

PICTON HAPPENINGS

Free Newsletter 02 August 2023

Looking For Alaska, 7.30pm - 9.30pm Thu 10 August

Picton Little Theatre presents Looking for Alaska, a folk-pop duo from Hamilton. Drawing from a diverse range of country, soul, folk and Māori influences, Aaron Gott and Amy Maynard perform hard hitting original music, their songs inspired by their life and travels; complete with exquisite that both whispers and roars. Aaron and Amy have released spent five weeks in the NZ album charts & was nominated for Best Debut Album at the Taite awards. Tickets available online from Eventfinda.

1 2 Convicts Ahoy!, 6.00pm - 10.00pm Sat 12 Aug

Join the Edwin Fox Maritime Museum to commemorate the convict voyage to Western Australia in 1858 and the unfortunate Indian Pale Ale saga. Theme: IPA Beer. Enjoy a glass of beer or two, cash bar, food available to purchase. Explore the museum and enjoy the convict talk by Edwin Fox Maritime Museum Manager. Tickets not required, R18 event, licensed bar.

Picton Historical Society AGM, 1.30pm Sun 13 Aug

The AGM of the Picton Historical Society will be held on Sunday 13th August 2023 at the Port Marlborough Pavilion starting at 1.30pm. All welcome.

Backyard Trappers Coffee Catch-up, 2.00pm Thurs 17 Aug

Picton Dawn Chorus welcomes everyone with an interest to the Backyard Trappers Coffee Catch Up at Le Cafe. Drop-in for a coffee.

23 A Cuppa With Your Councillors, 10.00am - 12.00pm Wed 23 Aug

Sounds-based MDC councillors Barbara Faulls, Raylene Innes and Ben Minehan, along with Māori Ward councillor Allanah Burgess are available for a drop-in chat each month. Come along to the Waitohi Whare Mātauranga - Picton Library and Service Centre where the councillors will be on-hand to provide advice and information and help with Council-related issues.

Daffodil Day Breakfast, 7.15am - 10.15am Wed 30 Aug

Raise funds for Marlborough Cancer Society at the Daffodial Breakfast at Seabreeze Cafe. \$30 per ticket with \$5 going to the Cancer Society here in Marlborough. See page 2.

Near and Far -Exhibition Preview, 5.30pm - 7.30pm Wed 30 Aug

Near and Far - New paintings by two prominent contemporary artists - Marlborough's Bridget Bidwill and Auckland artist Tony Lane. Meet the artists and preview the work at Diversion Gallery, London Quay, Picton.

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THE STORY OF GIDEON











Upcoming Changes for Incorporated Societies Act 2022

Want to know more?



Peter Orpin - Special Counsel (from Lane Neave law Firm) will talk you through key changes



When: 23 August 2023 6-8pm Where: Marlborough Events Centre

Registration:

https://events.humanitix.com/changes-for-incorporated-societies-workshop

lane neave.



marlborough.govt.nz

Celebrate Daffodil Day in Picton

Friday 25 August | 7.15am - 10.15am
Seabreeze Cafe

\$30 per ticket, includes a full breakfast with tea/coffee. \$5.00 from each ticket goes to Marlborough Cancer Society.

Tickets will be available at Seabreeze Cafe from mid August.



Picton Little Theatre

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Looking for Alaska



Thursday 10 August 7:30pm - 9.30pm. Tickets: Eventfinda \$25 + fees / Cash sales at Summit Real Estate Picton / \$30 door sales (if any available).

Looking for Alaska is a folk-pop duo from Hamilton. Drawing from a diverse range of country, soul, folk and Māori influences, Aaron Gott and Amy Maynard perform hard hitting original music, their songs inspired by their life and travels; complete with exquisite harmonies and acoustic guitar that both whispers and roars.

The duos' familiarity, closeness and authenticity is fuelled by their real-life romance, creating a magnetic performance style that captivates their audience time and time again.

Aaron Gott and Amy Maynard have been eight years as music tutors in schools around Hamilton, and are co-owners of The Porch recording studio in Hamilton. Amy Maynard is a singer, songwriter & multi-instrumentalist based in Hamilton. Amy and Aaron have been full-time professional musicians for the last 10 years, mainly working together in their indiefolk band Looking For Alaska. Aaron Gott is a singer, songwriter, multi-instrumentalist, music

producer and tutor based in Hamilton.

