



PICTON HAPPENINGS

Free Newsletter

07 February 2024

17 The Ultimate Star Wars Trivia Night, 6.30pm - 9.30pm Sat 17 February

The Queen Charlotte Tavern is proud to present, The Ultimate Star Wars Trivia Quiz, so grab your team and get down to The QC and dazzle them with your knowledge of the galaxy far, far away... There will be lucky door prizes, as well as prizes for the best dressed individual and team. Bookings are essential as space is limited. To reserve your table email andy.theqc@gmail.com or phone 027 263 7940.

22 India Meets Ireland, 7.30pm - 9.30pm Thu 22 February

Picton Little Theatre presents this joyful collaboration which will feature Indian ragas with tabla master Basant Madhur and his daughter Sargam, and music from the Irish tradition with internationally acclaimed musician Jon Sanders and his daughter Jenny Os. The show will be in two halves with a format for each which showcases either Indian or Irish music and then blends into a fusion of rhythm and melody. India Meets Ireland showcases the colourful contrasts and musical magic created by these two cultures. Tickets available on Eventfinda. See page 4 for more information.

27 Pig Dog First Aid Workshop - Improving Outcomes, 6.00pm - 9.00pm Tue 27 February

Would you know what to do if intestines were hanging out of your dog? This and many other topics will be covered in the veterinarian's workshop at Picton Fire Station. Be empowered to act in the field to improve survival rates in valuable dogs and keep your vet bill to a minimum. For all hunters, from new lads to hunters with a lifetime of experience. Understand anatomy and the importance of first aid. For more info visit <https://marlboroughnz.com/events/pig-dog-first-aid-workshop-improving-outcomes/>

02 The Great Marlborough Backyard Cricket Champs, 10.00am - 7.00pm Sat 2 March

The Queen Charlotte Tavern is proud to present The Great Marlborough Backyard Cricket Championship. The QC is aiming to provide Marlborough's good, great and mediocre backyard cricket enthusiasts, with a chance to show off their repertoire of skills. If you would like to register a team of 6 email andy.theqc@gmail.com or phone 027 263 7940.

09 Genre Fluid, Sat 9 March

Picton Little Theatre presents dynamic Kiwi duo, Genre Fluid who fuse music and theatre into high-energy funk-rock anthems with their unique synergy on stage, for all ages to groove and be moved. Heavily influenced by the likes of Led Zeppelin, Talking Heads, and Fat Freddy's Drop, the duo consists of Wellington-born vocalist and performance artist, Silk Satin Suede, and Nelson-born multi-instrumentalist and looping artist, Bosho. They are well recognised for their creative musicality in live looping, improvisation, theatrics and humour. For more information visit <https://marlboroughnz.com/events/genre-fluid/>

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iReX Project

iReX project winds down in Waitohi Picton



By Diane Livingston

At the end of last year, the Government announced that the increase in construction costs for iReX (Interislander's ferry terminal redevelopment and new ships project) were too great to continue the project.

The iReX team is now focused on winding down the project. For Waitohi Picton this means making sure all sites are left safe and tidy and completing the strengthening work on the Waitohi Awa culvert.

KiwiRail is working in partnership with Marlborough District Council and the NZ Transport Agency Waka Kotahi (NZTA) about what next for the transport network around the Port.

Marlborough Mayor Nadine Taylor says Council is working closely with all parties involved to get

more certainty for the Picton community about the Dublin Street overbridge and the Kent/Wairau Street upgrades. "We understand there is intense interest in the 'where to from here' and we are working with KiwiRail and NZTA to answer the community's questions."

Interislander Programme Director David Warburton says last year's decision marks the end of the iReX project, but not KiwiRail's work with Government, partners, community and staff on finding an alternative solution for Interislander.

"Everyone accepts that investment is needed to deliver a reliable, safe and sustainable Cook Strait Service.

"Waitohi Picton is a special town with good people who've been extremely supportive of the

Interislander and the iReX project. We'll continue to keep in touch with everyone as new plans emerge," David Warbuton says.

