



PICTON HAPPENINGS

Free Newsletter

04 October 2023

04 **Climate of Change Preview, 6.00pm - 8.00pm Wed 4 October**

Preview a new exhibition at The Diversion Gallery urging action on climate change and sustainability, by prominent NZ artists including Nigel Brown, John Walsh, Wayne Seyb, Graham Bennett, Gerda Leenards and Michel Tuffery.

06 **Picton Wine Club, 6.15pm - Fri 6 October**

Join Picton Wine Club at Picton Little Theatre for their next tasting - Greywacke presented by Kevin & Kimberley Judd. See page 7.

11 **Marlborough Nelson Marina Radio Assoc AGM, 7.30pm Wed 11 October**

The 2023 MNMRA AGM will take place at the Waikawa Boating Clubrooms. See page 7.

14 **Softball Muster, 10.00am - 12.00pm Sat 14 October**

If you are interested in playing Tee-Ball or Softball this season, head along to the muster at Port Marlborough Pavilion, QCC Gym if raining. See page 7.

15 **Picton Spring Clean, 10.45am Sun 15 October**

Join Envirohub Marlborough and Waikawa Dive Centre for the annual Picton Spring Clean, postponed from last month. See page 10 for more information.

15 **Waikawa Bay School Plant Sale, 12.00pm - 3.00pm Sun 15 October**

Enjoy an afternoon at Waikawa Bay School amongst an array of plants available for purchase. See page 4 for information.

18 **Tsunami in the Sounds Workshop, 7.00pm Wed 18 October**

The Marlborough Emergency Management team would love to see you at a tsunami science talk and workshop next month. See page 13 for more information.

21 **Linkwater Spring Fair, 10.00am - 2.00pm Sat 21 October**

Enjoy Linkwater School's annual fundraiser. Their specialty is their plant selection. Come and enjoy stalls, coffee, and a cafe menu.

21 **Show Me Shorts Film Festival, Sat 21 - Sun 22 October**

Show Me Shorts is Aotearoa New Zealand's leading international short film festival. Their mission is to connect NZ audiences with short films. The festival is stopping in Picton at Port Marlborough Pavilion. For more info visit <https://www.showmeshorts.co.nz/>

26 **A Cuppa With Your Councillors, Thu 26 October**

Council's Sounds-based councillors are available for a drop-in chat each month. Come along to Picton Library. See page 14.

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iReX Project

Progress continues on the Interislander ferry terminal redevelopment



By Diane Livingston

In Waitohi Picton, construction teams are progressing well with enabling and early works in preparation for main construction of the ferry precinct redevelopment.

Works across multiple sites include strengthening and increasing capacity of the Waitohi Awa culvert, services works on Dublin Street, establishment of a materials laydown and site facility at Waitohi Domain, and at Westshore, the set-up of a temporary jetty/ barge loadout facility.

This is all part of the work to redevelop the Waitohi Picton ferry terminal and introduce two new, hybrid electric ships that have been designed specifically for the Cook Strait and Marlborough Sounds.

Looking out for marine mammals

For Trini Church (above image), coming to work each day is a “dream”, particularly when her office has one of the best views in town. Looking out across Waitohi Picton Harbour from her Westshore-based marine mammal observation spot, it’s hard not to agree with her.

Trini is a marine mammal observer with Downer HEB JV, who are delivering main construction works for the Waitohi Picton Ferry Precinct Redevelopment. Recently, the team started construction of a temporary jetty at Westshore (on the Bluebridge side of the harbour, within

Port Marlborough land). Barges will berth at the jetty and have materials loaded onto them for transportation to the main wharf construction site.

The jetty structure includes 12 piles, which is where Trini's role as a marine mammal observer comes into action.

When the crew are piling, Trini keeps a watchful eye out for marine mammals, to ensure they don't come too close to the piling activity. If Trini does spot marine mammals, including whales, dolphins and seals, she measures the distance they are from the piling activity, and alerts the team if the marine mammals are getting too close. If the marine mammals come too close (different safe distances are set for differing marine mammal species) the team cease piling. Once the marine mammals have moved outside of the safe zone, Trini monitors for 30 minutes to check they don't re-enter, before the team starts piling again. As part of marine mammal observation training Trini undertook with Blue Planet Marine before working as an observer on a HEB project in Wellington, for 18 months, Trini has been taught how to identify different species at a distance, and signs, such as movements in water, to look out for.

