



PICTON HAPPENINGS

Free Newsletter

01 November 2023

03 **Picton Wine Club,**
6.15pm Fri 3
November

Join Picton Wine Club at Picton Little Theatre for their next tasting - Seifried Estate Winery Presented by Anna Seifried. See page 4.

04 **CKNZ Save Our**
Species, 10.15am
Sat 4 November

Come along and learn all about the endangered Rowi Kiwi. A FREE event for the whole family at Picton Library. See page 5.

05 **Nicky Moran Gospel**
Musician, 10.00am
Sun 5 November

Picton Baptist Church invites you to a service with Nicky Moran Gospel Musician. Powerful gospel songs and stories. See page 8.

13 **Picton Trade Aid**
AGM, 4.00pm Mon
13 November

Have you ever considered volunteering behind the counter at the Picton Trade Aid shop? Head along to their AGM/afternoon tea to find out more, no pressure to join. See page 10.

18 **Waitohi Picton Open**
Studios, 10.00am
Sat 18 and Sun 19
November

Artists open their studios for you to visit, meet them and enjoy their artwork. Artists will share their unique craft over two days and will be happy to talk about their process with visitors. The Open Studios is a free event, so if you have a couple of hours or a whole weekend to spare why not plan a studio tour adventure. See page 8.

23 **A Cuppa With Your**
Councillors,
10.00am Thu 23
November

Council's Sounds-based councillors are available for a drop-in chat each month. Come along to Picton Library. See page 17.

25 **CKNZ World**
Children's Day,
10.00am - 2.00pm
Sat 25 November

Explore nature with Conservation Kids NZ. Celebrate our amazing tamariki and explore the many habitats of Momorangi Bay. Pack a picnic and your togs. Bring the whole family. See page 2.

26 **Whirimako Black,**
7.30pm Sun 26
November

Picton Little Theatre presents Whirimako Black, Aotearoa's undisputed soul diva with melodies caressed into shape by the language of her ancestors. See page 11.

27 **Foodbank Street**
Appeal, 6.00pm
Mon 27 November

Listen out for the sirens. Our awesome Picton Volunteer Fire Brigade, Picton Lions Club and other community volunteers will visit your street collecting donations of non perishable items. Picton Foodbank appreciates your support and everything collected in Picton, stays in Picton.


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WORLD CHILDREN'S DAY CELEBRATION



Exploring Nature - Momorangi Bay

CKNZ are on a mission to ensure every child in Marlborough has the chance to explore the wider outdoor environment!

Come along & join us to celebrate our amazing tamariki & explore the many habitats of Momorangi Bay!

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Natural habitats



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Pack a picnic & your togs

Bring the whole family along!

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**25TH NOV
2023**

10am-2pm
Momorangi Bay

FREE

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Picton Christmas Parade

Ho Ho Ho! Santa Claus is coming to Picton on Sunday 3 December 2023

By Beryl Bowers

Registration forms to enter in the Picton Christmas Parade can be picked up from Harcourts Real Estate, High Street, Picton or email bowers@xtra.co.nz or juliea.kett@gmail.com or phone 573 6885 for more information.

Entry for floats is free but please register with us so we are able to organise the parade for an optimal viewing experience.

Picton businesses are being asked to decorate their premises in a festive theme and a goodie basket will be awarded to the ones deemed the best by our team of experienced judges.

There will be lollies galore from the Marlborough Lines Santa Float which will be filled with local children and is the last float

in the parade. We appreciate the continued support of Marlborough Lines for the Picton Christmas Parade.

After the parade, the prizegiving will be held on the Picton Foreshore starting at approximately 2.45pm and cash prizes for first, second and third Best Community Floats and Best Business Floats will be awarded. The Marlborough Pipe Band will perform while we wait for Santa to arrive to give out treats and have some photo opportunities with whānau. There will also be a sausage sizzle, coffee cart, Mr Whippy and free face painting for the children.

We have invited our local schools to perform and know how the crowd loves the Queen

Charlotte College Kapa Haka. The Pasifika group will also be performing, along with The Belles entertaining us with Christmas songs.

Picton Fresh Choice will once again have the FREE food raffle. The tickets will be given out at the parade. The raffle will be drawn on the Foreshore, so be there to collect your prize.

Everyone is welcome to come along for the afternoon with their camp chairs, hats, blankets and sunscreen and get into the Christmas spirit.