"For Interislander it is business as usual. We were always planning to run the current fleet until 2026.

"Safety and reliability continues to be a huge

focus for the team and we're proud to say that during December, one of our busiest months, Interislander delivered 100 per cent reliability with 94 per cent on time performance. For January we continued to provide a reliable service, closing the month at 99 per cent reliability and 92 per cent on-time performance.

Cruise Schedule 2024



Vessel	Arrival	Departure	Berth	PAX
Island Princess	Thu, 8 Feb 2024, 05:30	Thu, 8 Feb 2024, 17:00	Waimahara	2214
Seabourn Sojourn	Wed, 14 Feb 2024, 05:30	Wed, 14 Feb 2024, 17:00	Waitohi West	450
Ovation of the Seas	Thu, 15 Feb 2024, 08:30	Thu, 15 Feb 2024, 20:00	Waimahara	4500
Regatta	Sun, 18 Feb 2024, 06:30	Sun, 18 Feb 2024, 19:00	Waitohi West	631
Celebrity Edge	Sun, 18 Feb 2024, 07:00	Sun, 18 Feb 2024, 19:00	Waimahara	3405
Azamara Onward	Mon, 19 Feb 2024, 05:30	Mon, 19 Feb 2024, 17:00	Waitohi West	702
Europa 2	Mon, 19 Feb 2024, 06:30	Mon, 19 Feb 2024, 21:00	Waimahara	706
Borealis	Thu, 22 Feb 2024, 06:00	Thu, 22 Feb 2024, 16:00	Waimahara	1404
Silver Muse	Sat, 24 Feb 2024, 05:30	Sat, 24 Feb 2024, 22:00	Waitohi West	596
Ovation of the Seas	Sat, 24 Feb 2024, 08:30	Sat, 24 Feb 2024, 20:00	Waimahara	4500
Regatta	Wed, 28 Feb 2024, 09:30	Wed, 28 Feb 2024, 20:00	Waitohi West	631
Ovation of the Seas	Tue, 5 Mar 2024, 08:30	Tue, 5 Mar 2024, 19:00	Waimahara	4500
Majestic Princess	Fri, 8 Mar 2024, 05:30	Fri, 8 Mar 2024, 18:00	Waimahara	4000
Hanseatic Spirit	Fri, 8 Mar 2024, 10:00	Fri, 8 Mar 2024, 21:00	Waitohi West	230
Resilient Lady	Mon, 11 Mar 2024, 07:30	Mon, 11 Mar 2024, 17:00	Waimahara	2770
Crystal Serenity	Wed, 13 Mar 2024, 05:30	Wed, 13 Mar 2024, 18:00	#1 Anchorage	1040
Brilliance of the Seas	Wed, 13 Mar 2024, 10:30	Wed, 13 Mar 2024, 20:30	Waimahara	2400
Heritage Adventurer	Thu, 14 Mar 2024, 11:30	Thu, 14 Mar 2024, 19:00	Ship Cove	95
Ovation of the Seas	Fri, 15 Mar 2024, 08:30	Fri, 15 Mar 2024, 19:00	Waimahara	4500
Celebrity Edge	Sat, 16 Mar 2024, 08:30	Sat, 16 Mar 2024, 19:00	Waimahara	3405

NB. Schedules do change, for the most up to date and accurate information visit <https://www.portmarlborough.co.nz/cruise-ship-schedule/>



Picton Little Theatre



India Meets Ireland

Thursday 22 February 7:30pm
Tickets: [Eventfinda](#) \$25 + \$2.62 fees or cash sales at Summit Real Estate Picton

India Meets Ireland presents "A Unique fusion of Indian Classical music with Contemporary & Traditional Irish Music". The concert will feature Indian ragas, folk music with tabla rhythms in collaboration with internationally acclaimed musicians Jon Sanders & Jenny presenting Irish contemporary & traditional music.

