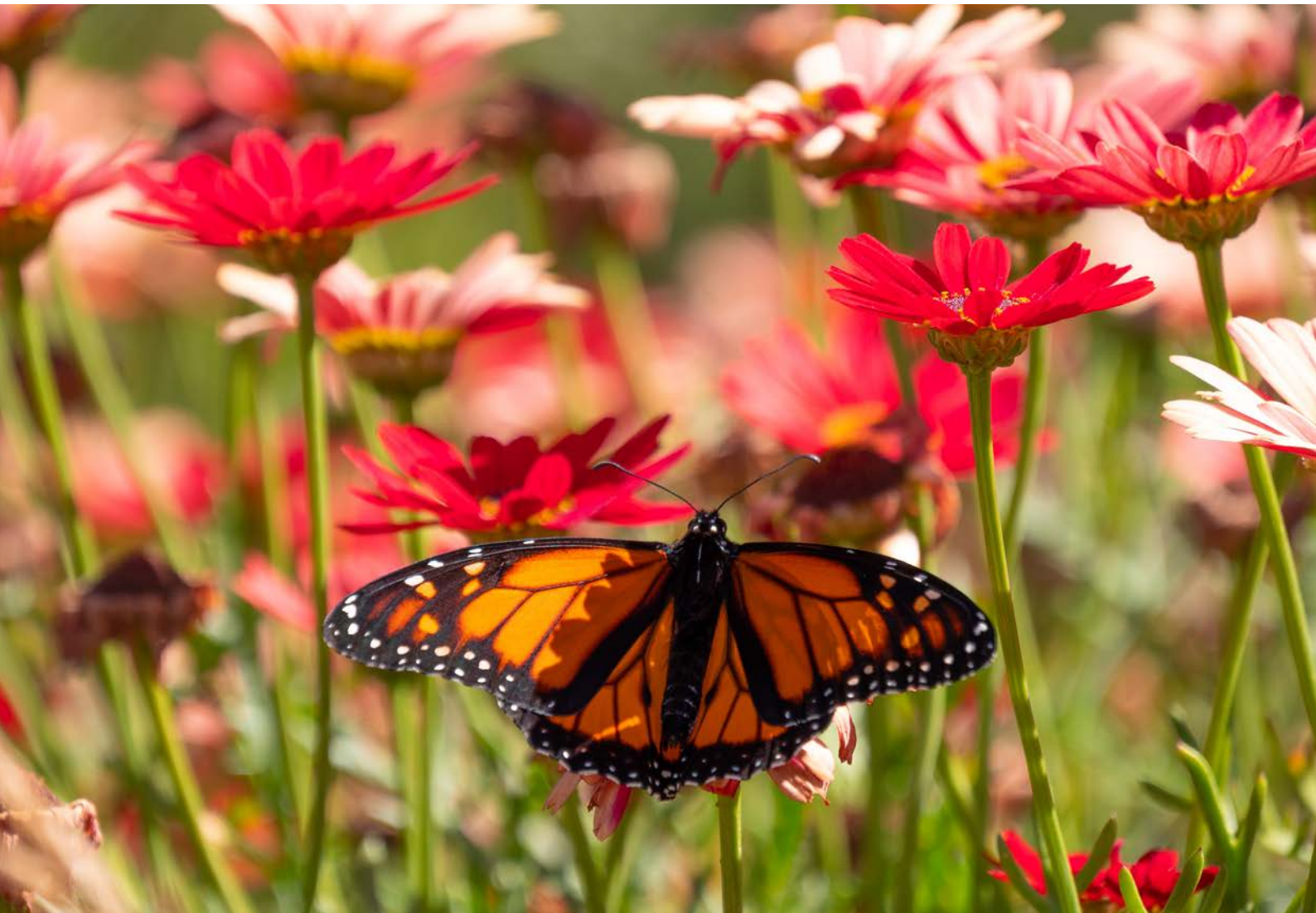


COMMUNITY NEWS

February 2023



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All of US count – Tatau tātou

Happy 2023 to everyone, hopefully the year has started well for all community organisations and groups. This newsletter also follows the very significant Waitangi weekend, I hope you all reflected on what this important day means to all of us and this beautiful country we get to live in!

The Community Partnerships team at Council has grown significantly in 2022, we now have myself (Jodie Griffiths) and Natalie Lawler who cover all things community and communication, grants and funding, welfare recovery, Positive Ageing and Youth Council.

Some of you may have met one of the other specialist team members (who are based between Picton and Blenheim) ...

Nicci Neilson – Arts, Heritage and Culture Project Lead. Nicci is working with the community to develop a vibrant and up-to-date art strategy for the Marlborough region as well as becoming more familiar with heritage activities.

Heather Barnes – Welcoming Communities coordinator. Heather is connecting with what already happens in Marlborough to support people who settle here, while developing an implementation plan we can all have a part in.

The year kicks off with a very significant event on 7 March. A successful CENSUS is so important for New Zealand as well as provinces just like Marlborough. The information gathered, or lack of this, has a profound impact on allocation of resources and statistical data which effects nearly every type of decision making in central government as well as planning for local government and organisations.

There has been a lot of learning following the 2018 Census and the number one priority is engaging with community to get information out to people and have any questions answered.



Census and Stats NZ would be grateful to have the support of all community organisations to encourage individuals and household to complete the census this year. Census day takes place on Tuesday 7 March but the information can be inputting in the 2 weeks prior, up until 2 weeks following.

An online code will be posted out but paper copies are also available for people to request.

There is great information available on the website with real examples of how the census data effects our future <https://www.census.govt.nz/all-of-us-count/>

There is also an emphasis on security of data and privacy <https://www.census.govt.nz/your-info/collecting-your-info-safely/>

7 March is also the **Senior's Expo**, held 10am – 1pm at the Marlborough Events Centre. This is always such a great event with wonderful support from sector!! Please encourage anyone over the

age of 60 to come along to this free day, as well as whanau of elders ... loads of great advice and activities to get involved in.

NAU MAI, HAERE MAI

Seniors' Expo

2023

featuring recreation and activities

TUESDAY 7 MARCH
10.00am–1.00pm

Marlborough Events Centre Alfred Street, Blenheim

Come and find out more about recreation and activities for older people in our community

There will be:

Demonstrations

Information stalls

FREE entry, light refreshments, all welcome

Transport

The Blenheim and Picton bus will be operating as usual, with an added stop at the Marlborough Events Centre.

Free to Gold Card Holders



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Welcoming Communities

Multicultural Marlborough

Marlborough is a diverse community of people with 17% of Marlborough residents born overseas (2018 census data) . Our community includes Māori, former refugees, international students, RSE workers, kiwis who are new to Marlborough, people who are first generation New Zealanders and others who have lived here for generations. Marlborough community members being involved in welcoming newcomers in a variety of ways is key to the success of the The Welcoming Communities – Te Waharoa ki ngā Hapori Programme. Building connections between locals and newcomers means everyone feels included, knows they belong and that Marlborough feels like home.

There are 8 elements that make up the Welcoming Communities – Te Waharoa ki ngā Hapori Programme, graphic below.

