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The Pride Wairau Festival is a new event on the winter calendar

Bumper Winter Events Guide out now

If you want to know what's on in Marlborough this winter, look no further than the Winter Events Guide.

Regional Events Advisor Samantha Young said the guide was now available, showcasing Marlborough events from 1 June to 31 August.

"This is the biggest Winter Events Guide ever, which is heartening considering the tough time many of our events have had these past few years," Mrs Young said.

"Our events sector has shown a lot of determination and creativity in the face of challenges," she said.

"You only need look to the inaugural Pride Wairau Festival this June as a great example of a new event and Marlborough's celebration of Matariki also continues to grow with an array of events and a programme due out soon as well."

"We also have long-standing favourites like the Marlborough Book Festival bringing top contemporary authors to Blenheim. One of Council's community events - the Southern Jam Youth Jazz Festival - will have live performances at venues around the region."

"Our bumper guide shows it's a great time to support these fantastic events on offer around our region."

Printed copies of the guide are available from Council offices, libraries, sites and the ASB Theatre. An online version is also available, promoted via social media and Stuff.

Winter event highlights include:

- Inaugural Pride Wairau Festival from 14 to 23 June, around Blenheim
- Matariki featuring several events around the region in June
- Marlborough Book Festival 2024 from 25 to 28 July with sessions at ASB Theatre Marlborough and Marlborough Library (tickets go on sale in June)
- Southern Jam Youth Jazz Festival 2024 from 7 to 10 August with the Grand Finale concert held at ASB Theatre Marlborough on 10 August

For more information go to: www.follow-me.co.nz

New library art gallery building takes out awards

Te Kahu o Waipuna - Marlborough's new library and art gallery building - won three awards at the Master Builders Association Commercial Project Awards held in Wellington on Friday.

Te Kahu o Waipuna won the:

- Gold Award Winner and Category Winner in the Tourism and Leisure Category
- Value Award Winner in the Commercial Projects \$10M to \$25M Category

Mayor Nadine Taylor said she was proud of the people and teams who contributed to the building project.

"It was an honour to be at the awards night representing Marlborough - it goes to show we have exceptionally talented people here who can go up against the best in New Zealand - and win!"

"This is a well-deserved accolade for Robinson Construction, APL Property, Davidson Group, Warren and Mahoney, the Council and art gallery teams and the

sub-contractors involved in designing and constructing the building."

The Master Builders Association awards set the benchmark for commercial construction in New Zealand and celebrate collaboration and innovation across the building industry. The awards recognise the people behind the construction project as well as the building itself.



Luke van Velthoven, APL Property; Mayor Nadine Taylor; Mark Watson and Phil Robinson, Robinson Construction and Maighan Watson, Project Manager, Marlborough District Council, celebrate at the awards night

String quartet draws a crowd

Around 140 people enjoyed seeing the New Zealand String Quartet at Te Kahu o Waipuna last weekend.

It was one of four performances by the NZSQ in Marlborough. Two of those were free, including the one in the library and art gallery building.

The group also performed at Picton's Little Theatre, the ASB Theatre and Waikawa Marae.

The visit was the result of a collaborative effort between the NZ String Quartet and Marlborough District Libraries, Community Learning and Engagement Coordinator Duncan Mackenzie said.

"Planning began in September last year and we hope that it's the first of many collaborations bringing learning and experiential opportunities to everyone in Marlborough," he said.

"It was great to see children coming in from football and netball along with members of the community from all age groups. The willingness of the musicians to stay and engage with the audience was a further positive note in our role as a community hub."

Te Kahu o Waipuna hosts music-related performances scheduled so audiences can enjoy the more relaxed weekend vibe while visiting the library and exhibitions in the Marlborough Art Gallery.

Planning is currently underway to host a South American folk duo, a waiata session in conjunction with Matariki celebrations and a group of ni-Vanuatu musicians.



The New Zealand String Quartet performing at Te Kahu o Waipuna

Get ready to register your dog

It's that time of year again when your four-legged friend needs to be registered.

The dog registration year runs from 1 July 2024 to 30 June 2025 and all dogs over three months old must be registered. Forms will be sent to owner's last known address at the beginning of June. Please contact Animal Control if you don't receive yours. All dog registration fees need to be paid by 1 July; after 31 July late penalty fees will apply.

