

**Minutes for Meeting of the  
Sounds Advisory Group held  
at ASB Theatre Marlborough  
on Monday, 16 November 2021  
commencing 9.45 am**

**Present:** Cllr Faulls, Cllr Taylor, Monyeen Wedge, Eric Jorgensen, Ross Withell, Linda Booth, Lynley Perkins, Steve Murrin and Vic Koller.

**Via Zoom:** Poneke Rene, and Tim Greenhough.

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**MDC Staff Attending:** Mayor Leggett, Alan Johnson, Oliver Wade, Gina Ferguson, Dean Heiford, Heli Wade, Luke Grogan and Bernadette Brooklands (Secretary).

**1. Welcome –** H&S briefing given by Alan Johnson due to the meeting being held off site.

**2. Apologies**

Cllr Oddie, Emma Hopkinson-Young, Jodi Milne (MPI), Rick Osbourne, Ned Wells, Dave Hayes (DOC) Rob Schuckard and Ken Roush

**Correspondence:** Nil

**3. Confirmation of minutes 17 May 2021**

- The minutes of 17 May 2021 were taken as read. Moved Cllr Faulls. Seconded Vic Koller.

**4. Actions from the previous meeting**

Action		Person Responsible
1.	Do the shellfish toxin notifications only relate to humans or is it also relevant to wildlife?	Jodi Milne
2.	Can MDC Compliance notifications to go on Antenno App for Sounds residents to access.	Cllr Faulls/Jamie Clark
3.	Salmon Farming best practice guidelines status for Resource Consent.	Gina Ferguson
4.	The first item of business will be the update on SAG.	Alan/Cllr Faulls

**Action Point 1**

- Do the shellfish toxin notifications only relate to humans or is it also relevant to wildlife?
- Jodi an apology today so action noted for next meeting in February.

**Action Point 2**

- Can MDC Compliance notifications to go on Antenno App for Sounds residents to access?
- Cllr Faulls spoke with Jamie Clark from Compliance who believes this will be possible. Council IT staff can update the app with no swim notices, boil water notices etc.

**Action Point 3**

- Salmon Farming best practice guidelines status for Resource Consent. – Gina will speak on this later in the meeting.

**Action Point 4**

- SAG update – Alan Johnson will discuss later in the meeting.

## 5. Storm Recovery Update – Dean Heiford (Recovery Manager – MDC Services)

- Dean gave update on the wider Recovery process for Marlborough. The majority of the Sounds roads will be open by the 30 November. The roads will still be fragile so there will 12.6 meters long and 3.5 tonnes / single axle trailer limits. Exemptions will be provided to some vehicles. A portaloo has now been delivered to Fish Bay along with a 20-foot container for storage. The barge subsidy is still running. The barge will close down on 24 December and return on 6 January.

<https://www.marlborough.govt.nz/civil-defence-emergency-management/july-2021-storm-event/road-recovery-information-july-2021-storm-event>

- For the water taxi travel subsidy details, contact i-Site for further clarification on 0800 777 181. The website has the departure times from Picton to Torea and Onahau Bay. The Havelock departures are for Raetihi, Nopera, St Omer, Te Mahia, Tara Bay, Puketea Bay, Portage, Waitaria and Fish Bay.

<https://marlboroughnz.com/kenepuruwatertaxi/>

### See Appendix A

- Marlborough is still under a recovery notice which will be extended again. The Minister visited numerous damaged sites and is willing to re-sign due to the roads still being under repair. It allows Council to be able to keep up the welfare assistance and to control the roads for local's safety. The 15 December renewal will go through to January 2022.
- Kenepuru Road is closed so the scheduled community meeting was cancelled due to residents not being able to use the road and also the roading experts were not available. Early December will be the next date for the community meeting once they are able to drive to meeting. Cllr Faulks with liaison with the MRRT. On Friday 19 November there was a vox community day at Waitaria Bay.
- There have been instances of people acting aggressively towards road workers, which is disappointing. Holiday makers need to be off the road due to safety issues of people driving on unfamiliar roads that are still damaged.
- Destination Marlborough advising people that the Kenepuru Road will be closed.  
<https://marlboroughnz.com/>
- Council and the roading team will be working on how to rebuild roads with the foresight into climate change and sea level rising and more frequent weather events.
- A months' notice will be given to locals prior to future road closures and repairs.

### Questions/Answers

- Monyeen asked if campervans will be allowed on the road. It was noted that no campervans, caravans or large trailers with boats will be allowed on the roads due to narrow roads and turning issues.
- There will be access for locals, bach owners and business owners.
- The size of trailers is an issue at the Portage drop out which will not take a 2.5-meter trailer. There will be no heavy tandem trailers allowed and also width restrictions.
- The launching ramp at Cowshed Bay may be reinstated with DOC looking into potential contamination of the soak pits. If this is the case, then the camping ground may not be allowed to open.
- Lynley gave thanks to Dean for employing locals at the check points.