We will highlight some of the elements in this year's editions of the Community Newsletter. For the

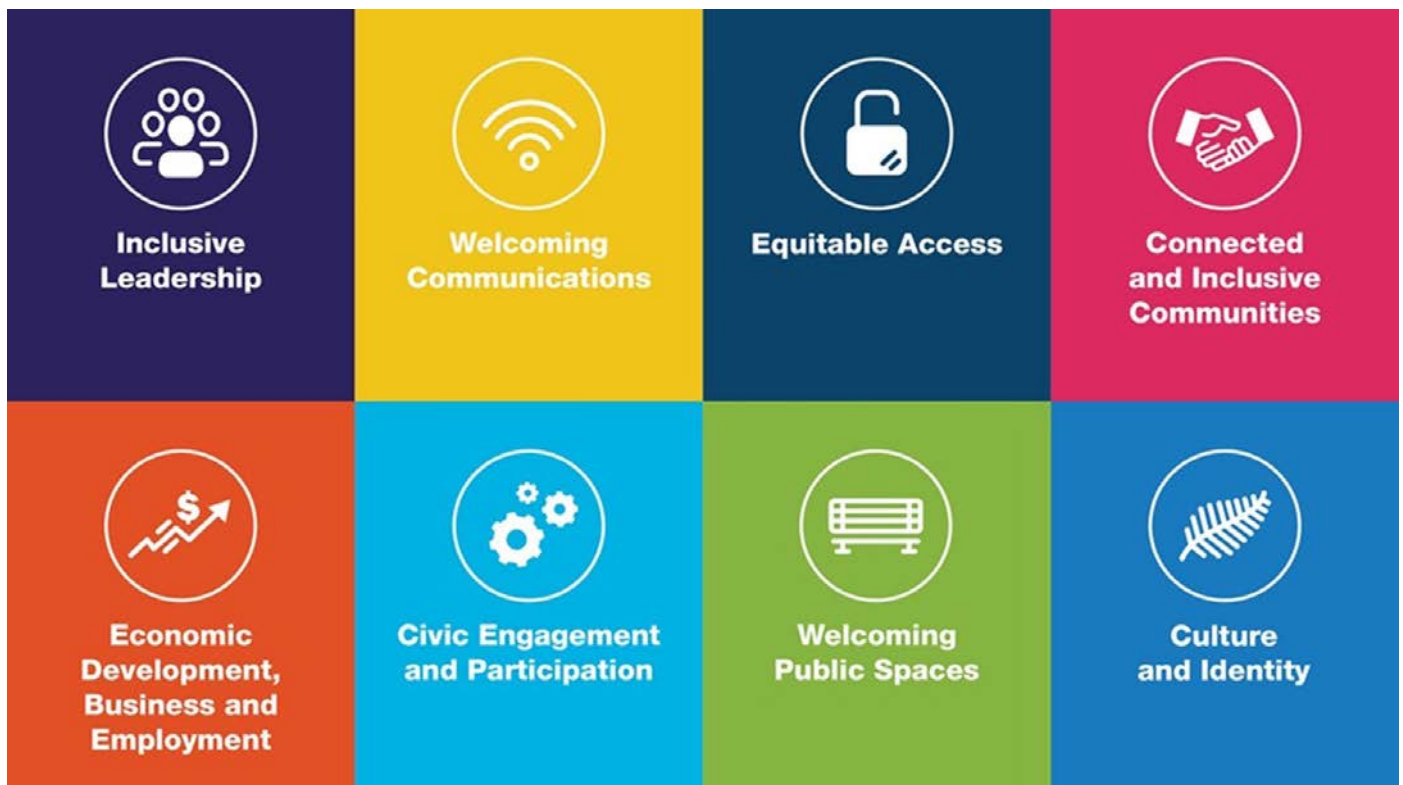
February newsletter we wanted to share some great local “coffee” groups that support the Connected and Inclusive Communities element. Part of what success looks like for this element is “members of the receiving community and newcomers build relationships and are at ease with connecting and learning about and from each other.” Coffee groups are a great way for newcomers (this includes all people who are new, including those who have shifted from another place in NZ) AND locals alike to meet new people and find a sense of belonging.

Marlborough Multicultural Centre Weekly Wednesday Newcomers Morning Tea – Everyone Welcome!

Wednesdays at 10:30am

MMC Marlborough House – 21 Henry St, Blenheim (opposite Countdown)

For more information: 03 579 6410 / 027 246 0105 / info@mmc.nz



Picton Library Company Café – Everyone Welcome!

Thursdays (during school term time) at 10:30am
Picton Library – 2 Dublin St, Picton
For more information: 03 520 7493 / pictonlibrary@marlborough.govt.nz

Connect Coffee and Company – Everyone Welcome!

Fridays at 10am
8 Beaver Road, Blenheim
For more information: 027 317 7889

Picton Library Book Club – For any adults who love books!

1st Thursday of the month at 6:30pm
Picton Library – 2 Dublin St, Picton
For more information: 03 520 7493 / pictonlibrary@marlborough.govt.nz

Marlborough (Blenheim) Library Book Club – For any adults who love books!

Last Thursday of the month at 6:30pm

Marlborough District Library – 33 Arthur St, Blenheim

For more information: 3 520 7491/ library@marlborough.govt.nz

Please contact Heather Barnes, Welcoming Communities Coordinator at the Marlborough District Council if you would like more information about the The Welcoming Communities – Te Waharoa ki ngā Hapori Programme or if you have any suggestions of activities, groups, events, etc. that support the 8 elements.

Heather Barnes

Heather.barnes@marlborough.govt.nz

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Welcoming Communities

TE WAHAROA KI NGĀ HAPORI

Our Community

Free information session for migrants



- ✓ With A Guest Speaker from Stadium 2000, learn all the wonderful ways to be included in **Our Community here in Marlborough**, including: Sports, Interest Groups and Community Service Organisations available.
- ✓ 7pm-8.30pm Thursday the 16th of Feb 2023
- ✓ Marlborough Community Trust building Meeting Room, 25 Alfred Street, Blenheim, 7201
- ✓ Please RSVP to marlborough@cab.org.nz by the 9th of Feb
- There will be Kai provided for our Q&A sitdown after the session.
- 0800 367 222 or www.cab.org.nz

Migrant
Connect

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New Zealand

Citizens
Advice
Bureau



Volunteers needed

for Refugee Support

Recruiting now!

Former refugees arrive in Nelson and Marlborough throughout the year.

We are looking for volunteers to help families to settle in the region.

It's an amazing experience - most of our volunteers say they get so much more from it than they give.

It takes time for former refugees to feel safe again, to get used to a new culture and place, to learn English, and to build networks - but having the support of a volunteer and the local community makes it easier.

We will be running training courses for volunteers in the New Year. We'd love you to join us.

You can sign up on our website:

www.redcross.org.nz/refugeesupportvolunteer

Or email to enquire: migration.volunteers@redcross.org.nz

Refugee resettlement in New Zealand



NEW ZEALAND
RED CROSS
KAIHĀKI WHIRIO HĀPORI

Marlborough Multicultural Festival returns

Marlborough Multicultural Centre is delighted to announce the Multicultural Festival is returning! Saturday 4th March 2023 11am to 3pm, Pollard Park, Blenheim.

The festival embraces cultural diversity and unites our community in a celebration and sharing of cultural dances, food, ethnic craft and children's games from across the cultures who call Marlborough home.

The festival, which acknowledges Race Relations Day, is a fun filled family event for Marlborough. Not simply because it is fun and colourful, but because it embraces our growing diversity and provides the opportunity for our multicultural community to showcase their culture and in turn for the Marlborough Community, to embrace and celebrate our growing diversity.

“As our province becomes more diverse the connections between people at individual and local level are important to building social cohesion and providing a platform for a thriving and Welcoming community.”

Marlborough has joined 26 other councils in Aotearoa to implement the national Welcoming Communities Programme. The Welcoming Communities Programme supports local government and community organisations to promote, showcase and enhance existing initiatives to help newcomers feel welcome as well as create new opportunities for welcoming activities.

We welcome enquiries from Community groups and individuals looking to share ethnic art, handcrafted items, delicious food, dance, or music, or information on how you can support our ethnic communities. Please feel free to share this with your community groups.

To request a registration form, email events@multiculturalcentre.org.nz using one or more of the following subject lines: Performer, Food stallholder, Arts & crafts stallholder, Community stallholder.

A vibrant poster for the Marlborough Multicultural Festival. The title 'MARLBOROUGH MULTICULTURAL FESTIVAL' is written in large, bold, multi-colored letters (teal, orange, pink) against a dark blue background. Below the title is the slogan 'CELEBRATE MANY CULTURES. ONE HOME.' in white. The event details are listed in white text: 'SATURDAY 4 MARCH 2023 11AM-3PM POLLARD PARK CHURCHILL GLADE'. It also mentions 'CELEBRATING RACE RELATIONS DAY' and 'PROMOTING UNITY IN DIVERSITY'. The poster features a collage of diverse people's faces in various colors. At the bottom, it lists 'MUSIC • DANCE • ETHNIC FOOD • STALLS' and provides contact information for the Marlborough Multicultural Centre, including phone numbers and an email address. Logos for Marlborough District Council and the Multicultural Centre are also present.

