



**From: Arts & Heritage Working Group**

**To: Marlborough District Council**

**Submission to Long Term Plan 2018-2028**

## **Vision**

To preserve and make visible Picton's Heritage and to support a dynamic Arts scene.

By building on the rich texture of the town's history and arts, both the community and visitors' experience will be enhanced and this will contribute to community pride. **We want to make heritage visible through physical means and digital technology.**

We want to strengthen the arts in Picton with increased involvement by the community, at the same time inspiring youth creativity. To enable the arts to thrive in Picton we advocate the revival of a Marlborough Arts organisation with strong Picton representation. This will help build a dynamic arts community through social gatherings, workshops, events, exhibitions and youth engagement. We also support the Community Grants Scheme administered by Council.

The focus on Picton during the Totaranui 250 commemorations will attract future visitors to the region and help sustain the visitor economy. Arts and Heritage supports the Trust's legacy projects that fit with our goals.

Through heritage and arts we hope to instil a strong sense of place - of turangawaewae, making Picton a place of value for the community and visitors and future generations.

Picton Smart & Connected Arts and Heritage Working Group will work with specific partners to achieve the outcomes. We aim to showcase local heritage and support and encourage a lively arts scene in Picton.

## **Years 2018-2021 Short Term Goals**

Increased funding for arts and heritage in Marlborough in the form of:

1. Plaques on Picton heritage buildings (6-8)
2. Funding for Matariki Festival
3. Heritage Trail: Picton Foreshore and town: brochure/signage/information panels/digital technology and an app (Support MDC Reserves and Amenities)

Also advocate for a Picton Sculpture Trail of existing Pou and sculptures e.g. at Interislander ferry terminal, and support concept of a Sculpture Trust for the province

4. Picton Youth Mural
5. Funding for Picton arts and heritage entries in Destination Marlborough brochure
6. Marlborough Maritime Heritage and Environment Centre (on existing Edwin Fox footprint) - feasibility study. (See separate submission.)
7. Reinvigorate the 'Treasured Pathway'. (See information provided in a Council-supported publication (*The Treasured Pathway: A Guide to the Marlborough Nelson Heritage Highway*, Nikau Press, 1997) – heritage relevant to the Link Pathway and the Coastal Pacific Trail. (See signage at Tuamarina).
8. Support arts programmes, encourage local projects e.g. art exhibitions/workshops, school visits to galleries and art/craft outlets, and community and youth engagement

### **Years 2021-2028 Long Term Goals**

Continue to increase Council funding for arts and heritage in Marlborough in the form of:

1. Continuation of funding for heritage plaque project (Lost heritage e.g. London Quay hotels, old Picton Post Office - family treasure hunt activity)
2. Marlborough Maritime Heritage and Environment Centre construction – depending on feasibility study/partnership project
3. Picton Sculpture Trail - extend to Karaka Point (Pou), and add sponsored sculptures
4. Art Gallery and Community Arts Centre with studio space to rent and a soundproof rehearsal room e.g. for youth bands, to achieve goal of providing a dynamic arts scene in Picton

### **Request**

Inclusion of Picton Smart & Connected Arts and Heritage Working Group's goals in Council's Long Term Plan depending on partnership funding and/or sponsorship and supporting the initiatives of others.

