



# Waitohi Picton Ferry Precinct Update

## Early works - underway soon

Request for Tender' documents for enabling works have been in the market with good interest from high calibre construction companies. It's not every day companies get to be part of an engineering project that spans sea, land, buildings, road and rail.

Enabling work involves remodelling the Aratere Berth so it can be used by all the ferries while the new wharf is being built later in the year. We'll also be doing work to increase capacity of the Waitohi Culvert and setting up a temporary terminal building in the long-term parking area. Enabling works construction is set to get underway June / July 2022.

The project team will be in the community to answer any questions you may have before we move into the next stage of this once-in-

a-generation project. If you'd like to learn more about the Waitohi Picton Ferry Precinct Redevelopment, come along to a drop-in session at the Picton Library to talk with the project team and immerse yourself in the current concept design.

Bring the family along and experience the interactive digital walk-through of the new ferry precinct. You can check out the new terminal building, wharves, waterfront area and Dublin Street Overbridge. The children might like to colour in pictures of the new ferries.

You'll also have the opportunity to talk to the people in charge of the project for Waitohi Picton. Meet Senior Project Managers Harry Singh from KiwiRail, Gavin Beattie and Kate Cushing from Port Marlborough, and Massimo



Soprano whose job it is to get the new ferries to our shores.

We will be joined by representatives from Waka Kotahi, Te Ātiawa o te waka a mauī, and Marlborough District Council.

## True Partnership

For Rachael Hāte, chair of Te Ātiawa o Te Waka-a-Māui, the iReX project is an example of what 'true partnership' can look like in a multi-faceted infrastructure project.

This involves being included in the early stages of the project, right through to delivery and into the operation of the new terminals, to seeing Te Ao Māori and tikanga reflected across every aspect of the project.

"It recognises our position as Mana Whenua here. True partnership gives us a seat at the decision-making table, there are equal benefits to both parties and that reciprocation evolves naturally," says Rachael.

Te Ātiawa sees iReX as an opportunity for the Kaupapa that is being carried out today to make a massive difference not only here and now but for generations into the future. The iReX project is paving a path and creating a template for future iwi engagement.

"This will inspire our uri and show them that they can be working in the upper echelons, and they can contribute across all levels of similar projects. It will become natural for work programmes to include our culture and our tikanga throughout, from the contractors to the design, to the format of the newsletters," says Rachael.

## Te Au o Rehutai

Led by Taranaki Whānui ki Te Upoko o Te Ika, Ngāti Toa Rangatira and Te Ātiawa o Te Waka-a-Māui, the iReX project has now seen the establishment of Te Au o Rehutai.

This rōpū provides new depth and a richer view to the project and how we at KiwiRail approach our mahi.

Rangatira from all three iwi came together and gifted the rōpū with the name Te Au o

### Drop-in session information

**Where: Picton Library, 2 Dublin Street**

**When: Thursday 28 April, 3pm until 7pm**

**Friday 29 April, 11am until 3pm**

On Thursday 11th March 2021, KiwiRail and Te Ātiawa o Te Waka-a-Māui Trust signed a Kawenata (formal relationship agreement) at the Waikawa Marae.

The signing of the Kawenata formalised the close relationship between the two organisations and showed a commitment to working together as part of the Waitohi Ferry Precinct Redevelopment, and a promise to grow and foster the partnership into the future.



**Left to right: Ron Riwaka, Chair of Te Roopu Manaaki; Rachael Hāte Chair of Te Ātiawa o Te Waka-a-Māui; Ray Brown, KiwiRail Pou Arahi for Te Kupenga Mahi; David Gordon, KiwiRail Chief Operating Officer Capital Projects and Asset Development.**

Rehutai, a name that traverses and connects Taranaki Whānui, Ngāti Toa and Te Ātiawa o Te Waka-a-Māui and recognises the forging of the collective.

Te Au o Rehutai, translated as the wake of Rehutai with references to the forging of the prow of the canoe and its constant contact with Te Whanganui-a-Tara, Moana Raukawakawa and the channel to Waitohi/Picton.

