



PICTON HAPPENINGS

Free Newsletter

07 June 2023

07 iRex Celebration BBQ, 12.00pm - 1.30pm Wed 7 June

This month the new temporary terminal for Interislander foot passengers and cyclists opens for business. It's a big milestone for the project, taking a step closer to a beautiful new terminal precinct in Picton. The iRex team invite you to celebrate the completion of the temporary Interislander ferry terminal building. If you fancy a sneak preview and project update please wander down for a free sausage sizzle. You will find the team across the road from the Picton i-SITE. Main works construction gets underway later in the year ready for the first new ship in 2025. See page 2-3.

09 Picton Wine Club Monthly Tasting, 6.15pm Fri 9 June

Picton Wine Club June tasting at Picton Little Theatre with Peregrine Wines presented by Christie Clarke. Dinner provided from Le Cafe. Tickets \$25, members \$20, non-members \$30.00. All welcome and booking is essential to pictonwineclubbookings@gmail.com or call Bruce on 027 346 2130.

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10 Home Security Presentation, 2.00pm Sat 10 June

Do you need some advice on your home security? Tony Sampson from Gary Ching Ltd will give a presentation on the latest home security systems available. Brought to you by SeniorNet Marlborough Sounds. See page 5 for more information.

11 Artist talk by Euan Macleod & Gregory O'Brien, 3.00pm Sun 11 June

Dynamic new paintings, both solo and collaborative, by prominent artists Euan Macleod (NZ-Australia) and Gregory O'Brien (NZ), based on Meretoto/Ship Cove histories and beyond are on display at Diversion Gallery, London Quay. Euan and Greg will give an artist's talk at the gallery, on Sunday 11 June. Free entry, all welcome.

11 Sticky Church, 4.00pm - 6.00pm Sun 11 June

You're invited to Sticky Church at Picton Baptist Church, 293 Waikawa Road. Stories, craft, food, games and songs. Fun for all ages and a free event. See page 5 for more information.

18 Midwinter Swim, 12.00pm - 2.00pm Sun 18 June

MoreFM Marlborough are celebrating Winter in the only way they know how with their Midwinter Swim. Join them on Picton Foreshore on the 18th of June. Registrations open from 12pm and the swim will be at 1pm. Everyone who takes the plunge will be in to win a brand new heat pump with installation thanks to (bold) Cuddon Refrigeration & Air Conditioning (<https://www.cuddon.co.nz/>). Plus, spot prizes on the day for Best Dressed. All thanks to Brancott Estate and Blenheim Fire Brigade we will have a nice warm tanker of water to defrost you afterwards.

NEXT ISSUE

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iReX Project

By Diane Livingston

Changes for Interislander foot passengers and works update

This month the new temporary terminal for Interislander foot passengers and cyclists opens for business.

If you fancy a sneak preview and chat with the team, please wander down today, Wed 7 June between 12pm and 1.30pm for a free sausage sizzle (see page 3). You will find us across the road from Picton i-SITE.

Terminal works update

Port Marlborough's work on building two new commercial jetties is going well. The pre-constructed jetties have been towed via barge around to their new site adjacent to the "old float plane office" on the northern side of the Edwin Fox building (above image).

Nearby in the upper carpark, the iReX construction team is working on a section of the Waitohi Awa Culvert to create more capacity and make it stronger.

Dublin Street update

Currently a 'no parking' area has been set up as the team gets ready to relocate the last lot of pipes running alongside the road.

From early August Dublin Street and Broadway will close to complete the work involved in relocating pipes, and begin main works construction for the overbridge. Dublin Street and Broadway will remain closed for approximately 18 months while we complete the work. Detours with good signage will be in place well ahead of the closure.

If you have questions about the work or access, please email info@pictonferryprecinct.co.nz

Work on the Interislander Terminal Redevelopment is taking off. This is all about getting things ready for main work construction that will start later this year, and the arrival in 2025 of the first of two purpose built ferries. The new hybrid diesel-electric ships produce less wake energy than the current fleet, and will reduce carbon emissions by 40 percent.

iReX

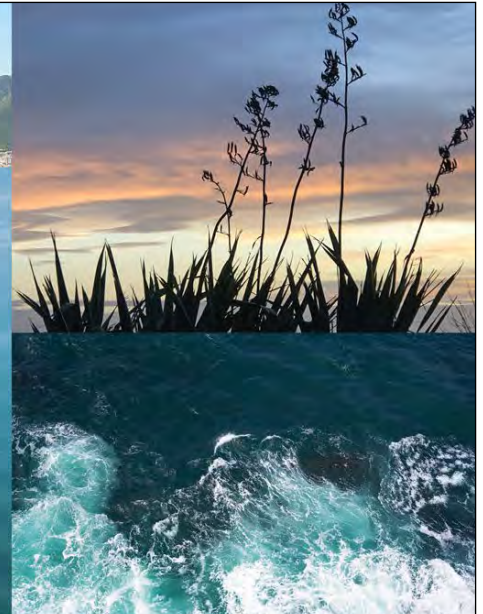
Celebration BBQ Everyone is welcome!

