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## Family Incomes Package—Ministry of Social Development

### What is the Families Package?

The Families Package is designed to provide targeted social assistance to improve incomes for low and middle income families with children, and to reduce child poverty. It is part of the Government's focus on ensuring children get the best start in life, and that our welfare system doesn't leave families without support.

The Families Package replaces the previous government's Family Incomes Package, announced as part of Budget 17.

The changes include:

- A Winter Energy Payment to help older New Zealanders and many low income families heat their homes over winter
- A Best Start Payment to help families with costs in their child's early years
- Changes to Accommodation Supplement and Accommodation Benefit to help people with the highest housing costs
- Increases to Working for Families tax credits
- Reinstating the Independent Earner Tax Credit

### When will these changes take effect?

1 April 2018: Changes to Accommodation Supplement and Accommodation Benefit will come into effect.

1 July 2018: The Winter Energy Payment, Best Start payment and changes to Working for Families tax credits will all come into effect.

These changes will be made automatically, you won't need to do anything. If your payments change from either of these dates, we'll let you know.

Anyone who isn't a Work and Income client may need to apply for Best Start through Inland Revenue.

### Winter Energy Payment

#### What does it mean if I want to 'opt out' of receiving the Winter Energy Payment?

If you don't want to get the Winter Energy Payment, you can choose to opt-out indefinitely. Once you have done this you won't get a Winter Energy Payment until you contact Work and Income to ask to get it again.

More Information on how to opt-out will be available closer to the time.

#### Why are only people on a benefit or receiving NZ Super or a Veteran's Pension getting the Winter Energy Payment?

As well as around 275,000 people getting a main benefit, 750,000 people getting NZ Super or Veteran's Pension will also be eligible for the Winter Energy Payment.

The Government has decided to target these groups because older people are more susceptible to ill health in winter, and beneficiaries are more likely to be on the lowest incomes and in a lower standard of housing.

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## Family Incomes Package—Ministry of Social Development continued

### Best Start

#### My child will be under three years old on 1 July 2018, can I get the Best Start payment?

The Best Start payment is only available for families with children born (or due) on or after 1 July 2018. Children born before 1 July 2018 aren't eligible to get Best Start.

However, your Family Tax Credit amounts are likely to increase from 1 July 2018.

### Working for Families Tax Credits

#### What does this mean for Working for Families tax credits?

The changes mean that Family Tax Credit rates will be simplified by reducing five different rates to two.

- \$113.04 a week for the first or only child
- \$91.25 a week for all younger children.

Currently, if your and your partner's income is above \$36,350 a year, it affects how much you get for some Working for Families tax credits.

From 1 July 2018, this will change to \$42,700 a year, with some Working for Families tax credits reducing by 25 cents for every \$1 earned over \$42,700.

For more information on these changes go to [www.msd.govt.nz](http://www.msd.govt.nz).

### Accommodation Supplement

#### What is happening to Accommodation Supplement?

The maximum amounts paid for Accommodation Supplement across the four different Accommodation Supplement Areas are increasing to better reflect housing costs. Places where housing costs have increased the most will be moved up into different Accommodation Supplement Areas with higher maximum payments.

#### My Accommodation Supplement isn't increasing from 1 April 2018. Why?

How much you get for Accommodation Supplement is based on:

- the area you live in
- your accommodation costs for the place you live in
- your income
- your cash assets
- your family circumstances.

If you are already getting the maximum amount for your circumstances, and this is less than the maximum Accommodation Supplement rate for your area, your Accommodation Supplement payment might not increase.

## WHO'S NEW?

### Marlborough Stroke Club

Marlborough Stroke Club welcomes Sarah Arias to her role as Community Stroke Advisor, New Zealand Stroke Foundation. She replaces Cathy Macnee who retired in October, and is the go-to person for assistance with all things relating to the issues of stroke recovery. Sarah is based in The Health Hub, Queen St and can be contacted on 5783603 email [marlborough@stroke.org.nz](mailto:marlborough@stroke.org.nz)

Marlborough Stroke Club is a voluntary organisation offering support, education and friendship to stroke survivors, their carers and families. For information please contact secretary Vyvienne Dunlop 5783837 email [brivvy@gmail.com](mailto:brivvy@gmail.com).



Introducing Cherie Johnson from Enliven. Cherie is a registered nurse and has recently taken over the role of day services manager for Totara club and home share programmes.

She is passionate about helping older people avoid social isolation by supporting them with the day programmes.

Members share companionship, laughter, stimulation and a meal.

When Cherie's not at Work she enjoys Marlborough outdoors, walking, cycling and swimming.

## ORGANISATION PROFILE

### *Perinatal Psychological Support and Counselling*

Supporting women and their partner's through life transitions. Reducing the impact of emotional and mental health, problems related to pregnancy, childbirth and early parenthood from low to severe distress.