## 6. Marlborough Roads – Steve Murrin

- The Tennyson Inlet work will recommence after being delayed. 50 staff are now dedicated to the recovery side. Three new teams are yet to join. With three experienced staff resignations it is proving difficult to find replacements. Fulton Hogan will be assisting the efforts by relocating teams up from Canterbury. The North Island teams will be delayed due to Covid. The Kenepuru Road is hoped to be open by 30 November. There will still be road closures in sections for a few hours, days or weeks depending on the work to be completed. A lot of design work is happening with large retaining walls to be built. Discussion about the further restrictions for boat trailer lengths and tonnage will need to be relooked at due to the roads being fragile. It will be at least 18 months until the roads can be back to pre-event. Some roads may remain single lane in some areas due to large amounts of roading falling away. A crusher will need to be barged in to get the gravel done. The roadside mowing needs to be completed as the grass is long.

<https://www.nzta.govt.nz/projects/marlborough-roads-recovery/media>

### Questions/Answers

- Moetapu Bay Road – Damage done after grass was mowed and then blocked up the culverts which caused flooding damage as water was trapped. It took two hours for the blockage to be removed. Steve Murrin made a note of this.
- Cllr Faulls noted that at a community meeting the locals are willing to meet contractors and familiarise the contractors with where the culverts are.
- Tim asked via Zoom about the slip up behind Okiwi Bay. Steve confirms that a team will be there today to look at it.
- Steve has sent a crew to Rangitoto ki te Tonga/D'Urville Island to review some trees that had come down. (Now fixed)
- Linda advised Steve that a slip and a tree is down in Duncan Bay which broke a road barrier. Steve will send a crew out to check the area. The rainfall has increased in the Sounds area over the years which is causing frequent issues.
- GNS is carrying out work for Council as well which will be critical for repairs.
- Awatere Valley Road, Upper Waihopai, North Bank and Top Valley were also areas that sustained damage in the weather event, not just the Sounds area.
- Cllr Faulls spoke of Council's hydrologist who is due to retire. Cllr Faulls acknowledged the residents and commended them on their continued resilience under trying times.

A break was taken for morning tea with the meeting resuming at 10.53 am.

Dean Heiford and Steve Murrin left the meeting at 10.35 am.

Oli Wade joined the meeting at 10.40 am.

Gina Ferguson joined the meeting at 10.50 am.

Harbourmaster Luke Grogan joined the meeting at 11.00 am

## 7. King Salmon Compliance – Gina Ferguson (MDC Consents & Compliance Group Manager)

- Gina advised that the King Salmon reports are not completed as yet. The high-flow sites are now being done by SLR. Hilca are assisting Council to interpret the reports. Gina will send the item out to the committee prior to the next Environment Committee so members can view.

## 8. 3 Waters Review – Cllr Taylor and Mayor Leggett

- See MDC website for full details and reports on the 3 Waters and **Appendix B** for the 3 Waters map.  
<https://www.marlborough.govt.nz/your-council/three-waters-reform-proposals>
- 3 Waters discussed and Marlborough will move to entity C.
- Boundary issues with our southern boundary line.
- Ownership/government terms that boundary will sit in boundary C.
- All drinking water needs to reach the standards. This includes the Sounds water supplies. If Sounds area cannot reach those standards, then the costs of making them comply, will fall onto the community.
- Mayor Leggett spoke on the next steps for the 3 Waters and a working group that has been set up to work with all iwi and government entities. Council believes there are better models than the 3 Waters model proposed. It has been a time -costly project. 30 out of 60 Councils have signed the letter of disapproval, including Mayor Leggett which will be sent to the Prime Minister today.
- It is not just about water as Marlborough has issues with storm water and waste water rather than unhealthy water.

### Questions/Answers

- There is general frustration of Council being told it is a choice and then to be forced by the government to comply after so much work went into investigating.
- It was asked how would the small communities fund their water to 3 Waters standard and what would the time limit be for residents to comply. Deputy Mayor Taylor advised that a single house water

supply will not be counted as a 'supply'. Two or three homes will be deemed a 'supply'. Council will have no decision making or policy powers over the water which means that Council cannot advise residents of what the time limit will be once 3 Waters comes into practice.

- The regulator will have nothing to do with Council. The regulator will set the standard. The new drinking water standards will be similar to what they are currently.
- Okiwi Bay have done a lot with their local water supply.
- Clr Faulls advised there is a lot of information on Council website on the 3 Waters.
- Water samples used to be sent into Ministry of Health. Under the new entity the samples will be sent to the Water Service Regulator. All the current water risk assessment offices will transition to the new Water Service Regulator.

## 9. Harbours & Nautical Science Update – Luke Grogan (Harbourmaster), Oliver Wade (MDC)

### Sediments Reports –

- *Due to the size of these reports, please see links below each item.*

The intertidal zone was varied after the storm event. It is unknown what the damage on the soft sediments will be in certain areas.

[https://www.marlborough.govt.nz/repository/libraries/id:1w1mps0ir17q9sgxanf9/hierarchy/Documents/Environment/Coastal/Sedimentation%20Reports%20List/Sources\\_of\\_fine\\_sediment\\_Pelorus-NIWA\\_report.PDF](https://www.marlborough.govt.nz/repository/libraries/id:1w1mps0ir17q9sgxanf9/hierarchy/Documents/Environment/Coastal/Sedimentation%20Reports%20List/Sources_of_fine_sediment_Pelorus-NIWA_report.PDF)

### Wairau Lagoon Report -

- The monitoring of the state of the estuary and to check if any type of sea grass was in the estuary. There is a native species of grass called Ruppia in the estuary which takes 15-20% of the area. This is a significant find to have the Ruppia of such a large amount.