The performance will feature a blend of sitar and tabla, the traditional Indian instruments with bouzouki, ukulele, guitar and vocals bringing out the unique fusion of East & West. These astounding musicians have mastered their armoury of instruments. They have come together to jointly present a unique fusion after successfully presenting "India Meets Ireland" in sold out concerts this year.

Our 2024 Menu

Genre Fluid 9 March – fusing music and theatre into high-energy funk-rock anthems

Sonic Delusion 17 April — happy, funky & groovy indie pop

Te Tupua — The Goblin 14 May – John Davies inhabits nine characters, bringing to life an extraordinary corner of our history

Red Heavens 16 July — A bitter and beautiful tale inspired by the book 'Angelina' by NZ author Gerard Hindmarsh

Across the Great Divide 4 September – World music in a true folk roots fusion. One of Waitohi-Picton's most popular groups returns!

Picton Little Theatre | 9 Dublin Street, Picton 7220

Email pictonlittletheatre1@gmail.com | www.pictonlittletheatre.com

NAU MAI, HAERE MAI

Seniors' Expo

2024

featuring recreation and activities

TUESDAY 5 MARCH
9.00am–1.00pm

Marlborough Events Centre Alfred Street, Blenheim

Come and find out more about recreation and activities for older people in our community.

There will be:

Music

Information stalls

FREE entry, light refreshments, all welcome



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Mind & Body PASIFIKA Beats Dance Fitness

**LOCATION - PAVILION ENDEAVOUR PARK
PICTON**

TIME - 5:45PM - 6:45PM


THURSDAYS

COST - \$5.00 PW

Family friendly sessions
officially kick start in
February, Thursday 15th

*See you
there!*

CONTACT SUSANA - 02102753533



Weekly Steady As You Go Classes

Tuesday 1.30pm – 2.30pm

Union parish of Picton
40 Broadway Picton
(2 doors down from police station)

Come along and join the class for gentle exercise and socialisation.

For more information, please call the Age Concern office 579 3457

Cost: \$3 per class

PAVILION TIMETABLE from FEBRUARY 2024	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
PILATES		8:00 – 9:00 am		4:00 – 5:00pm	
YOGA	6:30pm-7:30pm Vinyasa Flow Yoga				9:15 – 10:30am Picton Yoga Collective
TAI CHI			10:00 – 11:00am Restarting 14 Feb		
TABLE TENNIS				10:00 – 12:00	
BRIDGE	1-4pm Restarting Apr			7:00 – 10:00pm	
FDF HIP HOP		3:30 – 6:30pm Restarting 20 Feb			
INDOOR BOWLS		12:45 – 3:00pm Restarting March			
CAPOEIRA	5pm-6:30pm				
PASIFIKA BEATS FITNESS				5.45 – 6.45pm Starting 15 Feb	

Picton Heritage & Whaling Museum

February update

By Mary Cooper

A Happy New Year to one and all. I am sure many of you enjoyed the entertainment on the Foreshore and the Fireworks Display. If you have not been given a calendar for 2024 and want something special and relevant to Picton you should consider our calendar. It is still available – same price as last year - \$20. It can be ordered on line through this link: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/HTPWF9W>

Staff at the Museum will contact you after you have ordered your calendar and advise you how to make payment. Alternatively, you can call in at the Museum and pay by cash or EFTPOS.

In 1966/67 Picton celebrated with a Mardi Gras on the last day of the year and the Annual Marlborough Walk between Picton and Blenheim on the first day of the new year. Both popular events as can be seen from the photographs. My daughter walked it in 1990 and received a badge. I wonder if a badge was given to every walker every year, or it may only have been that year for an anniversary.

Book Clearance Table: We have a number of books for sale which have been popular in the past. Prices range from \$1 to \$30.



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



The event that we think has done more to popularise our Province than any other single item. In the grey light of early morning walkers mill around waiting for the official starting signal.