The Picton Christmas Parade would not happen without the sponsorship of our main sponsor, Marlborough Lines, as well as Marlborough District Council, Port Marlborough, O'Donnell Park Barging, Kenny Barging and other support in kind - Picton Lions Club, Signs Now Picton, Harcourts Real Estate, Fresh Choice Picton and Simcox Construction.

Thank you to the voluntary committee and helpers who put this event together each year for the enjoyment of our community.



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

Picton Wine Club
Next Tasting
Seifried Estate Winery
Presented by Anna Seifried

Seifried
FAMILY WINEMAKERS

Picton Little Theatre
Friday 3 November 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

PICTON PARENTS



**Tuesdays
9.30am - 10.30am**

**During termtime
at the Picton
Library**

Casual get together for parents with their little ones. A cuppa and good company provided!



Conservation Kids NZ



**Save Our Species
Programme**

ROWI KIWI EVENT

Come along and learn all about the endangered Rowi Kiwi!
A FREE event for the whole family

**SATURDAY 4TH NOV,
PICTON
LIBRARY**

**10.15AM SIGN IN
10.30AM EVENT KICK OFF**

Register online at:
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Cruise Schedule 2023/24



Vessel	Arrival	Departure	Berth	PAX
Pacific Explorer	Sun, 05 Nov 2023, 05:30	Sun, 05 Nov 2023, 17:00	Waimahara	1,988
Nat.Geo Orion	Wed, 15 Nov 2023, 13:00	Wed, 15 Nov 2023, 22:00	Ship Cove	103
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
Coral Geographer	Wed, 27 Dec 2023, 15:00	Wed, 27 Dec 2023, 17:00	Ship Cove	99
Ovation of the Seas	Fri, 29 Dec 2023, 06:30	Fri, 29 Dec 2023, 20:00	Waimahara	4,500
Majestic Princess	Sat, 30 Dec 2023, 05:30	Sat, 30 Dec 2023, 18:00	Waimahara	4,000
Silver Muse	Sat, 30 Dec 2023, 05:30	Sat, 30 Dec 2023, 19:00	Waitohi West	596



Picton Heritage & Whaling Museum

November update

By Mary Cooper

Our 2024 calendars can be purchased from the Museum – same price as last year - \$20.

I was pleased to see that Rangitāne o Wairau, Ngāti Toa Rangitira and Ngāti Rāua have taken responsibility for the clearing of weeds and invasive plants from Horahora Kākahu Island in Port Underwood. This was where the British raised the Union Jack in 1840 to proclaim sovereignty over the South Island and the iwi are pleased to exercise kaitiakitanga (guardianship) for the island which was returned to them through Treaty of Waitangi settlements.

We have two exhibitions at present. A sporting exhibition featuring bowls, roller skating (main image), hockey and rowing. There is also the People of Picton exhibition (above right) where we have on display many of the photographs sent to the museum in May. We will be having



an afternoon event on November 4 to open it. The main wall is pictured but there are two other walls on display.

Whenever I'm out walking in Marlborough, however remote, I can see the traps being set by pest control agencies. These volunteers are doing a magnificent job putting in traps and checking them. I can hear the difference they are making by the amount and variety of bird

song I hear. Well done to them for continuing to try to eliminate stoats and weasels which have been a problem in Marlborough for the last 130 years - as can be seen in this 1893 article below.

STOATS AND WEASELS. – In the course of a discussion at a meeting of the Philosophical Society (says the Post), Mr Canavan stated that some stoats and weasels which had been liberated on a sheep station 40 miles away had reached the Mahakipawa district, between Pelorus Sound and Queen Charlotte Sound, and destroyed the wekas and kiwis which used to live there. Mr W M Maskell thought that the fact that stoats and weasels neglected to kill the rabbits but turned their attention to native birds, ought to become generally known. Mr W T L Travers maintained that the stoats were very useful in exterminating rats, but he was afraid that as soon as the latter had gone the stoats would make great havoc among the fowls.

The museum has this fold out card, showing NZ birds, for sale at \$8.



November 5th is Parihaka Day remembering the invasion of Parihaka by 1500 armed constabulary in 1881 who were there to remove the Maori people and acquire their land for settlers. It is thought that Mahatma Gandhi read about Parihaka and that their peaceful resistance to the invaders inspired his peaceful protest. It was 2019 before the Government issued an apology for the brutality of the invasion.

