

Picton Regional Forum held at Picton Emergency Centre, Memorial Park, Picton, on Monday 2 September 2024, at 1.30 pm

Present

Clr Barbara Faulls (Chairperson), Clr Ben Minehan (Marlborough District Council), Clr Allanah Burgess (Marlborough District Council) and Clr Raylene Innes (Marlborough District Council).

Group Representatives

Nicola Neilson (Marlborough District Council), Zeke Hoskins (Marlborough District Council), Jodie Griffiths (Marlborough District Council), Raewyn Buchanan (Karakia Point & Environs Residents Association), Beryl Bowers (Picton Historical Society), Stuart Eyes (Waikawa Ratepayers Association), Quentin Doig (Marlborough Community Vehicle Trust), Pip Macfarlane (Picton Dawn Chorus), Laurie Stevenson (Marlborough Recreational Fishers Association), Marie-Jeanette van der Wal (Picton Combined Churches Choir), Michelle Campbell (Grey Power), Norm Hyde (Tirimoana & Anakiwa Resident's Association), Bosun Huntley (Marlborough Recreational Fishers Association), Valerie Kenny (Picton Museum), Rob Stanley (Greater Whatamango Bay Residents Association), Don Miller (Greater Whatamango Bay Residents Association) and Tina Woodgate (Waikawa Marae).

Guest Speakers

Nicola Neilson (Marlborough District Council), Mark Lucas (Marlborough District Council) and Zeke Hoskins (Marlborough District Council).

Welcome

People were welcomed to the meeting by Clr Faulls.

1. Apologies

Dean Heiford (Marlborough District Council), Katie Littlewood (Marlborough District Council), Kirsty Baldwin (Marlborough District Council), Margaret McHugh (Picton, Marlborough Sounds Tourism), Connie Smith (Port Marlborough) and Janette Howard (Greater Whatamango Bay Residents' Association).

It was moved that the apologies be accepted, and the motion was carried.

2. Confirmation of previous meeting minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 1 July 2024 were confirmed as correct. Moved by Clr Faulls and seconded by Beryl Bowers. A query was raised by one of the members about creating a group contact list for Civil Defence emergencies in Picton. Clr Burgess will provide an update on this at the next meeting.

3. Marlborough District Council Arts, Culture & Creativity Strategy Update (Nicola Neilson, Marlborough District Council)

- Nicola Neilson did a presentation which is attached as Appendix A.
- An Implementation Plan was distributed to the group.
- Nicola Neilson will be supported by the Museums Co-Ordinator to implement the strategies.

Questions/Answers

- When and where will a Creative Café be established?

The logistics for this are currently being investigated. Nicola and Sophie will attend the Business Trust Breakfast on Friday and the Chamber of Commerce Drinks After Five to see how the business side does it. It will probably be held quarterly. The first keynote speaker will be the Mayor. The group will be informed where and when the café will go ahead when more information is available.

4. Marlborough Environmental Grants Update (Zeke Hoskins, Marlborough District Council)

- Zeke Hoskins did a presentation which is attached as Appendix B.
- The programme was preceded by the Tui for Town programme that Council was running for eight years.
- The maps attached show the diversification into the regions from 2023 to 2024.
- It is noted that the period to apply is quite short, spanning only one month, so it pays to do some preparation prior to applying.
- For further information please see Envirogrants@marlborough.govt.nz.

Questions/Answers

- Regarding Pohutukawa's, we have myrtle rust hurting them in the warming areas. If we wipe them out in the cooler areas, we are shooting ourselves in the foot rather badly. Climate change would indicate we should be planting Pohutukawa's here, rather than controlling or eliminating them.

Council is not looking to eliminate them; and are not looking to plant them through the Grant.

- Cllr Minehan notes that we have diversified the projects that are being funded a lot more, so able to spread them around the district as more people are getting interested and involved, as well as more community groups. The hope is that as these projects gain momentum, we can link projects together. There is a massive want out there. Long-term the goal is to lift the available funding.

Funding for these works is getting tighter and may not be there beyond next year. It is important that a lot of the community groups take up the mantle to implement this work.

- What is being done to get rid of the wattles that seem to be growing every year in Picton?

Weeds only get worse if you do nothing. The Waikawa Residents' Association received funding last year as well as previous years, so they are slowly working towards eradicating them. Long-term, if enough people were interested, we could start to attack the wattles around Picton. There are three reasons that they are a real problem; being they are taking all the native biodiversity away. If there is a massive

drought and a fire goes through the back of Picton you will really see a problem as they are one of the worst trees for fires; and thirdly, pollen is an issue for many people.

It was noted that if the wattles are replaced with manuka or kanuka those are even more flammable than wattle. But people need to realise that manuka and kanuka don't live on their own, they have other native species in amongst them, after a while.

Under the Regional Pest Management Plan wattle is not currently classed as a pest within Marlborough, yet it is one of the key species planted in riverbeds to stop erosion from river floods. It comes down to individual or community efforts getting in and pulling out the seedlings, as well as poisoning where you can, while being aware of private property.

