



**MARLBOROUGH  
DISTRICT COUNCIL**



**Top of the South Branch  
of  
SOLGM**

**(New Zealand Society of  
Local Government Managers)**

**Marlborough Colloquium**

**Friday 27 - Saturday 28 January 2017**

**VENUE:**

**Marlborough Convention Centre  
and  
Chateau Marlborough**

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# Marlborough Colloquium – Programme

## Friday 27 January 2017

- 11.20 am Welcome - President SOLGM Upper South Branch
- 11.40 am Mayor and CEO of Marlborough
- 11.50 am SOLGM National Office
- 12.30 pm Lunch
- 1.30 pm Privacy Commissioner - John Edwards  
"Putting privacy first in Local Government"
- 2.00 pm Opus, Brent Morgan  
"Strategic asset management"
- 2.30 pm Civic Assurance - Tim Sole  
"Optimising risk transfer for Local Government"
- 3.15 pm Hon Simon Bridges, Ministerial Comment
- 4.00 pm Business Sessions Finished for Day 1
- 4.30 pm Buses leave Chateau Marlborough for Sounds tour  
(food and drinks on board)
- 9.00 pm Back to hotel following Sounds tour



## Saturday 28 January 2017

- 9.00 am Bancorp Treasury Services - Miles O'Connor, Manager Corporate Services  
"Disruption - An insight into the current disruptive influences in the financial markets and how these impact on the management of a local authority's treasury risks"
- 9.40 am Helen Rice, Rice + Co Lawyers  
"The silent language of leaders - body language shapes who you are"  
Helen's entertaining and informative session focusses on powerful body language tips to heighten your personal impact, enhance your leadership qualities and strengthen your message.
- 10.20 am Mike Stenhouse, Sheffield  
"The challenges of attracting talent in today's environment"
- 11.00 am Morning Tea
- 11.30 am Andrea Reeves, Office of the Auditor General  
There is a strong link between having good governance arrangements, particularly around managing conflicts of interest, and maintaining the trust of our ratepayers. Andrea will talk about this relationship and other findings relevant to local government from the Office's 2016 reflections report on governance and accountability. She will also discuss the key findings from the 2015/16 round of local government audits and key messages from the 2015-25 local authority long-term plans report that need to be considered as preparations are made for the 2018-28 long-term plans.
- 12.10 pm Buddle Findlay - Paul Beverley and Jennifer Caldwell  
"Update on RMA reforms and policy development"
- 12.50 pm Lunch
- 1.40 pm Jason Krupp, NZ Initiative  
"Devolution of decision making to Local Government"
- 2.20 pm Buddle Findlay - Susan Rowe  
"Health and Safety"
- 3.00 pm JLT, speaker to be confirmed  
"Emerging risks and other topical matters" - the speakers from JLT will discuss matters that are topical and relevant to Councils in the area of risk management.
- 3.40 pm Afternoon Tea
- 4.10 pm Hon Rachel Dunningham  
"What Judges find tricky and why"
- 5.00 pm Finish of Business Sessions



## Partners' Tour

For the 2013 and 2015 Colloquium we offered some choices for partners coming to the Colloquium but feedback each time was that no partners' tour was seen as necessary.

We are more than happy to investigate tour options for the 2017 Colloquium if there is enough demand.

For this Colloquium there will be no afternoon tour because the business sessions will run until late afternoon on the Saturday. Partners may therefore like the opportunity of a tour over the Saturday afternoon say to the Aviation Heritage Museum.

If there is a wish for us to explore options we would like to hear back about any interest from participants' partners.

That interest may be conveyed to me. My email address is: [tony.quirk@marlborough.govt.nz](mailto:tony.quirk@marlborough.govt.nz).



## Friday Night Cruise in the Marlborough Sounds

Enjoy a four hour cruise in the majestic Queen Charlotte Sound - an intricate network of bays, inlets and coves stretching from the top of the South Island.

While taking in the sights of the Sound you will enjoy gourmet finger food served throughout the cruise along with wonderful Marlborough wine and beer.

Queen Charlotte Sound/Totaranui is the easternmost of the main Sounds of the Marlborough Sounds in New Zealand's South Island. It is, like the other Sounds, a drowned river valley, and like the majority of its neighbours it runs south-west to north-east before joining Cook Strait.

The town of Picton, the northern terminus of the South Island's railway and state highway networks, lies near the head of the Sound. Other settlements by the Sound are small and isolated - often simply individual properties. Due to the rugged nature of the coast, for many of these access is by boat only.

To the east of the Sound lie Arapaoa Island and Tory Channel. Interisland ferries use Tory Channel and Queen Charlotte Sound on their journeys between Picton and Wellington in the North Island.



## Saturday Night Gourmet Dinner

The intention is to travel out to Herzog Restaurant for a wonderful evening of food and wine

If there are any dietary requirements we ask that these be disclosed at the time of registration so arrangements can be made with the restaurant.

If you wish to check details of the restaurant the website is [www.herzog.co.nz](http://www.herzog.co.nz).





# Chateau Marlborough

***The Chateau Marlborough is excited to announce the addition of 36 new studio rooms along with new bar and restaurant facilities. This project is due for completion October 2016.***

Chateau Marlborough offers luxury 5 star Blenheim hotel accommodation in the heart of one of New Zealand's most famous wine regions. The only 100% locally owned and operated Qualmark rated hotel in Marlborough, Chateau Marlborough is the only 5 star Hotel in the top of New Zealand's South Island; enjoy the beautiful surroundings overlooking Seymour Square Gardens and it's only an easy 2 minute walk to Blenheim's town centre.

As part of their continued commitment to enhance the Chateau Marlborough their existing food and beverage facilities are being renovated which will allow them to then provide the very best hotel experience to their valued clients.

Whether you arrive from across the magnificent Queen Charlotte Sound, by the scenic drive north from Kaikoura or via Nelson and the spectacular waterways, you will not fail to be impressed with the striking beauty of Marlborough and the charming town of Blenheim, our wonderful climate and our genuinely warm-hearted people.

The vast array of world-renowned vineyards and wineries which dot the landscape are the jewels in Marlborough's crown. At any time of the year there is a vast array of activities and tours organized for visitors to Marlborough.

Chateau Marlborough - your [Blenheim hotel accommodation](#) - is the perfect base to explore these treasures and to sample the sheer abundance that is Marlborough!

