



# PICTON HAPPENINGS

Free Newsletter

06 December 2023

**09** **Community Riparian Planting Day, 9.30am - 12.30am Sat 9, Sun 10, Sat 16, Sun 17 December**

Join Picton Dawn Chorus/Kaipupu Sanctuary for a series of community planting weekends. See page 9 for more information.

**10** **CKNZ Explore Nature, 10.00am - 2.00pm Sun 10 December**

Join Conservation Kids NZ to celebrate tamariki and explore the many habitats of Momorangi Bay. Pack a picnic and your togs and bring the whole family along. Grab a Momorangi Bay passport on the day. See page 6.

**15** **Summer Reading Programme, 9.00am - 6.00pm Fri 15 November**

The Library Summer Reading Programme is here again! This popular programme is free and is for children aged 5 to 12 years old. Registration opens Friday 15 December, parents or caregivers simply need to visit the library - children do not need to be present. Those who register will receive a folder where reading is recorded. Complete 3 pizza segments to claim prize 1. See page 11 and 12.

**31** **New Years Eve Picton 7.00pm Sun 31 December**

Pure Events Marlborough are delighted to be bringing back Marlborough's New Years Eve Celebration to the Picton Foreshore. Picton will ignite at night with a huge party, free of charge and all welcome. See page 9.

**16** **A Summer of Free Music in the Sounds, 4.00pm - 8.00pm Sat 16 January**

A Summer of Free Music in the Marlborough Sounds, Live at the Queen Charlotte Tavern, every Saturday from 4pm starting on 16 January, 1162 Queen Charlotte Drive, Linkwater. Phone: 03-574 2507 for more information.

**17** **Pirate School, 11.00am - 2.00pm Wed 17 - Sat 20 January**

Pirate school is back and kids are free with a full paying adult. Check out the boatshed arts and crafts, dress like a pirate, eat like a pirate and have lots of piratey fun! NB: the ship is undergoing preservation work and not accessible at this time. Additional pop up exhibitions are open. Gold coin entry on Saturday for Maritime Festival.

**19** **Picton Maritime Festival, Fri 19 to Sat 20 January**

The Picton Maritime Festival runs for two days. Friday is the day locals are invited to perform. This year they have all ages performing from 7 year old's through to 80+. Starting at 4pm and going through to 9.30pm. The local band "The Grumpy Monkeys" will be performing for the last hour. Saturday is a wonderful family fun day where families can meet up and enjoy watching or participating in the events that run throughout the day. Bring your deck chair and rug and find a space for your whānau and friends. The festival is free to enter. Watch out for the programme on the festival website and facebook page [www.maritimefestivalpicton.com](http://www.maritimefestivalpicton.com).

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# Kaipūpū Sanctuary

## Why on earth would I be a guide for Kaipūpū Sanctuary?

By Mark Colson

Haven't we got an amazing asset in the Kaipūpū Sanctuary? A mainland island with a terrific story of regeneration of native bush and the restoration of birdlife all brought about by the foresight of an army of volunteers.

I am always proud to point out to visitors in Picton that just across the water, on the western side of Picton Harbour, there is a picturesque track that skirts a peninsula of old and new native forest singing with Korimako and Tui alongside the Fantail and Warbler, to name some of the resident birds.

Putting my money where my mouth was, so to speak, I answered a call to act as a guide for tourists from Cruise ships or Tours that come to the area. Anna and the Kaipūpū Sanctuary team provided me with plenty of training: there are reference resources, a checklist of briefing points, a safety training update, we had practice trips and

an opportunity to go with a more experienced guide to help build up confidence.

After the handful of tours that I have now done I can happily say that guiding around the Kaipūpū Sanctuary is a fun thing to do. The tourists genuinely want to be there and appreciate any stories or points of interest along the way. Initially there is a sense of trepidation that you may be asked a difficult question, but it doesn't seem to happen or you simply explain that you don't know – no worries!

What nicer way is there to spend a morning or afternoon than guiding a group around a truly beautiful part of New Zealand, it is rewarding being able to share the history of Kaipūpū Sanctuary and point out the future possibilities of a predator free New Zealand.

Kaipūpū Sanctuary is looking for more Kaipūpū

guides for the summer, and I would strongly recommend having a chat with them to join the 'guiding' team.

Please contact [admin@kaipupusanctuary.nz](mailto:admin@kaipupusanctuary.nz) if you are interested.



