



PICTON HAPPENINGS

Free Newsletter

06 March 2024

09 Genre Fluid, 7.30pm - 9.30pm Sat 9 March

Picton Little Theatre presents dynamic Kiwi duo, Genre Fluid, fuse music and theatre into high-energy funk-rock anthems with their unique synergy on stage, for all ages to groove and be moved. Heavily influenced by the likes of Talking Heads, and Fat Freddy's Drop, the duo consists of Wellington-born vocalist and performance artist, Silk Satin Suede, and Nelson-born multi-instrumentalist and looping artist, Boshu. For info see page 8.

12 iRex Drop-in Coffee, 10.00am - 11.00am Tue 12 March

The community is invited to drop in for a coffee at Le Cafe with a few of the iRex and Interislander team. For the communities kind support and hospitality, they'd like to buy you a cuppa. For info see page 10.

17 Exploring Nature - Momorangi Bay, 10.00am - 2.00pm Sun 17 March

After trying twice last year with no luck due to the weather... third times the charm! Envirohub Marlborough invites everyone to pack their togs and a picnic and join them at Momorangi Bay. See page 5.

20 A Cuppa With Your Councillors, 10.00am Wed 20 March

Council's Sounds-based councillors are available for a drop-in chat each month. Come along to Picton Library. For info see page 19.

23 Dog Walk and Games Day, 9.30am - 2.00pm Sat 23 March

Traffic Light Bandana Dog Walk and Fun Day is hosted by Picton Vet. Get out and socialize 'on lead'. These colourful bandanas each indicate the dog's feelings or condition. It signals to others to ask before interacting. Enjoy your dog in the company of others, while encouraging communication and control at dog parks, and avoiding accidents/altercations. See page 4.

23 Vegetables from Garden to Plate, 9.00am - 2.00pm Sat 23 March

Growing vegetables is easy, fun, and very rewarding - as long as you know how! This course is a kick-starter for growing veggies in your own garden, using methods inspired by the revolutionary ecological practice of Permaculture. For bookings and more information visit <https://nomadicpermaculture.org/>

23 The Great Marlborough Backyard Cricket Champs, 10.00am - 4.00pm Sat 23 March

The Queen Charlotte Tavern is proud to present The Great Marlborough Backyard Cricket Championship. The QC is aiming to provide Marlborough's good, great and mediocre backyard cricket enthusiasts, with a chance to show off their repertoire of skills. If you would like to register a team: 027 263 7940 or andy.theqc@gmail.com

27 Grey Power in Picton, 2.00pm - 3.00pm Wed 27 March

Come along and have a chat with members of your local Grey Power Committee at Picton Library. Join or pay your annual subscription. See page 4 for more information.

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Picton Rowing Club

Boat naming of the new quad

By Amanda Inkster

Coxless Quad - "President"

The new coxless quad is the first brand new racing quad the club has purchased in 20 years. The boat was supplied by SL Racing NZ and funded by the Pub Charity, who also helped fund the purchase of the sculling blades and sweep oars to go with it.

With the recent popularity of coastal rowing, our increased membership and the desire of some of our social coastal rowers to try flat water rowing and possible racing, there was demand for the club to buy a new coxless boat, to allow us to get more people on the water.

Although ordered in August last year, the new quad "President" has yet to be launched as it was only received at the beginning of February. We are looking forward to her first venture afloat.

The club has great pleasure in announcing that the

new boat has been named "President" to honour and acknowledge the huge support and effort by Jim Anderson who has been our Club President for the last 13 years and who was recently awarded a life membership for his services to the club.

Jim came to live in Picton 1979 and soon after joined the club under the tutelage of Errol Miller, Basil and Les Jones, Mike Sullivan Snr, Jack McDonald and Gary Timms Snr. He remained a member until the mid 1980's when his priorities became his new family and float plane business. His interest in rowing was rekindled in 2010, during his daughter's teenage years when she took up rowing for Wairau Rowing Club coached by John Robertson.

Jim rejoined Picton Rowing Club as a masters rower in 2010 and was elected to preside over the club the following year in 2011, after a very

successful 126 year celebration. Initially he said he would take the chair for five years but thankfully he has remained a key player in the development of the club.

Jim has not only steered the club for the last 13 years, but is passionate about the sport and puts not only his time and effort into the club, but also supports the club fiscally in many ways. He works tirelessly in the background, keeping everyone on track and is always on hand to help in any way he can from driving the safety boat, coaching, cleaning, boat repairs to cooking and occasionally rowing. On Mon, Wed and Friday mornings you'll also find him working hard on the rowing machine, training with the masters men.



Above: Picton Rowing Club Chair Jim Anderson names the boat

Main image, previous page: Club members with both boats

New Coastal Double - Kororā – Blue Penguin – will be known as “little Blue”.

The coastal double is a little version of its big blue sister – "Liber" our coastal quad and is fondly called "Little Blue" – As the boat was fully funded by the Rātā Foundation, we felt that a Māori name

was more appropriate and have chosen to call our new double Kororā – Blue Penguin.

The double was supplied by NZ Coastal Rowing and graciously fully funded by the Rata Foundation.

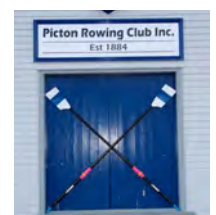
The development of coastal rowing has allowed our club to thrive over the last 18 months with our membership base growing from a handful of rowers to over 50. Most of these new rowers are new to the sport and joined the club to initially row recreationally and enjoy the social element and wonderful Picton harbour scenery. Most of these new members are women and aged 50+, together with a handful of junior girls who are also rowing socially.