"My day starts at about 7am, monitoring for marine mammals for half an hour before

the team start piling. If there's no marine mammals inside the zone, the team start with what we call a 'soft start' in piling terms for about 10 minutes, before commencing normal operations. I have really good binoculars that can also measure distance, so if I spot a marine mammal, I can quickly work out how far away it is," explains Trini.

At the end of a day's piling, Trini continues to watch for marine mammals for half an hour, to record their locations and behaviour.

"I love my job. I love watching the way marine mammals move, their colours and forms, and their playful interactions. It's important that we make sure we do all we can to look after the marine mammals, as we are working in their environment," she says.

Marine mammal observing is one of several measures being taken to minimise the impacts of piling on marine mammals. Divers have placed hydrophones (underwater microphones) to monitor noise and vibrations, and a bubble curtain is installed in the water. A bubble curtain produces bubbles in a deliberate arrangement in water. When used during seabed pile driving, bubble curtains dampen and absorb sounds of the piling to prevent extensive hearing loss and noise harassment of marine mammals and other sea life.

Picton Community Men's Shed

The Picton Community Men's Shed is always keen to attract new members. The group is well provisioned with hand tools, power tools, woodworking machinery, a metal-turning lathe and welding gear.

Members work on a wide and varied range of activities, some of which include classic boat restoration, knife and tool sharpening, furniture making and repairs, off-site community tasks, propagating plants and gardening and of course, their own private projects.

Come down and have a chat or contact any committee member.



Opening Hours
Wednesdays, 9 am – 4 pm
Saturdays, 9 am – 12 noon

2 Market Street, Picton
E: pictonmenzshed@gmail.com



Waikawa Bay School

PLANT SALE

& FAMILY FUN DAY

SUNDAY 15th OCTOBER 12 – 3pm
At Waikawa Bay School
282 Waikawa Road, Picton

**Indoor & Outdoor Plants, Natives, Flowers,
Vegetable Seedlings & more!**

**Sausage sizzle, coffee, ice cream, workshops,
face-painting, outdoor games, raffle & LIVE MUSIC**

Funds raised will go towards the school pool and water safety education

If wet weather, will be postponed to Sunday 22nd October 12-3pm
See our Facebook Page for updates – Waikawa Bay School Fundraising Committee

ASK SEEK KNOCK



STORY « CRAFT « FOOD « GAMES « SONGS

Sunday 15 October 4-6pm

Picton Baptist 293 Waikawa Rd.

Fun for all ages. Free event.

Children please bring a grownup.

Phone or text 0212535511 for more info.





WIDOWED AND CHILDLESS.

"A HEROINE."

"She's a heroine, I tell you, poor woman. Even the silent man who had decline to tell his experiences unbent at mention of her name."

"Yes," he supplemented, "you can't say so much about her."

The scene was a sitting-room at the home of the widow which had extended such generous hospitality to the survivors. A representative of THE DOMINION, who was fortunate enough to possess a knowledge of the country, and had tramped from Karori over the mist-covered hills, wading flooded stream and stumbling down slippery sheep-tracks had also reached the welcome shelter of Mr. McMenamen's isolated home, and was talking to a group of those who had narrowly escaped a few hours before from the sea.

"She's the only woman saved," added another, "and she saved herself and a baby passenger, besides pulling three women into the boat after the first capsizing, when a hero was thrown out. The women were lost when the boat capsized again, poor things." "Yes, even after she lost her own little ones, whom she was trying to save, she kept going and tried to save others: He



Ada Hannam, the only female survivor. She lost her entire family, other than the baby she was pregnant with. As well as trying to save her own children, she helped others. Once ashore and safe herself, she attempted to resuscitate a victim. After recovering at the farmhouse.

Picton Heritage & Whaling Museum

October update

By Mary Cooper

The Museum Committee would like to thank the Picton Society of Model Engineers (Rail and Sail) for their donation of \$500. It is much appreciated.

I notice that the Oxleys has put up an information board with the history of the hotel (right). Lovely to see the history of our town being promoted in this way. When away from home I often see other towns with historical information in plain sight. I noted bullet holes, and the story of how they got there, on the front of the Hampden Hotel in Murchison and the information on The White Mouse (who was on the Gestapo's Most Wanted list) along Oriental Parade in Wellington. Well done Oxleys on keeping Picton's history alive.