The annual fee for category one (a non-working dog, desexed and microchipped, with no infringement notice for the past two years) is \$65 a year. Category two (non-working dogs which do not meet category one criteria including menacing dogs) is \$96 and the dangerous dog category is \$144. There is also a category for old dogs for those more than 12 years of age (as of 1 July 2024) at \$48. Working dogs are \$23 for first dog and \$12 for each extra if there are more than 10.

Contract Manager Animal Control Jamie Clark said it was the dog owner's responsibility and a legal requirement to ensure their dog was correctly registered with the local authority. "Your dog must wear a current registration tag to ensure it can be identified. Only one person can be the registered owner of a dog and if you are under 16, the dog must be

registered under a parent's or guardian's name at the address where they are kept most of the time," Mr Clark said.

If you are registering your dog for the first time you will need to complete the registration form either at Animal Control or in person at Council's Customer Service Centres in Blenheim or Picton. Alternatively, people can pay online using online dog services.

Please let Animal Control know if the ownership of your dog changes, your dog leaves the district, you have a change of address, or your dog has died. If you have any questions, please contact Animal Control on Ph: 03 520 9033 or email animalcontrol@extra.co.nz

For more information go to: www.marlborough.govt.nz/services/dogs-and-other-animals/dog-registration



Wither Hills draft management plan ready

The future management of the Wither Hills Farm Park goes out for public consultation next month.

Last week Council approved the Draft Wither Hills Management Plan which replaces the current one from 2003.

The plan sets out a strategic direction which the community will have the opportunity to comment on from 10 June, Council's Parks and Open Spaces Planner Linda Craighead said.

"The review of the existing plan began in 2022 with discussions by Council staff, iwi and key stakeholders, and last year the public was invited to provide their thoughts on future management options."

"That process resulted in 92 responses with many useful suggestions and insights which were considered as part of the plan development process," she said. "The Farm Park is an iconic and highly valued backdrop to Blenheim and the plan includes an overview of the key values of importance to the community and issues identified through the consultation process."

Parts of the park, which covers 1,029 hectares, were originally bought by the Crown in 1944 to address soil conservation and that role is still the overriding priority for management today, Ms Craighead said.

Other key issues include providing recreational opportunities for a wide range of participants and activities, restoring native habitats, controlling pests, managing fire risk, protecting the landscape and cultural heritage of the area. Farming is an important management tool.

Three iwi - Rangitāne o Wairau, Ngāti Rārua and Ngāti Toa Rangatira - participated in the review while Council staff, DOC, FENZ, the farm park lessee and representatives from the QEII National Trust provided valuable input, Ms Craighead said.

A hearings panel of councillors Brian Dawson, David Croad and Scott Adams has been appointed to consider submissions later in the year.

Queen Charlotte Drive repairs update

Marlborough Roads recovery works on Queen Charlotte Drive are progressing with six sites already completed and another six under construction.

A mechanically stabilised earth wall, near Cullen Point on Mahakipawa Hill, was started in February and Marlborough Roads Manager Steve Murrin said this was one of the more complex sites of the recovery project.

"To construct the wall the crew had to stabilise the road before digging down through the soft ground until firm foundations were found," he said. "They will then build back up by layering a mesh product between layers of good soil to create a stable wall for the road to be reinstated on."

Along with the wall construction and road reinstatement, drainage improvements are also being undertaken, scheduled to be completed mid-year.

"Another significant site we're working on is the installation of a large precast concrete box culvert near Moenui Road," Mr Murrin said.

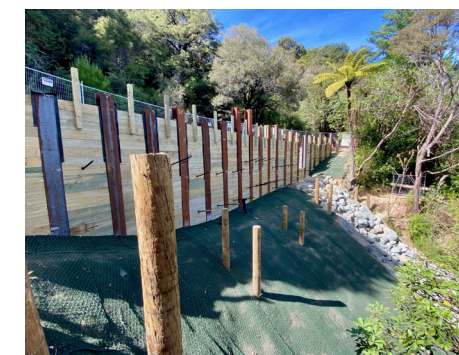
The culvert is 1.5m by 1.5m in diameter, more than 18m long with an anchored concrete beam to support the road shoulder, as well as a reinforced embankment to increase the stability of the road.