Remember, remember Parihaka Day this 5th of November - it is much more relevant to New Zealanders than Guy Fawkes, who was plotting in a distant land before Europeans even discovered New Zealand.



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




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www.marlboroughevents.co.nz/open-studios
 Printed brochures are available from The Artisans Shop, Mariners Mall, Picton and Raukura Art Gallery, 54 High Street, Picton.




THE CHAT ROOM
 CAFE FOR PARENTS AND CAREGIVERS

Dates:
 14 September
 28 September
 12 October
 26 October
 9 November
 23 November
 14 December

TIME: 930AM-1130AM
 2ND AND 4TH THURSDAY OF THE MONTH

IN THE HALL NEXT TO HOLY TRINITY ANGLICAN CHURCH, WAIRAU ROAD

More info contact Stephanie Moore
 022 199 4954

FOODBANK STREET APPEAL

MONDAY 27TH NOVEMBER 2023
6-8PM

(BACK UP DATE: MONDAY 4TH DECEMBER 2023)

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Picton Golf Club

Picton Golf Club Championships 2023

Our annual championships were held today in fine weather. We noted that it was 100 years since our first championships were held in 1923.

The photo above shows our happy winners:

From left:

James Fattorini - Junior A Men

Jeff Pascoe - Intermediate Men

Aaron Wilson - Senior Men

Jo Prescott - Senior Women

Maria McConway - Intermediate Women

Dido Harper - Junior A Women

Anita McCaffrey - Junior B Women

Ellie Gillies - Norton Plate (Women)

Absent Ian Johnson - Junior B Men

Picton Hole in One

During the Junior A Championship match today, James Fattorini hit a hole in one on our #4 138m Par 3.

Our warmest congratulations James (below) for your second Hole in One but the first at Picton.

What a great day you had.



Picton Golf Club
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<https://www.pictongolclubnz.com/>

Marlborough Community Vehicle Trust



New vehicles on the way

By **Brian Henstock**

With the aid given by Council, our MP Stuart Smith, The Lotteries Commission and Rata Foundation, we can say that MCVT is now in a position to purchase replacement cars for the future. We have formed a team to visit the dealers.

The Covid years are behind us and we look forward to transporting passengers to all their medical requirements. So far this year we have transported almost 400 passengers to their medical appointments. Our tariff has remained at \$60 for a return trip to Nelson from either Picton or Blenheim and \$30 for a return trip to Blenheim from Picton. This applies to all Trust members and a lifetime membership is a one off payment of \$20. With our new fuel efficient cars we hope to maintain and minimise our costs in the future.

MCVT is not only for the elderly. Caregivers and supervised children are also welcome. Our vetted drivers wait for you until the medical matters are completed to bring you home.

Please contact 03 574 1311 and speak to our friendly coordinator, Ian, for membership details and if you wish to become a volunteer driver Ian can provide further information.

Should anyone reading this wish to become a volunteer driver please contact Ian for advice. We would particularly welcome any drivers who live in the Blenheim area.

We look forward to the future, and to learn more about the Trust please visit our new website, www.marlboroughvehiceltrust.org.nz



trade aid

Picton Trade Aid shop AGM

Monday, 13 November – 4pm

at Trade Aid shop, High Street

Ever considered volunteering behind the counter at our shop? Want to meet our friendly team of volunteers and lovely manager?

Why not come along to our AGM/afternoon tea to find out more about us?

(Absolutely no pressure to join a committee!)



Arts on Tour NZ presents Aotearoa's undisputed Soul Diva

WHIRIMAKO BLACK

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ARTS COUNCIL OF NEW ZEALAND TOI AOTIAROA



Picton Little Theatre



Whirimako Black

Sunday 26 November 7:30pm

Tickets: [Eventfinda](#) \$40 + \$3 fees or cash sales at Summit Real Estate Picton \$45 including admin fee.

Whirimako Black Whirimako Black is Aotearoa's undisputed soul diva. With melodies caressed into shape by the language of her ancestors, Whirimako has carved out a musical pathway leading from the mists of the Urewera to the world.

Joined on stage by the multi-instrumentalist Kim Halliday who perfectly complements her with her virtuosity, and Mahina Kai's out of this world Taonga Puoro sounds and vocals it's a performance not to be missed.