Kaipūpū Sanctuary  
Picton Environment Centre  
14 Auckland Street  
Waitohi/Picton  
[www.kaipupusanctuary.nz](http://www.kaipupusanctuary.nz)

## Cruise Schedule 2023/24



Vessel	Arrival	Departure	Berth	PAX
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, 16:00	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
Silver Muse	Sat, 30 Dec 2023, 05:30	Sat, 30 Dec 2023, 21:00	Waitohi West	596
Majestic Princess	Sat, 30 Dec 2023, 05:30	Sat, 30 Dec 2023, 18:00	Waimahara	4,000
Norwegian Spirit	Mon, 01 Jan 2024, 04:30	Mon, 01 Jan 2024, 16:00	Waimahara	2,018
Silver Whisper	Tue, 02 Jan 2024, 05:30	Tue, 02 Jan 2024, 20:00	Waitohi West	326
Pacific Explorer	Sat, 06 Jan 2024, 04:30	Sat, 06 Jan 2024, 15:00	Waimahara	1,988
Resilient Lady	Mon, 08 Jan 2024, 07:30	Mon, 08 Jan 2024, 17:00	Waimahara	2,770
Star Breeze	Wed, 10 Jan 2024, 05:30	Wed, 10 Jan 2024, 16:30	Waitohi West	160
Le Laperouse	Fri, 12 Jan 2024, 04:30	Fri, 12 Jan 2024, 13:00	Waitohi West	160
Majestic Princess	Fri, 12 Jan 2024, 05:30	Fri, 12 Jan 2024, 18:00	Waimahara	4,000
Crystal Symphony	Sat, 13 Jan 2024, 05:30	Sat, 13 Jan 2024, 16:00	Waimahara	848
Star Breeze	Sat, 13 Jan 2024, 07:30	Sun, 14 Jan 2024, 21:00	Waitohi West	160
Azamara Journey	Tue, 16 Jan 2024, 05:30	Tue, 16 Jan 2024, 17:00	Waitohi West	660
Resilient Lady	Tue, 16 Jan 2024, 08:30	Tue, 16 Jan 2024, 20:00	Waimahara	2,770
Seabourn Odyssey	Fri, 19 Jan 2024, 05:30	Fri, 19 Jan 2024, 18:00	Waitohi West	450
Le Laperouse	Sat, 20 Jan 2024, 10:30	Sat, 20 Jan 2024, 19:00	Waitohi West	160

NB. Schedules do change, for the most upto date and accurate information visit <https://www.portmarlborough.co.nz/cruise-ship-schedule/>

# 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!

### DISCOVER EXPLORE SNORKEL



Natural habitats



Native Bush



with Experiencing Marine Reserves

Pack a picnic  
& your togs!

**NEW**  
Date

**10TH DEC  
2023**

10am-2pm  
Momorangi Bay

**FREE**

Bring the whole family along!

Grab one of our Momorangi Bay  
Passports on the day - see how  
many habitats you can explore!

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# Picton School

## Picton School Fun Run



By Ed Roggeveen, Tumuaki

Picton School held its first Colour Run on Monday 27 November. We engaged the services of School Fun-Run NZ who provided the online platform for fundraising, the prizes for the children, and the colour.

Children ran in year groups around the course at school, being thoroughly drenched with from water pistols and the Picton Fire Brigade before being liberally covered with coloured powder.

There was then sausages, ice cream, ice blocks and juices for sale, thanks to an extremely generous donation from Picton 4 Square.

Just over \$3,700 was raised for the school which will help pay for new markings on our courts.

A massive thanks to Pete Seddon at 4 Square who also organised the Fire Brigade who were generous with their time and helped ensure a lot of fun was had! Thanks also to all whānau who came along and helped on the day, to the

community for sponsoring the children, Lora Crapper for her behind-the-scenes work and lending us the gazebo and to Fiona, the Presiding Member of the Picton School Board who did the organising with School Fun-Run NZ to get the event going.



# Introducing Katie Talbot – the new Tumuaki of Waitohi/Picton School

By Katie Talbot

E rere taku manu ki te tihi o Tititea  
*My bird flies to the summit of Mt Aspiring*

Rere iho taku manu mā te awa o Kawarau  
*My bird descends via the Kawarau River*

Tau ana taku manu ki te whenua o Ōtākou  
*My bird pauses on the land that is Central Otago*

Nō Tāmaki Makaurau au  
*I was born in Auckland*

I tipu ake au ki Tauranga, kātahi ka neke au ki  
Whakatū  
*I grew up in Tauranga then moved to Nelson*

E noho ana au ki Ōtautahi tōku kāinga ināianei  
*I live in Christchurch at the moment*

Ka haere au ki Waitohi  
*I will be moving to Picton soon!*

Kei te whakahihi au, he kaiako au  
*I am really proud to be a teacher*

Ko Katie Talbot tōku ingoa  
*My name is Katie Talbot*

Ka nui te mihi  
*Lovely to meet you*

Nō reira, tēnā koutou, tēnā koutou, tēnā rā tātou  
katoa.

