

Picton Regional Forum held at Picton Emergency Centre, Memorial Park, Picton, on Monday 9 September 2019, at 1.30 pm

Present

Clr Oddie (Chairperson), Clr Taylor (1.35 pm), Dean Heiford (MDC), Sarah Brand (MDC)

Group Representatives

Bryan Strong (Tirimoana), Jon Perano (Picton Museum), Brian Henstock (Civil Defence), Ian Davis (Ngakuta), Raewyn Buchanan (Karakā Point), John Jackson, (Karakā Point), Stuart Eyes (Bike Walk Marlborough), John Reuhman (Picton, Marlborough Sounds Tourism), Tim Healey (QCS Residents Association), Julian Hawkin (Ngakuta), Rebecca Woledge (Karakā Point), Linda Thompson (Envirohub), Rose Prendeville (Port Marlborough), Steve Merito (Rātā Foundation), Graham Gosling (1.45 pm) (Picton Business Group), Monyeeen Wedge (QCS Residents Association) (1.45 pm)

Guest Speakers

Rhys Welbourn (Port Marlborough)

1. Apologies

Clr Taylor (for lateness), Clr Hook, Steve Murrin, Don Miller, Margaret McHugh

2. Confirmation of previous meeting minutes

Rebecca Woledge/John Perano: That the minutes of the meeting held on 8 July 2019 were correct.

3. Port Marlborough Update – Rhys Welbourn

Rhys gave a powerpoint presentation to the group. Main points are noted below:

- Port Marlborough has updated its strategy to reflect the change in the organisation as it moves towards the goal of becoming an environmentally restorative port which drives success for Marlborough.
 - The goal is a move beyond simply complying with legislation towards protecting and restoring the environment that Port Marlborough operates in and recognises that there are more ways to measure success than just economically.
 - The new strategy will put people, planet and prosperity at the heart of all functions of Port Marlborough. Achieving these through partnerships with customers, iwi and community.
 - The new values have been embedded in the Statement of Corporate Intent.
<https://www.portmarlborough.co.nz/getattachment/About-us/PMNZ-Publications/PMNZ-Statement-of-Corporate-Intent-2020-DRAFT.pdf>
- Rhys then went on to give an outline to the group of the Infrastructure Plan for Port Marlborough for the next 30 years.
 - In the next 18 months the focus will be on improving pinch points such as Waitohi Wharf and berthage in anticipation of increased demands from cruise ships, aquaculture and logging.
 - The second stage will be to upgrade ferry facilities if KiwiRail goes ahead with the purchase of new ferries, as they have indicated. If this project goes ahead, there will be public consultation before any decisions are made.

- The third stage (20-25 years) includes suggestions for aggregating like areas together, including space for marine industry and possible expansion of space allocated for the log yard and other trade handling activities through Westshore towards Picton Harbour.

Questions/Answers

- Rhys confirmed that KiwiRail has publicly announced its intention to purchase two new road/rail ferries to replace the existing older ferries.
- Rhys confirmed that North Port has received Provincial Growth Funds to explore the options of a dry dock.
- It was clarified that the site currently being built on at London Quay was identified as a development site during Council's public consultation process when the London Quay development was undertaken. There are also two more sites earmarked for development remaining.
- It was clarified that Port Marlborough operates under the Port Companies Act 1988. The Act requires that the Port operates as a successful business, and prohibits any port from being a CCO (Council Controlled Organisation). Port Marlborough is owned by MDC Holdings Limited.
- The concept of kaitiakitanga was discussed. Rhys noted that every decision will be made taking into consideration people, planet and prosperity.
- Discussion took place on the possible perception of favouritism by Council towards Port Marlborough due to Council's ownership of the Port. Rhys clarified that decisions are made transparently and there are safeguards in place, such as the Harbourmaster who reports to Maritime New Zealand. Cllr Oddie noted that Port Marlborough goes through the same consenting process as everyone else and if there is any perceived conflict independent commissioners are appointed.
- Rhys confirmed there are no land acquisitions in the Infrastructure Plan.
- Recycling batteries from electric cars was discussed. It was noted that batteries are on the priority list of the Government's Product Stewardship scheme. Submissions are open (see link below) on this consultation document until 4 October.

https://www.mfe.govt.nz/consultations/priorityproducts?utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=Product%20stewardship%20consultation%20-%209%20August%202019&utm_content=Product%20stewardship%20consultation%20-%209%20August%202019+CID_e74017e5224a86bcaca292cc70e6999e&utm_source=Email%20marketing%20software&utm_term=wwwmfegovtnzconsultationspriorityproducts

Rhys withdrew from the meeting at 2.20 pm.

