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Community News

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Celebrating our community's spirit

As we welcome the warmth and vibrancy of spring, it's the perfect time to celebrate our community's spirit and the work that has been achieved throughout the year ... with just a few months to finish the year on a high. This season of renewal inspires us to come together, support one another, and embrace the opportunities for growth all around us. In this edition, we'll highlight exciting local events, volunteer opportunities, and inspiring stories of community members making a difference. Let's bloom together and continue to strengthen what make our community truly special. Here's to a season filled with connection, collaboration, and collective progress!

We are reviewing and hope to revamp our community newsletter to ensure you receive timely updates and relevant information that truly meets your needs. Your feedback is invaluable, so we want to hear from you! In mid-November, we'll be sending out a survey to gather your thoughts on what content you find most useful and any ideas you have for improvement. Together, let's make this newsletter a valuable resource for all community organisations. Stay tuned for more updates, and thank you to those who contribute regularly and for being an essential part of sharing information with our community!

Community Grants fund in high demand

Some difficult decisions will be needed for this year's Council Community Grants fund with a record number of applications received.

A total of just under \$700,000 has been requested through the fund which has \$280,000 available for annual distribution, this highlights there had been an extremely high demand for the limited funds available.

Community grants are Council's way of acknowledging the contribution of not-for-profit organisations in providing essential services which assist in developing the community at large. Council's role is to add value to the ability of the volunteer sector to thrive and respond to community needs by providing funding assistance. Projects must be of direct benefit to people of the Marlborough.

Council is aware funding is becoming a real challenge for many community groups with other funding sources narrowing their criteria and demand far exceeding the funding available.

Welcoming Communities



Welcoming Communities

Welcoming Week 2024, that's a wrap!

That is a wrap on Welcoming Week 2024, another fantastic celebration of the diversity of cultures in Marlborough and an opportunity to focus on creating connections between newcomers and long-term residents.

Welcoming Communities is very privileged to work with so many wonderful organisations here in Marlborough, many of whom supported Welcoming Week by hosting an event or being a part of our 1st Welcoming Week Community Expo.

We had a great variety of events, with everything from an international story time for preschoolers to a Marlborough Business Trust 'Biz Breakfast', focusing on the Red Cross Pathways to Employment Programme and how they can help



employers to connect with refugee-background job-seekers. Our opening event, a Multicultural Performance evening showcased how many gifted musicians, dancers and performers there are in Marlborough, some born here and many others who have joined our community from around the world. We were very lucky to be able to enjoy their talents at this event as well at the Community Expo.



The Welcoming Week Community Expo was a new addition this year, designed to highlight the variety of support organisations that exist here in Marlborough. We really appreciated the backing of more than 30 local organisations that took up the opportunity to host a stall at the first Expo.



Many of our Welcoming Week events were back for a second year, and it was wonderful to see them attracting even more people this year.

Maataa Waka had more than 50 people attend their waiata practice and morning tea, which was a great opportunity for newcomers to learn some Te Reo Māori and practice waiata in a comfortable, welcoming environment.

In other news, visit our Welcoming Communities webpage at <u>Links.Marlborough.govt.nz/WC</u> to check out some of our new resources like our Guide for Community Meet Ups and Events and the My Voice, My Culture book featuring stories from Bohally Intermediate and Richmond View school students.

Also, we are updating our Newcomer Summer Activity Guide and it will be available in a pack with other resources such as maps, library info, Marlborough directory info, etc. If you would like a pack for yourself or some for your clients please email heather.barnes@marlborough.govt.nz





Hospice Marlborough

Farewell to Anne Mercer: Honouring a Remarkable Nursing Career



Hospice Marlborough farewelled Anne Mercer, a cherished member of our team, on Wednesday, 18 September. We reflected on her extraordinary nursing career, her dedication to patient care, and the significant impact she made on our community.

Anne began her nursing journey in 1984 after working as a secretary in London. She trained at Joyce Green Hospital in Dartford, Kent – an historic fever hospital established in 1903 to treat smallpox patients. This experience laid the foundation for Anne's diverse career in nursing.

After qualifying, Anne moved to London to specialise in cardiology, a field she passionately served for fifteen years, starting at St Mary's Hospital in Paddington on the Coronary Care Unit. In 1989, Anne embarked on her O.E., travelling through Asia before settling in Sydney, where she worked on Coronary Care Units at St Vincent's and the Royal Prince Alfred, the largest hospital in the Southern Hemisphere at that time.

Returning to London to complete a Diploma in Cardiology at the Royal Brompton Heart and Lung Hospital, it was during this period she also met her husband, Jim. The couple then moved to Kent, where Anne advanced to a sister's post on a newly opened Coronary Care Unit, later becoming a Research Sister, working notably on the 'Heart Protection Study', a randomized controlled trial run by the Clinical Trial Service Unit and funded by a large drug company and the British Heart

Foundation (BHF) in the United Kingdom.

When Anne and Jim welcomed their second child, Anne decided to balance family life with part-time nursing at Bedford Hospital. Later, seeking a better lifestyle for her family, as Jim was regularly travelling around the world buying exotic fruit and vegetables, they moved to sunny Marlborough. Anne initially joined the ICU at Wairau Hospital before transitioning in 2004 to Marlborough Community Hospice (as Hospice Marlborough was called at the time), where she completed a Postgraduate Certificate in Palliative Care, beginning her deep connection with Hospice Marlborough.

For the next thirteen years, from 2008, Anne worked as a Practice Nurse in two Medical Centres in Blenheim, a role that suited her family life perfectly. She returned to Hospice Marlborough in 2019 as a casual nurse, with 2020 marking her move into her Family Support, Loss, and Grief role. Her compassion and dedication profoundly impacted both our patients and their families during some of their most challenging times.

As Anne left us, she reflected on her time here, saying, "It has been such a special place to work, a privilege to support so many local families and I have made so many wonderful friends."

Anne's last day with Hospice Marlborough was Friday, 20 September. She then returned to the UK for a family wedding and to reunite with her loved ones, especially her daughter Liv.

Our team will deeply miss Anne. However, we are heartened to know that she will continue her role as an ACP facilitator (Advanced Care Planning) at the Blenheim PHO Hub when she returns to New Zealand, staying in contact with us and continuing to champion the values she holds dear.

Anne, from your Hospice Marlborough family,

thank you for your unwavering commitment to nursing, your heartfelt care for our community, and your years of service at Hospice Marlborough. We wish you all the best in your future endeavours and look forward to staying connected as you continue to make a difference in the lives of others.

Pelorus Trust Grant Helps Upgrade Critical Facility



Hospice Marlborough is thrilled to announce that we have received a generous grant of \$15,222.44 from the Pelorus Trust. This funding has enabled us to replace our aging and leaking hot water cylinder, a vital component of our facility. The original cylinder had been in use for over 20 years, and we were having to patch it up more frequently than we would have liked. Being able to replace it before it failed completely is a huge relief for us, ensuring uninterrupted access to hot water for the comfort and care of our patients.

The newly installed hot water cylinder features multiple heating elements, which means it can heat water more efficiently and quickly when needed. This upgrade not only improves the reliability of our facility but also enhances the overall comfort of our hospice environment – something that is incredibly important to us in our mission to provide compassionate care.

Thanks also to the Laser Plumbing Blenheim crew, Sean and Jamie, who handled the installation of our new Rheem cylinder. Our team, Sara (Grants & Facilities Lead) and Rebekah (Volunteer & Community Outreach Coordinator) even managed to snap a fun photo together in the hot water cylinder cupboard. It's a dream come true with our shiny new Rheem! Special thanks to Jamie Hubbard for making it a "Hubbard in the Cupboard" moment!

Hospice Marlborough is truly grateful to the Pelorus Trust for their generous support. Their contribution has helped ensure our facility can continue to operate smoothly, allowing us to focus on what matters most – caring for our patients and their families.

Marlborough Fabric-a-Brac zipped up for another year



Fabric-a-Brac events raise money for local Hospice and this year's event in Blenheim raised \$7,638.87 for Hospice Marlborough from sales of donated fabric and sewing supplies, pop-up cafe, raffles, stallholder fees, gold coin donations and the proceeds of the Mop-Up Pop-Up sale the following week.

Over 300 keen sewers and crafters zipped into the fourth annual Fabric-a-brac event in Blenheim on Saturday 17 August, walking out with big smiles and armloads of bargains.

We heard stories of people coming from as far away as Auckland and Balclutha to make a weekend visit to get in on the Fabric-a-brac action.

For the week following the event the Hospice Shop in Redwoodtown ran a 'Fabric-a-brac Mop-up, Pop-up' in store for fabric-a-holics who didn't make

it or wished they had brought more.

