



July School Holiday Programme - St John Therapy Dog

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Te Kahu o Waipuna Celebrates One Year

30th June 2024 marked one year since Te Kahu o Waipuna was officially opened.



This milestone was celebrated with Library, Art Gallery and CBD staff with an anniversary cake, cut by long-serving staff member Marj Townsend.

Recorded visitor numbers exceeded 400,000, doubling the numbers who visited the Arthur Street Library facility the previous year.

Nearly 5,000 new members have joined the Library.

The purpose-built facility has enabled Marlborough Art Gallery to display and care for the region's art collection, while also hosting significant touring exhibitions including Rita Angus: New Zealand Modernist, that attracted thousands of visitors.

Council also released a timelapse video to make the one-year celebration with more than 730,000 images compressed into a 13-minute video showing Te Kahu o Waipuna rising from the ground.

Picton Library and Service Centre Waitohi Whare Mātauranga

Picton Library hosted its monthly 'Cuppa with your Councillor' event on 24 July from 10.00am to midday. Sounds-based Councillors Barbara Faulks, Raylene Innes, Ben Minehan and Allannah Burgess were available to provide advice, information, and help with Council-related issues.

The Picton team were busy fielding enquiries and supporting the wheelie bin roll out. Council's Solid Waste Administrator, Mark Lucas and Administrator, Georgie Sullivan attending the weekly Company Café morning tea on Thursday 4 July to answer questions about the new kerbside service.

A panel of glass in the balustrade on the mezzanine floor spontaneously cracked on Friday 26 July and had to be replaced. Fortunately, this happened at a quiet time when staff and members of the public were not in close proximity of it. The facility closed for the weekend while remedying the situation.

Marlborough Book Festival 25 – 28 July 2024

This year's Marlborough Book Festival was titled 'The Tenth Chapter' to acknowledge and celebrate the festival's tenth year.

Te Kahu o Waipuna hosted six separate events as part of the programme, including the opening session.



Thursday 25 July

An interview with Blenheim writer Peter Jerram in conversation with Nikki Macdonald. Peter shared his story and those of his cricket team mates on board the Wahine the day it hit the rocks. This session was sold out and attended by approximately 75 people.

Friday 26 July

Session with author, Lauren Keenan at 10.30am. Approx 60 students (years 3-5, 8-10 year-olds) and their teachers attended from Whitney Street, Mayfield, St Marys and Grovetown Schools

Author Emily Perkins at 4:30 pm - sold out event with 75 people attending, with additional volunteers.

Saturday 27 July

Author, Courtney Clark Michaels offered a novel writing workshop –at 11.00 am with 12 people attending plus committee members and volunteers.

Author, Vitale Lafaele offered a free session for the Pasifika community at 1:30 pm, with approximately 10 people attending.

Sunday 28 July

Author, Anna Smail in conversation with Tania Miller. Approximately 55 people attended plus committee members and volunteers.

In total approximately 240 adults, 20 volunteers, 60 school children from four schools attended the six separate events, over three days. Many positive comments about the facility were received from visitors to Marlborough for the festival and residents.

July School Holiday Programme



Both libraries experienced busy times throughout the July School Holidays with many families visiting during the colder weather.

The programme offered something each day, Monday – Friday. Craft sessions, focusing around the winter theme saw consistently 60 – 90 children participating daily. These activities were very much self-driven by the children and their families.

The four LEGO sessions were popular once again, with approximately 240 children participating. The sessions centred around 'Build a scene' and 'Lego in a cup' for the younger children, with some fantastic creations made.

A very popular session was the visits from the St John Therapy Dogs. It was felt that these holiday sessions were a good opportunity to introduce the concept of therapy dogs being present in the libraries. The handlers and their dogs were fabulous with families and there were lots of pats and cuddles offered by the children.

A movie session was scheduled both weeks that were well attended.

Four Tweens (10 – 14-year-olds) sessions were held that included: Origami Star Mobiles, Yarn Wrapped Letters, Games and an Olympic / Sport Quiz. The Tween Quiz was well attended and enjoyed with five teams and 17 tweens. Approximately 25 Tweens attended each session.



Knit and Natter

A celebratory morning tea was held on Thursday 18 July, to mark the four-year anniversary of the 'Knit and Natter' group meeting at the Library.

This group now meets every Thursday from 10.30 am – 12 noon with the number attending range from 6 – 16.

A Knitters and Spinners group meeting weekly on Tuesdays from 10.00 am – 12 noon at Picton Library and Service Centre.

Heritage Out Loud Event at Te Kahu o Waipuna

As part of Heritage Marlborough's 'Heritage Out Loud' series, Dr. Liz Ward gave a talk on women, war and work during the Second World War at Te Kahu o Waipuna on 20 July at 2.00 pm. Approximately 25 people attended the presentation that looked at women's war work and 'manpowering' in Marlborough and placed it in the wider context of 1940s New Zealand.