12.00pm, Wednesday 7 June 2023

Temporary Terminal, (opposite iSite)
Auckland Street, Waitohi Picton

Project update and community BBQ

Please join us to celebrate the
completion of the temporary
Interislander ferry terminal building.



It is a big milestone for the project, taking us a step closer to a beautiful new terminal precinct for your town.

Main works construction gets underway later in the year ready for when the first new ship arrives in 2025.

Meet the construction team, hear from our partners, and chat with the people leading this project of national significance.

The BBQ will run through to 1.30pm.



Marlborough Team Challenge

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Marlborough Team Challenge is an online step count and exercise challenge that lets you get into teams with friends and colleagues and track your steps and distance together along a virtual map.

Participants download our step challenge app to track their real-world activity along a virtual route of the South Island of New Zealand in our step challenge app over six weeks.

Each team of up to 4 participants will be aiming to travel along our virtual route walking, running, swimming, and cycling. All activities are encouraged as the app allows you to input your daily distance or automatically track your progress using your Fitbit, Apple watch or Google Fit. With the use of our conversion chart, you can convert wheeling in a wheelchair, dancing, yoga, and other low impact exercise activities into steps ensuring a very inclusive event.

[Registrations are now open](#)

Picton Trade Aid

Volunteers wanted



If you've ever wandered into the Picton Trade Aid shop, you will know it as a wonderfully warm, colourful and fragrant space.

Manager Lorna McMahon and her team of volunteers are proud of the shop's welcoming atmosphere and enjoy seeing shoppers take their time browsing the huge range of stock, sourced from trading partners in Africa, Asia, Latin America and the Pacific.

Trade Aid is also a part of the local community. Over Easter, the store ran its Good Egg promotion where deserving Picton people were nominated by someone else to go into the draw for a giant Easter egg. The lucky recipient, Lyn Richan, accompanied by her nominator Jill Barrington, are pictured below.

The Trade Aid organisation is run on a social enterprise model – it's a wholesale business with a number of retail shops, run along commercial lines. Based in Christchurch, Trade Aid is a New Zealand initiative, established by Vi and Richard Cottrell in 1973 as a way to create fairness in trade. The Picton store is staffed by the manager and a small team of committed volunteers.

We are currently looking for new faces to join the team. If this sounds like you - you have some time to give to a good cause and you enjoy meeting people and promoting Trade



Above: Good Egg Lyn Bichan (right) with Jill Barrington

Aid values – pop into the store on High Street to pick up a volunteer pack. We'd love to meet you!

Picton Wine Club

Next Tasting

Peregrine Wines Presented by Cl

Picton Little Theatre | Fri

\$25.00 | Couple \$30

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All welcome but bookings are essential.

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FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT MANAGER@ENDEAVOURPARKPICTON.CO.NZ
OR GLEN HURCOMB ON (03) 579 2574

HOME SECURITY

Do you need some advice?

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Tony Sampson from Gary Ching Ltd
will give a presentation on the latest
home security systems available.

If you want to 'beef-up' your security
and feel safe in your space, join us on

**Saturday June 10th, 2pm
at Linkwater Hall**

ALL WELCOME



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Picton Environment Centre



Exciting changes for Kaipupu Sanctuary and Picton Dawn Chorus !

We're please to share that Kaipupu Sanctuary and Picton Dawn Chorus are merging as one society, which we believe will make us more resilient and more effective, producing greater conservation outcomes. Kaipupu Sanctuary will continue to be a conservation hub and visitor experience, but this merger will allow us to

enhance the buffer that Picton Dawn Chorus has been steadily creating.

It is an exciting new chapter to our long history, and we'll keep you posted on developments. To read all about this exciting new chapter you can read the story on [stuff here](#).