One of New Zealand's most distinctive singers, Whirimako has featured on numerous collaborations with some of the world's most highly regarded musical artists. List of awards include Best Māori Album, Best Jazz Album, and a Silver Scroll award for Best Māori Composition.

One of the key pioneers of the Māori music industry, Whirimako Black from the Tūhoe Nation, paved the way for Māori and te reo recording artists. Whirimako is a veteran

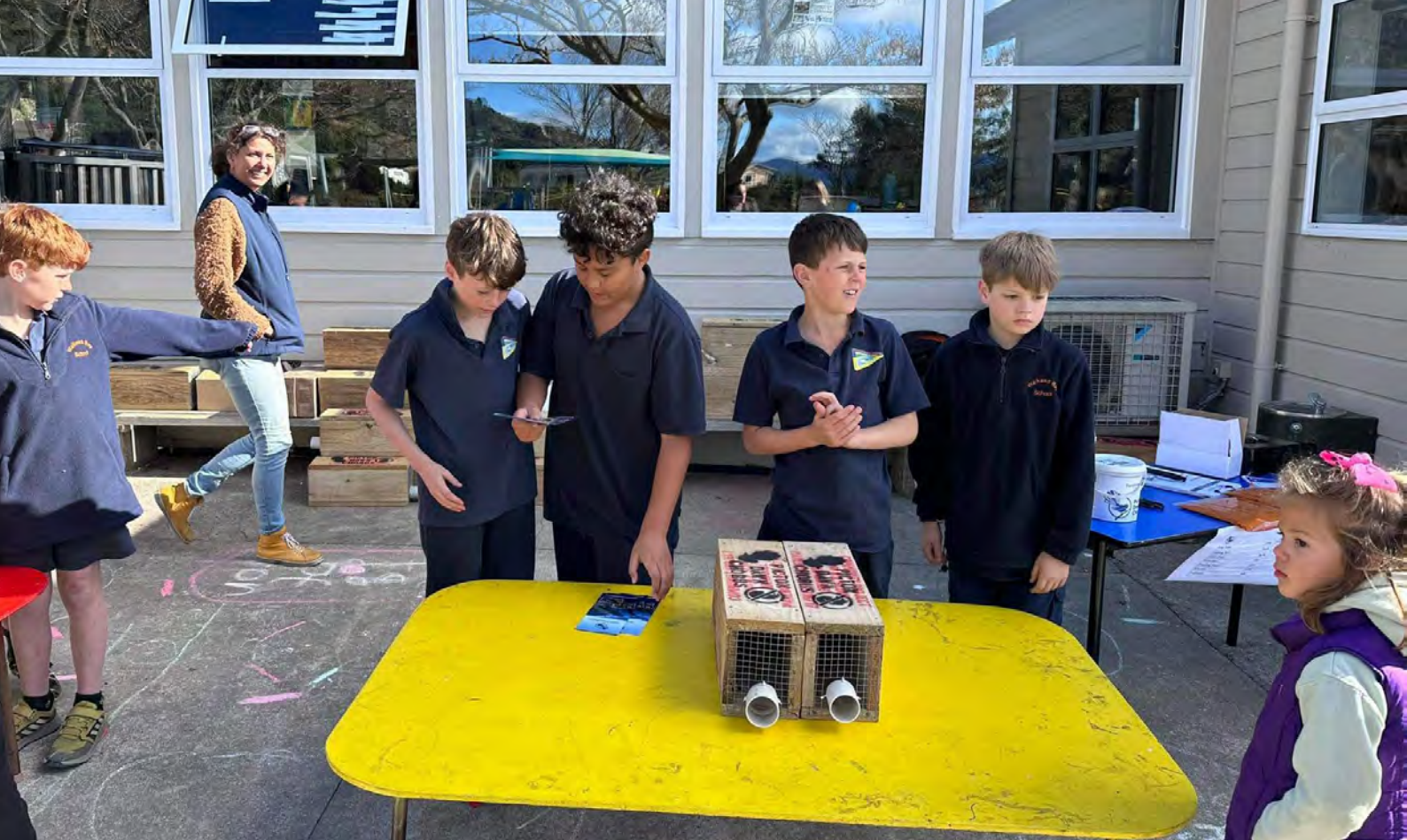
of eight albums and has collaborated with numerous national and international musicians. Her blending of folk, jazz and blues incorporates traditional Māori music forms singing in English and te Reo Māori.