Kia ora everyone, my name is Katie Talbot and I am so very excited to be joining your wonderful school here in Picton. I can't wait to get to know you all, learn about the things that are special to you and your whānau, and have lots of fun learning together!

A little bit about myself; I grew up rurally in Katikati before moving to sunny Nelson with my whānau, most recently living in Christchurch enjoying all the region has to offer. I have explored some of the very best hidden places around Aotearoa New Zealand. I love to walk in the mountains, swim in the lakes, and find favourite coffee spots.

In my spare time I love to play the guitar, make pottery, go for a run in the sun, or a spin class,

grow vegetables in my garden and plan exciting adventures. I have travelled to lots of wonderful places in the world, and have been very lucky to meet kind hearted, adventurous, and brave people wherever I have put my feet.

I am excited about authentic, local, hands-on learning that empowers our children to be connected to their place, know themselves and understand that they are capable of great things in our communities, and well equipped for every opportunity that comes their way. I love weekend sports, numeracy and financial literacy, oral language and storytelling, social sciences and learning about the world around us.

I can't wait to get to know you, learn about the things that are important to you, and be a part of your wonderful school and community. If you see me around, please come and say "Kia ora"! I look forward to meeting you soon!

Katie



Tua Marina School  
**merry CHRISTMAS**  
**KIDS CHRISTMAS MARKET**  
**SANTA PHOTOS**  
 GAMES, MUSIC, TREATS, FACE PAINTING & CHRISTMAS GIFTS  
 JOIN US FOR A FUN AFTERNOON FULL OF GAMES, SHOPPING AND SWEET TREATS!

**DECEMBER 8TH**  
**3PM TO 7PM**  
**CASH ONLY**

*Shorley's*  
 Coffee Served on the Coast

*Little Faces*  
 Photo Booth

**2023 NYE**  
**PICTON FORESHORE**

**SUNDAY 31 DEC**

**7 PM TO 12:15 AM**

**Live Music**  
 7pm - Kids Entertainer Jeff Parsnips  
 8pm - Big Spin  
 10pm - Tom Knowles & Friends Band  
 Plus Food Trucks & kids stalls  
 Midnight fireworks over the water!

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Visit [gobus.co.nz](http://gobus.co.nz) to book bus tickets from Blenheim to Picton  
 Please allow extra time for travel and parking.

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**Community Riparian Planting Days**  
 December weekends starting this Saturday 2nd 9:30am - 12:30pm

(2nd, 3rd, 9th, 10th, 16th and 17th)

**Help us restore and improve the health of Waipuna Stream**

**Where:** Meeting at the lower end of Lincoln Street, Picton.  
**Bring:** Gardening gloves, water, sunscreen and sturdy shoes.

**Please register via email to** [administration@pictondawnchorus.nz](mailto:administration@pictondawnchorus.nz)  
 with your name and contact number so we can notify you if we need to rain check.

KAIPŪPŪ Sanctuary | Picton Dawn Chorus

**Picton Wine Club**  
**End of Year Dinner**  
**8th December 2023 6.30pm**  
**Whalers Restaurant, Beachcomber Inn Hotel**

Bookings to be made by Wednesday 6th December to [pictonwineclubbookings@gmail.com](mailto:pictonwineclubbookings@gmail.com)



# Picton Heritage & Whaling Museum

## December update

By Mary Cooper

Our 2024 calendars are now available – same price as last year - \$20. They can be ordered on line through this link: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/HTPW9W>

Staff at the Museum will contact you after you have ordered your calendar and advise you how to make payment. Alternatively, you can call in at the Museum and pay by cash or EFTPOS.

We had a very successful book launch (main image) on 18 November of Russell Smith's book "SPLASHDOWN, Adventures of a New Zealand Seaplane Pilot" (right). Russell was the operator of the float plane in Picton in the 1970s and 80s. Russell and his wife Pat had come over from Australia to launch his book in Picton. Russell entertained a group of about 40 people relating some of his adventures. The book is available at the Museum at \$25 and was selling well at the launch.

There is a plaque on the shoreline bank between







\$20 and Kereru and The Mighty Waitohi are \$25 each (below).



