

Situations Vacant

Marlborough Lines
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Trainee Cable Jointer/Line Mechanic

We are a progressive electricity distribution business providing high quality services to the Marlborough region. We have a vacancy for a Trainee Cable Jointer/Line Mechanic at our Taylor Pass Depot in Blenheim to assist with construction and maintenance of underground cables and overhead power lines throughout the Marlborough area.

The successful applicant will be trained to National Certificate level as a registered Cable Jointer/Line Mechanic.

If you would like to have a career in the electrical distribution industry, wish to obtain a recognised industry qualification and be part of a professional team, then we would like to receive your application.

Experienced and/or qualified applicants will be considered.

Apply via:
www.marlboroughlines.co.nz/careers
Or for a recruitment pack email: recruitment@mll.co.nz
Ph. (03) 577 7007

Applications close Monday 30 September 2019

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POULTRY FARM WORKER QUAIL VALLEY FREE RANGE

Quail Valley Free Range is a modern free range egg farm situated in the Tasman Region.

We have a full time position for a poultry farm worker to join our team. The position includes checking stock, bird moves, farm maintenance and a variety of other farm tasks.

The regular work days are Sunday - Thursday and a Class 4 driver's licence is required for delivering eggs to our grading floor. Livestock experience may be an advantage.

We require a motivated, energetic, practical person with initiative and preferably with skills in farming, fencing and maintenance.

Biosecurity is very important for the health of our hens and staff must commit to no contact with avian animals outside of their employment.

To apply for this position please email your covering letter and CV to admin@ewingpoultry.co.nz or phone 03 5438383 between 8.00am and 4.00pm Monday to Friday.

Signature HOMES
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Looking for a Change and a Challenge?
Operations / Project Coordinator

Signature Homes in Nelson are looking for an energetic person to fill the role of our Operations Co-ordinator. The role itself is broad dealing with multiple parts of the Construction process and will interact with both sales and production staff but also subbies, suppliers, contractors and the client.

The following aspects are part of the role:

- Health and Safety co-ordination.
- Client Liaison – post contract.
- Supplier / Trade relations.
- Minor consent co-ordination.
- Subcontractor co-ordination.
- Project manager support.
- General Administration.

The successful applicant will be energetic, an excellent communicator, have strong administration / organisation skills and be computer literate.

Please submit your applications to John Galletty via email: johngalletty@signature.co.nz or phone on 027 2359520.

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Network Vegetation Coordinator

Marlborough Lines is a progressive electricity distribution business providing high quality electricity distribution services to the Marlborough region.

We have a vacancy for a Vegetation Coordinator to inspect our network to identify trees that are, or potentially are, damaging the network or interrupting power supply.

Primary duties for this position include:

- Patrolling and inspecting specified areas of the Marlborough Lines network and identifying vegetation that is in close proximity to power lines.
- Consulting with property owners.
- Coordinating vegetation control work with arborists.

We are looking for someone with excellent customer service/communication skills that will enable them to successfully negotiate with landowners both written and verbally. Having arboriculture/horticultural experience, including tree identification would be an advantage. Some knowledge of the electricity industry is preferable, but not essential as training on the requirements for maintenance of trees around power lines will be provided.

A very good level of physical fitness is required as some work is located in remote rough terrain.

For a full job description and to apply for this role please visit our website www.marlboroughlines.co.nz/careers Or for a recruitment pack email: recruitment@mll.co.nz Ph. (03) 577 7007

Applications close Tuesday 22 October 2019

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Apprentice Electrician

We are a progressive electricity distribution business providing high quality services to the Marlborough region and are looking to employ an Apprentice Electrician at our Taylor Pass Depot in Blenheim.

The successful applicant will:

- be physically fit.
- have an interest in learning and developing.
- have an interest in the electrical industry.
- be motivated, and enjoy working in a team environment.
- have a full drivers license.

As an apprentice full training will be provided but will require a significant commitment for study in your own time. A Bond period will apply to this position.

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Environmental activist Greta Thunberg, of Sweden, addresses the Climate Action Summit in the United Nations General Assembly, earlier this week. GETTY

It's not the climate, it's the politicians

JACK SANTA BARBARA

The upcoming local elections will be important for many reasons, but the overwhelming priority is how our region will deal with climate change.

In March this year the President of the UN General Assembly said "Eleven years is all we have ahead of us to change our direction," citing the findings of the latest Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change report. "2019 must be the year of climate action at all levels," she stressed.

The report details how difficult it will be to control climate change if we do not make dramatic cuts in the next decade – a reduction of at least 50 per cent of greenhouse gas emissions by 2030. Otherwise irreversible changes will occur to some critical ecosystems on which we rely.

We will pass a point of no return for these ecosystems. Slower action will leave it for our descendants to spend trillions of dollars fixing the mess we have made, and result in widespread disasters and millions of unnecessary deaths. The time to fix the climate is now; it will never be cheaper.

Regardless of what happens with the Zero Carbon Bill proposed by central government, it will fall on local governments to both initiate significant mitigation activities (to reduce emissions), and plan adaptation programmes (to deal with the destruction we will not be able to avoid).

We are in a tight spot. To meet the urgent UN targets to avoid the worst outcomes ordinary folks need government actions to facilitate the changes required.

From a technical perspective we know what needs to be done. Project Drawdown (<https://www.drawdown.org/>) has listed and ranked 80 evidence based technologies and practices that will lead to a safe climate. New technologies may be useful frosting, but we need to realise we already have the cake.

Many of the proven solutions involve agriculture and forestry, areas in which NZ excels.

We need to make best practices common practices in these areas.

So the challenge is not technical, it's political. The big question is whether our politicians will put partisanship aside and take the climate challenge seriously and make it easier for all of us to reduce our emissions and prepare for the changes we cannot avoid.

But are our local politicians and candidates taking the climate challenge seriously enough?

The recent series of articles in the *Leader* summarising the climate positions of the various mayoral candidates in Tasman District indicates there is no candidate with a strong climate position.

Tim King sees climate change as important, but he is not prepared to declare a climate emergency and take action as though the situation is urgent. Brent Maru feel it is an important issue but does not seem to have a plan to deal with it, and intends to rely on citizen input. Dean McNamara doesn't seem to think that climate is important enough to deal with as a critical situation, and Maxwell Clark admittedly doesn't know much about the issue, although he has other environmental concerns.

Some candidates for Tasman and Nelson Councils have taken strong climate positions, and Nelson is fortunate to have a Mayor running for re-election who has acted decisively and declared a climate emergency. She has also put resources aside to take the next steps.

How our local councils deal with climate change will be the most important issue that will affect the lives and well-being of all current and future residents of the Tasman and Nelson regions.

How much attention we citizens pay to the climate issue, and vote accordingly in the upcoming election, will determine the future of climate safety.

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