- pre and postpartum depression
- pre and postpartum anxiety
- motherhood issues
- transition to parenthood
- difficult decisions around pregnancy
- perinatal loss and grief
- post abortion syndrome
- infertility
- ART support
- birth trauma
- infant bonding
- attachment issues
- special parenting needs
- single motherhood
- career and motherhood

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Room #20  
25 Alfred Street, Blenheim,  
Marlborough, 7201

### Postnatal Depression Marlborough Charitable Trust

www.pndmarlborough.com



*Our expert-led groups provide compassionate support and guidance through pregnancy and new parenthood*

#### *Postpartum Rallying - Support Group for Mothers*

Small group that offers psychological support, resources and connection to women who struggle with adjustment, anxiety or depression related to child birth.

- referrals | self-referrals
- PND assessment
- weekly meetings
- 12 weeks program
- a journey of self-awareness, self-compassion and gratitude
- child care provided
- free service
- home visits

*Simple, creative and powerful ways to restore ease, clarity and calm in our lives in times of transition*

#### *From "Me" to "Mum" - The Mindful Way Through Pregnancy*

A 10-weeks free, ongoing group providing a supportive, non-judgmental space to share experiences and resources, accompanying the mindful way through pregnancy.

- referrals | self-referrals
- pregnancy of any gestational age
- anxiety assessment
- weekly meetings
- arts based activities
- space for creativity
- mindfulness skills to reduce fear, anxiety and distress
- reflections on mothering journey



Qualifications for Life.  
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Careerforce the Industry Training Organisation (ITO) for the growing health and wellbeing sectors, supports organisations of all sizes to implement workplace training. We pride ourselves on providing quality, accessible and flexible qualifications designed to recognise and build on the knowledge and skills of the workforce.

Careerforce's health and wellbeing apprenticeships provide on-the-job training opportunities covering a wide range of roles and providing rewarding career pathways in the health, disability, mental health, aged support, brain injury rehabilitation, youth work, primary care practice assistance, social and community services.

We also offer a suite of New Zealand Qualification Authority (NZQA) recognised qualifications from Level 2 through to Level 6 in youth work, mental health and addiction support, disability services, home and community support, cleaning and urban pest management, and even business and leadership management.

#### **Your regional Careerforce Contacts are:**

Paula Cohen, Workplace Advisor  
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Visit the Careerforce website to find out more: [www.careerforce.org.nz](http://www.careerforce.org.nz).



## Our First Three Years

**In 2014 the Children's Team approach was launched in Marlborough.**

### **Since that time:**

Nearly 300 Tamariki have been referred, and with the fantastic support from our community partners, some great outcomes have been achieved. 25 staff members from 10 different agencies have stepped up to lead the coordination of child focused family plans, with 60 workers from many different agencies providing services to support the implementation of these plans. At any one time there are between 60 and 70 Tamariki actively on our books, with 9 months being an average time of engagement with the Team.

### **Where are we heading?**

As a part of the evolution of the Children's Team approach we have listened to your feedback, and removed some of the barriers to efficiency, with a slimmed down Referral Form and a streamlined Assessment Template.

Soon to appoint a Practice Advisor, our goal is to grow referral numbers, particularly in the under 5 age group "because a stitch in time saves nine."

Our Governance Group is also reviewing current practice and funding patterns to identify opportunities for working more efficiently and effectively.

We will continue to support training and workforce development across our community, particularly with Oranga Tamariki's new Practice Framework soon to be launched, and are exploring ways to work more closely with our Care and Protection colleagues to ensure that whanau do not fall through any gaps.

We will continue to provide a locally led, individually tailored and child centered approach to reducing Tamariki vulnerability and strengthening whanau resilience.

So if you are concerned about the wellbeing of a child within your family or neighborhood, and think that the parents are really struggling with some really complex challenges or special needs, maybe a referral to the Children's Team is an appropriate option?

### **What is the harm in giving us a call to seek some advice?**

Mike Henderson

Marlborough Children's Team Director  
Phone 03 984 4290 Mobile 0272343798



SASH (Sexual Abuse Support and Healing) Nelson [www.sash.co.nz](http://www.sash.co.nz) are currently overseeing the delivery of the ACC funded **Mates and Dates** (Healthy Relationships) programme in both Marlborough Girls and Boys Colleges. We will continue to deliver the programme in 2018 to students in Marlborough expanding into Queen Charlotte College and Community College. We have a great team of trained Facilitators both from Blenheim and Nelson. Check out the website for more information - <https://www.matesanddates.co.nz>

## FUNDING



### **A reminder that Rata Foundation have made changes to their funding process.**

Organisations have the option of applying to one of two Funding Programmes within a 12 month period. To find out more about the new Funding Programmes go to <http://www.ratafoundation.org.nz/> funding or phone 0508 266 878. If you have any enquiries please call one of our friendly staff on **Freephone 0508 266 878, or phone 03 335 0505** or email: [enquiry@ratafoundation.org.nz](mailto:enquiry@ratafoundation.org.nz).