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MULTICULTURAL
FESTIVAL**

CELEBRATE MANY CULTURES. ONE HOME.

**SATURDAY
4 MARCH 2023
11AM-3PM**

**POLLARD
PARK**
CHURCHILL GLADE

CELEBRATING
RACE RELATIONS DAY

PROMOTING
UNITY IN DIVERSITY

MUSIC • DANCE • ETHNIC FOOD • STALLS

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many cultures. one home.

FOR MORE INFORMATION PHONE 579 6410 or 027 246 0105, EMAIL: info@mmc.nz

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www.multiculturalcentre.org.nz
 [marborough multicultural centre](https://www.facebook.com/marboroughmulticulturalcentre)



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LIVE STRONGER

Pink Edition



Live Stronger is an exercise class specifically designed for women diagnosed with Cancer.

All fitness levels are catered for but if you have any concerns about your suitability please get approval from your physiotherapist, GP or Cancer Specialist Nurse.

Day: Wednesdays (1st class 23rd February 2022)

Time: 6.00-7.00pm

Venue: Stadium 2000, Kinross Street, Blenheim.

Cost: \$10* per class



For more information please contact:

Paula Olliver on pjolliver@gmail.com / 027 231 3903

*Funding available for session costs via application to Cancer Society Marlborough.

Contact: marlborough@cancersoc.org.nz



Marlborough Women's Refuge

Marlborough Women's Refuge treats all women, children, and their families in a respectful, confidential, sensitive, and non-judgemental manner. Our services include 24 hour, 7 days a week crisis response - 0800REFUGE (0800733843) and safety planning. We have safe housing for women and children experiencing violence, we also provide advocacy and support in the community or in the home. We do referrals to lawyers, health care, counsellors, social agencies, and other specialists. We provide education programmes in the community with the Wairau Children's programme and the Wairau Women's Programme.

The Wairau Children's Programme is a group educational programme that is holistic, and trauma informed. It is a small group learning for children aged 5 – 12 years olds that runs through the school terms, and we are taking enrolments now for 2023. Anyone can refer, they don't have to be engaged with our service. Where children learn about violence, safety, emotional intelligence,

and responsibility. Children can talk about their experiences safely and learn that they are not responsible for violence.

The Wairau Women's Programme is an education programme for women to help deal with the effects of violence. The programme provides education on all types of violence and how it impacts women and children. It is a safe and supportive group environment that provides the space to make informed decisions about safety and the future. For any information or referrals on our programmes contact the office on 03 5779939 or through admin@marlbrefuge.com

Our service also shares our community office with Marlborough Sexual Violence Support Centre. We are both working to support women and families/ Whānau to live free from any form of violence.



WOMEN'S REFUGE

T: 03 577 9939 | E: admin@marlbrefuge.com

GEAR UP

CAR MEET & CANCER AWARENESS

5TH FEBRUARY 2023

VEHICLE MEET
FROM 9.00AM - 11.00AM
ROADHOUSE TRUCK STOP, SH1, RIVERLANDS
ALL WELCOME - VEHICLES, FOOD, COFFEE,
COMPETITIONS, INFO & CHAT...

Supported by the Cancer Society, Prostate Cancer Foundation & local Breast Cancer Support Group

Hato Hone St John

Mental Health First Aid Courses

Join this Mental Health First Aid course to learn how to support work colleagues, friends and family members experiencing mental distress and to build your own mental fitness. No cost to attend.

Seeking expressions of interest for the following courses:

- 21st Feb 23 - Waitaria Bay - 4hr course 9.30am - 3pm
- 22nd Feb 23 - The Portage - 8hr course 8.30am - 4.30pm
- 23rd Feb 23 - Linkwater - 4hr course 9.30am - 3pm

Courses include tea and coffee on arrival and lunch for the 4hr courses, and lunch and morning and afternoon tea for the 8hr course.

To express your interest in attending any of these courses please contact: Charlotte Wood - recovery@marlborough.govt.nz / 0272130341



BLENHEIM

Weekly fitness classes for men living with prostate cancer, at any stage of diagnosis or treatment.



STRONGER TOGETHER

Classes run by REPS-registered exercise professionals with a special interest in assisting men with prostate cancer live well.

Being active can help manage some of the common side effects of cancer treatment, speed up recovery and improve quality of life.

WHEN: Mondays 6.00 pm and Wednesdays 10.30am

WHERE: Marlborough Lines Stadium 2000, Kinross St, Blenheim

COST: FREE (T&Cs apply)

CONTACT: For more information and prior to attending your first class please contact Murray Eyles email marlborough@prostate.org.nz

ABOUT: www.prostate.org.nz/prostfit/



Prost-FIT is proudly supported by Dry July NZ Trust.



Our Services – Age Concern Marlborough

Visiting Service - Our Visitor Service provides companionship to people over 65 who are lonely and would like a regular visit from a friendly volunteer. We aim to match people with volunteers who live in the same area and have similar interests. If you're feeling lonely or if you know someone who would like a visitor, then contact us and our volunteer coordinator will be in touch.

Friendship Group - A social club for a cuppa and a chat with a monthly guest speaker. Held the second Tuesday of each month from 10am – 11.30am at Sowmans Lounge Hutcheson St. Please phone the office between 10-1pm Monday to Friday to register your interest in catering purposes Ph: 5793457

SAYGO - Steady as You Go Exercise Classes Steady as You Go Falls Prevention Exercise Classes are designed to improve strength and balance and help prevent a fall. The classes improve balance and leg strength, flexibility, general fitness and wellbeing, and are a great way to meet new people. Classes consist of a combination of sitting, standing and walking exercises, and take around an hour. Gold coin donation. Please call the office for days, venues and times.

Staying Safe - Staying Safe Refresher Driving Courses Staying Safe is a free classroom-based refresher workshop for senior road users. Age Concern delivers this programme in partnership with Waka Kotahi (NZTA). The workshop aims to maintain and improve safe driving practices and increase the knowledge of other transport options available to help senior road users remain safely mobile. Please call 03 5793457 for upcoming course dates.

Phone Friend - Do you feel a little lonely but not sure you would like a visitor in your home? Would you enjoy a weekly friendly phone call? We may be able to match you with a Phone Friend volunteer. Call 03 5793457 for more information.

Volunteers Welcome - If you have a little spare time and would like to volunteer with Age Concern Marlborough Region, we'd be happy to hear from you. Please email admin@ageconcernmarlb.org.nz or call 03 5793457

Community Welfare Coordinator - I available to support and assist people aged 65+ with any social, health or wellbeing issues.

Total Mobility Scheme - Assesses and provides Total Mobility Cards to eligible people so they can receive subsidised taxis to ensure they can still access services and social connections when they are no longer able to use public transport. Please call the office to make an appointment.

Walking Group - From 2 February every Thursday meeting at Age Concern Office. Anyone that would like to walk, and talk is welcome and a coffee afterwards. Sophie our wonderful volunteer is great fun and would love to meet you.



**Our office hours are
Monday to Friday 10am-1pm
Community Centre
25 Alfred St, Blenheim
Ph 03 579 3457**

More Stable More Able Marlborough

TIMETABLE for 2022 / 2023

Tuesday 22nd Nov	10.00 -12.00pm	Marina Cove Lounge, 53 Waikawa Road	Picton
Saturday 26th Nov	10.00 -12.00pm	STADIUM 2000, Kinross Street	Blenheim
Saturday 21 st Jan	10.00 -12.00pm	STADIUM 2000, Kinross Street	Blenheim
Saturday 28 th Jan	10.30 -12.30pm	Endeavour Park, 181 Waikawa Road	Picton
Friday 24 th Feb	10.00 -12.00pm	STADIUM 2000, Kinross Street	Blenheim
Wednesday 12 th April	10.00 -12.00pm	Endeavour Park, 181 Waikawa Road	Picton
Thursday 13 th April	10.30 -12.30pm	St Christophers Church, 92 Weld St	Redwoodtown

To make a booking or for more details contact:

JACQUI HARDY

Health Promotion Administrator

Email: Jacqui.hardy@nbph.org.nz

EMMA SORENSEN-BROWN

Community Falls Prevention Coordinator

Email: emma.sorensen-brown@nbph.org.nz

Phone: 021 790 415



Career Navigator 2023 intake – apply now!

