

Picton Regional Forum held at Picton Emergency Centre, Memorial Park, Picton, on Monday 5 September 2022, at 1.30 pm

Present

Clr Nadine Taylor (Chairperson).

Group Representatives

Clr Faulls, Clr Oddie, John Reuhman (Picton, Marlborough Sounds Tourism), Beryl Bowers (Picton Historical Society), Valerie Kenny (Picton Historical Society), Margaret McHugh (Picton, Marlborough Sounds Tourism), Brian Henstock (Marlborough Sounds Vehicle Trust), Monyeen Wedge (Queen Charlotte Sounds Residents Association), Marie Jeanette van der Wal (Picton Anglican Holy Trinity Church, Picton Combined Churches Chair), Nicci Neilson (Marlborough District Council), Glen Richardson (Picton Police), Connie Smith (Port Marlborough), Rose Prendeville (Port Marlborough), Graham Gosling (Picton Business Group), Tim Healey (Queen Charlotte Sounds Residents Association).

Guest Speakers

Grant Beattie (Port Marlborough), Dorien Vermaas (Marlborough District Council).

Absent

Yvonne Rigby (Picton Flower Ladies), Phil Black (Picton Police), Graham Low (Waikawa Bay Ratepayers & Residents Association), Kersten Mueller (Guardians of the Sounds Association), Steve Merito (Rata Foundation), Ian Shapcott (Te Ātiawa Trust), Linda Thompson (Envirohub Marlborough), Bruce Richards (Picton Bike Walk), Dane Moir (Rata Foundation), Rebecca Woledge (Karakā Point & Environs Residents Inc).

Attending

Kirsty Baldwin (MDC Secretary)

Acknowledgement of the death of Bryan Strong two weeks ago was made by Brian Henstock and of his legacy to the Marlborough Community Vehicle Trust. A minute of silence was held in respect of Bryan. It was acknowledged that the Picton Regional Forum (PRF) continue Bryan's work for the Community Vehicle Trust.

Moved by: Margaret McHugh

Seconded by: All

The PRF continue Bryan's work for the Community Vehicle Trust.

1. Apologies

Dean Heiford (Marlborough District Council), Tim Newsham (Bay of Many Coves), Ian Shapcott (Te Ātiawa Trust), Leith Manson (Tirimoana Anakiwa Residents Association), Janette Howard (Greater Whatamango Bay Residents' Association), Don Miller (Greater Whatamango Bay Residents Association), Raewyn Buchanan (Karaka Point), Bosun Huntley (Ngāti Apa ki te Rā Tō Trusts Group).

Moved by: Nadine Taylor

Seconded by: Brian Henstock

It was moved that the apologies be accepted.

2. Confirmation of previous meeting minutes

It was moved that the Minutes of Meeting of 4 July 2022 were correct.

Moved by: Beryl Bowers

Seconded by: Barbara Fauls

That the Minutes of Meeting of 4 July 2022 be confirmed.

3. iReX Ferry Precinct Update (Gavin Beattie, Port Marlborough)

Gavin Beattie presented a PowerPoint presentation, which is attached as Appendix A.

Questions/Answers

- There will be a pick-up/drop-off jetty, the same as there is now, for people from out of town who have homes in the Marlborough Sounds to exit off to catch water taxis.
- The triple culvert upgrade along Waitohi Stream is a great achievement for future flood protection. This has been done through a three-way partnership with Port Marlborough, KiwiRail and Council.
- Staffing and accommodation could be a challenge, but Port Marlborough are working through it with the contractor. Local accommodation providers who are interested in providing accommodation options are being contacted and a pool of details document is being created.
- KiwiRail are working their hardest to get the Kaiarahi ferry back up and running on the water. Breakdowns will not be a constraint on supplies during the project. It was noted the tourism industry needs to be kept informed, otherwise businesses may suffer.
- Accommodation in Picton usually gets booked out from November through to March/April. Accommodation providers could lose bookings for travellers if the space is taken up by contractors. It was suggested it may be good to have a temporary village set up at Koromiko for contracting staff. However, it was noted the responsibility for staff accommodation sits with the contractors who win the contract.
- The timetabling of the main contract will be available towards the end of the year. As an Early Contractor Involvement (ECI) this is a way of bringing a contractor in to work on the design. It doesn't necessarily mean they are the builder but could likely follow on to become the project builder.
- Port Marlborough are making plans to ensure the cruise ship bus flows smoothly through Picton. The intention is to have the pick-up and drop-off location at the Picton I-Site, as has been done previously.

