

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



Te Kahu o Waipuna has won the public architecture category in the Te Kāhui Whaihangā New Zealand Institute of Architects Local Awards. Image credit: Barry Tobin.

### Te Kahu o Waipuna takes out architecture award

Accolades continue for Te Kahu o Waipuna, the Marlborough District Library and Art Gallery, which has taken out the public architecture category in the Te Kāhui Whaihangā New Zealand Institute of Architects Local Awards.

Designed by architects Warren and Mahoney, it was described by the judges as a civic building which is reinvigorating Blenheim's High Street with its bronzed exterior and flexible interior layout. It also received a Resene Colour Award.

Four judges assessed this year's projects, along with convenor Euan MacKellar.

The winners were announced at an awards event at Nelson's Trafalgar Centre last week. "Projects in this year's awards have weathered unprecedented conditions including extreme weather events, supply chain issues, spiralling costs and Covid," Mr MacKellar said. "Despite the unforeseen challenges, architects managed to hold on to key concepts,

maintain good design and foster strong relationships with their clients and builders, a credit to the profession."

Te Kāhui Whaihangā New Zealand Institute of Architects is a membership-based professional organisation which represents over 90 per cent of registered architects.

### Head along to WinePRO



The inaugural WinePRO Aotearoa international trade show and conference are coming to Blenheim from 25 to 27 June. New Zealand is the world's sixth largest wine exporter by value and Marlborough dominates production with more than 80 per cent of wine coming from here.

"The growth of our wine industry over the last 50 years is nothing short of astonishing," Mayor Nadine Taylor said (pictured).

"WinePRO offers an opportunity for everyone to learn about the latest wine industry developments, particularly in agritech and automation."

"The trade show is free to attend and I encourage people to head along to see the latest innovations."

Three-day passes to the WinePRO conference are \$339.25, with a day pass costing \$166.75.

Register to find out more at: <https://winepro.co.nz/>

### Marlborough triumphs at Hi-Tech Awards

As Marlborough readies to celebrate innovation at the inaugural WinePRO Aotearoa international trade show and conference, two standout Marlborough companies have distinguished themselves at the recent 2024 Hi-Tech Awards.

Southern Water Engineering and Smart Machines were both finalists in the Agritech section of the prestigious awards, with Smart Machines clinching the NZTE Most Innovative Hi-Tech Agritech Solution with their revolutionary autonomous tractor.

Council's Economic Development Portfolio Manager Dorien Vermaas said both companies exemplified the cutting-edge advancements emerging from Marlborough. "Council is delighted to celebrate the recent successes of our local agritech industry, which has once again proven to be a cornerstone of innovation and economic growth in our region," Ms Vermaas said.

"The achievements of Southern Water Engineering and Smart Machines serve as an inspiration and a catalyst for further advancements within our local agritech sector. These successes attract attention and investment from beyond our region, fueling further economic development."

"Council remains committed to supporting and nurturing the agritech industry through strategic initiatives and partnerships. We believe that by continuing to invest in innovation, sustainability, and community collaboration, we can achieve the goals set out in the Marlborough Economic Wellbeing Strategy and solidify our position as a leading agritech region," Ms Vermaas said.

Smart Machines' autonomous tractor is a groundbreaking innovation that promises to transform the agricultural landscape.

This autonomous tractor integrates advanced AI and machine learning technologies, enabling it to perform a variety of farming tasks with precision and efficiency, significantly reducing the need for manual labour and enhancing productivity.

Southern Water Engineering has been a trailblazer in developing innovative water management solutions tailored for the agricultural sector.

Their cutting-edge technologies optimise water usage, ensuring sustainable practices that benefit both the environment and the farming community.

The New Zealand Hi-Tech Awards celebrate the success of producers of goods and services from the software, electronics, telecommunications, mobile, agritech, creative and high-tech industries.

The awards are run by the NZ Hi-Tech Trust, a not-for-profit that promotes and supports the wider industry.



Smart Machines have won the NZTE Most Innovative Hi-Tech Agritech Solution with their revolutionary autonomous tractor

### Renwick water treatment plant completed

Renwick's water treatment plant in Terrace Road is now operational.

Mason Engineers, who were contracted to install treatment equipment and controls, completed eight weeks of extensive commissioning work late last month and connected the plant to Renwick's water supply on Wednesday.

"With that work now complete, Renwick households have a water supply that is safe, secure and meets national drinking water standards," Council's Water Treatment Plant Operator Robin Millard said.

Masons had been on site for the plant fit out since late last year, following the completion of civil and structural works by Simcox Construction in September.

Following the fit out, both wet and dry commissioning was undertaken to ensure the necessary systems were working correctly.

Treated water from the plant goes to all properties within the urban Renwick area.

"Before now, Renwick's water supply was not passed through a filtration system, so users may notice their water is now clearer and better tasting," Robin said.

Before the fit out, Simcox Construction undertook civil and construction works including underground services, building foundations and pipelines, while subcontractors CMT Group did most of the building work onsite.

Renwick's water upgrades have also included the construction of a new reservoir in 2020, the installation of water meters from July 2021, and the drilling and development of new wells at Conders Bend Road.

A new water pipeline from the wells to the reservoir and water treatment plant site was installed in 2022.

