

358 submissions received on Long Term Plan

Public submissions to Council's Long Term Plan 2024-2034 closed on 13 May. Three hundred and fifty eight were received in total.

Of the submissions, 166 were related to the Marlborough Sounds roading funding options

for repair and reinstatement, the largest category of submission. The rest cover a variety of items including community facilities, general roading, flood protection and infrastructure planning.

Hearings will be held from 10 to 21 June with 103 submitters

requesting to speak. The mayor and councillors will consider all submissions on Monday 24 June.

The Marlborough Regional Land Transport Plan 2024-2027 also closed for public submissions on 13 May. Eleven

submissions were received.

Mayor Nadine Taylor warmly thanked all submitters.

"It's great to see such strong interest in the future of Marlborough - thank you to everyone who has taken the time to have their say. It's now

over to councillors and myself to consider everyone's feedback, suggestions and ideas. I look forward to the public hearings and also some robust discussions with councillors before we decide on our final recommendations."

Dealing with autumn leaves

Cooler weather is here and leaves have started to change colour and drop.

Council's Parks and Open Spaces team deals with leaves in our parks and reserves, collecting them where possible and using them for compost. Leaves on roads are dealt with by Marlborough Roads.

Leaves can be collected and spread on your garden as a weed suppressant and mulch or added to the compost heap. Mowing leaves helps them break down faster.

If you see blocked drains or leaf build up you can report it to Council through the Antenno app. Antenno is Council's free mobile app and a great way to keep up to date with important Council alerts.

Free to install it is available on Apple and Android smartphones and no personal information or login details are required.

Antenno updates link to information on Council's website. For more information visit: www.marlborough.govt.nz/services/apps



Autumn brings falling leaves which can be used for compost

Freshwater Farm Plans on hold

Freshwater Farm Plan start dates are on hold while the Government investigates the system further. A statement from Chris Bishop, Minister for RMA Reform, said planned changes to Freshwater Farm Plans were likely to make it more cost effective and practical.

But what those changes look like for Marlborough is still unknown, Council's Regional Catchment Facilitator Nic Dann said.

"Are Are Creek was the first catchment to be rolled out in Marlborough and was due to start on 1 July 2024 - that date has now been paused."

"At this stage we will be pausing all catchments' turn on dates while we wait for more clarity on the regulatory requirements," she said.

"Information on Freshwater Farm Plans will continue to be shared

on the Marlborough Rural Hub web pages at www.marlborough.govt.nz/environment/marlborough-rural-hub."

Introduced as part of the Government's Essential Freshwater package, Freshwater Farm Plans are aimed at identifying risks to freshwater from farm activities and look at what farmers can do to manage and mitigate those risks.

A series of workshops held around Marlborough this year were related to the Freshwater Farm Plan Regulations 2023, integrated with Council's own catchment restoration programme and focused on providing rural communities with information about the process.

Resources have already been developed by Council to provide information to affected landowners.

"Our goal is to help rural landowners through support, resources and updated information," Nic said.

Are Are Creek catchment is still part of the At Risk Catchments programme and funding is available for landowners towards freshwater improvement outcomes such as riparian fencing and planting until end of June 2025.

Assistance and funding are also available for landowners in other catchments including Te Hoiere, Tua Marina and Flaxbourne.

The Hill Country Erosion Fund provides advice and financial support to landowners wanting to plant trees and retire eroding, marginal land.

Contact Council if you are interested in accessing these subsidies.

Robots wage battle for NZ Youth Week

Innovators young and old are invited to unleash their creativity and technical skills to create combat robotics in support of NZ Youth Week.

NZ Youth week runs until May 26 – the theme this year is "we may not have it all together, but together we have it all".

Council's Community Partnerships Advisor Jodie Griffiths said Youth Week was a nationwide festival of events organised by young New Zealanders to celebrate the talents, passion, and success of local young people.

"Youth Week events encourage young people to take on challenges, share ideas and focus on the

positive aspects of being young and to recognise the youth workers, youth service providers and others working with and for young people. Marlborough Youth Council are excited to support MySpace in hosting Combat Robotics – this is an amazing event for youth who enjoy technology," she said.

There are only 40 spots available for each event, beginning with a corporate event on Friday night and two separate competitions for Under 16s and Over 16s on Saturday 25 May. For more information email events@myt.org.nz

For information about Youth Week 2024 go to: <https://arataiohi.org.nz/youthweek/>

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