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Picton Regional Forum held at Picton Emergency Centre, Memorial Park, Picton, on Monday 10 September 2018, at 1.30 pm

Present

Clr Taylor (Chairperson), Mike Porter (MDC)

Group Representatives

Bryan Strong (Tirimoana), Graham Low (Picton Smart & Connected), Jon Perano (Picton Museum), Michelle Campbell (Greypower), Tim Newsham (Bay of Many Coves), Tim Healey (QCS Residents Association), Moneen Wedge (QCS Residents Association), John Reuhman (Picton/Marlborough Sounds Visitor Economy Group), Hiram Taylor (WRRRA), Maria Baxter (Picton Business Group), James Wilson (Picton Dawn Chorus), Ian Davis (Ngakuta Bay Community Association), Stuart Eyes (Picton), Judith Andrews (Ngakuta Bay), Taylor Penwell (QCYC)

Guest Speakers

Matt Walters and Steve Merito (Rātā Foundation)

Ian Gardiner (Queen Charlotte Yacht Club)

In Attendance

Rebecca Waldron – MDC Secretary

Remembrance of Simon Chaffey

A few moments silence was held in memory of Simon Chaffey, a past member of the Picton Regional Forum who recently passed away. Simon was remembered by the group as someone who had been a wonderful supporter of the Picton community. His memorial service was being held in Blenheim at the same time as the meeting was taking place.

Apologies

Clr Oddie, Clr Hook, Dean Heiford, Don Miller, Graham Gosling, Rose Prendeville, Ian Shapcott, Margaret McHugh

Confirmation of previous meeting minutes

Jon Perano/Bryan Strong: That the minutes of the meeting held on 9 July 2018 are correct.

1. Rātā Foundation Update – Matt Walters and Steve Merito

- Steve and Matt are Engagement Advisors for the Rātā Foundation. Their roles are to engage with different organisational groups within the community. The area they cover encompasses Marlborough, Nelson/Tasman, Canterbury/Chatham Islands.



**Rātā
Foundation**

- Matt and Steve gave a presentation to the group (Appendix 1). This was the inaugural presentation of the new Powerpoint which has been updated following a strategic review of the Rātā Foundation.

- Main points outlined in the presentation follow:
 - Investing in communities has always been Rātā's main purpose and this will continue, however the organisation is changing from being solely a grant maker to becoming more engaged with community groups.
 - Annually the Rātā Foundation invests between \$15-20 million in the community. Marlborough receives 8% of the funds available.
 - One of the findings from the strategic review is that Rātā needs to be more adaptive to community needs. Matt and Steve explained how they are going to do this:

Connect: Rātā Foundation wants to be more than just about grants. The Foundation has knowledge, influence and connections to support communities. They want to build long term and lasting relationships. Matt and Steve are attending meetings such as PRF and visiting communities in order to be more connected to community. They want to understand better the projects that support the communities.

Collaborate: Building relationships and having discussions on how to collaborate to make communities better. Steve and Matt are interested in knowing about any collaborations and partnerships that are already happening in the community. Sometimes it may not be about financial investment but could be giving time to help different communities.

Transform: The Rātā Foundation is serious about seeing positive transformation happen in communities. Matt is leading a project in the top of the south on supporting groups to be good governors.

– **Funding Programmes:**

- Grants; Small (under \$20,000) and Large (\$20,000 to \$100,000)
- Building Projects
- Community Loans
- Impact Investment
- Special Projects and Areas of Focus
- Investments - Our Putea

Small and large grants, building projects and community loans need to fulfil funding priorities. Go to Rātā Foundation website for more information.

<https://www.Ratafoundation.org.nz/funding>

Impact Investment is about looking at providing a financial return but also a social and sustainable return in communities.

The Foundation is also interested in Special Projects which may be a collaborative idea that has impact and has the potential to bring real benefit to the community.