Membership

Please consider supporting theatre in your community with an annual membership

Membership of Picton Little Theatre Incorporated Society supports our community theatre promote the live performing arts and bring culture to our town. It also enables you to vote at our AGM. \$25 incl GST for a year's membership.

<https://www.pictonlittletheatre.com/membership.html>



Picton Dawn Chorus

From students to trainers

By Jen Dunlop

Three terms of learning in the field has paid off for these enthusiastic, hard working young trappers. A group of year 5 & 6 students have been going out rain or shine to check their school trap line three times a week, with weekly support from Picton Dawn Chorus Urban Trapping Coordinator.

This involves checking and clearing the area, cleaning and re-baiting traps then setting the rat traps in the weka proof boxes. They also record all their data and share it with local community group Picton Dawn Chorus.

The students along with their teacher Miss Faulkner approached me with the idea to hold a community trapping demonstration. The students set up and ran the demonstration for their friends and family, showing the skills they had learnt throughout the year. Any people who were interested then came and collected



their traps for a koha from the team at Picton Dawn Chorus who were there on the day to support the school.



The afternoon was a great success, with help from Predator FreeNZ we gained a fantastic number of new Backyard Trappers.

Urban trapping plays an important role in our local area, supporting the work being done in the hills and surrounding areas by PDC volunteers and bush trapping staff.

Urban trapping in Picton and Waikawa is included in the "buffer block" protecting the "core block" of Kaipupu Point. The urban area includes the suburban gardens, parks and reserves within Picton and Waikawa. The urban area plays an important role by providing a diverse habitat and an abundant food supply for native species, working as a spillover site from Kaipupu Point and Victoria Domain, and providing an immigration buffer for pests.

The urban area is approximately 402ha in size and contains approximately 2,500 resident households.

Waikawa Bay School makes up 3ha of this project and as you can see from the graph below are definitely doing their bit to help our community become predator free.



Marlborough Nelson Marine Radio

Volunteers wanted

Are you looking for a volunteer position that you can undertake from home? Interested in boating? Radio? Or willing to learn?

The Marlborough-Nelson Marine Radio Association is looking for two additional volunteer marine VHF radio operators to take turns monitoring their radio channels, providing a valuable service to boaties in the Nelson/Marlborough area. Operators read weather forecasts and other safety information, answer calls, record vessel's trip and position reports, and can connect boaties to assistance they may require.

Volunteers who live in Picton (or Blenheim) would be best suited to this role as good radio reception is required. We'll provide all the radio equipment, plus training and ongoing support. If you are interested please call us on 03 573 8851 or email marineradio@xtra.co.nz.



<http://www.mmr.org.nz/>

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 admin@kaipupusanctuary.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. 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.marlboroughvehicletrust.org.nz

Picton Rail and Sail

Picton Rail and Sail operate model trains and yachts on the Picton Foreshore. This family facility and Picton treasure can only work with the help of volunteers who work on a roster system of three hour shifts. If you think you can help please email at railandsailpicton@gmail.com.



Marlborough Sounds Future Access Study wins national award

“This award reflects the extensive community engagement done to date. While we are not at the end of our journey, I am proud of the way Council has stepped up to face this challenge. I particularly want to acknowledge the Marlborough Sounds community for whom this long road to recovery continues and whose involvement in this study was critical and hugely valued,” Mayor Taylor said.

Council’s objective through the study has been to provide a safe and resilient transport network for residents, homeowners and businesses in affected areas of the Marlborough Sounds following damage from significant storm events in July 2021 and August 2022.

People were displaced from their homes due to the risk from slips and impacts on dwellings

following water damage, structural damage or land instability. Damage to the roading network and marine services again resulted in the isolation of numerous communities.

Thirty-two properties were red stickered and 63 yellow stickered due to the damage sustained in the August 2022 event, which was more extensive and widespread than the previous 2021 event. Most of these properties face high or moderate risk from on-going land instability. The transport repair programme is estimated to be in the order of \$234M.

The Marlborough Sounds is a rural area with a population that is up to four hours’ drive to the nearest main population centre, with many having their principal home outside of the region. Despite these challenges well over a thousand people engaged face-to-

face, alongside regular e-communication, videos, and well-designed documentation. Record numbers of people participated in two community surveys – over 900 and 1,700 respectively.

