

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



More Matariki celebrations are happening each year in Marlborough such as the Rangitāne Annual Matariki Gathering at the Wairau Bar  
Credit: Rangitāne o Wairau

### New guide shines light on Matariki events

A new event programme showcasing the celebration of Matariki in Marlborough is about to hit the shelves.

Council's Project Lead for Arts, Culture and Heritage Nicola Neilson said Council decided to produce the new guide due to the growing number of Matariki events. It will be available from Marlborough District Libraries, the Marlborough Art Gallery and Council's Customer Service Centres.

"It is wonderful to see Marlborough embracing Matariki with more events every year and these provide a special chance to come together as a community to learn, reflect on, celebrate the Māori New Year, and immerse oneself in te ao Māori," Mrs Neilson said.

Events this year range from traditional dawn ceremonies to night light shows.

"The events all celebrate the three major principles of Matariki: remembrance - honouring those who have died since the last rising of Matariki; the present - gathering together with family and friends; and the future - looking forward to the promise of a new year," she said.

Nine applicants were successful in receiving support from Council's Mānawatia te Kahui o Matariki/Marlborough Matariki Event Fund.

The fund was established in 2023 and celebrates and supports the regeneration of mātauranga associated with Te Kāhui o Matariki. The contestable fund aims to support the community in hosting events that

recognise not only Te Rā Aro ki a Matariki, the public holiday, but also the wider kaupapa and principles of Matariki.

Matariki is the star cluster also known as Pleiades. It's part of a larger constellation called Taurus and is one of the earliest recorded groups of stars in human history, with a record that dates back some 17,000 years.

For Māori, the rising of Matariki signals te Mātahi o te Tau, the Māori New Year. In 2022 Matariki became an official public holiday in Aotearoa New Zealand.

### Budget funding for tugboat study welcomed by councils

Funding for a feasibility study into acquiring an ocean-going tugboat has been welcomed by Greater Wellington Regional Council and Marlborough District Council.

Budget 2024 allocates \$600,000 for the study, following the recent breakdowns of a Cook Strait ferry and a container ship in central New Zealand waters.

Greater Wellington chair Daran Ponter and Marlborough Mayor Nadine Taylor say they are pleased the government will assess the potential of an ocean-going tugboat to prevent disaster.

"Loss of life or an oil spill could be avoided. Major maritime rescue missions could be mounted with a tug designed to salvage large vessels adrift on the open sea," Mr Ponter said. "With replacements for the Cook Strait ferries not on the horizon, and more service being pressed from the aged ferry fleet - we can no longer rely on luck to stave off disaster."

Mayor Taylor said an ocean-going tugboat could be used for more than emergencies.

"A vessel with the power and range to mount rescue missions in New Zealand waters could be put to good use when not needed in a crisis," Mayor Taylor said. "The study needs to scope the wider utility of ocean-going tugs as well as their ability to save stricken ferries. It's heartening when maritime safety advice from the two councils who oversee one of the world's most beautiful, yet treacherous shipping channels is heard."



Funding for an ocean-going tugboat feasibility study has been welcomed by councils on both sides of the Cook Strait

### Have you got your wheelie bin?

Nearly 33,000 wheelie bins have been delivered to Marlborough households as part of the new expanded kerbside service.

From 1 July wheelie bins will replace the black plastic bags.

Each eligible household should have received two wheelie bins - a red top one for waste and a yellow top one for recycling.

More than 2,000 maroon crates have also been delivered to households new to the service.

These are currently used for general recycling but after 1 July will be used for glass recycling only, Solid Waste Manager Mark Lucas said.

"Rubbish bags won't be collected kerbside after 1 July," Mr Lucas said. "The new wheelie bin service provides improved capacity and efficiency, saving 750,000 bags going to landfill every year."

If you haven't received your bin by Monday call Council on 03 520 7400 or email [mdc@marlborough.govt.nz](mailto:mdc@marlborough.govt.nz)

Remember the new bins will not be collected until 1 July - if you notice your neighbour has put one out, remind them the service doesn't start until then.

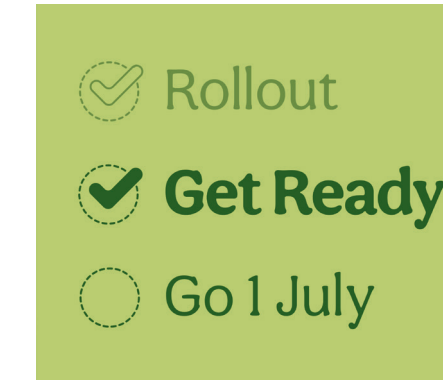
After 1 July, bins should be placed on the kerb edge by 7am, facing the road and away from obstacles and overhanging trees. They need to be half a metre apart to allow trucks to lift them.

