



MDC 2016/17 Annual Plan Submission

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We wish to speak to this submission

Picton Smart and Connected Public Spaces Working Group

The Picton Smart & Connected Public Spaces Working Group is making submissions relating to foreshore, and one supportive submission for Waikawa:

- That Council ensure (and budget for) the completion of the design process in 2016/17 for the redesign of foreshore/London Quay/High St cohesive with the Waterfront development
- That Council completes the zero depth play facility on the Picton foreshore in 2016/17
- Support for Waikawa Residents & Ratepayers Association submission

1. Submission on Picton Foreshore Design Brief and Funding

Picton Smart and Connected support the Picton foreshore, London Quay and lower High Street plan project and would like to encourage more community consultation and that the council ensures a cohesive and unique design for Picton is produced in 2016/17.

Picton Smart & Connected has been gathering feedback from local people, visitors, businesses, landlords and operators about the design brief for the foreshore, London Quay and lower High Street. It will also make a submission during the design consultation period as well.

There is a clear wish from Picton people long term for a cohesive look with design elements linked to the waterfront development and Upper High St plans. So that can this can be achieved, Picton Smart & Connected requests:

- sufficient funds be allocated to ensure the community are consulted and kept informed throughout the design process.
- That the design process is completed in the 2016/17 year ready for construction to begin in 2017/18 financial year.
- The council address the significant safety issues with the interim set-up on London Quay, mainly to do with the sunlounger seats continuing to cause tripping and falls

on the sloping edge of the old road and the protruding structures of the seats. There is clear desire to keep London Quay free of parking, but the aesthetics do need to be remedied as soon as possible, and the first step is commitment that all design is completed this year.

We appreciate what has previously been achieved on the waterfront. In the design that we urge a cohesive link between the Waterfront/Wharves area, Foreshore, London Quay, High Street, including linkage to Upper High Street and the new library.

We look forward to modern, attractive urban design for the area for the future, linked cohesively with the waterfront design to London Quay and High Street.

3. Picton Modern Zero Depth Water Play Facility

Picton Smart & Connected supports council's proposal to create a zero depth water play facility on the Picton waterfront replacing the old paddling pool. There is support from the community for it to be replaced with a modern interactive facility that requires no pool and is self-draining. The design should fit within the proposed cohesive design linking the foreshore, waterfront, London Quay and High St.

The current pool:

- Is old and leaks causing ground around it to become wet and slippery.
- Attracts birds (esp ducks) so it is therefore difficult to maintain water quality suitable for safe play for children.
- Is dangerous as children can fall over in and around it – some have been injured on the concrete edge.
- Has health and safety issues with broken glass, tins, and sticks found in the pool; it had to be emptied last Maritime Festival because of broken glass in it.

The group agrees the council should review/explore the retention of Donald Duck and Mickey Mouse features if feasible, and if desired by the community, with repair and relocation to somewhere else on the foreshore.

3. Support of Waikawa Bay R&R Association submission

Picton Smart & Connected supports the following submissions made by the Waikawa Residents and Ratepayers Association (WRRA) to Marlborough District Council for inclusion in the 2016/17 Annual Plan, particularly:

- **Increased signage and information for the walkways in Waikawa**
- **Interpretive signage for the Waikawa foreshore**

Picton Smart and Connected considers that these walkway and signage projects are important for visitors and locals to safely walk and cycle from Picton to and through Waikawa. There are opportunities for visitors to enjoy taking short walks from Victoria Domain to Waikawa but they need to know the times between spaces and be able to easily follow the various pathways. This is critical for Marlborough visitor satisfaction, especially with cruise ship timetables, but is also

essential for foreign visitors not sure about distances between Picton and Waikawa. Historical, cultural and geographical interpretative signage is also important throughout Picton-Waikawa to improve the experience for local and visiting walkers.

- Improved pavement to the foreshore beach for safety and pedestrian access

- Provision of an irrigation and shower system for the Waikawa foreshore is urgently needed. This area is used extensively by locals and from throughout Picton and beyond, who prefer to swim at Waikawa; it is an increasingly popular stop for tourists.