Sometimes knowing what you want to do with your life after college can be pretty challenging. How would you know what to choose, when there are so many options to choose from?

Career Navigator can help.

Each year, Career Navigator in Marlborough takes applications from Year 12 and 13 students. Then, over Terms 1-3, they get to learn valuable real-world skills to prepare for and discover career pathways. And it's all free!

The course includes sessions covering personality profiling, soft skills, interviewing, CV writing, as well as site visits to meet businesspeople and discover a huge range of industries and pathways. Students will also be paired with amazing mentors to help them on their journey.

This course is designed for everyone – whether headed to university, into the trades, or with no idea



Career Navigator 2023

A free course for Marlborough Year 12 + 13

To figure out 'what next' after college!

Applications closing soon!
www.bit.ly/CNReg2023

what to do next!

Sound perfect for a young person you know?

Just head to www.bit.ly/CNReg2023 to sign up or learn more.

Toroa Career Navigator – helping our young people soar!



Parents, whānau and supporters...

Do you know a young person who is:

- Stuck in a rut at home?
- Unsure of their future direction?
- Anxious and uncertain about getting a job?

Let us help!

Enrol now for the next intake!

Toroa | Career Navigator

GRAEME DINGLE FOUNDATION

For a confidential, no obligation chat, please contact Megan Slape
021 025 06222 or megan.slape@dinglefoundation.org.nz

Toroa Career Navigator is a free programme tailored specifically to 15-25-year olds in the region who are not currently in work or training – but keen to be!

Described as “a gamechanger” by previous students, Toroa provides a great opportunity to build confidence, learn new skills and prepare effectively for the world of work. Rangatahi will also make new connections, gain insights from industry, and have valuable learning experiences that they can add to their CV.

89% of 2022 Toroa graduates are now in work or training!

Who do you know that could benefit from Toroa?

Reach out to Megan Slape now to find out more or get the ball rolling: 021 025 06222 or megan.slape@dinglefoundation.org.nz

Have your **VOICE** heard in Marlborough

YOUTH COUNCIL

The Marlborough Youth Council (MYC) is made up of a team of diverse young people of secondary school age from varying backgrounds. They share a desire to make a difference for the region of Marlborough.

Why you should join?

- MYC contributes to Marlborough District Councils' decision-making by providing a youth perspective
- MYC is involved in community affairs and events
- You will gain valuable skills and learn about local government
- It will look great on your CV or University application

Interested?

Marlborough Youth Council applications are now OPEN for 2023.
Go to our online form to register your application:

www.marlborough.govt.nz/our-community/marlborough-youth-council



**MARLBOROUGH
YOUTH COUNCIL**

Council to trial public forum initiative

Council's Economic, Finance and Community Committee meetings will be the site for trialling a new public forum, starting next month.

The initiative will give residents the opportunity to talk, for up to five minutes, about agenda items relating to EFC and its areas of responsibility. The year-long trial is subject to ratification by full Council on 2 March.

EFC Chairperson Jamie Arbuckle said similar forums were an established process in a number of other councils around the country.

"We now have the framework set up and will look to start the meeting 30 minutes earlier to allow for the public to speak," he said. "The public forum gives residents the opportunity to speak to issues of the relevant agenda or emerging issues in the committee's areas of responsibility."

Residents can already express their views through Council's Annual Plan/Long Term Plan and consultation processes, Mr Arbuckle said, and the forum is not designed to replace those. "Topics will be restricted to agenda items and emerging issues of EFC as there are other avenues available," he

Green light for wheelie bin roll out

Wheelie bins will soon become the chosen method for kerbside recycling and rubbish collection after Council's Assets and Services Committee gave the new proposal the go ahead.

Assets and Services Committee Chairperson, Councillor David Croad said the consultation process at the end of last year showed that 76 per cent of those who made a submission supported the move to wheelie bins and expanding the kerbside collection area. "This is a telling result and gives Council a clear signal that the community is ready to utilise this new and improved service," he said.

As a member of the panel who heard submissions

said.

Marlborough Mayor Nadine Taylor said while Councillor Arbuckle was the driving force behind the proposed forum, she supported it and had worked on the structure with him.

"It's important to open up the chambers and decision-making to the public where we can," she said. "Council committees are the workhorses of Council and I think it's the right place for the community to come as we work through the papers."

A facility will be made available for public forum speakers to speak online, and requests must be made at least one clear day before the meeting unless the chairperson decides otherwise.

At the end of the year the success and scope of the trial will be reviewed.

If ratified, the first opportunity to speak will be the Economic, Finance and Community Committee meeting on Tuesday 21 March. Other EFC meetings for the year are Tuesday 2 May, Tuesday 13 June, Tuesday 25 July, Tuesday 5 September, Tuesday 17 October and Tuesday 28 November.

at the end of last year, Councillor Croad said a few changes have been made to the original proposal taking on board feedback from the community.

"The panel received 459 submissions which were assessed and summarised. Suggestions received from the community during that time have been worked into the final recommendation that was approved by the committee," he said.

These include offering different size wheelie bins. Initially households were to be given two 140-litre bins, one for rubbish and one for recycling, to be collected on alternate weeks. Households would also get a separate 55-litre crate for glass which

would be emptied fortnightly. However, following feedback, Council will look to offer residents a low (80-litre), standard (140-litre) or high (240-litre) volume wheelie bin option, each at a different cost.

Councillor Croad said it is important to recognise that people in our community have different circumstances. "A large family might require a 240-litre bin where as an elderly person might only need a smaller 80-litre bin which would be easier for them to take out to the kerbside for collection," he said.

The Panel has also taken on board feedback from communities throughout Marlborough like those in Okiwi Bay and Duncan Bay who would prefer a revamp of the existing Rai Valley transfer station rather than the establishment of remote transfer stations in their Bays. Wairau Valley and Ward signalled they would prefer to continue to use their local transfer stations instead of being part of the proposed kerbside collection.

"Feedback from Ward and Wairau Valley advised the panel that the logistics of getting a wheelie bin to the gate of a rural property would be impractical," Cllr Croad said.

"The change to recycling and rubbish collection is

a big decision for our region with the contract worth circa \$30 million. It is one of the biggest contracts aside from roading and therefore it is important to ensure the right service is provided. I'm pleased we have made these changes to the original proposal that will benefit the users of the new service," Cllr Croad said.

"This is a big change and it won't happen overnight - there is a lot of work required to finalise the new contract, roll the bins out to the community, confirm the new kerbside collection area and the locations and requirements of the new remote transfer stations, and ensure the new trucks are ready to go but in the meantime we have a new recycling and rubbish collection system to look forward to," he said.

If ratified by full Council on Thursday 2 March, the new wheelie bin contract is expected to begin on 1 July 2024.

For more information on the wheelie bin roll out and establishment of remote transfer stations visit our Community Consultation Waste Services page:

[Go to the Community Consultation Waste Services page](#)

Marlborough Sounds Future Access Study survey launched

An online survey for the Marlborough Sounds Future Access Study opens today.

Council has embarked on the study to support the case for funding safe and resilient long-term access solutions for the storm-affected areas of the Sounds.

The survey is for Sounds residents, homeowners and businesses and is designed to help inform future transport options in and out of the Sounds.

People are encouraged to fill out the survey online, which closes at 5.00 pm on Wednesday 22 February. The community is also providing feedback at a series of public meetings being held around the Sounds over the next week. Some community organisations and stakeholder groups met with the project team at a workshop last week in Havelock.

Mayor Nadine Taylor said she encourages the Sounds community to provide their views through the survey or at one of the public meetings.