Nominate someone to be our next Natures Champion

Round 4 of nominations are now open on our website, pictondawnchorus.nz. He toki a Tāne is a partnership programme with Daltons to encourage community engagement and environmental stewardship in the Picton area. Residents & businesses of Picton, and surrounding areas, can nominate themselves &/or others as He toki a Tāne (Nature's Champion). An ideal candidate will be doing the work to help make Picton predator free, and providing a safe, healthy, and thriving environment for the native bird species.

Whether that be through urban (garden) trapping or planting native species and food sources for the native bird populations. Nominees must reside within Picton Dawn Chorus project area- includes Picton, Waikawa, and surrounding hills, from Ngakuta Bay to Whatamango Bay.

Nominations for this round are open until 16th June 2023.

Submit your [He toki a Tāne nominations](#) today!

Matariki

Picton Environment Centre will be at this year's Matariki Festival at the Waikawa Marae. This will be our first visit to the Marae and we are looking forward to be part of this festive day. The Picton Environment Centre will be selling our wares during the festivities.

Envirohub Marlborough will also be assisting the Marae toward making the event as zero waste as possible, so look forward to eating off a nice plate rather than something you throw away!

Come to the "He Māketē o te po" a night market at Waikawa Marae to celebrate Matariki.

Friday 7th of July, 2pm - 6pm at the Waikawa Marae.

- Local stalls selling arts and crafts
- Information tents
- Entertainment
- Delicious Kai
- Activities for our tamariki and exhibition showcasing our amazing people

Last year was HUGE and thoroughly enjoyed by everyone who attended

Contact details are on the poster (next page).

Envirohub's recycling collection stations



**Envirohub Marlborough
Recycle Collection Station**

Did you know **Envirohub Marlborough** is a collection point for numerous recycling programs? Although we would prefer everyone to choose reusable items, we also love initiatives like these that recycle and then reuse.
Feel free to drop any of the items below into the Picton Environment Centre at **14 Auckland Street, Picton Monday to Friday 9am to 3pm** to drop off your items.

Oral Care Waste
Colgate Brand Only

Dish & Air Care Waste
Any Brand

Wine Bottle Caps

Aluminium Can Tabs

Silicone Products

Coffee Pods

Wool Pouches
From meal delivery kits

Razors Good Nature Gas Cannisters

Bottle Tops

Cell Phones RE:mobile

Batteries MARLBOROUGH DISTRICT COUNCIL

For more information visit:
www.envirohub.co.nz/recycling

Envirohub MARLBOROUGH

Did you know that we collect difficult to recycle items at two locations in Marlborough?

We are HUGE believers of reuse first and foremost, but are also very supportive of recycle efforts that go on to reuse the items as well.

Our main collection station is located at the Picton Environment Centre.

Our second location is at MySpace, the youth development centre at 18 Kinross Street, Blenheim. Open Mon-Fri 9am-7pm (depending on bookings). They collect wine bottle/ aluminium can tabs, bottle tops and batteries.

Check out the poster for a visual representation, we collect all these items at the Picton Environment Centre.

**Picton Environment Centre
14 Auckland Street, Picton**

<https://www.envirohub.co.nz/>
<https://www.pictondawnchorus.nz/>
<https://www.kaipupusanctuary.nz/>

MĀNAWATIA A MATARIKI

He Māpete o te pō

MATARIKI | JULY 7TH, 2023 | 2 PM - 6 PM | WAIKAWA MARAE

Nau mai, haere mai!

Join us to celebrate our community and Matariki at Waikawa Marae.

Local stalls selling arts and crafts, information tents, entertainment, and of course - delicious kai!

Matariki activities for our tamariki and an exhibition showcasing our amazing people.

Free entry and car parking available.

Matariki hunga nui

If you would like to be a stall holder please contact Yvonne Skipper on 021-033-2364 or admin@waikawamarae.com and to provide support or donate a spot prize please contact Tania Cameron on 027-202-0144

Picton Rail and Sail



May round up

By Brian Morris

At Picton-On-Sea we welcome all rail and sail enthusiasts, young and old, but regardless of age, there is always a fascination with railway stories – not just about our locos and model train set-up, but also questions like “what happens to old trains, unused tunnels and disestablished train tracks?” Here’s a bit of information about a few interesting “re-deployments.”

In the 1960s, Dr Beeching (British Railways Board Director) ordered the disestablishment many unprofitable train routes. Leicester City’s Central Station got the axe in 1966. Years later, the beautiful classic building was re-purposed into a “leisure and entertainment centre” where people can meet, dine out, see movies or enjoy a drink at the Railway Pub. Former passengers go bowling on what was the station’s Grand Concourse (below).