Fabric-a-brac Marlborough organiser Tracy
Johnston is thrilled with the outcome and the
willingness of so many to help for a good cause
"This event is a real team effort with the team at
Flooring Xtra and Hospice Shop volunteers putting
in long hours to prepare all the donated fabric and
sewing supplies ready for sale on the day. Then
there are the bakers who set up and serve in the
pop-up cafe, the venue team and the many others
who help pack in, pack out and promote the event."

In the last four years Fabric-a-brac Marlborough has collectively raised \$26,790.37.

Hospice Marlborough rely on fundraising to help supplement their funding from Te Whatu Ora Health New Zealand to enable them to provide their services free to the community. Events and Engagement Lead for Hospice Marlborough Leigh Somerville says "Community fundraisers like the fabulous and fun Fabric-a-brac Marlborough event play a crucial role in our ability to continue to deliver exceptional palliative care across the region. Hospice Marlborough extends our heartfelt gratitude to everyone involved."

Fabric-a-brac Marlborough will return in August/ September 2025.

It is never too early to donate fabric and sewing supplies. Fabric-a-brac has become the perfect outlet for family to sell or donate a loved one's treasured collection knowing it is going to appreciative new homes. We welcome donations of quality fabric and sewing supplies at any time of the year into the Hospice Shop in Redwoodtown Blenheim or the Hospice Shop on High Street in Picton.

Thank you to our Community and Blenheim Flooring Xtra

Heartfelt thanks to Simon and Charlotte, owners of Blenheim Flooring Xtra, for their incredible support of the recent Marlborough Fabric-a-brac event! To show our appreciation, our Events & Engagement team dropped by with a homemade chocolate cake, baked by one of our amazing volunteers, and presented them with a certificate of appreciation.

The success of this event wouldn't have been

possible without the generosity of our wonderful community, who donated all the fabric and sewing supplies. Nearly 500 hours of volunteer time from Blenheim Xtra alone, went into measuring, cutting, packing, and pricing all the donated fabric – a truly remarkable effort!

Special thanks to Alison, Lynne, and Mel for their tireless work and dedication.

To our community and the team at Blenheim Flooring Xtra, thank you for your generosity and commitment. Your support enables us to continue our vital work in the community, and we couldn't do it without you!



Hospice Marlborough Welcomes Four New Team Members

Hospice Marlborough is delighted to announce the addition of four new professionals to their Business Support Team. The new team members bring a wealth of experience and a shared commitment to supporting Hospice Marlborough's mission of providing high-quality, compassionate palliative care throughout the community.

On a sunny Marlburian day, the new team members – Kerry, Rebekah, Jan, and Emily – were welcomed with a morning tea where they met the Hospice Marlborough team and completed their induction. The beautiful weather also allowed for a few laughs and pleasant conversations in the Hospice Garden.

Kerry Telfer has joined Hospice Marlborough as the Executive Assistant & Strategic Projects Lead. Kerry is passionate about supporting the Marlborough community and contributing to Hospice Marlborough's vision of providing compassionate specialist palliative care services and support. With a robust background in executive support and strategic project management, Kerry will oversee the administration team and play a key role in streamlining operations and leading strategic initiatives to support organisational goals. Kerry brings a proactive, focussed and inclusive approach to driving business and project success. She is eager to bring her enthusiasm, skills and experience to support the team.

Emily Hope and Rebekah Hall have joined the Events & Engagement team, led by Events & Engagement Lead, Leigh Somerville.

Emily, in a newly created part-time position as Communication & Events Assistant, brings a positive and friendly approach to the role. A born and bred Marlburian, Emily is passionate about the region and looks forward to using her skills in communication and event coordination to support Hospice Marlborough's mission. "I am looking forward to sharing positive messages and helping to maintain and create wonderful events that enable Hospice Marlborough to continue to raise vital finds needed to provide skilled palliative care in the Marlborough community" says Emily.

Rebekah, originally from the UK steps into the vacant Volunteer Coordinator part-time role as the new Volunteer & Community Outreach Coordinator. With a rich background of nearly 30 years in mental health nursing and community support, her experience includes working with the NZ Red Cross and Age Concern. Known for her warm, approachable manner Rebekah says she is excited to connect with the Hospice Marlborough volunteers and strengthen community outreach efforts. Her background in volunteer management and community engagement will be instrumental in strengthening the Hospice Marlborough volunteer programme and fostering deeper connections within the community.

Jan Mackenzie-Mol, a long-time resident of Picton, is the new Hospice Shops Picton Manager. Jan



has been instrumental in establishing the two new charity shops sitting side by side on High Street, with the first shop opened on 26 August 2024.

"I am thrilled to join Hospice Marlborough and look forward to meeting everyone when you come and visit our Hospice Shops in Picton" Jan exclaims, "It's a wonderful opportunity to give back to a cause close to my heart." With extensive experience in fundraising and a strong connection to the Picton community, Jan is passionate about supporting the organisation's mission through these new community hubs.

Hospice Marlborough warmly welcomes Kerry, Emily, Rebekah, and Jan to their team. Their diverse skills and experiences are expected to significantly contribute to the organisation's continued mission of providing high-quality compassionate palliative care across Marlborough.

The New Hospice Charity Shop in Picton is now open!

Hospice Marlborough are thrilled to announce that the first of our new Hospice Charity Shops in Picton has officially opened on High Street! Since opening on August 26, 2024, the shop has been warmly received by the local community. The second Picton shop is set to open in the coming weeks, just in time for summer, further expanding our reach and showcasing Hospice Marlborough's mission and services in the area.

Following the success of our Redwoodtown stores, our Picton shops mark the second pair of Hospice Charity Shops in Marlborough. More than just retail spaces, they serve as community support hubs and are vital fundraising avenues for the palliative care we provide, without charge, across the region.

We are incredibly grateful to our community for their unwavering support—whether through volunteering, purchasing, or donating items. Some donated goods are so popular that they sell within just a few hours of hitting the shop floor! Jan and her team love seeing the friendly faces who stop by, and we look forward to welcoming even more of you as we continue to grow.

Our Picton shop is open 7 days a week, from 10am to 4pm, and we are always ready to accept quality clothing and household items during shop hours. If you're unsure about what goods can be donated, feel free to pop in and see our friendly team, or give us a call at (03) 578 9492.

We invite you to visit and support our shops, where every purchase makes a real difference. We're also welcoming new volunteers to join our team, so if you're interested, we'd love to hear from you, by emailing volunteer@mht.org.nz. Your support directly contributes to the compassionate care we offer across Marlborough, thank you!

Upcoming Fundraising Events for Hospice Marlborough

- Motorworld Hospice Marlborough Bi-Annual Charity Golf Tournament: Friday 15 November 2024 | Charity Golf Tournament and Family Event. For full event details visit www. hospicemarlborough.org.nz/events.
- BNI Hospice Marlborough Festive Fundraiser Raffle: Returning for its second year with some great prizes to be won. Running from Friday 15 November to Friday 13 December, full details will be released on the Hospice Marlborough website and Facebook page over the coming weeks.

 Hospice Marlborough Festive Movie Magic: Santa, Cinema & Family Fun: Sunday 08 December 2024 | From 8.30am until 12.30pm | Family Event. Event details to be released Monday 07 October on www. hospicemarlborough.org.nz/events

About Hospice Marlborough

Hospice Marlborough feels privileged to have been providing compassionate, high-quality, specialist palliative care services to the people of Marlborough since 2003. With a dedicated and highly skilled team, we meet the needs of our community through a holistic wrap around service of care with our service provision covering Blenheim, Renwick, Wairau Valley, Seddon, Ward, Picton, Havelock, Rai Valley, Canvastown and the Marlborough Sounds.

As an agile service provider and a charitable trust, we support and educate patients, whānau and our health partners also supporting people through illness, death, and bereavement, ensuring patients, their whānau and their carers receive empathetic quality care.

Our services are free of charge to patients and their families irrespective of their religion, ethnicity, or age; however, there is a cost to provide them. Currently Hospice Marlborough receives just over 50% of our annual funding through Health New Zealand with shortfall being raised every year through the generous support of our community, at our Hospice Shops and through fundraising activities.



Marlborough Hospice Gate 2 Hospital Road, Blenheim T: 03 578 9492





St Vincent de Paul

How we help our community

The Society of St Vincent de Paul helps people.

We support our local Foodbank with generous donations of food, members on their committee and office supplies to help them do their amazing work.

We help those in need during difficult times offering a hand up not a hand out. That help can range from visiting to helping out financially when an unexpected or large bill makes life difficult.