For full details, view report here <https://www.marlborough.govt.nz/environment/coastal/estuaries>

### Plastic Report –

- Citizen science reports on volumes of plastic and litter in the Sounds such as rope, tanalised timber, plastic litter etc. Oli asked if the community groups are interested in forming a litter survey group, then Oli will come out to their community and assist in setting the group up to support Nautical Science. The information is used by Mfe.

See **Appendix C** for Sounds News article on Citizen Science.

[https://www.marlborough.govt.nz/repository/libraries/id:1w1mps0ir17q9sgxanf9/hierarchy/Documents/Your%20Council/News%20Pages/September\\_2021/September\\_25\\_2021-Sounds\\_News.pdf](https://www.marlborough.govt.nz/repository/libraries/id:1w1mps0ir17q9sgxanf9/hierarchy/Documents/Your%20Council/News%20Pages/September_2021/September_25_2021-Sounds_News.pdf)

<https://litterintelligence.org/>

<https://sustainablecoastlines.org/government-continues-support-for-litter-intelligence/>

- From MDC website:

The next time you are out enjoying the Marlborough Sounds, take a moment to consider the impact of your actions on this unique environment.

Councillors at a recent Environment Committee meeting heard first-hand about human impacts when findings from a report on the types of marine litter typically found on Marlborough's coastline were presented.

The Council's Coastal Scientist Oliver Wade spoke about marine litter and the fantastic efforts of the local community to clean beaches around the region with the resulting 'litter intelligence' that has been gathered. He also revealed the characteristic of marine litter collected during the beach cleans around Marlborough's coastline.

"Beach cleans and beach litter surveys were organised by various community groups and schools as part of the 'Litter Intelligence' project," said Mr Wade. "Compared to other regions, a similar number of marine litter items are found on our beaches."

Since early 2019, 28 surveys have been conducted in 10 different survey areas around Marlborough's coastline by seven community groups. The survey areas are mainly in Queen Charlotte Sound/Tōtaranui and Pelorus Sound/Te Hoiere with one also at Rarangi.

"Marine litter was found at all these survey areas and plastic items made up the majority of this marine litter, but glass, ceramics and metals were also found," he said. "Marine litter is basically any item of human origin released into the marine environment."

"Ultimately it would be great to stop these items going into the environment in the first place," he said.

The flow on effect of plastics was also discussed at the meeting where a report describing initial results on the extent of microplastic contamination in the sediments of Queen Charlotte Sound/Tōtaranui was tabled.

Queen Charlotte Sound/Tōtaranui is the first place in New Zealand where sediments have been studied to determine the extent of microplastic contamination, thanks to a joint study between the University of Auckland and NIWA researchers.

Researchers focussed on two areas, an anchorage area near Picton and the Long Island Marine Reserve. Varying levels and types of microplastics were found in both areas. There is more work to come on this to identify sources of this pollution.

## Outcome of the Okiwi Bay Fatality

- 18 months ago, a collision occurred between a fishing vessel and a marine farming vessel on a mooring where a fatality occurred. The Harbourmaster spoke of the investigation into the practice. A large green buoy has been put into Okiwi Bay as a visual aide and how to navigate around this. Information is on the Harbours website.
- Summer time holidays are approaching which means a busy time on the water with holiday makers and bach owners returning to the Sounds, therefore the Harbourmaster will be monitoring vessel speed and the wearing of life jackets and jet ski patrols will continue.
- Mobile and fixed speed cameras are operating and have brought about successful infringements.
- There is an oil rig called the White Marling arriving in Admiralty Bay. The Harbourmaster is working with the Director of Maritime NZ and is satisfied with the oil rig not having a pilot on board.
- New ferries: 2025 for the first one and 2026 for the second one. Tory Channel/Kura Te Au risk assessment is still being investigated to find an optimal shared work way for all vessels to use safely. This is through the NZ Maritime School. The Harbourmaster spoke of people wanting a line or expanded corridor for people to stay away from the ferries, however a direction set each way may not be viable for other recreational users, bach owners, marine vessels etc so the systems need to work for all parties. The information is currently with the NZ Maritime School and is expected to be returned by the end of the year. This will fall into changes to the existing bylaw. There is a lot of information and education that will follow with this.

## Questions/Answers

- Catchment and land uses (i.e. forestry etc) are still an issue creating the risk of sediment loss in all the catchments in the report.
- 70% of legacy settlement is found in the catchments. A core from the seafloor was taken as a sample and this can be examined and found where it has come from. This is decades or centuries old, pre-European time.
- Under the new Plan, Council will put in place areas where the legacy issues do not happen again in the future.
- Cllr Faulls asked would it be of assistance for local community groups to take samples for Oli? It was said that this could be done.
- It was asked of Eric what the numbers are on vessels doing dredging in the areas. There is a way to track these. It would be good to have this information for a further conversation.
- It was asked if the Ruppia could be grown out of the lagoon and then placed into other lagoons. It was said that the grass may not take if the water is dirty.
- It was asked if the new buoy in Okiwi Bay has a light on it as the fatality occurred at night. The Harbourmaster stated that there should be a green light that flashes every few seconds however he

will ensure Harbours go out and check the lights are operational.