Shelley Bay and Bob's Bay (above). Jenny McDonald wrote about it in her first book, Picton Memories. On a recent walk from the Snout along the shoreline back into Picton I looked for it and found it near the 5km mark. You can only get to it at low tide. It is now quite degraded but is still visible as MACK 1938. Jenny was told that it was put there by Harry Smith, a blacksmith, in memory of his dog Mack who loved walking along the track to Bob's Bay. Interesting to note that Picton had a blacksmith in 1938. I wonder where his smithy was?



With Christmas coming up we have a number of books suitable for either children or adults available. Old Blue, the story of the black robin is



**Picton Heritage & Whaling Museum**  
9 London Quay, Picton  
Open daily 10am - 3pm  
[www.pictonmuseum-newzealand.com](http://www.pictonmuseum-newzealand.com)

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**Have An Earth-Friendly Christmas!**

**Picton Environment Centre Shop**

**Open Mon-Fri 9am-3pm**

**14 Auckland Street, Picton**



**Support Local, Kiwi and Earth Friendly!**

We support a variety of local Marlborough and Kiwi companies at Envirohub Marlborough & the Picton Environment Centre!

AND each purchase supports our charity!

**Gift Vouchers also available!**





# Marlborough Community Vehicle Trust

## The future comes to local Trust

By Brian Henstock

The Marlborough Community Vehicle Trust is very pleased to announce the arrival of two replacement vehicles. Chairman of the Trust, Brian Henstock, said that the Trust is very excited to move with the times by purchasing two Honda Vezele hybrid cars. These cars are second-hand, however, they are much newer than the old cars they are replacing. They are more comfortable and are significantly more fuel efficient.

The vehicle replacement project started in early 2023 when the Trust successfully applied for funding from the Lotteries Commission and then followed up on that success with an application to the Rata Foundation earlier this year. With total funding of \$40,000 plus two trade-in vehicles this enabled the Trust to form a procurement team and purchase the two hybrids.

“Our largest monthly operating cost is fuel, and the Trustees have wanted for some time to focus on moving forward in a more sustainable manner by

bringing hybrid vehicles into the fleet” said Brian.

The Trust’s primary focus is to transport Marlburians to medical appointments in Blenheim and Nelson. Trust members pay a small membership lifetime fee of \$20 to become a member of the Trust, the tariff for a return trip to Nelson for Blenheim or Picton residents is \$60. For Picton residents who need an appointment in Wairau Hospital the fee is \$30. This year alone the Trust has completed more than 450 trips. All drivers and trustees are volunteers.

A new car is shown above.

To find out more about the Trust please check out [www.marlboroughvehiceltrust.org.nz](http://www.marlboroughvehiceltrust.org.nz).





# ANY SUMMER HOLIDAY PLANS TODAY?

Why not head down to **PICTON LIBRARY?**

- Browse the books
- Puzzles
- Board Games
- Code Cracker Challenges
- DIY crafting
- Colouring and Drawing
- Lego
- Movies
- Coding Club
- Storytime Activities
- Computers
- Summer Reading Programme

**LOTS TO DO  
ASK A  
LIBRARIAN  
IT'S FREE**




# PIZZA FIESTA SUMMER READING PROGRAMME!

Read books and complete activities to claim your prizes!

**COMING SOON**



Registrations open  
**Friday 15 December!**  
The reading programme is open to children ages 5+



# WEEKLY SCHEDULE

## PICTON LIBRARY



<b>Take Home – Books – Puzzles – Tech Kits</b>	<b>Mondays</b> 9am-4pm <b>DROP-IN CRAFT</b> <i>New crafts every week from Mondays</i>	<b>Tuesdays</b> 9am-4pm <b>DROP-IN CRAFT</b>	<b>Wednesdays</b> <i>Library opens at 9am today</i> 9am-4pm <b>DROP-IN CRAFT</b>	<b>Thursdays</b> 9am-4pm <b>DROP-IN CRAFT</b>	<b>Fridays</b> 9am-4pm <b>DROP-IN CRAFT</b>	<b>All Welcome – Just turn up – It's Free</b>
	2pm <b>FAMILY MOVIE TIME</b> <b>MON 15 JAN</b> <b>MON 22 JAN</b> G/PG rated	Available all week <b>"READ TO ME"</b> (Self-guided with you and your child) Story and activity fun together in the library. <i>New story each week</i>	2pm <b>FAMILY MOVIE TIME</b> <b>WED 10 JAN</b> G/PG rated	Every day <b>LEGO PLAY</b>	<b>DON'T FORGET TO REGISTER FOR THE PIZZA FIESTA SUMMER READING PROGRAMME!</b>	
	<b>LIBRARY CODE CRACKERS</b> <i>New challenge starts every Monday for the week</i>	3.30-4.30pm <b>CODE CLUB</b>	11am-12 noon <b>*FORESHORE STORYTIME</b> Wed 17 Jan Wed 24 Jan (PLEASE BOOK) <i>*Children must be accompanied by an adult</i>			
						
						

Refer to our website for more details of our holiday events.

