

Personal Submission to the Marlborough District Council Annual Plan 2022-23 –

Supporting Documentation from Jane Buckman, 9th May 2022.

1. I appreciate that Annual Plan budgeting is a mix of maintenance and investment in existing infrastructure but also includes a portion of new capital investment that grows and leverages existing facilities.

- **I therefore encourage Council;** to ensure that any upgrade of and improvement to community facilities and playgrounds includes provision for the recharging needs of all types of Electric Vehicles [EVs].

2. While I appreciate it is not necessarily the Council's responsibility to install such hardware, the facilitating of land use approvals and its allocation is within your scope. Advocating strongly for Port Marlborough to ensure Waitohi/Picton's new ferry terminal development incorporates EV charging sites, should be your responsibility.

Currently there are no public charge sites in Picton. One private site provides charging for the vehicles of their Motel's guests.

Marlborough's Electric Vehicle Charging Stations [Google Search May 2022]

Tesla Destination Charger
Electric vehicle charging station
215 Anakiwa Rd · 03-574 2965
Tesla·4.0 kW Total 1

ChargeNet Charging Station
Electric vehicle charging station
Spring Creek · 0800 224 274
CHAdEMO·50.0 kW1/1CCS·50.0 kW1/1

ChargeNet Charging Station
Electric vehicle charging station
Blenheim · 0800 224 274 [PAK'nSAVE]
CHAdEMO·50.0 kW1/1CCS·50.0 kW1/1

ChargeNet Charging Station
Electric vehicle charging station
Blenheim · 0800 224 274 [The Warehouse]
CHAdEMO·50.0 kW1/1CCS·50.0 kW1/1

ChargeNet Charging Station
Electric vehicle charging station
Ward · 0800 224 274
CHAdEMO·50.0 kW1/1CCS·50.0 kW1/1
Electric vehicle charging station in Ward

Waka Kotahi's web site <https://www.nzta.govt.nz/> notes;

As numbers of electric vehicles (EVs) on our roads grow, so does the demand on the nationwide network of EV charging infrastructure.

As New Zealand's transport sector progresses on its decarbonisation journey, EV uptake is likely to accelerate – and so will the charging infrastructure network.

As a responsible, climate change aware, Council, by providing/facilitating more EV charging stations you are undertaking positive action to support the country's goals.

3. Potential EV car owners often face a "chicken and egg scenario", a reluctance to wean off fossil fuels, due to "range anxiety" and particularly of potential owners of smaller [more affordable] EVs, caused by the current lack of charging stations within battery range.

- **I therefore encourage Council;** to ensure developments undertaken within "The Small Townships Programme" also include provision for the recharging needs of anyone using Electric Vehicles [EVs] in these area/s.

4. How and where can you charge and/or service your E-Bike/Mountain bike?

Any upgrade of and improvement to community facilities and playgrounds needs to also include provision for the service requirements of anyone using bikes, be they e-bikes, or pedal powered and for long distance walkers some of whom also use paths shared with cyclists.

Marlborough's Regional Development initiative includes growing tourism and incorporates a coordinated tourism sector plan. Infrastructure upgrades must go hand in hand. The result is a "double win" for Marlborough's residents and ratepayers.

The Region has an opportunity to proactively receive increased numbers of cyclists and walkers [both domestic and international] directly from the new ferry terminal. These tourists can be fed into the future "Whale Trail", Marlborough's to be incredible world-

class cycling and walking trail, connecting coastal communities between Waitohi/Picton and Kaikōura.

In the other direction there is the Link Pathway connecting Picton through to Havelock for both local and visiting walkers and cyclists. We also have a section of the NZ long Te Aroha Trail for walkers and of course the Queen Charlotte Track.

Continued investment to upgrade and improved community facilities, which are also used by these tourists, is a no brainer.

- **I therefore encourage Council;** to ensure that quality E-Bike Charging Stations are available in at least Waitohi/Picton, Blenheim and Havelock [Renwick currently has a single E-bike charge point].