- There is a construction noise management plan in place for the project which will be monitored throughout the various stages of works. Standards are set to minimise disruption to people.
- There is a mitigation process to manage piling damping.
- The installation of noise monitors around Picton depends on the work that is happening at the time and its proximity to the work.
- Destination Marlborough are working closely with Port Marlborough to manage the visitor experience around construction in Picton.
- Port Marlborough also monitor underwater sound. A marine mammal management plan is in place. Prior to lodging the consent a full year of research was done with Cawthron Institute on marine mammal monitoring so Port Marlborough have good data.
- In answer to a query around the Martial Day Plan being available at the next meeting, it was advised this may be more meaningful once there is a final plan in place.
- Planting and vegetation around the overhead bridge may hide the pump station behind it.

Attached is the link to the iReX website where regular updates are available: <https://www.irex.co.nz/picton>. Contact with the project team should be made via info@pictonferryprecinct.co.nz.

4. Riverlands Cargo Hub Update – (Gavin Beattie, Port Marlborough)

Gavin Beattie presented a PowerPoint presentation, which is attached as Appendix B.

Questions/Answers

- Earthquake risk at this location has been mitigated sufficiently by Port Marlborough to do works on site.
- Port Marlborough are working through access and egress to the highway. There are potential access points through Riverlands Estate. Long-term, Port Marlborough are working with Waka Kotahi to establish a roundabout to the site.
- It was queried whether truck parking at the Riverlands site would alleviate truck parking issues in Picton. However, because it is not in the heart of Picton it is probably too far to have an effect.
- Councillor Taylor noted there is already a Riverlands Truck Park. The issue is the logbook constraints for the drivers and the time they are allowed to drive. Councillors are working with Waka Kotahi and having discussions about exemptions for truck drivers for their logbook constraints as one of the solutions for Picton.
- Councillor Oddie noted this is a really good initiative by Port Marlborough and could be a game changer for Marlborough trade.
- It was queried if there was an indicative cost of the project but Mr Beattie noted it was too early to say.
- This project will not impact Spring Creek as it is completely independent. Spring Creek support rail freight. Riverlands Hub will complement, rather than take away from the hub at Spring Creek.

Gavin Beattie exited the meeting at 2.20 pm.

5. Long Term Marlborough Economic Wellbeing Strategy Plan Update – (Dorien Vermaas)

Dorien Vermaas presented a verbal presentation, with a handout attached as Appendix C.

- A vision for Marlborough has been established and we will be working towards goals that have been put in place. The vision is to have a thriving economy, balanced with a flourishing environment, and vibrant communities.
- The industries that have been identified are the Maori economy, wine industry, forestry, aquaculture, film and creative technology, aviation, and technology and innovation.
- A Starter Weekend for Marlborough has been held, which was a success, with 40-45 people attending. It was the first time this has been done in Marlborough.
- A Marlborough Innovation Workshop Day has been held, with an innovation panel.
- This has been developed in conjunction with various groups, with two to four hour workshops being held, with a series of questions posed. Immediate results have been found.

Questions/Answers

- The tourism sector is not part of this plan as Destination Marlborough manages tourism. A Destination Management Plan for Marlborough has been created. Jacqui Lloyd will be invited to the next meeting to provide this to the group.
- Councillor Faulls noted it is really positive to see what Dorien and her team have been doing. It is a working and living document which is always being updated.
- [Dorien](#) would be happy to take any emails with further questions.

