



Whale Trail milestone at Wairau Affray site

Of the many precious cultural sites The Whale Trail passes through, Te Ārai o Wairau or the Wairau Affray is one of the most significant.

The Wairau Affray took place just three years after the signing of Te Tiriti o Waitangi/ the Treaty of Waitangi and signalled the beginnings of Ngā Pakanga o Aotearoa, the New Zealand Land Wars.

Just before dawn, i te atapō, on Sunday 24 March, was a significant moment when mana whenua Kahu Ropata, a kaumatua for Te Runanaga o Toa Rangatira, led a blessing at Tua Marino/ Tua Marina to mark another milestone in The Whale Trail's construction.

Marlborough Kaikōura Trails Trust Chair Luke van Velthoven, staff from The Whale Trail and Ngati Toa whānau, visiting from Wellington for a Wananga Reo at Wairau Pā, attended



The Whale Trail marked a significant milestone recently with the blessing of a newly completed section at the Wairau Affray site

and walked the new trail which was blessed to ensure the cultural and physical safety of those who use it in future.

Following the blessing and kai, attendees took the opportunity to learn more about this significant site and walked north along the trail to look at the next exciting section as it makes its way towards Waitohi/Picton.

Whale Trail Project Lead

Nigel Muir said trail users would get the opportunity to experience and learn about some of Marlborough and Kaikōura's precious areas, such as Te Ārai o Wairau/the Wairau Affray.

"We're delighted with the progress of this exciting community project," Nigel said. "It's another major step in the construction of The Whale Trail as it connects communities along the East Coast of the South Island."

Paint Marlborough pink for a week

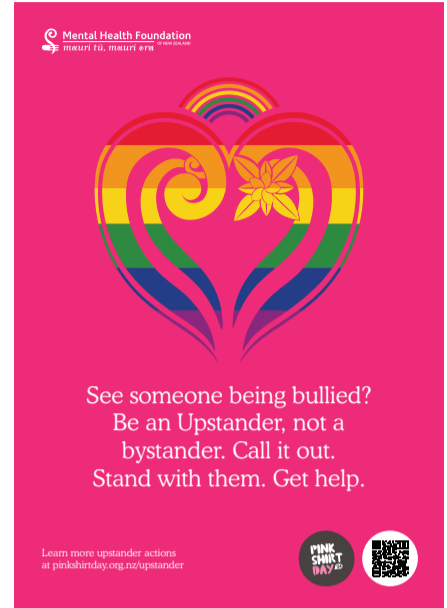
Marlborough is encouraged to 'go pink' for a week in the lead up to the Mental Health Foundation's Pink Shirt Day on Friday 17 May.

Pink Shirt Day aims to reduce bullying by celebrating diversity in all its forms and supporting workplaces, communities and schools to be safe, supportive, welcoming and inclusive.

Council's Community Partnerships Advisor Jodie Griffiths said 'Paint the Town Pink' was created to amplify the anti-bullying message promoted by Pink Shirt Day.

"We want to turn Te Taihū and Te Tai Poutini – the top of the south and the West Coast – pink for a week to encourage more courageous conversations in our community about bullying," Mrs Griffiths said. "We can work together to stop bullying, celebrate diversity and promote kindness and inclusiveness."

From 13 to 19 May community groups and businesses can adopt any number of 'pink' initiatives including painting shop windows,



wearing pink, making and sharing pink food and running competitions on who has the best outfit. Council has pink chalk to give away to participating businesses - contact Jodie on jodie.griffiths@marlborough.govt.nz

For more information and resources go to: www.pinkshirtday.org.nz

Rainbow Run radiates colour

The Freshchoice Picton Rainbow Run brought a dash of colour to the town for the day recently.

Nearly 500 people attended, which was a chance to walk or run with family and friends, get a bit messy and have fun while being doused with rainbow colours like those pictured.

Council's Project Coordinator - Lansdowne Hub and Port Marlborough Pavilion Regan Russell said it was great the Rainbow Run had become a popular event, attracting families to come out and spend time together while getting active.

"It's a great fun atmosphere on the day and all funds raised go back into the pavilion so we can support our programmes and events throughout the year," Regan said.



Funding workshops for not-for-profit and community groups

Attention not-for-profit and community groups.

If you want to learn about funding in Marlborough, what is available and how to go about getting it, then head along to a series of workshops next week in Havelock, Blenheim and Seddon.

The workshops include short

presentations on some of the funds available in Marlborough.

The meetings are in Havelock on Monday 6 May from 1pm to 3pm; Blenheim on Monday 6 May from 5.30pm to 7.30pm, and Seddon on Tuesday 7 May from 10am to midday.

The workshops will help you to get your

application 'pitch' right and show how to align with the funder's priorities, and tell your story about the project's success.

Following the presentations there will be a mini workshop on finances for community groups delivered by Community Capacity Accounting. Funders will also be available to answer

questions and set up times to meet for more complex funding requests. Refreshments will be available.

Please register for which workshop you wish to attend at: <https://bit.ly/3vMeix7>.

For further information email: natalie.lawler@marlborough.govt.nz or jodie.griffiths@marlborough.govt.nz

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