Another re-purposed railway facility is the Catesby Tunnel, 50km south of Leicester in the English Midlands. The laser-straight 2.7km railway tunnel has been converted into a racing car speed test laboratory. The double-width tunnel has a controlled temperature and atmosphere with no crosswinds, and an ultra-smooth, dead-level tarmac surface. This makes it the ideal place for speed testing F1 racing cars and even the more modest family saloon cars. Some reach 300 kph in complete safety,

and hidden away from rival manufacturers.

The railway line at Ruddington was super busy during 1940-1945 when the British Ministry of Defence built a munitions factory there, safely distant from any houses. At its wartime peak, 4000 people workers on three x 8-hour shifts, seven days a week, made bombs and assorted ammunition in 200 separate buildings (below).



The site at Ruddington was chosen because of its extensive railway connections. Workers (mostly women from nearby Leicester) came to and from work by train. Raw materials such as coal, saltpetre, gunpowder etc came in by train and the completed ordnance was railed to armed forces camps and naval ports around UK. The site continued right through WWII, scaling back after the war ended, but the facility did not close permanently until 1985, when all the buildings were demolished and the land returned to farming.

Closer to home, we have countless examples of old railway stations being turned into eateries (Picton’s Subway and Blenheim’s Wine Station are our “locals”) and of course The Forgotten Highway and the Otago Rail Trail are just two of many old tracks that have been given new leases of life.

Picton Rail and Sail
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Picton July School Holidays

MARBOROUGH DISTRICT LIBRARIES

Take Home – Books – Puzzles – Tech Kits

<p>Monday 3 July</p> <p>Storytime 11am</p> <p>Drop-in Craft 11am - 4pm</p>	<p>Tuesday 4 July</p> <p>Family Movie Time 2pm</p>	<p>Wednesday 5 July</p> <p>The Library opens at 9am today!</p> <p>Drop-in Craft 10am - 4pm</p>	<p>Thursday 6 July</p> <p>Hot Chocolate Storytime 2pm</p>	<p>Friday 7 July</p> <p>Drop-in Craft 10am - 4pm</p>
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All Welcome – Just turn up – It's Free

Keep cosy! Wear your slippers to the library today and go in the lucky draw for a book prize.

Picton Library



Keep cosy!
Wear your slippers to the library for
Hot Chocolate Storytime
and enter the
Lucky Prize Draw.
Thursday 6th July
2pm

Choco

The poster features a white speech bubble with text on a dark blue background. To the right of the text are two orange slippers with white stars and a brown mug with a heart and the word 'Choco' written on it. Below the speech bubble is a cartoon astronaut in a white suit floating in space.



Holiday Activities
Lego-in-a-cup
Board games
Colouring
Reading
Puzzles

The poster has a green background with a border of colorful Lego bricks. It lists activities: Lego-in-a-cup, Board games, Colouring, Reading, and Puzzles. At the bottom, there is an illustration of two children in space suits playing on a large planet, surrounded by other planets and a comet.



Family Movie Time
G/PG rated fun.
Ask us what's playing.

Tuesday 4 July 2pm
Tuesday 11 July 2pm

2 pm

All welcome - Just turn up - It's free
We serve popcorn!

The poster has a light blue background with a white cloud-like shape containing the main text. To the left is a red and white striped popcorn bucket. At the bottom, there are two film reels and a film strip. The text '2 pm' is written in a large, bold font.



STORYTIMES
AT THE LIBRARY

MONDAY 3 JULY - 11AM
THURSDAY 6 JULY - 2PM
MONDAY 10 JULY - 11AM
THURSDAY 13 JULY - 2PM

ALL WELCOME - JUST TURN UP - IT'S FREE

The poster has a yellow background. At the top, it says 'STORYTIMES AT THE LIBRARY' in large, bold letters. Below that is an illustration of five diverse children wearing colorful graduation caps and gowns. The schedule is listed in bold black text. At the bottom, there is an illustration of hands holding various books and a tablet.



Picton Heritage & Whaling Museum

June notes from the Museum

By Mary Cooper

I'm sure that many of you will have watched the Coronation of His Majesty King Charles III. What pageantry and history! I wonder how many households have Royal souvenirs on display or in cupboards (as a child I had the gold carriage). They reflect our history too.