Aaron and Amy have released two albums, the first of which spent five weeks in the NZ album charts & was nominated for Best Debut Album at the Taite awards. They have also toured extensively, completing three headline tours of NZ, as well as tours of Australia & Europe, both international tours completed independently & completely self-funded. They have appeared at many notable festivals both here & overseas, including Auckland Folk Fest, Canterbury Folk Fest, Whare Flat folk fest, Hamilton Gardens Arts Fest & many more. They have opened for many notable musical acts, including Fly My Pretties, Herbs, L.A.B., French For Rabbits, and Tiny Ruins.

In 2021, Amy also entered Maori TV's 5 Minutes of Fame singing competition and won the group & solo female sections & has built a solid online following for her musical videos on Tik Tok where she has 33k followers.

Looking for Alaska website

Coming soon...

Tuesday 5 September - Austen Found



Friday 29 September - Fiona Pears Trio



www.pictonlittletheatre.com





Bait, set, check & win...

...a trip for 2 to Motuara Island

Do you have a trap in your garden?

submit your catch data for a chance to win a monthly spot prize and an entry into the grand prize draw.



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www.pictondawnchorus.nz

traps can be purchased from our shop at 14 Auckland Street

Cougar Line







Picton School

By Ed Roggeveen, Tumuaki

Our local story: "Our Sacred Stream, The Mighty Waitohi"

We are very excited about the publication of this book, written by our own Lianne Adams. It will be the key resource for our teaching in Aotearoa New Zealand Histories in term 3 (and beyond).

The launch of the book was held at Waikawa marae on 30 June with staff, children, whānau and various dignitaries in attendance.

The beautifully written and illustrated book can be purchased from the school or The Picton Bookshop on High Street.

Right: Lianne Adams







Picton Heritage & Whaling Museum



August notes from the Museum

By Mary Cooper

Please note the AGM of the Picton Historical Society will be held on Sunday 13th August 2023 at the Port Marlborough Pavilion starting at 1.30pm.

The cold weather in June made me think of the expression "to freeze the balls off a brass monkey". What was a brass monkey and where did the expression come from? It always sounded quite a rude expression to me. The Otago Motorcycle Club holds a Brass Monkey Rally every June. There are various explanations but the one that best fits is this one:

It is widely believed that a brass monkey is a brass tray used in naval ships during the Napoleonic Wars for the storage of cannonballs (piled up in a pyramid, e.g. right image). The theory goes that the tray would contract in cold weather, causing the balls to fall off.



So, what is a grease monkey, a monkey wrench and a monkey bridge to name just a few other uses of the word monkey? Makes you think doesn't it!

I have also been thinking about the High Street and all the shops that I used to know (main image). As I walk down the street, I say to myself – 48 used to be here; that used to be a butcher; that used to be a dress shop; Shell

garage and so on down memory lane! The advent of malls, supermarkets and chain stores has changed the face of Picton's retail area and that is only in the past 35 years that I have lived in this town. I am pleased that we do not see a Warehouse, McDonalds and other such stores here – yet.



While researching stories I am often amazed at the number of different ways the story comes to me. It may be embellished or partially true or variations on a theme. I recently asked what people knew about sharks said to have been held in a cage off Kaipupu Point. It appears it may be partially true, and I was told that it was dolphins that were kept in the bay where the Kaipupu wharf is. There may have been sharks there too, but it is believed it was an area netted off to hold dolphins. Visitors were

taken by boat to see them by launch operators. I was also told that the "greenies" twice cut the net and let the dolphins go. The story evolved further with the information that there used to be an aquarium, owned by Ross Hedge, on the corner of Wellington Street and Waikawa Road, where the Yacht Club Hotel is now.

On speaking to John Sullivan, he told me that he helped Ross Hedge with his aquarium and that they built wire netting to enclose the bay at the site of the present-day jetty on the Kaipupu Reserve and called it the Dolphin Pool. Ross kept only dolphins, but stingray sometimes worked their way through the net.

