

TASMAN newsLine THE MAG

LOCALS STEP UP IN CRISIS

Tapawera area residents turned on a "massive effort" to rescue friends and neighbours after heavy flooding on Sunday 16 May, 2010.

Swollen streams and rivers picked up flood debris and fired it downstream, trashing homes, bridges, roads and paddocks, Nelson Federated Farmers spokesman Martin O'Connor, who runs a dairy farm on Tapawera-Baton Road, told the Nelson Mail.

Twenty-two households had to be evacuated, some by helicopter. People were taken to the Tapawera volunteer fire brigade base.

Red Cross Tasman area manager Fraser Benson said seven of his staff set up an emergency centre in the Tapawera Rugby Club rooms at 2.00 pm. Evacuees were initially registered and provided with hot drinks and food.

"We looked for accommodation if need be but all these people had friends and family to stay with."

Fraser says they could have housed 20 people in the clubrooms, with the school available as an overflow. The local pub also offered four beds.

However, they were not needed. He praised a "tight-knit, resilient" community.

"I think you'll find that in smaller towns rather than the big ones."

Most families returned home on Monday as the Baton and Wangapeka rivers quickly receded. The Wangapeka was reported to have received 122mm of rain on the Sunday.

Contractors, engineers and building inspectors were promptly onsite assessing damage to homes, roads and bridges. Two or three houses were reported to be severely damaged.

A number of areas were affected in the Motueka Valley, from Brooklyn through to Tadmor, including slips on the Motueka Valley Highway and Tapawera-Baton Road. District-wide, 300km of road were affected.



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MAYOR'S COMMENT

The week began in Tapawera somewhat earlier than expected. It was only an hour's difference between a standard rainy weekend and one of the worst floods in 70 years. What the community did in response to 'Mother Nature's' deluge provided me with as much awe as did the natural forces at play.

In response a small settlement that at 8.00am was getting on with their own thing on a rainy Sunday was suddenly galvanised into one community dealing with the threat to life and property that was often not their own. People and resources came from everywhere, those that could help helped those that wore the brunt of the flood. The emergency services, Police, Civil Defence, Paramedics and the Red Cross, we all hope will turn up did, and as usual, managed the situation extremely well.

There was no greater evidence of a community that looks after its own than the welfare centre was closed within hours as all those affected by the flood had been taken in and cared for by their neighbours, relatives and friends.

When the community gets back to some semblance of normal life, the roads are cleared and the immediate risks are taken care of the Council will be leading a review of the lessons learnt from this flood to ensure the risks and dangers are minimised in the future.

The landscape will be scarred for sometime but Tapawera and the people within will recover and move on secure in the knowledge they live in a 'real' community.

– Mayor Richard Kempthorne

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LOCALS STEP UP IN CRISIS

St John Ambulance team leader Jon Leach, who was a volunteer aboard the Summit Rescue Helicopter that helped to evacuate 13 people, said the fire brigade, Search and Rescue and other locals put in a "massive effort" checking on people and clearing roads.

"They were all out there supporting each other."

Inspector Iain McKenzie, of Nelson police, also paid tribute to the community and the 30-plus volunteers who helped on the Sunday.

Tapawera fire brigade chief Tony Norriss says eight firefighters rescued people from two houses.

In the first a resident was trapped in the roof with water flowing through the building.

"We couldn't get to more places because of slips."

Tony says they improvised with a farm tractor and loader in a futile bid to clear roads.

Thankfully, the rescue helicopter was able to reach cut-off residents. Many families had stocked supplies for such emergencies and opted to stay put.



Right: Rob Crawford of Motueka Police with Tasman District Mayor Richard Kempthorne after flooding in the Wangapeka area near Tapawera. Photo courtesy Nelson Mail.



GOVERNOR-GENERAL VISITS NELSON-TASMAN

New Zealand's Governor-General, Sir Anand Satyanand and his wife Lady Susan Satyanand visited Nelson-Tasman from 11 – 14 May 2010.

The four day visit was their longest visit to the region to-date and included several excursions to the Tasman District including visits to Waimea College and Job Track, Golden Edge and Nelson Pine Industries, Upper Moutere School and the Kiyosato Gardens in Motueka.

The Governor-General, appointed as the personal representative of the Head of State, Queen Elizabeth the Second, is a symbol of New Zealand's national unity and leadership, and fulfils important constitutional, ceremonial and community leadership roles.

The Hon. Sir Anand Satyanand was sworn in as New Zealand's 19th Governor-General for a five-year term in August 2006. He is New Zealand's first Governor-General of Indian and Pacific ancestry and has had a lengthy career as a lawyer, judge and ombudsman as well as contributing to many community, professional and sporting groups.



Anne Lancaster, Sue Horrell, Elaine Wilson, Peter Lancaster, Governor-General Sir Anand Satyanand, Lady Susan Satyanand, Community Services Manager Lloyd Kennedy, Mary Lafrentz, Glenn Thorn.

SERIOUS PLAYTIME AT CAMBRIDGE STREET

Spider-web lattices of rope to test young climbers are part of the revamped Cambridge Street playground in Richmond.

The new equipment also includes slides, tunnels, a small climbing wall, and contorted monkey bars featuring wavy steel and high handholds to "provide a bit of teenage upper-body stuff," says Glenn Thorn, Tasman District Council Reserves Officer.

All the equipment is underlaid with bark chip to soften falls.

Adjacent to the new play equipment, work is underway on concrete paths, which will be patterned to carry on the theme of Sundial Square. Two short boardwalks will add variety.

