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Plan Your Ride with new Whale Trail web page

You can keep up to date with construction progress of the Whale Trail, thanks to a new web page.



• A sign at Awatere Bridge guides walkers and riders on the Whale Trail

Steady progress is being made on the walking and cycling trail, which will eventually link Waitohi Picton and Kaikoura, Waiau Toa and Puhipuhi." at around 200 km in length. The new Plan Your Ride page enables users to keep track of progress on all eight sections of the trail, and up to date with any warnings or temporary closures.

From the page, users can navigate to more detailed about information each section of the track. With each of the stages in varying levels of completion, creating a Plan Your Ride page was an important step to keep the public up to date, Project Lead Nigel Muir said.

"Currently, the 17.8 km Awatere section of the track is open, while the Waitohi, Wairau and Kaikoura sections are under construction."

"Planning is underway for the remaining four sections Flaxbourne, Kēkerengū,

"A lot of work has been

underway near Kaikoura and Picton in recent months, as well as in Tua Marina, and it's exciting to see those sections coming together," Nigel said.

"We know there are a lot of very keen cyclists ready to enjoy the Whale Trail. It's still very much a work in progress and we hope that by having a frequently updated web page for each section, users can safely know what sections are open and can follow our progress on the construction journey."

The next section of trail to be worked on will be south of Seddon, with construction expected to begin next month. Go to: www.thewhaletrail.nz

Commercial Events Fund closes 14 October

Round 1 of Council's 2024/2025 Commercial Events Fund closes on Monday 14 October.

This contestable fund was established to help create economic benefit to Marlborough by attracting new events and helping to build on existing ones. Council's Commercial Events Fund Sub-committee considers applications and there is a budget of \$130,000 available for allocation this year.

To be eligible, commercial events must be held within the Marlborough district boundaries. Community events, conferences, conventions, trade shows and exhibitions are not eligible. Funding is granted on an annual basis but it does not mean that all funds must be distributed each year. Past applicants who have been unsuccessful may re-apply.

- Key dates:
- Applications close:
- 5pm Monday 14 October 2024
- Funding decision by:
- 5pm Friday 1 November 2024

Further information and the online application form can be found on Council's website: www. marlborough.govt.nz/recreation/events/ commercial-events-fund

Any enquiries can be directed to Regional Events Advisor, Samantha Young, Ph: 03 520 7400 or email events@marlborough.govt.nz

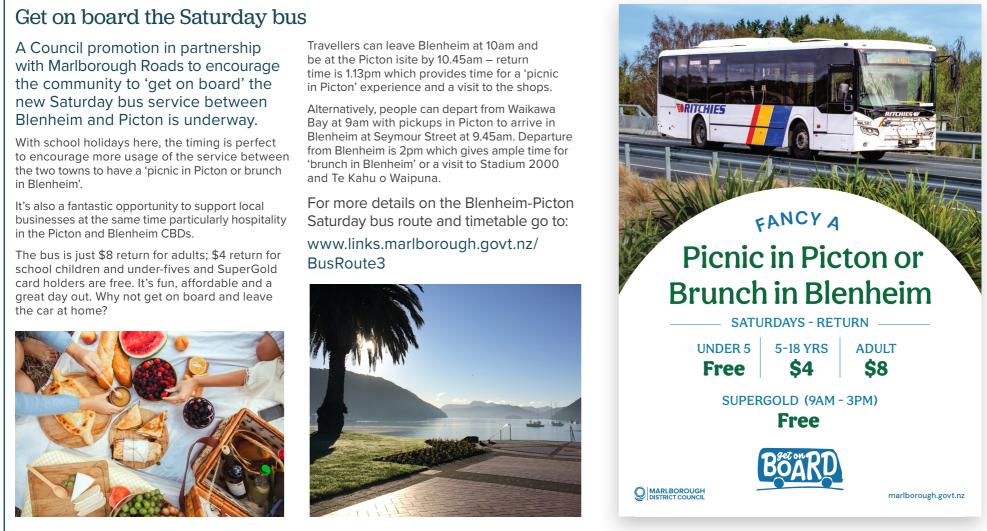
with Marlborough Roads to encourage the community to 'get on board' the new Saturday bus service between Blenheim and Picton is underway.

With school holidays here, the timing is perfect the two towns to have a 'picnic in Picton or brunch

businesses at the same time particularly hospitality in the Picton and Blenheim CBDs.

card holders are free. It's fun, affordable and a great day out. Why not get on board and leave





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