The Investment Portfolio generates the funds that are invested in the community. The capital comes originally from the assets of the Canterbury Savings Bank. Rātā Foundation is committed to ethical and responsible investing.

Questions/Answers

- It was suggested that Steve and Matt arrange to attend a Sounds Advisory Group meeting due to SAG's representation of small outlying community groups.
- It was clarified that projects often have more than one funding source.
- Matt and Steve noted that their intention is not to just turn up and do presentations but to communicate with different organisations and that they intend to continue to come and connect with groups in the community.
- Rātā has recently begun multi-year funding of some trusted projects.

2. Queen Charlotte Yacht Club (QCYC) Building Project Update – Ian Gardiner

- Ian gave a presentation to the group (Appendix 2).

Questions/Answers

- The footprint of the new building will be about the same as for the previous buildings’.
- The Council have sought QCYC’s input into the upgrade of the Shelley Beach area.
- The provision for a crane to assist Access sailors (disabled) has being included in the design.
- The building is going to be 800 mm’s above mean high water springs to mitigate for climate change.
- The Yacht Club can run sailing classes for adults. Get in touch for more information.
<https://qcy.org.nz/contactus.php>
- Ian clarified that there is cooperation between QCYC and Waikawa Yacht Club with QCYC focussing on school age children and encouraging members to sail with Waikawa when they have left school. Waikawa assists QCYC with fundraising, event sailing and resources.
- The capacity for functions is 150 pax and it is intended that the venue will remain as an affordable option for the community.
- Building work will slow down for the sailing season and recommence in February with completion of the main part of the project forecast for August/September 2019.

Ian and Taylor withdrew from the meeting at 2.35 pm.

3. Queen Charlotte Track/Link Pathway – Possibility for Economic Development – Monyeen Wedge

- Queen Charlotte Track (QCT) is on the shortlist to become a Great Walk and the Link Pathway project is on track to be finished during 2019, Monyeen suggested that there needs to be communication between the two projects and co-ordination with the Marlborough Tourism Industry.
 - Cllr Taylor noted that there is co-operation between the two projects and co-ordination with the Tōtaranui 250 Project which is why Council has given additional funding to the Link Pathway to ensure it is completed by the beginning of the celebrations.
 - There is also collaboration with the Marlborough/Kaikōura Trail which will link with the Link Pathway and QCT.

4. Marlborough Sounds Community Vehicle Trust Update – Bryan Strong

- The AGM was held today.
- In the past 12 months the Trust has carried 146 passengers which is 3 times the number of passengers from the Trust’s first year. There are 10 Picton drivers and 9 from Blenheim.
- The Trust is looking for a new co-ordinator. The role is voluntary and would take up to 2-3 hours spread throughout the day as phone calls could be received at any time during the day or evening. Please contact Bryan if you are interested in this role. strongsails@yahoo.co.uk

5. Payment for use of Emergency Management Centre – Mike Porter

- It was agreed to continue with the \$600.00 donation to the Emergency Operations Centre for the use of the meeting room.

Motion: Tim Healey
Seconded: Graham Low
Carried

6. General Business

Port Underwood Road – Maria Baxter

- Maria has received calls from residents over the state of the Port Underwood Road.
 - Cllr Taylor noted that Wayne Boustridge is the Port Underwood contact for Marlborough Roads and residents could contact him to feed their concerns to Marlborough Roads. wayne.boustridge@hotmail.com
- It was suggested that Steve Murrin be invited to the next meeting to provide an update of the roads in the region.

Items from Previous Meeting – Jon Perano

- Jon noted that there are two items from Graham Smail's presentation at the last meeting which the Picton Museum Committee thinks need further discussion:
 - The proposed walkway which may cut up the bank through the coloured rock wall to London Quay from the I-site. Jon noted that the coloured rock wall is a part of the history of the Picton Foreshore and the Museum Committee doesn't want it altered.
 - There are concerns about the boulders that are being placed on the Victoria Domain. This could be a serious health and safety issue.

