

SPOTLIGHT ON TRANSPORT AND LOGISTICS



Transport and logistics is an important part of the Marlborough economy. Disruption to supply chains, such as experienced during COVID-19, have an impact on both our export industries (eg Aquaculture, Wine) and our regional economy (eg shortage of building materials). Approximately one-thousand people in Marlborough work in Transport, Postal and Warehousing occupations (Infometrics 2021).

Port Marlborough and CentrePort will establish a new inland cargo hub near Blenheim. The initiative provides a cargo hub and freight movement via road/rail to coastal and international shipping. The project has significant environmental and resilience benefits due to the proximity to exporters, direct link via State Highway 1 and lower carbon option via rail. It also supports coastal shipping which the Government identifies as important for strengthening and diversifying the supply chain.

'Inland Port' to be developed next to WineWorks, New Zealand's largest wine bottler. This will enable the efficient transfer of stock to and from the bottling plant and the use of electric tugs to reduce emissions. The project is a partnership between QuayConnect, the logistics Division of Port Nelson, WineWorks and local transport providers.

WineWorks has partnered with NMIT to develop a new, free qualification in Primary Industry Skills – Logistics and Distribution. Students will gain knowledge in the local warehouse and distribution sector and the opportunity to obtain a forklift licence for free.

WAITOHI PICTON FERRY REDEVELOPMENT

The project partners KiwiRail and Port Marlborough NZ alongside Mana Whenua partners Te Ātiawa o te Waka-a-Māui, Waka Kotahi and Marlborough District Council.



Two new custom-designed, hybrid-electric Interislander ferries carrying twice as many passengers as the current three ship fleet, 300 per cent more rail wagons and almost double the number of trucks and other vehicles.



200 full time construction related jobs and 100 jobs in indirect employment throughout the supply chain.



\$360 million invested in the Waitohi Picton Ferry Redevelopment including \$110 million from Marlborough District Council via Port Marlborough 100% owned by the Council.

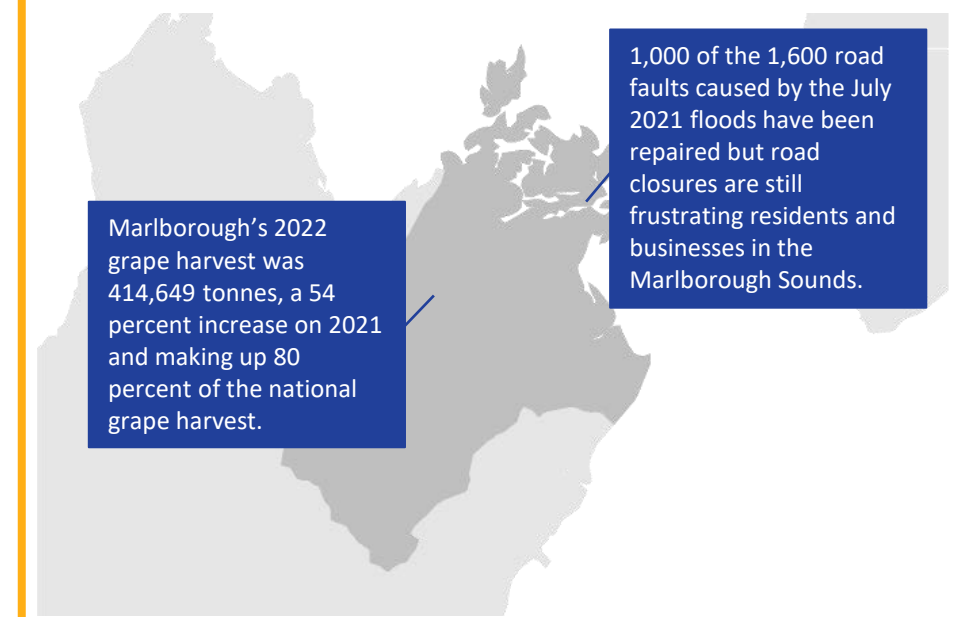
LABOUR MARKET ACTIVITIES

- **The inaugural Techstars Startup Weekend was held in Marlborough in June.** It was an immersive 54-hour event, and helped to inspire, support, and empower people to become entrepreneurs. Thirty-five participants across eight teams took part in the event organised by Business Trust Marlborough and the Marlborough District Council.
- **The Future of Work Conference was held in June,** and showcased what the workplace of tomorrow will look like for Marlborough youth. Over 40 industries and 80+ businesses provided hands on opportunities and career pathways in an interactive workstation zone. The one day, free conference, organised by the Graeme Dingle Foundation, was open to all Marlborough students Years 7-13.
- **New Zealand Ethical Employers (NZEE) Inc was launched at a conference in Marlborough.** NZEE aims to improve end-to-end quality of employment, to raise standards, and level the playing field so that competitiveness is not at the expense of the worker. Many of the viticulture labour supply companies that operate in Marlborough are foundation members of NZEE.

LABOUR MARKET OPPORTUNITIES

- **There are a number of large projects happening concurrently with the Waitohi Picton Ferry Redevelopment.** Coordination with other projects in the region is expected to happen at the construction level. The plan for accommodating the workers is for the project partners to work with the appointed construction firm/s to include local businesses that are able to offer accommodation.
- **Support to return to nursing, gain registration or train to become a nurse is being offered by Nelson Marlborough Health.** Flexible roles are being offered for people who have been out of the nursing, overseas nurses who need to complete a course to gain NZ registration, and those who want to train to become a nurse. The DHB posted 105 job ads during the month of May.
- **Infrastructure upgrades will allow future property development as average house prices increase.** The Council has completed \$13.7 million in large infrastructure projects in northwest Blenheim which allows for residential growth of up to 700 homes in this part of town. The average house value is almost \$750,000, as prices increased by 11.6 percent in the March 2022 quarter compared with a year earlier. Despite the very strong housing market the number of residential consents has been falling off in recent quarters. The population continues to grow at a faster rate than the national average.

THE MARLBOROUGH REGION



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30 JUNE 2022:**

Producing the first Marlborough regional workforce plan.