Our policy is to visit anyone who asks for our help and confidentially discuss with our committee the best way to help. Our focus is families and children but not to the exclusion of others. We are able to offer this support because of the generosity of others who donate goods to our Vinnies shop at 63 High St and our wonderful customers who support us. Please phone 02041188521 or email blenheim@svdp.org.nz



St Vincent de Paul Blenheim 63 High Street Blenheim 7201



Next class - Tuesday 26/11/2024 - 12:00 PM-2:30 PM

Free (no cost) Community classes: The two-hour session include simple, easy-to-follow skincare/make-up techniques and provide a feel-better moment in a session that is about you the person, not a patient. You will receive a Feel Better Confidence Kit made up of donated skincare and cosmetics.

We do also of course offer zoom online classes https://lgfb.co.nz/patients/online-classes/ These one hour sessions cover a range of topics that includes skincare/makeup, brows, hand and nail care, managing hair loss, chair yoga and mat Pilates.

To register -

Community Class Link https://lgfb.co.nz/patients/community-classes/
or phone 0800 865 432

Venue -

Cancer Society Marlborough

76a Maxwell Road

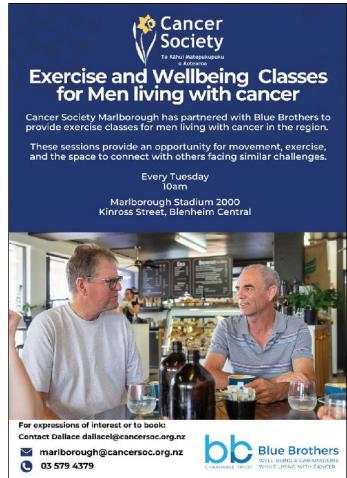
Blenheim, Marlborough 7201

Phone: 03 579 4379

For registration support.











03 579 4379



Our shops need you!



Are you a people person who loves bargains and shopping?

We are on the hunt for more volunteers

We are looking for friendly and honest people, who can give just a few hours of their time to support a local Trust that promotes, protects and fosters primary health care within the Pelorus Area. Join our amazing team of volunteers and have fun in our shops!

The Havelock Charity Shop needs staff to work in our clothing and homewares shops from 9.30 am to 3.30 pm.

You can do part or full days, Monday to Saturday.

We are not just a charity shop, come in and see what else we do! or visit our website www.PelorusAreaHealthTrust.co.nz

Interested?

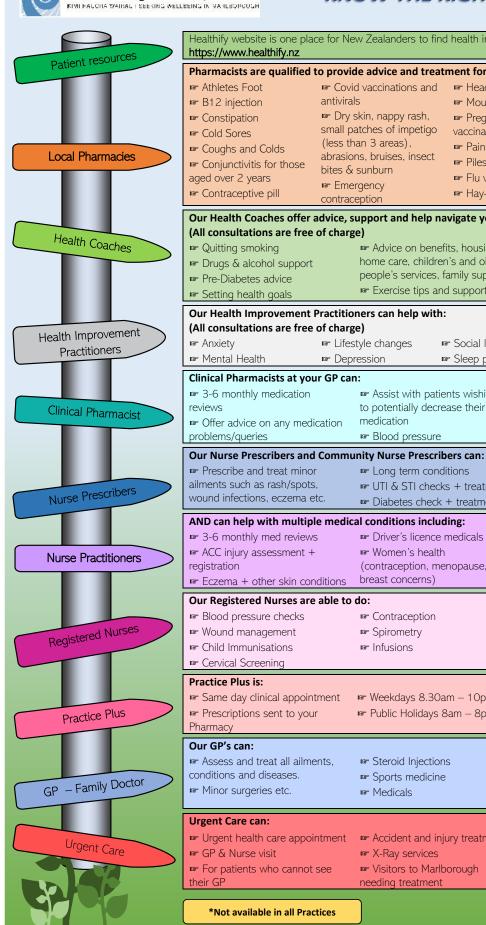
Please contact our co-ordinator Odette on PAHTcoordinator@outlook.com or call 027 305 4139 or 03 574 1356







KNOW THE RIGHT PROFESSIONAL



Healthify website is one place for New Zealanders to find health information and self-care resources. https://www.healthify.nz

Pharmacists are qualified to provide advice and treatment for:

- Athletes Foot
- B12 injection
- ☞ Constipation
- Cold Sores
- Conjunctivitis for those aged over 2 years

- antivirals
- □ Dry skin, nappy rash, small patches of impetigo (less than 3 areas),
- abrasions, bruises, insect bites & sunburn
- contraception
- Head lice
- Mouth ulcers
- vaccinations
- Pain relief
- r Piles
- Flu vaccinations
- Sore throats & earache for less than 3 days
- Thrush (between ages
- 16 to 65)
- 65, not pregnant)
- Warts & verruca's

Our Health Coaches offer advice, support and help navigate you towards community support: (All consultations are free of charge)

- Quitting smoking
- Drugs & alcohol support
- Pre-Diabetes advice
- Setting health goals
- Advice on benefits, housing, home care, children's and older people's services, family support.
- Exercise tips and support
- matters, benefits such as WINZ and job seeking
- Diet and lifestyle support

■ Offer education session for

patients on their medication

Long term conditions

Our Health Improvement Practitioners can help with: (All consultations are free of charge)

- Anxiety
- □ Lifestyle changes

□ Depression

- Social Isolation
- Sleep problems
- Stress/Burnout

management

- Clinical Pharmacists at your GP can:
- 3-6 monthly medication reviews
- Offer advice on any medication problems/queries
- Assist with patients wishing to potentially decrease their medication
- Blood pressure
- ■ UTI & STI checks + treatment
- □ Diabetes check + treatment
- Treat minor ear & eye infections
- Blood pressure reviews

AND can help with multiple medical conditions including:

- 3-6 monthly med reviews
- registration
- Eczema + other skin conditions
- Driver's licence medicals
- r Women's health (contraception, menopause,
- breast concerns)

 Long term conditions clinic − review conditions such as; Asthma, COPD, Heart Failure, Gout, Cardiovascular disease

Our Registered Nurses are able to do:

- Blood pressure checks
- Wound management
- □ Cervical Screening
- Spirometry Infusions
- ு Travel consults + vaccination
- Other vaccinations
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Practice Plus is:

- Same day clinical appointment
- Prescriptions sent to your Pharmacy
- Weekdays 8.30am − 10pm
- Public Holidays 8am − 8pm
- For enrolled, un-enrolled & international people

Our GP's can:

- Assess and treat all ailments, conditions and diseases.
- Minor surgeries etc.
- Steroid Injections
- Sports medicine
- Medicals
- Long-Acting Reversable Contraception removal + insertions, such as IUD's &

■ 8am to 8pm daily

Implants

Urgent Care can:

- Urgent health care appointment
- GP & Nurse visit
- For patients who cannot see

- Visitors to Marlborough needing treatment

Credit: Civic Family Health Care

*Not available in all Practices

Fire and Emergency New Zealand

Summer season brings an increased risk



The Nelson-Marlborough Summer season brings an increased risk of unwanted wildfires. All it takes is one spark and in the right conditions a fire will take off!

Spark generation and the potentially disastrous outcome of accidental ignition is of special concern to rural and farming communities, some of whom may have experienced first-hand the devastation caused by the month-long Pigeon Valley wildfire four years ago. The Pigeon Valley fire destroyed 2,400 hectares of land and forest after farming equipment generated a spark. Events such as this are devastating to the communities that experience them, which is why a community effort to reduce the risk of fires occurring is so important.

Spark generating activities: As the temperatures across the region are ramping up, BUIs (Build-up Index) are increasing - providing a timely reminder of the potential spark hazards that hot works and high fire risk activities pose during the dry season. BUIs are the availability of dry vegetation and light fuels (such as grass, pine needles) which could supply a fire. Activities like welding, mowing, chain sawing, ploughing, or driving in dry, grassy, or vegetated areas have the potential to generate sparks which could start a devastating wildfire.

Farmers and rural community members wanting to undertake heat or spark generating activities are encouraged to first check NIWA's fire weather information site at www.fireweather.niwa.co.nz and www.checkitsalright.nz before beginning, to help you make an informed decision about the suitability of the fire weather for their operation. Farmers and rural contractors can also sign up to a mailing list by emailing our wildfire specialist jeff.white2@ fireandemergency.nz to receive daily up-to-date information about the fire indexes in their area. Doing your research and determining the suitability of current fire conditions could be the difference between avoiding an incident or accidentally starting a wildfire. It is important to consider potential outcomes of undertaking an activity, and the dangers that consequences may entail for you and your community. www.ruralfireresearch.co.nz

is a highly informative tool with current information for creating effective defensive spaces and other fire weather and hazard information.

Remember to mow grass or use high-risk tools earlier in the morning or later in the evening outside of peak dry times to reduce the opportunity for accidental ignition from spark generation.