Coastal rowing gives Picton locals, who don't have access to their own watercraft, the ability to get out on the water and make the most of living in the Marlborough Sounds. The coastal boats are bigger and more stable than conventional rowing boats which makes them easier to balance and unlikely to capsize. It's easier to learn the basic technique and being more stable allows people with limited mobility or disability to join in more easily, in a comfortable and safe environment.

The club has an open-door policy welcoming everyone, irrespective of age, experience and fitness level. It's all about giving it a go. It's a fun, social experience with no pressure. We encourage coffee, social gatherings and picnics and non-rowers can join in via use of our support boats.

Our Learn to Row Courses have become so popular that we are currently busy teaching our current beginners to row well and have put recruitment of new complete beginners on hold. However we will be doing something later in the year.

If you are interested in learning to row please contact us via our [facebook page](#).



Picton Rowing Club
Shelly Beach, Picton Marina, Picton
E: pictonrowingclub@gmail.com



Autumn Events



Pick up your copy from Marlborough District Council



Grey Power Marlborough

**Grey Power is coming to you!
Wednesday 27 March 2024,
2pm – 3pm at Picton Library**

Come along and have a chat with members of your local Grey Power Committee.

If you would like to join or pay your annual subscription (due 1 April) we will have membership cards available, but we can only accept CASH payments.

If you prefer to pay online and pay in early March, we will bring the membership cards and Discount Books for collection.

We look forward to seeing you!

GET OUT AND SOCIALISE
ON LEAD AT

PICTON VETERINARY
CLINIC'S

TRAFFIC LIGHT
BANDANA



DOG WALK AND GAMES DAY

LONG OR SHORT WALKS, THEN GAMES
PRIZES, FOOD AND SOCIALISING

**23RD MARCH 2024 MEMORIAL PARK
9.30 AM - 2 PM**

PRE REGISTER (\$15) BEFORE 23RD. NO GATE SALES.
VIA PICTON VET CLINIC OR EVENTFINDA
INCLUDES FREE BANDANA AND ENTRY TO GAMES



BRING CASH TO SUPPORT SMALL OPERATIONS

GAMES | AGILITY/CGC DEMONSTRATION
SPOT PRIZES | REFRESHMENTS | FOOD
COFFEE CART | MRS WHIPPY
PROFESSIONAL PET PORTRAITS | AND MORE

Discussion on Controversial Topics



Would you like to attend our group. We meet at 10 am on the first Wednesday of the month at the Picton Library.

Recent topics have been - biometrics, the quality of education, hydrogen fuel, who controls the world.

Suggested topics are welcome.

For more information email
rosejorg@gmail.com

All welcome

Picton Bridge Club

Bridge for Beginners

By **Brendan Kearney**

Are you looking for a fun and challenging game to play with friends or family? How about Bridge?

Bridge is a popular card game enjoyed by people of all ages all over the world. It's a great way to socialise, exercise your mind and learn new skills – above all, it's fun.

If you're new to Bridge or would like a refresher, we invite you to attend our ten lessons for beginners, which will:

- guide you through the basic rules and play
- be at the Port Marlborough Pavilion, Waikawa
- be at 7.00pm each Monday – starting on 29 April.

Our lessons are interactive and engaging and you will initially play with other beginners, with

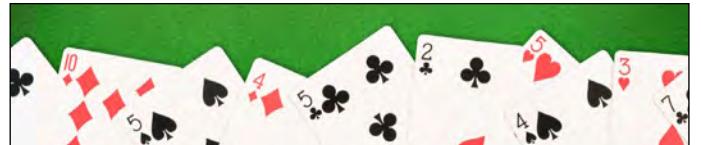
guidance from our experienced instructors.

At the end of the lessons, you will have the knowledge and confidence to play Bridge with friends, family and at our friendly club – and the \$50 lesson cost includes all course materials and your membership of the Picton Bridge Club for 2024.

Learning to play Bridge is fun and it promotes your wellbeing – this includes making new friends and contacts.

So, what are you waiting for? Join us and discover the joy and benefits of playing Bridge.

For more information and to confirm your place, please contact Judy Neil at 021 685 348.



Port Marlborough

A CHILDREN'S DAY & SEAWEEK CELEBRATION

Exploring Nature - Momorangi Bay

DISCOVER Come along & join us to celebrate our amazing tamariki & explore the many habitats of Momorangi Bay!

EXPLORE

SNORKEL

SUN 17TH MARCH
10am-2pm

FREE

Bring the whole family along for this FREE family fun day!
Grab one of our Momorangi Bay Passports on the day - see how many habitats you can explore - proudly sponsored by Port Marlborough & Seaweed!

PACK A PICNIC & YOUR TOGS!

Conservation Kids NZ

CKNZ are on a mission to ensure every child in Marlborough has the chance to explore the wider outdoor environment!

PROUDLY SUPPORTED BY:

Port Marlborough

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WAIKAWA DIVE CENTRE

Seaweed

Rātā Foundation

Envirohub MARLBOROUGH

MORE INFO @
WWW.ENVIROHUB.CO.NZ/EVENT



Picton School

Our strategic goals

By Katie Talbot, Tumuaki

The Picton School Board is excited to share our 3 strategic goals for 2024 / 2025.

In consultation with our whānau, tamariki and staff we have planned out the direction of our kura for the next two years. We warmly invite you to be a part of this journey with us.