## NEW SERVICE



**We have a new Elder Abuse Response Service in Marlborough**

**You have the right to feel safe.**

**If you feel scared, frightened or at risk, things are already serious.**

Age Concern has been active in preventing Elder Abuse and Neglect in New Zealand since 1989 and with funding from the Ministry of Social Development and Marlborough District Council we now have an Elder Abuse Response Service (EARS) in Marlborough.

**The Elder Abuse Response Service works in your community.**

Rebekah Hall is the new EARS advisor and can be contacted on **03 5793457**  
or you can phone **0800 32 668 65** any time, any day!

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IT'S NOT OK

SPEAK OUT

0800 EA NOT OK  
**0800 32 668 65**  
FOR OUR FREE AND CONFIDENTIAL HELPLINE

## EXPANDED SERVICE

Do you have difficulty getting to medical appointments in  
NELSON ?

If so the



**Has been created just for  
YOU**

**Marlborough Sounds Community  
Vehicle Trust**

**The above trust has been created to carry people to Nelson for medical appointments or post treatment back to Blenheim.**

Should you require this service you will need to be a member of the Trust and that costs \$15 per annum.

The return trip will cost \$40 per passenger.

If you live in the Picton area the pick-up will be from your home but beyond that we will pick-up anywhere along Queen Charlotte Drive

and

State Highway 6.

**We will also pickup in Blenheim and Renwick**

Patient travel costs may be reimbursed if you have a community services card, the distance travelled is more than 80 kilometres and you are registered for national travel assistance.

To join the trust and to get more details please call

03 574 1311

or e-mail

[soundsvehicle@gmail.com](mailto:soundsvehicle@gmail.com)

The Trust has been awarded money by the Marlborough District Council to buy a car to be based in Blenheim.

We are currently looking for two things:

1. Blenheim based volunteer drivers
2. A secure place to store/garage the car in Blenheim when not in use.

Since we became operational in October 2016 we have carried 91 passengers to Nelson for medical attention, 61 of those (2/3) have come from Blenheim.



## PROGRAMMES

### Marlborough Youth Trust

Happy New Year- we wish you are a wonderful 2018- here is what we are up to in the first term here at Marlborough Youth Trust.

"YES" The Youth Emergency Services programme starts on 1<sup>st</sup> Feb, this is a fantastic insight to the various emergency services for 16-20 years olds, registration are out now [www.myt.org.nz](http://www.myt.org.nz)

CACTUS starts on the 18<sup>th</sup> Feb register with Ginny via email on [youthworker@myt.org.nz](mailto:youthworker@myt.org.nz)

NZ Youth week this year is "Be who you want to be" from the 19-27<sup>th</sup> May, we will enjoy supporting Pink shirt day. Check out Marlborough Youth Trust online, to see what activities we have on, for young people aged 12-24 years old.

"YEP" Youth Employability Program—This year we are starting a new programme called the Youth Employability Programme (YEP) for youth aged 16-24years.

YEP is a cross-sector, business-led initiative, designed to respond to business and industry concerns that young people may not be developing the soft skills needed to succeed in the workplace. The programme provides an explicit sequence of learning activities to build the competencies business leaders have said they want young people to display, and a process to assess and record them. For more information be in touch with Ginny via email [youthworker@myt.org.nz](mailto:youthworker@myt.org.nz)

If you need any more information please feel free to be in touch with me.

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[www.myt.org.nz](http://www.myt.org.nz)

<https://www.facebook.com/marlboroughyouthtrust>



### 2018 YOUTH IN EMERGENCY SERVICES (YES) INFORMATION:



The course is free for all participants all required gear will be supplied

Students must be available for the following dates and times:

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| Thursday 1 <sup>st</sup> Feb                    | – Participant and Parent/Caregiver Information Evening |
| Saturday 17 <sup>th</sup> Feb                   | – Team Building  |
| Thursday 22 <sup>nd</sup> Feb                   | – Civil Defence Theory                                 |
| Saturday 24 <sup>th</sup> Feb                   | – Civil Defence Practical                              |
| Thursday 1 <sup>st</sup> Mar                    | – Rarangi Surf Lifesaving Theory                       |
| Saturday 3 <sup>rd</sup> Mar                    | – Rarangi Surf Lifesaving Practical                    |
| Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup> Mar                    | – Fire Theory  |
| Saturday 10 <sup>th</sup> Mar                   | – Fire Practical                                       |
| Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup> Mar                   | – Police & Land SAR Theory                             |
| Saturday 17 <sup>th</sup> Mar                   | – Police & Land SAR Practical                          |
| Thursday 22 <sup>nd</sup> Mar                   | – St John & Coastguard Theory                          |
| Saturday 24 <sup>th</sup> Mar                   | – St John & Coastguard Practical                       |
| Thursday 29 <sup>th</sup> Mar                   | – Briefing with students on Overnight Scenario         |
| Fri 6 <sup>th</sup> & Sat 7 <sup>th</sup> April | – Overnight Scenario at Mistletoe Bay                  |

Generally the sessions will be 2 hours Thursday evening and approximately 3 hours Saturday morning. Exact timings will be decided by each emergency service.