Protect your property: Wildfires are unpredictable, so preparing your property for the potential is an important step. A great way to do this is by managing the volatility of vegetation planted around your property by creating a 'defensible space'. This increases the probability of your house surviving a wildfire. Removing highly flammable natives such as Kanuka and Manuka, in favour of low flammability species such as Papauma/Broadleaf or Karaka reduces the volatility of surrounding vegetation, providing little fuel for a wildfire.

Planting low flammability plants away from the house can create a 'green break' to reduce fire hazard to the property. The first 10 metres around a house should be free from debris and potential fuels that could ignite (such as bark chips, leaves, firewood and outdoor furniture). The following 10-30 metres should be well-maintained with grass kept short.

Fire and Emergency need access and water:

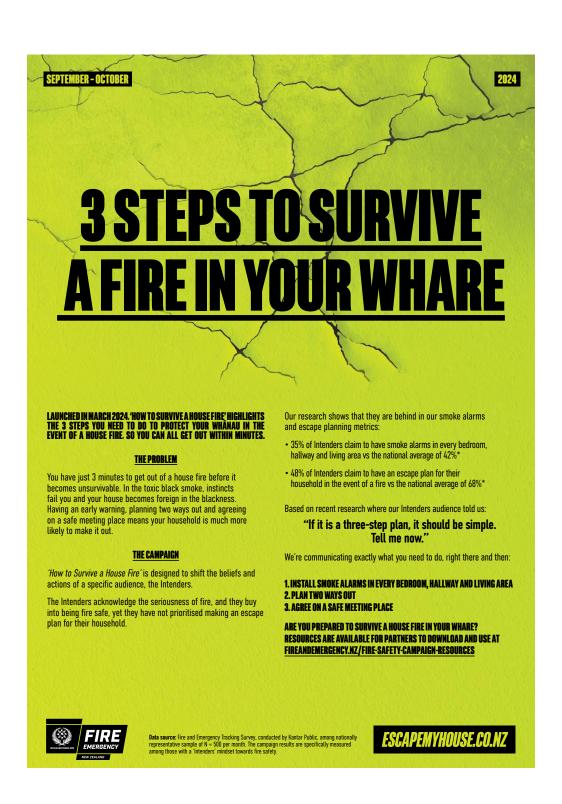
If we can't get to you, we can't help, our trucks require four metres x four metres of clear space to access your property. Access difficulties and a lack of water are common challenges for Fire and Emergency, we are very limited in what we can do if we have no access or water. Having a dedicated fire-fighting water supply makes a massive difference to our ability to protect your house and buildings, A dedicated water tank or static supply is invaluable, especially if it is fitted with a coupling system that is compatible with ours and has an area of hard-stand beside it for our truck to park.

Backyard BBQ safety: It is true that visitors to the area bring added risk of a wildfire start but it is also true that our own behaviour in our own backyard

can just as likely to be the cause of a wildfire start – Braziers, Pizza ovens, Chiminea's and Fire pits do not require fire permits but carry a high risk, Make sure it is sitting on a stable non-flammable surface such as gravel, concrete or a metal tray. Keep a hose or buckets of water within 5 metres and stay with your fire until it has burned out. Close the opening with a mesh screen. When ash and embers are cool, put them in a metal container and cover with water. Always have a no-go zone for kids and pets, monitor wind direction and speed,

and make sure the fire is supervised always.

We are here to help: As part of helping our communities be ready and prepared, we are happy to visit your property and offer advice. Loads of helpful information is available if you visit www.checkitsalright.nz with All Black legends Christian Cullen and Samuel Whitelock offering some very smart firesafe tips.



Alzheimers Society Marlborough Inc.

Workshop for people living with dementia

Alzhiermers Society Marlborough are running a workshop for People living with dementia mate wareware and their care partners/whanau on Tuesday 19th November from 10am-11.30am up at the centre 8 Wither Road.

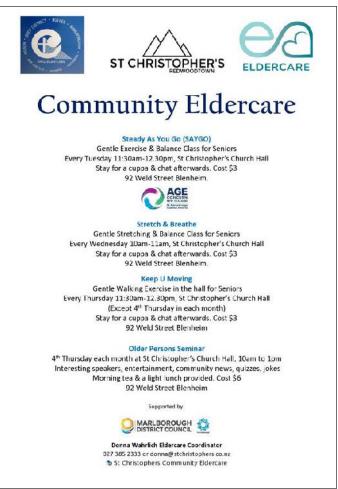
This workshop is aimed at those with a new diagnosis or early on in their journey. This workshop is a safe place to discuss all that is worrying you, and to remind you all that you are not alone. You do not need to be a client to attend.

For more information please phone either Maree or Karien on 03 5776172.









MARLBOROUGH YOUNG LEADERS DAY

Say YES to sparking leadership potential in Y6-Y9 students









"Imagine, you are 23 years old, trapped in an ice cave for 14 days by a sub-zero blizzard on the summit of New Zealand's highest peak. You are starving and freezing to death. You wake up in hospital to find that you have lost both legs below the knees due to frostbite. What do you do next?

If you are Mark Inglis, you climb Mount Everest, of course." Dr Bex is fascinated by human potential. Applying her diverse background in forensic psychology, health promotion, and fitness, she supports individuals and organisations to operate at the intersection between high-performance and wellbeing. Dr Bex helps ambitious people find practical solutions for optimising confidence, strengthening resilience and supercharging success.

At just 19, Klaksy's artistic journey began at 14 during the COVID-19 lockdown. Starting humbly, he shared his art on Instagram, eventually catching the eye of notable figures like KSI, Beta Squad, and Logan Paul, leading to collaborations with his childhood heroes. With a following of over 50,000 across social media, Klaksy has transformed from a kid doodling in his bedroom to a prominent artist and content creator in just four years. His unique style and innovative approach inspire aspiring youth worldwide. Despite starting young, Klaksy's dedication has driven his remarkable success, proving that passion and consistency can make a significant impact in digital art and content creation.



TUESDAY 22ND OCTOBER
9.30AM - 2.15PM
ASB THEATRE, BLENHEIM
\$20 PER STUDENT









Incredible Years Parenting Programme





Salvation Army Building -Cnr of Arthur & George St, Blenheim



Wednesday 19 February -Wednesday 11 June 2025



(A two-week break occurs during schoo holidays.)



This course is suitable for parents/carers of children aged three-to-eight years.

Incredible Years is a free 14-week programme for parents and caregivers of children aged three-to-eight years old, to grow their positive parenting skills.

It provides practical help and support focused on:

- enhancing children's social skills
- child-led play
- using praise and enhancing positive behaviours
- establishing routines
- setting clear rules and boundaries.

The purpose of this course is to resource parents and caregivers with tools to understand their children's behaviour and development, promote positive parenting and healthy communication within the family.

If transport or childcare is a barrier, please let us know as we may be able to help with this.

If you would like any more information please contact Barnardos.





blenheim@barnardos.org.nz



03 578 6491



Kia eke ai te hunga taitamariki ki ngā rangi tūhāhā

Libraries



Above: Washday for the library dress-ups on a beautiful spring day!

Marlborough District Libraries

There are more than just books at your local library

Come in and check out all the other wonderful resources for young people to use in our Children's Libraries - dress-ups, games, colouring, puzzles, building blocks (LEGO & DUPLO).

Holiday Fun, featuring Lego, crafts, and movies operate at both libraries over the school holidays. See our website for details.

Chinese Language Books

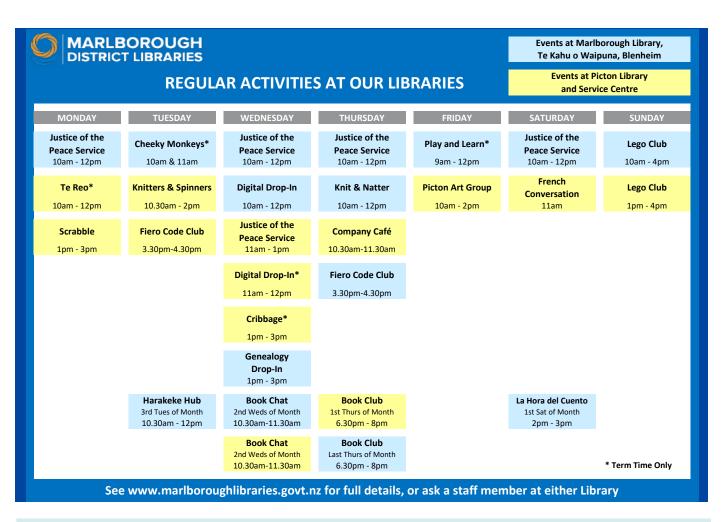
Marlborough District Libraries were proud recipients of over 100 Chinese Language Picture Books to add to our World Languages Collection, thanks to a generous donation from the NZ Chinese Language Trust.