- It was asked by Monyeen regarding the jet ski speed policy and if the jet skis can be registered. This is a challenge in some areas, however the Harbourmaster feels that the compliance will be better with Harbours own jet ski out on the water over the summer. It is not legal to enforce jet ski's to be registered. Before next summer the goal is to have bylaws back for the Harbourmaster.
- It was asked if the risk assessment was not just for Tori Channel/Kura Te Au. The Northern Entrance and Tori will be busier areas when the new ferries come in and with the usual traffic.

## **10. Te Hoiere Update – Heli Wade (MDC Te Hoiere Project Manager)**

- **See Appendix D** for Heli's information on the Te Hoiere Project.
- **Questions/Answers**
- Funding approved in July and announced in October for \$7.5 million dollars for the catchment. 79 fte will be employed in the new project on the living wage. Aubrey from DOC is now working with Council as a catchment care officer. A new fund/contract manager is Sioban Harnett.
- A contract for delivering Early Win work, is currently under way. With any luck this will be achieved by mid-November. Further staff will be recruited under this programme of work.
- At risk catchment fund (Mfe) is also being applied for the project.
- Citizen Science programme – community water quality test for MOH as a community initiative so they can understand what goes on with their water and the life in it.
- The vision for Te Hoiere is a collaborative approach with different agencies and for the community to be involved.

### **Questions and answers**

- Anton Wilkies on behalf of MBIE and Destination Marlborough working with Clr Faulls to research new areas of tourism and track structures. A meeting to take place in early December.
- It was asked if the native nursey will be specific to the local area. Eco source will be for the original plants and not what is there now.
- Land transition is within the action plan for the Te Hoiere Project. The land transition can be used to assist with forestry with how they work sustainably in the future.
- Clr Faulls thanked Heli and Alan's team for their brilliant work.

**A break was taken for lunch with the meeting resuming at 1.19 pm**

## **11. Environment Grant Scheme - Alan Johnson**

- A summary of the applications and environmental grants provided to the community was provided. An innovative application seeking to control ungulates in a case study area was discussed.

## **12. Sustainable Land Transition Feasibility Study – Eric Jorgensen**

- An update on the Land transition Feasibility Study was provided. The study is now being aligned to any future review of the roading network as a consequence of the flood event.

## **13. SAG Review – Alan Johnson, (MDC)**

- Alan presented a draft terms of reference to group members. Feedback was requested and an edited version will be emailed for all members to make comment. The next step will be for SAG to agree on the amendments at the February meeting.
- Iwi have indicated they would like to be involved. Council will seek feedback from iwi representatives.
- Please email your comments back to Alan and Bernadette so they can be collated for the February meeting.  
[alan.johnson@marlborough.govt.nz](mailto:alan.johnson@marlborough.govt.nz)  
[bernadette.brooklands@marlborough.govt.nz](mailto:bernadette.brooklands@marlborough.govt.nz)

### **Questions/Answers**

- Monyeen would like to see a representative from the outer Queen Charlotte Sounds/Tōtaranui.

- Rai and Canvastown have resident associations but do not get a forum like SAG. Cllr Faulls will discuss with Alan Johnson and Deputy Mayor Taylor. Linda Booth suggested that the Rai and Canvastown residents were more farming orientated and could be more connected to RAG.
- Deputy Mayor Taylor commented that it was important to choose these resident associations (linked by waters) and that the information from the resident members, should be passed on throughout the year.
- Vic, Poneke and Monyeen would like the group to be able to go out and visit the communities eg French Pass. Tim's comments were that the group were to have two meetings in Blenheim and two meetings in the Sounds. Cllr Faulls acknowledged that members would like to engage with communities from the Sounds.
- Eric wondered why the group is called advisory and not a representative Sounds community group like a forum. A lot of the presentations can be done via email instead of at the meeting. How do you look at the function of this group compared to the functions of other groups?
- Eric would prefer to see a group with more nautical focus on the marine areas and sustainability in the future. Alan discussed a new integrated group being formed which will focus on the nautical approach.
- Cllr Faulls recommends the review of SAG be every four years for the group due to central and local government making changes to areas of Policy, etc which effect the Sounds residents (3 Waters etc.)
- It was asked where does Havelock sit? Havelock is not represented within SAG. However, they are represented on Smart and Connected.

#### 14. Fisheries Update – Jodi Milne (MPI)

- Jodi is an apology today however, see copy of her email and links below. Jodi is happy for members to contact her to discuss any fishery matters.
- The Minister has made decisions on the October sustainability round:  
[Review of sustainability measures for 1 October 2021 | NZ Government \(mpi.govt.nz\)](https://www.mpi.govt.nz/review-of-sustainability-measures-for-1-october-2021/)  
This included an increase for GUR 7, which continues to increase in abundance.
- We also have a number of other consultations that the group might be interested in particularly:  
[Review of recreational daily bag limits for finfish | NZ Government \(mpi.govt.nz\)](https://www.mpi.govt.nz/review-of-recreational-daily-bag-limits-for-finfish/)
- Please also check our consultation page for consultation on the cameras on boats rollout, further measures for Hector's dolphins in the South Island, mātaītai applications and proposed amendments to the Fisheries Act for our international fisheries obligations.  
<https://www.mpi.govt.nz/consultations/?opened=1&cat=8>

#### 15. DOC Update – Dave Hayes (DOC)

- Dave is an apology today.