New Zealand's worst maritime disaster of the 20th century was that of the interisland ferry the SS Penguin in February 1909 where 75 lives were lost. A Picton woman, Ada Hannam (image above), was lauded as a heroine. Ada lived in Picton until her marriage to Joseph Hannam.

Our Story

Oxley's Hotel originally known as the Bank Hotel, was established in its current position on the corner of London Quay and Wellington Street in 1870. The hotel has withstood the test of time, enduring earthquakes, fires, and the will of inebriated patrons.

The Oxley's name came to be when the hotel took new ownership in the late 1880s by Francis Allwood Oxley. He demolished the original portions of the hotel and added the iconic two-story masonry building with a curved facade in an Italianate Palazzo style and the ornate cast-iron lacework veranda.

Through the years Oxley's has always been a landmark on the Picton Township. It was the first building in Picton to have electricity, supplied by the hotel's own power plant, which was centered around an 18-inch water-driven turbine known as a Pelton wheel.

Over the years there has been many changes within the walls of Oxley's but never to the hospitality from those within. The most recent evolution created by local Amy Cragg, who took over management back in 2015. Is the stylishly designed interior which creates a warm and comfortable dining and bar experience, while still proudly showcasing many items of memorabilia from the Oxley's History and Picton's unique heritage.

For more information about our history or to book a table check out our website.

WWW.OXLEYS.CO.NZ

In 1909 she and her family were on the ill-fated interisland ferry when it foundered off the Wellington coast. Ada's husband and her four children all drowned but she survived, the only woman to do so. The story of her survival was highlighted in the Wellington newspaper of the day. Nearly all those who lost their lives are buried in Karori Cemetery in Wellington, but Joseph Hannam and his children are buried in Picton Cemetery. Ada, who was pregnant at the time of the sinking went on to have a son whom she named after her husband. She moved to Auckland and died there in 1952.

If you are interested in the story of the SS Penguin you can hear about it and Ada Hannam on these links:

<https://www.rnz.co.nz/national/programmes/afternoons/audio/2018733797/nga-taonga-sound-archives-wellington-s-forgotten-shipwreck>

<https://www.rnz.co.nz/national/programmes/ninetoon/audio/2018820718/shipwreck-tales-mishap-misery-and-mystery>

Spring is here and so are the garden pests. This tip from the Marlborough Express in 1935 might be worth considering if you have white butterflies (below).

Labouring under the quaint misapprehension that hedges form a breeding ground and harbourage for white butterflies, a Picton gardener advances the drastic proposal that all hedges should be cut down until the pest is eradicated.



Picton Heritage & Whaling Museum
9 London Quay, Picton
Open daily 10am - 3pm
www.pictonmuseum-newzealand.com

Cruise Schedule 2023/24



Vessel	Arrival	Departure	Berth	PAX
Pacific Explorer	Wed, 11 Oct 2023, 05:30	Wed, 11 Oct 2023, 17:00	Waimahara	1,988
Pacific Explorer	Sun, 05 Nov 2023, 05:30	Sun, 05 Nov 2023, 17:00	Waimahara	1,988
Ovation of the Seas	Mon, 20 Nov 2023, 04:30	Mon, 20 Nov 2023, 17:00	Waimahara	4,500
Heritage Adventurer	Mon, 20 Nov 2023, 12:00	Mon, 20 Nov 2023, 18:00	Ship Cove	95
Pacific Explorer	Mon, 27 Nov 2023, 05:30	Mon, 27 Nov 2023, 17:00	Waimahara	1,988
Ovation of the Seas	Thu, 30 Nov 2023, 05:30	Thu, 30 Nov 2023, 17:00	Waimahara	4,500
Majestic Princess	Sun, 03 Dec 2023, 05:30	Sun, 03 Dec 2023, 18:00	Waimahara	4,000
Royal Princess	Fri, 08 Dec 2023, 06:30	Fri, 08 Dec 2023, 18:00	Waimahara	3,560
Ovation of the Seas	Fri, 15 Dec 2023, 08:30	Fri, 15 Dec 2023, 20:00	Waimahara	4,500
Seabourn Odyssey	Wed, 20 Dec 2023, 05:30	Wed, 20 Dec 2023, 18:00	Waitohi West	450
Silver Whisper	Sun, 24 Dec 2023, 05:00	Sun, 24 Dec 2023, 16:00	Waitohi West	326
Europa	Wed, 27 Dec 2023, 04:30	Wed, 27 Dec 2023, 15:00	Waitohi West	350

Craft Circle

...and So Much More!

