

CANVASTOWN COMMUNITY MARKET DAY

Saturday 21st March, 9.00am—1.00pm

The **Canvastown Community Association** and local community members are organising a **Community Market Day** in the Playground & Hall on Saturday March 21st from 9am till 1.00pm.

If you would like to participate with goods to sell, assist in running events on the day etc. then please **register your interest now** by making contact with **Karen Kellaway on 03 574 1407** or **karenkellaway10@ gmail.com.**

Our community has lots of talented people and this is your chance to showcase your abilities to others and also assist us in raising funds towards developing the playground facilities and other community based projects.

Please support this event as we trial some new ideas locally to support our community.

Pelorus Area Health Trust

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HUGE BARN SALE Everything \$2 or less— Barn only

Hurry—last few days! Ends Friday 21st February

Grab a bargain in clothes, shoes, kitchenware, paintings, linen, kid's stuff etc

Havelock Charity Shop, Open Monday-Saturday



CANVASTOWN LADIES

The next Canvastown ladies get together will be on **Tuesday 3rd March**. We will have a shared lunch about **12.30**. Any queries please contact *Ruth Watson - 490 Tapps Road, ph 5742413 ruthwatson@wnation.net.nz*

Rural Connectivity Group

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The RCG is tasked with building almost 550 new cell sites across rural New Zealand as part of the Rural Broadband Initiative 2 (RBI2) and the Mobile Black Spots (MBS) programmes. Our job is to build cell site infrastructure in areas with little to no mobile or broadband coverage. Our programme of work will enable as many Kiwis, businesses, and tourists, to have access to critical mobile and wireless broadband services in rural New Zealand.

The sites we build will be shared by New Zealand's mobile network operators – Spark, 2 Degrees and Vodafone – and provide mobile services from all three mobile companies to ensure competitive broadband services to rural customers. The sites will also be open access for wireless internet service providers (WISP's) to utilise. The infrastructure will allow all operators to share the radio access network equipment and one set of antennas, meaning the size of the infrastructure can be flexible to suit the geographic location.

The RCG has already completed build on a cell site that we call 'Pelorus Bridge', we have started build on our 'Canvastown' site and we are currently looking for suitable locations to build a site further along the valley towards Wakamarina. These three sites will then service most of those users and a chunk of state highway currently without mobile or broadband service.

The site at Canvastown is a very important piece of infrastructure as this site will be the link to both the Pelorus Bridge and Wakamarina sites; basically, Canvastown will make the other two sites work.

Because of its importance the RCG is looking to liven the Canvastown as soon as we can and we're aiming for late March.

You'll see a lot of coming and going from the site as we complete our civil works, stand the pole (tower) and then connect power and fibre to the site in anticipation of turning the site on.

Once this happened you will hopefully notice that your phone works in places it didn't use to!

One important thing to note though is that the network operators - Spark, 2Degrees and Vodafone – are moving towards using 4G for data calls (not 3G as we've all been used to) using something called **VoLTE (Voice over Long Tern Evolution).**

What does this mean for you?

Some of you may find that you can see the site, have service and 4G but can't receive or make calls.

To find out if your phone is **VoLTE** compatible or how to update your settings visit your providers website. Details are below:

https://www.spark.co.nz/help/mobile-data/plans-services/high-definition-voice/ https:// www.vodafone.co.nz/our-networks/volte/

https://www.2degreesmobile.co.nz/help-and-support/mobile/products-and-services/4gon-2degrees/

CANVASTOWN Community Community Art MARKET SATURDAY 21ST MARCH FROM 9.00 AM

TO BE HELD IN THE CANVASTOWN PLAYGROUND OR HALL IF WET STALLS: \$5.00—CONTACT KAREN ON 03 574 1407 FOR FURTHER INFORMATION PROCEEDS TOWARD MAINTENANCE AND UPKEEP OF THE CANVASTOWN HALL & PLAYGROUND.

WHAT'S ON IN CANVAS TOWN

1st Tuesday each month—Canvastown Ladies 490 Tapps Rd, 12.30 pm

2nd Tuesday each month—Canvastown Community Assoc. Meeting, 7.00 pm in the Hall

Every Wednesday-Bugger Night, The Trout Hotel

1st Saturday each month—Music Jam Night, Canvastown Hall, 7.00 pm

Saturday 21st March— Canvastown Community Market, from 9.00am

TE AWA CONSERVATION PROGRAMME

• Kotahitanga mō te Taiao Alliance has been operating for the last 3 years and is an alliance of Buller, Tasman, Nelson, Marlborough and Kaikoura councils, the West Coast Regional Council, a number of IWI and DOC. They have been working on a strategy with their communities to restore natural landscapes across the Top of the South.

They picked the Te Hoiere/ Pelorus catchment as a focus for their first project because it is a very special place containing both great biodiversity and good water quality that has been steadily improving. The aim of the project is to achieve mountain-to-sea restoration that will benefit the environment, the people and businesses who are connected to it. This to include social, cultural and economic outcomes. The first phase of the project being scoped will include the land, freshwater and estuary areas, with the second phase including the Pelorus Sound.

• Subsequently Eugenie Sage (Minister of Conservation) announced that Te Hoiere is one of the 14 priority catchments in the Department of Conservations Te Awa Programme (total budget for 14 catchments \$9 million) and David Parker (Minister of Environment) name it as one of the Freshwater exemplar catchments (total budget \$12 million).

• Consultation has started with farmers and will shortly begin with other parts of the community in order to build a business case to put to the ministers.

• People working on the project are hoping to be available at the AMP show on 7 March for anyone wanting to learn more about the project.

For further information please contact: Marlborough District Council: Phn 03 5207400, **ask for the Land Resources section** or email mdc@marlborough.govt.nz