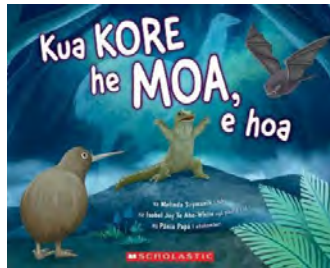
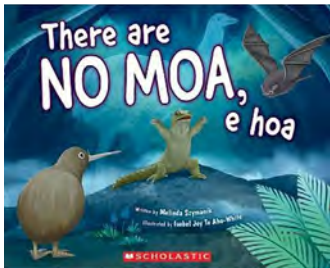
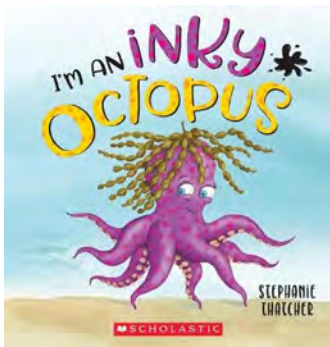
On Monday 5 June we had a Public Holiday – the King's Birthday – that will take a bit of getting used to saying. The royal family's website says it's traditional for British queens and kings to celebrate two birthdays, one on their real birthday date and another as an official celebration. That's because the official celebration is typically held in the British summer when there is a greater chance of good weather for the accompanying grand parade, known as Trooping the Colour.

Mid-Winter Christmas Dinner? Surely it was an Australian or New Zealander who first started this type of celebration? Apparently not. It is believed that the forerunner of this dinner was the midwinter feast enjoyed by our ancient ancestors. Feasts were held to celebrate the pagan midwinter solstice, and



archaeological digs have discovered that the most popular meats served up were pork and beef.

We have some lovely children's books – in both Maori and English (\$20 each) and a really



A favourite of mine is the fold out leaflet with details of the birds of New Zealand. This is



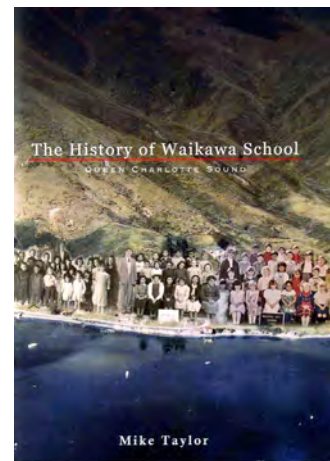
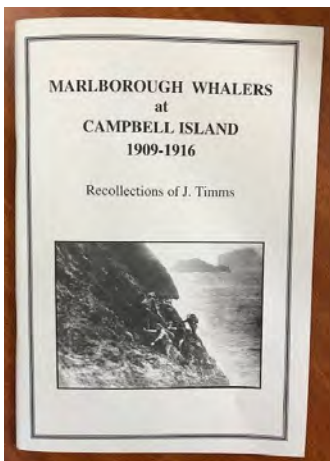
compact enough to put in your pack when you are out and about and it is only \$8.

interesting booklet on the Campbell Island Whalers (\$20). It is the recollections of Joe Timms. A friend who had relatives in that group of men told me how proud they were to have travelled the furthest distance to fight the Germans! I always enjoy looking through Mike Taylor's History of Waikawa Bay School (\$40). You may feature in it as it covers the period to 1877 – 1951 when it was known as Waikawa Pa School as well as the period 1951 to 1990.

I have been enjoying the looking back articles on Stuff and in the Marlborough Express. There was one about the sun dial that came back to Picton: <https://www.stuff.co.nz/marlborough-express/300865667/looking-back-the-sundial-that-returned-to-picton>

and another interesting one on police constables crashing their trap near Renwick: <https://www.stuff.co.nz/marlborough-express/300873457/looking-back-constables-crash-their-trap>

Hopefully this Looking Back series of articles will continue.



Our latest exhibition relates to sports participated in by the people of Picton. The sports featured on this occasion are: roller skating, outdoor bowls and rowing.

Thank you to all the people who responded to our People of Picton Photo Call recording for future generations places, people and events during the week of 15-21 May 2023. An exhibition featuring these photographs will take place at a later date.



Picton Heritage & Whaling Museum
Tel: 03-573-8283
Email: info@pictonmuseum.co.nz



A cuppa with your councillors

Marlborough District Council's Sounds-based councillors are available for a drop-in chat each month from 20 July.

Come along to the Waitohi Whare Mātauranga/Picton Library and Service Centre on a Thursday each month, from 10.00am until midday.

