

## SOUNDS ADVISORY GROUP REPORT for AGM 2025

As SAG representative I attended three of the four meetings, with Kevin Bright attending the March 2024 meeting while I was away. All three Sounds ward councillors were in attendance, and meetings well chaired by Barbara Faulls.

This is a brief summary of those meetings as the minutes are available on the Council website.

### 8th July 2024

- Coastal Science Update – Importance of Seagrass on estuary and intertidal health.
- Wilding Pine Control Programme – John Hellstrom.
- Chorus – Progress to withdrawal of copper line services.

### 25th November 2024

- New community representatives and resignations of Eric Jorgensen and Lynley Perkins
- Introduction of MDC CEO John Boswell
- Introduction of Johnny Joseph, MDC Kaihautu and his team.
- Coastal Science Update – Oliver Wade – Havelock Estuary Report and the Nydia Bay Report. Keep Off The Seagrass!
- Te Hoiere Project Annual Report – Rachel Russell – Project Manager. 29,000 plants planted at the Havelock Causeway.
- Policy and Strategic Policy Update – Pere Hawes – PMEP still a few outstanding appeals.
- DOC Update – Flood damage at Pelorus Bridge – QC Track upgrades and maintenance.

### 24th March 2025

- Draft Waste Management Bylaw – Mark Lucas – Waste Minimisation needed – Costs of landfill not sustainable.
- Marlborough Roads Update – Steve Murrin & Fern McGraw, Network Manager and introducing Wayne Oldfield, the new Marlborough Roads System Manager.
- Sounds Restoration Trust – John Hellstrom – need for ungulate control.
- Pelorus Health Trust – Glenda Davies – Serving a large area and needs from Havelock.
- Marlborough Emergency Management – Space Weather – Kaja Mazzotti-Vetter and Matt Kerr. Planning for solar interference – and earthquake preparedness.
- DOC Update – Margot Ferrier – Possible closure and removal of facilities below road at Cowshed Bay.

Next Meeting 16th June 2025