The new additions were delivered during NZ Chinese Language week. Staff and Library patrons

alike were delighted with a very special drum presentation to acknowledge the gift.

Check out our website for further details about the book donation. These books are available for borrowing from either Blenheim or Picton.











Marlborough District Council



Get on board the Saturday bus

A Council promotion in partnership with Marlborough Roads to encourage the community to 'get on board' the new Saturday bus service between Blenheim and Picton is underway.

With school holidays just around the corner, Marlborough Sounds Ward councillor Barbara Faulls said the timing was perfect to encourage more usage of the service between the two towns.

"We want to invite people to have a picnic in Picton or brunch in Blenheim by getting on board the Saturday bus service. It's also a fantastic opportunity to support local businesses at the same time. It's just \$8 return for adults; \$4 return for school children and under-fives and SuperGold card holders are free. It's fun, affordable and a great day out. Why not get on board and leave the car at home," Councillor Faulls said.

Travellers can leave Blenheim at 10am and be at the Picton isite by 10.45am – return time is 1.13pm which provides time for a 'picnic in Picton' experience and a visit to the shops. Alternatively, people can depart from Waikawa Bay at 9am with

pickups in Picton to arrive in Blenheim at Seymour Street at 9.45am. Departure from Blenheim is 2pm which gives ample time for 'brunch in Blenheim' or a visit to Stadium 2000 and Te Kahu o Waipuna.

Council's Multi Modal Advisor Charlotte Campbell-Lamerton said the aim was to increase the awareness and usage of the Picton Saturday Bus Service as well as help support local businesses, particularly hospitality, in the Picton and Blenheim CBDs. Queen Charlotte College students have even gotten behind the campaign, recording a short video encouraging the community to 'get on board', she said.

"We want to encourage families, school kids, retirees and others in the community to make use of the Saturday bus service and spend a little at the same time. The Saturday service is a trial for 12 months, funded from existing budgets, so it is important it is used and supported," she said.

"The bus is wheelchair, bike and pushchair friendly. In summer I'd love to see more people taking their bikes on the service to enjoy some of the

trails around Picton or Blenheim. Just remember payment is in cash and the service is not available on public holidays."

For more details on the Blenheim-Picton Saturday

bus route and timetable go to:

links.marlborough.govt.nz/BusRoute3

Creative Communities Scheme now open

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

If so, now's the time to get your application in for funding through Council's Creative Communities NZ Scheme.

The purpose of the scheme is to support and encourage local communities to create and present diverse opportunities for accessing and participating in arts activities within their specific geographical area, as well as for defined communities of interest.

The scheme awards local arts funding to support art and cultural activities that increase participation.

The fund opens 16 September and closes 8am 14 October.

For all you need to know about the fund and to apply online go to: www.marlborough.govt.nz/

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<u>our-community/grants-and-awards/marlborough-</u> creative-communities-scheme

For further information please contact Project Lead – Arts, Culture and Heritage Nicola Neilson on Ph: 03 520 7400 or email: nicola.neilson@marlborough.govt.nz

Round 1 of Council's 2024/2025 Commercial Events Fund

Round 1 of Council's 2024/2025 Commercial Events Fund is now open for applications.

This contestable fund was established to help create economic benefit to Marlborough by attracting new events and helping to build on existing ones.

Council's Commercial Events Fund sub-committee considers the applications and there is a budget of \$130,000 available for allocation for 2024/2025.

To be eligible, commercial events must be held within the Marlborough District Council boundaries. Community events, conferences, conventions, trade shows and exhibitions are not eligible. Funding is granted on an annual basis but it does

not mean that all funds must be distributed each year. Past applicants who have been unsuccessful may re-apply.

Key dates:

Applications close: 5pm Monday 14 October 2024

Funding decision by: 5pm Friday 1 November 2024

Further information and the online application form can be found on Council's website - https://www.marlborough.govt.nz/.../commercial-events-fund

Any enquiries can be directed to Council's Regional Events Advisor, Samantha Young, Ph: 03 520 7400 or email: events@marlborough.govt.nz

Plan Your Ride with new Whale Trail web page

You can keep up to date with construction progress of the Whale Trail, thanks to a new web page.

Steady progress is being made on the walking and cycling trail, which will eventually link Waitohi

Picton and Kaikōura, at around 200 km in length.

The new Plan Your Ride page enables users to keep track of progress on all eight sections of the trail, and up to date with any warnings or temporary closures.

From the page, users can navigate to more detailed information about each section of the track. With each of the stages in varying levels of completion, creating a Plan Your Ride page was an important step to keep the public up to date, Project Lead Nigel Muir said.

"Currently, the 17.8 km Awatere section of the track is open, while the Waitohi, Wairau and Kaikōura sections are under construction."

"Planning is underway for the remaining four sections - Flaxbourne, Kēkerengū, Waiau Toa and Puhipuhi."

"A lot of work has been underway near Kaikōura and Picton in recent months, as well as in Tua Marina, and it's exciting to see those sections coming together," Nigel said.

"We know there are a lot of very keen cyclists ready to enjoy the Whale Trail. It's still very much a work in progress and we hope that by having a frequently updated web page for each section, users can safely know what sections are open and can follow our progress on the construction journey."

The next section of trail to be worked on will be south of Seddon, with construction expected to begin next month.



Above: A sign at Awatere Bridge guides walkers and riders on the Whale Trail

New kiosk fostering community connection

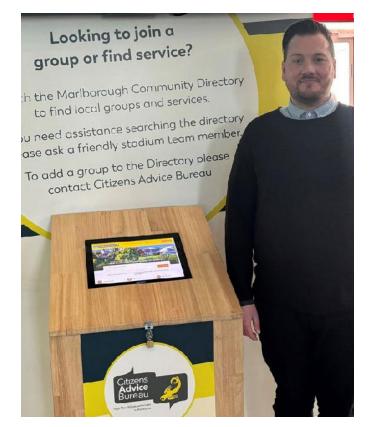
A new kiosk installed at Stadium 2000 by Council and Citizens Advice Bureau Marlborough (CAB) is connecting thousands of people with local community groups.

The information database collates details of a wide range of organisations operating in the community including sports groups, older person's support groups, youth groups and whānau support organisations, among many others.

The kiosk was placed at Stadium 2000 this year, providing easy access to directory information once held separately by Council and CAB.

Since the kiosk was placed in the Stadium 2000 foyer earlier this year, clicks on listings in the directory have jumped from around 400 per month up to about 10,000 per month, before peaking at 23,000 clicks for July.

Information in the database is reviewed at least once a year, and users have the ability of providing feedback as to whether or not information is still relevant. Anyone who would like to have their group or organisation added to the database should contact CAB on 03 578 4272.



Above: CAB Coordinator Nathan Hanson with the new community directory kiosk at Stadium 2000.

New Government parking penalties apply from 1 October

Council has been tasked by Central Government with implementing new infringement fees announced earlier this week.

Local Authorities have no control over the setting of infringement fees; they are the delegated authority for monitoring and enforcing stationary parking offences.

For most fees, Te Manatū Waka - Ministry of Transport has applied a CPI adjustment but as this is the first review since 2004 this has resulted in at least a 70 per cent increase in infringement fees across the board. For example, the penalty for overstaying in a car park for more than 30 minutes has gone from \$12 to \$20. The increases apply to stationary vehicle offences only with offences relating to vehicle compliance such as REGOs, WOFs and COFs excluded at this point.

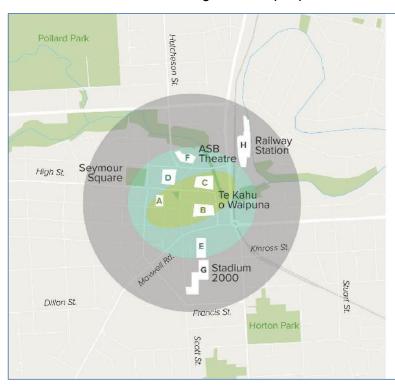
Disability Issues Minister Louise Upston and Transport Minister Simeon Brown said the Government would be cracking down on people who misused car parks for disabled people, ensuring towage fees do not leave tow-truck operators out of pocket, and adjusting parking fines for inflation when announcing the new penalties earlier this week. This includes a \$750 infringement fee for misuse of a mobility parking space – an increase from \$150.

"Parking infringement fees have not been updated in two decades, making councils' role in managing public parking increasingly difficult. For example, in Auckland, this has meant that paying a parking ticket is sometimes cheaper than paying for parking," Transport Minister Simeon Brown said.

The new stationary vehicle infringement fees take effect from 1 October 2024.