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 and Service Centre

When: 10.00 am to midday on Thursday 20 July; 24 August; 21 September; 26 October and 23 November 2023

Marlborough secures road recovery funding

Marlborough District Council has been successful in its bid to gain further central Government funding to help repair its storm-damaged roads. Two heavy rain events in

July 2021 and August 2022 caused extensive damage across its network running into the hundreds of millions of dollars.

Last week the Waka Kotahi board agreed to fund 95 per cent of \$52.39M, or \$49.77M. The Council would provide the remaining five per cent, or \$2.62M.

“This is fantastic news and I’d like to thank everyone who contributed to this outcome,” Mayor Nadine Taylor said.

“Thanks in particular to Waka Kotahi for agreeing to the financial assistance rate (FAR) of 95%. I understand and appreciate the Government is under significant pressure and facing funding requests from North Island regions for the Cyclone Gabrielle recovery and rebuild.”

The new funding enables Awatere Valley, Northbank and Waihopai Valley road repairs to be completed, as well as a one-year extension of barge and water taxi subsidies in the Marlborough Sounds. The new money also includes funding for design for repairing

high priority sites on Queen Charlotte Drive, and costs for some repairs in the Sounds that are necessary to maintain access, prior to the outcome of the Marlborough Sounds Future Access Study.

“This is great news for our communities. There is however some way to go with the next round of public engagement Council is conducting on the Marlborough Sounds Future Access Study coming up at the end of this month, when we will be seeking public feedback on the ‘emerging preferred option’ for each of the five damaged areas in the Sounds.”

[Go to further information on the Study and the drop-in and online meetings taking place from 20 to 28 June.](#)

Previous funding allocations of \$85.3M and \$3.45M were provided at a 95% FAR by Waka Kotahi, bringing Marlborough’s total storm recovery funding to date to \$141.14M.

Marlborough Matariki Event Fund open for applications

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

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

Councillor Jonathan Rosene, who will chair the decision-making panel awarding the funding, said the fund is a great way of elevating the importance of Māori culture and heritage within our community.

“I welcome the opportunity to chair this panel which will see Matariki stories and events come to life in Marlborough. These events will provide a platform for our community to learn more about Māori and share in the importance of Matariki,” he said.

Council’s Arts Culture and Heritage Project Lead, Nicola Neilson said the contestable fund, which is now open for applications, aims to support the community in hosting events that



recognise not only Te Rā Aro ki a Matariki, the public holiday, but also the wider kaupapa and principles of Matariki.

“The fund will support costs integral to holding an event, which includes venue and equipment hire, marketing and promotion and other costs,” she said.

While there is no maximum that can be applied for, it's likely between \$2000 and \$3000 will be awarded to support events.

Mrs Neilson said priority will be given to events that can demonstrate documented support from iwi.

For more information about the Mānawatia

Future Marlborough Sounds transport network engagement starts 20 June

The next phase of public engagement for the Marlborough Sounds Future Access Study starts on 20 June. The public will be asked for their views on an 'emerging preferred option' for each of the five storm-damaged areas of the Sounds. Information on other possible options will also be made available at next month's meetings and online.

From 20 to 28 June, seven community drop-in sessions will be held in Blenheim, Picton, around the Sounds and in Nelson. There will also be an online webinar for people who live outside Marlborough or who can't make one of the drop-in meetings. A survey will seek the public's input, with feedback due by 11 July.

Council embarked on the study to support the case for funding safe and resilient long-term access solutions for the Sounds, both for itself and to obtain funding assistance from Waka Kotahi.

Mayor Nadine Taylor said this next phase of engagement follows eight months of technical analysis by engineering consultancy Stantec and community feedback from stakeholders and Sounds' landowners, homeowners and businesses, garnered from a survey in February.

"Based on this analysis and feedback, Council and Stantec have identified an emerging preferred option for the five areas in the Sounds that includes building back roads and also considers improved marine access options."

"Stakeholder and public feedback will also be sought for an alternative, climate-resilient option for each area that is a combination of short-term actions and longer-term options in case we get more major weather events."

te Kahui o Matariki Fund, or to apply go to: www.marlborough.govt.nz/recreation/events/manawatia-te-kahui-o-matariki-fund-marlborough-matariki-community-event-fund

Applications for the 2023 funding round close at 5.00 pm Friday 9 June 2023.

"The harsh reality is we need a transport system that can cope with the damaging impacts of climate change, sea level rise and earthquakes, well into the future."

"The drop-in sessions and survey are for everyone with an interest in our Marlborough Sounds transport network to provide their views."