#### 16. Representation Review – Deputy Mayor Taylor

- Deputy Mayor Taylor spoke on the representation review.
- Deputy Mayor thanked the representatives for the well-considered responses for the hearing panel. There were 29 submitters (no resilience in the roading networks, lack assistance with water and sewerage).
- The hearings panel has recognised that they are an isolated community and that there should be three Ward/Sounds Councillor's to serve their community and that the 13 Councillor's needs to be increased to 14. This will be under review from the local government and the time is for November 2022.

#### Questions/Answers

- Thanks to Deputy Mayor and Cllr Faulls from members for their great work. It is appreciated.



## 17. Community Reps Update – SAG members –

### **D’Urville island – Poneke Rene**

- Nil update

### **Queen Charlotte Residents Association – Monyeen Wedge**

- Monyeen reported that debris has washed out into the tidal area which has affected nesting and penguins.
- Lots of slips from the top of the hill all the way down. Native trees need to be planted to cover the slip areas.

### **Port Underwood Residents Association – Ken Roush**

- Apology

### **Forestry Representative – Rick Osbourne**

- Apology

### **Kenepuru & Central Sounds Residents Association (KCSRA) – Ross Withell**

- The first week after the rain was all progress, however the communication and progress lapsed. The mental health of residents was not good with no phone and no power.
- The road has been the biggest issue however, the road will be an improvement in the long term.
- Social media has been a downfall with misinformation.
- Thanks once again for all the work that has been done.
- Cllr Faulls asked if residents required further mental health and wellbeing assistance. The water taxi and the barges have made a huge difference. The barge at Fish Bay is working well.

### **Duncan Bay Residents Association – Linda Booth**

- Great news re the Wards/Sounds Councillors.
- Local communities disappointed over the last SAG meeting being cancelled after the flood event. The cancellation of the meeting occurred just when the Sounds needed support.
- Possum control was well taken with lots of dead possums seen. (1080 drop)
- 3 Waters – re the waste water. It was noted that there is not enough information as yet to speak on this, however, this will be tabled for February.
- Matai Bay calendars are \$15.00 and available from Linda Booth.
- Linda Booth said if you belong to fire and emergency, they have FENZ for mental health support.
- Linda would like a newsletter from Council about the road updates from the recovery team to be sent out prior to Christmas with contacts phone numbers and emails for services.

### **Marine Farms – Ned Wells**

- Apology as Ned is sitting in the aquaculture hearing.

### **Central Pelorus (Hopewell) – Lynley Perkins**

- The last few months have been difficult for the community after the flood event. Lynley is also part of the flood relief group which has helped her view the Council processes.
- Subsidised water transport has had a few teething issues with over demand.
- Good to see the skip bins and the locals have set up recycling bags beside the skip bins. The community would like to see this continue.
- The flooding event proved how fragile we are when we have no cellphone cover, no power, no transport etc.
- Lynley thanked Cllr Faulls and Deputy Mayor Taylor for all their hard work and support.



- Clr Faulls thanked Lynley for her service to the community and the tourism sector of her area.

**Moetapu Residents Association (Mahau Sound Outward Bound) – Vic Koller**

- Deer control along the road.

**Tim Greenhough – Okiwi Bay**

- The Goat Hill track has gravel being laid on the track which is 600 meters up a 3.5-kilometer track.

**French Pass Residents Representative – Rob Schuckard**

- Apology

**Outer Pelorus – Emma Hopkinson-Young**

- Apology

**MFIA - Rick Osbourne**

- Apology

**18. General Discussion (other Items)**

Draft dates for 2022 – Please put in your diary:

- 14 Feb 2022
- 16 May 2022
- 8 August 2022
- 14 November 2022

**Next Meeting: 14 February 2022 - MDC**

The meeting finished at 3.00 pm

Action	Person Responsible
1. Do the shellfish toxin notifications only relate to humans or is it also relevant to wildlife?	Jodi Milne
2. Who is checking the water samples	Gina Fergusson
3. Are the lights on the new green buoy working in Okiwi Bay	Luke Grogan
4. Update of the environment grant scheme	Eric Jorgensen
5. Ungulate control report in the Sounds	Alan Johnson
6. Email terms of reference to all members	Alan Johnson/Bernadette Brooklands
7. 3 Waters on the waste water	Clr Faulls
8. Invite Leanne Schmidt to the February meeting	Clr Faulls
9. Invite FENZ and Bryan FM to next meeting to discuss communication	Clr Faulls
10. Update on the SOE Report	Clr Faulls

## **Appendix A – subsidized water transport and information**

Subsidised water transport for Kenepuru residents and visitors.

Marlborough District Council is subsidising water transport at \$25 per person, one-way departures to support Kenepuru residents and visitors affected by the July Storm event.