“The one commonality that links us all together outside of whakapapa, is the enabler of Hinemoana and Tangaroa. From Wellington harbour through to the top of the South Island there are many currents. The Wake of a canoe



or ocean faring vessel is evident when the tauihu forges forward creating the wake of 'rehutai' (sea spray) between locations,” says Kura Moreau, Chairman of Te Rūnanganui o Te Ātiawa.

## Port Marlborough update from Chief Executive Rhys Welbourn

The redevelopment of the Picton Ferry Terminal precinct is a significant project, not just for Picton and Marlborough but for the whole of New Zealand. The project presents a “once in a generation” opportunity for our community, and reinforces Marlborough’s vital position in New Zealand’s supply chain for freight and passengers.

The redevelopment of the Picton Ferry Precinct will better connect the ferry precinct with the town, will create more employment opportunities and will see the redevelopment of the Picton terminal building and surrounds.

The project also adds much-needed resilience to New Zealand’s north-south connection and delivers environmental benefits in terms of decarbonisation of the supply chain.

Our project team are looking forward to engaging with mana whenua and community as we move into the detailed design and delivery phase of the project this year.

We are really looking forward to bringing this exciting development to life in Waitohi Picton.



Above: Rhys Welbourn, Port Marlborough

## iReX terminals register for the Infrastructure Sustainability Council’s rating scheme

The Inter-Island Resilient Connection (iReX) terminals will be the first KiwiRail project seeking to achieve an Infrastructure Sustainability (IS) Rating.

The IS framework is a comprehensive rating and certification tool which will drive sustainability outcomes across the design and construction of the iReX Terminals.

Both the Waitohi Picton ferry precinct and Kaiwharawhara Wellington ferry terminal are seeking an ‘Excellent’ IS Rating.

The rating scheme has four phases: registration, assessment, verification, and certification. The terminals will be

independently verified to assess the delivery of sustainability in the design and construction of the iReX terminals.

“KiwiRail is committed to sustainability and to delivering greater social, environmental, cultural and economic outcomes for communities and customers through our infrastructure projects,” says KiwiRail Chief Operating Officer – Construction Delivery Robert Gibbes.

The IS framework recognises a wide range of sustainability outcomes, from supporting KiwiRail’s partnership with mana whenua in providing long-term benefits, enhancing ecological value and awarding new and



innovative approaches to design and construction.

“We chose the Infrastructure Sustainability Council framework to provide a robust and transparent system because it will drive the measurement and achievement of sustainability outcomes at both terminals. It is a holistic approach to sustainability helping us deliver broader outcomes across this large-scale infrastructure development,” says Mr Gibbes.

The IS Rating Scheme will ensure that iReX identifies and delivers economic, social, and environmental benefits in the design and

construction phases of the project.

The IS Rating can help the project identify and implement feasibility opportunities to reduce energy and water consumption and reduce resource use across the project’s lifecycle. These types of initiatives will also support KiwiRail’s carbon reduction targets to reduce emissions by 30 per cent by 2030 and to be net zero carbon by 2050.

An example of successful application of an IS rating is Auckland’s City Rail Link (CRL), which piloted the IS Rating framework in New Zealand and achieved a ‘Leading’ IS rating for Contract 1 (Britomart Works).

## Picton Port – 150 years of change

Have you ever wondered how the port of Picton has evolved over the years?

Picton Heritage & Whaling Museum is putting together a display showing the major developments of port infrastructure since the 1860’s.

The display includes images from early European settlement when sailing vessels anchored in the harbour and people and cargo were rowed ashore, through to images showing the land reclamation and construction of the existing port infrastructure in the 1960’s.

Economic and social impact of the port developments over the last 150 years, using newspaper excerpts and images from the archives will also be on show, as will images and artifacts of some of the notable ferries and other ships that called into Picton.

The display will be open to coincide with the iReX project public drop-in days, and open from the 28th April at the Picton Heritage and Whaling Museum, 9 London Quay, Picton Foreshore.

**Below: Picton Harbour, 1870**