PAGE 2 Part of the queue of intending walkers lining up for their passes on the Picton foreshore.



The Mardi Gras at Picton was a success. The huge crowd which thronged High St. and the foreshore on New Year's Eve found plenty of entertainment to keep it amused right up to the time when blasts from the ships berthed at Waitohi wharf signified that 1966 had ended. The public owes its thanks to the organisers who spent many hours not only staging the show but who produced ideas that were so popular they are sure to be repeated next year. Left: Jessie Peberbridge and Zena Meisaa, two Picton residents who joined the fancy dress parade. Above: Don't try this unless your capacity is well above average. Dick Thacker, the challenger and winner, and Joe Heberd who contested the yard of beer drinking contest.



Boys, in ten years time you will be taking more notice. These four lasses filled the places in the Miss Junior Picton contest. They are Yvonne Wilson (Picton) 1st, Wendy Durrant (Wellington) and Michelle Hall (Picton) equal second and in front Trudy Breuss (Ch. Ch) 4th.

Heartlands Centre

Heartland Services are here for rural whānau

By **Brigid Eriksen, Kaititui Pumanawa Whenua/Heartlands Coordinator**

Te Piki Oranga is delighted to offer a new service to whānau living in rural and remote parts of Marlborough – Waikawa, Waitohi / Picton and the Sounds.

Te Piki Oranga is a leading provider of health and wellbeing services for Māori whānau in the Top of the South. In collaboration with Waikawa Marae, we are now providing Heartland Services – for people of all ethnicities in rural Marlborough.

Open day 14 February: Nau mai, haere mai

Te Piki Oranga welcomes you to the open day at Heartland Services hub at 22 High St in Picton, on Wednesday 14 February. Meet the team and find out what Heartland can do for you and your whānau.

What is Heartland Services?

We can help you access government and community services, and offer:

- access and assistance with technology: email, printing, photocopying, scanning, phones and internet
- support with accessing government and community service forms, applications and websites
- a place to meet with government and community service staff, kanohi ki te kanohi (face to face) or via videoconferencing

Regular services and support

Government and community service staff are available to you, at our service hub on specific days:

- Inland revenue (IRD): Available every third Wednesday of the month from 10am to 3pm. Please contact us to make an appointment first.

- Workbridge, for jobseekers and employers: Available on the last Tuesday of each month from 10am to 12 noon. Please contact us to make an appointment first.
- Suicide prevention services: A suicide prevention co-ordinator is available every Tuesday from 1-3pm, for non-emergency situations.
- Diabetes wānanga: For people with pre-diabetes or type 2 diabetes, starting in March 2024.
- Cancer information group: A cancer information group meets every second and fourth Monday in the month, from 10am to 12 noon.

More information about these sessions is available at: www.tpo.org.nz/heartland

Contact details

- Visit our service hub: 22 High St, Waitohi / Picton, Monday to Friday, 9am to 4.30pm
- Phone: 0800 672 642 or contact Brigid on 03 578 5740
- Email: brigid.eriksen@tpo.org.nz



CONSERVATION VOLUNTEERS WANTED



We need hands to help with:

- Pest control
- Track creation & clearing
- Weeding
- Planting
- Nursery
- Biodiversity Surveys
- General maintenance & more



**Rewilding
Kaipūpū and
Waitohi Picton**



**Picton
Dawn
Chorus**



KAIPŪPŪ Sanctuary

If you are looking for a meaningful opportunity to make a difference then get in touch.

volunteering@pictondawnchorus.nz

03 928 4957 ext 1



every drop counts



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Water restrictions ease in Picton and Waikawa

As water restrictions ease in Picton and Waikawa, residents and visitors are still encouraged to save water and make ‘every drop count.’

From today Picton and Waikawa residents can use sprinklers again on alternate days as well as hand-held hoses. Flushing of boat motors is permitted and light boat washing is now allowed but should be kept to a minimum. Reduced Council irrigation continues at Endeavour Park.