Any households still holding rubbish bag vouchers can redeem them at Council offices or get a rebate up until 30 June. From 1 July, rubbish bags will not be collected from the kerbside; however they will be accepted at transfer stations, the Waste Sorting Centre or the Resource Recovery Centre.

To make sure you are up to date with kerbside collection days and other specific information be sure to download the Antenno app.

If you are unsure how to do this, get a family member to help or contact Council on 03 520 7400.

To find out more, including a calendar showing collection days, go to: [www.marlborough.govt.nz/services/recycling-and-waste](http://www.marlborough.govt.nz/services/recycling-and-waste)



### Demolition of Picton ferry terminal set for June

The landscape of Picton's port waterfront is about to change, with the demolition of the Picton ferry terminal, scheduled to start in mid-June.

The building's demolition follows the cancellation of the iReX project, which had originally made provision for the terminal's replacement.

Constructed in the 1960s to support the passenger and freight service for New Zealand's first rail-enabled ferry, Aramoana, the terminal building has seen the passage of millions of travellers between the North and South islands during its lifetime, Port Marlborough CEO Rhys Welbourn said.

"Despite changes in the area, inter-island ferries will continue to operate from their usual berths, ensuring minimal disruption to passengers," he said.

A new temporary terminal building and passenger walkway has been established for the Interislander to handle passenger and luggage services in the medium term and KiwiRail has reported that it is working well since it opened in June 2023. StraitNZ Bluebridge services remain unaffected.

In recent years the building has not been maintained to usual high standards, due to its anticipated demolition under the iReX project.

"The demolition of the terminal building will now clear the site for future port operations and Port Marlborough continues to work closely with government agencies on the next steps for development. The works are being managed carefully to ensure continued service efficiency and safety for our busy port," Mr Welbourn said.



The Picton ferry terminal soon after it was built in the 1960s



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### Successful cruise season concludes

Port Marlborough has wrapped up an exceptional cruise season, setting new records and receiving high praise from visitors.

This season, 55 cruise ships berthed at Waimahara and Waitohi wharves, including 10 maiden calls. The 2023/24 season brought 100,859 passengers and 43,876 crew members here, a slight increase on previous years.

Port Marlborough's GM Port and Marine Ryan Lock said to commemorate the first-time visits, representatives from Port Marlborough and Council presented plaques to the ships' captains.

"The team at Port Marlborough facilitates the cruise industry for Marlborough through the provision of pilotage and towage services, port planning and administration, and wharf logistics including gangways, security, marshalling and fencing. Our team is proud to play a part in this key tourism trade for our region," Mr Lock said.

"Our team reported that cruise passengers were particularly impressed by the unique experiences offered in Marlborough, which stood out in contrast to other ports. The proximity to both the natural environment of the Sounds and

being centred in New Zealand's biggest wine-producing region allows for a variety of engaging activities that cater to the diverse interests of passengers, which was reflected in the positive stories we heard from passengers after their days ashore," he said.

Winery tours proved to be a major draw, with many passengers taking the opportunity to sample some of Marlborough's finest at cellar doors. Water taxi tours in the Sounds were another highlight, offering passengers the chance to explore the Sounds up close.

"The local artisan markets which are organised by the Picton Lions Club were also well regarded, and our local hospitality and retail outlets proved popular for passengers to enjoy refreshments, top-notch meals and local souvenirs," Mr Lock said.

Picton Flower Ladies once again provided a warm welcome for cruise visitors throughout the season.

Nationally the number of cruise visits for next season is slightly down, however Mr Lock said there was no major reduction in numbers for Picton, with around 52 visits scheduled.



Ovation of the Seas was the largest of the ships to visit Picton this summer

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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.

## Antenno keeps you in the loop

Council's mobile app Antenno is a great way to keep up to date with important Council alerts.

Free to install, Antenno is available on Apple and Android smartphones and no personal information or login details are required.

You simply save the locations you want to be informed about, such as your home address, workplace or school.

When Council posts an update relevant to your chosen locations, you receive a notification.

While most posts are specific to your location, some notifications like sports ground closures are published district-wide. This means no matter where a team is playing, they'll have the relevant information.

During rainfall and flooding events, road closure information changes quickly. In these instances, Antenno updates link to information on Council's website. These notifications are sent out district-wide to ensure they reach as many people as quickly as possible.

To learn more about Antenno including how to download the app visit: [www.marlborough.govt.nz/services/apps](http://www.marlborough.govt.nz/services/apps)



## 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.



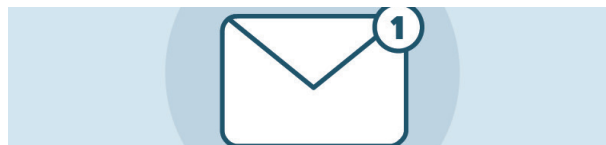
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Ph: 03 520 7400

[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.

### Special Hearing Committee (Long Term Plan)

Monday 10 June to Thursday 13 June

#### 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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