

## CLIMATE ACTION WEEK 2023 REVIEW

Thank you to everyone who had the chance to share your feedback and insight from **Climate Action Week** last week. The survey insight will support us in crafting meaningful and aligned activities, events and projects that meet the needs of our Marlborough business community in alignment to national and international progression towards a low carbon emissions and highly thriving and productive community.

Here are some of the activities underway following **Climate Action Week**

### **Our next event**

To continue the **awareness, education and action** this one day event will

- Host **immersion experiences** at an NZX listed organisation, large business and SMB to showcase a diverse range of environmental initiatives to support our communities role in
- A low carbon emissions economy - striving to Zero and beyond to Positive (where we are sequestering more than we emit)
- A deep understanding of waste and finding innovative solutions to the problems
- Creating bio-diverse landscapes to further enable thriving ecosystems and communities through a series of **workshops**
- **An Imagination centred workshop** to get creative about the future and use these skills to be more innovative in our approach to the environmental challenges of our businesses and wider community.
- Celebrating the successes of our community in activating change no matter how small or grande.



[Climate Action Marlborough - Book here to attend](#)

We also have the following dates locked in for our ongoing educational events so be sure to **Save the Dates** if you can't make the next one.

- Thursday 11th May 2023
- Thursday 29th June 2023
- Thursday 31st August 2023
- Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> September 2023
- Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> October 2023
- Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> November 2023

## **The Big Picture - Marlborough 2030**

There were some great discussions on the last day with a collective of businesses working together in the Action Section of the day plus the feedback in the survey to start to flesh out some big picture goals for Marlborough working towards 2030.

1. To be Carbon Zero by 2030 (we ultimately want to strive for Climate Positive but Zero is a good milestone)

Here is a great example of Geoff Ross from Lake Hawea Station (and founder of 42 below) speaking at Boma about striving for [Climate Positive](#)

2. To have Zero Primary Industry Waste to landfill

3. To enable a Bio-Diverse Marlborough (biological diversity) - meaning the variety and diversity of all life on land, water and sea to re balance our ecosystems.



## **Submission to Council's Long Term Strategy hearing**

Once we have gathered further feedback from the weeks activities and analysed it effectively, we will start developing a submission to council requesting the development of a Council Environmental & Economic Wellbeing strategy (as the two things need to work in harmony) taking an integrated approach of the two.

MP Stuart Smith has raised his hand to support in crafting this and a few other people within our community.

If this is something that you have had experience in developing and would be open to supporting this, please let me know.

## **Taking Action in your organisation**

Dr. Kate Averill lead these sessions for all businesses to take the learnings from each of the days and apply them to overarching goals and action plans.

We have attached a PDF of the template used for you to evolve your ideas, start all over, share with your team and then create a collective plan to move forward with.

Kate also offers a variety of online courses and one on one sessions to support organisations on their journey to creating meaningful impact.

Be sure to connect with Kate to learn more about how she can continue to support your organisation to activate your plans

### Sharing a great podcast...

Amongst the tragedy of Aotearoa's recent climate disasters is an opportunity to enact lasting legislation to prevent it happening again. Climate policy academic David Hall is tasked with finding the economically and politically sensible ways that we can adapt to the climate crisis. He talks with Bernard Hickey about gnarly politicking and the changes we need to make to avoid environmental disaster. Listen to the [podcast here](#)

### Earth Day 2023

During Climate Action Week, you may have met Allie Suzuki GM at EnviroHub Marlborough. Every year they host [Earth Day in April](#) and this year is being celebrated with a picnic in Pollard Park.

"Envirohub Marlborough's Earth Day Picnic in the Park wishes to join the world's largest environment movement by inspiring, encouraging and supporting our Marlborough community in their environmental pursuits."



## Earth Day: Picnic in the Park

10am - 3pm Sunday 30 April 2023

If you are interested in your organisation being a part of Earth Day, connect with Allie. You can email her at [info@envirohub.co.nz](mailto:info@envirohub.co.nz)

We look forward to evolving our impact across the community in the weeks, months and years to come so we can all continue to enjoy our iconic environments like the Marlborough Sounds and our local ski mountains for decades to come.

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