All residents, businesses owners, tradespeople, essential services and visitors are eligible for the subsidy

Bookings can be made with the Marlborough i-SITE by phoning 0800 777 181 or directly with water transport operators using the promo codes in the links below (subsidy will be applied at time of booking)

For coordinated bookings for multi-stop, multi-location or multi-companies, and for alignment to some transport services, contact the Marlborough i-SITE: 0800 777 181 or email [bookings@marlboroughnz.com](mailto:bookings@marlboroughnz.com)

Marlborough District Council has been working with organisations that can assist with overnight accommodation.

Temporary Accommodation: Phone 0508 754 163; or

Rural Women NZ - Operation Isolate: Phone Ellen Orchard on 021 141 3235

It is the customers responsibility to plan their travel around scheduled road closures. [Marlborough Roads Alerts](#)

<https://www.nzta.govt.nz/projects/marlborough-roads-recovery/media>

Subsidy is valid until March 2022, or until further notice.

<https://marlboroughnz.com/kenepuruwatertaxi/>

[https://marlboroughnz.com/media\\_files/uploads/microsites/download/2021\\_10/October\\_14\\_2021 - Subsidised Water Taxi Service ex. Havelock.pdf](https://marlboroughnz.com/media_files/uploads/microsites/download/2021_10/October_14_2021_-_Subsidised_Water_Taxi_Service_ex._Havelock.pdf)

[https://marlboroughnz.com/media\\_files/uploads/microsites/download/2021\\_10/October\\_14\\_2021 - Subsidised Water Taxi Service ex. Picton V3.pdf](https://marlboroughnz.com/media_files/uploads/microsites/download/2021_10/October_14_2021_-_Subsidised_Water_Taxi_Service_ex._Picton_V3.pdf)

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Company	Contact Number	Contact Email	Promo Code
<b>SCHEDULED SERVICE</b>			
Pelorus Mail Boat	03 674 1088	<a href="mailto:bookings@themailboat.co.nz">bookings@themailboat.co.nz</a>	KENEPURU
This scheduled service runs	10.00 am	Depart Havelock	
Tuesday & Saturday ONLY	10.45 am	Arrive Raetihi	
	11.00 am	Arrive Napier/St Omer	
	11.35 am	Arrive Te Mahia Arrive	
	11.20 am	Tara Bay Arrive	
	11.30 am	Puketapu Bay Arrive	
	11.45 am	Portage	
	12.00 pm	Arrive Waitara Bay	
	12.35 pm	Arrive Fish Bay Arrive	
	1.30 pm	Havelock	
<b>ON-DEMAND SERVICE</b>			
Havelock Water Taxi	021 1382 234	<a href="mailto:skipper@havelockwatertaxi.co.nz">skipper@havelockwatertaxi.co.nz</a>	JADE
Pelorus Sound Water Taxi	027 444 2862 or 0608 4283 6826	<a href="mailto:info@pswt.co.nz">info@pswt.co.nz</a>	PSWT
Local Knowledge Charters	021 201 2168	<a href="mailto:localknowledgecharters@hotmail.com">localknowledgecharters@hotmail.com</a>	LOCAL
Pelorus Tours	03 673 4203 or 0274 345 488	<a href="mailto:gary@pelorustours.co.nz">gary@pelorustours.co.nz</a>	PELORUSTOURS

Marlborough District Council has been working with organisations that can assist with overnight accommodation. Temporary Accommodation: Phone 0608 754 183; or Rural Women NZ - Operation Isolate: Phone Ellen Orchard on 021 141 3235

## Subsidised water transport departures to and from Picton



Marlborough District Council is subsidising water transport at \$25 per person, one way departures to and from Picton for those affected by the July Storm event.

- All residents, businesses owners, tradespeople, essential services and visitors are eligible for the subsidy
- Bookings can be made with the Marlborough I-SITE by phoning 0800 777 181 or directly with water transport operators using the promo codes below (subsidy will be applied at time of booking)
- For coordinated bookings for multi-stop, multi-location or multi-companies, and for alignment to some transport services, contact the Marlborough I-SITE: 0800 777 181 or email [bookings@marlboroughnz.com](mailto:bookings@marlboroughnz.com)

Company	Depart	Arrive	Depart	Arrive	Promo Code
<b>SCHEDULED SERVICES</b>					
Beechcomber Cruises	Picton	Torea	Torea	Picton	TOREA
One way: \$51 Adult, \$37 Child (5-14); Free (0-5)	8.00 am	8.20 am	11.30 am	12.00 pm	
	1.15 pm	1.35 pm	4.45 pm	5.15 pm	
Return: \$83 Adult, \$55 Child (5-14); Free (0-5)	Picton	Onahau Bay	Onahau Bay	Picton	
	2.00 pm	3.00 pm	3.00 pm	4.00 pm	
Cougar Line	Picton	Torea	Torea	Picton	TOREA
Each way: \$60.00 per adult \$37.50 per child	8.00 am	8.15 am	10.45 am	11.00 am	
	10.00 am	10.15 am	12.45 pm	1.00 pm	
	1.30 pm	1.45 pm	4.15 pm	4.30 pm	
	Picton	Onahau Bay	Onahau Bay	Picton	
	11.30 am	11.45 am	11.45 am	12.30 / 1.00 pm	
	2.30 pm	2.45 pm	2.45 pm	4.30 pm	