"Once we have completed this second round of engagement, Waka Kotahi will be able to consider all the analysis and feedback in our business case and make their decisions, which will include how much funding they will be able to provide or request from the Government."

"I know that Sounds residents have been living with damaged roads since mid-2021 and want clarity about what is happening in the short, medium and long term. We are getting closer to that with this second round of public discussion on the preferred and alternative options."

"The options being presented will have high-level cost estimates that cover repairs from the August 2022 event, capital improvements and ongoing maintenance costs. What we won't know at this stage is the funding mix between Government and Council, but as there will be a significant impact on rates, we will be asking both Sounds residents and Marlborough ratepayers as a whole what they might be willing to pay for a resilient transport network in the Sounds."

"I encourage people to come to a drop-in session to find out more and then to provide their views through the survey."

"Following this engagement and any

decisions by Waka Kotahi, Council will re-assess its preferred options and undertake a special consultation process under the Local Government Act on those and proposed funding before making final decisions.”

Drop-in sessions

Tuesday 20 June
5.00 pm – 7.00 pm
Blenheim, Lansdowne Park Sports Hub

Wednesday 21 June
10.00 am – 12.00 pm
Waitaria Bay Hall

Thursday 22 June
10.00 am – 12.00 pm
French Pass Hall

Friday 23 June
2.00 pm – 4.00 pm
Linkwater Hall

Monday 26 June
10.00 am – 12.00 pm
Rai Valley, The Millers Rest

Monday 26 June
5.30 pm – 7.30 pm

Updated: Submissions to open on Marlborough’s navigation bylaw

Council is replacing its 2009 Navigation Bylaw.

The new bylaw will have minor amendments to address key issues and improve clarity Harbourmaster Captain Jake Oliver said.

At last week’s Council meeting Captain Oliver presented a thorough report on the proposed replacement navigation bylaw which will go out for consultation next month.

Submissions are expected to open on 15 June 2023 and close on 1 October 2023 with a sub-committee being formed, if necessary, to deliberate on submissions.

Marlborough’s current Navigation Bylaw came into force in July 2010 and contains rules relating to maritime and navigation safety. It helps with the regulation of shipping and activities on the waters of the region.

Zoom online: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/81708059434>

Tuesday 27 June
3.00 pm – 5.00 pm
Nelson, Trafalgar Centre, Northern Extension

Wednesday 28 June
12.00 pm – 2.00 pm
Port Marlborough Pavilion

At the drop-ins, the public will be able to view the emerging preferred option and an alternative climate-resilient option for each of the five geographic areas of the Sounds and ask the project team any questions. A consultation document, background information and videos will help explain the options and will be distributed prior to these events.

From 20 June, a link to the survey and more information will be available on the project web page

[Go to the Marlborough Sounds Future Access Study page](#)

Under the Maritime Transport Act regional councils can make bylaws to regulate and control activities and prevent nuisances arising. This includes controlling anchorages, placement and maintenance of moorings and specifying requirements for carrying and using of lifejackets on boats.

A review of the bylaw began in 2017 but was not completed due to issues arising from the emergence of the iRex ferries project and subsequent delays due to Covid.

Proposed changes to the bylaw include correcting information relating to the working channel for Picton Harbour Radio, incorporating water ski access lanes not currently included, updating fees and charges levied on activities and editing changes to improve the bylaw’s readability.

There are areas of the bylaw that will need greater attention and in-depth consultation with operators and the community Captain Oliver said.

“These will be pursued as amendments at a later date and are anticipated to include

Make your artistic mark on Marlborough

Applications open soon for the Chorus cabinet art project which aims to promote artwork in the community, encourage artists to show their skills and brighten up neighbourhoods.

The art initiative began in Auckland in 2010 to reduce vandalism to telecommunications cabinets. It proved so successful it was extended throughout the country and more than 100 murals are completed each year. Council has teamed up with Chorus to run and promote the project in Marlborough.

Local artist Charlotte Buskin, 22, has painted two cabinets in Hospital Road and Percy Street and plans to apply again.

The self-taught, full-time artist says she is surrounded by creative people in her family and has painted ever since she can remember, and began selling her art when she was 12. “I’m particularly inspired by nature and I love painting native birds,” she said.

Painted cabinets caught Charlotte’s eye and when she saw one underway she approached the artist to find out more.

“She put me on to the website and so I submitted a design which was accepted,” she said.

