

PICTON HAPPENINGS

Free Newsletter 05 July 2023

Mākete o te Pō, 2.00pm - 6.00pm Fri 7 July

Nau mai, haere mai! Join us at Waikawa Marae for He Mākete o te Pō, in celebration of Matariki. Local stalls selling arts and crafts, information tents, entertainment, Tamariki activities available, including a bouncy castle. Spot prizes to be won. Free admission more information contact Yvonne Skipper on 021 033 2364.

Sticky Church, 4.00pm - 6.00pm Sun 9 July

Do you believe in miracles? You're invited to Sticky Church at Picton Baptist Church, 293 Waikawa Road. Enjoy stories, craft, food, games, and songs. Fun for all ages and a free event. Children please bring a grown up. Phone or text 021 253 5511 for more information.

Family Movie Time, 2.00pm - 4.00pm Tue 11 July

Picton library. Come and join us for a family friendly movie. It's free and everyone is welcome.

Community Grants Information Clinic, 10.00am - 12.00pm **Tues 18 July**

The 2023-24 Marlborough District Council Community Grants are open and will close 8am Monday 14 August. Come along to the Picton Library and ask any questions about the grants process or your application. Enquiries regarding grants gets very busy and we are aware it's often hard to get hold of council staff. No appointment needed, just come with your application information and login details. For more information see page 13.

Linkwater School Gala and Auction Night, 6.00pm -10.30pm Sat 29 July

Put on your best clothes and come dinner and glass of bubbles. Grab a deal on one of our awesome night away. This is a fundraising event for Linkwater School. Drinks available to purchase from the bar, courtesy van running between Havelock, Moetapu Bay, Booking Website: **Buy Tickets.** Pricing: \$75.00. Contact phone: 03 574 2507

Kaipupu Sanctuary AGM, 3.00pm -**5.30pm Sun 30 July**

Kaipupu Point Mainland Island Society Inc 2023 Annual General Meeting at Queen Charlotte Yacht Club. Join us to hear about the successes of the past year and plans for the next one. AGM by refreshments and socialising. Phone 0272 880 503 for further

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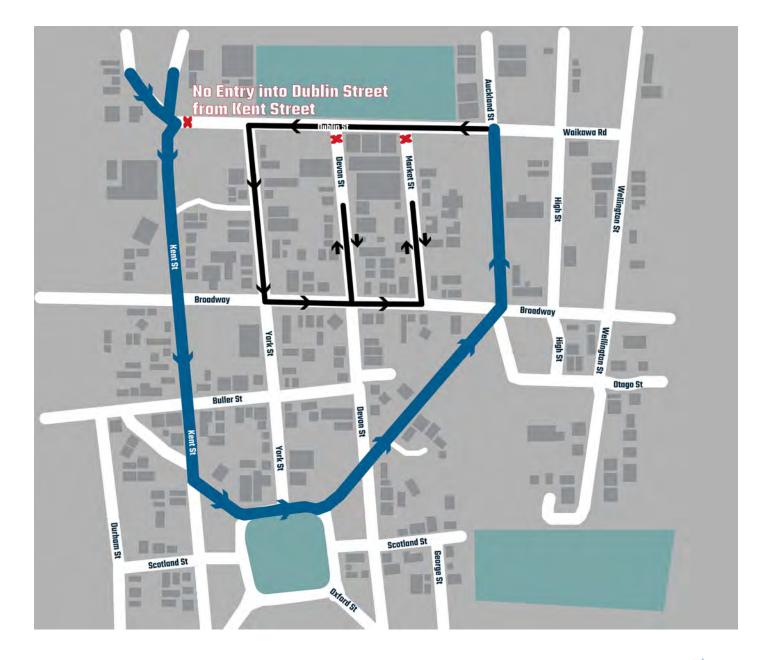
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iReX Project

By Diane Livingston

This week work gets underway on the Dublin Street overbridge which means upcoming road closures.

From Monday through to the end of July Dublin Street will be one lane with single direction traffic running east to west between Auckland and Kent Streets. This is so that the construction team can complete work to relocate pipes and get the site ready. See the detour map below.

From 1 August Dublin Street is closed to traffic and pedestrians for approximately 20 months to enable the construction of the Dublin Street overbridge. For safety reasons Broadway will close to through traffic. You can see the 1



August traffic detour plan on the iReX website.

