



MESSAGE FROM CEO SHARON

As 2022 quickly draws to a close I reflect upon all the amazing things that happened in our region over the past twelve months. Unfortunately not all have been great - floods not once but twice have had a massive impact on so many people and will continue to do so for quite some time. Watching the communities and agencies all rally round each providing support has been heart-warming and makes me proud to be a Marlburian.... am I though?...I've only lived here for 8 years but my late Nana was born in Seddon in 1912 so surely that counts!!!

At REAP we have had a year of significant changes - new building, new logo, some staff retired, new staff joined us, a couple of new contracts and several new opportunities for the community which will be shared in early 2023.

We have had many wonderful stories to share - in this newsletter you will hear about Yisella, one of our young former refugees from Colombia who was busy at the Women's Pamper Day in Havelock and also Eufrazia, our NZSL tutor, who has done so well in increasing positivity for beginners in NZ Sign Language and will be continuing to tutor night classes in 2023!

One of our HUGE successes this year has also been working with the Red Cross Pathway to Settlement Team in supporting the Former Refugees from Colombia to achieve their NZ Learners, Restricted and Full Drivers Licenses. We'd like to specifically acknowledge the time and effort of Carina from Red Cross who has provided translation at so many classes and driving lessons! Without Carina's input this would not have been so successful.

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SUMMER SHUT-DOWN

The REAP Marlborough office will close at 3pm on Friday, 16th December, and we will re-open from 9am on Monday, 16th January.





CEO Message (continued)

The Wairau Valley Bloke's Day was such a wonderful day supporting the 'blokes' in one of our rural communities. REAP was delighted that we could support this event which had over 30 Wairau Valley men enjoying a day of socialising and capped off by a chat with Doug Avery by the roaring fire discussing men's health & wellbeing. Keep an eye out for more ACC-funded events like this in 2023.... coming to a woolshed near you!



News - Removing Barriers

A student who attends Alternative Education was not getting there until after 9.30am each morning due to having to take his younger siblings to Primary School. Then they were needing to leave by 2.30pm each afternoon to pick them up again as Mum was working before and after school at commercial cleaning jobs.

We spoke with Mum to say that this could not continue, and looked at how REAP Marlborough could help the whānau overcome the barriers to being able to work so that Mum could be there before and after school for the younger tamariki.

Mum expressed an interest in becoming a barista so she attended a 4 hour workshop with our Barista Tutor, Brooke. This went really well and Mum gained confidence.

Just to make sure Mum was fully confident Shona also arranged a 1:1 follow-up barista training session. We then enrolled her on a First Aid course, and finally helped her to write a CV.

An interview was arranged by Mum herself at the local BP petrol station, and Mum armed with her new skills and CV was interviewed for a Barista position 4.30pm - 11.30pm (these hours meant that Dad would be home to look after the young tamariki).

GREAT NEWS! Mum got the job and now our rangatahi is no longer late to his classes and is more engaged with his learning!

View this story online and share → <https://bit.ly/barriers2022>



News - Connecting communities

We were approached by the Rural Women NZ Kenepuru Branch asking if we could help them with finding a Nail Technician to help out at the Pamper Day they were putting on for rural women from the Sounds after the recent flood events. The event was held at the Havelock Town Hall.

Selena from our REAP team knew that Yisella, one of our lovely former refugees from Colombia was a nail technician so Shona from our Adult Community Education team arranged for Yisella, with the support from Carina (Red

Cross Translator) to attend the Pamper Day - what a great success! And this was the perfect way for Yisella to connect with the wider Marlborough community.



Planning Day



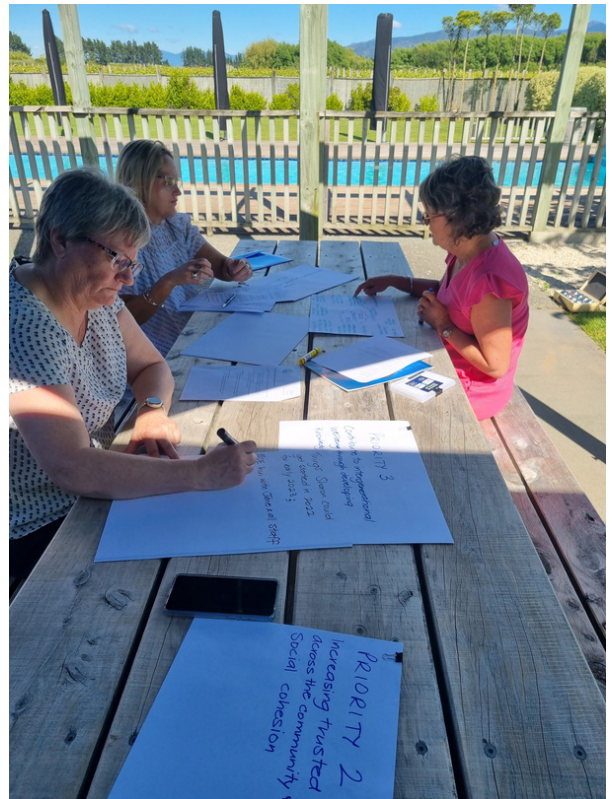
2022 was capped off recently by our team during our planning day at Misty Cove Winery! We had a relaxed but fun day packed with planning exercises, team-building, and kōrero with our newest team members (Renee Wood who facilitates our Adult Community Education programmes in Kaikoura and Sara Harwood who has been with the former refugees teaching the Learners Drivers Licence programme).