4. Air Quality Monitoring Update – Sarah Brand

- Sarah gave a presentation to the group on the Picton Air Quality Monitoring project. An abbreviated version is included in Appendix 1.
- Sarah also gave some examples of the data that has been received so far which has not yet been analysed.
- The study will run until this time next year and a presentation will take place for the community in conjunction with NIWA after the study finishes.
- A question on pollution due to ferry emissions on the foreshore was asked. Rose commented that the Kaitaki has recently had work undertaken to improve its emissions and that no cruise ships coming in to New Zealand will be burning high sulphur fuels from 1 January 2020. She also clarified that the ferries burn 80% diesel and 20% medium density fuel not heavy fuel oil.

- Sarah noted that the NES on Air Quality allows for one PM₁₀ exceedance per year. If there are more exceedances than allowed, the Council is required to take action to improve the air quality.
- It was confirmed that no methyl bromide fumigation is carried out in Picton.

5. Action Items from the previous meeting (8 July 2019)

Action	Person Responsible
1. Invite Marlborough Roads to respond to the problem regarding vehicles parking on Port Underwood Road	Rebecca
Marlborough Roads responded by email that bach owners are encouraged to construct parking places which a few have done recently - completed	
2. Request information from Marlborough Roads on the issue of cars parking and obstructing the turning area at Karaka Point	Rebecca
This was referred by Steve Murrin on to DOC who are working on a plan with Marlborough Roads to designate parking and non-parking spaces to try to keep a clearway through the lay by - completed	
3. Ask Marlborough Roads for comment on the problem of the large campervans parking in the Picton CBD	Rebecca
Marlborough Roads responded by email that there is signage directing campervans to the High Street car park. However a lot, particularly foreigners do no read or understand the signage - completed	
4. Find out if targeted rate money can be rebated to ratepayers	Dean
The targeted rate can probably be rebated, however no decision can be made until there is a new Council so that it can be included in next year's budget - completed	
5. Discuss with own organisations request for information on community recovery from Catherine Coates – completed	Members

6. Payment for use of Emergency Management Centre – Dean Heiford

- It was agreed that a donation of \$600 would be given to the Picton Emergency Management Centre for the use of the meeting room for the year.

7. Election Update – Dean Heiford

- Meet the candidate meetings are taking place around the district. Two in Picton, one in Havelock and one in Linkwater.
- Voting documents will be mailed out from 20 - 25 September and need to be mailed back by 12 October. Some Sounds communities may receive theirs slightly earlier.
- The Picton Regional Forum will be reviewed after the elections.

8. General Business

- A wattle tree poisoning trial commences today in Waikawa on the hill from Waikawa Road to the ridge between Amelia Crescent and Waimarama Street.
- A question on the inclusion of Ngakuta Bay in the Picton Vicinity was asked. This item was discussed at the Council meeting on 27 June. Council minutes can be found on the website. (Link below).

<https://www.marlborough.govt.nz/your-council/meetings>

- The proposed pedestrian crossing on Queen Charlotte Drive at Ngakuta Bay was discussed. It was agreed that Steve Murrin would be asked for an update on the crossing for the next meeting.
- The Rātā Foundation Grants meeting is being held on Monday 21 October at 5.30 pm. The website has information on the new Rātā priority “Sustain” which is about environmental aspects.

<https://www.ratafoundation.org.nz/funding/what-we-fund>

Rātā would like to incorporate a meeting with local community groups prior to the two Picton Regional Forum meetings they attend each year. Steve will liaise with Lyn Reeves on organising this for future meetings.