5. Wheelie Bin Recycling Programme Rollout Update (Mark Lucas, Marlborough District Council)

- Mark Lucas introduced himself. He has been at Council just over a year now, heading up this project.

A lot of questions have been asked as to why we shifted and moved to the new system. One of the reasons being we have too much recyclable product going to landfill at present. Last year we had 64,000 tonnes going to landfill, compared to Nelson who had 80,000 tonnes. In Marlborough we have a population of 50,000. Nelson covers Nelson and Tasman, and they have 110,000. For an extra 60,000 people they put in 14,000 more tonnes than us into landfill.

Mark works on the angle that if you change nothing, nothing changes. Our old system wasn't working with the bags and the crate. Now, assurance can be given that the recycling is not going into the same truck as the rubbish truck, it is going into separate recycling trucks. Every item of recycling in the bins is now sorted by hand.

This week we have had bags full of grass clippings, as well as bags full of human faeces coming through the recycling bin. All of this is sorted by hand by eight people, up on a conveyor belt, at the Recycling Centre. There is no mechanical device. Everything like that is being stopped and photographed.

What the Solid Waste Manager is asking for, is that we need to change our attitudes to climate change. Whatever your motivation is, we need to change. Financially, there are some big motivations. Last year we paid \$817,000 to the government for our emission trading scheme liability. Next year, that will cost the ratepayers over a million dollars.

We have just opened Stage 9 in the landfill at Blue Gums in Blenheim. That costs \$6 million dollars to construct, with a life expectancy of six years. In four years, we need to start building Stage 10, because it takes two years to build.

Items that are contaminated are being put in with recycling so cannot be recycled, so it is being sent to landfill.

Essentially, people need to change their mindsets, because it is costing a lot of money to the community. Thirty seconds to clean a butter container before you throw it into the recycling bin all saves money. If that gets recycled, Council gets income off that, instead of it costing by going to landfill.

Over 25% of all charges for disposal go to the government in a waste levy. This year that will equate to over \$4 million dollars. For every tonne going to landfill, \$60 of that goes to the government. We only charge \$234 a tonne. We do get some reimbursement back, which is good, but not the \$4 million dollars.

So, there is a financial incentive for recyclables NOT to go to landfill.

Environment and climate change are factors as well. It is a financial cost to all of us.

The Tetrapak recycling programme can potentially save thirty tonnes of waste going to landfill. So, one person can make a huge difference if they have the motivation to do it.

We live in a beautiful area, and a lot of waste is getting blown everywhere. Soft plastics are a good example of this. Soft plastics are recyclable, both at EnviroHub and at various supermarkets. They don't need to go to landfill, yet they are.

We are trying to get people to do the right thing, by recycling what we can, so it's not going to landfill. There is a financial cost; there is a financial saving. If we can halve what is going to landfill now, that is \$1 million a year the Solid Waste Manager can save the ratepayers, which is approximately 1%.

Questions/Answers

- You said some of the recycling is from commercial businesses, is there a mechanism for trading and refining?

Not currently, no.

- You talk about possible food waste coming in, in the future?

Yes. The major contributor to Emissions Trading Scheme Liability is organics. By the end of 2030 we must have a Food Scrap collection. We will have to have a kerbside collection for it. Currently, there is not a lot of point having that as we don't have an end source for it other than landfill.

We must come up with a solution for where to take organics, before we collect it.

A project plan has just been approved of for the Ministry of Environment. They are giving Council a Grant to do a feasibility study around putting in an organics plant in Marlborough. The idea being to take all green waste, including grass clippings, food and garden organics.

That plant study will have to go out for consultation, with the idea being that that plant will take all the organics and the methane from those will be captured and have two ways of using it. Either to generate electricity, via internal combustion engines, or turn it into biofuel. Biofuel is used to run diesel trucks. The byproduct currently will cost us \$1 million at the end of next year annually, could bring in an income to Council.

- Isn't methane being harvested already, from the landfill?

All we do at present is burn it, through a flare. Our current flare is not fully compliant, so we must invest and buy a secondary flare. We are looking at installing a generator. So, we will reduce the liability.

- Why can't the compost be mulched and put straight onto paddocks to feed worms?

It can be. The problem we have in Marlborough is that a lot of people spray their weeds on their lawns, and those lawn clippings are put in the vineyards, and they kill their vines. So, we must extract the green waste out. The aim is to have a solution that will deal with everything.

- So not quite all the recycling is recycled at present?

No, because it is not cleaned.

- When you go to Resource Consent will the public be notified and given the opportunity to give feedback?

They must be.

- Discussion was had about people asking questions to Council, and not getting any replies; we don't get motivation to help Council with recycling, since we are forking out large ratepayer fees for this service.

You can't expect people to be supportive of the system if they don't get any answers and don't know what is happening. At one point there were three or four weeks where people didn't know what was going on. When was the rubbish going to be picked up? Why wasn't it?

