

Waitaria Bay jetty closed

A routine inspection has found some of the structural components in the Waitaria Bay jetty in the Marlborough Sounds have deteriorated significantly since its last inspection in mid-2023, resulting in its closure.

Marlborough Roads Transport Recovery Manager Steve Murrin said the old jetty was well past its prime.

“Unfortunately over the last 18 months the deterioration has accelerated quickly. Our contracted inspectors WSP recommended the jetty be closed immediately. Council and Marlborough Roads support their recommendation.”

The identified defects include failed corbels (supports) and loss of piles and bolted connections, Mr Murrin said.

“Unfortunately in certain conditions, such as rough seas, overloading or

a vessel strike, these defects could cause a sudden collapse of the jetty. If the jetty were to remain open to the public there is a high risk to the safety of its users.”

Signage and barriers are now in place.

Mr Murrin noted that the resource consent process to replace the jetty was well underway.

“We hope a new jetty will be able to be constructed later this year, if all goes to plan with the design and construction process.”

In the meantime, it’s recommended that users use the nearby jetty at Fish Bay.

Mr Murrin said work was underway to determine if, with minor repairs, the jetty could be reopened until construction of the new jetty starts.



Waitaria Bay jetty

Photo Credit: Bayleys

The jetty was damaged in the August 2022 storm. A landslide lifted the section of the jetty closest to land and shunted the seaward portion of the jetty forward. At the time, some emergency maintenance was undertaken to reopen

it, with a load restriction of five people at a time on the jetty imposed.

A drop-in meeting on Sounds transport issues will be held at the Portage Resort on Thursday 20 February from 2pm to 4pm.

Keep footpaths clear of vegetation

Now is a good time to get out the clippers and prune back any branches or vegetation overhanging the footpath from your property.

This is required to keep footpaths safe and accessible for all users, be it the postie, someone with a guide dog or a push chair.

If you rent the property, check with the property manager or owner as to who is responsible.

Footpath and overhanging vegetation inspections take place throughout the year so your early attention may save you being issued a reminder notice.

Thanks for looking after our footpath users and keeping Marlborough safe, tidy and accessible.



Spaces still available on Safer Boating Workshops

A few spots remain on a series of free safer boating workshops being offered this summer by Council’s Nautical and Coastal Team.

Funded through Maritime New Zealand, the four Safer Boating Workshops are aimed at education for all watercraft users including vessels, jet skis, paddle boards and kayakers. The workshops are being held on 25 January, 8 February, 1 March and 15 March.

Topics covered include ‘what to know before you go’, boat skipper responsibilities, and tips and tricks. Lunch is provided.

Bookings can be made by emailing harbours@marlborough.govt.nz or Ph: 03 520 7400 to register your interest. Spaces are limited.

Temporary alcohol ban Renwick

A temporary alcohol ban will be in force over the public areas of High Street, Renwick from the intersection of Anglesea Street to the eastern side of the intersection of Alma Street), Inkerman Street (from the High Street intersection to the driveway of 31 Inkerman Street), Uxbridge Street (from the High Street intersection to the Renwick Fire Station and extending around the skatepark and tennis courts) and Alma Street (from the High Street intersection to the southern boundary of 4 Alma Street), for 24 hours from 6am Saturday 8 February to 6am Sunday 9 February 2025 for the Marlborough Wine and Food Festival.



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.

Assets and Services

Tuesday 28 January at 9am

Environment and Planning

Thursday 30 January at 9am

Economic, Finance and Community

Tuesday 11 February at 9am

Public Forum

A public forum will be held prior to the Economic, Finance and Community Committee meeting, starting at 8.30am. If you wish to address the Committee you will need to confirm your attendance and speaking time with the Committee Secretary the Friday prior to the meeting. Please note topics are restricted to the agenda items or those within the Committee’s delegation.

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

Opening Hours

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