**DECEMBER** Picton Library **HAPPY HOLIDAYS**

**PIZZA FIESTA**  
SUMMER READING PROGRAMME  
A fun way to keep reading through the holidays.  
Join up at the library anytime from Friday 15th December.  
Take time to read this Summer

**Christmas DIY Craft**  
Monday 18th - Sunday 24th Dec  
Anytime between 9am-4pm weekdays and until 3.30pm weekends.  
Just turn up and craft. Help decorate our Christmas tree or make to take home.

**Reading Time**  
A mouse wearing a Santa hat reads a book.

**Christmas Storytime**  
(plus decorate a Christmas cookie).  
Tuesday 19th Dec  
10.30am

**A Christmas Movie**  
Wed 20th Dec - 2pm  
**A Family Movie**  
Thurs 28th Dec - 2pm  
Everyone Welcome  
Just turn up.  
Popcorn!!

Look out for the **JANUARY SUMMER HOLIDAYS** activities flyer 2024!

**LEGO CLUB**  
EVERY SUNDAY  
1PM-4PM  
EVERYONE WELCOME.

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# Foreshore Fun Story Time

Join us for an outdoor story session on the lovely Picton Foreshore

Wednesday 17 January  
Wednesday 24 January  
11am - 12 noon  
**(PLEASE BOOK)**

Meet at the library to join the walking bus to a special destination.  
Please bring a sunhat and water for our adventure

\* Children must be accompanied by an adult during these sessions  
\* Sessions will be weather dependent

# FAMILY MOVIE TIME

2.00PM

WEDNESDAY 10 JAN  
MONDAY 15 JAN  
MONDAY 22 JAN

All Welcome - Just turn up  
Picton Library  
G/PG rated

POPCORN!

Are you participating in the **PIZZA FIESTA** SUMMER READING PROGRAMME?  
Have you claimed Prize 1?  
Then sign up for our fun **SWEET PIZZA COOKING CLASS**

See staff to book one of the dates in January.

# Picton Bowling Club

## Summer roll up

By Anne Berrie

This is to advise of a new email address for Picton Bowling Club and also to introduce myself, Anne Berrie, as the club secretary for the 2024 -25 season.

Our dates for December are: Wednesdays and Saturdays, roll up 12.45 for 1pm. Except Weds 20th and Sat 23rd when there are private functions. All welcome.

No bowls required (bowls available at the green). Flat soles shoes - no tread - to be worn.

Enquiries to the secretary or at the green on any of these dates.



**Picton Bowling Club**

**5 Kent Street, Picton, T: 021 108 7124, E: [pictonbowlingclubnz@gmail.com](mailto:pictonbowlingclubnz@gmail.com)**

# Picton Rail and Sail

## A huge thank you

By Bob Metcalf

A huge thank you to the stalwarts (Greg, Iain, John, Mark), who stepped up to clean our yacht pool in October. It was looking pretty rough, because an electrical fault had knocked out the usual filtering and chlorine functions, so once that was fixed, we needed to do a total clear, clean and refill. It's looking great now.

Those who visit the station and its surrounds from the end of October onwards will really notice the difference and it has set us up so well for the summer season.



*Thank you again!*

# Picton Society of Model Engineers Incorporated (Picton Rail and Sail Society)



World-famous on the



Picton foreshore

## VOLUNTEER



As a volunteer, you will help keep the loco wheels turning and the yachts sailing for everyone who comes to the Picton foreshore to relax and enjoy everything we have to offer – it's almost world-famous! All that's required is:

- (1) a \$5 annual membership fee
- (2) about ½ hour of training
- (3) willingness to do **one** two-hour shift on a Sunday **once** every six or eight weeks (more often during school holidays, if you can)

As a volunteer, you will be a valued person in a long-established, much-loved Picton attraction, which contributes 100% of its profits to other Picton clubs, groups and organisations. We have a monthly newsletter, strong links with similar societies all over the country, and enjoy a variety of social events with each other (lunches, dinners, BBQs, quiz nights)

Please email us at [railandsailpicton@gmail.com](mailto:railandsailpicton@gmail.com), or contact Bob 027 733 1355, or Deb 021 953 900, or Quentin 027 547 9010, or Derek 03 573 5957 if you'd like to be part of this amazing team running a facility that people flock to Picton to experience!





