



HAVE YOUR SAY...

Have your say on Long Term Plan

You can have your say on Council's planned expenditure from this Thursday.

Submissions on the Long Term Plan (LTP) 2024-2034 open on 11 April and close at 5pm on 13 May.

Information and copies of the consultation document will be available at a series of drop-in meetings starting Monday 15 April. Councillors and Council staff will be on hand to answer questions; there is also an online webinar.

Those wanting to use the water taxi from

Havelock to Waitaria Bay via Portage wharf must pre-book by contacting Rebecca Waldron at Council, either by email at rebecca.waldron@marlborough.govt.nz or Ph. 03 520 7400.

This service is free to Kenepuru community members.

Further information will be made available on Council's website at www.marlborough.govt.nz and at Customer Service Centres.

DATE	TIME	LOCATION
Monday 15 April	5.30pm – 7.30pm	Blenheim, Lansdowne Hub
Tuesday 16 April	2pm – 4pm	Rai Valley, The Millers Rest, 6767 SH6
Wednesday 17 April	12.30pm – 2.30pm	Waitaria Bay, Waitaria Bay Hall
Thursday 18 April	5.30pm – 7pm	Online webinar via Zoom: https://us06web.zoom.us/j/88384985861
Friday 19 April	12pm – 2pm	Seddon, Awatere Memorial Hall
Monday 22 April	2pm – 4pm	Linkwater, Linkwater Settlers and Memorial Hall
Tuesday 23 April	5.30pm – 7.30pm	Picton, Port Marlborough Pavilion, Endeavour Park

Regional Land Transport Plan opens for consultation soon

Major Marlborough Sounds road repairs, increased road maintenance and improving freight efficiencies are Council's key focus in the Marlborough Regional Land Transport Plan (RLTP) 2024-2027.

Subject to approval at Council's meeting on 10 April, public consultation opens on the RLTP on 11 April at the same time as Council's Long Term Plan and will run until 13 May at 5pm.

Mayor Nadine Taylor said the RLTP was an important document that underpins Marlborough's transport planning and confirms the region's investment priorities in both state highways and local roads. It's required under the Land Transport Management Act and is prepared by

Marlborough Roads with NZ Transport Agency input.

"This RLTP is dominated by the Marlborough Sounds Future Access Study and the repairs and resilience work that the study identified as needing to be done due to the storm damage. This will require significant investment over the coming years," Mayor Taylor said.

Regional Transport Committee Chair Councillor Scott Adams said it was good timing for Marlborough that the

new Government's recently released Draft Government Policy Statement (GPS) on transport was able to be factored into the region's new land transport plan.

"The new GPS has a much stronger focus on economic growth and productivity through delivery, sticking to core business and providing value for money. Marlborough's priorities reflect this. With the cancellation of the iReX project, there is likely to be more



Freight efficiencies are a key focus in the RLTP

trucks on the road, so we need to ensure Marlborough's roads, particularly the vital freight route on SH1, are ready, reliable and robust enough to cater for freight demands in the future," Cllr Adams said.

More information will be available on Council's website from 11 April when submissions open.

Havelock memorials get some TLC

Two memorials by Havelock Town Hall have undergone repair work to preserve them into the future.

The Ronga Memorial recognises Captain Ned Peterson and crew of the schooner Ronga, which sank during her voyage from Lyttleton to Marlborough in 1906. Over the years, water has made its way into cracks and crevasses in the structure.

Parks and Open Spaces Officer Grahame Smail said it is hoped the repair work will eliminate long term deterioration of the memorial and give it another 50 to 100 years of life.

"Similar work is to be undertaken on the mortar of the Havelock War Memorial, which sits behind the Ronga memorial," he said.

A third memorial honours world famous New Zealand scientists, Ernest Rutherford and William Hayward

Pickering, who both went to Havelock School. Interpretive sign panel story boards on this memorial provide information about their lives.

"Originally the panels had an audio track, which provided commentary about the scientist on the relevant panel, but this has not been working for some time," Grahame said. "In the short to medium term, Council, in consultation with the community, is looking to revamp this memorial and options for its repair will be looked at."

Funding for the memorial upgrade is one of the projects that will soon be out for public consultation in the Council's 2024-34 Long-Term Plan.



The Ronga Memorial in Havelock (before recent maintenance) honouring Captain Ned Peterson and crew of the schooner Ronga, which sank during a voyage from Lyttleton to Marlborough in 1906



Picton foreshore and the pirate ship – a "marvellous asset"

Picton foreshore looking smart

Picton's foreshore has been described as a "marvellous asset" by users.

Council staff received feedback from people who took family members to play there and commented on what a lovely child-friendly area it was.

All picnic tables, benches and whanau seats on the foreshore reserve have just been repainted, along with the children's playground pirate ship.

Repairs and improvements were also made on the water play equipment which should be back up and running

soon after being turned off during the summer water restrictions.

Arborists have trimmed and lifted the large Phoenix palms, elms and other specimen trees across the reserve and have worked on the three large notable trees at the cruise ship shuttle bus passenger waiting area.

New colour lighting has also been installed in the Pohutukawa tree near the museum and memorial steps.