

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



### Wheelie bin rollout passes halfway point

More than 18,000 wheelie bins have been delivered across Marlborough ahead of the new kerbside collection service starting on 1 July.

There are around 36,000 bins to be delivered, so if you haven't received yours yet don't worry.

Remember the new bins will not be collected until 1 July - if you notice your neighbour has put one out, remind them the service doesn't start until then. Collection begins at 7am so put your bins out the night before.

Bins should be placed on the kerb edge, facing the road and away from obstacles and overhanging trees. They need to be half a metre apart to allow trucks to lift them.

For advice on what to put in your new bins go to: [www.marlborough.govt.nz/services/recycling-and-waste/changes-to-waste-services-from-1-july-2024](https://www.marlborough.govt.nz/services/recycling-and-waste/changes-to-waste-services-from-1-july-2024)

Until the new service starts please keep using Council-issued rubbish bags. There's a limited supply available at Council offices in Blenheim and Picton. You can redeem your rubbish bag voucher at Council offices or get a rebate up until 30 June.

From 1 July, rubbish bags will not be collected from the kerbside; however they will be accepted at transfer stations, the Waste Sorting Centre or the Resource Recovery Centre.

Once all new bins have been delivered, households in the collection areas will have two bins and one crate.

The red-topped wheelie bin is for waste, the yellow-topped bin for cardboard and plastic

recycling and the maroon crate for glass recycling.

Waste and recycling will be collected on alternate weeks - to check your collection day, see the Smart Map here: <https://links.marlborough.govt.nz/rubbish-smart-map>

People will be notified by mid-June whether your collection area starts with the red-top or the yellow-top bin.

If you have any questions, check out the frequently asked questions at: <https://links.marlborough.govt.nz/Kerbside-FAQs>, or contact Council; Ph: 03 520 7400 or email [mdc@marlborough.govt.nz](mailto:mdc@marlborough.govt.nz)

### Long Term Plan 'find out more' meeting in Blenheim

Blenheim Ward councillors Brian Dawson, Deborah Dalliessi and Jamie Arbuckle are hosting a 'find out more' meeting at the Marlborough District Library, Te Kahu o Waipuna, Blenheim on Saturday 4 May from 11am to 12.30pm.

The Long Term Plan (LTP) outlines Council's planned expenditure over the next 10 years. Submissions close at 5pm on 13 May.

Council has already hosted seven meetings focussed on repairs to the Marlborough Sounds roading network. This meeting will be an opportunity for the public to discuss other items in Council's LTP proposals, such as general roading maintenance, community facilities, parking charges and arts, culture and heritage.

The meeting will take place in the multi-purpose area, next to the lifts on the ground floor.

To make a submission on the LTP go to: <https://links.marlborough.govt.nz/haveyoursay> or visit one of Council's Customer Service Centres.

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Marlborough District Council  
Consultation Document

Mahere wā roa 2024 - 2034  
Long term plan 2024 - 2034

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### National study seeks to arrest Wairau aquifer decline

Recent rain has replenished river flows and soil moisture and eased water restrictions across Marlborough but the long-term decline in Wairau aquifer levels continues.

Senior Environmental Scientist, Groundwater, Peter Davidson and Environmental Scientist, Hydrology, Charlotte Tomlinson are working with Lincoln University to look at Wairau River management solutions that could be introduced to arrest the decline in aquifer levels.

A better understanding of how braided rivers such as the Wairau interact with groundwater is the focus of the Gravel Bed Rivers (GBR) National Research Project, now in its fourth year.

The study is due for completion in October.

Mr Davidson said there was a willingness at Council to apply the lessons learnt from the study to "arrest and restore" the aquifer.

"I think people understand the need to maintain the aquifer and flood protection cannot be compromised, so whatever we do, the various needs will have to co-exist. Any changes in the way we manage the mighty Wairau requires a coordinated approach," he said.

The groundbreaking hydrological research is being done with Council's rivers, science and policy teams. In the longer term, it could result in changes to the river's gravel management plan and some adjustment to the width of the river, which has over time become constrained to one channel.

Mr Davidson said groundwater tended to be "out of sight and out of mind" but the aquifer was an extension of the river itself, while springs were the surface expression of the aquifer.

Studies have now shown that an unintended consequence of providing the Wairau Plains with flood protection has been a reduction in the natural aquifer recharge rates from the Wairau River in the Rapaura area. This has likely been compounded by gravel extraction and a depleted natural gravel supply from nearby catchments since the 1960s, Mr Davidson said.

While the Wairau is the only Marlborough aquifer that is affected, it's likely that other South Island braided rivers with constructed flood works have a similar issue.

In September, the findings of the GBR research project will be presented to Council and the public at a series of workshops.



