

Explore Marlborough's crown jewel this summer

Picton is a quintessential piece of Marlborough summer.

The perfect place to park up and soak in the sun, go for a dip, check out the shops or take on some of the area's walks or mountain biking tracks. There's something for everyone.

Some popular walking/mountain biking tracks include:

The Snout

Walk or cycle your way into Queen Charlotte Sound on the Snout - taking you from Picton into the middle of Waikawa Bay. It's a moderate level track with stunning views throughout.

Upper or Lower Bobs Bay

Both of these moderate walks finish with the delightful beach that is Bobs Bay - take a picnic and your togs and towel - relax and unwind before making the 30 minute return walk.

Picton to Waikawa

This easy track allows 45 minutes of exercise one-way - an ideal walk when time is on your side and you prefer to keep the terrain flat.

Tirohanga Track

This well-known walk is known for its stunning views across Picton and into the Sounds. Short but steep - it's great for those looking for a quick challenge before unwinding at the beach.

Link Pathway

Situated alongside Queen Charlotte Drive, the Link Pathway offers a range of gradients and stunning views throughout - choose a small section to tackle or challenge yourself to complete the entire track from Picton to Havelock - all 42 kilometres! Training is recommended before tackling the full length of this track. Water and food are essential.



Picton offers many options for a day out in summer.

Council services on Waitangi Day

Council's Blenheim office, Marlborough Library (Blenheim) and Picton Library and Service Centre are closed on Waitangi Day, Thursday 6 February.

Refuse, recycling, and kerbside collections

Kerbside refuse and recycling will be collected as usual.

The Resource Recovery Centre, Re-use Centre and Waste Sorting Centre will be open from 8am until 4.30pm.

The landfill will be open between 8am and midday only. The E Waste facility will be closed.

The Picton and Havelock transfer stations will be open as usual from 8am until 4pm. Rai Valley Transfer Station will be open from 9am until midday. Transfer stations in Seddon and Wairau Valley will be closed.

Bus Service

Bus services will not run on Thursday 6 February.

Creative Communities fund now open

Are you involved in a creative community project that benefits the people of Marlborough? Do you need funding help?

If so, now's the time to get your application in for funding through the Marlborough District Council Creative Communities NZ Scheme.

The purpose of the scheme is to support and encourage local communities to create and present diverse opportunities for accessing and participating in arts activities.

The fund is now open and closes at 8am 3 March.

For more information go to: www.creativenz.govt.nz/funding-and-support/

Are you involved in a creative community project and need funding?

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For further information please contact Nicola Neilson, Project Lead – Arts, Culture and Heritage, on Ph: 03 520 7400 or email nicola.neilson@marlborough.govt.nz

New café concept blends creatives and community

An idea has been brewing for a while to bring together Marlborough's creative community.

The product is Café Create – a new bi-monthly breakfast gathering designed to celebrate Marlborough's unique blend of creativity and community. The first get-together will be held at Kaiaka Café from 7.30am to 8.45am on Thursday 27 February.

"As part of our commitment to Te Atatū - Arts, Culture and Creativity Strategic Plan 2024-2034, we are thrilled to launch this new café concept, which brings together creativity and community," Council's Project Lead – Arts, Culture and Heritage Nicola Neilson said.

"Café Create is designed to foster a vibrant and dynamic environment where professionals, artists, entrepreneurs and innovators can connect, collaborate and inspire each other," she said.

"The event will be a hub for creative minds to exchange ideas, share experiences and build meaningful relationships across various industries."

Each café catch-up will feature light refreshments, a guest speaker, Q&A session and networking. Future dates are 27 February, 1 May, 26 June, 28 August and 30 October.

Guest speakers at the inaugural meeting

will be Creative at Heart Programme Coordinator Aimee Preston and Art Therapist Emma Toy. Join them to discover how Creative at Heart is building connections and promoting healing through the power of the arts.

Previously called Creative Kids, Creative at Heart is a local non-profit dedicated to enriching the community through diverse artistic and music therapy programmes designed for adults and children alike. The pair will discuss the transformative benefits of therapeutic arts, provide insights into their services, and highlight the positive impact these offerings have on individuals and families.

Mrs Neilson said Café Create would build on connections made during the 2023 community workshops.

"We aim to create a dynamic space where people can kōrero with fellow creatives, learn about their mahi, learn from guest speakers, and share how our initiatives can support and elevate your artistic practice. It's a fantastic opportunity to network, socialise and connect with others in our creative community," she said.

To register go to: www.eventbrite.com/d/new-zealand-blenheim and search 'Cafe Create'.

Spaces are limited.

Do you qualify for a rates rebate?

If you are a ratepayer on a low income, you may qualify for a rates rebate of up to \$790.

To qualify, you need to be paying the rates on the home you live in, your name must be on the rates invoice and your home cannot be used principally for farming or business purposes.

How much the rebate will be depends

on the amount of your rates, your total household income and the number of dependants living with you. To see if you qualify go to: www.govt.nz/browse/housing-and-property/getting-help-with-housing/getting-a-rates-rebate/rates-rebate-calculator/

Apply in person at Council's Customer Service Centre in Blenheim or at the

Picton Library or go to Council's website and apply online at: www.marlborough.govt.nz/services/rates/rates-rebate/rates-rebate-application-form?ed-step=1

You'll need your income details for the year ended 31 March 2024 to apply.

Applications for this rating year close on 30 June 2025; no late applications will be accepted. Please note, if visiting

the Blenheim office, there are two car parks for mobility permit holders located at the rear of the building for your convenience.

For more information or to check if you have already applied for this rating year, call Council's Customer Services on Ph: 03 520 7400 or email mdc@marlborough.govt.nz

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Mon to Fri: 8.30 am - 4.30 pm
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