The course is open for 16 – 20 year olds, and there are 24 spaces available.

Participants will be required to volunteer for 2 months following the overnight scenario. This may involve one session per week with a maximum of 2 emergency services – this is a required part of the programme.

A graduation ceremony will be held following the conclusion of the volunteer aspect of the programme.

Any other questions? Contact MYT on 027 522 2243 or

[youthworker@myt.org.nz](mailto:youthworker@myt.org.nz)




# TRAINING WORKSHOPS



## Course Programme Term 1 March-April 2018



Kia whakamohio -To inform    Kia whakamanawa -To encourage    Kia whakaara -To inspire

<b>Introduction to Te Reo</b> <b>Where:</b> REAP House <b>When:</b> Wednesday 7 March (6 weeks) <b>Time:</b> 10.00am-12.00pm <b>Tutor:</b> Merehira Wills <b>Cost:</b> \$50.00 <i>An introductory Te Reo course covering basic Maori language skills and culture. A popular tutor. Course fills quickly so don't delay your booking. This is a unique opportunity to send your employees during work time.</i> <b>Tourism Pathway</b>	<b>NZ Sign Language Level 1</b> <b>Where:</b> REAP House <b>When:</b> Monday 5 March (10 weeks) <b>Time:</b> 7.00pm-9.00pm <b>Tutor:</b> Debbie Balcombe <b>Cost:</b> \$115.00 <i>Do you want to learn how to communicate with deaf people and the hearing impaired? An exciting opportunity to start learning NZ Sign Language with fun group activities.</i> <b>Communication Pathway</b>	<b>Beginners Waiata Ukulele</b> <b>Where:</b> REAP House <b>When:</b> Thursday 8 March (6 weeks) <b>Time:</b> 6.30pm-8.30pm <b>Tutor:</b> Connie Pinker <b>Cost:</b> \$60.00 <i>This will be a fun, interactive and Waiata focussed course. Once you have learnt the basic chords and words to popular Maori songs then this is the next level for you.</i> <b>Te Reo Pathway</b>	<b>Introduction to French</b> <b>Where:</b> REAP House <b>When:</b> Tuesday 10 April (6 weeks) <b>Time:</b> 7.00pm-9.00pm <b>Tutor:</b> Julia Young <b>Cost:</b> \$125.00 <i>A functional French language course with a mix of spoken and written: asking for directions, meeting people and shopping. French is Julia's passion. Let her share it with you.</i> <b>Tourism Pathway</b>
<b>Tractor Skills and Safety</b> <b>Where:</b> Rural property <b>When:</b> Tuesday 20 March <b>Time:</b> 9.00am-4.30pm <b>Tutor:</b> Mark Wills Agsafe Training Ltd <b>Cost:</b> \$125.00 <i>Develop skills in tractor safety on flat and undulating terrain, over pre-planned courses and PTO fittings, safety focussed. A must have qualification for rural Marlborough industries. As you will be at a rural location, please bring your own lunch. A motorbike or full car licence is required.</i> <b>Farming and Horticulture Industries Pathway</b>	<b>AA Defensive Driving Course</b> <b>Where:</b> REAP House <b>When:</b> 9,11,16 & 18 March <b>Time:</b> 6.00pm-7.30pm <b>Tutor:</b> Mike McCann <b>Cost:</b> \$150.00 includes manual and certificate <i>A solid course preparing for a successful outcome for Learner and Restricted licence holders. This will reduce wait times by six months by completing this course. Bring your licence. Also included is a 45 minute drive with Mike.</i> <b>Driving related Pathway</b>	<b>Quad Bike Safety and Handling</b> <b>Where:</b> Brancott Valley <b>When:</b> Tuesday 27 March <b>Time:</b> 9.00am-4.30pm <b>Tutor:</b> Mark Wills Ag Safe Training <b>Cost:</b> \$125.00 <i>Develop skills in riding a Quad Bike on flat and undulating terrain, over pre-planned courses and with trailers and loads - all with a safety focus. A must have qualification for rural Marlborough industries and perfect for bird scaring. Please bring your own lunch and warm sensible clothes with closed shoes. A motorbike or full car licence is required. Helmets and bike supplied.</i> <b>Farming and Horticulture Industries Pathway</b>	<b>Chainsaw Maintenance and Safety</b> <b>Where:</b> 247 Vickerman St, Grovetown <b>When:</b> Saturday 24 March <b>Time:</b> 9.00am-1.00pm <b>Tutor:</b> Tim Lovejoy David James Tree Services <b>Cost:</b> \$45.00 <i>Participants will be shown cleaning and maintenance, saw sharpening and chain adjusting, how to start and operate a chainsaw safely. Bring along your own chainsaw and any maintenance tools and eye, ear and leg protection.</i> <b>Employment Pathway</b>
<b>Introduction to Creative Writing</b> <b>Where:</b> REAP House <b>When:</b> Saturday 17 March <b>Time:</b> 9.30am-3.30pm <b>Tutor:</b> Niki Morrell <b>Cost:</b> \$80.00 <i>Learn how to pluck inspiration from nowhere, discover the most important literary form to master, and start a beautiful friendship with your inner ear. You might surprise yourself in this course! Suitable for all levels.</i>	<b>Introduction to Guitar</b> <b>Where:</b> REAP House <b>When:</b> Monday 5 March (4 weeks) <b>Time:</b> 6.30pm-8.00pm <b>Tutor:</b> Janice Thompson <b>Cost:</b> \$60.00 <i>A fun course for absolute beginners. Bring your own guitar and be surprised with your talents. Hard work, good fun, great tutor.</i>	<b>Home Wine Making</b> <b>Where:</b> REAP House <b>When:</b> Thursday 29 March & 12 April <b>Time:</b> 7.00pm-9.00pm <b>Tutor:</b> Brian Martin <b>Cost:</b> \$60.00 <i>Come along to this exciting course and learn how to make your own wine. The course will cover the basics of all grape wine production. Brian has a Diploma in Viticulture and Wine Production and vintage/industry experience.</i>	<b>Hebel Stone Carving</b> <b>Where:</b> REAP House <b>When:</b> Tuesday 17 April <b>Time:</b> 10.00am-4.00pm <b>Tutor:</b> Joan Clark <b>Cost:</b> \$80.00 <i>This is a hands-on practical entry level course using a soft concrete based product. Learn the basic of working with a 3 dimensional object. Masks and gloves provided but old clothes and apron advisable.</i>