6. Actions from the previous meeting

| Action | Person Responsible |
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| 1. Send a message to the PRF members nominating Marie-Jeanette van der Wal from the Picton Combined Churches as a regular member. <i>Completed.</i> | Kirsty Baldwin |
| 2. Circulate an email with the latest iReX project updates if Port Marlborough are unavailable. <i>Ongoing.</i> | Rose Prendeville |
| 3. Send the Visitors Solutions Report Update to the Picton Happenings. <i>Completed.</i> | Kirsty Baldwin |
| 4. Invite Jacqui Lloyd (Destination Marlborough) as a future guest speaker to talk on what is happening to promote mountain biking or Bike/Walk around Picton. <i>Completed.</i> | Kirsty Baldwin |
| 5. Margaret McHugh will take a photo of the Shosha Vaping shop sign in Picton and send it to Clr Taylor who will follow up on signage standards with the Compliance Team at MDC. <i>Completed.</i> | Margaret McHugh/Nadine Taylor |

| Action | Person Responsible |
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| 6. Send Link Pathway daily summer use numbers to the Picton Happenings. | Barbara Faulls |
| 7. Look into why the rubbish bins are not being cleared on the Foreshore on Saturdays and Sundays. <i>Completed.</i> | Nadine Taylor |
| 8. Follow up on the penguin initiative raised by Mr Reuhman. <i>Completed.</i> | Nadine Taylor/Rose Prendeville |
| 9. Discuss with Dean Heiford whether Destination Marlborough could have a representative at these meetings. <i>Completed.</i> | Nadine Taylor/Dean Heiford |
| 10. Invite the new Harbourmaster to one of the meetings as a future guest speaker. <i>Completed.</i> | Kirsty Baldwin |
| 11. Invite Port Marlborough as a future guest speaker to provide more information on the building of a new Inland Cargo Hub at Riverlands. <i>Completed.</i> | Kirsty Baldwin |
| 12. Ask Council staff about Go SeaChange, about the foiling cat, which is reported to be functional here next year. <i>Completed.</i> | Nadine Taylor |
| 13. Send an email to Jodie Griffiths acknowledging the value of the recent Funding Night, which was well attended and informative. <i>Completed.</i> | Nadine Taylor |

7. Picton Regional Forum Role and Function – (John Reuhman – Picton Marlborough Sounds Tourism / Nadine Taylor)

- This is the end of the three-years of this Forum and new councillors may be elected after local council elections.
- This is to be held over to the next meeting as Dean Heiford was unable to attend today.
- Attached are the links to the Picton Regional Forum Role and Function website where information is available: <https://www.marlborough.govt.nz/your-council/picton-regional-forum> and another document overleaf.

Picton Ward Forum

The Picton Ward Forum (PWF) was formed to enhance consultation between Council and the Picton Ward.

Background

Interested parties from the Picton Ward presented Council with a petition in 2006 to consider the formation of a Picton Community Board under the Local Government Act 2000. Council undertook a wide reaching consultation process on the issue and held a public hearing on the topic of the Picton Community Board in Picton. Council came to the conclusion that the majority of the community did not want a Community Board and therefore this request via a petition was declined. There were no challenges to the Local Government Commission on the decision of Council.

The Mayor was, as a result of the Community Board request, keen to engage with the Picton community and explore what improvements could be made in both communication and dialogue between Council and the Picton community.

The Picton Ward Councillors and Council staff met with a number of Picton representatives to discuss the issue and explore other avenues of communication to enhance both Councils and the Picton Community's understanding and influence on Council decisions involving Picton.

Council noted that there is a requirement if this group is to exist in the future for both financial and Council staff assistance on a variety of levels with an independent facilitator for the meetings and a secretary to take notes, organise meetings and distribute material as required. There is an expectation that a senior staff member will be available to the group for advice at each meeting and that other staff and experts will be available depending on the subject matter to be discussed. Councillors Bowers and Weetman have participated in the development of the group and continue to attend the meetings.

The PWF has a budget of \$20,000 to assist with support for the group.

The group are very keen to ensure that they do not delve into issues of potholes and tree removal, but look at the higher level issues of Regional Policy Statements, LTCCP, Picton Library, Picton Foreshore, etc. The makeup of the group ensures that representatives around the table are put forward by their member organisations to have the mandate in discussing issues and presenting ideas on behalf of their member groups.

It is intended that the Picton Ward Forum would meet on a regular basis; at least once every two months but would meet more regularly if issues arose that were relevant to the Picton community and required that level of consultation and communication.