And the delicious food and drink provided by Misty Cove Wines along with the gorgeous Wairau Valley views made it even more enjoyable!



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He aha te mea nui o te ao?
What is the most important thing
in the world?

**He tāngata, he tāngata, he
tāngata.**
It is the people, it is the people, it
is the people.



Happenings in Kaikōura

The end of the year has arrived in a flurry of activity for our team down in Kaikōura with driving lessons, first aid courses, computer classes and an organic gardening course which is still running each Saturday.

In the third week of November, a defensive driving course was held for those people on their restricted licence wanting to get their full licence. The course is designed to make the student a more defensive driver and reduces your restricted licence time down from 18 months to 12 months. We had 12 students attend this and hope to run another one of these courses in the middle of next year.

We have also run a couple of first aid courses over a period of two days from November 14-15 covering unit standards 6401 & 6402 and for those wanting a more comprehensive programme, 6400. Our next course is booked for March 30-31.

On 30th November, we had the last class for our six week Computer Skills Course. We had seven attend this course covering basic computer skills and had some really great feedback!

"Sarah was great at meeting individual needs, especially when there were varying levels of knowledge. Delivered on specific requests and provided resources"



"Found the course really helpful. The tutors are patient and considerate."





Kaikōura (continued)



Organic Gardening, a course which has been running each Saturday and will continue until the 17th December, covers what is organic, soil science, crop rotation/intercropping/moon planting, compost and fertiliser, pest control and beneficial insects.

This course is \$5 per Saturday or \$20 for the full six week course. This is held at the Kaikōura Community Garden which is run by volunteers who meet every Friday at 1pm to maintain and grow the garden.

Please don't hesitate to come along to the last Saturday if you are keen.





New Staff



Renee Wood
Education Team, Kaikōura

Renee is the ACE coordinator for the Kaikōura region, based at Te Hā o Mātauranga at 14 Ludstone Road, Kaikōura.

Renee has called Kaikōura her home for 4 years and been at Te Hā o Mātauranga supporting the community to get Driver Licences for 2 years, before taking on the ACE coordinator role, too. Renee is excited to get adult education programmes running regularly in Kaikōura for the community!

Jo Leahy
Early Childhood Liaison

Ko Takitimu te waka
Ko te Ara a Kiwa te moana
Ko Takitimu, O Heikia nga māunga
Ko Aparima te awa
Ko Takutai o te Titi tōku marae
Ko Ngāi Tahu, Ngati Mamoe, Waitaha tōku iwi
Ko Jo Leahy ahau

Jo originates from Te Ika a Māui, where she grew up in the small fishing village of 'Ngawi' located on the southern Wairarapa coastline but she now calls Te Waipounamu home.

Jo is passionate about Early Childhood Education. She graduated in 1992 from Wellington College of Education and has had an interesting and varied teaching career having taught in Wellington, Auckland, London, the Wairarapa and lastly here in her favourite place, Te Waiharakeke.

Jo is committed to her chosen profession. She enjoys learning with and alongside our thriving ECE community. She has the utmost respect for the knowledge people bring with them and she consistently works to build positive and respectful relationships. This is her motto!





Adult & Community Education

Te Reo Māori (evening classes)

An introductory course covering basic Māori language skills and culture.

Location: REAP Marlborough
\$70.00 (6 week course)
Wednesdays, 6.00pm - 8.00pm
Tutor: Virgil Hills

Four courses to choose from:

29th Mar - 3rd May
7th June - 12th July
9th Aug - 13th Sept
11th Oct - 15th Nov

Te Reo Māori (daytime classes)

Location: REAP Marlborough
\$70.00
10am - 12pm
16th Mar - 20th April

Tutor: Glenna Casalme

Ukulele For Beginners

Learn the basics, including how to play some basic songs/waiata.

Location: REAP Marlborough
\$30.00
Mondays, 7.00pm - 8.30pm
Tutor: Kathrine Townshend

Two courses to choose from:

17th Apr - 22nd May
7th Aug - 11th Sept

Ukulele Part 2

For those that have some basic experience playing the ukulele or who have attended a Ukulele for Beginners class and want to learn a bit more.

Location: REAP Marlborough
\$30.00
Mondays, 7.00pm - 8.30pm
Tutor: Kathrine Townshend

Two courses to choose from:

12th June - 17th July
6th Nov - 11th Dec

Defensive Driving

Location: REAP Marlborough
\$170

6.00pm - 8.00pm

Five courses to choose from:

14th, 16th, 21st, and 23rd Feb
14th, 16th, 21st, and 23rd March
25th & 27th April, and 2nd & 4th May
16th, 18th, 23rd, and 25th May
13th, 15th, 20th, and 22nd June

Photography for Beginners

Learn how to master your camera and make the most of whatever camera you have.