<b>Wheat Free/Gluten Free Baking</b> <b>Where:</b> Foundry Kitchen, Wesley Centre <b>When:</b> Saturday 7 April <b>Time:</b> 1.00pm-5.00pm <b>Tutor:</b> Annette Michna-Konigstorfer <b>Cost:</b> \$60.00 <i>Learn to make wheat free bread, crackers, tortillas, cake brownies and more. We will discuss the pros and cons of a gluten free diet and making your own flour mix. (This course is not suitable for celiac as utensils have been used for bread making courses prior and may have traces of wheat.)</i>	<b>Financial Advice for Women</b> <b>Where:</b> REAP House <b>When:</b> Tuesday 3 April (3 weeks) <b>Time:</b> 7.00pm-9.00pm <b>Tutor:</b> Jac Lockington <b>Cost:</b> \$40.00 <i>Are you a woman starting out in the financial world, or starting over after a relationship breakdown? As overwhelming as this can seem, Jac and her team offer a relaxed and interactive course designed to put the power in your pocket! Topics include: Keeping money safe and protected, Trusts and the Relationship Property Act, Financial goals, Income insurance, Financial plans, goal setting and making it a reality.</i>	<b>Stepping Up Programme</b>  <b>Ongoing Free Computer Courses held at the Picton and Blenheim Libraries.</b> <b>Topics include:</b> Computer Basics, Word 1 and 2, Trade Me, Skype, Email, Tablets, Digital Photos and Facebook. <b>Enrol at the library.</b> <b>Computer and Technology Pathway</b>	<b>Driving Courses</b>  <b>Subsidy available on upskilling driving courses</b> <b>Fork Lift, P Passenger, Dangerous Goods, Class 2-5 Truck Licence, Rollers, Tracks and Wheels, Four Wheel Drive, Light Utility and more.</b> <b>Contact Grant Ingersoll Master Drive Services 5794305 or 0800 637 000 to make your booking to help you gain qualifications in this industry certificated course. Bring your receipt to REAP Marlborough for a \$50.00 subsidy.</b> <b>Driving related pathway</b>
<b>Learn to Make Cheese</b> <b>Where:</b> Rarangi <b>When:</b> Tuesday 13 March or Wednesday 21 March <b>Time:</b> 9.00am-1.00pm <b>Tutor:</b> Dot Fowle <b>Cost:</b> \$70.00 <i>This is a hands on course learning the principles for any cheese recipe. Make Feta, Mozzarella, Habumi and Ricotta. Discuss, taste and take home cheese. Bring something for a shared morning tea and a container to take home your cheese.</i>	<b>How to Trade Me</b> <b>Where:</b> REAP House <b>When:</b> Tuesday 17 April (2 weeks) <b>Time:</b> 1.00pm-3.00pm <b>Tutor:</b> Rosemary Coyle <b>Cost:</b> \$60.00 <b>Description to come</b>	<b>Introduction to Beer Brewing</b> <b>Where:</b> REAP House <b>When:</b> Wednesday 7 March & 18 April <b>Time:</b> 7.00pm-9.00pm <b>Tutor:</b> Mark Rea Home Brewers of Marlborough <b>Cost:</b> \$80.00 <i>Confidently learn how to make a kit beer and a full grain beer. A hands on practical course with expert information, explanation and theory. A bottling session will be arranged then an informative tasting and reviewing evening with your beer along with other different beer brews and styles.</i> <b>Participants must be over 18.</b>	<b>GrowSafe Certificate</b> <b>Where:</b> Nelson Marlborough Institute of Technology, Budge St <b>When:</b> Wednesday 9 May <b>Time:</b> 8.30am-4.00pm <b>Tutor:</b> Dean Bowden <b>Cost:</b> \$310.00 <i>To identify and interpret agricultural product information and demonstrate knowledge of safety with agriculturals. A \$50.00 subsidy from REAP Marlborough has been included.</i> <b>Improving Employment Pathway</b>
<b>First Aid Course</b>  <b>Where:</b> Wantwood Room, Wairau Valley <b>When:</b> Saturday 17 March <b>Time:</b> 9.00am-5.00pm <b>Tutor:</b> Nine Scott Triple One Care <b>Cost:</b> \$105 Full or \$72 Refresher REAP Subsidy included <i>This is a NZQA recognised course aimed at all those who need skills for life in their everyday environments. It is appropriate for anyone who wants first aid skills for home, work or recreation, or who needs a certificate that fulfills their legal workplace requirements.</i>	<b>Infant First Aid Course</b>  <b>Where:</b> REAP House <b>When:</b> Friday 16 March <b>Time:</b> 10.00am-12.00noon <b>Tutor:</b> Nine Scott Triple One Care <b>Cost:</b> \$20.00 <b>Essential First Aid tips for your baby. Choking, CPR, Burns, Fever, Allergic Reactions and more.</b>	<b>Weaving a Wahakura Wananga (baby basket)</b> <b>Tutors:</b> Marama Burgess, Bev Maata-Hart & Rima Riwaaka <b>Where:</b> Kaiwaka Marae Picton <b>When:</b> Weekend 7 and 8 April <b>Time:</b> 10.00am-4.00pm <b>Cost:</b> \$100.00 <i>This is a 2 day comprehensive course to make and pass on this precious whanau knowledge. Preparation of flax needs to be done pre course. Full list of requirements on enrolment. Prior weaving experience necessary. Please bring a shared lunch for both days.</i> <b>This course has been subsidised by REAP Marlborough and Nelson Marlborough District Health Board</b> <b>Maori Health and Traditions Pathway</b>	

