

QSM Honour for Beryl Bowers

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You could almost hear the cheer go up around Picton when Beryl Bowers was awarded the Queen's Service Medal in the Queen's Birthday Honours. Huge congratulations to Beryl, who has put her heart and soul into the community and tirelessly helped shape our harbour town over several decades.

We are so proud of her achievements as an inaugural member of the Picton Smart & Connected team, on the Steering Group and several working groups. But she's best known as the driving force behind the Picton Maritime Festival, building on its long held traditions to become a modern anchor event loved by locals and tourists alike. She's also a key player behind the annual Picton Christmas Parade, and during her 13 years as a member of Marlborough 4 Fun ensured Picton remained top of mind. Descended from old Picton families, she helped open the town's first creche, and ran Picton Playcentre on Waitohi Place, and many other activities.

You name it - if it's good for Picton, you'll find Beryl involved or driving it somehow!