

## Damaged water main to be replaced

A failed water main on the Sinclair Street bridge will be replaced.

November's Assets and Services Committee heard that the water main in the deck/footpath of the bridge had failed. A leak was identified in July and further investigation found a split in the pipe at the deck and road interface.

Operations and Maintenance Service Engineer Stephen Rooney said the pipeline had been isolated to stop water loss and potential damage to roading infrastructure but that meant reduced water flow to the Mayfield and Riversdale areas.

"This is an area where there is movement between the bridge deck and the flexible roading pavement - the underside of the pipe has split at this point," his report to the committee said.

"If it is not replaced there may be lower than desired water pressure in these areas during summer and it may also impact on firefighting capacity," he said.

An estimate for the replacement is \$350,000, given the repair was likely to be complex, requiring replacement



*The damaged water main on the Sinclair Street bridge*

of the pipe the full length of the bridge.

Traffic management costs were also considerable given the bridge is part of State Highway 1.

The committee approved replacing the pipe with money from existing budgets.

## Armistice Day marked

Armistice Day was marked in Blenheim with a ceremony at Seymour Square, beginning with a flypast.

Mayor Nadine Taylor welcomed those gathered before short addresses from Wing Commander Michele Mitchell, Base Commander at RNZAF Base Woodbourne and Lieutenant Stu Edwards RN from the British High Commission.

Kyla Thorstensen from Marlborough Girls' College sang the national anthem and wreaths were laid, poppies placed, prayers said and the Last Post played.

The 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month (11am on 11 November) is when hostilities ceased on the Western Front in 1918 following the signing of the armistice.



*The flypast at Seymour Square on Armistice Day*

## Seymour Square annuals giveaway

Twice each year, Council gardeners plant thousands of annuals in the flower beds of Seymour Square.

With summer nearly here, it's time for them to be removed and beds prepared for replanting.

Next week, the poppies, wallflowers, forget-me-nots, violas and calendulas will be given away to those who need

some colour in their garden.

Come along on Monday 2 December from 8am to 10am with your own fork and containers.

In the event of rain, the event will be postponed to the following day, Tuesday 3 December. Council gardeners will be on site to help.

## Have your say on Council's Annual Plan

Got a great idea for the future of Marlborough? Marlborough District Council wants to hear your ideas and feedback as part of its Annual Plan public engagement starting this week.

Simply go online on your smart phone or a computer at [links.marlborough.govt.nz/haveyoursay](https://links.marlborough.govt.nz/haveyoursay) and tell us about your big idea or worthwhile project. The engagement closes on 20 January 2025.

The engagement process uses user-friendly software to help people submit their idea. You can also vote on what you think about other people's ideas. Your ideas on how we achieve our community outcomes will be analysed and presented to the Council's budget meeting in April 2025.

Council has improved the way it undertakes annual planning, in an effort to get early community input in a simple way, particularly feedback and ideas on the services and projects proposed in next year's Annual Plan, which covers the period 1 July 2025 to 30 June 2026.

Annual Plan

2025 - 2026



Open from  
18 Nov 2024 - 20 Jan 2025



The next full public consultation will be for the Long Term Plan 2027-37, with a public engagement process expected to begin in November 2026. Council will continue to consult the community on other proposed projects and service changes, such as the Water Services Delivery Plan.

Anyone wanting help to provide their ideas online is welcome to call Council's Customer Service Centre; Ph: 03 520 7400 or email [ltip@marlborough.govt.nz](mailto:ltip@marlborough.govt.nz)

Sign up for annual and long term plan updates at [www.marlborough.govt.nz/your-council/long-term-and-annual-plans-policies-and-reports/annual-long-term-plan-notifications](https://www.marlborough.govt.nz/your-council/long-term-and-annual-plans-policies-and-reports/annual-long-term-plan-notifications)

## Marlborough students create welcoming posters for RSE workers

Students from four Marlborough primary schools have put their artistic skills to work, creating a collection of welcoming posters for the region's newest arrival of RSE workers.

Council's Welcoming Communities programme led the project, working alongside NZ Ethical Employers, REAP Marlborough, Vakameasina, Wine Marlborough and Whiringa Ltd to bring it to life.

Many local businesses are now displaying the welcoming posters, created by students from Springlands, Redwoodtown, Fairhall and Wairau Valley schools.

Welcoming Communities Coordinator Heather Barnes says the initiative was a chance to welcome incoming RSE workers and acknowledge the vital work they do for our wine sector, and in turn our regional economy.

"These workers are a long way from home, in a completely new environment and this was just one way we could make an effort to show them they are appreciated here in Marlborough and let them know we're glad they're here," she says.

"The students did a fantastic job and it was great to have the support of so many local organisations and businesses as well as the schools and teachers."

You can check out the posters at a variety of businesses in Blenheim including Backdoor, Macpac, Kathmandu, Sole'd, Mitchell Sports, SaveMart, Night and Day, New World, Hendersons alongside some of the second-hand shops around town and the Health Hub.

Hortus, Pinoli and Vinepower are also proudly displaying their posters to welcome their newest residents.



*RSE workers Johnson Kagu, Titus Aloko, and Tutu Jack with some of their favourite posters created by local primary school students*

### Opening Hours

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