Read the full media release from The Minister of Transport and the Minister for Disability Issues

For more details on the new infringement fees Go to the parking infringements page



Parking Changes from 1 October 2024

Key	Car park	Zone	\$/hr	Max.
On-s	treet (Kerbside)	1	\$2	2hrs
A	Queen Street (Liz Davidson)	2		
В	Wynen Street		\$2	4hrs
С	High Street (Farmers)			
D	Alfred Street Building	за		
E	Kinross Street		\$1.50	\$6/day
F	ASB Theatre			
G	Stadium 2000 (Scott Street)	3B	\$100	\$4/day
н	Railway Station		ORIGINATIVE CONTRACTOR	

Access other Council newsletters for up to date information

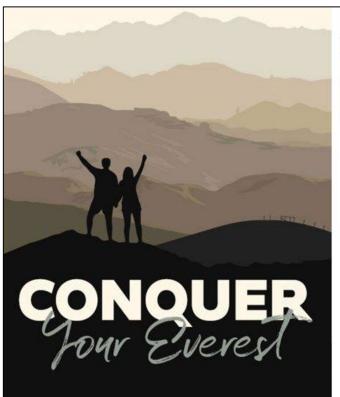
Legislation of the Food Act is constantly changing, keep up to date with the latest information we have available by reading our Food Newsletters: https://www.marlborough.govt.nz/services/food-business-information/newsletters Resource Consent Team newsletters: https://www.marlborough.govt.nz/services/resource-consents/resource-consent-team-newsletters

Follow-me Marlborough events newsletters: https://www.marlborough.govt.nz/recreation/events Also keep up to date on any Council public consultations. Everyone's opinion is imp_ortant! https://www.marlborough.govt.nz/your-council/have-your-say-consultations

Events & Notices









The Marlborough Mt. Everest Challenge is a run/walk event where the goal is to climb the height of Mt. Everest (8848 m), in the time that it took Sir Edmund Hillary in 1953.

Whether it's climbing up Mount Vernon in Blenheim twenty-five times or the Tirohanga Track in Picton thirty-six times you can take on the challenge yourself, or go the distance as a team!

registrations now open!

www.everestchallenge.nz













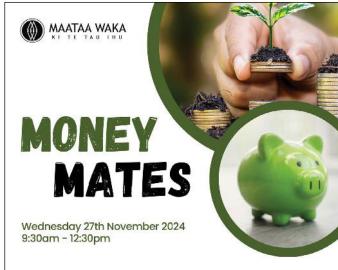


Facilitators: Kowhai Buchanan & Krystal McGregor









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Come give Dragon Boating a go!

Sunday October 20/10/2024 - 11am - 1pm

Simply the Breast dragon boat team is looking for new members to join the team for the 2023-2024 season and beyond.

Dragon boating is a team sport which empowers women who have had a breast cancer diagnosis to lead normal lives through fitness, camaraderie, and friendship with like-minded women. Dragon boating can support the healing process at any point during the cancer journey, and is open to all ages, abilities and fitness levels. Simply the Breast was founded in 2007 and continues to support women and their families by offering the sport not only to breast cancer survivors but to their families and support networks as well.

This is an invitation for all women regardless of age or experience, wishing to be part of a team to come and find out more about what this exciting sport has to offer.

Hop in the boat or come and chat to us to find out how dragon boating will increase your well-being and create lasting friendships all whilst having fun.

Sausage sizzle and drinks available.

All fitness levels catered for. Lifejackets provided. Wear comfortable fleece/Lycra clothing. Find us on the bank of the Wairau River next to the Blenheim Rowing Club, 259

Jones Road

For further information email stbdragons@gmail.com or contact Bridget on 027 5757504



Probus is celebrating its 50th Anniversary this November.

Probus Clubs around the country will celebrate in countless ways with some Clubs hosting special lunches or joint regional events to recognise the Golden Anniversary.

With over 10,000 members across New Zealand, Probus is a social network providing retirees with the opportunity to connect socially and stay engaged.

We invite anyone that is retired or semiretired to find their local Probus Club today.

> Visit www.probussouthpacific.org or call 0800 1477 6287.

Venues for Hire

Beavertown Hall

- **2** 03 578 1712
- Rayshaw Park, Blenheim
- info@marlboroughmuseum.org.nz

Canvastown Memorial Hall

03 574 1407

Fairhall Community Hall

- 03 578 3556
- New Renwick Road, Fairhall

French Pass Hall

- **2** 027 7801247
- French Pass

Havelock Town Hall

- **2** 03 574 2555
- 61 Main Road, Havelock
- hcaoffice@havelock.co.nz
- www.havelock.co.nz

Havelock Sports Pavilion

- **2555 2555**
- Neil Street, Havelock
- hcaadmin@havelock.co.nz

Homewood War Memorial Hall

- **2** 03 579 8232
- Marys Bay, Pelorus Sound
- hopai@actrix.co.nz

Linkwater Settlers and Memorial Hall

- **a** 03 574 2201
- 1351 Queen Charlotte Drive, Linkwater
- jysmith1173@gmail.com

Myspace Youth Centre

- **2** 03 579 3143
- 18 Kinross Street, Blenheim
- @ events@myt.org.nz

Picton Community Centre Hall

- **2** 03 573 7289
- 7 Wairau Road, Picton
- picton.earlylearning@xtra.co.nz

Port Marlborough Pavilion

- **2** 03 573 5400
- C Endeavour Park, Picton
- manager@endeavourparkpicton.co.nz
- www.endeavourparkpicton.co.nz

Rapaura School Hall

- **6** 03 570 5752
- 349 Hammerichs Road, Rapaura
- office@rapaura.school.nz

Rarangi Community Centre

- **2575 683**
- 252 Rarangi Beach Road, Rarangi

Redwoodtown Community Centre

- 021 108 7637
- Weld Street, Redwoodtown. Blenheim
- www.redwoodtown-community-centre-hall.business.site/

Renwick Memorial Hall

- **2** 03 572 8158
- 39 High Street, Renwick
- heather@renwick.school.nz

Renwick Sports & Events Centre

- 03 572 9688
- 8 Uxbridge Street, Renwick
- info@renwickeventscentre.co.nz
- www.renwickeventscentre.co.nz

Riversdale Community House

- **2** 03 578 0469
- 131 Budge Street, Blenheim
- riversdalecommunityhouse@xtra.co.nz

Spring Creek Hall

- **2** 03 579 6036
- 24-26 Ferry Road, Spring creek
- info@yogaroom.co.nz

St Andrews Church and Hall

- **2** 03 578 7119
- 5 Henry Street, Blenheim
- st.andrews.church@xtra.co.nz
- www.standrewsblenheim.org.nz

Tua Marina Hall

- **2** 03 570 5583
- SH1, Tua Marina tuamarinahall@gmail.com

Waikawa Boating Club

- **2** 03 573 6798
- Waikawa Marina, 12 Te Ara Kaimoana, Picton
- ø office@waikawaboatingclub.co.nz
- maikawaboatingclub.co.nz

Wairau Valley Hall

- **a** 03 572 2535
- Morse Street. Wairau Valley Township
- wvcommunityhall@gmail.com
- mww.wairau-valley.co.nz/wairau-valley-hall.html

Ward Town Hall

- **2** 03 579 2336
- SH1 Ward

Yealands Awatere Memorial Hall

- **2** 03 575 7975
- Toster Street, Seddon
- awaterecom@xtra.co.nz



PICTON HAPPENINGS

Free Newsletter October/November 2024

Marina 2 Marina, 7.30am - 1.00pm Sat 5 Oct

Marina 2 Marina is a scenic annual running event in the heart of the Marlborough Sounds. This unique competition utilises the picturesque trails between Picton, Waikawa and Anakiwa and raised funds for the community. For more information visit www. marine2marina.co.nz.

Marlborough Mount Everest Challenge, Sat 12 Oct - Sat 30 Nov

The 'Marlborough Mount Everest Challenge' is a run/walk event where the goal is to travel the elevation of Mount Everest (8800 m) in the time that it took Sir Edmund Hillary in 1953 (7 weeks). We aim to encourage local people to not only utilise the local walking tracks but to get fit while doing so. For info visit https://everestchallenge.nz/

Cuppa With Your Councillors, 10.00am - 12.00pm Wed 23 Oct & Wed 20 Nov

Marlborough District Council's Sounds-based councillors are available for a drop-in chat each month. Come along to Picton Library.

Linkwater Spring Fair, 10.00am - 1.00pm Sat 26 Oct

Come on out and join the fun at the Linkwater School Spring Fair! Our famous plant stall will be back along with kids games, raffles, cafe, BBQ, bouncy castle, face painting, garage sale and more! This is a major fundraiser for our wee school so come and have some fun for a good cause.

