



## Trim your trees for public safety and to maintain electricity supply

Trees growing too close to powerlines are a major cause of power outages and prevent Marlborough Lines crews from making quick repairs, causing further delays returning power to customers.

Many outages could be prevented if trees were set back from power lines, out of reach of toppling trees and falling branches, and well maintained to ensure swaying branches do not clash with lines.

Vegetation that gets too close to powerlines can also create fire hazards and danger of electric shock and electrocution. Some children love to climb trees, which can be especially dangerous if there are power lines nearby.

To ensure the safety of our community and maintain electricity supply, Marlborough Lines operates an ongoing and extensive vegetation control programme to reduce the risk of trees contacting power lines.

According to the Electricity (Hazards from Trees) Regulations 2003, it is the responsibility of tree owners to ensure their trees don't grow too close to power lines. If your trees are growing near power lines, it's important you understand your legal obligations.

Visit our website [www.marlboroughlines.co.nz](http://www.marlboroughlines.co.nz) to find out more.

## Pine Valley Wetland Restoration Project

Marlborough Lines is proud to announce it has partnered with the Pine Valley Outdoor Centre Trust, as a major sponsor of the Pine Valley Wetland restoration project.

Project co-ordinator Talia Burton-Walker says the restoration of the wetland area, located where the North Bank and Pine Valley Roads intersect, will provide a boost for the local eco-system, create a beautiful place to visit and provide an opportunity for children and young people to participate 'hands-on' with a conservation project.

"We envisage every school or group that takes part in this project will have an individual area for their plantings," Talia says.

"Eventually when this area is open to the public, they can return here with their families and enjoy the special space they have helped to create."

## Marlborough Lines and Grovetown School team up for powerline friendly planting

**In a recent community collaboration, more than 400 powerline friendly plants were planted at Grovetown School, replacing a huge hedge that was growing dangerously close to high voltage power lines.**

The 120 metre-long hedge was growing close to LV and 11kV power lines, adjacent to the school playground.

Grovetown School principal Eve Sutherland said while the hedge was a community landmark, ultimately the financial savings of not having to continually trim the hedge helped the school decide to allow Marlborough Lines to remove the trees.

"The best part was Marlborough Lines discussed the entire project with our students, so everyone understood what we were doing and the reason why," Eve says.

"Students had an opportunity to work together and create a design concept, including some pretty cool features for our pump track, which they now get to enjoy every day."

"With the help of students, teachers and parents around 400 plants were planted, and we are excited to see them grow and provide enjoyment for our community in the years to come," she says.

Marlborough Lines chief executive, Tim Cosgrove said while the full impact of the landscaping won't be apparent for a few years, Marlborough Lines hoped it would give property owners an idea of what can be achieved without planting tall growing trees.

"In time we hope it will become an excellent example of what can be achieved with powerline friendly planting, all thanks to the support of Grovetown School and the community. We are delighted with the result," Tim says.

Planning on planting at your property? Check out our comprehensive guide of powerline friendly vegetation: [www.marlboroughlines.co.nz/trees-vegetation](http://www.marlboroughlines.co.nz/trees-vegetation)

## Have you checked out our new website?

Our new and improved website was launched at the end of May and is a great way to get information about power outages, as well as access online forms for a range of services Marlborough Lines provides including:

- Requesting a new or altering an existing, electricity connection
- Connecting distributed generation (e.g., solar)
- Requesting a safety disconnect
- Close Approach Permit applications
- Requesting a cable location
- Registering your EV
- Job applications
- Sponsorship applications

Scan the QR code to check it out or visit [www.marlboroughlines.co.nz](http://www.marlboroughlines.co.nz)