Strategic Goal 1: Teaching, Learning and Assessment

To improve teaching and learning by effectively using formative assessment data, ensuring personalised instruction and ongoing progress for all ākonga

Strategic Goal 2: Hauora Wellbeing

To prioritise and enhance the wellbeing of our tamariki, staff, and the wider community

Strategic Goal 3: Community Engagement

We actively seek to build, and maintain positive relationships between home and school with the learner at the centre.



Manaakitanga in action at Picton School:

At Picton School we have been practicing living our values in action and showing manaakitanga (care, kindness, respect, hospitality) to others.

Our year 6 tamariki have taken on a range of responsibilities around our school and are enjoying learning all about leadership, and giving back.



On Fridays our staff are able to order a hot drink to be delivered by our wonderful manaakitanga leaders.



Helping others and making sure everyone is taken care of.



Our tamariki are showing rangatiratanga leadership in helping with our school lunches.



Making sure everyone has a great lunch break and taking responsibility for our PE gear.

Cruise Schedule 2024



Vessel	Arrival	Departure	Berth	PAX
Majestic Princess	Fri, 8 Mar 2024, 05:30	Sat, 9 Mar 2024, 18:00	Waimahara	4000
Hanseatic Spirit	Fri, 8 Mar 2024, 10:00	Fri, 8 Mar 2024, 21:00	Waitohi West	230
Resilient Lady	Mon, 11 Mar 2024, 07:30	Mon, 11 Mar 2024, 17:00	Waimahara	2770
Crystal Serenity	Wed, 13 Mar 2024, 05:30	Wed, 13 Mar 2024, 18:00	#1 Anchorage	1040
Brilliance of the Seas	Wed, 13 Mar 2024, 10:30	Wed, 13 Mar 2024, 20:30	Waimahara	2400
Heritage Adventurer	Thu, 14 Mar 2024, 12:00	Thu, 14 Mar 2024, 17:30	Ship Cove	95
Ovation of the Seas	Fri, 15 Mar 2024, 08:30	Fri, 15 Mar 2024, 19:00	Waimahara	4500
Celebrity Edge	Sat, 16 Mar 2024, 08:30	Sat, 16 Mar 2024, 19:00	Waimahara	3405
Noordam	Mon, 18 Mar 2024, 08:30	Mon, 18 Mar 2024, 19:00	Waimahara	1325
Pacific Explorer	Tue, 19 Mar 2024, 05:30	Tue, 19 Mar 2024, 18:00	Waimahara	1988
Majestic Princess	Mon, 25 Mar 2024, 05:30	Mon, 25 Mar 2024, 18:00	Waimahara	4000
Ovation of the Seas	Wed, 10 Apr 2024, 04:30	Wed, 10 Apr 2024, 17:00	Waimahara	4500
Majestic Princess	Sun, 14 Apr 2024, 05:30	Sun, 14 Apr 2024, 18:00	Waimahara	4000

NB. Schedules do change, for the most up to date and accurate information visit <https://www.portmarlborough.co.nz/cruise-ship-schedule/>



Picton Little Theatre



Genre Fluid

Saturday 9 March 7:30pm - 9.30pm
Tickets: [Eventfinda](#) \$25 + \$2.62 fees or cash sales
at Summit Real Estate Picton

Dynamic Kiwi duo, Genre Fluid, fuse music and theatre into high-energy funk-rock anthems with their unique synergy on stage, for all ages to groove and be moved.

Heavily influenced by the likes of Led Zeppelin, Talking Heads, and Fat Freddy's Drop, the duo consists of Wellington-born vocalist and performance artist, Silk Satin Suede, and Nelson-born multi-instrumentalist and looping artist, Bosh.

They are well recognised for their creative musicality in live looping, improvisation, theatrics, humour, and an ability to adapt to all environments, an act well-loved by all ages. This has led them to playing on festival stages and opening for legendary Kiwi artists such as Bic Runga, Julia Deans, Mako Road, The Narcs, and Albi & The Wolves.

Bucket List Movie group

**Relaxed Sunday movie sessions at
Picton Little Theatre**

Dates for 2024: 10 March / 14 April
/ 12 May / 9 June / 11 August / 8
Sept / 13 October / 10 November / 8
December

\$10 membership fee, first session
FREE then entry by donation – we
suggest \$10 per session.

BYO snacks, tipples and prepare for a
great evening!

RSVP for each session to:

Nicky.Wagner@outlook.com

Picton Little Theatre | 9 Dublin Street, Picton 7220

Email pictonlittletheatre1@gmail.com | www.pictonlittletheatre.com

Craft Circle

...and So Much More!

Bring any crafts you're working on, or use the mindfulness colouring books provided

~ Wednesday 6th March ~

~ Wednesday 3rd April ~

~ Wednesday 1st May ~

~12.30pm - 2.30pm~

Waikawa Boating

Club

(Behind Jolly

Roger restaurant)

Beach Rd, Waikawa

Tea/Coffee provided (BYO mug)

Please bring something small to share for afternoon tea

Mo- 021 274 5914



Join us at

parallel 41 Quilt Exhibition

Nostalgia Challenge & Display

Queen Charlotte Yacht Club
Picton Marina

Quilt Exhibition	Friday 3rd May 10am - 4.00pm Saturday 4 th May 10am - 4.00pm
Market Stall of New Goods with proceeds to St John Ambulance	& Sunday 5th May 10am - 3.00pm 2024
Merchant Stands	\$5 entry fee Includes Morning & Afternoon Tea

Vinyasa yoga

Monday - 6.30 - 7.30 PM

Endeavour Park Pavilion, Picton

\$15/class

Wednesday - 6.00-7.00PM

PT Collective, Renwick

Yoga Time

For more info : 021 2057273

FB - Martina Mateckova



TAI CHI
at the
PORT MARLBOROUGH PAVILION
 Endeavour Park, Picton



WEDNESDAYS - 10:00 TO 11:00
CLASSES \$10

For more information
 call Manu on 022 238 7285



Invitation

Drop in for a coffee

For your kind support and hospitality,
 we'd like to buy you a cuppa.