**Coming up in Term 2** Making Face Creams, Winter Pruning, Grapevine Art, Barista, Power of Attorney, Family Trusts, Relaxation Massage, Chalk Paint Furniture, Sausage Making, Fermented Food, Mosaic Watercolours, Growsafe Certificate, Felting

Payment secures enrolment: Westpac 03 05990321 27200 or cash or cheque at REAP House 19 George Street, Blenheim Phone 5787848 Email: admin@reapmarlborough.co.nz www.reapmarlborough.co.nz

Subsidy available if you have no or level one qualifications.



Are you a new trustee looking for clarity about your role and responsibilities?

Are you an experienced trustee who wants to keep up-to-date with new ways of doing things?

Are you a Manager who wants to know what you can reasonably expect from your Board?

### Join us for a one-day workshop on **'GETTING STARTED WITH GOVERNANCE'**

A practical guide to governance without all the fluff and jargon

In this workshop you will discover:

Common Models for Non-Profit Governance:

Policeman, Partner, and Pilot

What model does your Board currently use?

Is this still the right model for your organisation?

If not, how can you shift from where you are to where you want to be?

Board Roles and Responsibilities

What does this look like in a real sense? Who does what?

What is the purpose of a Strategic Plan...really?

Expectations for Trustees

What can be reasonably expected from individual trustees?

What behaviours should trustees demonstrate on a consistent basis?

Best Practice Governance

What are practices that ensure Boards are working at their highest level?

How do you measure up?

Where: Blenheim Baptist Church, 8 Beaver Road, Blenheim

When: Thursday 22nd February, 9:00 a.m.—3:00 p.m.

Facilitator: Kerri Tilby-Price

Cost: \$50 per person

Register: [vm@volunteermarlborough.org.nz](mailto:vm@volunteermarlborough.org.nz) or (03) 577-9388

### ABOUT THE FACILITATOR



Kerri Tilby-Price has been involved with the community sector for 20 years and has worked as a Manager, Trustee, and Consultant with organisations of varying size and scale. She knows that a strong Board can be the difference between an organisation surviving and thriving, and is a passionate about sharing best practice governance in a practical way.

She is a sought-after facilitator and has a down-to-earth approach that makes the 'fluff and jargon' easy to understand and implement. She is a Member of the

Fundraising Institute of NZ and the NZ Association of Training and Development. Her workshops are always fun, practical, and designed to make a difference.

### WHAT OTHERS SAY

This has been so useful for helping us get better structure with well-defined roles and a clear Vision. Well set out, inspiring, and easy to follow.

