



Springlands stormwater work about to start

Work is about to start on the first stage of the Murphys Creek stormwater upgrade, meaning possible disruption for residents.

Murphys Creek is an environmentally important, spring-fed waterway running through Springlands.

Increased development to the northwest and concerns over the impact this would have on the quality and capacity of Murphys Creek have led to a stormwater master plan to alleviate these impacts.

After consultation with locals and stakeholders, a concept design known as Option G was agreed. This design will treat and divert a significant amount of stormwater flow from Murphys Creek to the Taylor River through a new pipeline.

A smaller amount of stormwater will also be diverted into an upgraded pipeline from Aston Street.

Findlater Construction have been awarded the contract for the Aston Street works, which includes installation of a new treatment device and upsizing the stormwater pipe from Murphys Creek, through McKendry Park, Aston Street and across Murphys Road.



Murphys Creek in Springlands, an important spring-fed waterway

Works are scheduled to start in late July and expected to run for three months. During that time there will be restricted vehicle access to Aston Street for residents and no access for non-residents or pedestrians.

Picton's new Saturday bus service underway

Sounds Ward Councillor Barbara Faulls was one of the first passengers to 'get on board' Picton's new Saturday bus service recently.

"It's fantastic to see the new Saturday service underway and I encourage people to use it whenever they can. I particularly enjoyed meeting bus driver Helen - she's friendly, compassionate with users, helpful and a real credit to the Ritchies' team," Councillor Faulls said.

Council has approved the trial of a Saturday bus service for 12 months, funded from existing budgets. The service starts at Waikawa Bay with pickups in Picton along the way and drop offs at several Blenheim stops, concluding at the Seymour Street terminal. The cost is \$4 each way.

"While the service is 'hail and ride' from



Waikawa Bay through to Wellington Street in Picton, there are also some existing bus shelters along Waikawa Road. The plan is these shelters will receive an upgrade," Council's Multi Modal Advisor Charlotte Campbell-Lamerton said.

For further information go to: www.marlborough.govt.nz/services/bus-services/bus-routes-in-marlborough



Councillor Barbara Faulls (centre) at the Picton bus service's first stop, Waikawa Bay, with Charlotte Campbell-Lamerton from Marlborough Roads (left) and bus driver Helen Baker

Matariki celebrations at Te Kahu o Waipuna

Marlborough Library, Marlborough Art Gallery and Marlborough Youth Council held a successful Matariki celebration at Te Kahu o Waipuna last month.

More than 250 people marked the start of the Māori New Year.

"It was really pleasing to see some new faces and whānau groups coming in," Community Learning and Engagement Coordinator Duncan Mackenzie said.

Following a mihi whakatau, the Queen Charlotte College Kapa Haka Group set the tone for the evening with their performance.

In the Children's Library, children and adults listened and read along to Matariki stories in Te Reo and English, read by Rina Pinker. Aligning with the whānau experience, Rina introduced her

mum Connie, who brought out her guitar and encouraged the gathering to sing waiata and move their tinana (body).

Matariki themed crafts for the tamariki, and a guided tour of Ngāti Rārua's Te Heke Whakangā exhibition in the Art Gallery meant there was something for everyone to enjoy over the course of the evening.

Marlborough Youth Council manned the BBQ and families enjoyed the kai in the courtyard and foyer.

The host organisations agreed there were great foundations for future Matariki events and were particularly grateful for the support from local iwi, Queen Charlotte College, Rina and Connie Pinker, Jules Mackenzie, Dr Lorraine Eade and Paora Mackie.



Adults and children listening to Matariki stories read by Rina Pinker

Hydrangea pruning demonstration

It's pruning time for hydrangeas and Council's gardening team will be holding demonstrations at Pollard Park next week.

Come and learn from the experts – it's also a chance to ask questions.

Hydrangea pruning will take place in the hydrangea garden next to the white summer house on Tuesday 23 July from 9am to 10am and 10.30am to 11.30am.

The demonstration will be postponed to the following day if wet.



Keen gardeners at a previous Council pruning demonstration

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