Once complete the Dublin Street overbridge will create a key connection for the town, allowing vehicles, walkers and cyclists to move safely and easily between the town centre and port area. It has been designed carefully to feature a dedicated lane for pedestrians and cyclists, with urban design and greenery reflecting the cultural story and landscape of Waitohi Picton.

This is all part of the redevelopment of the new terminal to accommodate Interislander's two new purpose built ferries, and create an amazing gateway for Waitohi Picton.

MĀNAWATIA A MATARIKI He Mākete o te pō

MATARIKI | JULY 7TH, 2023 | 2 PM - 6 PM | WAIKAWA MARAE

Nau mai, haere mai!

Join us to celebrate our community and Matariki at Waikawa Marae.

Local stalls selling arts and crafts, information tents, entertainment, and of course - delicious kai!

Matariki activities for our tamariki and an exhibition showcasing our amazing people.

Free entry and car parking available.

Matariki hunga nui

If you would like to be a stall holder please contact Yvonne Skipper on 021-033-2364 or admin@waikawamarae.com and to provide support or donate a spot prize please contact Tania Cameron on 027-202-0144



WELCOMING NEW ENROLMENTS

for rūma Weka (Under 2s). Spaces available Please contact 03 5737289 or email info@pictonearlylearning.co.nz

We value relationships, rich learning environment with high kaiako to tamariki ratios, bi-cultural partnerships and our local curriculum that values our tamariki passions and interests.





MIRACLES?

YOU'RE INVITED TO STICKY CHURCH STORY «CRAFT « FOOD « GAMES « SONGS

SUNDAY 9 JULY
4-6PM
PICTON BAPTIST
293 WAIKAWA RD
FUN FOR ALL AGES.
FREE EVENT.
CHILDREN PLEASE
BRING A GROWNUP.
PHONE OR TEXT
0212535511 FOR
MORE INFO.



Kaipupu Point Mainland Island Society Inc 2023 Annual General Meeting

Sunday July 30th, 3-5.30 pm Queen Charlotte Yacht Club Join us to hear about the successes of the past year and plans for the next one.

AGM starts promptly at 3pm followed by refreshments and socialising.

Phone 0272 880 503 for further information.

Picton Wine Club

Next Tasting

Ka Tahi Wines

Presented by Wayne Leadbetter

Food matches from Le Cafe



Picton Little Theatre
Friday 7th July 6.15pm
\$25.00 | Couples \$40.00 | Nonmembers \$30

All welcome but bookings are essential. E: pictonwineclubbookings@gmail.com or contact Bruce on 027 346 2130

Picton Rail and Sail

May round up

By Brian Morris



In the glory days of rail, hundreds of carriages were built in New Zealand, mostly at Addington Workshops. Where did they go when their working days were over? Some were recycled into sheds, barns, baches, cribs - even camp ground huts. Have a look in our own backyard: at Alexander's Holiday Park you will find several former railway carriages repurposed into very comfy, reasonably-priced accommodation – feeling right at home tucked beneath the Southern Main Trunk Line Viaduct heading out of Picton (above).



A lucky few received a more luxurious makeover, becoming boutique accommodation. We have personal experience of staying in two: the first, pretty much down the road at Hapuku (north of Kaikoura) Hapuku Carriages https://www.hapukucarriages.co.nz/. This carriage, named Kereru (above), was actually a guard's



van built in 1921 and after its "rail retirement", it was used as shearers' quarters on a Waiau farm. Removed and renovated in 2007, it now sits on a block of land between the Kaikoura Ranges and the Pacific; and you can still hear trains passing in the night!