Sites already completed this year include four retaining walls and two H-pile walls at Momorangi and Aussie bays, and two railway iron walls near the Grove Jetty.

"A number of the sites are incorporating railway iron to build retaining walls, which is both cost-effective and good for the environment as we are reusing an existing material," Mr Murrin said.

A second retaining wall at Aussie Bay is also being constructed using H-piles, a steel product used when railway irons can't be.

Crews are also busy near Governors Bay with slope stabilisation and road realignment, which will restore this section of road to two lanes.



A large retaining wall at Aussie Bay under construction, March 2024



Anchor drilling near Cullen Point on Mahakipawa Hill, March 2024



A large culvert being installed on Queen Charlotte Drive near Moenui, April 2024

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 or Ph: 03 520 7400.

Marlborough Museum moves to winter hours

Marlborough Museum will be operating on reduced hours from 3 June until the end of August.

The museum will be open to the public Wednesday to Friday from 10am to 3pm as well as Saturday and Sunday between 12pm and 3pm. The archives will continue to open by appointment only on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

Marlborough Museum Manager Dr Liz Ward said the winter hours would allow staff to refresh some areas of the museum. "Also, if you would like to schedule a tour or school group visit on one of the days we are closed, please contact us," Liz said.

To make an appointment or book a tour email: marlboroughmuseum@marlborough.govt.nz



A wintry scene at Mt Robert Ski Lodge in 1955/56 - the museum is now on winter hours
Credit: MHS Dix Collection, Marlborough Museum 2013.001.0596.

Ōpaoa Loop herbicide spray

As part of the Ōpaoa River Loop's annual weed maintenance, the herbicide Reglone is being applied from 31 May 2024.

Property owners adjoining the Loop should not take watercress or use this water for irrigation or stock at this time. All reasonable precautions should be taken to ensure pets and domestic animals do not drink from this water for at least 48 hours following the spray application.

Water levels may change within the Loop due to control gate operations.

Any alterations to the proposed programme will be publicly notified. The spray operation is in accordance with the Marlborough Environment Plan Vol 2 Sec 2.16.11.

For further enquiries please contact James Mills-Kelly, Natural Rivers and Drainage Engineer, Ph: 03 520 7400.

Council services on King's Birthday Monday 3 June

Council's Blenheim office will be closed from 4.30pm on Friday 31 May and reopen on Tuesday 4 June at 8.30am.

Please note that the Blenheim Customer Service Centre is also closed on Wednesdays between 12.30pm and 1.30pm.

Opening times for transfer stations, the Resource Recovery Centre, Greenwaste Acceptance Facility and the landfill on King's Birthday are:

Transfer stations

Blenheim

Monday 3 June - 8am to 4.30pm

Picton

Monday 3 June - 8am to 4pm

Havelock

Monday 3 June - 8am to 2pm

Rai Valley, Seddon and Wairau Valley transfer stations will be closed on Monday 3 June.

Resource Recovery Centre and Greenwaste Acceptance Facility

Monday 3 June - 8am to 4.30pm

Landfill

Monday 3 June - 8am to 12pm

Kerbside rubbish and recycling collections

Rubbish bags and recycling crates normally collected on Mondays will be collected on Tuesday 4 June.

Please make sure your bag and crate is out on the kerb by 7am.

Marlborough District Libraries

Marlborough Library (Blenheim) and Picton Library and Service Centre will be open as usual over the weekend but will be closed on Monday 3 June.

Bus services

Bus services will not operate on King's Birthday. Normal services resume on Tuesday 4 June.



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.

Blenheim Customer Service Centre

15 Seymour Street, Blenheim 7201

Ph: 03 520 7400

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

Mon - Tues 8am - 5pm

Wed 9am - 5pm

Thurs - Fri 8am - 5pm

Sat 10am - 4pm

Sun 1pm - 4pm

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, Blenheim.

Special Hearing Committee (Long Term Plan)

Monday 10 June to Thursday 13 June

Council

Monday 24 June at 9am

Economic, Finance & Community Committee

Tuesday 25 June at 9am

Public Forum

A public forum will be held prior to the Economic, Finance & 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 at least 24 hours prior. Please note topics are restricted to those agenda items for the meeting or 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.

Proposed road closures, navigation warnings and alcohol licensing

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