The popular water play area on the Picton Foreshore will also reopen on weekends and public holidays from 9am to 9pm, Council’s Operations and Maintenance Engineer Stephen Rooney said.

“We thank the community for their efforts over the past few weeks but do encourage continued conservation of water to avoid a return to tighter water restrictions. With warm and dry weather still ahead of us it makes good sense to still make every drop count,” he said.

The revised restrictions are:

- Hand-held hoses permitted for watering gardens
- A property with an even numbered street address may use sprinklers only on even numbered calendar days
- A property with an odd numbered street address may use sprinklers only on odd numbered calendar days
- Only one tap may be used at a time to run a sprinkler or sprinkler systems
- The term sprinkler means any hose which is not held and directed by hand
- Boat motor flushing and light boat washing is permitted but should be kept to a minimum
- Reduced Council irrigation at Endeavour Park

- No water use by cruise ships

Water restrictions have been in place in Picton and Waikawa since early January when water stopped flowing over the Essons Valley dam due to low rainfall, high levels of evapotranspiration and high summer demand, leaving the township reliant on the Speeds Road supply and reservoirs at the Elevation and Victoria Domain. Adequate levels must be retained in the reservoirs to cater for power outages at Speeds Road and for firefighting purposes.

“Since then, process modifications have been

made to the Essons Valley water treatment plant which enables the treatment of lower quality water. This change has been possible due to recent changes in the Drinking Water Quality Assurance Rules allowing a change to the UV dose process,” Mr Rooney said.

The restrictions apply to all properties on the Picton and Waikawa supply until further notice.

For more information go to: www.marlborough.govt.nz/services/utilities/water-supplies/picton-water-supply/2024-pictonwaikawa-water-restrictions

Chorus cabinet artworks springing up

Marlborough artists are showing their creativity with a colourful array of artworks appearing on Chorus cabinets around the province.

Chorus partnered with Council to beautify cabinets across the district as part of a nationwide scheme - and put the call out to local artists to apply to have their works considered.

The painted cabinets bring colour and life to the streets, often telling stories about the communities in which they are located and help discourage tagging.

Caroline della Porta painted her Waikawa cabinet (right) featuring a summery display of a dinghy and oar during the Christmas break and had great interaction with the community with many positive comments.

Sam Proffit painted her Setting Sun in Sussex Street Picton while Vasu Singh’s Retro Camera decorates an Anglesea Street Renwick cabinet



and Mary Ashwell’s tui is in Vickerman Street Grovetown.

There is now an online library of Marlborough’s street art.

[Go to Marlborough street art maps](#)

The website will be continually updated.

Queen Charlotte Drive closures

Daytime road closures are planned for Queen Charlotte Drive from 7 February for up to three weeks.

The road will be closed about 1.8km from the SH6/ Havelock turnoff near Cullen Point, Mahakipawa Hill, on weekdays from 9am until 3pm with hourly openings, on the hour, to let traffic through.

Outside of the closure period, works will continue under stop/go traffic management.

These works are for the construction of an earth

wall, along with drainage upgrades.

Works are being undertaken at various sites on Queen Charlotte Drive, between Cullen Point and Shakespeare Bay, including a retaining wall near Aussie Bay and surfacing and finishing works at a new retaining wall site near Momorangi Bay campsite.

These sites are under stop/go traffic management.

Motorists are warned of increased truck movements and are urged to plan for delays.

Disposing of batteries safely

Fire risk is front of mind during summer but did you know you might be creating a fire risk by disposing of batteries in your household waste?

Council's Solid Waste Manager Mark Lucas says when batteries are put in the rubbish or recycling, they end up in the landfill where they can create a fire risk. "As all of the waste is compacted either in a collection truck, transfer station or landfill there is a potential that this will cause sparks and start a fire, posing a risk to staff and the environment," Mark said.