Example of E-Bike Charging Station;

<https://www.all4cycling.co.nz/shop/e-bike-charging-station/>



Designed to accommodate a wide range of personal E-Bike drive systems, each of our charging docks contains a secure, user-accessible locker containing a 240V outlet.

The photos below [taken 2021] are examples of the e-bike lockup and charging service provided in Christchurch [top] and Nelson [below];



The photos below shows two cycle “self service centres”. LHS Hamner Bike Park – note mounted on hard surface. RHS photo service station located in the main street in Nelson.



If Marlborough is to reap the rewards from healthy, environmentally friendly tourism generated from cycling [all types] similar to those of Central Otago’s Rail Trail, Nelson’s Taste Trail or the country’s numerous other Great Rides/Walks, investment in and upgrades to related infrastructure as exemplified above, will be required.

5. The proposed increase in operating grant to the Marlborough Heritage Trust is strongly supported. We all know that costs have risen in every sector. The Trust’s has an important role that ensures the region's historical treasures, artefacts and records are safely preserved and well managed. The Edwin Fox museum and the Historical Society come under the Trust's control. Both the historical taonga/treasures themselves and the structures that contain them for current and future generations to learn from, must be maintained and upgraded. As every home owners knows, leaky roofs for example do not

fix themselves and protective coats of paint are needed to ensure a fit for purpose environment.

I believe that the Edwin Fox, built in 1853, deserves a much higher profile as part of the Waitohi/Picton foreshore. This ship's international significance and family friendly exploration potential makes it a must-see attraction.

- **I therefore encourage Council** to ensure that;

1. The Marlborough Heritage Trust receives an increased operating grant of \$100K, and
2. The Picton foreshore maintenance programme proceeds with the work ensuring a greater profile for the Edwin Fox [museum and ship] as part of the new port development/waterfront interface.

While not Annual Plan spending specific, I note that the loss of the aquarium, associated wildlife breeding facility and picture theatre from the Picton foreshore [should that be the outcome of the upcoming court case] will be a significant year-round amenity loss for the Region's residents and tourists alike.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on and support the proposed 2022-23 AP's budgeted expenditure from Reserves.

As outlined above, I support the proposed increases in investment in these areas and do not seek the Council to reduce funding in any of the proposed areas.

Question 2 – Funding proposals & initiatives

1. I support proposed funding of NPS implementation costs for fresh water management. New Zealand's and New Zealanders haphazard and past uncoordinated approaches to water use and waste management [of all kinds] often lagged behind best international practice. When the "she'll be right" attitude is combined with the country's slow pace of preparedness for climate change induced water shortages, the Government's new rules for freshwater management [NPS] are a worthy and important step towards correcting past damage. Three years of additional investment by the Council is a positive continuation towards efforts to improve water management.

2. I support the proposed funding for NPS capacity and capability building. Capacity and capability to implement existing legal requirements [NZ statutes] is the job of the Council. Without developing these attributes, there is no knowledge developed to understand and promote the best environmentally sustainable pathway/s forward.

The Region has a new Environment Plan [EP] with many new rules and regulations, for example EP has changed new house section sizes and the role and responsibility of subdivision development and associated infrastructure. If Marlborough is to continue to grow and provide new housing the Council must have planners and related resource consent staff on board ready to enact and assist with these processes.

3. I support proposed of funding to support potential rezoning variations for housing and other developments to the Proposed Marlborough Environmental Plan.

4. I support the proposed increase in staff remuneration budgets to remain competitive in the challenging employment market (\$562K), and additional personnel in Emergency Management, Human Resources and Rivers to meet increased workloads. Everyone is aware of the competition both local and international for skilled and experienced staff in all fields. We should always aim to secure and retain the best talented staff possible. This is only possible if the Council pays at a competitive rate.

Question 3 – Other initiatives

Proposed Dog Park for Blenheim - I urge all Councillors to continue financial support towards the development of this proposed new facility. Renwick now has a well-used and fully established Dog Park facility located in Foxes Island Road. The Council consulted widely and invested in a pragmatic and well-built facility that has more than proved to be fit for purpose and has become a valuable community asset.

Outcome requested: To financially support the establishment of a quality built and resourced Dog Park in Blenheim as per recent community consultations.

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