"Over the next month, the project team from Council and engineering consultancy Stantec, will gather the community's views collated from the survey and public meetings, before analysing them."

"While there will be another opportunity to provide feedback later in the study, the survey will help set the foundation for addressing the Sounds' access issues," says Mayor Taylor.

[Go to the online survey](#)

For more information about the Marlborough Sounds Future Access Study and the August 2022 storm event recovery

[Go to the Marlborough Sounds Future Access Study page on our website](#)

People are encouraged to fill out the survey online. If this is not possible, please call the Council on

Ph: 03 520 7400. You will be put through to a staff member who can fill out the survey for you over the phone.

Heading Civic Honours Awards - nominations wanted

Council invites nominations for the Civic Honours Awards from community organisations.

Nominations can be made for people who have performed exemplary community service in Marlborough.

Details of the scheme and nomination forms are available online or from Council reception, Seymour

Street, Blenheim and the Picton Library and Service Centre.

Nominations must be received at Council (Blenheim office) by 5.00 pm on Thursday 23 March 2023.

For any queries, please contact Tony Quirk, Ph: 03 520 7429 or email tony.quirk@marlborough.govt.nz

Youth voices sought

Young people's views are important and the Marlborough Youth Council is currently seeking applications from those who would like to contribute to the community.

The Marlborough Youth Council is made up of 21 diverse young people of secondary school age from varying backgrounds and ethnic origins. It aims to encourage youth to become involved in community affairs and events.

They meet monthly to discuss youth issues, gain valuable skills and learn about local government and all share a desire to make a difference for the region of Marlborough.

Members contribute to Marlborough District Council's decision-making by providing a youth perspective.

Community Partnerships Advisor Jodie Griffiths said it was vital that youth had a voice in the community and on Council and it was an opportune time for parents and grandparents to encourage their children and grandchildren to apply.

"It gives young people a voice and helps them understand local decision making," she said. "We've had some great young people on the council involved in making good decisions including the inspirational George Glover who is about to embark on a fundraising swim for mental health."

There are currently 12 vacancies on the Council and applications close on Sunday 26 February – for further information.

Go to Marlborough Youth Council page on our website.

Renwick cycle trail moving forward

The second stage in Renwick's vineyard cycle trail is underway.

The 6.5km section, linking the Allan Scott winery in Jacksons Road to Renwick using off-road routes, is part of a proposed 8.7km trail and connects with an existing section of off-road path along Jacksons Road that was completed in 2020.

Mayor Nadine Taylor said the trail was a significant addition to the existing cycle infrastructure around

Renwick, important for tourism, and she looked forward to the completion of the entire project.

Council has invested significantly in the trail which was a complex project and only possible thanks to the backing of landowners.

"I would particularly like to acknowledge the support of corporate landowners who have given easements through their properties," Mayor Taylor said. "It's fantastic to get visitors and locals off busy roads and

cycling through the vines.”

There are 20 cellar doors within an eight kilometre radius of Renwick and 10,000 bike visitors each year.

Steve Hill, chairman of the Renwick Bike Walk group, said the trail goes along the Ōpaoa River stopbank and joins up with the Omaka River near the Old Renwick Road ford, following that to the SH63 road bridge then along road reserve to Havelock Street.

Future plans include completing an entire trail around Renwick that will benefit locals as well as tourists.

Recovery team at full strength

Last November, Council welcomed Dave Parsons into the Marlborough Emergency Management Team. After nine years as a volunteer in the Marlborough Emergency Response Team, Dave is now settling into the new role of Senior Advisor, Community Resilience. He had a lengthy career in education and was principal of Riverlands School before this appointment.

As the new role includes recovery management tasks, Dave has been given the responsibility of leading social recovery and will work closely with the recovery navigators and other organisations to provide support and guidance to affected communities.

Dave can be contacted at dave.parsons@marlborough.govt.nz, or phone 027 573 6243.

The latest addition to the team is Recovery Navigator Jessica Donaldson who began work this week. Jessica hails from Northern Ireland but has more recently been living in Nelson. Her background includes social work – mostly with young people, refugee and asylum-seekers and people who have been trafficked.

Through volunteer work overseas, Jessica was involved with different support programmes including one in the Philippines that supported communities impacted by typhoons. Such work made her passionate about helping those in similar circumstances and she is looking forward

“There are areas on the edges of vineyards, on river stopbanks and roadside reserves that, with careful development and management can be used for cycle paths with minimal or no impact on vineyard operations,” Steve said. “The wineries we have worked with so far have recognised this potential and their involvement has been a major boost to the paths we’ve developed.”

Steve thanked property owners for their generosity and cooperation including Talley’s, Pernod Ricard, Wither Hills, Allan Scott Family winemakers, Peter Jackson Vineyards and the Jordon Geddes Trust.

to supporting Marlborough communities through recovery.

Bringing the team to full strength is Recovery Navigator Charlotte Wood who worked on the recovery effort in 2021. She re-joined the team last year to help those impacted by the August weather event. Charlotte and Jessica can help you access a range of available information, services, and resources. Contact them at recovery@marlborough.govt.nz and Charlotte on 027 213 0341.

The team is out and about in the community and will attend the Marlborough Sounds Future Access public meetings.



Above: Marlborough’s recovery team Dave Parsons with Jessica Donaldson (left) and Charlotte Wood.



As the shift to the new Blenheim library building grows closer and our range of opportunities and services continues to grow, here are a few reminders:

LEGO club runs every Sunday in Picton and Blenheim 1-4pm, great for family togetherness, also a fantastic chance for those with neither budget nor space to deliver some big and/or complex builds. Our current builders range from 4 to 76 so come and join the fun.

Fiero code club welcomes all aged 8-18 into a world of computer coding that is student led and student driven. Bring your own device or borrow a library chromebook (subject to availability). Tuesdays 3.30pm in Picton, Thursdays 3.30pm in Blenheim. With a recent Ministry of Education survey identifying IT graduates as working in the best paid field (ahead of health, engineering and business) these kids are potentially setting themselves up with a globally transportable skillset that is in high demand. Library card holders outside this age range can join the club online and enter the fascinating world of coding.

Company Café returns to Picton library from Thursday 9th February. Every Thursday from 10.30 you can drop in for a free tea or coffee (plus there's usually some baking on offer). Meet other members of your community and have a chat, make new

connections and test your baking on an appreciative audience. Blenheim residents wishing to attend can catch the bus (free to Gold card holders) arriving at around 10.40am and returning just after 1pm.

Book club meets monthly at both Picton and Blenheim libraries, share your enjoyment of books with a group of like-minded people who don't take things too seriously.

Book a librarian service enables anyone to book a one-on-one session with a librarian to address issues relating to computers, smartphones, iPads and tablets, pretty much any form of modern technology. Sessions are pre-booked to suit the customer and last for 45 minutes. They are a great way for people to master some of the technology available today.

Our **library e-newsletter** ensures you're up to date with everything your libraries have to offer. Sign up here and encourage your clients to do the same. Library membership is free to any resident of Marlborough.

For information or suggestions on library opportunities please contact:

Duncan Mackenzie m. 021 377317

e. duncan.mackenzie@marlborough.govt.nz

or come and talk to us at the Seniors Expo on 7 March.



Library and Art Gallery Project - key dates

Library goers will be encouraged to take home extra books when it closes for three weeks to move the collection over to its new Blenheim site. Crown Movers, specialist library and archives movers, will begin the shift on **April 26**.

It was planned for the new library art gallery to open with a “soft launch” on **Friday, May 12**.

Marlborough mayor Nadine Taylor has invited the Prime Minister to officially open the library during the week of **June 26**.



Marlborough District Libraries
33 Arthur Street
Blenheim

Phone: +64 3 520 7491

Fax: +64 3 578 2783

E: library@marlborough.govt.nz

www.marlboroughlibraries.govt.nz

Adult & Community Education

Te Reo Māori (evening classes)

An introductory course covering basic Māori language skills and culture.