"Even if they don't cause a fire, old batteries contain chemicals and other materials that are harmful to the environment. They take over 100 years to break down, so we do not want them in the landfill at all. Also, as all batteries are recyclable, and in Marlborough we recycle batteries, there is no reason for them to go to landfill in the first place," he said.

Batteries are found in all manner of gadgets, toys, power tools, phones, laptops and many other devices. "When it's time to dispose of a battery,

don't throw it out - bring it to one of Council's small battery recycling bins," Mark said.

"There is no charge to drop off batteries at any of our collection points - the costs are covered by your rates. If you have vehicle batteries or damaged small batteries, please take them straight to the Hazardous Waste Centre on Wither Road in Blenheim, opposite the Resource Recovery Centre."

Some helpful tips:

- Use rechargeable batteries instead of single-use ones where possible
- Sell or donate unwanted, battery-powered electronic items instead of throwing them away

There are a number of sites where you can drop off used batteries. Go to our Dry Cell and Small Batteries webpage to find the location nearest to you:

[Go to our Dry Cell and Small Batteries webpage](#)

World-leading technology will aid Tory Channel mariners

A groundbreaking visual aid providing real-time guidance for mariners on current and tide conditions in Tory Channel/Kura te Au goes live on Marlborough District Council's website on Monday.

The world-leading technology is the result of more than two years of work as part of Council's Tide and Current Project, run in conjunction with marine and oceanographic survey experts Oceanum, Calypso Science and iXblue, and was presented to the Environment and Planning Committee today. The model has been made possible due to Council's investment in the HS51 multibeam survey of Queen Charlotte Sound/Tōtaranui in 2016/17 which captured detailed bathymetric data.

Tory Channel/Kura te Au, the main trunk line for ferries travelling between the North and South islands, has long had a reputation amongst mariners as a complex waterway, Harbourmaster Captain Jake Oliver told the committee.

"Actual currents and expected currents are not



Above: World-leading technology will provide boaters with real-time guidance on the complex tides and currents of Tory Channel/Kura te Au and has potential for applications far beyond a navigational tool

always the same which means mariners cannot be certain of the conditions until they have entered the channel. The tide and current model 'nowcasts' real-time information on the actual flow conditions

at the entrance to the channel and will be free to use," he said. "There is a high degree of accuracy, and we have confidence in the model. We can project 24 hours ahead and look back at the previous 24 hours as well."

The Tide and Current Project was funded with \$250,000 received from KiwiRail, given to Council as part of an enforceable undertaking imposed on the ferry service following an accident on the Kaiarahi Interislander ferry in April 2019.

Council owns the model, but Oceanum who have developed the product, mathematical models, and visual aids will be able to use the technology developed for other applications around the world. "The technology has the potential to be much more than a navigational safety tool," Captain Oliver said.

"The only Council investment has been staff time and energy," he said. Cawthron Institute were also contracted to assist with water flow measurements and data computers on some of the interisland ferries have helped validate the model.

Marlborough officially a Welcoming Community

Marlborough is now a Committed Welcoming Community under the Welcoming Communities – Te Waharoa ki ngā Hapori - banner.

Council submitted an application before Christmas for stage one accreditation and just heard it had been achieved, Marlborough Welcoming Communities Coordinator Heather Barnes said.

A Committed Welcoming Community values newcomers and is committed to building a welcoming and inclusive community. It has also taken active steps to create an environment where all residents can thrive and belong.

There are 34 councils taking part in the programme - Marlborough joins 16 other councils in the programme that have achieved accreditation under the four-stages of accreditation.

Building strong connections with newcomers is the aim of Marlborough's Welcoming Communities programme.

Accreditation involves an assessment of efforts to include and welcome newcomers - recent migrants, former refugees and international

"Without the multibeam data we would not have been able to understand the shape of the Tory channel. Now we will begin looking at the feasibility of expanding the project to encompass the whole of Queen Charlotte Sound/ Tōtaranui," Captain Oliver said.