Please join a few of the iReX and Interislander team.

10-11am, Tuesday 12 March
 Le Café, 12-14 London Quay, Picton

No RSVP required, just drop in!

KiwiRail   Interislander

Port Marlborough Pavilion



Timetable

PAVILION TIMETABLE from FEBRUARY 2024	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
PILATES		8:00 – 9:00 am		4:00 – 5:00pm	
YOGA	6:30pm-7:30pm Vinyasa Flow Yoga				9:15 – 10:30am Picton Yoga Collective
TAI CHI			10:00 – 11:00am		
TABLE TENNIS				10:00 – 12:00	
BRIDGE	1.00pm to 4.00pm & 6.30pm to 9pm Restarting Apr			7:00 – 10:00pm	
DANCE		3:30 – 6:30pm Fleur – Hip Hop			
INDOOR BOWLS		12:45 – 3:00pm Restarting 19 March			
PASIFIKA BEATS FITNESS				5.45 – 6.45pm	
OTHER FIXTURES			QUILTERS 2 nd Weds of month 6pm-9pm NMIT Te Pukenga apprentices evening class 5pm – 7pm		



Picton Heritage & Whaling Museum

March update

By Mary Cooper

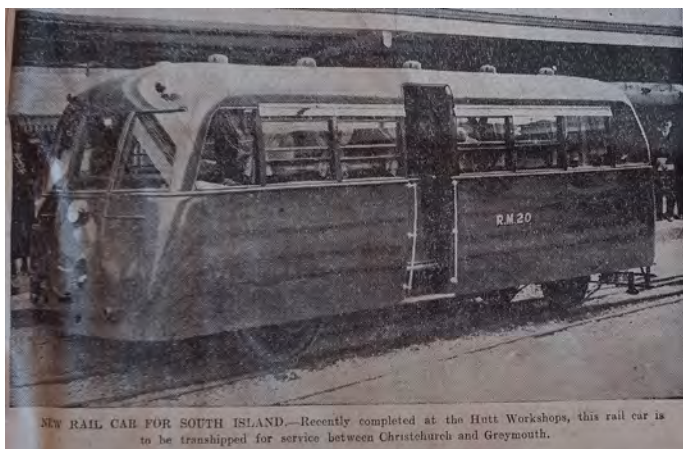
I had the pleasure of meeting up with Carl and Jane Olsson and Vic and Eve Olsson on a recent visit to Wellington. They had been very helpful when I was writing a story about their father Vic Olsson. They had fond memories of growing up in Picton and I was able to show them photos from our Sporting Exhibition where they featured in skating and hockey teams. They have pointed me in the direction of another story for the Museum's mid-year newsletter. I will be catching up with them again soon.

It always gives me a "blast from the past" when I see and/or hear the steam train. Rail in Picton commenced when Brogden and Sons brought some railway workers to Picton from England in 1872 to work on the construction of the Picton



The viaduct on the Picton-Blenheim line was built in 1874. This picture was taken in 1895 and shows a two-engined train climbing the Elevation.

to Blenheim line which opened in 1875. The first train on the line was named the Waitohi. You might like this old photo of the railway viaduct (bottom right, previous page). I also found this photo of the "new" railway carriages introduced in the mid 1930s (below).



NEW RAIL CAR FOR SOUTH ISLAND.—Recently completed at the Hutt Workshops, this rail car is to be transhipped for service between Christchurch and Greymouth.

Did you realise that New Zealand Police Officers are, by law, unable to strike? Section 69 of the Police Act states that a strike or lockout of any number of constables is unlawful. So although we hear of police members awaiting resolution of their pay round they continue to serve us 24/7 and 365 days a year. This has been the norm for years as this article from 1936 shows (right). Another photograph from one of our calendars (main image, previous page) shows a couple of local constables Tim Healey (on the left) and Thomas Condon taken in the 1930s. Both constables had been involved with the investigation into the murder of a local man with Constable Healey's work being recognised by the Commissioner of Police for his part alongside the detectives brought in to investigate

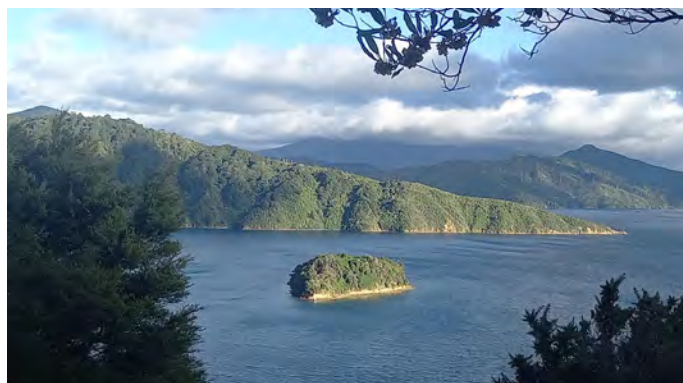
Here and There

A POLICEMAN'S HOLIDAY

Two members of the crew of the Rangitane must have learnt a new respect for Scotland Yard. The fact that the passenger list of the inter-island express steamer contained the name of a high official of the Yard struck no fear into the cracksmen's hearts. There were purses in the purser's safe; why worry about a policeman on holiday? But the inspector was determined that they were not going to steal from him his good name, take what trash they might. Without fuss and bother he got to work and before the steamer berthed he was able to say to admiring members of the New Zealand Police Force: "There are your men, gentlemen." There was at least one Invercargill passenger on the ship who had reason to rejoice that a clever detective was on board, for her purse was amongst the missing but was recovered intact.