- Council Community Grants are now open and close on 25 October. More information can be found on the Council website. (Link below).
<https://www.marlborough.govt.nz/our-community/grants-and-awards/marlborough-district-council-community-grants>
- It was noted that the email addresses of several members of the PRF don't work anymore. If you have a new email address please let Rebecca know so that she can update the mailing list.
- The next meeting is scheduled for 11 November 2019.

9. Action Points from the Meeting

Action	Person Responsible
1. Pay \$600 donation to Picton Emergency Operations Centre for the use of the meeting room	Dean
2. Provide an update on the progress of the Ngakuta Bay pedestrian crossing	Steve Murrin

Appendix 1



Picton's air quality is complex

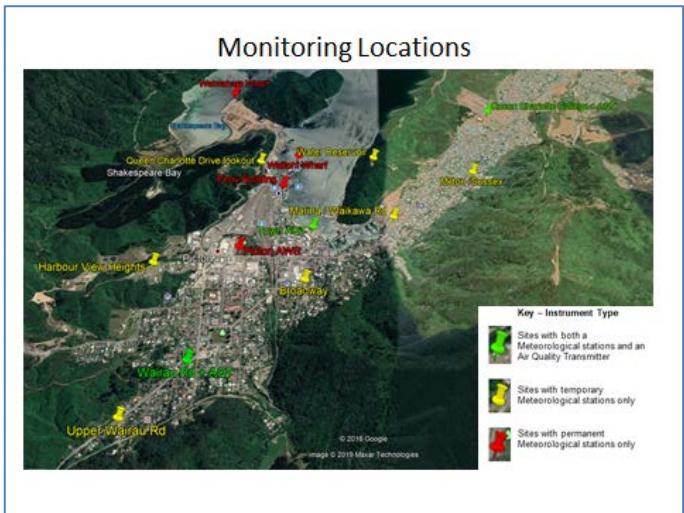
- Topography affects air flows.
- Coastal location – the interface between marine and terrestrial environments.
- Variety of human activities concentrated into a topographically confined space.

Previous studies:-

- Focused on specific contaminants (e.g. particulate matter or methyl bromide).
- Short term (overnight, days, months).
- Intermittent monitoring (1 day sampled in every 3 days)

Current Study:-

- Multiple contaminants.
- Capture a full winter and summer.
- Continuous monitoring.



Measuring Aims

- To identify the air pollutants.
- To quantify levels of air pollutants.
- To understand their variability:-
 - Spatially;
 - Over a 24hr period;
 - Seasonally.

Monitoring Equipment

Queen Charlotte College – Fully automated meteorological station and air quality transmitter instrument (AQT).

Queen Charlotte Drive – Temporary meteorological station.

Wairau Road – Temporary meteorological station and fully automated air quality transmitter.

What is being measured?

The AQT's measure:-

- Nitrogen Dioxide (NO₂)
- Sulphur Dioxide (SO₂)
- Carbon Monoxide (CO)
- Ozone (O₃)
- Particulate Matter both PM₁₀ and PM_{2.5}
- Also temperature, relative humidity and pressure



The MET stations measure:-

- Temperature (min, max and average)
- Solar Radiation (some stations only)
- Wind Direction (mean and gust)
- Wind Speed (mean and gust)



Pollutants by Source

Pollutants	Sources
PM ₁₀	Domestic heating, Vehicles, Trains, Shipping, Dust, Sea Salt, Pollen
PM _{2.5}	Domestic heating, Vehicles, Trains, Shipping, Dust & Sea Salt
NO ₂	Vehicles (esp. Diesel), Shipping, Trains, Domestic Heating
SO ₂	Shipping, Steam Train, Domestic heating (coal)
CO	Vehicles (esp. Petrol), Domestic heating, Trains, Shipping
O ₃	Formed via photochemical reactions with other pollutants and sunlight, particularly NOx.



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Potential Sources of Air Pollutants

- Anthropogenic:-
 - Vehicles – Passenger and Heavy
 - Trains – Diesel and Steam
 - Shipping – Ferries, Cruise, Freight
 - Domestic:- Heating and Backyard burning
 - Industry
- Natural:-
 - Dust
 - Sea salt
 - Pollen