A celebration of the plant's opening is planned for the spring - the date will be confirmed.



Council's Water Treatment Plant Operator Robin Millard tests out the new Renwick water treatment plant, which is now operational

### Works begin for airport roundabout

Following the successful build of the SH6 Bells and St Leonards Road roundabout, construction on the next phase of the project is about to start at SH6 and Tancred Crescent, the entry to Marlborough Airport.

Residents and drivers can expect to see shoulder closures, lane shifts and stop/go traffic management.

This week, contractors began work to relocate services and build a temporary road for exiting the airport.

The stop/go traffic management is in place to 21 June from 7am to 5pm.

During the initial works, people should plan an extra 15 minutes for their journeys and during peak times there may be longer delays.



The recently completed roundabout at the SH6 Bells and St Leonards Rd intersection

### World Refugee Day to be celebrated

Members of the Colombian, Venezuelan and Rohingya former refugee communities in Marlborough will celebrate World Refugee Day on Thursday 20 June.

With the support of Welcoming Communities, Red Cross, Marlborough Multicultural Centre, English Language Partners and Marlborough Youth Trust, this year's event focuses on solidarity with refugees.

Everyone is warmly invited to join in a celebration of food, dance, music and games, Welcoming Communities Coordinator Heather Barnes said.

"Come along for a unique cultural experience at MySpace, 18 Kinross Street, between 4pm and 8pm," Heather said.

Organised each year by the UN, the day is designed to celebrate refugees' rights, needs and dreams.

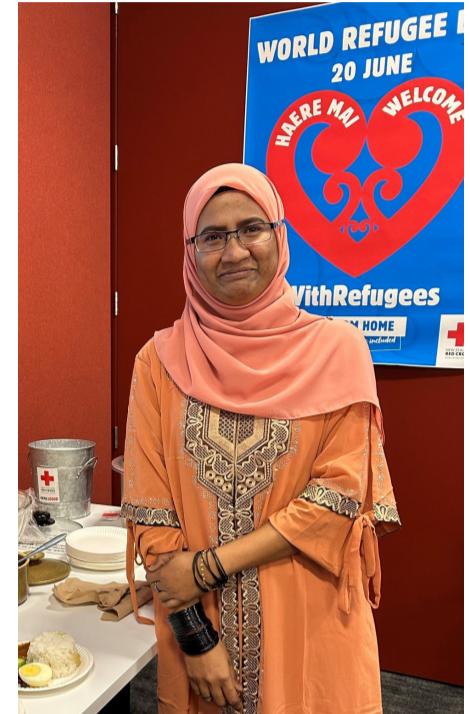
Marlborough Multicultural Centre Acting Manager Margaret Western said housing, finance, health and welfare were prioritised when resettling former refugees.

"The team at the Marlborough Multicultural Centre are proud to support successful settlement in Marlborough, empowering refugees to rebuild their lives and find inclusion and belonging."

Red Cross Pathways to Settlement Manager Marvin Gorospe said former refugees were ordinary people who had experienced extraordinary circumstances and needed community support to help them settle.

"Their lives have been disrupted by conflict and persecution and our team works on their resilience and strengths to resettle, feel safe and engage freely in society," he said.

While it was important to protect and improve the lives of refugees every day, World Refugee Day helped to focus global attention on the plight of those fleeing conflict or persecution, Heather said.



Hasinah Kassim from the Rohingya community at last year's celebration

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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.

## A Cuppa with your Councillors

Sounds-based councillors are available for a drop-in chat each month.

The Cuppa with your Councillors sessions are held at Waitohi Whare Mātauranga/Picton Library and Service Centre - the next session is on Wednesday 19 June from 10am until midday.

KiwiRail's Doug Carter, the lead engineer and planner for Wellington and Picton's wind down construction work for KiwiRail, will also attend this month's meeting.

Councillors can provide advice, information and help with Council-related issues. Barbara Fauls, Raylene Innes and Ben Minehan are Sounds Ward councillors. Allanah Burgess is the Māori Ward councillor for Marlborough, based in Picton.

**Where:** Waitohi Whare Mātauranga/Picton Library and Service Centre

**When:** 10am to midday Wednesday 19 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.



## 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)

## Dog registration forms delivered

Forms for the 2023/24 registration year have been sent to dog owner's last known address. The dog registration year runs from 1 July 2024 to 30 June 2025 and all dogs over three months old must be registered.

Category	Annual fee
<b>Category One</b> (non-working dog must be desexed and microchipped and have no infringement notice for the last 2 years i.e. since 1 July 2022)	\$65
<b>Category Two</b> (non-working dog which does not meet Category One criteria and includes menacing dogs)	\$96
<b>Old dog</b> (new category for dogs over 12 years old as of 1 July 2024)	\$48
<b>Dangerous dog</b>	\$144
<b>Working dog</b>	\$23
10+ working dogs (for each extra dog)	\$12

Please let Animal Control know if;

- ownership of your dog changes
- your dog leaves the district
- you have a change of address
- your dog dies

If you have any questions please contact Animal Control on Ph: 03 520 9033 or email [animalcontrol@extra.co.nz](mailto:animalcontrol@extra.co.nz)

This is a public notice in accordance with section 37(6) of the Dog Control Act 1996.



## 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 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.

### 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.

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