



Waikawa Bay Foreshore Reserve Management Plan submissions open

Waikawa Bay Foreshore Reserve, on the eastern side of Waikawa Bay near Picton, is of great significance for Te Ātiawa and is a popular place for picnicking, swimming and launching boats for locals and visitors.

Council is required under the Reserves Act to develop a reserve management plan for the area that will help enable a mix of uses and values to be supported as well as putting in place policy to guide the day-to-day management of the Reserve.

In accordance with Section

41(6) (a) of the Reserves Act 1977 submissions are now invited on any aspect of the draft Waikawa Bay Foreshore Reserve Management Plan. Submissions can be lodged via an online form at links.marlborough.govt.nz/haveyoursay. Public submissions should be made by 7 March 2025.

A Hearings Panel consisting of Assets and Services Committee Chair Councillor Brian Dawson, Councillor Scott Adams and up to two independent commissioners with expertise in tikanga Māori and the Reserves

Act will be set up to hear submissions and recommend to Council decisions on those submissions.

The draft management plan can be viewed online at www.marlborough.govt.nz/recreation/parks-and-open-spaces/parks-and-open-spaces-plans-and-reports/plans/waikawa-bay-foreshore-reserve-management-plan or you can pick up a copy from Council's Customer Service Centres in Blenheim or Picton. You can also email waikawabay.rmp@marlborough.govt.nz to lodge a submission.



Have your say on the Draft Waikawa Bay Foreshore Management Plan



Mayor Nadine Taylor with Marlborough's newest citizens

New citizens welcomed

Twenty-seven people from 12 countries have been officially welcomed to Marlborough.

The province's newest citizens, from Finland, UK, USA, Kiribati, Philippines, Ireland, South Africa, Germany, Tonga, Vietnam, Uruguay and India were welcomed at a ceremony at Council chambers.

Mayor Nadine Taylor told the group the day was an important milestone in their new lives as citizens of this province and country. In future they would all

enjoy the rights and freedoms of native-born New Zealanders.

"Your decision to apply for citizenship was no doubt made after very careful consideration and is a commitment to your future," she said. "It is not a rejection of your past but in future your first loyalty will be to New Zealand."

Following the Mayor's opening address and the presentation of certificates, Council's waiata group performed for the new citizens and their friends and families.

Water main upgrades in Francis Street and Lakings Road

As part of Council's continued service upgrades, two sections of water main in Blenheim are to be replaced.

Works to replace the main in Francis Street and Lakings Road are both scheduled to start on Monday 13 January 2025.

The work is to replace ageing infrastructure, 3 Waters Project Engineer Graeme Jackson said.

"The new bigger water main will provide better water flow, ensure future resilience and replace ageing pipes," he said. "All lateral connections to homeowner tobies will also be upgraded where needed and the contractor will contact homeowners directly."

The \$450,000 contract for the Francis Street upgrade has been awarded to Simcox Construction and work is planned in two phases to reduce disruption.

The initial phase will take five weeks and affects the junction with Scott Street to halfway along Francis Street.

The second phase runs from halfway along Francis Street to the junction with Redwood Street and will also take about five weeks.

The \$600,000 project in Lakings Road has been awarded to Findlater Construction and involves replacement of the main between Battys Road and Boyce Street.

Once again work is planned in two phases each taking nine weeks. The first phase is from the junction with Battys Road to halfway along Lakings Road, and the second from there to Boyce Street.

The aim is to keep disruption to a minimum, but there will be stop/go traffic management including road closures at times. Parking will be restricted in both Francis Street and Lakings Road, however residents and businesses will still have access.

"The key is for motorists is to plan ahead so they can avoid traffic issues and we urge them to find an alternative route while the work is underway," Graeme said.

Council services – Christmas and New Year

Council's offices are closed from midday on Tuesday 24 December and reopen at 8.30am on Monday 6 January. If you have an urgent issue during this time, please Ph: 03 520 7400.

Waste services

All facilities are closed on Christmas Day. Normal trading hours resume from Boxing Day.

Kerbside collections

There is no kerbside collection on Christmas Day. All collections will be a day out from your normal scheduled collection day. Remember 'if in doubt, leave it out.' To download the Wheelie Bin Collection Schedule, go to: links.marlborough.govt.nz/collection-day

Marlborough Library, Te Kahu o Waipuna hours

Tues 24 Dec: 9am to 4pm
Wed 25 and Thurs 26 Dec: Closed
Fri 27 Dec: 9am to 4pm
Sat 28 and Sun 29 Dec: 10am to 4pm
Mon 30 and Tues 31 Dec: 9am to 4pm

Wed 1 and Thurs 2 Jan: Closed
Fri 3 Jan: 9am to 4pm
Sat 4 and Sun 5 Jan: 10am to 4pm
Mon 6 Jan: Normal hours resume

Picton Library hours

Tues 24 Dec: 9am to 4pm
Wed 25 and Thurs 26 Dec: Closed
Fri 27 Dec: 9am to 4pm
Sat 28 Dec: 10am to 4pm
Sun 29 Dec: 1pm to 4pm
Mon 30 and Tues 31 Dec: 9am to 4pm
Wed 1 and Thurs 2 Jan: Closed
Fri 3 Jan: 9am to 4pm
Sat 4 Jan: 10am to 4pm
Sun 5 Jan: 1pm to 4pm
Mon 6 Jan: Normal hours resume

PLEASE NOTE: Council services are unavailable at Picton Library and Service Centre from noon Tuesday 24 December until 8.30am Monday 6 January.

Bus services

The Blenheim and Picton bus services don't operate on Christmas Day, Boxing Day, New Year's Day, day after New Year's Day. Normal services operate on all other days.

Opening Hours

Mon to Fri: 8.30 am - 4.30 pm
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