Cllr's Taylor and Oddie are having ongoing discussions with Reserves staff about the amount of boulders appearing in Picton.

Waikawa Launching Ramp Parking– Tim Newsham

- Tim noted that the ramp is an excellent facility but that there are problems which need to be addressed with regard to the parking arrangements for trailers.
 - Hiram Taylor noted that there is a meeting with Council and the Waikawa Residents and Ratepayers Association (WRAA) to finalise the parking layout.

Wattles – Hiram Taylor

- Some progress has been made on the issues of the wattles in the hills around Picton, with working groups being formed from WRAA and Picton Smart & Connected. The groups are hopefully going to join together to work on the problem. A trial wattle control programme in a small area is expected to take place in Jan/Feb 2019.

Port Underwood Road – Ian Davis

- Logging trucks on Port Underwood Road continues to be an issue. Ian thinks that the logging trucks coming from the ridgeline should be encouraged to travel in convoy with a lead vehicle which is able to stop oncoming traffic. Maria noted that tourists are often travelling on the road unaware that they could meet logging trucks coming the other way. It was suggested that Steve Murrin be asked to address this issue at the next meeting.
 - Hiram noted that logging gang workers are travelling too fast on Port Underwood Road and there have been some close calls.
 - It was suggested that someone from Council come to talk to the Forum about forestry extraction projections for the area.

Matt and Steve withdrew from the meeting at 3.20 pm.

Wellness Centre Update – John Reuhman

- The concept plan has been redesigned so that the footprint fits on the existing mini-golf site.
- Funding will be applied for from the Lotteries Commission for the feasibility study.

Other Matters

- It was clarified that sea level rise is taken into consideration in all Council’s future planning.
- The Cruise Ship Think Tank was held recently. A tourism town infrastructure group is going to be established in response to frustration with the presentation of Picton Township. John noted that no one from Council was present at the Cruise Ship meeting. Clr Taylor will take this feedback on staff representation back to Council.
- John was critical of the state of the Picton Foreshore at present and doesn’t think it will be ready for the first cruise ship passengers in October. The cruise ships are expected to bring an additional 10,000 passengers this year.
- Grahame Low is still waiting to hear back from Steve Murrin with regard to a list of road markings that need to be repainted. Rebecca agreed to email Steve about this on behalf of the PRF.

7. Actions from the meeting

	Action	Person Responsible
1.	Make payment of \$600.00 to EOC for use of meeting room	Dean
2.	Provide clarity on the proposed track through the coloured rock wall and at the foreshore (for cruise ship passengers)	Clr Taylor
3.	Find out information on the profusion of boulders in Picton	Clr Taylor/Clr Oddie
4.	Ask Steve Murrin to address issues of logging trucks and increased summer traffic on Port Underwood and Picton roading in general at the November meeting	Dean
5.	Arrange for a representative of MDC to come to the next meeting to talk about forestry in Port Underwood area	Dean/Clr Taylor
6.	Email Steve about the Picton road markings schedule - completed	Rebecca

Meeting closed at 3.20 pm

Next Meeting: 12 November 2018


Appendix 1

Rāta Foundation Presentation

Investing in communities




Rāta Foundation | Investing in communities



We create and lead conversations, through strong community connections and understanding.

Connect

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We lead, partner, provide innovative funding, and smart investment to create inter-generational change.

Collaborate


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We transform lives by understanding community needs and investing to bring about social change.

Transform

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What we do and how we do it

- Small and Large Grants
- Building Projects
- Community Loans
- Impact Investment
- Special Projects and Areas of Focus
- Investments — Our Putea

Appendix 2

Queen Charlotte Yacht Club Presentation

About QCYC

- QCYC is a Registered Charity with IRD Donee Status.
- Established at Shelley Beach in 1936.
- Club Members created the land area.
- Club rooms came from the Delta army camp.
- QCYC is an integral part of the Picton and Marlborough communities.
- QCYC has a reputation as one of the top spots for regattas in New Zealand.
- QCYC is not just for yacht racing, but a number of aquatic pastimes and community activities.
- Proud history of producing national and international champions.