It was noted the speaker did not contact the councillors with his queries. McCormicks Road, in Whatamango Bay, has had some issues. There has been a breakdown of communications. There are a lot of little street anomalies, in Havelock and Grovetown and Spring Creek, that all have fallen through the cracks because the contractors made a decision without passing it on to management. That was solely around access. Council had a lot of enquiries that took time to get through. Council had to triage their response to them. People who didn't have bins went to the top of the list, then staff worked their way down the other enquiries.

- It was reiterated to contact your local councillors to help answer any questions.
- Part of sustainability is recycling and repurposing, yet we can no longer repurpose anything from the Transfer Station. This seems like a step backwards.

The Recycle Re-Use shop decisions were made before Mark Lucas started his role as Solid Waste Manager. They were all taken out because of the change in contractor. The contractor had tendered for what they do. If there was an appetite then the Solid Waste Manager would have to approach Council on it, but there would be an increased cost due to transport and management of it. It is nothing that is fait accomplis. The manager is open to any idea or suggestion; but he is only one person. There are two staff members trying to run the programme for everyone in Marlborough.

- Is there still a Re-Use shop?

Yes, there's a Re-Use shop in Blenheim. The location has been expanded there, to include building construction and demolition with a lot of wood that has come out of the Picton Ferry Terminal building being sent there. There is a waiting list for when the next container comes. It would be good to have something like this in Picton and the manager would support it.

- Is there a Repair Café in Picton?

It would be good to have something like that.

- When does the new contract get reviewed?

The Solid Waste Manager can give a paper to Assets & Services by 1 October to ask them and do it as a variation.

- Is scrap metal able to be put into the recycling bin?

No. The reason why is that the recycling truck is a compactor truck, and depending on the size of the metal, or how it is sitting, it can break the compactor. Secondly, at the recycling centre, it gets put onto a conveyor belt and can puncture that or block the conveyor. Thirdly, it is a safety issue for the people picking it up. It can be taken to the Transfer Station for free.

- What are the proposed plans for the Grove Arm site in future?

It will be relocated from where it is currently. Discussions are being held with Marlborough Roads about this. Pure and simply the site is not big enough now. The idea of all sites is to have the ability to recycle there.

- Will it be like the one at Kenepuru Road?

Yes. The aim is to have easy access for items to be contained and swept up and kept clean, due to windy weather.

- The Anglican Minister thanked Mark and the councillors for making the effort to look after the waste management in Marlborough. Holy Trinity Church is an eco-church, and they do their bit to look after Creation and are working together with Mary on collecting Tetrapaks. So those of you who have Tetrapaks in your car you can drop it off at the Holy Trinity Church Hall. There is a drop box hole in the wall that items can be dropped off 24/7.

The Minister used to live in Christchurch and had a hook on her car to tow the bins up and down hills, which was very handy. These can be bought at Mitre 10.

The Solid Waste Manager stated that they are available here. They are also buying catches for the wheelie bin lids so they don't blow open in the wind. The idea is that the weight of the contents in the bin will burst it open when it is put into the trucks.

Also, there is a Council App, that was used in Christchurch, where you get a message on your phone every week to indicate which coloured bin to put out. This is available here also, called Antenno, which is available on the Council website, which also gives you roading reports. You just load in your address, and it will automatically generate a reminder. This is quite useful for communications around public holiday collections days also.

- There used to be an E-Waste Day held in Picton. Is there any discussion around this occurring again?

There is quite a considerable cost to recycle items on E-Waste Day as items have to be transported out of region. All Transfer Stations take E-Waste. There is a cost, but it will be dealt with. It is then packaged up and sent away down south for it to be recycled. It is not specific to an E-Waste Day, but it is happening every day of the week.

- There was also a street side recycling day where you can swap items out for another item. Is that something that will happen here again?

From the information that Mark Lucas has been given, it costs the ratepayers a lot of money as a lot of it was just left. Council had to go around with trucks to clean it up and cost too much to dispose of. There would have to be some confidence that it could be done well so as not to cost thousands of dollars.

- If you buy a glass bottle at the supermarket, you could take it back, would the supermarket and liquor shops take the bottle back? It is understood the glass contamination is the problem, but would that be something that could be done again? With the supermarket and the liquor shop, having a waste skip there? There are thousands of people that would do it.

That comes down to the product stewardship schemes that are coming in. We have Agrecovery TyreWise, which started yesterday, which is a recovery service for tyres. Plastic bag recycling, for the soft plastics, is also a product stewardship scheme. That is all done separately, and not at a cost to Council.

- We have seven Vape shops in Marlborough. Have you put in a rubbish bin in every shop?

Vape Shops do do that. They can then take those up to the Transfer Station for free, where the batteries out of them can get recycled. All batteries, whether lithium, iron, or whether they are in vapes, your AA or AAAs, Ds, Cs, all of those are recyclable. They are all a fire risk as soon as they are compacted. The bigger concern is when it is at the landfill, because the compaction in the landfill can potentially start a fire. If a fire were to start in the landfill they could burn for 10-15 years. The cost to try and put them out would be astronomical, because you would have to dig everything up.