Location: REAP Marlborough
\$70.00 (6 week course)
Wednesdays, 6.00pm - 8.00pm
Tutor: Virgil Hills

Four courses to choose from:
29th Mar - 3rd May
7th June - 12th July
9th Aug - 13th Sept
11th Oct - 15th Nov

Te Reo Māori (daytime classes)

Location: REAP Marlborough
\$70.00
10am - 12pm
16th Mar - 20th April

Tutor: Glenna Casalme

Ukulele For Beginners

Learn the basics, including how to play some basic songs/waiata.

Location: REAP Marlborough
\$30.00
Mondays, 7.00pm - 8.30pm
Tutor: Kathrine Townshend

Two courses to choose from:
17th Apr - 22nd May
7th Aug - 11th Sept

Ukulele Part 2

For those that have some basic experience playing the ukulele or who have attended a Ukulele for Beginners class and want to learn a bit more.

Location: REAP Marlborough
\$30.00
Mondays, 7.00pm - 8.30pm
Tutor: Kathrine Townshend

Two courses to choose from:
12th June - 17th July
6th Nov - 11th Dec

Defensive Driving

Location: REAP Marlborough
\$170

6.00pm - 8.00pm

Five courses to choose from:
14th, 16th, 21st, and 23rd Feb
14th, 16th, 21st, and 23rd March
25th & 27th April, and 2nd & 4th May
16th, 18th, 23rd, and 25th May
13th, 15th, 20th, and 22nd June

Photography for Beginners

Learn how to master your camera and make the most of whatever camera you have.

Location: REAP Marlborough
\$65.00
Mondays, 6 - 8pm
20th Feb - 27th Mar

Tutor: Helen Nickisson

Marlborough Community Vehicle Trust needs you!

The Marlborough Community Vehicle Trust is seeking a volunteer driver coordinator. The job description is shown below.

The main role of the co-ordinator is receiving telephone calls and emails; whether they be enquiries from prospective or existing passengers, or members of the public. The next step is to action the calls by organising transport and drivers as required, recording those actions and updating the database.

Co-ordinator job description:

1. Clear telephone manner.
2. Computer literate
3. Keep Chairman and Board informed of problems.
4. Keep a tally of any expenses incurred by the co-



ordinator for repayment by the Treasurer.

Personal qualities

1. Be a people person
2. Have empathy for callers
3. Have a calm confident manner

For further information please contact Kevin on 03 574 1331 or Brian on 03 573 5119.

Volunteer Marlborough - Happy 2023

I'm sure that, like the team here at Volunteer Marlborough, many of you are busy planning your 2023 year. For some of you this may reflect a relatively quiet year, programmes and services running as per usual, serving the Marlborough community as you all do so well.

For others, perhaps you're adding in a few things that are going to make the upcoming year a tad busier. We'd like to help!

Training - are you running any sort of training or professional development that is open to the not-for-profit sector or wider Marlborough community? Send the information to us and we can list it on our Events Page.

Events - do you have events coming up in 2023? Festivals, youth related events, street appeals, etc.? Again, we are happy to advertise them both on our [Events Page](https://volunteermarlborough.org.nz/) (https://volunteermarlborough.org.nz/

events) and our social media pages ([Facebook](#), [Instagram](#))...just get in touch. AND we can help with finding volunteers for those events! Get in touch with Julie or Meg (vm@volunteermarlborough.org.nz or 03-577-9388) to let us know what your needs are and we can walk you through the process.

Please note: we recommend beginning your search for volunteers for any event, big or small, at least 3-4 weeks in advance. Sadly we do not have the room in our office to keep a freezer full of potential volunteers to thaw out at the last minute, so the more notice we have, the better we can assist you.

News - Something good happening in your organisation? Want to spread the word about something? Utilise our [News](https://volunteermarlborough.org.nz/news/articles) (https://volunteermarlborough.org.nz/news/articles) page on our website, and ask us to feature it in our RIPPLES Newsletter (for organisations) or VolNews Newsletter (for volunteers).

Join Us:

- Not sure if you're a registered organisation with Volunteer Marlborough?...ask us! [It's free to be a member](#) and the benefits are many!
- Are you a manager / leader / coordinator of volunteers? Join our [MoVERS](#) (Managers of Volunteers - Education, Resources, Sharing/ Support) group on Facebook and ask to be added to the MoVERS mailing list! We've already planned the events for most of 2023!
- Are you a board member for an organisation? We'd love to revive the Governance group on [Facebook](#), and ...even more... we'd love to have someone overseeing it and helping to facilitate discussion in the group.



Other ways we can help:

Volunteer Marlborough is so much more than just a recruitment and referral service! Although we are more than happy to advertise as many roles as you choose, and help refer volunteers to those roles, we also offer:

- An opportunity for your organisation to be profiled on our website
- Advertising - we advertise widely around the Marlborough region, through extensive social media, our website, posters, newsletters, and flyers

- An advocacy and support service for all aspects of volunteering and volunteer management
- Professional development and networking opportunities for managers/leaders/coordinators of volunteers....and your board members
- A bi-monthly newsletter.....want to be featured in some way? Just ask!
- An opportunity to take part in the monthly Volunteer of the Month awards, the annual Community Awards (for organisations), and coming this year...the Volunteer of the Year Awards
- Presentations to local groups about all that Volunteer Marlborough does and promoting the value of volunteering and mahi aroha
- A Funding Information Evening in conjunction with Marlborough District Council
- Resources for volunteers, organisations, governance, and more
- A "Reverse Recruitment" service
- Employee / Team / School volunteer groups who would love to come and help with some of those bigger projects!

We really encourage you to get in touch. Our staff and volunteers look forward to working more closely with all of you!

Meg Martin (she/her)
General Manager / Kaiwhakahaere matua

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Can I volunteer if I have a chronic health condition or disability?

Definitely! We firmly believe that volunteering is for everyone and we're here to support you.

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GOVERNANCE BYTES

GOVERNANCE 101

Increase understanding of NFP governance, clarify the roles and tasks of the Board, and promote team work in the board room.



Governance Bytes

Governance Bytes is a series of workshops where we take a deep dive into topics relevant for those who are on a board or wish to be on a board of a community or not-for-profit organisation. On these live, online workshops with not-for-profit governance experts from LEAD: Centre for Not-for-Profit Governance & Leadership, you will learn with and from others on boards, ask relevant questions, and apply what you are learning in the real world of your not-for-profit organisation.

The first session will be a 3-hour workshop during the day (1pm-4pm), the remaining 9 sessions will be 1.5 hour sessions in the evening from 6:15pm to 7:45pm. All sessions will be held via zoom.

Registrations for these workshops is open now:

Please note - The first workshop, "Governance 101" will be \$15. All subsequent workshops are \$10

Please find below the updated information, along with links:

Volunteer Marlborough Governance Bytes Series (ONLINE) - to register please click each link

16 Feb - Governance 101 (3 hr workshop 1pm - 4pm) - Register at: <https://volunteermarlborough.org.nz/events/governance-bytes-governance-101>

- Governance and management defined
- How can boards add value...and common pitfalls
- 4 key functions of the board
- The roles and tasks of the board

- Organising for effectiveness - getting things done and focusing on what matters most
- Responsibilities of individual board members

23 Mar - Painting the Big Picture - Register at: <https://volunteermarlborough.org.nz/events/governance-bytes-2-painting-the-big-picture>

Blue sky thinking is crucial to governance. A board's role is to create a strategic vision for its organisation and stay focused on it. In this workshop you learn about what strategy looks like in the real world:

- Strategy vs planning
- Thinking strategically
- Making a difference by leading with strategy

20 Apr - Meetings that Matter - Register at: <https://volunteermarlborough.org.nz/events/governance-bytes-3-meetings-that-matter>

You will learn about ways to ensure board meetings are productive, effective, and make the most of the intelligence around the table.

- Making the most of board meetings
- Agendas that drive results
- Fast tracking decision making - better meeting process
- Making the most of the intelligence around the table

18 May - Hooking the Good Ones - Register at: <https://volunteermarlborough.org.nz/events/governance-bytes-4-hooking-the-good-ones>

So much of your organisation's mission and vision relies on having the right people on your team.