Bring any crafts you're working on, or use the mindfulness colouring books provided

~ Wednesday 6th Sept ~

~ Wednesday 4th Oct ~

~ Wednesday 1st Nov ~

~12.30pm - 2.30pm~

Waikawa Boating Club

(Behind Jolly

Roger restaurant)

Beach Rd, Waikawa

Tea/Coffee provided (BYO mug)

Please bring something small to share for afternoon tea

Mo- 021 274 5914



NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The 2023 AGM is scheduled for Wednesday 11th October 2023

At 7.30 pm in the
Waikawa Boating Clubrooms
Waikawa

For more information contact
marineradio@xta.co.nz or telephone
the Administration office 03 573 8851.

www.mmr.org.nz

Picton Wine Club

Next Tasting

Greywacke

Presented by Kevin & Kimberley
Judd



GREYWACKE

Picton Little Theatre

Friday 6 October 6.15pm

\$25.00 | Couples \$40.00

Non-members \$30

All welcome but bookings are essential.
E: pictonwineclubbookings@gmail.com
or contact Bruce on 027 346 2130



MUSTER DAY 2023

Are you interested in playing Tee-Ball or Softball this season?



Women, men, teens, kids of any level of experience are welcome

COME ALONG ON
SATURDAY 14TH OCTOBER

TO LEARN MORE ABOUT THIS FUN SPORT
ENDEAVOUR PARK PAVILLION
10AM - 12AM
(QCC gym if raining)



find us on facebook @waitohisoftball or email waitohisoftballclub@gmail.com



Above: The winning Team, Golf Hub. Left to right: Ian Aldridge, Jeff Pascoe, Gary Aldridge and Ant Booker.

Picton Golf Club

Picton ITM Business House

We recently completed this competition after having two rounds washed out.

Sunny conditions prevailed for the day and at the conclusion we awarded prizes for the culmination of the competition.

Final standings of the teams

- 1st Golf Hub 470 points
- 2nd Bayleys 463
- 3rd Beachcomber 452
- 4th Radcliffe Electrical 451
- 5th Maccas Lawn Care 449
- 6th Mint Air 448
- 7th M.A.Consulting 440
- 8th Flammin Tee 437
- 9th Picton ITM 436
- 10th H R Engineering 430
- 11th Compass Charters. 428
- 12th Crow Tavern 421
- 13th C3 410
- 14th Jolly Roger 377

- 15th All About Engineering 215
- The winning Team, Golf Hub (Ian Aldridge, Jeff Pascoe, Gary Aldridge and Ant Booker)
- The winners of the individual competition Ant Booker and Jo Prescott (photo below).

Thank you to all the firms who sponsored a team and a big thanks to Picton ITM for continuing to sponsor this popular event in our calendar. See you all next year.



Hole in one



It is not very often a golf club president achieves a Hole In One while they are in office. Well recently the President of the Picton Golf Club, Jenny Hart (left) scored the ace on #13 107m par 3. She was very excited and shouted all the girls.

Many golfers play for a lifetime and don't achieve one of these. Very special.



Picton Golf Club
SH1, Mount Pleasant, Picton 7273

Pictongolfclub@outlook.com

<https://www.pictongolfclubnz.com/>

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Fun & games

Arts and crafts

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Picton Spring Clean



Registrations open @ 10:45, start at 11am!



BBQ at 12:30pm

NEW DATE!!!

Sunday 15th October 2023

Location to be confirmed soon!

Join Envirohub Marlborough & Waikawa Dive Centre for
our annual **Picton Spring Clean!**

This year we are celebrating *International Coastal Clean-up Day* and
NZ Clean Up Week and will concentrate on our beautiful local coastline.



Free BBQ

for all attendees, spot prizes & a chance to
enter our raffle draw - see you all there!