A campaign was started before the Wheelie Bins came out. More campaigns will be done as we go. Don't put them in your recycle bins – take them to the Recycle Station. Take them to battery recycling places all over the place, lots of shops, like chemists do it. Council is trying to get ITM, Bunnings, Placemakers, and Mitre 10 to have a bin in their shops. If we had a product stewardship scheme, then all that stuff would be paid for at the time of purchase. But that is a central government decision.

- The Marae used to get eight bags a year to help deal with waste. We also pay Crafar Crouch for three bins. We pay rates. When we went through the process of switching to bins, we were told we are not eligible for a recycling bin. So, who is eligible and why?

When the contract was put out to tender, back in 2021, they did like for like. So commercial premises didn't have recycling and residential premises did. So that is the way they worked it out. It was broken up into commercial, residential, and CBD. All commercial places, which the Marae sits under, didn't have it. Schools didn't get recycling either. When 2,000 tonnes a month more than was tendered are collected they have to bring in another truck. At that point there is another cost. We are phasing it in. The plan is to get two-four months starter, so we know where we are sitting. Everything now is measured to the kilogram. We are trying to work out where the tipping point is. Our priorities in the commercial sector are the maraes, churches, and schools. Because the young people are the ones who will come up and teach the adults.

It may take a couple of generations to achieve our goals. The goal is to make it socially unacceptable to not recycle.

The aim is to get the children from the drama club and sustainability club at schools to make recycling videos for each part of the process. Then, put it out on a YouTube and Facebook platforms. The idea is the video gets filtered out to the community and their families.

Competition is also a good motivator, between streets, to notice who is doing the job well.

6. Actions from the previous meeting

	Action	Person Responsible
1.	Distribute the group contact list to the group when finalised. <i>Pending.</i>	Clr Barbara Faulls / Kirsty Baldwin
2.	Check the compliance and consent of vaping shops in Picton. <i>Pending.</i>	Clr Barbara Faulls

7. General Business

- Members asked if a letter could be sent to Nelson Marlborough District Health, Minister Shane Reti and to MDC stating their concern regarding the two Vape shops in Picton. There is concern that there are "vulnerable" people in Picton who might be attracted to vaping at the detriment to their health. Members feel that there should be regulations that state that vape shops should not be permitted near libraries or agencies like the Heartland's Health hub which is near a shop and they are uncomfortable about it being there.
- Members asked if the Picton Happenings (PH) could be clearly noted as being on, for example, page 50 of the new format. This would make PH more visible as it is "buried" within the email.
- Raewyn Buchanan noted that she has bought a contraption from a firm in Auckland that can (for \$25) be fitted to your bumper to drag your wheelie bin up the drive. It is a type of webbing arrangement. This could be useful for other residents. Raewyn to supply details.
- Bosun Huntley noted what an excellent tourism attraction the model train is at the foreshore. Domestic and International travellers bring their children to have a ride.
- Stuart Eyes asked if the bus to Blenheim could somehow connect with the bus that goes out to the hospital or the airport. Clr Faulls to mention this to Charlotte at Marlborough Roads.

- **Picton Museum**

- Val and Beryl mentioned that they had a good turnout at the Museum AGM, Rick Edmonds from the Link Pathway Trust was the guest speaker. There are two new members on the committee.

- **Greater Whatamango Bay Residents Association**

- Rob Stanley asked how the Harbourmaster gets information out to people in the event of a major "event" such as the Aratere grounding. He noted that there are several retired skippers who would help in the event of an emergency. Cllr Innes to talk to Captain Jake Oliver to see how communication can be done better. Could there be a list of people held by Coastguard? Kirsty to send out links to Captain Oliver's interviews re the groundings.

- **Marlborough Community Vehicle Trust**

- Quentin Doig introduced himself as the new Chair of the Marlborough Community Vehicle Trust. Ailsa Carey is the other new Board member. Mr Doig is to be added to the mailing list. Cllr Faulls is to write to Brian Henstock to thank him for his contribution to Marlborough Sounds Community Vehicle Trust and Picton Regional Forum.

- **Marlborough Recreational Fishers Association**

- Bosun Huntley spoke of his concern about the cell phone tower that is due to be erected near the medical centre in central Picton. He suggested that it should be placed near the other towers on Mt Freeth.
- Cllr Minehan mentioned that Council had submitted to the snapper limit/boat limit to Ministry of Fisheries. He made a personal submission on it as well. He recommended that the Snapper limit remain at three in the Marlborough Sounds, as did Oliver Wade on behalf of Council. He also suggested the three fish limit should apply to Tasman Bay and Marlborough and recommended that a maximum number of snapper taken per boat be implemented.
- Laurie Stevenson asked about sedimentation from forestry in the Sounds. Members discussed other sources of sedimentation. There is a Ministry for Primary Industries report that suggests that the scallop fishery is under some stress due to the sediment on the bottom of the Sounds as well as in the water column. He noted that mussels grew a lot faster when there was less sediment. Members were told that Matt Oliver, MDC's soil scientist, has a geomorphology project underway which is attempting to identify critical source areas for sediment in the Pelorus/Te Hoiere River.