This young girl is Mabel Gore-Browne the daughter of Sir Thomas Gore-Browne who followed Sir George Grey as the Governor of New Zealand. In 1859 when the province of Marlborough was established, Gore-Browne named the island and our town (image bottom right).



Picton Heritage & Whaling Museum
9 London Quay, Picton
Open daily 10am - 3pm
www.pictonmuseum-newzealand.com

THE CHAT ROOM

OPEN 9:30-11:30AM
2ND AND 4TH THURSDAY
OF THE MONTH

MORE INFO:
WWW.PICTONANGLICAN.ORG.NZ/CHATROOM

HOLY TRINITY PICTON KIDS CHURCH

Location: Corner of Nelson
Square and Wairau Road

When: Sundays 10:00am
During Family Worship Service

Term 1 dates

11th of Feb
18th of Feb
25th of Feb
10th of March
17th of March
24th of March



freshchoice picton Rainbow Run 7TH APRIL 2024



Volunteer in Picton

Trade Aid Picton

Retail Assistant wanted: We need people to join our team to sell our beautiful Fair Trade products. We also tell our customers who made them and how. Training is provided as needed. Email picton@tradeaid.org.nz

www.tradeaid.org.nz

Conservation Kids NZ

Volunteer at our kid's events: We are seeking assistance with our Save Our Species programme. This programme is an out of school, independent programme for families (not just kids!) usually run once a month throughout the year. Email Volunteer Marlborough at vm@volunteermarlborough.org.nz

www.envirohub.co.nz/conservation-kids-nz

Kaipupu Wildlife Sanctuary

Pest control, biodiversity surveys, maintenance and staffing the information shop. Our volunteers are guided by our Biodiversity Manager and enthusiastic team leaders. Volunteers have vehicle access to reach Kaipupu. Email admin@kaipupusanctuary.nz.

www.kaipupusanctuary.nz

Picton Heritage & Whaling Museum

We are looking for volunteers to help for one session of three hours per month. Help to present our history. Telephone 03 573 8283 or call in at 9 London Quay.

www.pictonmuseum-newzealand.com

Picton Dawn Chorus

Trap Line Volunteers needed: If you enjoy long walks in native bush then this role is perfect for you. We rely on a large team of volunteers to check the rat, stoat and possum traps placed out on the town's reserves every weekend. If you can do one weekend day a month or one a week we would love to hear from you. Induction and training is given and you will become part of a very passionate group of volunteers. Contact: Esther at Picton Dawn Chorus, tel 03 928 4957 ext 1 or email volunteering@pictondawnchorus.nz

www.pictondawnchorus.nz

Marlborough Community Vehicle Trust

Drivers (Picton to Nelson return): Volunteer drivers take people from Picton (or nearby) to Nelson and back for medical appointments. Volunteers will need to be available for most of a day as they will wait in Nelson for the patient. Email Volunteer Marlborough at vm@volunteermarlborough.org.nz

www.marlboroughvehicletrust.org.nz

Picton Rail and Sail

Picton Rail and Sail operate model trains and yachts on the Picton Foreshore. This family facility and Picton treasure can only work with the help of volunteers who work on a roster system of three hour shifts. If you think you can help please email at railandsailpicton@gmail.com.



Wheelie bins are here

New wheelie bins – which replace plastic rubbish bags – are being wheeled out in Marlborough.

From Monday, 4 March, wheelie bins will be delivered, area by area, to households in Marlborough. Delivery will continue until all areas have been covered and in time for the 1 July launch of the new service.

Please keep using your rubbish bags until the end of June – wheelie bins will not be emptied until the new service launches on 1 July.

The first area to have wheelie bins delivered is Dry Hills and the area between Alabama Road and Wither Road and west to Howick Road.

Wheelie bins will be delivered to the kerbside where residents should place them for collection when the new service rolls out.

Council's Solid Waste Manager Mark Lucas said there are approximately 36,000 bins being

delivered so people should not worry if they think they've been missed. If you have not received your bin by the beginning of June please contact Council.

Rubbish bags will not be collected after 1 July and while Council has a limited supply left, most supermarkets in the region have stopped selling them.

"People can use up their supply of rubbish bags but from 1 July these will not be collected from the kerbside. Council will continue to accept them at transfer stations, the Waste Sorting Centre, or the Resource Recovery Centre, but that option will be removed as demand diminishes," Mark said.

You can redeem your rubbish bag voucher at Council's Blenheim or Picton Service Centres or get a rebate until 30 June this year. While stocks last, rubbish bags are available to buy from Council's Blenheim or Picton Service Centre either

individually (\$1.85), in packs of 10 (\$18.50) or packs of 52 (\$96.00).

