

Picton Regional Forum held at Picton Emergency Centre, Memorial Park, Picton, on Monday 9 July 2018, at 1.30 pm

Present

Clr Taylor (Chairperson); Dean Heiford, Linda Craighead, Grahame Smail (MDC)

Group Representatives

Rose Prendeville (Port Marlborough), Bryan Strong (Tirimoana), Brian Henstock (Greypower), Graham Low (Picton Smart & Connected), Graham Gosling (Picton Business Group), Aileen Walker (Whatamango Bay), Jon Perano (Picton Museum), Michelle Campbell (Greypower)

Guest Speakers

Matt Walters and Steve Merito (Rātā Foundation)
Linda Thompson (Marlborough Envirohub) (from 2.30 pm)

Apologies

Clr Oddie, Clr Hook, Tim Newsham, Don Miller, Tim Healey, Monyeen Wedge, John Reuhman, Hiram Taylor
Ian Shapcott

Confirmation of Previous Meeting Minutes

Brian Henstock/Jon Perano that the minutes of the meeting held on 14 May 2018 are correct.

1. Rātā Foundation Update – Matt Walters and Steve Merito

- Steve and Matt are Engagement Advisors for the Rātā Foundation. Their roles are to engage with different organisational groups within the community. The area they cover encompasses, Marlborough, Nelson/Tasman, Christchurch and the Chatham Islands. They are attending forums such as this one to learn what is happening in different areas and put names and faces to the applications they receive.
- Steve's particular focus is on Māori and Pasifika engagement.
- Matt added that they are trying to be more purposeful in their engagement and will be more visible in the area and are aiming, with the help of the Marlborough Trustees, Rosemary Wells and Tony de Reeper to build stronger connections between themselves and the community

1. Picton Reserves Update – Grahame Smail and Linda Craighead (MDC Reserves)

- Grahame introduced himself and Linda and their roles in the Reserves and Amenities Section. Grahame manages the Open Spaces Services Contracts for Picton and Renwick and is also responsible (district wide) for Public Toilets, Cemeteries and War Memorials. Linda's role within the section is primarily as Reserves Planner.
- Grahame outlined some of the projects happening in the Picton area:
 - Auckland Street Reserve: revamp of skate park and recreational opportunities
 - Beach Road Reserve: Community garden
 - Picton Area: Berms and banks planting programme
 - Nelson Square: development of a draft landscape plan
 - Picton Foreshore Reserve: Playground redevelopment project, Irrigation upgrade project, Lighting - public safety & decorative, CCTV, Cruise ships/bus shuttle marshalling, seats and tables, Reserve Management Plan review

- Picton War Memorial: lighting
- Shelley Beach: shoreline protection, passive space enhancement, Queen Charlotte Yacht Club – Clubhouse redevelopment
- Town Entrance Signage – Wairau Road/State Highway 1, Queen Charlotte Lookout
- Victoria Domain: Reserve Management Plan review (which also covers associated reserves including Shelley Beach, Memorial Park and Endeavour Park). traffic management, lookouts/view-points, tracks and trails, user information signage, biodiversity - pests and weeds, fire protection, seating, picnic tables, signage -interpretative/story telling signage, playground – safety enhancements

Te Ātiawa have been contracted to assist with the plan review. Please see the link below for more information or to provide feedback.

<https://www.marlborough.govt.nz/your-council/latest-news-notice-and-media-releases/news?item=id:22nx4ne5m17q9siuum6x>

Linda is available to talk to groups about the review, please contact her at:

linda.craighead@marlborough.govt.nz

- Waikawa Foreshore Reserve: 2018/19 LTP submission form WRA for a management plan for the reserve, renewal of foreshore consents, improvement work to the boat ramp entry margin, information and interpretive signage, bbq, playground, tree work and planting improvements
- Waitohi Domain: Draft Landscape Sketch Plan – (Link Pathway footpath connection: Dublin Street - Lagoon Road - Auckland Street, truck park, weather station - pump station, sewer pump station, visual impact softening. The draft sketch plan will be available for public feedback..
- Community Groups: Any of Reserves team is always happy to talk to with community groups.
- Public Toilets: Government funding assistance via the Tourism Infrastructure Fund has been applied for to co-fund toilet renewals in the district. Long term proposal to upgrade the toilets on High Street.
- Picton Cemetery: Master Plan developed, new ashes beam installed, cemetery and graves restoration project ongoing, trees and shrub planting improvements

Question/answers

- Robin Dunn is the Reserves Officer in charge of the Sounds, Havelock and the Wither Hills. Robert Hutchinson takes care of Blenheim.
- Harbours will be consulted before installing coloured lights at the Foreshore.
- There is an issue with tourists getting lost along the walking track to Waikawa.

Grahame and Linda withdrew from the meeting at 2.30 pm.

2. Marlborough Sounds Community Vehicle Trust Update – Bryan Strong

- The Trust has bought two vehicles for Picton and Blenheim.
- There are 12 Picton based drivers and 5 Blenheim drivers confirmed with 3 more awaiting Police vetting. The service is going to be extended to the residents of Seddon/Ward at a fare yet to be established.
- Donations have been received from the Picton Flower Ladies and the Picton Health Trust.
- Churchill Hospital trust is going to help with the cost of signage and some minor body repairs for the cars.



3. Enviro Hub, Plastic Bag Free Picton and Community Garden - Linda Thompson

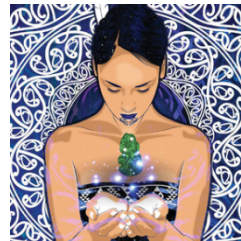
- The two major supermarket chains in New Zealand will be single-use plastic bag free by the end of the year.
- By the end of the year Picton should be more or less plastic bag free with most shops in Picton already using alternatives to plastic bags.
- There has been 10% negative feedback (approximately) from the Countdown Redwoodtown initiative to go plastic bag free.