- **Tirimoana Anakiwa Residents Association**

- Norm Hyde thanked MDC staff Kiri Whiteman and Heather Graham for their help in the community with pathways and planting projects. There have been major working bees and residents are working hard to eradicate pest plants and species.
- Residents would appreciate an update on what is happening to the slip on the roads where the two houses above are causing movement. Cllr Faulls to ask Steve Murrin for an update.
- Residents are also noting that the traffic lights at the Tirimoana jetty are out of sync often and this causes confusion and angry drivers who believe that they have right of way. Cllr Faulls will speak to Marlborough Roads.

- **Picton Combined Churches**

- Clr Burgess and Marie Jeanette van der Wal discussed having a catch up to align training and resources for Picton civil defence.
- Marie-Jeanette van der Wal spoke of the wealth of experience that is available in the room and stated that it would be good to have a maritime civil defence group based in Picton. She is happy to facilitate conversations or meetings at the Holy Trinity Church.

- **Grey Power**

- Michelle Campbell informed the group there will be a Picton Senior's Expo being held at the pavilion. Councillors suggested that she contact Jodie Griffiths at Council to talk about community initiatives, the local JP's, as well as having somebody from MDC's rating team to talk about rates rebates, etc. Councillors said that they would be happy to attend to answer questions.

8. Actions from the meeting

	Action	Person Responsible
1.	Follow up on creating a group contact list for Civil Defence emergencies in Picton. <i>Pending.</i>	Clr Allanah Burgess / Kirsty Baldwin
2.	Provide Don Miller with wheelie bin and resource consent details. <i>Pending.</i>	Clr Barbara Faulls
3.	Write a letter to Mark Lucas on behalf of the community to open a Re-Use Shop in Picton. <i>Pending.</i>	Clr Barbara Faulls
4.	Write to Brian Henstock and thank him for his contribution to Marlborough Sounds Community Vehicle Trust and Picton Regional Forum. <i>Completed.</i>	Clr Barbara Faulls
5.	Supply information to the group about an item to help move your wheelie bin up the drive. <i>Pending.</i>	Raewyn Buchanan
6.	Talk to Captain Jake Oliver to see how communication can be improved for maritime emergencies. <i>Pending.</i>	Clr Raylene Innes
7.	Send out links to Captain Oliver's interviews about the groundings. <i>Completed.</i>	Kirsty Baldwin
8.	Mention to Charlotte at Marlborough Roads about the Picton to Blenheim bus somehow connecting with the bus that goes to the hospital or the airport. <i>Pending.</i>	Clr Barbara Faulls
9.	Residents of Tirimoana would appreciate an update from Steve Murrin on what is happening to the slip on the roads where the two houses above are causing movement. <i>Pending.</i>	Clr Barbara Faulls
10.	Tirimoana residents are also noting that the traffic lights at the Tirimoana jetty are often out of sync, and this causes confusion and angry drivers who believe they have right of way. Follow up with Marlborough Roads. <i>Pending.</i>	Clr Barbara Faulls

9. Proposed Future Speakers

- Picton Air Quality Management Update (Dr Sarah Pearson, MDC).
- National Policy for Freshwater Management Update (Dr Sarah Pearson, MDC).
- Roothing Update (Charlotte Campbell-Lamerton, Marlborough Roads).
- Picton Sewerage Update (Stephen Rooney, MDC).
- Marlborough Sounds Fishing Update (Eric Jorgensen, Sustainable Seas).
- Marlborough Conservation Trust Update (James Wilson, Bryn Evans, Picton Dawn Chorus).
- Northwest Waikawa Marina Update (Gavin Beattie, Port Marlborough).
- Aratere Ferry Grounding Update (Jake Oliver, MDC).
- Community Update (Jodie Griffiths, MDC).
- King Salmon Update (Representative, New Zealand King Salmon).

10. Proposed Meeting Dates for 2024

Picton Regional Forum

- 11 November 2024

The meeting closed at 4.30 pm.

Appendix A – Marlborough District Council Arts, Culture & Creativity Strategy Update



Defining the Arts?

- **The Arts (as defined by CNZ)**
 - Craft/Object
 - Community Art
 - Dance
 - Literature
 - Multi-disciplinary
 - Music
 - Ngā toi Māori
 - Pacific Arts
 - Theatre
 - Visual Arts



The Creative Economy

- \$14.9 billion GDP nationally (\$13.5 billion in agriculture)
- \$78.6 million GDP in Marlborough (over 1,000 jobs)
- Between 2000 and 2021, the economic contribution of the arts and creative sector more than doubled...outstripping the economy as a whole
- Community wellbeing



The role of Council

The role of Council in fostering arts, culture and creativity is varied:

- Provider and promoter of facilities and amenities
- Provider and distributor of funding
- Policy maker and planner
- Supporter and facilitator of groups and activities
- Advocate and promote

Council collaborates with regional and national entities, both governmental and non-governmental, to exert influence in this sector.