Authority

The authority for this group to meet and engage with Council on issues is enshrined in their being representatives of organisations that are formally constituted to address these types of issues.

Each group represented on the Forum will have had their involvement endorsed by their parent organisation.

There is an acceptance by Council that the Picton Forum is a legitimate form of engagement with the Picton Ward.

Outline of Picton Ward Forum

An overarching idea was the Forum being an opportunity for issues and ideas to be explored and actions decided. Input on future planning affecting Picton Ward and long-term strategic planning, including Sounds communities' issues, was seen as the highest priority. Existing groups were seen as the ideal participants as they already have the mandate from their members to take on issues.

Council needs a forum to hear the input of the Picton and Sounds residents in a formal, regular way, so informed decisions can be made for the Picton Ward. There is an opportunity for these forums to be a support mechanism for all participants; Council, associations and Picton Ward Councillors.

The following headings outline the main areas of the Forum;

PURPOSE:

Forum for discussion and recommendations on issues and opportunities that affect Picton Ward and its communities of interest. Influencing the best decisions for the wellbeing of the Picton Ward.

OBJECTIVES:

- Encourage dialogue between Council and the Picton Community on issues affecting the Picton Ward.
- Encourage community consensus and understanding on issues affecting the Picton Ward.
- Support the Picton Ward Councillors in representing the views of the Picton Ward.
- Assist Council in decision making for the Picton Ward.

STRUCTURE:

The intention is for Core Member Organisations to have regular representatives to ensure continuity. Depending on agenda topics Councillors, MDC Staff and consultants would attend as required – Picton Councillors have a standing invitation.

Items getting on the agenda will be managed – all groups and their representatives could request items to be put on the agenda (including Council) then these would need to be prioritised by the forum. Requests for items to be considered for the agenda can be a two-way process – from the group itself or from Council, PMNZL or any other source if deemed important to Picton Ward.

The agreement of future agendas would also identify any resources / inputs required from other parties to address the issues in an informed manner.

There may need to be more regular meetings as required depending on the issues to be discussed and the timeframes for responses to particular processes.

The use of an independent facilitator is useful as the member groups can then be seen as not influencing the process from the chair – it may also allow better continuity on issues if members change over time. Secretarial support is seen as essential for the efficient organising of the meetings and assigning tasks from meetings, follow up, preparing information, etc.

The Forum would need to decide on a process for agreeing on recommendations to Council acceptable to all. The Forum needs to sort out timeframes and priorities.

Information to flow both ways between Council and Forum.

MEMBERSHIP

Picton Ward Forum will have a mandate from the member organisations that make up the Forum. As these groups have their own memberships / communities they can act on behalf of those communities.

The proposed membership of the Forum is;

- PBG (Picton Business Group)
- Picton Ratepayers Association
- Waikawa Ratepayers Association
- QCS Residents Association
- Port Underwood Residents Association
- Guardians of the Sounds
- Ngakuta Bay Residents Association
- Whatamongo Residents Association
- Linkwater Settlers Association
- Lochmara and Bay of Many Coves Residents Association
- Marina and Mooring Association

To ensure continuity groups who sign up for the Forum will be required to agree to the following;

- One member per organisation
- Nominated regular attendee and deputy
- Proxy / collective representation basis

8. Other Matters

- **Link Pathway**

- Two sizeable chunks of the pathway have been lost.

- **Nicola Neilson**

- Nicola has moved to Marlborough District Council and is working with Jodie Griffiths on the Arts, Heritage and Culture strategy. Nicola is meeting with various groups and will then implement a working group.
- Nicola is still doing the *Picton Happenings*.

