

# Marlborough Lines

*Energising Marlborough's Future*

## Bright futures for scholarship recipients

Marlborough Lines was thrilled to present the 2023 Marlborough Colleges Tertiary Study Awards to three students from across the region earlier this month.

The recipients of this year's awards were Flynn Turfrey-Rowe from Queen Charlotte College, Stella Henry from Marlborough Girls' College and Fynn Hawes from Marlborough Boys' College.

Each year three students (one from each of the region's colleges), with the desire, commitment, and capability to embark on tertiary study in the fields of science or engineering are selected for the \$20,000 scholarship, which is allocated in \$5,000 lump sums over four years.

Marlborough Lines CEO Tim Cosgrove and Human Resources Manager Rebecca Wheeler presented the students with their awards earlier this month and said the scholarship could make a big difference for the young adults as they head off to study next year.

"Marlborough Lines recognises that it's more of a financial challenge for young adults in Blenheim to travel to the larger centres for university study," Rebecca says. "We hope this scholarship can help make studying and living away from home a little easier for these promising young people, so they can continue to follow their passion and achieve their goals, beyond college."

## Marlborough Lines community commitment

Marlborough Lines supports regional growth through sponsorships that align with our mission to Grow Marlborough Together.

Marlborough Lines sponsorship budget comprises up to 1% of its annual revenue, which amounted to \$401,000 for the financial year ended 30 June 2023. This was distributed among 28 worthy initiatives including Marlborough Riding for the Disabled, School Start First Impressions Marlborough, Blenheim and Picton Christmas Parades and the Kārearea Falcons in Marlborough Schools Programme.

Our 2023 sponsorship budget is now fully allocated and we are not seeking any additional sponsorships at this stage. Our website will be updated when the next round of sponsorship funding opens. Stay tuned and find out more about our sponsorship programme here:

<https://www.marbloroughlines.co.nz/sponsorships>



## Cultivating a greener tomorrow

**Marlborough Lines staff and their families donned gumboots and rolled up their sleeves to help plant 450 plants for the Pine Valley Restoration Project, on Saturday 11 November.**

Seventeen adults and 10 children pitched in, enjoying the sunshine and the opportunity to take part in the project that will become an environmental legacy.

Marlborough Lines Health, Safety, Environment and Quality Manager Rebeca Clifton says while the digging was challenging in places, everyone worked together to get the job done, before heading back to Pine Valley Outdoor Centre for a barbecue.

"The Outdoor Centre is such a wonderful asset for our Marlborough community to enjoy," Rebeca says. "We look forward to seeing the results of our work in a few years' time as the plants grow."

Project Coordinator Talia Burton-Walker says a huge amount of progress has been made on the wetland restoration project over the past 12 months. So far they've been focusing on the tough work of clearing weeds, studying the biodiversity and mapping the waterways, with 12 groups planting more than 2000 plants.

"It's heartening to see the progress. A year ago it was impenetrable and we now have a pathway and we've discovered there's a larger area of water than we first thought," Talia says.

"As the eco system restores and water quality improves, we hope to see the biodiversity increase and more and more species return here. We had no weka here last year and we've just seen some baby weka hanging around, which is pretty exciting."

Marlborough Lines is proud to be a major sponsor of the The Pine Valley Wetland Restoration Project, just one of many community projects and organisations that received funding over the past year through our sponsorship programme.

## Be prepared for a power outage

We understand any power outage - whether unplanned such as vehicle accident or storm, or planned when we need to disconnect your electricity supply for maintenance or upgrade work - can be inconvenient.

Being prepared and having a plan for your home or business will help you manage until the power is back on. Below are some tips to help you prepare for a power outage.

- Create an emergency kit with useful items such as torches, battery-operated radios, spare batteries, candles, first aid kit, cash etc.
- Consider your water supply – make sure you have a good supply of drinking water and spare clean water to wash and flush your toilet with if your supply relies on an electric pump.
- Plan your day and your meals. You can cook

and boil water using a barbecue or gas stove, so ensure you have sufficient fuel.

- If someone in your house is dependent on medical equipment, contact your power company to ensure they are aware.
- Charge your phone and important devices every night and keep a power bank fully charged, just in case.
- Know how to override electric garage doors or gates and ensure your vehicle has sufficient fuel.
- Consider surge protectors on power-sensitive devices such as televisions and desktop computers.
- Stay connected – ensure everyone in the house knows the national emergency numbers (111 for emergencies, 105 for non-emergencies) and other important numbers. Stay connected on social media; Marlborough Lines will update its Facebook page and website with important information during emergency events.

## Celebrating 100 years

On 25 October 2023, Marlborough Lines Ltd celebrated its, and its predecessors the Marlborough Electric Power Board and Marlborough Electric Limited, 100-year anniversary. A book has been published to mark the occasion and to recognise the generations of men, women and families whose lives and work have contributed to forming, building and maintaining the business now known as Marlborough Lines Limited. Were it not for their tenacity, skills, knowledge, foresight and the support of partners and families, often left at home during the necessary work of keeping the network live, the province of Marlborough would be much the poorer.