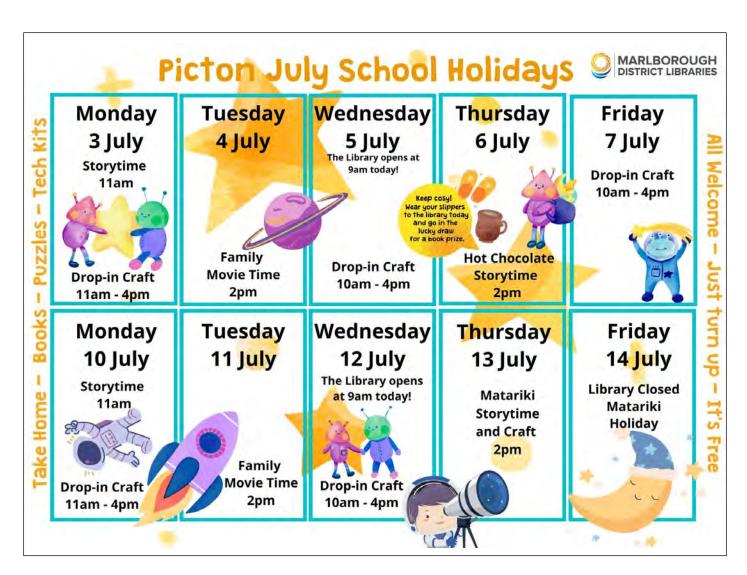


The second is up north (above) – the Ōkaihau Railstay www.okaihaurailstay.co.nz – where the carriages also have names: Miss J, Earle, Bruce.

Ōkaihau was a bustling town with hundreds of workers who built the rail line north of Whangārei. When sealed roads (and more people owning cars to travel on them) reduced rail traffic, so too did railway towns like this shrink, and Ōkaihau's population is now only 324. However, being at the highest point (320m above sea level) on the 87km Twin Coast Cycle Trail, it's a great overnighter with downhill in both directions: 28km to Hokianga, 59km to Paihia.

Historic Ōkaihau (Feast of the Winds) is at the heart of the area where Aotearoa New Zealand's Māori/European journey together begins.

Picton Rail and Sail railandsailpicton@gmail.com







Picton Library











Picton Heritage & Whaling Museum

July notes from the Museum

By Mary Cooper

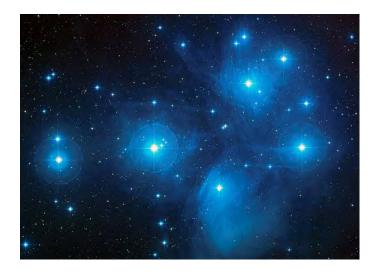
18-24 June was National Volunteer Week and we would like to take this opportunity to thank all our volunteers. Picton is a town with many volunteers involved in the community, and what a difference they make.

It is sad to note that St Joseph's is to be demolished, but at the same time not a surprise. Churches throughout the land are closing or changing function. The Catholic church has had a presence in Picton since the 1860s and continues to provide services at St Joseph's School. The sight of the red bricks of St Joseph's as you drive into Picton, will be missed. I understand much of the interior of the building has been saved as has the beautiful stained-glass windows.

June was a busy month in Picton with the Masters Rowing Championships and the Mid-Winter Swim keeping the town busy. Picton has long been noted for its rowers so it is not a surprise to see that Masters continue to compete on our harbour. Watching the

swimmers from the museum balcony I recalled something about a swimming pool on the Picton Foreshore at the site of the Queen Charlotte Yacht Club (above). Swimming in a pool started about 1888 but when the old pool fell into disrepair new bathing pools were constructed and opened in 1911. However, by the 1930s the popularity of the pool declined with people preferring to swim in the sea. About this time the Picton Sailing Club (Queen Charlotte Yacht Club) made application to convert the pool to a clubhouse.

Friday, July 14 is the day we celebrate Matariki. Historically, Matariki was usually celebrated for a period of days during the last quarter of the moon of the lunar month Pipiri (around June). The ceremony involved viewing the individual stars for forecasts of the year to come, mourning the deceased of the past year, and making an offering of food to replenish the stars. Matariki refers to the group of stars known in Greek mythology as the Pleiades



(above left and right). The names given to the stars may be familiar to you if you have read Lucinda Riley's novels about the Seven Sisters.

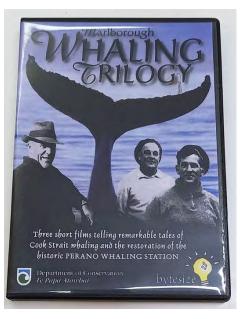
This is also the time of year when a census of whales and dolphins is held (below image). The Cetacean Census is a Canadian inspired event to assess the health of the local population of these creatures. You can follow and note your sightings at this



Facebook page: https://www.facebook.com/groups/554312507954499.

I recall going out with DOC in 2004 to watch the whale count through Cook Strait. The retired whalers where "spotting" and were very competitive in who saw what first! A DVD on Whaling is available at the museum (below right).