- **Picton Police - Glen Richardson**

- There is a liquor ban in town which is difficult to enforce when there is no signage. This will be followed up before summer.
- It was noted it would be good to have a liquor ban at Shelley Beach at New Years. Councillor Taylor will find out whether the liquor ban should be processed via the police or Council.
 - If visitors have a quiet glass of wine on the Foreshore and are not causing trouble it can be looked at fairly. It is all about managing the alcohol intake.
 - Subsequent to the meeting, Mike Porter from Council advised that there is no alcohol ban over Shelley Beach. There is no authority to place any signs. For this area to be covered there would need to be a rewrite of the bylaw.
- Police get a lot of complaints from residents about parking at the marina. The police are concerned about having a narrow roadway which could be unsafe for children and pedestrians due to visibility.
- Council has a proposal in place to provide a solution to Picton's summer boat trailer parking issue. Available parking in the Memorial Park area may be extended. Submissions are open until 13 September 2022. Police may submit in support. A link to this can be found at <https://www.marlborough.govt.nz/your-council/latest-news-notice-and-media-releases/media-releases?item=id:2j1s36wzh17q9s137q7n>
- The police will do foot patrols on cruise ship days to have a visible presence to help alleviate any issues with petty criminals visiting.
- When cruise ship passengers are in Picton, they treat the town as a huge mall. It was discussed, from a motorist point of view, how to manage this and it was noted that vehicles have right of way if it is not a designated pedestrian crossing. This could be a roading issue. A good idea could be having volunteer lollypop people to manage the pedestrians.

- **Parchment Worms**

- Tim Healey gave an update on the status of the parchment worms in the Marlborough Sounds. The parchment worm problem is linked to sea temperature rising. It has spread a lot throughout Queen Charlotte Sound and Tory Channel and has also been discovered in Tasman and Golden Bay. It is the variety that has infested the North Island Hauraki Gulf area. Ministry for Primary Industries (MPI) have sent samples away for DNA analysis and are warning people to be very careful having the parchment worm hooked onto their anchors.
 - No information or signage has been attached to any wharves yet.

- Attached as Appendix D is more parchment worm information, from Oliver Wade, who is a scientist within Marlborough District Council. It was suggested inviting him, or Jono Underwood from MDC, to speak on this topic at the next meeting.
- **London Quay Concept Plans**
 - Information on the London Quay Concept Plan will be shared to the group and is now available for public consultation on the MDC website, along with an architect's design. A link to this can be found at <https://www.marlborough.govt.nz/your-council/latest-news-notices-and-media-releases/media-releases?item=id%3A2jc3ifqxq1cxbyw4p7ya>

Roading Update

- Councillor Faulls gave an update on the status of roads after the recent flood event. Towards Linkwater the road is closed, but it is being worked on. Marlborough Roads are trying to gain as much access as possible to the isolated communities. From a psycho-social point of view this is difficult coming after the storm event of 2021. More remote communities are taking matters into their own hands, cutting Manuka, and pine trees off the roads and pushing through to gain some form of 4-wheel drive access, but this could be a safety issue, in terms of insurance and danger to users of the road when it is officially closed.

From Havelock through to Linkwater it is closed, but residents are able to use it at certain times of the day.

Kenepuru Road and Port Underwood have been impacted with a number of slips. It is the under slips that are the problem as they are taking out the whole structure of the road.

The roads are in a fragile state, so use of larger vehicles such as trucks needs to be controlled.

A lot of work has been done to get State Highway 6 open.

- Waka Kotahi have indicated the Queen Charlotte Drive may open in two to three weeks, even for residents only. A larger assessment will be done on the future of the roads in the Marlborough Sounds.
- There are significant slips near Endeavour Inlet and Furneaux Lodge on the Queen Charlotte Track. DoC are doing weekly updates.

- **Marlborough Sounds Community Trust**

- It was queried whether something can be done to help these communities who are struggling.

- **Marlborough Community Vehicle Trust**

- There are two cars for the Trust.

- **Car Parking for Meetings**

- Port Marlborough will look into any free parking available for attendees of these meetings. In the meantime, put a sign that you are attending the Picton Regional Forum meeting on the front dash of your car.

- **Parking**

- Car parking submissions close next week. It was suggested a donation be given to Coastguard Marlborough.

- **Water Feature**
 - The Foreshore water feature opens at 9.00 am and closes at 6.00 pm in the summertime.
- **Councillor David Oddie**
 - Nadine Taylor gave a farewell to Councillor Oddie who is standing down after 12 years of service. Thanks was extended to David Oddie for all his work over the years for the Picton community.