Location: REAP Marlborough
\$65.00
Mondays, 6 - 8pm
20th Feb - 27th Mar

Tutor: Helen Nickisson



Schools

2023 - Language Learning

Would your school be interested in Spanish lessons or Sign Language lessons for your students?

Send us an email to register your interest - selena@reapmarlborough.co.nz



Somatosensory Regulatory Brain Breaks

A bunch of brain breaks featuring the amazing Sam Johnstone to help calm the brain and body. Great for schools, ECE, workplaces, and at home. Also really cool to help us all to self regulate.

<https://vimeo.com/775194396>

If you have any questions you can hit Sam up at samjohnstoneregulation@gmail.com



School Start First Impressions

They are dedicated to making the school transition successful for Marlborough's at-risk students as they first start school.

Find out more online:
www.ssfimarlborough.nz



Schools (continued)

RESOURCE - STEM Buddies

STEM Buddies is a short-animated series aimed at children aged 4-9, about the daily lives of four friends and their robot dog, Izzy the adventurer.

STEM Buddies makes learning fun and engaging while teaching with each episode addressing a STEM issue and containing a set of related learning objectives. The four friends each have an area they are passionate about within the STEM field.

The STEM Buddies app is free to download.
www.stem-buddies.com



PODCAST - Discovery

Discovery covers all sorts of science topics, from the soldier flies helping turn waste into food, fuel, and fertilizers to how to tackle climate change with an episode on a young inventor in India's solar-powered ironing cart.

For more fun articles and an in-depth guide to their podcast topics, check out their website:
www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/w3ct4kx1

This podcast is suitable for all ages and can be listened to on any Podcast streaming app/website.

KNOWLEDGE CAFE

These events are set up to build and strengthen relationships between ECE teachers and early primary teachers, and to facilitate discussions around making transition from ECE to Primary seamless.

Date: resuming Term 1, 2023



Schools (continued)

A few photos from this year's [Clued Up Kids](#) Day events around Marlborough that we were honoured to support:



We're proud of...

We're super proud of Eufrasia (pictured right, with Shona) for her amazing mahi as an NZSL tutor for REAP Marlborough and for inspiring more locals to learn NZ Sign Language when she was featured in the Marlborough Weekly!

Read the story on their website
→ <https://bit.ly/euphrasia22>





Community Spotlight

[Volunteer Marlborough](#) is an independent Volunteer Centre ([one of 17 across Aotearoa](#)) committed to promoting volunteerism and to assisting the people of Marlborough to find opportunities to become involved as volunteers.

VM does this by matching volunteers with the organisations where they will have the greatest impact, enjoyment and sense of contribution.

VM also works within the community to strengthen the sector through advocacy, support, and training for 200+ community organisations across the rohe.



How to get started on your volunteering journey:

1. Think about why you would like to volunteer. What would you like to achieve? Who would you like to help? What will you get out of it? These are important questions and will help guide your choice of role.
2. Check out [current opportunities on VM's website](#). Browse by type of role, location, or hours.
3. Register your interest. If you find a suitable role, then complete the application form at the bottom of the role description and you'll be contacted about how to proceed. There is no obligation at this stage – it's simply an opportunity to find out more about the role and how to get started.

If you would like an individual consultation to discuss your situation, arrange an appointment with one of [Volunteer Marlborough's team](#):

call 03 577 9388,

email vm@volunteermarlborough.org.nz,

or pop into the office at 1 Market Street, Blenheim.

You can also connect with Volunteer Marlborough on [Instagram](#), [Facebook](#), and [Twitter](#).



Acknowledgements

Christine, Kiwi Conveyancing Solutions

A huge thank you to Christine Jackson of [Kiwi Conveyancing Solutions](#) for sponsoring Waitaria Bay School to get from Havelock to the Omaka Aviation Heritage Centre (and back to Havelock) for their visit in November.

It's wonderful that a local business can help one of our more rural schools to bring their tamariki to Blenheim for a day of learning!

If you or your business is interested in sponsoring a local school for an activity such as this, please contact REAP Marlborough's CEO, Sharon - sharon@reapmarlborough.co.nz



Drummond & Etheridge

Our new Early Childhood Liaison, Jo Leahy, has been busy working with a great team at Drummond & Etheridge who have also recently sponsored the region's tamariki!

Mihi nui (huge thanks) to our the amazing team at Drummond & Etheridge (D&E) for their generous sponsorship. Just look at these amazing high vis vests that are going to keep our most precious taonga tamariki/children safe.

REAP is beyond grateful to Jason McLellan Blenheim's branch manager who has made this happen.

Having these vests available to the community to access when they are out in public will ensure tamariki are seen and no one is left behind.

Thanks again Drummond and Etheridge for your manaakitanga - we live in the greatest community!



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