When the aquarium closed, some tanks were moved to Dolphin Pool. The aquarium held sea horses, dogfish, octopus, scarlet parrot fish and a variety of fish found in the Sounds and was very popular in its day.

Many thanks to John for talking to me and allowing me to have the aerial photograph of the Dolphin Pool (left, taken from a rope swing in the bay) and the one of him leaving the pool in his kayak (below). You can see the netting and the pontoon in the background.

It is interesting how stories of days gone by change. If you have brothers/sisters, ask them their recollections of a family event such as a holiday or get together and you will be amazed at the different memories each one has of the same event.



Volunteer Available: Fishing Buddy

Do you need a fishing partner. I am a 77 year old retired active male and live in Wairau Valley. I recently sold my own boat but would like to offer help to anyone requiring a boat buddy.



Contact Jack - T: 03 572 2827 E: maurjack@xtra.co.nz

Volunteer in Picton

We're bringing back our Volunteers page in the Picton Happenings. If you have a position that needs filling, please email the following details to

Nicola.Neilson@marlbrough.govt.nz.

- Group Name
- Volunteer role
- Job description (couple of sentences)
- Contact details
- Location
- Website









Engagement on Sounds transport network delivers over 1700 responses

The second phase of public engagement on the Marlborough Sounds Future Access Study wrapped up at 5.00 pm, 11 July.

The public were asked for their views on the 'emerging preferred option' and 'hazard adaptation pathway' and their estimated costs for each of the five storm-damaged areas of the Sounds, via a survey.

Throughout the engagement period, 500 people attended seven public drop-in sessions and an online webinar. The survey received at least 1,700 responses – the final number will be confirmed early next week. The data received from the community will now be analysed by Stantec as part of the business case development to be presented to Council later this year.

Acting Mayor David Croad said it was encouraging to see the level of interest in the study.

"It was clear from the engagement drop-in sessions and the number of surveys completed that people are passionate and concerned about the future transport network in the Sounds."

"This is the first time Marlborough has worked through such a complex Waka Kotahi business case process. The transport challenge facing the Sounds is significant and we appreciate everyone's willingness to embrace the engagement process."

"Getting constructive feedback about the different options and pathways strengthens our proposal for funding, and ensures we make the best decision possible for the Sounds, and the whole region."

Acting Mayor Croad said the project team will now analyse feedback from Marlborough residents and ratepayers gathered through the online survey. This feedback will inform the business case, which is scheduled to be finalised by the end of August 2023.

Council will then review and consider adoption of the final business case before providing it to Waka Kotahi for endorsement before the end of this year.

It is likely to be 2024 before Council will consult with all of Marlborough on the proposed options and costs through a special consultative process, before making a final decision. Waka Kotahi will then make a decision about its funding contribution.

It's hoped that a staged rebuild could begin at the end of 2024 in some areas.

Go to more information about the Marlborough Sounds Future Access Study and next steps on the project webpage

Swimming spots in Marlborough safe

Most of Marlborough's popular swimming spots have been given a clean bill of health.

All samples taken from Pukatea/Whites Bay, Waikutakuta/Robin Hood Bay, Waikawa Bay and the Wairau River at both the Blenheim Rowing Club and Ferry Bridge during the 2022/23 summer period showed bacteria levels deemed safe for swimmers.

Occasionally samples with unsafe bacteria concentrations were detected at Anakiwa, Picton Foreshore, Momorangi Bay, Waihopai River at Craiglochart, Taylor River at Riverlands and Rai River at Rai Falls, but these were often from surface run off after rainfall.

The annual recreational water quality report was presented to Council's Environment and Planning Committee.

Environmental Scientist Steffi Henkel said that despite generally good water quality, waterborne pathogens could occasionally pose a health risk, especially to those people with underlying health conditions.

Council monitored popular beaches and rivers during the summer period from November to March. Full monitoring results can be viewed at on the LAWA website.

Go to the LAWA website

While most spots were good, the Taylor River

and Picton Foreshore had an increased risk of bacteria concentrations.

"Water in urban areas has the poorest quality because it is subject to greater pressure," Ms Henkel said. "But the quality can quickly change and is often the result of rainfall."

Ngakuta Bay showed an improvement since the previous season.

Sites will be monitored next season, with the possible inclusion of Okiwi Bay and Mistletoe Bay.