# iReX Project



## iReX Interislander terminal redevelopment update

By Diane Livingston

Work on the Interislander ferry terminal precinct continues to make good progress. This month sees the completion of a temporary loading jetty at Westshore. Port Marlborough's Jetty C near Edwin Fox will be up and running as the new 'pick up, drop off' facility for recreational craft and water taxis.

Small changes with big impact are coming in the shape of pedestrian curb ramps and safe crossing points for pedestrians making the trip across Auckland Street to Broadway. On a bigger scale, the South Korean ship builders are in full swing, with the first new ferrying ready for service early 2026.

### **While construction continues, so does our work to protect the environment.**

Last month the Downer HEB Joint Venture team of 11 newly trained surveyors took over the daily watch for Kororā (little blue penguins) in the Waitohi Picton Ferry Precinct. This happens each

morning prior to any work starting.

Kororā are known to sometimes prefer human-made structures and breakwaters over natural habitats, so the team at Wildlife Management International (WMIL) has been supporting the iReX project to monitor for their presence. WMIL has now handed these daily checks over to the Downer HEB Kororā watch team, who have all undertaken the rigorous five-part training delivered by WMIL.

Abby Chillingworth, Environmental Advisor comments:

"We will be covering a wide area from the carpark on the foreshore to the far end of the Westshore site, before any construction work gets underway in the morning. Because we'll be checking every crevice and chasm as we go, the job can take up to three hours, so we split into two teams to enable us to carry out thorough checks and give the site team the all-clear to start work for the day."

# Craft Circle

...and So Much More!

Bring any crafts you're working on, or use the mindfulness colouring books provided

~ Wednesday 6th December ~

~ Wednesday 7th February 2024 ~

~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



# Marlborough

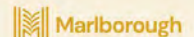


## Summer

[follow-me.co.nz](http://follow-me.co.nz)

## Events

Pick up your copy from Marlborough District Council



## Christmas Services at Picton Baptist Church

**Sunday 24th December 10.00am**

**Sunday 24th December 6.30pm Christmas  
Carols**

**Christmas Day 9.00am 10.00am**

**Sunday 31st December 10.00am**

Picton Baptist Church  
293 Waikawa Road, Picton  
T: 03 573 6315  
E: [pictonbaptist@gmail.com](mailto:pictonbaptist@gmail.com)

# 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







## Queen Charlotte Track shared pathway summer trial

The Queen Charlotte Track is embarking on a trial this summer aimed at creating an inclusive year-round experience for walkers and riders.

The trial, undertaken by Marlborough District Council and the Department of Conservation (DOC) with the support of the Queen Charlotte Track Landowners Cooperative (QCTLC), will see the opening of Meretoto/Ship Cove to Camp Bay from 1 December 2023 to 28 February 2024. This section has previously been closed during this period to riders.

Council's Dean Heiford said this meant the full length of the track would be accessible to both walkers and cyclists during the peak period, offering a shared pathway for all users.

Cyclists will be able to ride the full Queen Charlotte Track, on the condition they arrive at Meretoto/Ship Cove via the first water taxi departing Picton at 8am. Commercial operators

will be required to enforce the 8am departure rule over the peak period.

"This strategic timing allows bikers to proceed ahead of walkers, affording them the space and flexibility to set their own pace and explore the track in a distinct manner while minimising walker contact," Mr Heiford said.

Senior Ranger, Recreation/Historic at DOC's Waitohi/Picton Office Margot Ferrier said the trial sought to foster an environment where all users could fully appreciate the breathtaking beauty of the track and to enhance the year-round experience for riders.

"We want to encourage more family groups to enjoy the track and these sections are particularly suited to most riding abilities. It is such a fantastic family friendly activity and great for people's health and wellbeing to be out in the great outdoors together," Ms Ferrier said.

The track is already a shared pathway with walkers and bikers using it since its inception in the early 1990s. Both user groups will continue to be encouraged to travel north to south, from Meretoto/Ship Cove to Anakiwa.

Acting Destination Marlborough General Manager Tracey Green, also Track Manager for the Queen Charlotte Track, said the planned trial was expected to create far-reaching benefits for Marlborough.