Enquiries to Envirohub Marlborough:
info@envirohub.co.nz

or check out our website: www.envirohub.co.nz

Diving enquiries to: waikawadive@xtra.co.nz



Huge thanks to
our sponsors!



Picton Movie Viewing Group

Picton Little Theatre committee is planning to host a movie
viewing group.

We have a great projector, large screen, and good sound
system, along with efficient heating and a tidy kitchen.

We are keen to explore possibilities for a Movie Viewing Group
and would love to hear your ideas.

If you have an interest in film/movies, and could be keen to help get this project up and
running, or just to attend, please ring Val on 027 573 6442 or email

pictonlittletheatre1@gmail.com



Volunteer in Picton

Trade Aid Picton

Retail Assistant wanted: We need people to join our team to sell our beautiful Fair Trade products. We also tell our customers who made them and how. Training is provided as needed. Email picton@tradeaid.org.nz

www.tradeaid.org.nz

Conservation Kids NZ

Volunteer at our kid's events: We are seeking assistance with our Save Our Species programme. This programme is an out of school, independent programme for families (not just kids!) usually run once a month throughout the year. Email Volunteer Marlborough at vm@volunteermarlborough.org.nz

www.envirohub.co.nz/conservation-kids-nz

Kaipupu Wildlife Sanctuary

Pest control, biodiversity surveys, maintenance and staffing the information shop. Our volunteers are guided by our Biodiversity Manager and enthusiastic team leaders. Volunteers have vehicle access to reach Kaipupu. Email Volunteer Marlborough at vm@volunteermarlborough.org.nz

www.kaipupusanctuary.nz

Picton Heritage & Whaling Museum

We are looking for volunteers to help for one session of three hours per month. Help to present our history. Telephone 03 573 8283 or call in at 9 London Quay.

www.pictonmuseum-newzealand.com

Picton Dawn Chorus

Trap Line Volunteers needed: If you enjoy long walks in native bush then this role is perfect for you. We rely on a large team of volunteers to check the rat, stoat and possum traps placed out on the town's reserves every weekend. If you can do one weekend day a month or one a week we would love to hear from you. Induction and training is given and you will become part of a very passionate group of volunteers working towards restoring our dawn chorus and making Picton and NZ predator free. Contact: Esther at Picton Dawn Chorus, tel 03 928 4957 ext 1 or email volunteering@pictondawnchorus.nz

www.pictondawnchorus.nz

Marlborough Community Vehicle Trust

Drivers (Picton to Nelson return): Volunteer drivers take people from Picton (or nearby) to Nelson and back for medical appointments. Volunteers will need to be available for most of a day as they will wait in Nelson for the patient. Email Volunteer Marlborough at vm@volunteermarlborough.org.nz

www.marlboroughvehicltrust.org.nz

Destination Marlborough

Cruise Ship Ambassador: Marlborough is gearing up for the return of cruise with 54 ships scheduled to berth in Picton so far, including Ovation of the Seas carrying 4,900 passengers on board. To ensure Marlborough continues to be recognised as a great cruise destination, Destination Marlborough coordinates the Cruise Meet and Greet Team. Email Volunteer Marlborough at vm@volunteermarlborough.org.nz

www.marlboroughnz.com



Conference a homecoming for the Edwin Fox

When Edwin Fox Maritime Museum Manager Karen McLeod takes the podium at The Royal Institute of Naval Architects (RINA) Historic Ships Conference in England this November, it will be a homecoming of sorts for the ship she represents.

“Even though the ship was built in India, London really was the Edwin Fox’s hometown so it’s wonderful to be able to return to speak at such a prestigious event about her,” Karen said. The trip is being funded by the newly established Edwin Fox Bequest Society which was set up to administer donations for the Edwin Fox. It is the first allocation of funds from the legacy of Dr John Lesley Hunt OBE, whose grandfather Frederick Everard Hunt was once the ship’s surgeon.

Karen’s abstract about the ship titled ‘The secret ship you have never heard of at the

other end of the world, preserved against all odds by a handful of enthusiastic town locals’ is one of several international presentations at the conference from 28-30 November at the iconic Greenwich Maritime Museum.

“I was blown away to have the abstract selected. The Edwin Fox will be in good company with presentations from the Cutty Sark, SS Great Britain, and the USS Midway Museum also on the conference agenda. A focus of the conference is the conservation of historic vessels which is timely for the Edwin Fox as we are reviewing what needs to be done to preserve and protect this incredible heritage ship into the future,” Karen said.

