

On Your Bike Picton

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On Saturday afternoon the Picton Smart & Connected Bike Walk Working Group celebrated the completion of the Marina to Marina walkway between Picton and Waikawa Bay. Marlborough District Councillor David Oddie was there, having walked the path into town earlier in the day. “This walkway will be celebrated by the tourist industry as it will attract more tourists and cruise ship passengers particularly with the new signage. But, like everyone here, I use it regularly and it is our community that will gain the most benefit from it.” He said.

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Jill Evans, Working Group Chair, spoke of the initiative which was conceived after a public meeting four years ago where the community indicated strong support for improved bike and walking tracks around the town. Jill has worked closely with Marlborough District Council and local earthmoving business Crafar Crouch to complete the improvements to the 3.5 km track. “Being on the ground in Picton has its advantages; I was on their case keeping this project top of mind!”

Crafar Crouch was able to reduce their overall cost by fitting the work in around other jobs

“They are the real stars here by working with the community and Council to achieve this project on reasonable budget”, she said.

To celebrate the opening, Jill cut the ribbon, then headed off on the track on an e-bike, followed by other volunteers including John Pickering, Carolyn Pickering, Annie Jones, David Brown, Kathy Brown and Braden Prideaux.

The Picton Smart & Connected Bike Walk Working Group has its sights set on their next big project; navigating a safe cycling route from Picton to Blenheim. A timely goal after Friday’s announcement by Christchurch Mayor Lianne Dalziel (along with Hurunui, Kaikoura and Marlborough Councils), offering unilateral support for a cycleway linking Christchurch and Picton.

