

Have your say on Long Term Plan

You can have your say on Council's planned expenditure from this Thursday.

Submissions on the Long Term Plan (LTP) 2024-2034 open on 11 April and close at 5pm on 13 May.

Information and copies of the consultation document will be available at a series of drop-in meetings starting Monday 15 April. Councillors and Council staff will be on hand to answer questions; there is also an online webinar.

Those wanting to use the water taxi from Havelock to Waitaria Bay via Portage wharf must pre-book by contacting Rebecca Waldron at Council, either by email at rebecca.waldron@marlborough.govt.nz or Ph. 03 520 7400.

This service is free to Kenepuru community members.

Further information will be made available on Council's website at www.marlborough.govt.nz and at Customer Service Centres.

Date	Time	Location
Monday 15 April	5.30pm – 7.30pm	Blenheim, Lansdowne Hub
Tuesday 16 April	2pm – 4pm	Rai Valley, The Millers Rest, 6767 SH6
Wednesday 17 April	12.30pm – 2.30pm	Waitaria Bay, Waitaria Bay Hall
Thursday 18 April	5.30pm – 7pm	Online webinar via Zoom: https://us06web.zoom.us/j/88384985861
Friday 19 April	12pm – 2pm	Seddon, Awatere Memorial Hall
Monday 22 April	2pm – 4pm	Linkwater, Linkwater Settlers and Memorial Hall
Tuesday 23 April	5.30pm – 7.30pm	Picton, Port Marlborough Pavilion, Endeavour Park

Regional Land Transport Plan opens for consultation soon

Major Marlborough Sounds road repairs, increased road maintenance and improving freight efficiencies are Council's key focus in the Marlborough Regional Land Transport Plan (RLTP) 2024-2027.

Subject to approval at Council's meeting on 10 April, public consultation opens on the RLTP on 11 April at the same time as Council's Long Term Plan and will run until 13 May at 5pm.

Mayor Nadine Taylor said the RLTP was an important document that underpins Marlborough's transport planning and confirms the region's investment priorities in both state highways and local roads. It's required under the Land Transport Management Act and is prepared by Marlborough Roads with NZ Transport Agency input.

"This RLTP is dominated by the Marlborough Sounds Future Access Study and the repairs and resilience work that the study identified as needing to be done due to the storm damage. This will require significant investment over the coming years," Mayor Taylor said.

Regional Transport Committee Chair Councillor Scott Adams said it was



Freight efficiencies are a key focus in the RLTP

good timing for Marlborough that the new Government's recently released Draft Government Policy Statement (GPS) on transport was able to be factored into the region's new land transport plan.

"The new GPS has a much stronger focus on economic growth and productivity through delivery, sticking to core business and providing value for money. Marlborough's priorities

reflect this. With the cancellation of the iReX project, there is likely to be more trucks on the road, so we need to ensure Marlborough's roads, particularly the vital freight route on SH1, are ready, reliable and robust enough to cater for freight demands in the future," Cllr Adams said.

More information will be available on Council's website from 11 April when submissions open.

Book launch for 'extraordinarily ordinary' Edwin Fox

The release of a book about the Edwin Fox celebrates the ship and her role in connecting the world in the latter part of the 19th century.

The Edwin Fox: How an Ordinary Sailing Ship Connected the World in the Age of Globalization, 1850 - 1914 is co-written by Dr Boyd Cothran and Dr Adrian Shubert of York University, Toronto Canada after a fortuitous visit by Dr Shubert to Picton in March 2017. It was published by the University of North Carolina Press late last year and will be launched locally on 14 April at the Picton Library and Service Centre.

"Dr Shubert happened upon the Edwin Fox while on holiday in New Zealand. He was so taken with the ship's story and decided if a book had not already been written, he would write one," Edwin Fox manager Karen McLeod said.

The book reveals how an 'everyday' merchant ship drew together a changing world and its people in an extraordinary age of rising empires, sweeping economic transformation and social change. The authors say the Edwin Fox, built in Calcutta in 1853, was 'exceptional for being unexceptional' and the ship has been a fantastic vehicle for telling the story of globalisation as it unfolded between 1850 and 1914.

"The authors were inspired to write a book on the globalisation era with the Edwin Fox as the central focus as she had such a varied career as a sailing ship and represents that era so well," Karen said.

"It was a privilege to work with the authors Adrian and Boyd over the past few years to revisit the Edwin Fox story and add valuable new research including the discovery of who Edwin Fox was. I am hoping with the release of the book around the globe, it will take the amazing story of the ship to the world."

The public are invited to attend the book launch at the Picton Library and Service Centre, 2 Dublin St, Picton on Sunday 14 April 2024 from 2pm to 4pm. Copies of the book will be available to buy. To register go to: <https://www.eventfinda.co.nz/2024/the-edwin-fox-new-zealands-vessel-of-globalisation/picton>

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