9. Actions from the meeting

| | Action | Person Responsible |
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| 1. | iReX project team to provide more detail on the noise and vibration management plan at the next meeting. <i>To be advised.</i> | Gavin Beattie |
| 2. | Invite Jacqui Lloyd from Destination Marlborough to the next meeting to provide the Destination Management Plan for Marlborough to the group. <i>Completed.</i> | Kirsty Baldwin |
| 3. | Picton Regional Forum Role and Function, to be held over until the next meeting. <i>Pending.</i> | Dean Heiford |
| 4. | Follow up on liquor bans signs at Shelley Beach in Picton before summer. <i>Pending.</i> | Dean Heiford/Mike Porter |
| 5. | Find out whether the liquor ban at Shelley Beach should be processed via the police or Council. <i>Pending.</i> | Nadine Taylor |
| 6. | Provide an update on the Parchment Worms. <i>Completed within Minutes.</i> | Oliver Wade/Jono Underwood |
| 7. | Share London Quay Concept Plans with the group. <i>Completed.</i> | Kirsty Baldwin/Jane Tito |

10. Future Speakers

- Picton Sewerage Update – Stephen Rooney.
- Marlborough District Council – regarding Picton Water Supply:
 - Quality – Monitoring Program.
 - Quantity – now and after 2020 upgrade.
 - Usage – Residential/commercial.
 - Plans for conservation – roof water collection tanks, recycling systems in factories, fixing leaking pipes.
- Picton Police Update.

- Picton Dawn Chorus Update.
- Destination Marlborough – Destination Management Plan for Marlborough Update.
- Parchment Worm Update – MDC – Jono Underwood/Oliver Wade.
- Picton Harbourmaster Update.

11. Proposed Meeting Dates for 2022 / 2023

Picton Regional Forum

7 November 2022

Picton Regional Forum Dates for 2023

6 March 2023

1 May 2023

3 July 2023

4 September 2023

6 November 2022

The meeting closed at 3.40 pm.

Appendix A – iReX Ferry Precinct Update



New Ferries – Arrive in 2025 and 2026



Development

- A new wharf in the same location as the existing #1 long arm wharf (which will be demolished)
- A new, split level terminal building with a footprint of about 1600m² and floor area of approximately 3200m². A portion of the terminal building will be four-level to provide access to the ferry via an elevated passenger walkway.
- Terminal building set back further from the wharf, bringing opportunity for well-designed, landscaped waterfront and promenade.
- Two level linkspan (under / over) to the ships – one for Deck 3 rail and road freight, and one for cars and trucks at Decks 5 and 7.
- Redeveloped marshalling and rail yard - freight and passenger vehicles will all access the ferries from Lagoon Road with more check-in lanes to reduce congestion on the road.
- Roothing and water infrastructure improvements, including the Waitohi Culvert and a new Dublin Street over bridge to improve traffic flow across Picton.





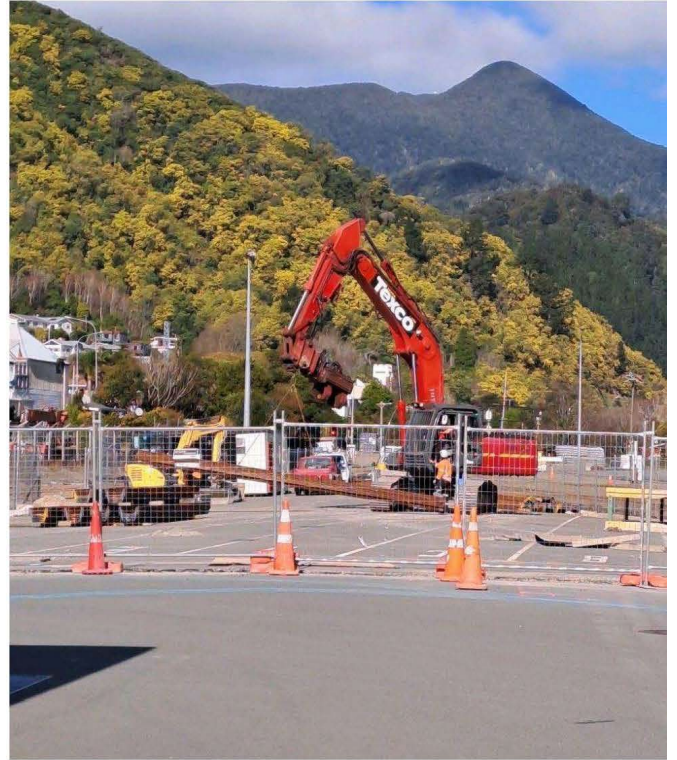
Progress

Designers

- Designers are WSP/Jacobs JV
- Working through various design stages with main design complete this year
- Early design focused on enabling works – temporary terminal, turntable, culvert