*Natasha Biddle, Mockingbird*

I realise we need to improve communication, fill policy gaps, look at succession planning, and revise Vision and Mission. Extremely relevant, well explained, and easy to understand.

*Tessa Blackett, BOP Film*

Didn't get boring—which was a pleasant surprise! Made me more focused and aware of what we need to do over the coming 12 months.

*Wendy Guthrie, Budget Advisory Service Rangitiki*

A huge foundation block for our plane without a pilot! We now have a plan moving forward.

*Debbie Henton, Budget Advisory Service Rangitiki*

This has made a huge difference. So many points to take away and discuss with the Board. Clear presentation and great handouts.

*Toni-Lee Hawira, Live for More*



Contact Exult:

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## VIKI IS COMING TO THE MARLBOROUGH CHILDREN'S TEAM

In March the Marlborough Children's Team is moving from the "Shared Workspace" to the centralised ViKI Client Management System (Vulnerable Kids Information System).

Along with this change, all new referrals will be managed by way of a centralised Hub

### What does this mean for you?

As a past or potential referrer we would like to invite you to attend a short presentation where the changes will be set out, a demonstration of the on-line referral form will be made, and the role of the Hub explained. There will also be an opportunity for questions.

**Venue:** The Salvation Army Lounge, Cnr George & Henry Streets

**Date:** Monday 19 February 2018

**Time:** 1.30 – 3.00 with time for refreshments and networking

**RSVP:** For catering purposes please confirm your attendance with our Administrator Adele [adele.large@mvcot.govt.nz](mailto:adele.large@mvcot.govt.nz)

by Wednesday 14 February 2018



**Victim Support** is having it's first intake for new Volunteer Support Workers in February. Training days are 24 and 25 February and

3rd and 4th March. All four days are mandatory attendance.

Potential volunteer Support Workers must be able to relate to people from all walks of life and have a genuine desire to be there when victims need them and provide practical and emotional support. Full training and support is provided to those who pass the recruitment process.

If anyone is interested in supporting people in the community who have been affected by crime or trauma please apply online on our Website [www.victimsupport.org.nz](http://www.victimsupport.org.nz)

### FREE FAMILY LAW WORKSHOP FOR COMMUNITY-BASED ORGANISATIONS IN MARLBOROUGH

If you work with children or families in Marlborough then you might want to pop **Wednesday 21 February** in your diary. Ebborn Law principal lawyer, Erin Ebborn, along with Marlborough manager, Rachel Black, are hosting a free seminar on the intersection between family law and frontline services.

Register at [www.EbbornLaw.co.nz](http://www.EbbornLaw.co.nz)



## NOTICES

### Charities Services—New Reporting Standards Reminder

Registered Charities are now required to prepare financial statements that comply with new standards.

There are 4 reporting tiers, but most charities will fall under either tier 3 or tier 4. Use:

- Tier 3 if your annual expenses are under \$2million and you use accrual accounting
- Tier 4 if your annual expenses are under \$125,000 and you use cash accounting.

Charities Services website has lots of resources to help you, including video tutorials, templates and guidance notes, visit <https://www.charities.govt.nz/new-reporting-standards>

### Community Workers' Group Inc

This is the group that:

- Organises the monthly Networking Meetings held on the second Monday of every month.
- Organises the Community Newsletter. Your organisation can put information and articles into it.
- Makes connections with networks in other communities and nationally through our membership of New Zealand Council of Social Services.

Meetings coming up:

- **12 February 2018**
- **12 March 2018**



**SATURDAY 31 MARCH**  
**TO**  
**MONDAY 2 APRIL**

**HAVELOCK LIONS BOOK FAIR**

**BOOKS**  
**BOOKS & BOOKS**  
**REFRESHMENTS**  
**SAUSAGE SIZZLE**

**PROCEEDS TO COMMUNITY PROJECTS**

**HAVELOCK TOWN HALL 9.00 AM TO 1.00 PM**

Have your say, make a difference,  
 join our Youth on Boards programme today!

**CALLING ALL 16 - 24 YEAR OLDS**



- Are you interested in issues that affect young people in Marlborough?
- Would you like to represent the views & opinions of young people?

Learn: Leadership, Politics, Events, Project Management,  
 Research Skills, Negotiation, Presenting, Training

Influence: Schools, Youth Groups, Local and National Government,  
 Community Organisations

**APPLICATIONS CLOSE 9 FEBRUARY 2018**

For more information call us on:

**(03) 577-9388**

or email: [mg@volunteermarlborough.org.nz](mailto:mg@volunteermarlborough.org.nz)

[www.volunteermarlborough.org.nz](http://www.volunteermarlborough.org.nz)  
[www.facebook.com/VolunteerMarlborough](https://www.facebook.com/VolunteerMarlborough)



Family works are looking for mentors to spend an hour a week with kids, you just need to listen, hang out and have fun!