Learn to sail courses

- QCYC is the only Learn to Sail/sailing centre for the whole of Marlborough.
- Over 400 youth introduced to sailing each year through different programmes.
- Providing invaluable water skills to both youth and adults.
- QCYC fosters the love of the outdoors and all water sports.



Club Sailing

- 26 Club racing days per season.
- Facility used almost every day during the summer.
- Coaching/training 5 days a week.
- Full time coach.

Hosting of National Events in Picton

- The Club and location is recognised nationally as a premium venue.
- The Interislander Regatta alone brings an estimated \$350k to the region annually.
- QCYC received the YNZ Presidents award for the Interislander Regatta.
- QCYC runs other prestigious national events.

Part of the Marlborough Community

- Encouraging people to experience, enjoy, and value the Marlborough Sounds outdoor environment.
- Learning and outdoor opportunities for people of all ages “sailing is sport for life”
- Economic value of the Interislander Regattas alone is estimated at \$350,000 to the region.
- Boating facilities available for community use, schools, Scouts, Guides, Waka Ama, sea swimmers and kayaks.
- Provide social venue for the community events.
- Provide training to lead locals into top level national and international competition.

Queen Charlotte Yacht Club Achievements.

- Encouraging sailors to progress as far as they desire.
- 2016 and 2013 Sport Tasman Team of the Year.
- Splash World Champions.
- Australian Byte Champion.
- 2016 Starling National Champion.
- Optimist National Champions.
- William I Koch International Cup.
- Regional Champions.



Members Residence

- 59% Blenheim.
- 27% Picton.
- 5% Renwick.
- 5% Canterbury.
- 2% Auckland.
- 3% Other.
- QCYC is the only multi-faceted aquatic club in Marlborough.

Community Engagement

- Waka Ama Club
- Cruise Ship Passenger Hub.
- Community functions, (birthdays, weddings, wakes, corporate functions etc.).
- Training Facility, (NMIT, MBC, QCC, Port Nelson, etc).
- Business meeting and conferences.
- Smaller community clubs.
- Visual area enhancement for Bobs Bay Track users.
- Scouting training facility.
- Venue for functions.



Community Benefits

- Promotion of water sports, skills and safety.
- Essential foundation for active, healthy community.
- Community connected nationally and internationally.
- Benefit foreshore reserve, improving walking access to beaches and tracks.
- Creating a safer interaction between public, traffic and water users in the northern Shelley Beach Reserve area.
- Continuation in attracting adults, youth and children, regional and nationally to experience the Marlborough Sounds and Marlborough as a region.

Our Existing Clubrooms

- Bought from the Delta Army camp in 1945.
- Refurbished in 1980.
- Now exposed to regular flooding.
- No longer fit for purpose.
- Sea change has seriously impacted on the buildings and area.



Damage from the Sea

- 4 Sea intrusions through the building this season.
- Water level through the club in some cases over 200mm.
- Sea level events predicted to increase.
- Beach build up from changing Harbour water flow patterns.

Feasibility Study Highlights.