“By embracing both cyclists and walkers, the Queen Charlotte Track is poised to attract a broader spectrum of visitors, which, in turn, is expected to increase accommodation use. Cyclists' preferences and needs often differ from those of walkers, creating a positive ripple effect for local businesses on the track and in Picton,” Ms Green said.

The Queen Charlotte Track's membership of Ngā Haerenga Great Rides of New Zealand offers invaluable benefits, including national and

international marketing and the implementation of a Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment-driven customer experience survey, Ms Green said.

This survey aids in identifying track requirements, enhancing the overall visitor experience, and informing decision-making processes for funding allocation. There are 23 Great Rides of New Zealand - the Queen Charlotte Track has been a member since 2013.

“In a commitment to transparency and responsiveness, a feedback mechanism will be introduced to allow residents and commercial operators to share their input on the trial, report any issues, and provide feedback on any incidents. This feedback process will be rolled out prior to the trial commencing. We appreciate stakeholders support and await user feedback as we strive to enhance the Queen Charlotte Track's accessibility and appeal for all,” Ms Green said.

## Council committee supports closure of Auckland Street south, Picton

A safety audit recommending the closure of the southern approach to Picton's Auckland Street/Broadway intersection has the support of Council's Assets and Services Committee.

Marlborough Roads' manager Steve Murrin spoke at a recent committee meeting, confirming that as part of the overall iReX (Inter-Island Resilient Connection) project the western approach to the Auckland/Wairau/Broadway intersection would be closed to vehicles, which was a consent condition in relation to the iReX project. This will reduce the five-arm intersection to four.

“The independent design safety audit also recommended closing the southern approach to vehicles with the risk rating given as significant. The closure of the Broadway leg of the intersection work is being funded by KiwiRail. If Auckland Street south is also to be closed, funding will need to be determined,” Mr Murrin said.

The Union Parish Centre and two residential properties directly access the road, with other vehicles mainly using it for convenience. Pedestrian and cycle traffic will still be allowed.



The committee endorsed the stopping of the road to vehicles but have confirmed that the consultation and funding for the closure including any footpath and kerb and channel upgrades needs to be undertaken by Waka Kotahi. These cost discussions are not yet finalised, Mr Murrin said. The committee's decision is subject to full Council approval on 14 December.

KiwiRail is replacing its Interislander fleet with two new custom-designed ferries and terminals at Kaiwharawhara in Wellington and Waitohi Picton as part of the iReX project.

# Cruise season off to super start

The cruise season is underway in Waitohi Picton.

Port Marlborough welcomed the largest of the ships to visit the port this season - Ovation of the Seas – last month. The Picton Flower Ladies were ready at Waimahara Wharf, and the local tour and bus operators, hospitality and retail outlets, and Picton Lions Club artisan market were busy all day as around 4,800 visitors came ashore.

General Manager Port and Marine for Port Marlborough Ryan Lock said it had been a great start with cruise this year, and the port team were well prepared for another busy season.

“We have a hardworking team whose responsibilities range from maritime pilots, tug masters and crew, and our port operations team who take care of lines, marshalling and security



at the port to bring in these ships. It's great to see the boost to the economy on cruise days and we are stoked to play our part in driving this for Marlborough,” Ryan said.

The summer cruise ship schedule is available on the Port Marlborough website. Go to: [www.portmarlborough.co.nz/cruise-ship-schedule/](http://www.portmarlborough.co.nz/cruise-ship-schedule/)

## Let's Get It Sorted: wheelie bins coming

Marlborough's new kerbside collection service, which has been expanded to include Grovetown, Havelock, Rarangi, Rai Valley, Renwick, Seddon Spring Creek and Tua Marina, will switch from rubbish bags to wheelie bins from 1 July next year.

Two wheelie bins will be delivered to each household - one for household rubbish and one for recycling, except glass. Glass bottles and jars will go into the red crate, which is currently used for recycling in the existing kerbside collection area.

The bins come in three sizes - 80 litre, 140 litre and 240 litre - sizes were chosen by residents during public consultation earlier this year. Those who didn't respond will receive the standard medium-size 140 litre bin, which is what most people opted for.

Collection days will stay the same for those already on the kerbside collection, with household rubbish collected one week and recycling the next. The recycling bin and crate for glass will be collected on the same day.

The wheelie bins - even the smallest 80L size - have a larger capacity than the existing bags. Residents have until 30 June 2024 to redeem any Council rubbish bag vouchers and get a rebate.



Council rubbish bags can continue to be used and taken the Waste Sorting Centre without charge but will not be collected from the kerbside from 1 July 2024. Any bag left on the kerbside after 30 June 2024 will not be collected.