Biodegradable and Compostable

- Linda clarified that there is no such thing as a biodegradable plastic bag. The plastic will degrade (i.e. break down into smaller pieces). The compostable bags are made from food starch products and will compost in the right conditions (not landfill), i.e. a hot compostable system is needed to break them down. Linda noted that compostable bags are actually worse than plastic bags as they are not able to be recycled and they then end up in landfill where they create methane gas. The compostable bags will break down in a hot compostable system in 9 -12 months but as well as being made of food starch, they also contain chemicals which will leach into the compost.
- It is much better for the environment to go reusable.

Envirohub Marlborough

- The Envirohub is a facility which is uniting, inspiring and assisting Marlborough youth, families and conservation groups to achieve their environmental goals.
- It has been open since October last year and is situated on Auckland Street opposite the Picton I site
- The retail outlet sells environmental products and reusable personal care products. It is open 7 days a week from 10.00 am to 2.30 pm.
- Courses, lectures and classes are being held at the Hub, including a DOC Educator's course, Introduction to Permaculture and holiday programmes.
- The Matariki Aho Event being held on the Picton Foreshore is going to be Marlborough's first zero waste event. Linda is hoping to have less than one rubbish bag left at the end of the event.
- For more information about the Envirohub follow this link below:
<http://www.pictonresource.co.nz/envirohub-marlborough.html>
or email: info@envirohub.co.nz



Community Garden

- The Community Garden project has will be using a small piece of the Beach Road Reserve to start a community garden. Funding from the Long Term Plan has been received to help the project. This year the plan it to install infrastructure and the garden beds will be set up in March/April next year. Linda has spoken to or left information for the residents that are in line of the sight of the garden who may have had concerns about the work that will be going on and she has had a positive response from residents about the project.
- Due to the area being a flooding zone the garden beds will be designed to not displace water. The garden is going to be as inconspicuous in the surrounding landscape as possible.
- A committee with skills to build the garden, fundraising, social media and practical gardening abilities will now need to be put together. If you are interested in joining this committee please contact Linda on: plasticbagfreepicton@gmail.com
- Linda is happy to talk to any groups that might be interested in this project.

4. General Business

- The success and positive impact on the community of the Matariki Festival was noted. The zero waste initiative for the Aho event will be used to emphasise that a big event can be held in Picton with a very small amount of waste.
- The hearing for the Waikawa Marina extension resource consent has been held. The Commissioners decision was in favour of the resource consent with certain conditions. Building should have commenced by mid-2019.
- Port Marlborough has recently revised their strategic plan and has encompassed environmental leadership and sustainability. This is the first time the plan has had environmental and community goals alongside financial goals.
- Employees from Port Marlborough have attended a training event in Auckland which included environmental sustainability in New Zealand Ports. Next year the event will be hosted in Picton.
- Picton Dawn Chorus are hosting the Minister of Conservation Eugenie Sage on Monday 16 July. She will be speaking about Predator Free New Zealand 2050 at the Port Marlborough Pavilion. She will also be visiting Evirohub and Kaipupu Point.
- Dog registrations are due by end of month.
- It is now possible to get your rates demands electronically. See link below:
<https://data.marlborough.govt.nz/OnlineSignUp/>
- Debriefs on the cruise ship season have been taking place with discussion focussed on safety as well as posters, information and avoiding carrying out capital works when ships are in Port. The Picton Market will also be improved before the next season.

5. Action Items from Previous Meeting (14 May 2018)

| | Action | Person Responsible |
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| 1. | Provide recognition for Omega Rental Cars – completed see below | Clr Taylor/Dean |
| 2. | Remind logging companies not to use the roads when school children present – email sent to companies on 26 June 2018 - completed | Steve Murrin |
| 3. | Duty Planner service for Picton – completed see below | Dean |
| 4. | Provide upgrade on truck park and sewerage upgrade on Dublin Street for the minutes – update provided see below - completed | Dean |

Action Point 3 Update – Richard Conningham (MDC Manager Assets and Services):

- Waitohi Domain Truck Park – opened on Friday 22 June 2018. The Council is working with the Road Transport Association (RTA) to strongly encourage their members to use the truck park moving forward. It will take some time for word to get out to the trucking community about the truck park, but the RTA will be publishing maps of its location in their next national newsletter.
- Sewerage Upgrade – operationally this is expected to go live in mid-July (weather permitting). At present the Fishermans Wharf and Surrey Street pump stations have had dry and wet testing (with water) and Dublin Street is currently going through wet testing. Once operational the project will move to dealing with ancillary non-operational items such as plantings around pump stations etc.

Action Point 2 Update – Dean Heiford

- The Duty Planners are going to run a three month trial on Tuesday's on a fortnightly basis from the Picton Library from 9.00 am to 4.00 pm. The service will commence in August and will include scheduled and drop in appointments.

Action Point 1 – Cllr Taylor

- Cllr Taylor has personally thanked Omega for all their assistance on behalf of the Forum. Omega was hesitant to receive any more public recognition.

6. Action Points from the Meeting

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| 1. | Invite Queen Charlotte Yacht Club representative to next meeting | Dean |

Meeting closed at 3.00 pm.

Next Meeting: 10 September 2018

Future Speakers:

Queen Charlotte Yacht Club

Havelock Community Representative

Meeting Dates for 2018:

Monday 10 September

Monday 12 November