



## **PS&C Maintenance & Infrastructure Think Tank Stakeholder Group**

### **Annual Plan Submission 2022**

**Subject: Picton Foreshore Reserve –Budget (Level of service) increase for a designated Premier Reserve.**

**May 2022**

#### **Our Submission**

We Picton Smart + Connected (PS+C) hereby support a \$100k budget increase / annual level of service increase for Picton Foreshore (including Shelly Beach Reserve), to enable the area to be maintained to a level of service appropriate to the existing Premier Reserve status applied to the reserve.

#### **In addition**

We fully support the transfer of management from Downers contracting, to a appropriate team of skilled council parks and reserves gardeners, like those who maintain Marlborough's two other Premier Reserves, Pollard Park and Seymour Square.

#### **Reasoning**

In recent years, the level of maintenance including general gardening standards on the Picton foreshore has declined year on year. Through discussion and research since June 2020 (PS+C Think Tank Stakeholder Meetings) with key stakeholders and the Parks and Open Spaces team at the council, it is obvious that budget restrictions are the main cause of the issues faced. The other principal issues being that those maintaining the foreshore reserve do not have an adequate knowledge of looking after a Premier Reserve in general gardening

or garden design terms and that of inadequate management and suitable supervision from the Parks and Open Spaces team.

### **Summary**

There needs to be an urgent increase in level of service, general gardening outcomes and management, including effective key performance and result monitoring on Picton foreshore, to achieve a level of service and results, befitting to a Premier Reserve in Marlborough's premier destination town.

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