Natural recharge rates into the Wairau aquifer have gradually declined since the 1960s

### 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 Tauihu 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](mailto:jodie.griffiths@marlborough.govt.nz)

For more information and resources go to: [www.pinkshirtday.org.nz](http://www.pinkshirtday.org.nz)

See someone being bullied?  
Be an Upstander, not a bystander. Call it out. Stand with them. Get help.

Learn more upstander activities at [pinkshirtday.org.nz/upstander](http://pinkshirtday.org.nz/upstander)

### Funding workshops

Attention community and not-for-profit groups.

If you want to learn about funding, 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 here 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.

### Havelock memorials get some TLC

Two memorials near Havelock Town Hall have undergone repair work to preserve them into the future.

The Ronga Memorial recognises Captain Ned Peterson and crew of the schooner Ronga, which sank during her voyage from Lyttelton to Marlborough in 1906. Over the years, water has made its way into cracks in the structure.

Parks and Open Spaces Officer Grahame Smail said it is hoped the repair work will eliminate long term deterioration of the memorial and give it another 50 to 100 years of life.

"Similar work is to be undertaken on the mortar of the Havelock War Memorial, which sits behind the Ronga Memorial," he said.

A third memorial honours world famous New Zealand scientists, Ernest Rutherford and William Hayward Pickering, who both went to Havelock School. Interpretive sign panel story boards on this memorial provide information about their lives.

"Originally the panels had an audio track, which provided commentary about the scientist on the relevant panel, but this has not been working for some time," Grahame said. "In the short to medium term, Council, in consultation with the community, is looking to revamp this memorial and options for its repair will be looked at."

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

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

For further information email: [natalie.lawler@marlborough.govt.nz](mailto:natalie.lawler@marlborough.govt.nz) or [jodie.griffiths@marlborough.govt.nz](mailto:jodie.griffiths@marlborough.govt.nz)

Funding for the memorial upgrade is one of the projects that will soon be out for public consultation in the Council's 2024-34 Long-Term Plan budgets.



The Ronga Memorial in Havelock before recent repairs

### Fire restrictions lifted

The fire status for both Marlborough north and south zones has changed.

The Marlborough south zone has moved from a total ban to restricted fire season while Marlborough north zone is now open fire season.

All Department of Conservation land in both zones remains restricted.

Recent rain events and cooler temperatures have dropped the fire danger indices to a level FENZ (Fire and Emergency New Zealand) is now comfortable with to issue fire permits, Group Manager Chris Hayles said.

"We are mindful that while there has been new grass growth across the

district, the long dry grass will still carry fire that can move extremely fast in windy conditions," he said.

"We are asking those applying for fire permits to comply with the conditions listed."

Mr Hayles said in areas where no fire permit is required, it was still the responsibility of the person lighting the fire to ensure this is done in a safe manner.

"Fires need to be kept to a manageable size and smoke drift should not be a hazard for motorists," he said.

For further information go to: <https://www.checkitsalright.nz/>

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# 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, go to: [www.marlborough.govt.nz/your-council/councillors](http://www.marlborough.govt.nz/your-council/councillors) or Ph: 03 520 7400.

## Have your say on Long Term Plan - submissions close 13 May

Marlburians can have their say on Council's planned expenditure.

Long Term Plan and Marlborough Regional Land Transport Plan submissions close at 5pm on 13 May.

For more information go to: <https://links.marlborough.govt.nz/haveyoursay> or visit Council's Customer Service Centres.



## Proposed road closures, navigation warnings and alcohol licensing

For the latest public notices, please go to: [www.marlborough.govt.nz/your-council/latest-news-notice-and-media-releases/all-news-notice-and-media-releases](http://www.marlborough.govt.nz/your-council/latest-news-notice-and-media-releases/all-news-notice-and-media-releases)

## 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.



## 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 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](http://www.marlborough.govt.nz/services/apps)



## Blenheim Customer Service Centre

15 Seymour Street, Blenheim 7201

Ph: 03 520 7400

[mdc@marlborough.govt.nz](mailto:mdc@marlborough.govt.nz)

Mon - Tues 8.30am - 4.30pm

Wed 8.30am - 12.30pm

1.30pm - 4.30pm

Thurs - Fri 8.30am - 4.30pm

## Picton Library & Service Centre

2 Dublin Street, Picton 7220

Ph: 03 520 7493

[pictonlibrary@marlborough.govt.nz](mailto:pictonlibrary@marlborough.govt.nz)

Mon - Tues 8am - 5pm

Wed 9am - 5pm

Thurs - Fri 8am - 5pm

Sat 10am - 4pm

Sun 1pm - 4pm

## Council & Committee Meetings

The following meeting is open to the public and anyone is welcome to attend. Copies of the agenda will be available online and at Council's Office, 15 Seymour Street, Blenheim.

### Council

Thursday 16 May at 9am

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

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Contact the Harbourmaster's Office if you need advice or information about Marlborough's harbours.

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