

SOUNDS ADVISORY GROUP REPORT for AGM 2024

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

19th June 2023

Captain Jake Oliver – Harbourmaster. Review of Navigation Bylaw, Havelock Channel - build up of material and possible need for dredging.

Response and Community Planning – Dave Parsons & Gary Spence Emergency Management operations Centre – Civil Defence.

Marlborough Sounds Future Access Study – Neil Henry – re drop in sessions and submissions etc.

Three Waters - Written update from MDC CEO – Mark Wheeler.

Marlborough Hill Country Erosion Programme – James Mills-Kelly, MDC Land Resource Officer – Erosion Control Plans.

MPI Update – Written Report.

Marlborough Roads – Steve Murrin.

Sounds Representatives Updates – Reports from all present.

28th August 2023

GNS Marlborough Sounds Storm Report – Links to MDC website reports – A study is looking into how visitors can be advised of the dangers of landslide risks while staying in a rental holiday home.

Marlborough Roads Update – Steve Murrin – large report, which has largely been circulated.

Nautical & Coastal Science Update – Katie Littlewood – link available to latest water quality report – water is warming and this will have an impact on the environment – red algae bloom in Waikawa not toxic.

Fresh Water & Farm Plan Regulations – Dr Sarah Pearson and Nic Dann – yet another plan requirement for all farms.

Te Hoiere Project – Rachel Russell – MfE at risk catchments program. – Currently catchment is good but deteriorating. – impacts on Havelock estuary with sedimentation. Links to further information. 15 page appendix to minutes.

DoC Update – Dave Hayes – Project to restore wetland on D`Urville Island ongoing – Blumine Island is predator free – Mohua parrots released as part of breeding program – QC track repairs continuing – parts of Perano whaling station closed off due to safety concerns.

Sounds Representatives Updates – reports from all present.

27th November 2023 (Kevin Bright attended in my place.)

The minutes are available – 65 pages including appendices.

Of Note for KCSRA members – Solid Waste Management changes – Coin skips will be replaced with Remote Transfer Stations – sites to be confirmed – KCSRA roading committee met with MDC Solid Waste Manager and we have an assurance that consultation will take place.

Next SAG Meeting - 18th March 2024 at Picton. (I will be away so Kevin Bright is intending to be there.)

Regards – Ross Withell