A recent condition report completed by maritime archaeologist Sarah Gainsford has highlighted the unique challenges ongoing preservation of the ship presents, earthquakes

being one. The report also highlights a need for reduced visitor impact on the vessel in line with best practice at maritime museums internationally. "As a result, the difficult decision has been made that visitors will no longer be allowed to board the vessel," Karen said.

Marlborough District Council Project Lead Arts, Culture and Heritage Nicola Neilson said Karen's visit to the UK conference was timely as she will talk with international conservation

specialists while there to source specialist knowledge, partnerships and generate interest in the Edwin Fox Preservation Project.

Council was focused on conservation efforts to protect the Edwin Fox, Nicola said. "Reimagining and improving the visitor experience in partnership with Port Marlborough and the Edwin Fox Bequest Society is an important part of that. We have some exciting prospects for visitors to the ship going forward," she said.

Tsunami and the Sounds presentation next month

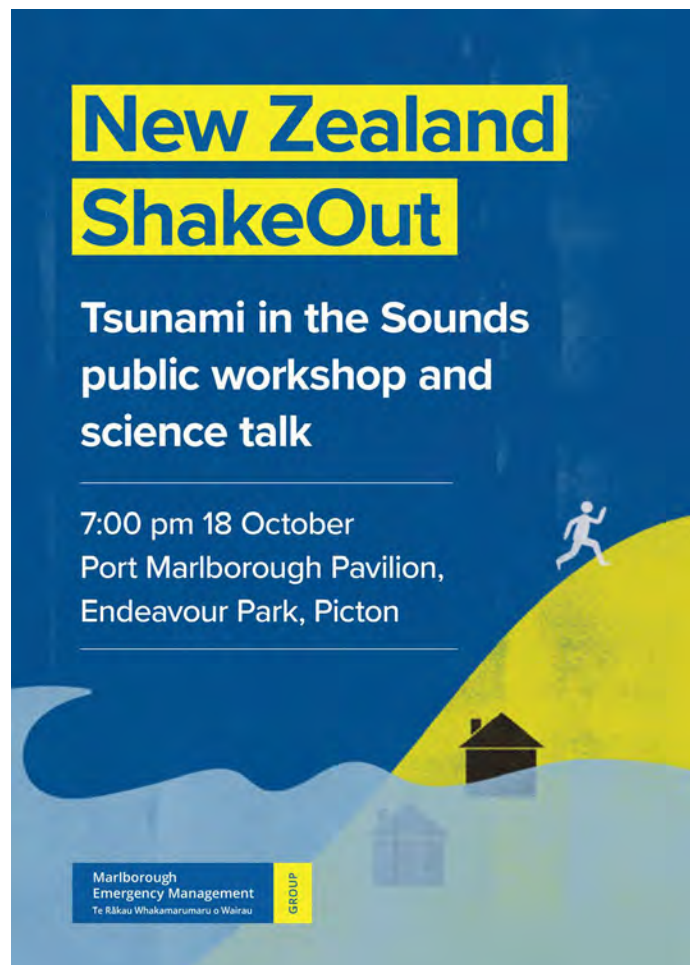
If you live in a part of Marlborough that could be affected by a tsunami, the Marlborough Emergency Management team would love to see you at a tsunami science talk and workshop next month.

The public event will be held at Picton's Port Marlborough Pavilion at 7pm on 18 October.

"Come along and learn about how tsunami could affect you and how to take steps to keep yourself, family and pets safe when there is a tsunami threat," Marlborough Emergency Management Senior Advisor Welfare and Planning Catherine Coates said. "We'll have a scientist on hand to provide a greater understanding of tsunami behaviour and history."

One of the defining features of the Marlborough region is the Marlborough Sounds, with almost 1,500kms of coastline. There is also the rugged East Coast meaning such exposure to the sea puts Marlborough is at risk of tsunami and there is scientific evidence to show the region has experienced them in the past, Catherine said.

"A tsunami does not have to be the stereotypical large wave that causes widespread devastation, but tsunami activity can cause considerable damage to property and infrastructure and potentially threaten



lives," she said. "The more we understand, the more steps we can take to stay safe."

