

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:

- 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

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.

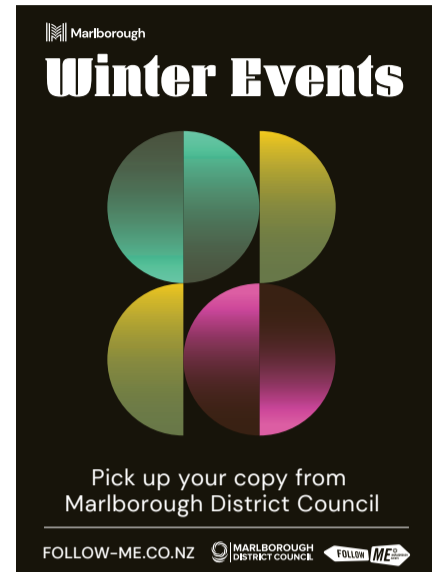
"Our events sector has shown a lot of determination and creativity in the face of challenges," she said.

"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 our region."

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

Printed copies of the guide are available from Council offices, libraries, ISITEs 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

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.

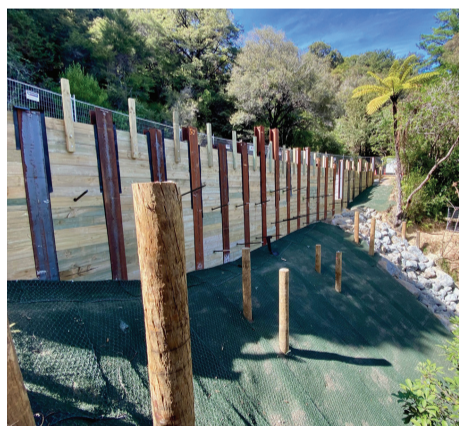
"To construct the wall the crew had to stabilise the road before digging down through the soft ground until firm foundations were found," he said. "They will then build back up by layering a mesh product between layers of good soil to create a stable wall for the road to be reinstated on."

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



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

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.

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 over 12 years of age (as of 1 July 2024) at \$48. Working dogs are \$23 per dog for the first and \$12 for each extra working dog 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@xtra.co.nz

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

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