Artists are paid for their materials and time and Charlotte encourages other budding and

requirements on wearing lifejackets, carrying communications, vessel identification, AIS (automatic identification system), common passage plans and commercial shipping operations,” he said.



Above: Marlborough artist Charlotte Buskin and Councillor Jonathan Rosene with Charlotte’s kingfisher on the corner of Hospital Road and Redwood Street.

established artists to submit, describing it as a very rewarding project to be involved with.

Applications will be assessed by a Cabinet Art committee including Councillors Jonathan Rosene and Barbara Faulls, two Council staff and two community representatives.

Sites in Picton, Waikawa, Renwick, Grovetown and Blenheim have been identified for the 2023/2024 year.

Applications are open from mid-June. For more information go to the Chorus Cabinet Art Website

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Home fires main source of Picton emissions

Strategic Planner Sarah Brand told last month’s Environment and Planning Committee meeting that the purpose of an inventory is to estimate the contribution of different sources of emissions to air and evaluate changes over time.

“This is the first emission inventory for Picton,”

she said.

In 2019-2020 an air quality screening study was undertaken by NIWA following concerns expressed by the community about Picton’s air quality.

Results indicated that elevated levels of

some contaminants could exceed National Environmental Standards (NES) for air quality guidelines, triggering the need to install compliant monitoring. Two sites have recently been selected and monitoring equipment has been sourced.

The inventory evaluation focuses on particulate matter (PM10 and PM2.5) and other contaminants including carbon monoxide, nitrogen oxide, sulphur oxide, volatile organic compounds and carbon dioxide. PM10 is particulate matter of 10 microns or less which can be inhaled deep into the lungs.

Emission sources included in the inventory were domestic heating, motor vehicles, port activities, industrial and commercial activities

and outdoor burning.

“Domestic heating was found to be the main source of daily winter PM10 emissions in Picton accounting for 75 per cent of the daily winter PM10,” Sarah said.

The next most significant contributors were outdoor burning at 12 per cent, industry at nine per cent with shipping and rail contributing six per cent.

Shipping emissions produced less than one tonne of PM10 per year - around six per cent of all emissions. The report estimated that PM10 emissions from ferries was around 0.31 tonnes, followed by recreational vessels at 0.28 tonnes.

MORE FM
BLENHEIM 92.9
PICTON 94.7
KAIKOURA 89.9

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REFRIGERATION & AIR CONDITIONING

MID-WINTER SWIM

18TH JUNE - 1PM
(REGISTRATIONS OPEN AT 12PM)

Picton Weekly Events

MONDAY

Picton Walking Group: 9.20am, RSA car park
Little Stars Sing & Play: 9.15am-10.30am, Baptist Church
Te Reo Māori: 10am-12pm, Lib
Tumble Tots: 10am-11am, Pav
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
Girl Guides: 6pm-8pm, SJS
Picton Bridge Club (Beginners): 7pm, Pav
Arapawa BoxFit Class: 6.30p-7.30pm, Scout Hall
Sounds Orchestral Ukelele Players (S.O.U.P.): 6.30pm-8.30pm, WBC

TUESDAY

Pilates: 8am-9am, Pav
Songbird Yoga: 9.30am-10.30am, Pav
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
Steady As You Go: 1.30pm-2.30pm, Union Parish Centre
Picton Writers Club: 1.30pm 1st Tues of month, Lib
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
Songbird Yoga: 6.30pm-7.30pm, Pav

WEDNESDAY

St. Joseph's Catholic Church: Mass 9am
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
Picton Bowling Club: 12.45pm, 25 Kent Street
Cribbage: 1pm-4pm, Picton RSA
Mahjong: 1.00pm, MCCR
After School Fun: 3.30pm-4.30pm, Lib
Drama Playshops (Teens): 3.45pm-4.45pm, Pav
Picton Quilters: 6.30pm, 2nd Weds, Pav
Waikawa Ratepayers Assoc: 5.30pm, 2nd Weds, WBC
Arapawa BoxFit Class: 5.30pm-6.15pm, Picton Scout Hall
Picton Trails Club Rides: 6pm, Pav carpark
Picton Badminton Club: 6.30pm-8.30pm, QCC Gym
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
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: 5.15pm-6.15pm, 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

SUNDAY

Family worship & communion: 10am, Anglican Church
Mass: 9am, St. Joseph's Catholic Church
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

If you would like to add an event to this listing or make an amendment please call Nicci Neilson on 027 262 9024 or email nicola.neilson@marlborough.govt.nz