Contractors

- Main civil and marine works contractor to be involved in design (ECI)
- CMT started with the rail turntable construction
- CMT will start the temporary terminal building this month
- McConnell Dowell are working design to adapt berth 2 for all KiwiRail Ships
- Isaac's (Simcox) are working with designers on Waitohi culvert upgrade



Keeping you informed

- Publicly available information is available at www.irex.co.nz/picton
- Email the project communications team any time at info@pictonferryprecinct.co.nz
- More open days and information sessions are planned as the project progresses



Appendix B – Riverlands Cargo Hub Update



Marlborough Inland Hub



- Joint venture between Port Marlborough and CentrePort (Wellington)
- Provides options and resilience to Marlborough supply chain
- For the creation of a cargo aggregation hub and freight movement via road/rail to coastal and international shipping through Picton
- Land purchased in December 2021
- Adjacent to State Highway 1 and rail line.
- Hub development planned for 2024
- 31- hectare site

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Appendix C – Long Term Marlborough Economic Wellbeing Strategy Plan Update



Marlborough Economic Wellbeing Strategy 2022- 2032

Background/Context

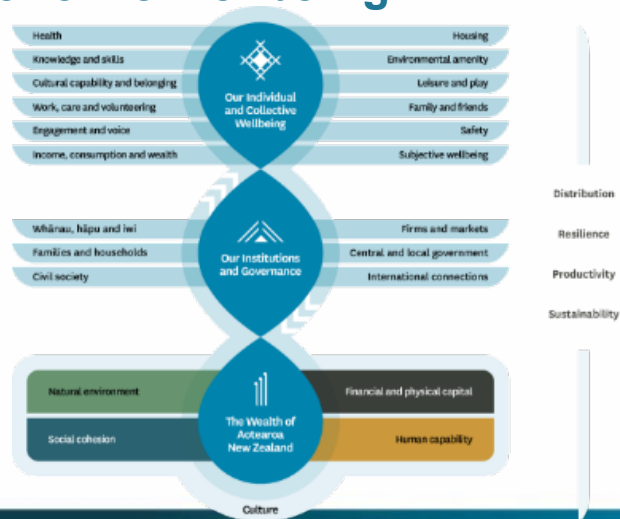
Methodology

12 Workshops:

- Forestry
- Wine & Viticulture
- Tech & Innovation group
- Aviation
- Screen
- Chamber of Commerce
- Business Trust
- Angel Investors
- Business Service Providers
- Business Network Marlborough(BMI)
- MDC internal teams
- Youth

- Workshops earlier in the year
- Survey Monkey
- Desk research
- Relevant Industry reports and presentations
- S+C groups
- TEAM
- Personal conversations CEO's, Founders, Industry representatives

What is economic Wellbeing?



What is economic wellbeing?

Based on this wellbeing framework Local Government is tasked with four well-beings:

- Environmental Wellbeing
- Economic Wellbeing
- Social Wellbeing
- Cultural Wellbeing

Vision:

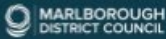
***‘A thriving economy balanced with a flourishing
Environment and vibrant communities’***

Aligned with RSLG:

‘Advance our future workforce together’

And Te Taihū:

***‘Tūpuna Pono’
‘Being good ancestors’***



Goals for the region

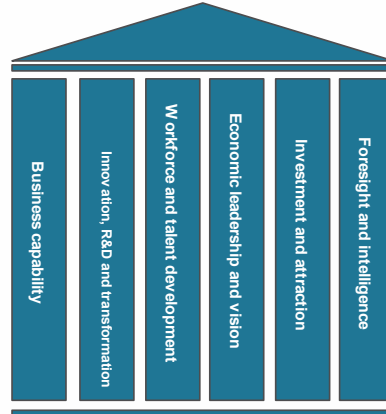
- 1) Accelerated cross-collaboration between various industry sectors, businesses and industry stakeholders to achieve efficiencies and increase productivity through technology and innovation.
Identified stakeholders for partnerships are the Chamber of Commerce, Business Trust Marlborough, NMIT, Angel Investors Marlborough, Marlborough Research Centre, Bragato Research Institute, MBE, MSD, Callaghan Innovation, NZTE, MPI and others
- 2) For Marlborough to be a recognized leader in Agritech solutions – specifically in Wine, Viticulture and the Blue economy- in Australasia.
- 3) For Marlborough to develop and adopt an economic wellbeing framework in collaboration with businesses and industry sectors.



Purpose of the Economic Wellbeing Strategy

LTP '21 :

1. Business capability
2. Innovation, R&D and transformation
3. Workforce and talent development
4. Economic leadership and vision
5. Investment and attraction
6. Foresight and intelligence



Focus Sectors

7 Focus Sectors:

- Maori Economy in Marlborough
- Aquaculture – The Ocean Economy
- Aviation Sector
- Forestry & Wood Processing
- Marlborough Screen & Creative Sectors
- Technology & Innovation
- Wine & Viticulture



Appendix D –Parchment Worm Update

Coastal Science Update (Oliver Wade – Marlborough District Council)

- Oliver discussed the parchment worm issue in the Sounds area. See below from the MDC Environment Committee Meeting Minutes for 21 July 2022:

There is growing concern amongst the Marlborough Sounds community about the increasing distribution and biomass of a parchment worm on the seafloor of Tōtaranui/ Queen Charlotte Sound.

This parchment worm has now been identified by NIWA taxonomists as likely to be *Chaetopterus chaetopterus-A*. This worm was previously only recorded in the Hauraki Gulf. For decades there has been a much smaller worm, *Chaetopterus chaetopterus-B*, known from various places in the Marlborough Sounds, including Te Hoiere/Pelorus Sound, Port Underwood and Croiselles Harbour.

Chaetopterus chaetopterus-A is a cryptogenic species meaning that its origin is unknown. Whether it is a native to New Zealand or an exotic species from overseas will likely never be known. Both species are epifaunal *Chaetopterus* which live in colonies of entangled tubes on the seabed. *Chaetopterus-A* tends to have more upstanding tube ends, free of the bottom sediment.

MDC staff have lodged with biosecurity New Zealand for a range extension of the species *Chaetopterus chaetopterus-A*.

The main concern of community members is that the *Chaetopterus chaetopterus-A* is taking over the seafloor of Tōtaranui/Queen Charlotte Sound to the detriment of other species that live there especially scallops. *Chaetopterus chaetopterus-A* can form dense mats of tangled tubes. In places where it has formed a dense mat, it does seem likely that it will displace the species that previously lived there.

The key question is what action Council could take. From a biosecurity standpoint, there is no practical response available. Once a species has become established in an area and as widespread as *Chaetopterus chaetopterus-A* is in Tōtaranui/ Queen Charlotte Sound, it is impossible to intervene in any way, to either eliminate or manage spread. Furthermore, several other species in the *Chaetopterus* family are able to grow from a single fragment so even if management was attempted on a lesser infestation, any attempt to remove or destroy the *Chaetopterus chaetopterus-A* could have unintended consequences.

In terms of a science response, MDC staff are looking to support researchers working on *Chaetopterus chaetopterus-A* in the Sounds. We will also be monitoring its extent through our significant marine site and other benthic monitoring programmes.



Questions/Answers

- Monyeen asked if there was a possibility that residents could do monitoring by plotting where the worm is seen and take photos, if possible, by using Citizen Science. Oliver advised the Council does not have the capability for that at present.
- Vic asked where it is located. Oliver advised it has been seen from East Bay to the Grove Arm in 5 to 20 metres of water. If the worm is broken up, it will spread and make the matter worse. **Do not break the beds up.**