“The MSFAS is designed to provide long-term certainty for businesses and residents impacted by these storm events in the Sounds and considers the impacts of changes in weather patterns caused by climate change,” Mayor Taylor said.

“The aim is to map a pathway for the short-term while understanding the implications for the long term. It was identified early on

that the conversation about the long term was needed now. Residents and businesses have been vociferous in their demands for the reinstatement of the network. ”

The 532-page Programme Business Case prepared as a result of the community engagement process was recently submitted to Waka Kotahi for funding consideration.

For the full scope of Marlborough Sounds Future Access Study community engagement programme go to: www.marlborough.govt.nz/services/roads-and-transport/marlborough-sounds-future-access-study/2023-public-consultation-msfas

Stamp out fanworm before it establishes

Mediterranean Fanworm (*Sabella spallanzanii*) is an invasive marine pest that poses a huge threat to the Marlborough Sounds.

It can quickly form dense colonies out competing other organisms with tubes growing up to 80cm, producing up to 1,000 tubes per square metre. They grow predominately on hard surfaces including boat hulls, marine structures and the sea floor.

Fanworm has the potential to be costly to vessel owners, marine farmers and port companies as it can be very difficult and expensive to remove and can compete with mussels for food, Council’s Senior Biosecurity Officer Liam Falconer said.

“It’s already well established in Auckland, the upper North Island and Lyttleton, and therefore can easily arrive on boats coming here as we’ve seen in the past,” Liam said. “Fanworm can take hold quickly, if anyone suspects they have seen it, they should contact Council Biosecurity team immediately.”

Mediterranean fanworm has previously been detected in Marlborough following routine inspections by Council contracted divers. It has generally been found on boat hulls in areas missed with antifoul or in high wear areas where it had rubbed off Liam said.

“Our extensive surveillance programme has indicated we don’t have any established populations in Marlborough and the long-



term goal is to keep it that way,” he said. “It is an offence to knowingly bring Mediterranean fanworm into Marlborough.”

If you haven’t prepared your vessel correctly and you’re travelling to the upper north, it’s highly likely that you will bring fanworm home with you.

Working with the marine farming industry and marina operators was a valuable tool in preventing Mediterranean fanworm spread, Liam said.

Te Taihu Regional Events Fund reopens

If you've got an idea for an event that will encourage visitors to Marlborough, or you want to grow an existing event, the Te Taihu Regional Events Fund may be able to help.

In September 2020, Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment (MBIE) allocated \$1.5m to Marlborough, Nelson and Tasman to support the tourism and event sectors in response to Covid-19's impact on international tourism.

This enabled the creation of the Te Taihu Regional Events Fund to facilitate and fund events that drive visitation.

Marlborough's share of the \$1.5m is \$540,000 and until recently was fully allocated.

However, due to a change in requirements for some of the previously supported events, funding is available once again.

If you have a great new event idea that you need seed funding for or require financial support to help grow an existing event you are invited to apply by submitting an expression of interest.

For more information and to apply go to: <https://www.marlborough.govt.nz/recreation/events/te-taihu-regional-events-fund>

Please contact Samantha Young, Regional Events Advisor if you have any questions – events@marlborough.govt.nz or Ph: 03 520 7400.

Gum tree to be removed from Waitohi Domain

A Eucalyptus tree in poor health on Waitohi Domain in Picton will be removed to make way for a temporary bridge to support the Picton Ferry Terminal Precinct Redevelopment (iReX) project.

Council's Assets and Services Committee approved removal of the tree subject to full Council at a recent meeting on the condition that removal costs will be covered by Downer HEB JV, who are delivering the main construction works.

A suitable new tree will be planted at the end of the project.

"Once the iReX project is complete any green space areas affected by the construction works

will be restored to an agreed landscape plan in conjunction with Council and Te Atiawa, so this area will be improved in time," Manager Parks and Open Spaces Jane Tito said.

The tree is on the northern side of the park next to the Waitohi Stream and its removal will allow a temporary bridge to be built between Waitohi Domain and the KiwiRail works area to support the construction works related to the iReX project.

"Council met with Downer HEB JV to discuss the removal request. The tree is in poor health and after an independent assessment, an arborist has confirmed it is unlikely to recover so removal was recommended," Ms Tito said.

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 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
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
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 Boxing: 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, 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: 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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