The kerbside rubbish collection is funded through a targeted rate and therefore there is no opportunity to opt out of the service. The calculation of the targeted rate includes all costs associated with the service, divided by the number of households within the service area. This ensures that all households within that area pay the same amount.

The new collection areas are available to see on the Council's Smart Maps page at: <https://links.marlborough.govt.nz/kerbside>

If you have questions about the new system go to the Frequently Asked Questions section under 'Recycling and Waste' on our website at: [www.marlborough.govt.nz/services/recycling-and-waste/changes-to-waste-services-from-1-july-2024/faqs-proposed-kerbside-rubbish-and-](http://www.marlborough.govt.nz/services/recycling-and-waste/changes-to-waste-services-from-1-july-2024/faqs-proposed-kerbside-rubbish-and-)

[recycling-collection or phone Council on Ph 03 520 7400.](#)

Waste Management NZ Ltd was awarded the contract for managing Marlborough's waste collection service earlier this year.

## Cook Strait heatwaves increase water temperature in Sounds

The influence of the Cook Strait on water temperatures in Te Hoiere/Pelorus and Tōtaranui/Queen Charlotte Sound was explained at a recent Environment and Planning Committee meeting.

Principal Coastal Scientist Katie Littlewood delivered the results of the annual Coastal Water Quality Report Card 2015-2023, which was analysed and produced by Dr Pauline Mitterwallner. Water quality is Council's longest running coastal science programme and analyses data from 22 sites across both Sounds.

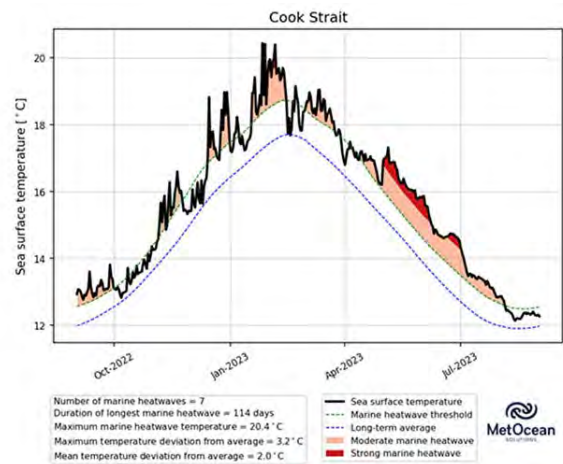
"The programme is important for measuring changes over time. Several water parameters are measured using a Sonde, a measuring instrument consisting of a set of sensors that you lower into the water to measure temperature throughout the water column," Katie told the committee.

The latest results show that on average, water temperatures in the Sounds have increased by 0.7C degrees in the past eight years, with a marked upturn in temperatures since late 2020.

"The Sounds are strongly influenced by oceanic currents such as the Pacific and Tasman and by tidal currents in Cook Strait which has some of the strongest tidal currents in the world. The proximity and exposure of the Sounds to this influences sea temperatures," Katie said.

In the past few years, Cook Strait has had several marine heatwaves, with the longest lasting 114 days. A marine heatwave is categorised as Sea Surface Temperatures (SSTs) remaining warmer than the 90th percentile of the local 25-year average for at least five consecutive days.

"As a result of these remarkably intense heatwaves, the Sounds experienced unusually warm ocean temperatures in recent years. Our monitoring data shows that both Sounds have had record-breaking high temperatures in 2022 and 2023," Katie said. "What we are seeing here is constant with other



*Several marine heatwaves in Cook Strait in recent years have had an impact on water temperatures in the Marlborough Sounds*

regions around the country."

Warming water temperatures can, and have had, devastating effects on marine species and habitats. A well-documented example of this is the substantial range retractions of *Macrocystis* in Tōtaranui/Queen Charlotte Sound over the past decade and the loss of algae beds (*Adamsiella*) across Puriri Bay and Hou Hou Point.

"We're doing what we can, with the resources that we have, and this includes continued monitoring of coastal water quality to assess further changes, establishing baseline data and identifying areas most at risk through the Ecologically Significant Marine Sites (ESMS) programme."

Council also supports marine restoration projects involving kelp, shellfish and green-lipped mussels, and catchment care projects such as Te Hoiere Restoration project. "Research has shown that the mitigation of additional stressors like sedimentation can help strengthen the resilience of highly vulnerable marine ecosystems to escalating ocean temperatures," Katie said.

"It's hoped there is a change coming and that cooler waters are heading our way as we transition from El Niño weather patterns to La Niña."

# 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 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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