The new and expanded kerbside collection service covers Blenheim, Grovetown, Havelock, Picton, Rarangi, Rai Valley, Renwick, Seddon, Spring Creek and Tua Marina with household waste collected one week and recycling the next. Two wheelie bins will be delivered to each household - one for household waste and one for recycling, except glass, which will go into the maroon crate currently

used for recycling.

For more information on collection areas and days

[Go to Council's Smart Maps page](#)

If you have questions about the new system

[Go to the FAQs page](#)

Phone Council on 03 520 7400 or email mdc@marlborough.govt.nz

Marlborough Matariki Event Fund opens

Are you part of an organisation planning on holding an event to recognise Te Rā Aro ki a Matariki?

Council is seeking applications for the Mānawatia te Kahui o Matariki/Marlborough Matariki Event Fund which celebrates and supports the regeneration and sustainability of mātauranga Māori associated with Te Kāhui o Matariki.

Project Lead, Arts, Culture and Heritage, Nicola Neilson says the contestable fund, which is now open for applications from Marlborough community groups, organisations and individuals, aims to support events that recognise not only Te Rā Aro ki a Matariki, the public holiday, but also the wider kaupapa and principles of Matariki. "The event must take place within Marlborough and be free or low cost, family-friendly and accessible to all," Nicola said.

"The fund will support costs integral to holding an event, which includes venue and equipment hire, marketing and promotion and other costs." While there is no maximum for applications, it is likely between \$2,000 and \$3,000 will be awarded to support events.

Mrs Neilson said priority will be given to events

Mayor welcomes appointees to independent ferry service advisory group

Mayor Nadine Taylor has welcomed the appointments to the Ministerial Advisory Group tasked with providing independent advice and assurance on the future of KiwiRail's inter-island ferry service.

State Owned Enterprises Minister Paul Goldsmith has announced that Nelson Airport Chief



Above: Fund recipient last year - the Rangitāne o Wairau Matariki celebration - held at Wairau Bar

that can demonstrate documented support from iwi and must demonstrate how funding would advance and promote one or more of the three major principles of Matariki.

Applications for the 2024 funding round opened 8.00 am 1 March and close at 5.00 pm Monday 15 April.

[Go to the application form to apply](#)

For further information please contact Nicola Neilson on Ph: 03 520 7400 or email nicola.neilson@marlborough.govt.nz

Executive Mark Thompson will chair the Ministerial Advisory Group. He will be joined by a further two members, Mark Cairns (currently a director of Freightways, Auckland International Airport and Sanford Limited) and Roger Sowry, a former MP and cabinet minister, now a professional director with considerable governance expertise.

"It's important for New Zealand that KiwiRail is focused on ensuring safe, resilient, and reliable ferry services over the short to medium term while longer term solutions for the Cook Strait connection are developed," Paul Goldsmith said late last week.

News of the appointments follow KiwiRail's recent announcement of its intention to cancel the \$555 million contract with ship builder Hyundai Mipo Dockyard in South Korea.

"This cancellation is not a fresh blow for the region - the bad news came for Marlborough last December when the Government announced it was pulling funding. At the time this was a shock, particularly to the Picton community who have been and continue to be the most directly affected by the disruptive project works," Mayor Taylor said.

The Ministry of Transport will also lead an

Kaihautū joins Council

Johnny Joseph has joined Council as Kaihautū, responsible for facilitating partnerships with iwi and promoting collaborative and positive engagement with Māori within the Marlborough region.

Mayor Nadine Taylor warmly welcomed Johnny to the Council at a mihi whakatau this week.

"Council's relationships with its iwi partners are extremely important and Johnny will support us to strengthen and grow those relationships."

"Council works with iwi in many different ways and we need to build our capability and develop practical frameworks for how we work together."

"Johnny will provide guidance within Council so that our interactions are positive, respectful and mutually beneficial."

Wairau born and bred and father of six, Johnny

Council proposes draft Long Term Plan budget

Marlborough District Council is proposing a draft Long Term Plan 2024/2034 budget that sees new investment in the region's infrastructure, funds repairs to Marlborough Sounds' roads, provides increases in levels of service and removes the Council's Covid rates relief subsidy.

This year's proposed baseline rates increase is

assessment of long-term interisland service requirements and replacement options for the Interislander ferries is expected to be part of these broader reviews.

"We have continued to make representation to the Government that we need to invest in the safety and resilience of this critical national transport connection for the long term. How and when remains the question. I am pleased to see the Government has moved quickly and we now look forward to working with the Ministerial Advisory Group," Mayor Nadine Taylor said.

The appointment of the Ministerial Advisory Group follows the Government's decision last year not to provide further funding for the Inter-Island Resilient Connection (iReX) project.



Above: Mayor Nadine Taylor and Johnny Joseph

has worked as a Biodiversity Ranger Supervisor at DOC and General Manager for Te Rūnanga o Toa Rangatira. Johnny has a passion for te taiao (the environment) and is a keen freediver and spearfisherman.

8.47%, which includes inflation and the new wheelie bin service. The removal of the Covid rates relief subsidy, which has kept rates increases down for the last three years, leads to an additional 5.11% increase for this coming financial year. If all proposed levels of service increases and fee reviews are supported by a majority of councillors

at this Monday's Council meeting, the rates increase would be 12.63%.

Mayor Nadine Taylor said it was a challenging time financially for councils and communities right across the country.

"Like every council in New Zealand, we are facing increased costs due to factors outside our control, such as inflation, contract price increases, the ongoing impact of damaging storms and the lasting effects of the Covid pandemic."