Soft plastic recycling returns

Start saving your bread and cereal bags - soft plastic recycling has returned to Blenheim.

After a five-year lapse, clean and soft plastic is once again being collected at points around Blenheim including Countdown Blenheim and Redwoodtown, the Warehouse, New World, as well as the Marlborough Hazardous Waste Centre.

Plastic collected will be processed at Future Post's new Blenheim plant and recycled into fence posts for use on local farms and vineyards.

Mayor Nadine Taylor says the reintroduction of soft plastic recycling in Marlborough is exciting, and more so because the plastic collected will be recycled locally.

"It's great to see soft plastic recycling bins back in stores across the district, and even better that the plastic collected here will be processed, and recycled into other products, right here in Blenheim," she said. "It's an excellent example of local businesses working together to reduce our collective impact on the environment."

Soft Plastic Recycling Scheme Manager Lyn Mayes said there had already been an incredible response from Marlborough people since the distinctive recycling bins returned last month.

"We knew the return to the region would be popular and the additional processing capacity that Future Post's new operation offers made it possible for us to start again," she said.

All plastic must be soft and clean and includes items such as frozen food packets, courier bags and dry pet food bags.

Go to a full list on the soft plastic recycling website

Culling feral goats in Essons Valley

Picton's large feral goat population will be the target of a recreational hunting campaign in the Essons Valley and Waitohi water catchment.

DOC has asked Council for recreational hunting with firearms to be allowed in the area where such hunting has previously not been allowed.

At last week's Assets and Services Committee meeting Reserves and Amenities Officer Kiri Whiteman said it was proposed to engage an experienced contractor to undertake a targeted goat cull as well as allowing in recreational hunters to get on top of increasing goat numbers.

"DOC considers recreational hunting with firearms as a useful control method," she said. "Controls for public safety will be put in place."

Permit applications will be subject to vetting by Picton Police and hunts will be monitored. A maximum of six hunting permits would be issued a year with two hunters per hunting party.

No hunting would be allowed during the Christmas period or when events or significant works were taking place.

Those approved would be required to hunt with a handheld GPS and would not be

allowed to hunt within 200 metres of residential areas, walking tracks, public spaces or water catchment areas.

Councillor Scott Adams said he encouraged the safe and responsible use of firearms and supported allowing recreational hunters into the area.

Brightening up Marlborough streets through cabinet art

Cabinet art is coming to Marlborough and now is the time for artists to get designing.

Chorus is partnering with Council to beautify six cabinets across the district and artists are encouraged to submit designs before the deadline of 31 August.

Chorus Community Relations Manager Jo Seddon said it made sense to partner with local councils as they knew their communities.

"We are thrilled to be working with Marlborough District Council and we're really looking forward to seeing what local artists come up with to reflect their community's stories," she said.

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

Mayor Nadine Taylor is pleased to welcome the cabinet art programme to Marlborough.

"This is our first year managing the Chorus Cabinet Art Programme and we're excited to work with the local community to bring creativity to our streets," she said.



Submissions are open until 31 August and the winning design will be chosen from entries received.

Go to more information on the Chorus website

Go to current nationwide murals on the Chorus website

Council meetings

The following meeting is open to the public and anyone is welcome to attend. A copy of the agenda will be available online and at Council's Office, 15 Seymour Street.

Council

Thursday 10 August 2023 at 9.00 am

The time and date may be subject to change, please contact the Committee Secretary, Ph: 03 520 7400 for confirmation.

A cuppa with your councillors

Council's Sounds-based councillors are available for a drop-in chat each month from 20 July.

Come along to the Waitohi Whare Mātauranga/Picton Library and Service Centre on a Thursday each month, from 10.00 am until midday.

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.



Councillors: Barbara Faulls, Allanah Burgess, Raylene Innes and Ben Minehan.

Where: Picton Library and Service Centre When: 10.00 am to midday on Thursday 24 August; 21 September; 26 October and 23 November 2023





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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 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

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THURSDAY

Picton Playcentre: 9.30am-Noon, 5 Waitohi Place

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

If you would like to add an event to this listing or make an amendment please call Nicci Neilson on 027 262 9024 or email nicola. neilson@marlborough.govt.nz