October 19 is national Shakeout Day which always has a focus on 'long or strong, get gone' so next month's workshop is timely.

Waste collection issues at an end

The impact of winter ills on waste collection services is at an end with kerbside collections back to full capacity.

Council's Solid Waste Manager Mark Lucas acknowledged there had been challenges in past months with Metallic Sweeping, who provide the kerbside collection service in

Blenheim, and who have been operating on reduced staff due to winter ills and skills shortages. "This has unfortunately resulted in recycling on some occasions being put in with general refuse towards the end of a run," Mr Lucas said.

Metallic Sweeping has confirmed they are now fully staffed with five drivers and 11 sorters.

Systems are in place to avoid this happening in future, he said. "There is the potential on some days, because of staff sickness, this could still occur, but we expect it will be a rarity. Metallic Sweeping also have new drivers due to arrive from overseas to shore up their staff capacity, so we anticipate these collection issues are now at an end."

Chief Executive Mark Wheeler to step down

Mark Wheeler announced today he is stepping down as Council's Chief Executive on 28 June 2024.

"I have been privileged to work for Marlborough District Council over the last 25 years. It's been challenging but rewarding, working with very talented and committed staff, councillors and mayors. That made this a difficult decision."

"It's time to spend more time with my wife Cathy, our three children, six grandchildren and my parents. The family is spread between Melbourne, Christchurch, Dunedin and Hawke's Bay so I'll be doing some travelling too."

Mr Wheeler said he had turned 65 this year.

"I'm a keen sportsman and want to keep mountain biking, playing tennis and also take up the clubs and play some golf."

Mayor Nadine Taylor said she would be sorry to see Mark go.

"Mark is an outstanding chief executive who has led Council very effectively since 2015."

"Prior to that he was Deputy Chief Executive



and Assets and Services Manager from 1998."

"Mark works incredibly hard for the people of Marlborough and has a detailed understanding of Council services and our region's issues and challenges. His energy, passion and practical approach will be sorely missed by councillors and staff, but I fully appreciate he wants to step back and spend more time with his family."

The search for a new chief executive will now get underway, Mayor Taylor said. It would include national advertising and a process to get the new chief executive on board next year.

A cuppa with your councillors

Council's Sounds-based councillors are available for a drop-in chat each month.

Come along to the Waitohi Whare Mātauranga/Picton Library and Service Centre each month, from 10.00 am until midday (dates below).

The councillors can provide advice and

information and help with Council-related issues.

Where: **Picton Library and Service Centre**
When: **10.00 am to midday on 26 Oct and 23 Nov 2023**

Picton Weekly Events

MONDAY

Picton Walking Group: 9.20am, RSA car park
Te Reo Māori: 10am-12pm, Lib
Tumble Tots: 10am-11am, Pav
MPT Moana Moui Ola Mamas Tai Chi: 11:30am-12:30pm, Pav
Writers of Picton: 1.30pm, 1st Monday, Lib
Senior Citizens: 1pm, RSA
Scrabble: 1pm-4pm, Lib
Girl Guides: 6pm-8pm, SJS
Picton Bridge Club (Beginners): 7pm, Pav
Arapawa BoxFit Class: 6.30p-7.30pm, Scout Hall
Sounds Orchestral Ukelele Players (S.O.U.P.): 6.30pm-8.30pm, WBC

TUESDAY

Pilates: 8am-9am, Pav
Songbird Yoga: 9.30am-10.30am, Pav
Table Tennis Club: 10am-Noon, PLT
Line Dancing: 10am, Anglican Church Hall
Picton Newcomers Network: 10am-11.00am, 1st Tues, Seabreeze Café
Ladies 18 Holes: 10am-2pm, PGC
Spinners and Knitters: 10.30am-2pm, Lib
Indoor Bowls: 12.45pm-3pm, Pav
Steady As You Go: 1.30pm-2.30pm, Union Parish Centre
Picton Writers Club: 1.30pm 1st Tues of month, Lib
Picton Sea Swim: 6.00pm, Picton or Waikawa (seasonal)
Taekwon-do: 6.00pm-7.30pm, Picton School
Arapawa Boxing: 6.30pm-7.30pm, Scout Hall
Songbird Yoga: 6.30pm-7.30pm, Pav