"However, unlike some councils we are not proposing to cut services and we're continuing to invest in core infrastructure - roads, footpaths, waste management, water supply and community services and facilities - because we don't want to see Marlborough going backwards."

"Over the next 10 years our investment in infrastructure will be \$790M, which is \$85M more than our previous ten year plan, from 2021 to 2031. This year's capital expenditure on infrastructure will be in the order of \$80M," she said.

"Over the last three years the Covid Rates Relief Fund reduced rates for everyone across Marlborough by the equivalent of \$12.8M. This fund now needs to be unwound. A number of options will be proposed at Monday's meeting to soften the impact of removing this subsidy, including selling up to \$4.5 million of Council-owned carbon credits."

"A number of additional funding requests, including for new repairs and upgrades to stop banks, improvements to parks and reserves and funding a new pavilion at A&P Park in Blenheim, will also be discussed by councillors on Monday."

"One of the most significant items on Monday's agenda is the Marlborough Sounds Roding Funding Recovery. Councillors will discuss and decide on the preferred options for funding our local share of the \$234 million repair and improvement costs so that we can get on with the job of fixing the Sounds' roads," Mayor Taylor said.

The Long Term Plan 2024/2034 will go out for public consultation from 4 April to 6 May and include public meetings and hearings; dates and locations will be confirmed.

Events funding

Commercial Events Fund

- This fund is open to any event organisers looking for support to help grow an existing commercial Marlborough event or to aid in the establishment of a new one - please note, community events, conferences, conventions, trade shows and exhibitions are not eligible
- Round 2 of 2023/2024 is open now. Deadline for applications is 5pm on Monday 11 March 2024
- \$100,000 available for 2023/2024
- More info can be found here - <https://www.marlborough.govt.nz/recreation/events/commercial-events-fund>

Community Events Fund

- This fund helps support the delivery of events that focus on build community well-being and civic pride
- \$28,000 available for 2023/2024
- This fund is open now and will remain open year-round or until funds are fully allocated
- More info can be found here - <https://www.marlborough.govt.nz/recreation/events/community-events-fund>

Sport & Recreation Community Activity Fund

This fund is open to event organisers or local clubs and organisations looking to create small sport and community activities that are of low cost to participants and that encourage and promote involvement, accessibility and physical activity.

- \$30,000 available for 2023/2024
- The 2023/2024 fund opens on Monday 4 March. Deadline for applications is 5pm on Monday 8 April 2024. Please note, events will need to take place by 28 February 2025 to be eligible for this funding round
- More info can be found here - <https://www.marlborough.govt.nz/recreation/events/sport-and-recreation-community-activity-fund>

A Cuppa with your Councillors

Council's Sounds-based councillors are available for a drop-in chat each month.

Come along to the Waitohi Whare Mātauranga/Picton Library and Service Centre, from 10.00 am until midday (dates below).

The councillors can provide advice and information and help with Council-related issues.

Councillors Barbara Faulls, Raylene Innes and Ben Minehan are Sounds Ward councillors. Allanah Burgess is the Māori Ward councillor for Marlborough and based in Picton.

Where: **Picton Library & Service Centre**

When: **10.00 am to midday on**

20 Mar	24 July	20 Nov
24 Apr	21 Aug	18 Dec
22 May	18 Sept	
19 June	23 Oct	

CLOSING SOON

Are you involved in a creative community project and need funding?

Applications to the Creative Communities Arts Scheme are now open. For all you need to know about the fund, check out the application guide or visit our drop-in clinic and apply online: links.marlborough.govt.nz/CCS

Drop-in clinic

Thursday 7 March,
10:00am – 11:30am
Te Kahu o Waipuna

Applications close

8:00am Wednesday, 13 March, 2024

For information please contact:
Nicola Neilson | 03 520 7400
nicola.neilson@marlborough.govt.nz

Marlborough District



Rural sports funding closing soon

If you're involved with a rural sports club or school sports team, you may be eligible for funding.

Council makes funding available through the Sport NZ Rural Travel Fund, which was established in 2003 to remove the barrier of cost to participation for those in rural communities.

Its purpose is to encourage rural youth aged 5 to 18 to get involved in local sports despite their location, Council's Community Partnerships Support Natalie Lawler said.

Funding is available for rural sports clubs or rural school teams needing financial help for transport to sporting competitions in the Marlborough area.

Applications can be made online at www.marlborough.govt.nz/our-community/grants-and-awards/sport-nz-rural-travel-fund

Applications are open now and close 8am on Wednesday 13 March.

For further information email natalie.lawler@marlborough.govt.nz or Ph. 03 520 7400.

Picton Weekly Events

MONDAY

Picton Walking Group: 9.20am, RSA car park
Te Reo Māori: 10am-12pm, Lib
MPT Moana Moui Ola Mamas Tai Chi: 11:30am-12:30pm, Pav
Writers of Picton: 1.30pm, 1st Monday, Lib
Senior Citizens: 1pm, RSA
Scrabble: 1pm-4pm, Lib
Picton Bridge Club (Beginners): 1pm, Pav, *starting 29/4*
Girl Guides: 6pm-8pm, SJS
Picton Bridge Club (Beginners): 7pm, Pav
Arapawa BoxFit Class: 6.30p-7.30pm, Scout Hall
Sounds Orchestral Ukelele Players: 6.30pm-8.30pm, WBC
Vinyasa Flow Yoga with Martina: 6.30pm to 7.30pm, Pav