In this workshop, we will cover recruitment and retention of the right people to your board. We will show you how to evaluate and up-skill your board members' own governance abilities.

You will learn about:

- Getting the right people on board
- Board recruitment and orientation
- Board development - training and evaluation

22 Jun - Toeing the Line - Register at: <https://volunteermarlborough.org.nz/events/governance-bytes-5-toeing-the-line>

Community and not-for-profit organisations must operate within the law and there are specific laws around governance that all new board members should be aware of. In this session, we will look at the compliance requirements and obligations of individuals and boards, legal structures, and ways of managing conflicts of interest, to ensure you and your organisation stay on the right side of the law.

You will learn about:

- Keeping it legal
- Legal structures
- Compliance requirements
- Obligations of individuals and boards
- Managing conflicts of interest

20 Jul - Including Everyone - Register at: <https://volunteermarlborough.org.nz/events/governance-bytes-6-including-everyone>

“When we’re talking about diversity, it’s not a box to check. It is a reality that should be deeply felt and held and valued by all of us” ~ Ava DuVernay

This month we will look at the importance of building diversity and inclusion on boards and offer you tools and processes for creating and keeping a board inclusive.

You will learn about:

- Good governance through multiple worldviews and experiences
- Community engagement and diversity
- Creating the right environment on the board

17 Aug - Good to Great - Register at: <https://volunteermarlborough.org.nz/events/governance-bytes-7-good-to-great>

We will look at how to create a positive, productive team culture on your board. You will learn about:

- Board dynamics
- Boards working as teams
- Building the right culture

21 Sept - Rules of Engagement - Register at: <https://volunteermarlborough.org.nz/events/governance-bytes-8-rules-of-engagement>

In this workshop we will focus on the 3 Ps - Policies, Procedures, and Plans. What exactly are policies and why are they important to your organisation?

You will learn:

- The importance of policies
- Why have them?
- What should they contain?
- How should they be developed?
- Policies vs procedures vs plans

19 Oct - Being the Boss - Register at: <https://volunteermarlborough.org.nz/events/governance-bytes-9-being-the-boss>

In this workshop you will learn about being a good employer, including performance appraisals, conversations about accountability, and managing your manager.

Topics covered include:

- The leadership equation - the board / manager relationship
- Being a good employer - managing the Manager
- Performance reviews and accountability conversations

16 Nov - Cheering on the Chairs - Register at: <https://volunteermarlborough.org.nz/events/governance-bytes-10-cheering-on-the-chairs>

Being the Chair of a not-for-profit or community organisation can be a deeply rewarding, but also challenging role. The teams at Volunteer Marlborough and at LEAD are dedicated to helping support you in your role by offering you the tools, tips, and tactics you need to lead from the front and develop a framework for making a difference to the community you have chosen to serve. In this workshop, we'll focus on the role of the Chair, including processes for building better board engagement:



- Tools, tips, and tactics for not-for-profit board chairs

- Chair's primer - the role of the chair
- Board leadership - a framework for making a difference
- Tools for chairing
- Processes for building board engagement



Ph: 03-577-9388 E: mgr@volunteermarlborough.org.nz
 Shop 8, 1 Market Street, Blenheim
 Monday - Friday, 9am - 3pm

Funding

Funder	Website	Contact
 Te Tari Taiwhenua Internal Affairs	www.communitymatters.govt.nz	Luke Katu Luke.Katu@dia.govt.nz 0800 824 824
 Rātā Foundation	www.ratafoundation.org.nz	Vimbayi Chitaka 03 335 0305 enquiry@ratafoundation.org.nz
 MARLBOROUGH DISTRICT COUNCIL	www.marlborough.govt.nz	Jodie Griffiths jodie.griffiths@marlborough.govt.nz 03 520 7400
 Top of the South COMMUNITY FOUNDATION <i>Tē Tauiku</i>	www.topsouthfoundation.org.nz	Gavin Larsen eo@topsouthfoundation.org.nz 027 856 9752
 The Tindall Foundation <i>Contributing to a stronger New Zealand</i>	www.tindall.org.nz	Martina O'Driscoll donations@tindall.org.nz 09 488 0170
 Te Tari Matawaka Office of Ethnic Communities	www.ethniccommunities.govt.nz	mona.contractor@dia.govt.nz 0272 148 644

Let's Share



Take part in Neighbours Aotearoa by sharing with your neighbours.

Neighbours Aotearoa 1–31 March 2023

Here are some ways you can take part



Share a cuppa



Share tools



Share fun times—potluck, garage sale, bbq



Share fresh crops



Share kai



Share kōrero

Neighbours Aotearoa (formerly Neighbours Day Aotearoa) is a community development initiative dedicated to growing, connecting and strengthening neighbourhoods across the country.

Have an idea? We'd love to hear about it—register it via our website neighboursaotearoa.nz

Have a question? Email kiaora@neighboursaotearoa.nz

**NEIGHBOURS
AOTEAROA**

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  @NeighboursAotearoa

Te kōpuni kāinga o Wairau

Marlborough Neighbourhood Support

Strengthening neighbourhoods, connecting communities

A member of Top of the South Neighbourhood Support Charitable Trust

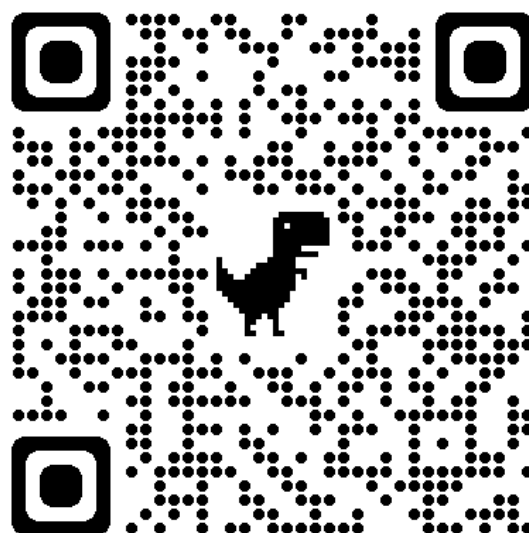
Kia ora!

By joining now, you will:

- Have a great way to get to know the people that live around you.
- Receive emails and alerts that will keep you up-to-date with news from our community partners, including NZ Police.
- Gain tips and resources to improve your household and neighbourhood safety.
- Learn how you can be better prepared for emergencies.

By working together we can support each other, solve local issues and make our neighbourhoods safer and more welcoming.

Best of all, it's FREE to join!



Room 4, 25 Alfred Street, Blenheim

021 573 936



Register Now!

What is Relay For Life?

Relay For Life is New Zealand's largest community event with Kiwis across New Zealand coming together to:

- Celebrate the lives of cancer survivors and their carers
- Remember the loved ones they have lost
- Empower people and communities to **Fight Back** against cancer and raise funds for the Cancer Society's work

How does it work?

Teams of people take turns to move around a track, it's not a race so you can walk, run, skip, jump or burpee - it's up to you! Each team is asked to have one member on the track at all times, reminding us that cancer never sleeps. Teams fundraise and raise awareness in creative ways, coming together to celebrate their efforts at this unique 18-hour community event.

Ceremonies

2pm - Opening Ceremony

Cancer Survivors and carers lead the way, walking the first lap of the event.

10pm - Candlelight Ceremony

The Candlelight Ceremony takes place after dark. Decorated candle bags are placed around the track as glowing tributes to loved ones.

8am - Closing Ceremony

As the sun rises, the event draws to a close and acknowledge the opportunity to fight back!

Relay For Life

Cancer Society
Te Kāhui Matepukupuku o Aotearoa

Relay Extras!

Register now and come along to enjoy community spirit, music, entertainment, spot prizes, free hot breakfast, refreshments & much more!


Lansdowne Park, Blenheim
4th & 5th March 2023

<https://relayforlife.org.nz/marlborough>

Standard entry \$20, closes 14th Feb. Late entry \$30, closes 1st March.