WEDNESDAY

St. Joseph's Catholic Church: Mass 9am
Picton Men's Shed: 9am-4pm, Men's Shed
Mixed 9 Holes: 9.30am-12pm, PGC
Tai Chi with Manu: 10am-11am, Pav
The Waitohi Social Club: 10am, 3rd Weds, Lib
Book Chat: 10.30am-11.30am, 2nd Weds, Lib
Picton Poets: 10.30am-12pm, 4th Weds, Lib
Justice of the Peace Drop-in Clinic: 11am-1pm, Lib
Cribbage: 1pm-4pm, Picton RSA
Mahjong: 1.00pm, MCCR
After School Fun: 3.30pm-4.30pm, Lib
Drama Playshops (Teens): 3.45pm-4.45pm, Pav
Picton Quilters: 6.30pm, 2nd Weds, Pav
Waikawa Ratepayers Assoc: 5.30pm, 2nd Weds, WBC
Arapawa BoxFit Class: 5.30pm-6.15pm, Picton Scout Hall
Picton Trails Club Rides: 6pm, Pav carpark
Picton Badminton Club: 6.30pm-8.30pm, QCC Gym
Picton Lions (Team): 6.30pm, 1st Weds, The Crow
Arapawa BoxFit Class: 6.30pm-7.30pm, Scout Hall
A Cappella Belles: 7pm, Holy Trinity Church
Quiz Night: 7pm, Picton RSA
Picton Lions (Business): 7.30pm, 3rd Weds, Pav
Sounds Accordionaires: 7.30pm-8.30pm, 62 Moana View Rd

THURSDAY

Picton Playcentre: 9.30am-Noon, 5 Waitohi Place
The Chat Room: 9.30am-11.30am, Holy Trinity Church
Table Tennis Club: 10am-12pm, Pav
The Company Cafe: 10.30am-11.30am term time, Lib
Mens18 Holes: 11.00am-3pm, PGC
Euchre: 12.30pm-3pm, Lib
Alzhiemers Marlborough Afternoon Tea: 1pm-2pm, 4th Thurs, Lib
Pilates: 5.15pm-6.15pm, Pav
Yurt Yoga at Mount Pleasant: 6pm-7.30pm, Yoga Yurt
Taekwon-do: 6pm-7.30pm, QCCG
Bookworm Bookclub: 6.30pm, 1st Thurs, Lib
Bridge Club: 7pm-10pm, Pav
Bingo: 7pm, WBC

FRIDAY

Yoga with Picton Yoga Collective: 9.15am-10.30am, Pav
Mixed Stableford 9 Holes: 9.30am-12pm, PGC
Picton Amateur Art Group: 10am-2pm, Lib
Tea @ Ten: 10am, 2nd & 4th Fri, MCCR
Under 5's Stories & Craft: 10am-11am, Lib
Welcome In: 11am, 1st Fri, Scoozis Café
Picton Newcomers Network (Sundowners): 5pm-6pm, Cafe Cortado
Picton Wine Club: 6.15pm, 1st Fri, PLT

SATURDAY

Junior Football, Rugby & Cricket: 9am onwards, Pav
Men's Shed: 9am-12pm, Men's Shed
Men's Shed Garage Sale: 9am-12pm, last Sat
Mixed 18 Holes: 11.30am-3.00pm, PGC
Picton Bowling Club: 12.45pm, 25 Kent St
Schnauzer Schmooze: 3pm 1st Sat, Picton Dog Park

SUNDAY

Family worship & communion: 10am, Anglican Church
Mass: 9am, St. Joseph's Catholic Church
Sunday Service: 10am, Union Parish of Picton
Picton Sunday Service: 10am, Baptist Church (zoom available)
Buddhism for Daily Life (Marlborough Group): 10am, 1st Sun, 8 Moana View Rd
Rail and Sail: 11am-3pm, Picton Foreshore
Christian Life Centre Service: 11.30am, 40 Broadway
Schnauzer Schmooze: 3pm, 3rd Sun, Picton Dog Park

Pav: Port Marlborough Pavilion

PLT: Picton Little Theatre

Lib: Picton Library

WBC: Waikawa Boating Club

PGC: Picton Golf Club

QCCG: Queen Charlotte College Gym

MCCR: Marina Cove Club Room

SJS: St. Joseph's School

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