Report from Marlborough Art Gallery (Cressida Bishop, Director)

Our second Winter at Te Kahu o Waipuna has been very busy. In May until early June, we presented the biennial *Folio* exhibition. *Folio* is an initiative of the Marlborough Youth Council and a partnership between the Marlborough Art Gallery, colleges, and Marlborough District Council. *Folio* was a multi-layered collaboration, and its special viewing event (attended by 223) was a highlight of Youth Week 2024. Youth Councillors and artists helped to install and host the exhibition and visited with their school classes. With *Folio* we showed works on paper from the Gallery's collection by local art teachers and former students. Following *Folio*, we installed *Te Heke Whakangā - Ngāti Rārua's Journey – looking back, moving forward*. This groundbreaking exhibition told the story of the people and events surrounding Ngāti Rārua ki Wairau's Treaty of Waitangi settlement. Curated by Dr Lorraine Eade, *Te Heke Whakangā* filled the whole gallery and was on show during the anniversary of the local signing of the Treaty of Waitangi and Wairau Incident (17 June 1840 and 1843) and Matariki 2024. There was a high level of schools' curriculum material in this exhibition and many school groups and workplaces booked visits. Over 8,000 people visited *Te Heke Whakangā*. It was a very successful partnership between Marlborough Art Gallery and Ngāti Rārua. Particular highlights were the hosting of groups, the opening and closing ceremonies, and hosting by Ngāti Rārua Kaitiaki on the weekends.

All of our projects are collaborative, especially with our Marlborough Library neighbours. Performances in the building's foyer have been very well-supported and we were excited to host our first birthday community Matariki celebration at Te Kahu o Waipuna on the evening of Wednesday 26 June. This event involved singing with local iwi, children's book and art activities, an art gallery tour and a sausage sizzle run by Marlborough Youth Council. It was an excellent community event that we will run again in future. A wide variety of groups of all ages are using our facilities. On 5 June, I hosted a professional development workshop for 12 teachers. They were very enthusiastic about the Gallery and our programmes.

Exhibitions on show now are *Favourites*, a selection of popular works from the Gallery’s collection and *Gathered Voices – Highlights from the Fletcher Trust*. The Fletcher Trust Collection was founded in 1962 as the corporate art collection for Fletcher Holdings. Today, it is one of the country’s most prestigious private art collections and shows are curated and shared throughout Aotearoa. *Gathered Voices* showcases some especially fine examples of portraits and other figure-based pictures dating from the nineteenth century to the present day, reflecting a range of perspectives. Francis McWhannell, Curator of the Fletcher Trust Collection will be giving a free talk with the exhibition here on 31 August.

On next, *JS Parker – The Marlborough Years* will feature the Gallery’s substantial body of work by nationally-acclaimed, Marlborough-based artist, JS (John Shotton) Parker. We have recently been gifted a new work and ephemera from John’s studio including his tools, music he listened to while he painted, etc. A re-publication of *JS Parker: Poems* will coincide with the exhibition.

Alongside *JS Parker* will be *Tuia 250 – Dual heritage/ share future five years on*. This reflection on the 2019 Tuia 250 Commemoration will present collection art works with film, photographs and objects from the Marlborough Tuia 250 event.

Our staff and volunteers participate in regular training and professional development. As well as practical workshops, etc, one part-time staff member is completing the Post-Graduate Diploma in Museum Studies at Massey University (distance) and another member of our team is completing the work-place based Certificate in Museum Knowledge (via Service IQ).

We contributed to the development of the Marlborough District Council’s new Arts, Culture and Creativity Strategy 2024-2034 and look forward to supporting its implementation. The Gallery’s management of the region’s public art collections is continuing positively through regular exhibitions, works on display at the Council offices and maintenance of the eHive Collection Management database. eHive is an affordable, innovative web-based system that enables museums to catalogue, organise and share their collections in a simple and secure way. In June we worked with Marlborough museums and the MDC Heritage team at an eHive workshop. We look forward to developing and participating in many more cultural heritage projects for Marlborough.

Marlborough Libraries Usage Statistics

Membership

New Members

- 1 July – 31 July 2024

TOTAL 197

Renewed Memberships

- 1 July – 31 July 2024

TOTAL 262



Visitor Numbers (Door Count)

The number of people who visited **Te Kahu o Waipuna**, recorded via the RFID entrance gates, was:

Visitor Numbers
1 July – 31 July 2024
27,045

2023 Visitor Numbers
1 July – 31 July 2023
35,743

The number of people who visited **Picton Library and Service Centre Waitohi Whare Mātauranga**, recorded via the RFID entrance gates, was:

Visitor Numbers
1 July – 31 July 2024
6,291

2023 Visitor Numbers
1 July - 31 July 2023
7,157

Items Checked Out (Issued) and Checked In (Returned)

Checkouts and Renewals	July 2024	July 2023	Variance
Marlborough Library	37,400	39,904	- 2,504
Picton Library	4,982	4,948	+ 34
E-Resources	5,290	4,354	+ 936
TOTAL	47,672	49,206	- 1,534
Check-ins			
Marlborough Library	31,714	34,641	- 2,927
Picton Library	4,926	4,978	- 52
TOTAL	36,640	39,619	- 2,979

The statistics above illustrate the high usage and visitor numbers experienced in the first months of Te Kahu o Waipuna opening.

Room Bookings

The number of rooms booked by groups and individuals in July 2024 was:

July Room Bookings	Community Use	Commercial Use	TOTAL Use
Te Kahu o Waipuna	173	14	187

July Room Bookings		Community Use		Commercial Use		TOTAL Use
Picton Library		91		0		91
TOTAL		264		14		278

Holds (Items Reserved)

The number of holds placed on items in July 2024 was: **4,269**



Internet Usage Sessions – Aotearoa People’s Network Kaharoa (APNK)

The following usage statistics were recorded in July 2024



	In-Library Computer Sessions		Wi-Fi Sessions
Marlborough Library	1,279		6,055
Picton Library	641		1,802
TOTAL	1,920		7,857

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