MDC Arts and Culture Strategy 2008

- Goals:
 - Opportunities
 - Support
 - Māori partnership
 - Visibility
 - Sustainable regional development
- Actions:
 - Creative Communities Scheme - \$42,404 for 2023/24 (CNZ Funding)
 - MDC Arts & Heritage Community Grants - \$280,000 (an average of 12% is distributed to the arts and heritage)
 - Support the management of the Arts and Culture portfolio within current policy and budgets
 - Student exhibition in partnership with Marlborough Art Gallery
 - Identify issues within the Arts Sector and support resolution
 - Communicate across the sector



MDC Arts, Culture and Creativity Strategy 2024 - 2034

This strategy replaces the 2008 Marlborough District Council Arts and Culture Strategy.

Strategy development

- 12-month community engagement process
- Workshops
- Stakeholder engagement
- Survey
- Arts Steering Group
- Iwi Advisory Panel
- Draft strategy



Vision

Marlborough is creative, vibrant, inclusive, and thriving. Through collaboration the threads of creativity and innovation are seamlessly integrated into everything we do.

Mission

To collaboratively establish the essential resources, platforms, skills and infrastructure to nurture the advancement of arts, culture and creativity in Marlborough.



Six Essential Pathways

- **Te Ara tuatahi: Facilities** - A variety of venues for both performance and creation.
- **Te Ara tuarua: Education** - Capability building programmes across the whole sector.
- **Te Ara tuatoru: Accessibility** - Removing access barriers and promoting inclusivity.
- **Te Ara tuawha: Culture** - Visible content that cultivates a deeper understanding of the region's diverse population and the region's unique cultural identity.
- **Te Ara tuarima: Visibility** - Revealing local stories, talent and opportunities.
- **Te Ara tua: Communication** - Making connections, facilitating creative partnerships, and the prominence of creatives in Marlborough is realised.



Implementation Plan

A collaborative plan involving multiple stakeholders and funding partners.

- Innovation
- Infrastructure
- Collaboration
- Nga toi Māori/Culture
- Economy and funding
- Youth
- Marketing
- Environment

What now?

- Budget passed through LTP process
 - Year 1 \$50k
 - Year 2 \$75k
 - Year 3 - 5 \$120k (per annum)
- Steering Group
- Iwi Advisory Group/Working Group
- 1.5 staff





Questions?

Appendix B – Marlborough Environmental Grants Update

Working for Nature

How will my application be assessed?

Applications will be assessed based on benefit to a healthy environment, project viability and level of collaboration from outside sources going into maintenance for the project and how well the project aligns with the goals of the grants scheme guidelines.

For more information go to:
links.marlbrough.govt.nz/WFN

Working for Nature/Māhō te Talao is just one of the many biodiversity and environmental programmes run by the Council to celebrate the wide range of flora and fauna that's not only unique to New Zealand, but found only in our region!

This grants scheme not only encourages community-led participation but it also encourages collaborative effort. By working together we can create enduring outcomes to restore and protect native biodiversity in our region.

What can be funded?

- Projects on public, private or Māori land.
- Purchase of native plant species.
- Plant guards and stakes for native plantings.
- Pest traps and other pest management devices (except cameras).
- Weed control chemicals.
- Fencing materials.
- Professional ecological and technical advice, including studies.
- Co-ordination of community-led environmental projects.
- Contract labour.
- Annual applications to expand plantings (not maintenance).
- Individual projects within larger, multi-year programmes of work.
- Production of informative signage.
- Supporting community workshops.

What can't be funded?

- Beautification projects that do not provide a substantial contribution to biodiversity.
- Personal or existing staff labour costs.
- Weed control equipment (e.g., chainsaws, scrub bars, etc.).
- Monitoring cameras and thermal monitoring devices.
- Exotic plants or native plants not naturally found in the Marlborough region.
- Work that is required as a condition of a resource consent or mitigation, subdivision consent, entitlement application, or other legal requirement.
- Maintenance of previously awarded grants.
- Projects that interfere with floodway requirements, such as planting on stopbanks.
- Single projects that have already received establishment funding from Marlborough District Council or other funding body.
- Work completed prior to grant approval, including past purchases.
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**Online applications will
open on 1 April 2025 and
close 30 April 2025.**

**This grants scheme is administered
by a subcommittee of the
Environment and Planning Committee**

One application per year per category is permitted from community organisations, businesses, landowners (including farming, forestry and wine growing) and individuals. Partnership projects can be applied for by an umbrella organisation.

The fund is split into three categories:

Habitat Marlborough:

These projects will restore native habitats and improve biodiversity and freshwater quality. The focus would be on planting areas where there is little native vegetation, as well as waterway and wetland margins with grants of up to \$10,000 per applicant in any one year.