Picton Heritage & Whaling Museum Tel: 03-573-8283

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www.pictonmuseum-newzealand.com





Te Kahu o Waipuna officially opened by Acting Prime Minister

Te Kahu o Waipuna - Marlborough's Library and Art Gallery was officially opened this morning by Acting Prime Minister Hon Carmel Sepuloni following a mihi whakatau by Rangitāne o Wairau, Ngāti Toa Rangatira and Ngāti Rārua iwi representatives.

MP for Te Tai Tonga Hon Rino Tirikatene also attended the opening ceremony.

Mayor Nadine Taylor gave special thanks to tangata whenua iwi Rangitāne o Wairau for their gifting the name to the new building.

Kaiwhakahaere Matua (General Manager) of Rangitāne o Wairau, Corey Hebberd said the iwi sought to acknowledge the past, present and future in gifting the name Te Kahu o Waipuna.

"A kahu is a traditional Māori cloak and denotes the metaphorical embracing of people. Waipuna references the puna (spring water) that rise to the northwest of Blenheim and feeds the river that flows past this facility."

"Waipuna is also the mother of Rangitāne. Through the generations, her descendants have built pā and gardens along the waterways around which the town was constructed," he said.

"I want to acknowledge our whānau who have generously offered their mātauranga to give this beautiful ingoa to Marlborough's newest piece of civic and social infrastructure," Mr Hebberd said.

Mayor Taylor also acknowledged the

Government's support for the new facility with an \$11 million grant from the Covid-19 Response and Recovery Fund.

"This wonderful new civic building has been 10 years in the making and is now a hub of knowledge, information and activity for both locals and visitors to Blenheim," Mayor Taylor said.

"This is one of the most significant projects ever undertaken by Council and has been the work of many hands - we are thrilled with the result," she said.

"Since it opened its doors on 12 May more than 60,000 people have visited the multipurpose venue. It's fantastic to see it being so well utilised by our community." "I also want to acknowledge the vision and hard work of previous councils stretching back over a decade, particularly former mayors John Leggett and Alistair Sowman; former Deputy Mayor Terry Sloan and former Councillor Cynthia Brooks."

"Special thanks to architects Warren and Mahoney, Robinson Construction and the many subcontractors who worked tirelessly on the project for two years."

Marlborough Art Gallery Trustee Rick Osborne noted that since 2016 the project has moved from a dream, to a possibility, and finally to a reality. "The reality has exceeded the dream and we are now able to deliver accessible art for all to enjoy," Mr Osborne said.

Council adopts 2023-24 Annual Plan

Marlborough District Council has adopted its 2023-24 Annual Plan, setting a rates increase of 7.97 per cent.

Mayor Nadine Taylor said it is always challenging for Council to manage the community's desire for increased levels of service and project funding, whilst keeping a lid on rates increases, especially in the current economic climate.

"I'm very aware of the cost of living pressures on households and recognise this is still a relatively high rates increase," Mayor Taylor said.

In preparation for consultation, Council reviewed its user pays fees and reduced expenditure where possible. "To reduce the impact on ratepayers we have increased resource consenting, environmental health and building control fees. I believe this is a fairer way of spreading costs and it will save ratepayers over \$1 million."

"I am pleased to say that we have been able to maintain levels of service across our wonderful community facilities and key services with no reductions or cuts. We will also continue our significant capital expenditure programme focused on core infrastructure needs, primarily roading, sewerage and water treatment."

The rates increase includes one-off grant

funding of \$31,462 for the Marlborough Stadium Trust and a \$100,000 funding increase for the Marlborough Art Gallery to improve services to the community.

Mayor Taylor thanked the 77 submitters for taking the time to provide feedback on Council's 2023-24 Annual Plan consultation document.

A number of submitters' proposals will be referred to the relevant committee, while many of those who submitted on community projects will be advised to apply to the Community Grants Scheme.

A number of submitters spoke about the condition of local community halls. Council will undertake a stocktake of halls throughout Marlborough to determine the scale and priority of work required, as part of a strategic review of these important community assets.

"It's important for Councillors to hear from their community and the Annual Plan process provides an opportunity for everyone to be involved and heard. We value the feedback and new ideas brought to us and every submission was given full consideration during the decision making process," she said.

The new rates came into effect on 1 July 2023.

Picton bus service becomes permanent, Renwick route ends on 1 July

From Saturday 1 July the Picton bus service became a permanent public transport option while the Renwick service will cease operation.

The trial for the Picton service began in 2019 and initially aimed to have a minimum of 192 passengers a month.