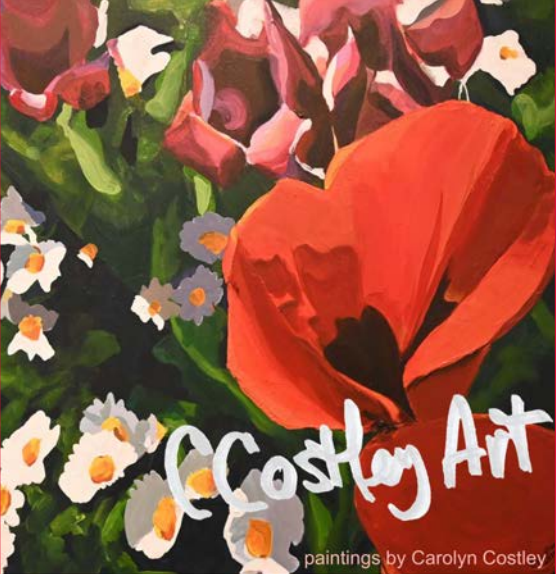
GLORIOUS WATERCOLOUR



11th - 19th February 2023
Preview: 10th February 6pm


 The Marlborough Gallery
204 High Street, Blenheim | Open 10.30am to 4.30pm
info@marlboroughartsociety.co.nz

Ann Evans



Costley Art
paintings by Carolyn Costley

Colour My Soul

9 – 16 Feb  The Marlborough Gallery
204 High Street, Blenheim | Open 10.30am to 4.30pm
costley.art@gmail.com info@marlboroughartsociety.co.nz

PICTON BAPTIST INVITES YOU
TO JOIN OUR CELEBRATION

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Alf Millar Induction

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Alf Millar will be inducted
(formally become the Pastor of
Picton Baptist Church)
on 18 February 2023 at 4.30pm
at 293 Waikawa Road,
followed by a bbq.

We'd love Picton people to join us.
If you are able to come please
RSVP to pictonbaptist@gmail.com.
Did we mention there's a bbq?



New housing proposed for Blenheim



There will be a mix of new one-storey and two-storey homes

To help meet the high demand for housing in Blenheim, 57 new homes are proposed across 12 sites in the town.

These modern, warm and dry homes will help provide Blenheim whānau in need of housing with a place to call home.

More homes for Blenheim

With the strong and increasing demand for public housing in Blenheim, Kāinga Ora - Homes and Communities is planning to redevelop some of its existing homes.

By making better use of existing properties which have large sections, some of which are next to each other, we'll replace these older homes with more modern, warm and dry homes.

Proposed plans to build on these existing sites will enable us to provide more homes for people and their families in areas of the town that have good access to transport, schools, shops and recreational facilities.

What is planned?

We are looking to build these 57 new warm, dry homes on 12 existing sites across Blenheim. We are proposing to build a mix of one, two, three, four and five bedroom one-storey and two-storey homes.

In our planning for new homes, we consider our customers', and their neighbours' privacy through the design of the homes and features such as fencing and planting. By building up, more people can enjoy living in locations that connect easily to jobs, schools, shopping and open spaces.



www.kaingaora.govt.nz

Kāinga Ora
Homes and Communities

Questions?

If you have any questions or feedback, please contact:

Petra Dunlop
Senior Stakeholder
Relationship Manager

Phone: 0800 801 601
(please ask to be transferred)

or **021 463 990**

Email:
nmwc.engagement@kaingaora.govt.nz



www.kaingaora.govt.nz

The proposed sites and potential number of homes (subject to planning and consent processes) include:

Budge Street	3 x 2 bedroom and 1 x 3 bedroom
Stratford Street	6 x 2 bedroom, 3 x 3 bedroom, 2 x 4 bedroom and 2 x 5 bedroom
George Street	4 x 1 bedroom
Graham Street (two sites)	Site 1: 1 x 2 bedroom and 2 x 5 bedroom Site 2: 4 x 2 bedroom and 1 x 5 bedroom
Charles Street	1 x 2 bedroom and 2 x 3 bedroom
Muller Road / Weld Street	4 x 2 bedroom and 1 x 4 bedroom
Scott Street (two sites)	Site 1: 3 x 1 bedroom Site 2: 2 x 1 bedroom
Hutcheson Street	4 x 2 bedroom, 3 x 3 bedroom and 3 x 4 bedroom
Meachen Crescent	Still in design stage
Gardiner Street	Still in design stage

Who will live in the new homes

Kāinga Ora is one of a number of social housing providers across the country which partner with Ministry of Social Development (MSD) to provide homes for people in need. MSD decides who qualifies for public housing and it is based on need.

The people who live in these homes will be a mix of our current customers who need to move to another home to support their wellbeing, and people who qualify for public housing and are on the housing register managed by MSD.

We are committed to providing our customers with a suitable home and the right support to live well in their homes and communities.

As part of this, we talk to people about their connections to schooling, the community and other groups to help us to find the right home and neighbourhood for them and their families. We have also boosted our customer-facing teams so they have more time to support and engage with our customers.

Find out more and next steps

As we are in the early stages of planning for these redevelopments, we are mindful of the impact and the uncertainty this can cause for our customers who are living in the affected homes. We are committed to keeping them informed as plans progress.

If these redevelopments go ahead, we expect that most of these homes could be completed in mid-2024.

New Zealand Government



Venues for Hire

Redwoodtown Community Centre

- ☎ 021 108 7637
- 🏠 Weld Street, Redwoodtown Blenheim
- 🌐 www.redwoodtown-community-centre-hall.business.site/

Wairau Valley Hall

- ☎ 03 572 2535
- 🏠 Morse Street. Wairau Valley Township
- ✉ wvcommunityhall@gmail.com
- 🌐 www.wairau-valley.co.nz/wairau-valley-hall.html

Spring Creek Hall

- ☎ 03 579 6036
- 🏠 24-26 Ferry Road. Spring creek
- ✉ info@yogaroom.co.nz

Linkwater Settlers and Memorial Hall

- ☎ 03 574 2201
- 🏠 1351 Queen Charlotte Drive, Linkwater
- ✉ jysmith1173@gmail.com

Picton Community Centre Hall

- ☎ 03 573 7289
- 🏠 7 Wairau Road, Picton
- ✉ picton.earlylearning@xtra.co.nz

Renwick Memorial Hall

- ☎ 03 572 8158
- 🏠 39 High Street, Renwick
- ✉ heather@renwick.school.nz

Yealands Awatere Memorial Hall

- ☎ 03 575 7975
- 🏠 Foster Street, Seddon
- ✉ awaterecom@xtra.co.nz

Havelock Town Hall

- ☎ 03 574 2555
- 🏠 61 Main Road, Havelock
- ✉ hcaoffice@havelock.co.nz
- 🌐 www.havelock.co.nz

St Andrews Church and Hall

- ☎ 03 578 7119
- 🏠 5 Henry Street, Blenheim
- ✉ st.andrews.church@xtra.co.nz
- 🌐 www.standrewsblenheim.org.nz

Fairhall Community Hall

- ☎ 03 578 3556
- 🏠 New Renwick Road, Fairhall

Canvastown Memorial Hall

- ☎ 03 574 1407

Homewood War Memorial Hall

- ☎ 03 579 8232
- 🏠 Marys Bay, Pelorus Sound
- ✉ hopai@actrix.co.nz

Ward Town Hall

- ☎ 03 579 2336
- 🏠 SH1 Ward

Beavertown Hall

- ☎ 03 578 1712
- 🏠 Brayshaw Park, Blenheim
- ✉ info@marlboroughmuseum.org.nz

Rapaura School Hall

- ☎ 03 570 5752
- 🏠 349 Hammerichs Road, Rapaura
- ✉ office@rapaura.school.nz

Rarangi Community Centre

- ☎ 027 2575 683
- 🏠 252 Rarangi Beach Road, Rarangi

Renwick Sports & Event Centre

- ☎ 03 572 9688
- 🏠 8 Uxbridge Street, Renwick
- ✉ info@renwickeventscentre.co.nz
- 🌐 www.renwickeventscentre.co.nz

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