Too Many Chiefs, 7.30pm - 9.30pm Sat 2 Nov

Too Many Chiefs (performing at Picton Little Theatre) are three of New Zealand's busiest singer/songwriters: Rob Joass (Hobnail), Andrew London (Andrew London Trio, Hot Club Sandwich), and Wayne Mason (Fourmula, Warratahs). All tour their own respective shows. For information see page 42.

O9 Lochmara Half Marathon, 7.00am -2.30pm Sat 9 Nov

It's time to put all that training to the test at this popular boutique running event through paradise -Beech trees, bellbirds and bays, it doesn't get much better than this! For more information visit www. lochmarahalfmarathon.co.nz. Waitohi Picton Open Studios, Sat 16 & Sun 17 Nov

Now in its fourth year, the Waitohi Picton Open Art Studios event is planned for 16th and 17th November. Thirteen Marlborough artists open their studios for you to visit, meet them and enjoy their artwork. Embark on an adventure to find the art that moves you. For information see page 39.

27 Indo Celtic Trio, 7.30pm - 9.30pm Wed 27 Nov

A new East Meets West music fusion project tours Aotearoa in Spring, taking audiences on an exotic soundscape journey from Shimla in northern India to Dingle in west Kerry. For information see page 42.

Picton Christmas
Parade, 2.30pm 6.00pm Sun 1 Dec

This annual event is a fun family afternoon - Street Parade starts from top end of High Street in front of the Picton Police Station. The parade is well supported from volunteer organisations along with local businesses. The prize giving concert takes place on the foreshore from 3pm.

Cruise Schedule 2024/25



Vessel	Arrival	Departure	Berth	PAX
Crown Princess	Tue, 22 Oct 2024, 05:30	Tue, 22 Oct 2024, 18:00	Waimahara	3080
Royal Princess	Thu, 24 Oct 2024, 05:30	Thu, 24 Oct 2024, 18:00	Waimahara	3,574
Scenic Eclipse II	Thu, 14 Nov 2024, 06:30	Thu, 14 Nov 2024, 17:00	Waitohi West	228
Silver Muse	Sun, 17 Nov 2024, 04:30	Sun, 17 Nov 2024, 22:30	Waitohi West	539
Royal Princess	Fri, 22 Nov 2024, 05:30	Fri, 22 Nov 2024, 18:00	Waimahara	3,574
Celebrity Edge	Mon, 25 Nov 2024, 04:30	Mon, 25 Nov 2024,18:00	Waimahara	2859
Scenic Eclipse II	Tue, 26 Nov 2024, 04:30	Tue, 26 Nov 2024, 13:00	Waitohi West	228
Le Soleal	Fri, 29 Nov 2024, 03:30	Fri, 29 Nov 2024, 13:30	Waitohi West	265
Ovation of the Seas	Thu, 5 Dec 2024, 04:30	Thu, 5 Dec 2024, 17:00	Waimahara	4299
Silver Muse	Tue, 10 Dec 2024, 04:30	Tue, 10 Dec 2024, 18:00	Waitohi West	539
Scenic Eclipse II	Wed, 11 Dec 2024, 06:30	Wed, 11 Dec 2024, 17:00	Waitohi West	228
Regatta	Wed, 11 Dec 2024, 09:30	Wed, 11 Dec 2024, 20:00	Waimahara	631
Eurpoa 2	Fri, 13 Dec 2024, 06:30	Fri, 13 Dec 2024, 23:59	Waimahara	706
Silver Nova	Sat, 14 Dec 2024, 05:30	Sat, 14 Dec 2024, 20:00	Waimahara	728
Ovation of the Seas	Sat, 21 Dec 2024, 06:30	Sat, 21 Dec 2024, 17:00	Waimahara	4299
Eurpoa 2	Sun, 22 Dec 2024, 04:30	Sun, 22 Dec 2024, 17:00	Waitohi West	706
Aidasol	Mon, 23 Dec 2024, 03:30	Mon, 23 Dec 2024, 18:00	Waimahara	tbc
Diamond Princess	Fri, 27 Dec 2024, 06:30	Fri, 27 Dec 2024, 18:00	Waimahara	2707
Westerdam	Sat, 28 Dec 2024, 05:30	Sat, 28 Dec 2024, 17:00	Waimahara	1916
Silver Muse	Tue, 31 Dec 2024, 06:00	Tue, 31 Dec 2024, 18:00	Waitohi West	539
Ovation of the Seas	Tue, 31 Dec 2024, 07:30	Tue, 31 Dec 2024, 18:00	Waimahara	4299
Norwegian Sun	Wed, 01 Jan 2025, 04:30	Wed, 01 Jan 2025, 16:30	Waimahara	1976
Coral Adventurer	Fri, 03 Jan 2025, 05:30	Sat, 04 Jan 2025, 23:59	Ship Cove	120
Coral Adventurer	Tue, 07 Jan 2025, 10:30	Tue, 07 Jan 2025, 16:00	Cruising	120
Le Soleal	Thu, 09 Jan 2025, 4:30	Thu, 09 Jan 2025, 15:00	Waitohi West	265
Le Jacques Cartier	Sun, 12 Jan 2025, 4:30	Sun, 12 Jan 2025, 13:00	Waitohi West	tbc



Picton Dawn Chorus & Kaipūpū Sanctuary

Upcoming Changes at Picton Dawn Chorus and Kaipūpū Sanctuary

By Pip Macfarlane

Over the past few months, we've undergone a comprehensive restructuring process to reassess our activities and staffing. This step has become essential due to the conclusion of our Jobs for Nature funding, which has generously contributed \$700K over the last three years. Unfortunately, despite our best efforts, we have been unable to secure new funding to maintain our operations at their current level.

As a result, we've had to make the difficult decision to reduce our staff from eight positions earlier this year to just four. While this is a significant change, we remain committed to our mission and are focused on maximising our resources to continue making a meaningful impact.

Over the last few years, our organisation has grown significantly. We've expanded our reach and impact across the rohe, with more volunteer groups contributing to the enhancement of native flora and fauna. Our dedicated volunteer base has grown to 175 passionate individuals, but with the changes ahead, we need even more support to continue building on the wonderful progress we've made.

We are actively seeking volunteers to join us in the following areas:

Volunteer Maintenance Team

On the Sanctuary:

Help maintain Kaipūpū by ensuring tracks are clear of debris, trimming pathways, and keeping signage clean. Experience with chainsaws is an advantage (and we will provide an up-to-date chainsaw handling course). This role also involves checking fence lines and re-shingling pathways to ensure the sanctuary remains safe and accessible for all.

In the Halo: Support the maintenance of our trapping network by repairing traps and clearing traplines, helping to protect our native species from predators.

Education Programme Team

With reduced staff, we can no longer continue our education program in its current form, so we are seeking a team of volunteers to assist or lead this vital initiative. While teaching experience is a plus, anyone with a passion for working with children is welcome. School visits typically start at the Picton Environment Centre with an introduction to our project, followed by an educational trip to Kaipūpū.

Planting and Weeding Team

Our Ngahere team is always enthusiastic about welcoming more volunteers to help with planting native trees to provide a year-round food source for our birdlife. While we've had a fantastic turnout for planting days, we urgently need more volunteers willing to help maintain these

plantings, to ensure their continued growth and health.

Your support matters now more than ever

As we navigate this period of change, we are counting on the community to help us sustain and grow the incredible work that has been achieved so far. Whether you have a few hours a week or can join us on special project days, every bit of help makes a difference.

If you are time poor and are in a position to donate funds towards our projects we currently have two key areas in need of financial assistance. The first is the repair of the Predator Fence on Kaipūpū, which is estimated to cost around

\$27,000. The second is the purchase of additional AT220 traps to help maintain our trapping network, with each trap priced at \$525.

If you or anyone you know is interested in joining one of these teams or donating to our project please don't hesitate to reach out:

Anna Polson: admin@kaipupusanctuary.nz

Pip Macfarlane: gm@pictondawnchorus.nz

Together, we can continue to protect and restore our precious natural environment.

What's on at Heartland

22 High Street Waitohi/Picton I Open 9am-4pm Monday to Friday I Phone 0800 672 642 or 03 577 5806

Mediatation

Held on Monday's at 2pm.

This group focuses on attaining inner peace

Korero Māori

Held on Thursday's 1pm to 2pm.

A group for those of any level wanting to practice te reo Māori. A great space to learn from each other and grow your te reo Māori

Kawhe me korero

Held on Monday's 10:30am

Drop in for a cuppa and a chat with our Heartland Services team.