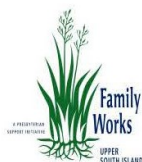


#### Mentors Needed!

- \*10 year old boy into tramping and hunting in Havelock
- \*8 year old into skateboards
- \*7 year old girl into art and swimming
- \*9 year old boy into fishing

For more information contact:  
[darlenep@psusi.org.nz](mailto:darlenep@psusi.org.nz)

Phn: 03 5779005  
 Ext: 709



**BLenheim**  
**THE SALVATION ARMY**  
**LIBRARY**

**OPEN DAY!**

**FRI 16 FEB '18 • 4PM**

An event for families with children aged 0-5

**Toys out for playing with**

**BBO & Café**

**Bouncy Castle**

**Balloons**

**Activities - incl. water play**

35 George Street 578 0862

**The Salvation Army Blenheim**

**Take a  
moment  
to connect**

**ihc**  
IN YOUR COMMUNITY

## IHC Volunteering

*Volunteers supporting people with intellectual disability*

### How can you volunteer with IHC?

There are many ways that you can volunteer with IHC. We have volunteers throughout our organisation, from IHC Association volunteers who help us with local IHC activities, events and governance and local fundraising volunteers.

IHC also has a rewarding one-to-one volunteer programme that encourages friendship and learning in the community.

All IHC volunteers help to make a big difference to the lives of people with intellectual disabilities.

### What is one-to-one volunteering with IHC?

It is about one-to-one friendship. By taking a moment to connect with someone with an intellectual disability, volunteers make a positive difference in the life of another. The main emphasis of this role is volunteers including a person with them while doing something they usually do. This is what makes IHC Volunteering unique.

### How does it work?

We pair volunteers up with a person who has similar interests. It may be providing support to learn a new skill, achieve a personal goal or hanging out together to do something they both enjoy. The relationship is one-to-one and volunteers meet with their friend regularly. This means that volunteers spend time with only one person and they can get to know each other.

### Why one-to-one?

Because learning one-to-one works well. Group activities can sometimes be the only option available to a person with intellectual disability and we've found that some people work best one-to-one. We've found that volunteers bring their own unique skills and experience to the friendship which sustains learning in a fun, friendly and supportive environment.

### Who can volunteer?

We welcome applicants from 17 years of age and from all walks of life. People with intellectual disabilities have diverse interests and backgrounds so the more varied volunteers we have the easier it is to match people. Having a genuine interest in developing a connection with someone with an intellectual disability is a prerequisite.

### What support do I receive as a volunteer?

The regional volunteer coordinator will provide a full orientation to IHC, along with relevant training to the person they are matched with. Initially volunteers meet frequently with the coordinator either in person or over the phone. There are regular scheduled reviews that will ensure the friendship is successful.

### For more information

Jane Peoples  
Volunteer Coordinator  
027 836 0342 / 03 538 1115  
jane.peoples@ihc.org.nz

[www.ihc.org.nz/volunteer](http://www.ihc.org.nz/volunteer)



We invite the community to contact us this month to contribute to our Annual Planning. February 1st was an Open Day for community feedback and for the next month we invite any ideas and suggestions for what you would like to see in our community. This may include support options, training and education opportunities. We would like to support everyone in the best way possible and we would like feedback about how others may see this happening.

Please contact Lyn, Nikki or Karina at the address, phone or email below. All the very best for 2018

68 Seymour Street  
BLENHEIM  
[sfmarlb@xtra.co.nz](mailto:sfmarlb@xtra.co.nz)  
Ph: 5775491



## Thinking about volunteering?

Alzheimers Marlborough is looking for volunteers to join our wonderful team who assist the staff in our Day Programme.

By volunteering for us you will support the person with dementia to stay in their own home longer and give the carer much needed respite.

There are both morning and afternoon shifts, Monday to Friday. These can be discussed and negotiated.

If you are interested in learning more about volunteering for us please call **577 6172**.

## Concerned about somebody with memory loss?

Our Community Support Workers can assist the family to get a diagnosis and provide ongoing support.

Phone (03) 577 6172

[help.marlb@alzheimers.org.nz](mailto:help.marlb@alzheimers.org.nz)



## Totara Club

Day programme for Older people .

Activity and social support group  
Companionship, Fun and laughter!

(Home cooked lunch, morning tea  
and afternoon tea provided)

Pick up by our van.

10am-3pm Monday to Friday

Enquires to Cherie or Libby 5779005  
or email [amlbtotara@psusi.org.nz](mailto:amlbtotara@psusi.org.nz)

## Community Newsletter

These newsletters go out bi-monthly. The next newsletter for 2018 will be April 2018. Information about services you provide, upcoming events, training opportunities, etc are welcome. Please get your items to Lyne Reeves at Council by **Friday, 23 March for the April issue**. Email to [lyne.reeves@marlborough.govt.nz](mailto:lyne.reeves@marlborough.govt.nz)

## Quote

*"Even if you're on the right track, you'll get run over if you just sit there." - Will Rogers*