Council on Ph: 03 520 7400.

Warning signs will be placed in areas where pindone is to be applied.

For further information go to: <https://links.marlborough.govt.nz/Rabbit-Control-FAQs>

Ministers in Marlborough

Marlborough hosted two government ministers recently.

Regional Development Associate Minister Mark Patterson was here for the opening of the Experimental Future Vineyard in Blenheim and to look at river control work, while Arts, Culture and Heritage Minister Paul Goldsmith was here to talk about the historic Edwin Fox.

"It was a good chance to shine a spotlight on what a maritime treasure the Edwin Fox is, how lucky we are to have her and to discuss the funding and expert help that is needed to secure her future," Mayor Taylor said.

Council's Rivers Team took Minister Patterson to Condors Bend where he was shown the new stop bank and groyne works that have been successfully completed through a four-year co-investment partnership between Council and central government.

Mayor Nadine Taylor joined the Minister to visit Peninsula Road, Spring Creek where Rivers and Drainage Engineering Manager Andy White outlined the work happening there.



Mayor Nadine Taylor with Minister Goldsmith and Marlborough MP Stuart Smith (left)



Council's Rivers and Drainage Engineering Manager Andy White (far right) outlines work to (from left) Senior Rivers Engineer Frank Westergard, Minister Patterson and Mayor Nadine Taylor

HERITAGE OUT LOUD

24 AUG

STITCHING FOR VICTORY-FAMILIES & WAR

02:00PM | TE KAHU O WAIPUNA | MARLBOROUGH LIBRARY | 15 HIGH ST. BLENHEIM



As part of the fundraising effort during the Second World War the women of the Clarence Bridge Women's Division of the Farmers Union stitched a signature wall hanging. During this talk, Heritage Marlborough Manager, Dr. Liz Ward, will talk about the wall hanging, and how family history research led to more discoveries about the wall hanging, and the women who made it.

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Dublin Street on track for opening late August

Work continues in Waitohi Picton with KiwiRail focused on getting the Dublin Street level crossing barrier arms and signals reinstalled, ready for the road to reopen by the end of August.

"We know Dublin Street is a key connector for the community," KiwiRail Programme Manager Doug Carter said. "We're keen to get the work done as soon as possible so that

Picton residents and visitors can again move easily between their town centre and port side of the town. Opening Dublin Street also enables us to reopen Broadway, so we are working on opening Broadway up to traffic at the same time."

The work involved in getting the roads ready for reopening is happening now and is expected to be finished by the end of August.

Currently, contractors are working in the Dublin Street area to lay asphalt, kerbs and install a pedestrian path over the rail level crossing. This includes weekday and weekend work.

There will be extended working hours with the crew working through the night this Sunday 4 August and on 11 and 18 August as needed, to undertake work inside the rail

corridor. This requires the complete closure of the railway line so it will be done overnight when there is less rail traffic.

"We know this has been a disruptive time for the community and appreciate their patience. As soon as the work is complete and we have the all-clear to open the roads back up, we'll be sure to confirm the dates for opening both Dublin Street and Broadway," Doug said.

Opening Hours

Mon to Fri: 8.30 am - 4.30 pm
Closed Wed 12.30 pm - 1.30 pm
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