Protecting Marlborough:

These projects control animal and plant pests that are threatening native wildlife and habitats. Grants are up to \$15,000 per applicant in any one year.

Environmental Advocacy:

These projects will target initiatives that will promote environmental awareness within the wider community. Grants within this category are up to \$2,000 per applicant in any one year.

**For more information
and to apply visit:
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Contact Zeke Hoskins if you wish to discuss your project or get help with your application.

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About the grant

- Created to promote native restoration and protect native species within Marlborough.
- \$138,000 available.
- Split into three categories:
 - Protecting Marlborough (\$15,000)
 - Habitat Marlborough (\$10,000)
 - Environmental Advocacy (\$2,000)
- Contestable grant.
- Applications assessed based on their own merits.
- Administered by a sub-committee of the Environment Committee.



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Categories

- Habitat Marlborough: Restore native habitats and improve biodiversity and freshwater quality.
- Protecting Marlborough: Control animal and plant pests that are threatening native wildlife and habitats.
- Environmental Advocacy: Initiatives that promote environmental awareness within the wider community.



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Applications

- One application per category.
- Favourable consideration given to co-funded projects.
- Evidence of long-term, ongoing viability for the project.
- Applications open in April 2025.
- Multi-year funding available for community groups or community trusts.
- 21 of 28 applicants received funding for 2024.

What can be funded?

- Purchase of native plant species.
- Plant guards and stakes for native plantings.
- Pest traps and other pest management devices (except cameras).
- Weed control chemicals.
- Fencing materials.
- Professional ecological and technical advice, including studies.
- Co-ordination of community-led environmental projects.
- Contract labour.



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What can't be funded?

- Beautification projects that do not provide a substantial contribution to biodiversity.
- Personal or existing staff labour costs.
- Weed control equipment (e.g., chainsaws, scrub bars, etc.).
- Monitoring cameras and thermal monitoring devices.
- Exotic plants, cultivars, or native plants not naturally found in the Marlborough region.
- Work required as a condition of a resource consent or mitigation, subdivision consent, entitlement application, or other legal requirement.
- Maintenance of previously awarded grants.
- Projects that interfere with floodway requirements, such as planting on stop banks.
- Work completed prior to grant approval, including past purchases.



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Past Projects – Growing Trees, Growing Children

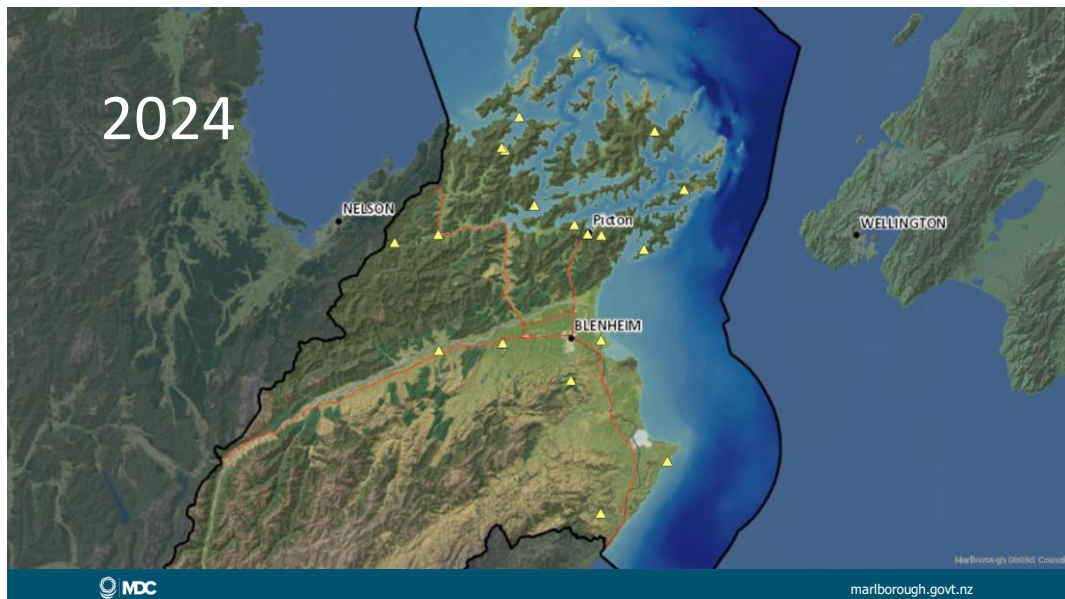
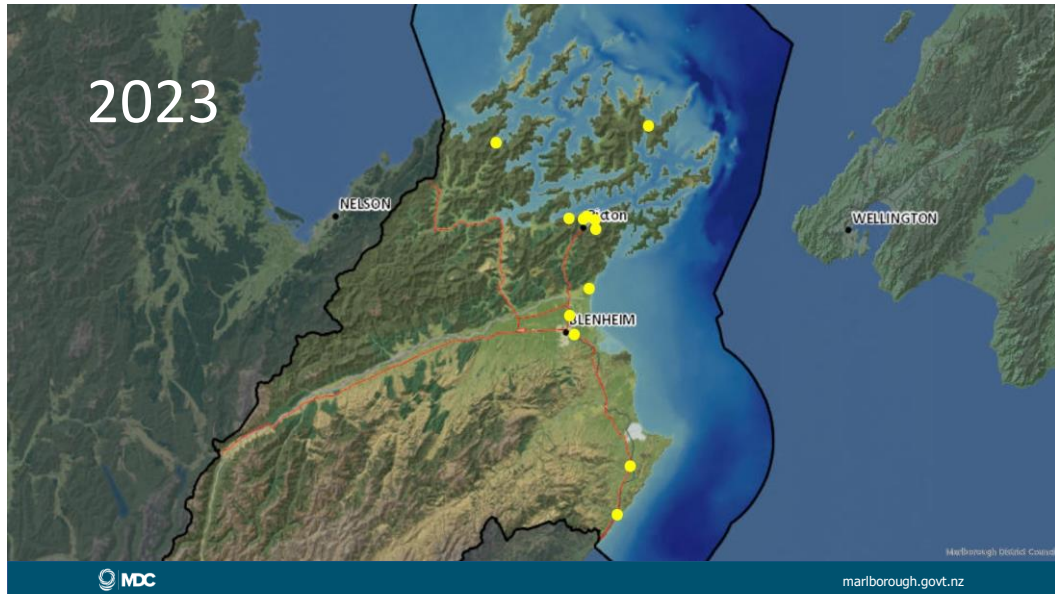