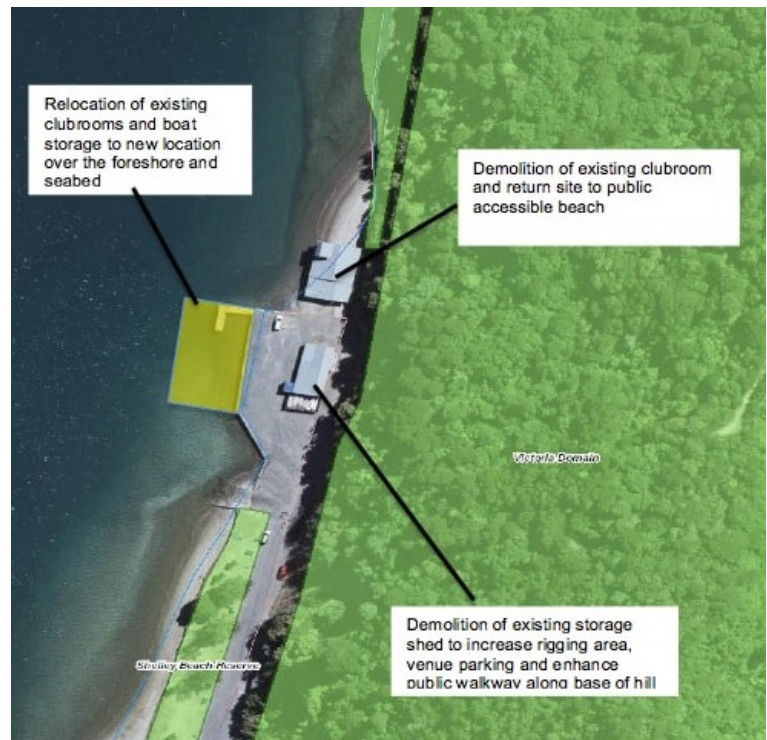
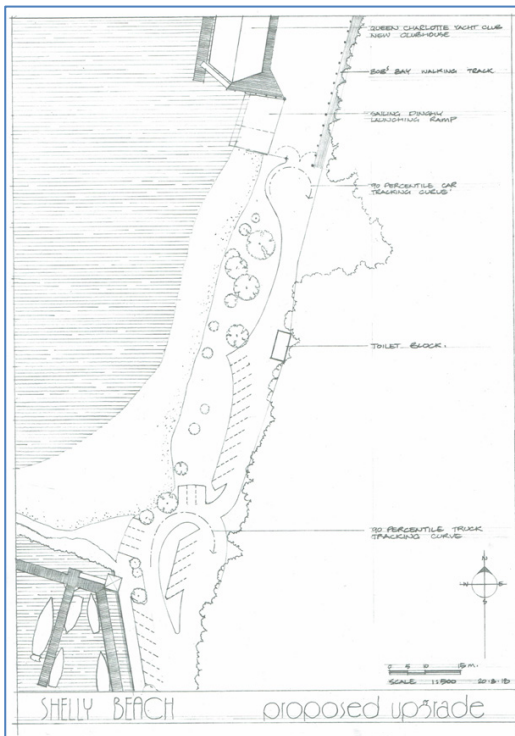
- Building has been on site for over 70 years.
- The study explored other locations for the club.
- Club encompasses the whole of Marlborough.
- Optimise limited space available.
- Complements marina / harbour developments / improvements already undertaken.
- Purpose built facility, with a water sport focus as well as community accommodating other water users.
- Multi-purpose facility for other community use.
- Enhance water access for users.

The Future Vision



The New Facility

- Building work has commenced.
- Removal of existing buildings.
- Large increase in public space engagement.
- Major increase in usable carpark area.
- Making a usable beach from under the existing building.



Request Details

- QCYC is requesting community support towards the \$1.4 m project.
- Over 80% of the project has been secured to date.
- Resource consent has been granted.
- Building consent has been granted.
- Stage 1 and 2 started August 2018.
- Lotteries have approved support for Stage 2.
- Current damaged facilities are severely impacting on the club's operation and viability and community engagement.

Major Project Timeline

- June 2017 MDC Annual Plan Submission.
- June 2017 Rātā Building Fund Application.
- August 2018 Building consent approved and work started.
- 2nd quarter 2018 commence Phase 1 and 2.
- 4th quarter 2018 commence Phase 3.



Summary

- QCYC is requesting community support for the project.
- QCYC is offering several naming sponsorship areas as part of different levels of support.