



Canvastown streetscape upgrade

An extensive revamp has reinvigorated the gateway to Canvastown.

The area outside the iconic Pelorus Tavern on SH6 has been upgraded with improvements including new paving.

The village green project has also enhanced access to the historic Miner's Hut with grassed areas, pathways and revised traffic layouts.

This all means ongoing positive effects for locals and visitors Canvastown Community Chairman Alan Rees said.

"It makes us feel good to welcome visitors into our slice of paradise with a revitalised look that is our Canvastown village."

Street lighting, better parking, mobility access and outdoor seating have all been installed.

There is also an improved link to the stormwater system and a speed limit reduction in the area.

These were all carried out in line with objectives

identified by Council's Small Townships Programme's planning process which began in 2017 Marlborough Sounds Ward Councillor Barbara Faulls said.

"I am delighted to see that after many years of the community asking for improvements to their village hub, we have been able to do these," she said. "It's improved the safety aspect and also enlivened the space while retaining the rural authenticity of the area."

Canvastown has a rich gold-mining history which began in 1864 when the precious metal was discovered in the Whakamarino/Wakamarina Valley. More than 6,000 prospectors helped form a thriving community.



The revamped area outside Canvastown's iconic Pelorus Tavern

Marlborough youth invited to EMPOWER Festival



Marlborough youth are invited to attend Te Rangapikikōtuku/Empower Festival, which is to be held in Nelson this weekend.

The festival is aimed at young people aged 13 to 24 and is an opportunity to connect with tech innovators, explore career opportunities and unleash their creativity in a supportive and inclusive environment.

It will feature hands-on workshops, Battle Bots and an e-sports

tournament, with various events held at NMIT and The Suter Theatre.

See the Facebook event for full details and a link to the ticket portal:

www.facebook.com/events/395050839818071/?mibextid=913rBW

Workshops foster connection with culture

Students from Bohally Intermediate and Richmond View Schools will soon be published writers following a series of workshops with language mentors.

The initiative, organised by REAP Marlborough and Welcoming Communities Marlborough, was designed for students from non-English speaking backgrounds. It gave them the chance to create their own piece of writing and have it published in a book alongside those of their peers.



Matilde Tayawa Figuracion and Jarenne Cabiling work together to create a piece of writing for a new book, My Voice, My Culture.

It was also an opportunity to connect with and share their culture and language.

The students were guided by language mentors to write in both their first language, as well as English. The finished pieces will be collated and turned into the My Voice, My Culture

book, to be launched at the end of September.

A personal copy of each book will be presented to each student and language mentor at a special multicultural school assembly just after Welcoming Week 2024, which runs from 6 - 15 September.



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