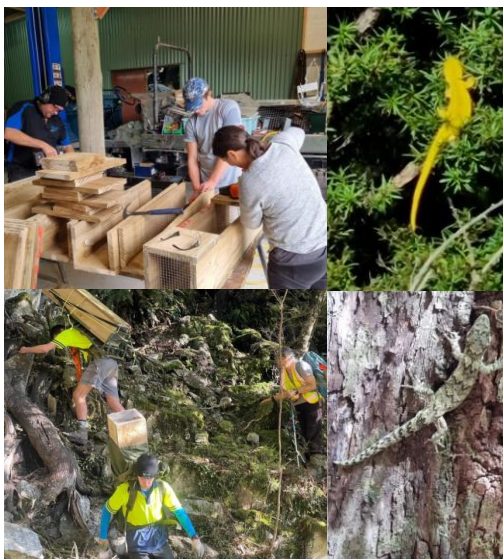
Past Projects – Waikawa Stream Habitat Enrichment



Past Projects – Hinepango Wetland Restoration







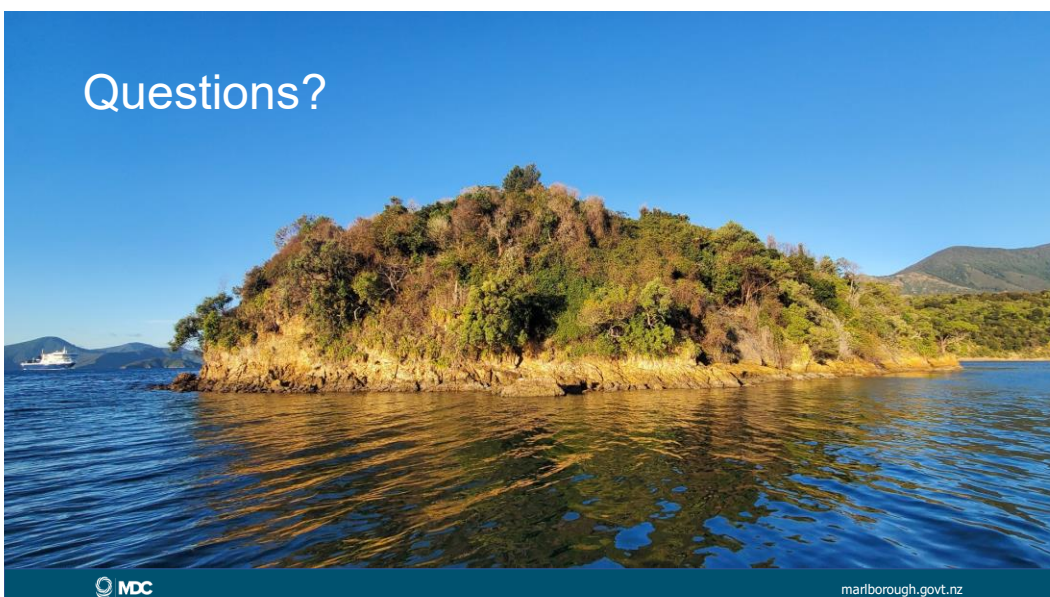
Preparing to apply

- Quote(s) for work or goods to verify cost.
- Planting plan, trapline placement, etc.
- Map of project area.
- Letter of support by landowner (if applicable).
 - Public land will require written support by either Council or DOC.



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Questions?



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