Assets and Services Committee Chair David Croad said the numbers speak for themselves with the service averaging 257 passengers a month in the last financial year - "a great result."

"Due to the demand for this service Council, through this year's Annual Plan, has agreed to allocate \$29,400 to make the Picton to Blenheim return bus service permanent.

"Obviously there is a real need for people to travel on public transport between Picton and Blenheim and it's great to see the community jumping on board. I encourage more people to consider this option when travelling between Picton and Blenheim in future," he said.

The Picton service runs two return trips on Tuesday and Thursday, between 9.00 am and 3.00 pm and costs \$4 for an adult fare or \$2 for a child/teen (5-18 years) fare, each way. Those with SuperGold cards and children under 5 years of age travel for free.

Council has also approved, subject to ratification, \$28,000 for the Total Mobility Scheme which provides a service for people

who are unable to use buses because of a disability. This funding means those using the service will now pay one-quarter of the total fare cost, rather than one-half. The difference will continue to be funded by central Government.

"This is great news for the 1400 people who have met the eligibility criteria in our community who rely on this transport service," Clr Croad said. "The subsidised service introduced by central Government following the Covid-19 pandemic resulted in an upswing in usage and it's wonderful that we can support our community by continuing this service."

While these services have been made permanent, the Blenheim to Renwick service will cease operation on Friday 30 June.

Councillor Croad said due to a significant decline in patronage the Renwick bus service is no longer financially viable. The service, which began as a trial in 2020, offered four trips on a Tuesday and Thursday, and two trips on a Saturday. One of its stops was at Marlborough Airport.

"Following a decline in passengers Council reviewed the service in 2021 but decided to extend the trial due to Covid-19. "Unfortunately the numbers haven't increased and Council cannot continue to subsidise a service that isn't being used," Councillor Croad said.

Future of Work conference inspires students

Fifteen hundred students attended the Future of Work conference held in June at the ASB Theatre and Marlborough Events Centre.

The event featured over 40 industries, 80 businesses and higher education providers, all with the goal of inspiring students and opening their eyes to new opportunities and career pathways.

Guest speakers including keynote speaker Jazz Thornton spoke to the students, sharing messages about their options after high school and the career paths available to them.

Mayor Nadine Taylor attended and said it was a brilliant opportunity for young people to see for themselves the range of jobs and careers on offer in Marlborough, and learn more about further education.

"From construction to aeronautics, health to Police and the Defence Force, and a range of career paths at Council, as well as a myriad of other business and industry options, the day was a great way to connect with young people."

The Graeme Dingle Foundation Marlborough has run the conference since 2019 in partnership with Council.

This year's event, merging Marlborough

Boys' and Girls' Colleges' career fairs, was free to students, with funding from the Rātā Foundation, Lotteries Community Fund and OneFortyOne.

Community Grants Information Clinic - Picton

Come along and ask any questions about the grants process or your application.

The 2023-24 Marlborough District Council Community Grants are open and will close 8am Monday 14 August.

Enquiries regarding grants gets very busy and we are aware it's often hard to get hold of staff due to the number of meetings we attend. In response we are holding Grant Information Clinics in Blenheim and Picton.

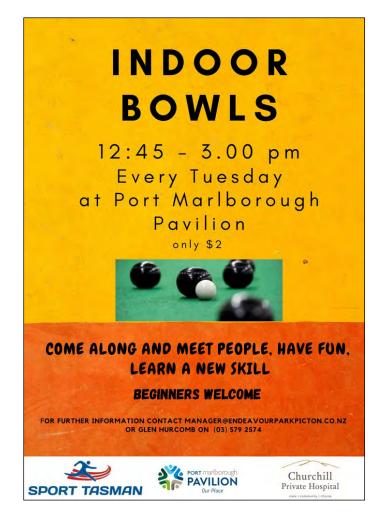
Tuesday 18 July; 10am – 12pm (Picton Library)

No appointment needed, just come with your application information and login details.

As always, we cannot stress enough how important it is to submit your application early ... do not leave it until the final week! Applications submitted early allow us to review them and seek extra information or clarifications.

You can direct any questions to the grantapplications@marlborough.govt.nz.

The application form and information sheet can be found on Council's website https://www.marlborough.govt.nz/our-community/grants-and-awards/marlborough-district-council-community-grants





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,

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 Picton Bowling Club:12.45pm , 25 Kent Street

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