Company	Phone	Email	Promo Code
<b>ON DEMAND SERVICES</b>			
Arrow Water Taxis	03 573 8229	<a href="mailto:info@arrowwatertaxis.co.nz">info@arrowwatertaxis.co.nz</a>	TOREA
Picton Water Taxis	03 573 6175	<a href="mailto:office@malboat.co.nz">office@malboat.co.nz</a>	TOREA

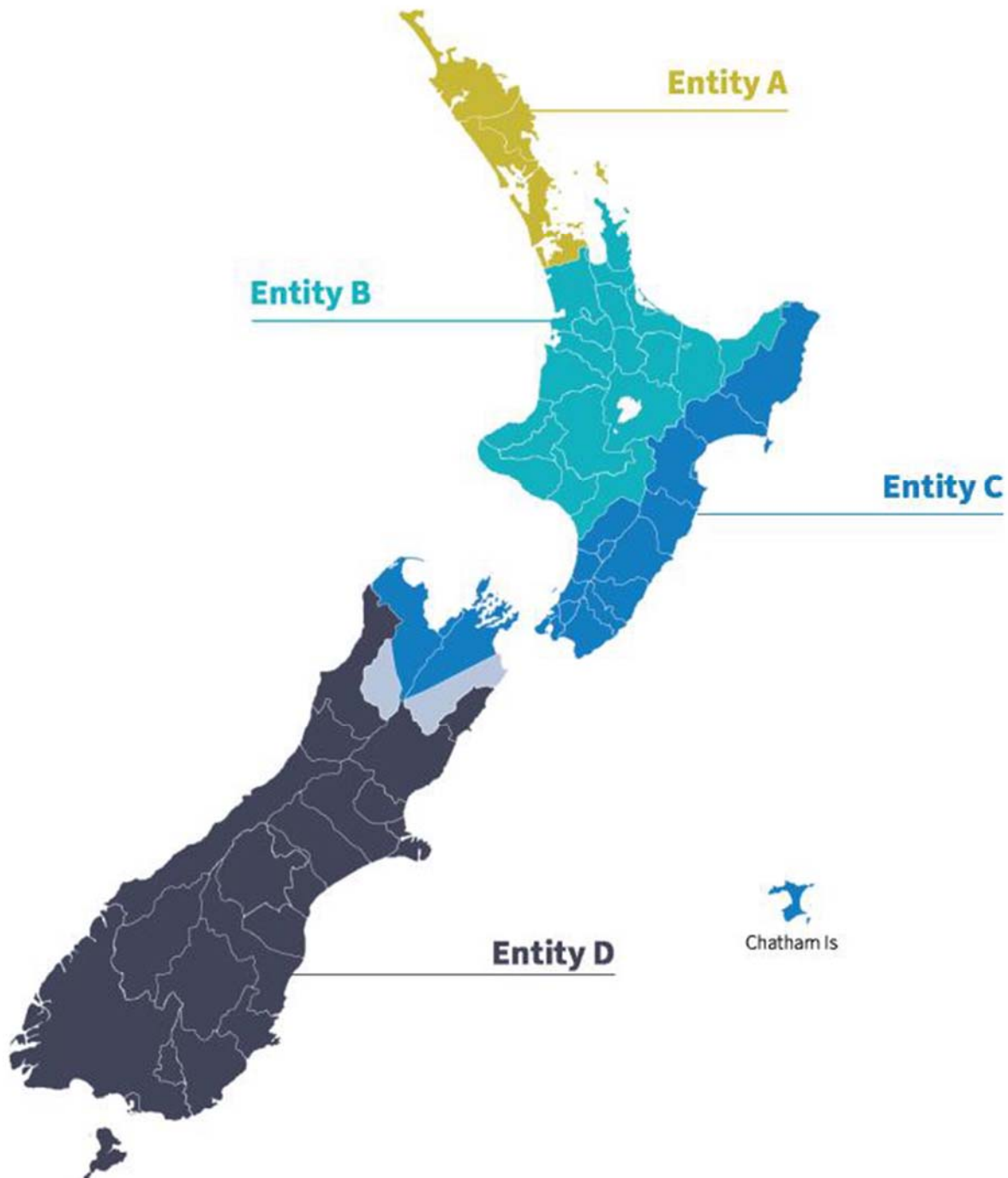
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## Appendix B – 3 Waters Map



The Government is considering how best to regulate and deliver the country's three water services - drinking water, wastewater and stormwater.


The Government's preference is to create four new regional water entities which would replace the 3 Waters work of 67 councils currently managing these services. The exact size, shape and design of these entities is still being worked on.

The Department of Internal Affairs released a map (*below*) in June 2021 showing the proposed boundaries of the four entities, proposing that Marlborough could, potentially, be split along iwi boundary lines and included in both water entity C and D.







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**Sounds News**

He kōrero nō te Kaunihera o Wairau
 

### Walks 'on track' for summer opening

The road to recovery in Marlborough also includes a long walk or two. July's weather event not only caused significant damage to the region's road network but also brought down multiple slips on two of New Zealand's best loved walking and biking trails, the Queen Charlotte Track and the Link Pathway. However, a massive effort is being made by those involved to get the popular attractions open for locals and for visitors to enjoy this summer season.

