



Annual Plan Submission 2022

Picton CBD, Foreshore & Playground

Maintenance and repairs have been well below standard over the last year in Picton CBD and we went into Xmas with it looking sub-standard. We ask Council to have a serious look at control and maintenance together with current funding, as we expect Picton to be pristine especially over the summer season.

We are however pleased to see aspects of the area made a priority site within the funding in this year's annual plan budget. With the expected return of Cruise Ships, it is a good time over the next few months to bring the areas up to standard.

PBG are anxiously awaiting the Changing facilities, freshwater showers, drinking fountain and additional suitable shade around the children's playground.

We welcome the sweeper/vac, it should assist through the whole region thank you

Shelley Beach

The redevelopment of Shelley Beach has resulted in the loss of valuable shade trees where visitors and local families sat for picnics, watched the ferries and particularly children swam or paddled down the beach.

We appreciate this area and the Picton foreshore brought up to premier park levels in this year's annual plan budget however PBG request additional shade sails, plus the long requested, benches in the toilets and a shower (similar to Waikawa Bay for bathers).

Picton Marina Trailer Park (Victoria Domain)

On New Year's Eve a year ago approximately 200 trailer/car combinations parked on the temporary grass parking areas. The same period this year only approximately 80 due the reduced area available.

As a result, there was chaos and particularly cars and trailers having to park on Waikawa Road and everywhere they could find a park.

Port Marlborough is responsible for providing the necessary parking for the many locals and influx of visitors (plus with reported record boat sales over the covid period) however the actions of M.D.C restricted their ability.

Fortunately, they got away during Easter and ANZAC weekends due to limited additional parking space being made available.

However next Xmas the problem will rear its head again and really we are only asking for 1 month over Xmas, 5x days at Easter (this year was an exception) and 4 x 3 days for the long weekends through the year, surely that is not too much to ask, there is still some area left.



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Also if Council is prepared to deal with the Health & Safety issues which could arise if cyclists or a motorist run into the back of a trailer on the road or a child runs into a wheel parked on the footpath. Both of which could easily happen.

Picton's business community has suffered a serious blow during covid for the last two years and need as many visitors as possible during the holiday season.

St John's request for Heli Pad

The Picton Business Group support St John's request for a sole use Heli Pad attached to the car park at the end of their building. It would allow a safe separation from any future trailer parking.

Waitohi Ferry Terminal Project

Picton Business Group members are eagerly awaiting the construction and the ultimate arrival of the new ferries. It will bring a lot of opportunities for Picton and the business community.

We are looking forward to the roading initiatives within Picton however we are concerned that the NZTA have not allocated any budget for improvements to S.H.1 south of town.

The Vickerman St Bypass will be essential to maintain steady traffic flows. Hold ups through bad weather will have 2 ships in at once and one will be a big one.

Liaison with iReX throughout the project will be very much appreciated.

Freedom Camping

Although we do not totally oppose Freedom Camping, Council is well aware of Picton Business Group's position. Once the selected sites are opened and tourists in campervans return, they will see NZMCA members parking and then also expect to stop so 4-6 sites will end up as 8-12 and who will police them?

****Please note - Picton Business Group would appreciate representation during the Annual Plan Hearings.***