Tide and current conditions in Tory Channel/Kura te Au are significant with currents up to seven knots (13 km/h) having been confirmed in full flood conditions. These currents add complexity to the challenge of navigating safely in this narrow and winding channel.

In the past twenty years there have been at least five serious grounding or near grounding incidents at the Tory Channel/Kura te Au entrance involving a large ferry or another type of ship. The most recent ship grounding was the grounding of the Cruise Ship Azamara Quest in January 2016.

The novel new visual aid will also be available in time via the Marlborough Cruise Guide.



Above: Mayor Nadine Taylor at last year's signing the Statement of Commitment (from left) Rawiri Faulker, Turi Hippolite, Corey Heberd, Council CEO Mark Wheeler and Matilde Tayawa Figuracion

students. Accredited communities can then showcase their achievements to the world with pride.

Welcoming Communities is a programme led by Immigration New Zealand in partnership with the Ministry of Ethnic Communities and Human Rights Commission.

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, from 10.00 am until midday (dates below).

The councillors can provide advice and information and help with Council-related issues.

Councillors Barbara Faulls, Raylene Innes and Ben Minehan are Sounds Ward councillors. Allanah Burgess is the Māori Ward councillor for Marlborough and based in Picton.

Where: **Picton Library & Service Centre**

When: **10.00 am to midday on**

21 Feb	19 June	23 Oct
20 Mar	24 July	20 Nov
17 Apr	21 Aug	18 Dec
22 May	18 Sept	

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

Applications to the Creative Communities Arts Scheme are now open. For all you need to know about the fund, check out the application guide or visit our drop-in clinic and apply online: links.marlborough.govt.nz/CCS

Drop-in clinic

Thursday 7 March,
10:00am – 11:30am
Te Kahu o Waipuna

Applications close

8:00am Wednesday, 13 March, 2024

For information please contact:
Nicola Neilson | 03 520 7400
nicola.neilson@marlborough.govt.nz

Marlborough District



Rural sports funding open

If you're involved with a rural sports club or school sports team, you may be eligible for funding.

Council makes funding available through the Sport NZ Rural Travel Fund, which was established in 2003 to remove the barrier of cost to participation for those in rural communities.

Its purpose is to encourage rural youth aged 5 to 18 to get involved in local sports despite their location, Council's Community Partnerships Support Natalie Lawler said.

Funding is available for rural sports clubs or rural school teams needing financial help for transport to sporting competitions in the Marlborough area.

Applications can be made online at www.marlborough.govt.nz/our-community/grants-and-awards/sport-nz-rural-travel-fund

Applications are open now and close 8am on Wednesday 13 March.

For further information email natalie.lawler@marlborough.govt.nz or Ph. 03 520 7400.

Picton Weekly Events

MONDAY

Picton Walking Group: 9.20am, RSA car park
Te Reo Māori: 10am-12pm, Lib
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
Picton Bridge Club (Beginners): 1pm, Pav, *starting 15/4*
Girl Guides: 6pm-8pm, SJS
Picton Bridge Club (Beginners): 7pm, Pav
Arapawa BoxFit Class: 6.30p-7.30pm, Scout Hall
Sounds Orchestral Ukelele Players: 6.30pm-8.30pm, WBC
Vinyasa Flow Yoga with Martina: 6.30pm to 7.30pm, Pav

TUESDAY

Pilates: 8am-9am, Pav
Plunket: 9.30am-10.30am, Lib
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
Capoeira: 6pm-8pm, Pav, starting soon

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, *starting 7/2*
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
Junior Badminton: 4.45pm-6pm, QCCG *starting 28/2*
Senior Badminton: 6.30pm-8.30pm, QCCG *starting 28/2*
Picton Quilters: 6.30pm, 2nd Weds, Pav
Waikawa Ratepayers Assoc: 5.30pm, 2nd Weds, 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 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, 2nd & 4th Thurs, 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: 4pm-5pm, Pav
Pasifika Beats Fitness with Susana: 5:45pm-6:45pm, Pav, *starts 15/2*
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](#)