

Marlborough Lines

Energising Marlborough's Future



Driving positive change with New Zealand's largest charge hub

Marlborough Lines' new EV charge hub in central Blenheim is expected to provide a boost for the town's businesses as well as a handy, fast charge option for EV owners.

The Park Terrace EV Charge Hub has six EV car parks (suitable for CCS and CHAdeMO types) and three 150kW chargers with two sockets each, capable of charging six EVs simultaneously.

To activate the chargers, users simply needed to download the ChargeNet app onto their smartphones, or use their ChargeNet RFID fob or card.

With six chargers currently available and three more to be installed by another supplier soon, Marlborough Lines Commercial Manager Scott Wilkinson says it is currently the biggest single charge site in the country.

"Marlborough Lines is proud to be leading the charge in developing the infrastructure required to support the growing demand for electric vehicles," Scott says.

"The fast charging hub fits with our vision for Energising Marlborough's Future - with its central location, it's great for Blenheim and is great for EV owners as an easy-to-use, fast charging experience."

The chargers were on a different scale to any other EV charger in Marlborough and could charge a standard electric vehicle in about 30 minutes, he says.

Strategically located adjacent to SH1 in central Blenheim - close to the supermarket and Blenheim shops and cafes - the charge hub was ideal for travellers passing through or for locals needing a quick top up.

Since the charge hub opened in early November, Marlborough Lines had been pleased to see that usage had already exceeded expectations.

David Reddecliffe from Richmond in Nelson, was very excited to learn about the installation of the new charge hub in Blenheim and took a detour on his way home from Christchurch to test it out.

Driving his Tesla Y, which has a range of about 325 kms on the open road, he arrived in Blenheim with 15% charge and only needed about 15 minutes charge-time to get home to Richmond.

"The charge hub was in the perfect location, it was easy to use and is head and shoulders above other charging facilities in the South Island," David says.

While he usually drove through Lewis Pass, he plans to change his commute to drive through Blenheim as he saved more time using the faster 150kW chargers, he says.

Scott says the development adds value to the region, while supporting the electrification of the nation's electric vehicle fleet and contributing to the reduction of greenhouse gas emissions.

"The high charging capacity allows for rapid charging, while minimising wait times for users, making this an investment that will continue to deliver well into the future as the New Zealand vehicle fleet transitions to electric" Scott says.

Prioritising workplace health and wellbeing



Marlborough Lines was thrilled to win the Medium Business category of the Southern Cross Health Insurance Wayfinder Awards at a presentation ceremony in Auckland on 21 November.

The awards were created to encourage businesses to explore innovative ways to improve leadership and employee engagement through workplace wellbeing, and to champion those who have already made this central to their business strategy and part of their organisation's culture.

There were six categories comprising two individual and four business awards. The Small, Medium, and Large business categories celebrate companies which have woven workplace wellbeing into their core strategies, with a specific focus on the last 12 months.

While there is always work to do to continually improve workplace health and wellbeing, we are proud of the initiatives and benefits we have in place to support our employees to thrive and make Marlborough Lines a great place to work.

Boat Safety

Boating is one of Marlborough's most popular recreational activities and we want to ensure you stay safe doing it.

- Whether on the land or in the water carefully look around and up before raising or moving sailboat masts, oars, or fishing poles. A sailboat mast, spar, rigging, antenna, or flat mast poses potential danger around power lines. Power lines may cross small bodies of water and launching ramps, so watch out for overhead electric lines near boat docks and piers.
- When hauling, docking, or transporting a boat, be sure to remove or lower any metal equipment that could come into contact with power lines.
- Remember, high voltage electricity can jump to your mast or aerial if they get near enough to a power line, which can result in serious burns or death for you or those nearby.
- If a boat mast has brought down the powerlines around a car, the safest way to avoid electric shock is for occupants to stay in the car until help arrives.
- They should only try to get away from the car if another urgent matter, such as a fire in the car, forces them to evacuate, and should jump well clear of the vehicle.

Christmas message and holiday office hours

The Marlborough Lines team wishes you all a bright and merry Christmas and a safe and happy New Year.

Our offices will

Close: Friday 22 December 2023 at 12.00pm and Re-open: Monday 8 January 2024 at 8.00am

For urgent faults call us 24/7 on 03 577 7007

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If you have no power, please check your main switchboard prior to reporting the fault. If the fault is reported to us and we find the fault to be on your installation, and not our network, we may invoice for any costs incurred.