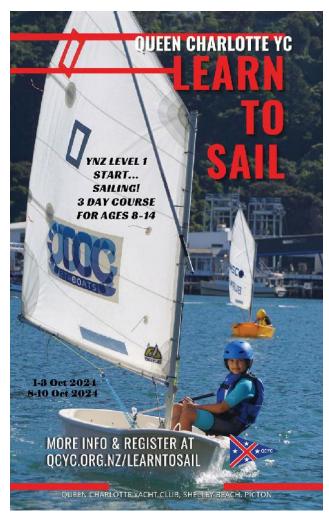
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Waikawa Marae - Whānau navigators Justice of the Peace

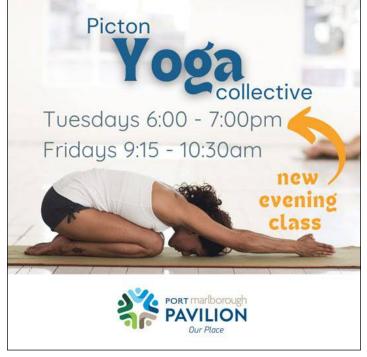
Visit www.tpo.org.nz/heartland for more information











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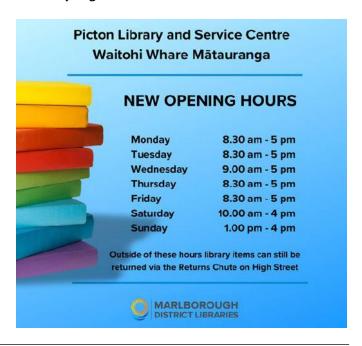
Congratulations to Peter

By Elisabeth Balderston



Congratulations to Peter Bugler – Picton Library and Service Centre's longest continuous member, pictured here with his card having just renewed again for another two years:)

Peter said that the current building is his third Picton Library building – he has held a card since he was approximately 4 years old. Happy Library Birthday (again!) Peter.







Picton Library October School Holidays



Monday Tech Kits 30 Sept

Complete our Reading Helps You Grow lucky prize draw these holidays

Drop-in Craft 9 am - 4 pm

Tuesday 1 Oct



Story Time and Craft 10.30 am

Wednesday 2 Oct

The Library opens at 9 am today!



Family **Movie Time** 2 pm **G/PG Rated**

Wednesday

9 Oct

The Library opens at

9 am today!

Thursday 3 Oct



Teens Activity 2 pm - 3 pm

Ages 10+

Thursday 10 Oct

Teens Activity 2 pm - 3 pm Ages 10+

Friday 4 Oct



Welcome

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Drop-in Craft 9 am - 4 pm

Friday 11 Oct

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Monday 7 Oct

Books

Take home a STORYBOX craft kit these holidays.

Drop-in Craft 9 am - 4 pm

Tuesday 8 Oct

Story Time and Craft 10.30 am

Family **Movie Time** 2 pm G/PG Rated

Reading Helps You Grow

Complete our Lucky Prize Draw competition these holidays a take home reading challenge.





Family Movies Wed 2 October Wed 9 October 2 pm **G/PG Rated**



STORY BOX Take Home Kit

Pick up a kit from Picton Library and use it to discover one of the library's free online resources

at home.

Story iBrary



TEEN SPRING HOLIDAYS ACTIVITIE

THURSDAY 3 OCTOBER

CRAFTING & AFTERNOON TEA

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AGES 10 +

PICTON LIBRARY ACTIVITIES ROOM 2 PM - 3 PM

Blenheim Family History Group

New Picton Drop-in Session

By Helen Hill

Have you ever wanted to know where your family came from? What your ancestors did in New Zealand? Or are you already on this fascinating journey and need help to progress your research?

The Blenheim Family History Group is delighted to have started a drop-in session at the Picton Library for family historians wanting help. Using the library's free genealogical resources we can help you find new people or information about known ancestors, and we can point you in the direction of additional websites and other sources which may be of use.

The sessions are free of charge. They run every second Friday, from 1.30pm to 3.30pm and the last one for the year will be December 13.







Picton Little Theatre





Too Many Chiefs

Saturday 2 November 7:30pm - 9.30pm Tickets: Eventfinda \$25 + fees or \$30 cash sales at Summit Real Estate Picton

Too Many Chiefs are three of New Zealand's busiest singer/songwriters: Rob Joass (Hobnail), Andrew London (Andrew London Trio, Hot Club Sandwich), and Wayne Mason (Fourmula, Warratahs). All tour their own respective shows, sometimes internationally, and once or twice a year come together in Too Many Chiefs to share songs and stories from the road. Their individual influences and performing styles range from blues and jazz to country and folk, often with an element of social commentary, personal reflection and occasional satire.

The trio's collective repertoire represents a broad spectrum of songwriting styles, and the songs are delivered with skill, enthusiasm and respect, despite a healthy dose of spontaneous mickeytaking banter and self-deprecating humour.

'Mates on the road rolling out top quality songwriting and musicianship with lashings of irony and humour' – East Auckland Times.

Indo Celtic Trio

Wednesday 27 November 7:30pm - 9.30pm Tickets: <u>Eventfinda</u> \$25 + fees or \$30 cash sales at Summit Real Estate Picton

A new East Meets West music fusion project tours Aotearoa in Spring, taking audiences on an exotic soundscape journey from Shimla in northern India to Dingle in west Kerry. And many locations in between!

Featuring award winning artists Basant Madhur (tablas), Tristan Carter (violin) and Jon Sanders (mandola), the trio have worked in various music projects over many years including most recently the Shades of Shakti concerts and Arts on Tour's India meets Ireland shows.

The three musicians have long been involved in music and film soundtrack composition, performance and community work in both halves of the world, but this represents a new combination of instruments for them.



Bucket List Movie group

Sunday, 13 October Sunday, 10 November Sunday, 8 December Monthly on the second Sunday, 6:00–8:30pm

Picton Weekly Events

MONDAY

Picton Walking Group: 9.20am, RSA car park

Te Reo Māori: 10am-12pm, Lib

Cancer Support Group: 10am-12pm, Heartland Services

Writers of Picton: 1.30pm, 1st Monday, Lib

Senior Citizens: 1pm, RSA Scrabble: 1pm-4pm, Lib

Picton Bridge Club (Beginners): 1pm, Pav

Girl Guides: 6pm-8pm, SJS

Arapawa Boxfit Class: 6.30p-7.30pm, Scout Hall

Sounds Orchestral Ukelele Players: 6.30pm-8.30pm, WBC

TUESDAY

Pilates: 8am-9am, 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

Connected (Employment, Education & Training): 10am-2pm,

Heartlands Services

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 FDF Hip Hop with Fleur: 3:30pm - 6pm, Pav Coding Club 8-18 yrs: 3.30pm-4.30pm, Lib

Picton Sea Swim: 6.00pm, Picton or Waikawa (seasonal)

Taekwon-do: 6.00pm-7.30pm, Picton School Arapawa Boxing: 6.00pm-7.30pm, Scout Hall

Yoga with Picton Yoga Collective: 6:00pm-7:00pm, Pav

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

Noho Pakari: 10.30am-11.30am, Weds, Anglican Church

Picton Poets: 10.30am-12pm, 4th Weds, Lib Justice of the Peace Drop-in Clinic: 11am-1pm, Lib

Mahjong: 1.00pm, MCCR Cribbage: 1.00pm-3.00pm, Lib Picton Quilters: 6.30pm, 2nd Weds, Pav

Waikawa Ratepayers Assoc: 6.00pm, 2nd Weds bimonthly, 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 Boxing Class: 6.00pm-7.30pm, Scout Hall A Cappella Belles: 7pm, Holy Trinity Church

Quiz Night: 7pm, Picton RSA

Picton Lions (Business): 7.30pm, 3rd Weds, Pav Scottish Country Dancing: 7.30pm-9.30pm, PLT

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

Table Tennis Club: 10am-12pm, Pav

The Company Cafe: 10.30am-11.30am term time, Lib

Mens18 Holes: 11.00am-3pm, PGC

Alzhiemers Marlborough Afternoon Tea: 1pm-2pm, 4th Thurs,

Pilates: 4pm-5pm, Pav

Pasifika Beats Fitness with Susana: 6.00pm-6:55pm, Pav Yurt Yoga at Mount Pleasant: 6pm-7.30pm, Yoga Yurt

Taekwon-do: 6pm-7.30pm, QCCG

Arapawa Boxing: 6.00pm-7.30pm, Scout Hall Bookworm Bookclub: 6.30pm, 1st Thurs, Lib Picton 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 Welcome In: 11am, 1st Fri, Scoozis Café

Picton Newcomers Network (Sundowners): 5pm-6pm, Cafe

Cortado

Picton Wine Club: 6.15pm, 1st Fri, PLT

SATURDAY

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 School: Mass 5pm (Summer) 4pm (Winter),

alternate weekends

SUNDAY

Family worship & communion: 10am, Anglican Church Word & Communion Service: 9.30am St. Joseph's Catholic

School

Sunday Service: 10am, Union Parish of Picton

Picton Sunday Service: 10am, Baptist Church (zoom available)

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