TUESDAY

Pilates: 8am-9am, Pav
Plunket: 9.30am-10.30am, Lib
Table Tennis Club: 10am-Noon, PLT
Line Dancing: 10am, Anglican Church Hall
Picton Newcomers Network: 10am-11.00am, 1st Tues, Seabreeze Café
Ladies 18 Holes: 10am-2pm, PGC
Spinners and Knitters: 10.30am-2pm, Lib
Indoor Bowls: 12.45pm-3pm, Pav, *starting 19/3*
Steady As You Go: 1.30pm-2.30pm, Union Parish Centre
Picton Writers Club: 1.30pm 1st Tues of month, Lib
FDF Hip Hop with Fleur: 3:30pm - 6pm, Pav
Picton Sea Swim: 6.00pm, Picton or Waikawa (seasonal)
Taekwon-do: 6.00pm-7.30pm, Picton School
Arapawa Boxing: 6.30pm-7.30pm, Scout Hall

WEDNESDAY

St. Joseph's Catholic Church: Mass 9.30am
Picton Men's Shed: 9am-4pm, Men's Shed
Mixed 9 Holes: 9.30am-12pm, PGC
Tai Chi with Manu: 10am-11am, Pav
The Waitohi Social Club: 10am, 3rd Weds, Lib
Book Chat: 10.30am-11.30am, 2nd Weds, Lib
Picton Poets: 10.30am-12pm, 4th Weds, Lib
Justice of the Peace Drop-in Clinic: 11am-1pm, Lib
Mahjong: 1.00pm, MCCR
After School Fun: 3.30pm-4.30pm, Lib
Junior Badminton: 4.45pm-6pm, QCCG *starting 28/2*
Senior Badminton: 6.30pm-8.30pm, QCCG *starting 28/2*
Picton Quilters: 6.30pm, 2nd Weds, Pav
Waikawa Ratepayers Assoc: 5.30pm, 2nd Weds, WBC
Arapawa Boxing: 5.30pm-6.15pm, Picton Scout Hall
Picton Trails Club Rides: 6pm, Pav carpark
Picton Lions (Team): 6.30pm, 1st Weds, The Crow
Arapawa BoxFit Class: 6.30pm-7.30pm, Scout Hall
A Cappella Belles: 7pm, Holy Trinity Church
Quiz Night: 7pm, Picton RSA
Picton Lions (Business): 7.30pm, 3rd Weds, Pav
Sounds Accordionaires: 7.30pm-8.30pm, 62 Moana View Rd

THURSDAY

Picton Playcentre: 9.30am-Noon, 5 Waitohi Place

The Chat Room: 9.30am-11.30am, 2nd & 4th Thurs, Holy Trinity Church
Table Tennis Club: 10am-12pm, Pav
The Company Cafe: 10.30am-11.30am term time, Lib
Mens18 Holes: 11.00am-3pm, PGC
Euchre: 12.30pm-3pm, Lib
Alzhiemers Marlborough Afternoon Tea: 1pm-2pm, 4th Thurs, Lib
Pilates: 4pm-5pm, Pav
Pasifika Beats Fitness with Susana: 5:45pm-6:45pm, Pav
Yurt Yoga at Mount Pleasant: 6pm-7.30pm, Yoga Yurt
Taekwon-do: 6pm-7.30pm, QCCG
Bookworm Bookclub: 6.30pm, 1st Thurs, Lib
Bridge Club: 7pm-10pm, Pav
Bingo: 7pm, WBC

FRIDAY

Yoga with Picton Yoga Collective: 9.15am-10.30am, Pav
Mixed Stableford 9 Holes: 9.30am-12pm, PGC
Picton Amateur Art Group: 10am-2pm, Lib
Tea @ Ten: 10am, 2nd & 4th Fri, MCCR
Under 5's Stories & Craft: 10am-11am, Lib
Welcome In: 11am, 1st Fri, Scoozis Café
Picton Newcomers Network (Sundowners): 5pm-6pm, Cafe Cortado
Picton Wine Club: 6.15pm, 1st Fri, PLT

SATURDAY

Junior Football, Rugby & Cricket: 9am onwards, Pav
Men's Shed: 9am-12pm, Men's Shed
Men's Shed Garage Sale: 9am-12pm, last Sat
Mixed 18 Holes: 11.30am-3.00pm, PGC
Picton Bowling Club: 12.45pm, 25 Kent St
Schnauzer Schmooze: 3pm 1st Sat, Picton Dog Park
St. Joseph's Catholic Church: Mass 5pm (Summer) 4pm (Winter), alternate weekends

SUNDAY

Family worship & communion: 10am, Anglican Church
St. Joseph's Catholic Church: 9am Word & Communion Service, alternate weekends
Sunday Service: 10am, Union Parish of Picton
Picton Sunday Service: 10am, Baptist Church (zoom available)
Buddhism for Daily Life (Marlborough Group): 10am, 1st Sun, 8 Moana View Rd
Rail and Sail: 11am-3pm, Picton Foreshore
Christian Life Centre Service: 11.30am, 40 Broadway
Schnauzer Schmooze: 3pm, 3rd Sun, Picton Dog Park

[Pav: Port Marlborough Pavilion](#)

[PLT: Picton Little Theatre](#)

[Lib: Picton Library](#)

[WBC: Waikawa Boating Club](#)

[PGC: Picton Golf Club](#)

[QCCG: Queen Charlotte College Gym](#)

[MCCR: Marina Cove Club Room](#)

[SJS: St. Joseph's School](#)