The Department of Conservation currently has teams working on the Queen Charlotte Track between the start at Mōretoi/Ship Cove and Fumaeau Lodge (Day 1 of the track) and also between Anakiwa and Te Mahia (Day 4 of the track).

Destination Marlborough General Manager Jacqui Lloyd said there had never been a more important time to support local tourism and hospitality providers. "There is a huge range of products, tours, accommodation and activities on offer so over these school holidays get out and support your community and explore your local backyard," said Jacqui.

Businesses associated with the track are being asked to complete a 'Queen Charlotte - Business Post Storm July 2021 Economic Impact Survey' compiled by the Council to give a clearer picture of the effect of the damage and needs of businesses. The survey can be found here: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/QCBSoundsRecovery>

Businesses in the tourism sector are not the only ones impacted by the July storm event.

Farmers, forestry and beekeepers in the outer Marlborough Sounds, in addition to clearing debris and reinstating fences on their land, were grappling with the disruption to road access and the ongoing logistical challenges this presents, said the Council's Recovery Manager Dean Halford.

"Sheep and beef farms in the Awatere Valley have also had limited road access which caused difficulties getting critical supplies and grazing stock into the valley, and stock out, but they now have truck and trailer access under strict controls," he said.

"The Council is continuing to support these communities with subsidised barge trips to deliver fuel, household goods, feed and to assist with vehicle movements."

Workers and volunteers on the popular Link Pathway have also been busy, firstly assessing the damage to the pathway, which was significant in places, and then coming up with a strategy to conduct repairs. CEO Rick Edmonds said because the pathway nearer Picton suffered less damage, an initial priority was getting from Anakiwa/Linkwater to Picton reopened.

"With the machinery mostly stuck in Havelock, pathway workers had to conduct repairs by hand, and work around the road recovery teams, and we were also hindered by further rain events," he said.

"After seven weeks of hard labour, a useable path has been re-established from the Linkwater to Anakiwa area to Picton. These 28 km are now open for public use, with caution required as parts are narrow and muddy."

The Mahakipawa Hill section of the Link Pathway was badly damaged, with whole sections of the hillside taken out by slips. Work has begun to repair several washed-out stream crossings, and it is hoped to have Havelock to Moenui usable again by summer. From Moenui to Lower Mahakipawa will be closed for some time to come, and will need to be repaired in conjunction with road repairs.

"The Link Pathway Trust is extremely grateful for the offers of help, and over 70 donations through the Link Pathway GiveaLittle page, totalling almost \$10,000, and we welcome any further contributions to help with the repairs," said Rick.

### Reports raise awareness of marine litter's impact

The next time you are out enjoying the Marlborough Sounds, take a moment to consider the impact of your actions on this unique environment.

Councillors at a recent Environment Committee meeting heard first-hand about human impacts when findings from a report on the types of marine litter typically found on Marlborough's coastline were presented.

The Council's Coastal Scientist Oliver Wade spoke about marine litter and the fantastic efforts of the local community to clean beaches around the region with the resulting 'litter intelligence' that has been gathered.

He also revealed the characteristic of marine litter collected during the beach cleans around Marlborough's coastline.

"Beach cleans and beach litter surveys were organised by various community groups and schools as part of the 'Litter Intelligence' project," said Mr Wade. "Compared to other regions, a similar number of marine litter items are found on our beaches."

Since early 2019, 28 surveys have been conducted in 10 different survey areas around Marlborough's coastline by seven community groups.

The survey areas are mainly in Queen Charlotte Sound/Tōtaranui and Pelorus Sound/Te Hoiere with one also at Rarangi.

"Marine litter was found at all these survey areas and plastic items made up the majority of this marine litter, but glass, ceramics and metals were also found," he said. "Marine litter is basically any item of human origin released into the marine environment."


"Ultimately it would be great to stop these items going into the environment in the first place," he said.

The flow on effect of plastics was also discussed at the meeting where a report describing initial results on the extent of microplastic contamination in the sediments of Queen Charlotte Sound/Tōtaranui was tabled.


Queen Charlotte Sound/Tōtaranui is the first place in New Zealand where sediments have been studied to determine the extent of microplastic contamination, thanks to a joint study between the University of Auckland and NIWA researchers.

Researchers focussed on two areas, an anchorage area near Picton and the Long Island Marine Reserve.

Varying levels and types of microplastics were found in both areas. There is more work to come on this to identify sources of this pollution.



Link Pathway volunteers working on The Grove section of the trail which is now open for use



Plastic items make up the majority of the marine litter found in the Sounds

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***‘Haere, kakea te ara poka hou’***  
***‘go and ascend the newly trodden path’***







## Mahi mō te Taiao - JfN



## Planting and community events





# Water quality monitoring



# Catchment Condition Surveys



Forceful	Disforceful
16,860.447m	109,678.518m <sup>3</sup>
Length Date	Area Date
776.461m	No Data
Length Date	Area Date
619.538m	16,584.804m <sup>3</sup>
Length Date	Area Date





## Next steps

- *Finalize ICEP*
- *Secure further funds*
- *Form contracts to deliver JfN work*
- *Landowner engagement & catchment groups*
- *Enable community action*
- *Build capacity to deliver ICEP actions*