A "stream", activated by children using a hand-pump, will flow around an island of river rocks.

Jaxon Palmer-Bensemann checks out the equipment.



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COUNCIL READY TO COMBAT ENVIRONMENTAL THREATS

Oil spills have been big news recently with pictures from the BP oil spill on America's south-eastern coast splashed across our screens. Closer to home, media attention focused recently on a ship that ran aground in Golden Bay with 19 tonnes of diesel and 500 litres of lube oil on board.

Fortunately the ship was successfully re-floated, but the incident prompted queries about Council's response system in the face of environmental threats. So what happens in a not so fortunate situation?

Tasman District Council regulatory services coordinator Graham Caradus is the 'go to guy' in the event of an environmental threat on the water in the Tasman District. He explains:

"We have a highly trained team ready to go and provided the incident is not too large, we can respond quickly and effectively.

"There is a New Zealand-wide process that's set up through Maritime New Zealand that's funded entirely out of an oil pollution levy that ships pay as part of their fuel costs – it's not something funded by ratepayers.

"Selected regional council staff around the country undertake an intensive training process run by Maritime New Zealand. In Tasman, I have the role of regional on-scene commander and there are three trained managers, an oil wildlife responder and a number of equipment operators. We also undertake District-wide training exercises twice a year. When any potential problem occurs, it gets

driven from the top by the regional on-scene commander, who is authorised to spend up to \$250,000 to immediately remedy any situation."

Fortunately, oil spill incidences in the Tasman District are rare. In a region that markets itself on its pristine environment, and where the Abel Tasman National Park is the biggest tourism drawcard, the effects of an oil spill could be devastating – not only to the environment and wildlife but also to the people who depend on tourism and seafood for their livelihoods. The region's shallow waters and large tidal flows mean any spills can potentially spread far and wide very quickly.

Graham estimates that during his past 12 years at Council, there have been three potential threat situations and one actual spill. This is in contrast to Nelson, where several spills a year are common, due to the commercial port. Nelson City Council and Tasman District Council staff work together closely, sharing equipment, training and staff. They also work on joint exercises involving Marlborough and West Coast staff and industry representatives from companies such as Talleys and Sealord. A network of people around the region are involved in monitoring potential threats, including pilots flying to and from Nelson Airport.

However, as Graham says, with a ten percent recovery of oil considered a "good" result, it's really a matter of cleaning up and trying to minimise damage to certain areas rather than actual recovery.

Given the potentially devastating consequences and the difficulty of cleaning up an oil spill, Council is not afraid to take prosecutions where necessary. In a normal situation, the spiller pays and Council will seek to recover costs through the legal process.



A fence boom being towed into position and a pump being readied to fill the ballast compartment of land/sea boom to cover the intertidal zone.



BIODIVERSITY IN TASMAN DISTRICT

Tasman District is a very special part of New Zealand. Many have chosen to live here because of its fascinating hinterland and its rich biodiversity.

While most of the alpine areas and higher altitude forests have retained their original vegetation cover, much of the forest areas in the lowlands have been cleared and most of its wetlands have been drained to provide land for our primary industries. These forests and wetlands are quite different to those in the high country and provide habitat for a wide range of animals and birds and insects. Much has been lost and some are in decline. It is their scarcity that makes these remnants so important. Many landowners and agencies are seeking to protect native plants and animals for future generations to enjoy.

Some of these bush remnants have been included in council reserves. Areas like Faulkners Bush in the Wakefield Domain provide a good opportunity to feel what those early forests were like. There are landowners throughout the district with bush remnants on their land who are committed to protecting these areas from weeds, controlling pest animals, excluding farm animals, and replanting with locally-sourced native plants.

There are other landowners who are committed to restoring wetlands and forest areas, starting from bare ground where there is little or nothing of original cover present. Comprehensive planting lists for different areas in Tasman are available on the Council website, www.tasman.govt.nz, to provide information on the different species and their characteristics. Good advice is available from local nurseries specialising in native plants; they can provide seedlings grown from locally-sourced seed.

The Council is working with landowners who have natural areas with high biodiversity values as part of its Significant Natural Habitats programme to provide it with a better understanding of indigenous biodiversity within the district. Landowners are contacted to seek permission to visit their sites and invited to meet with the ecologist. All landowners receive a comprehensive ecological report and are invited to comment on its contents.

There are many committed individuals in Tasman District who are actively involved in restoration programmes, either on their own property or private or crown land. These programmes include:

- Predator control projects – Friends of Flora, Friends of Rotoiti, Friends of the Cobb and Native Bird Recovery Richmond.
- Predator control and planting projects – Milnethorpe Park Society, Friends of Mangarakau Swamp, the Onekaka Biodiversity Group
- Planting projects – Coast Care, Friends of Mapua Wetland, Marahau Wetland, Wakefield Bush Restoration Society, NZ Landcare Trust, Murchison Environmental Care Group and Keep Richmond Beautiful.

There are also organisations such as Forest and Bird whose members undertake a wider range of restoration work, either through their own projects or through the organisations listed above. More and more farmers are becoming more aware of the importance of the ecological benefits of wetlands and riparian plantings and are fencing off areas to establish and protect them.

An illustrated restoration book is being prepared to assist landowners with the restoration and management of natural areas and this will be published later in the year. There are publications on Council's website that describe the biodiversity of Tasman District and provide landowners with advice on management of their natural areas. There are also some brief publications on controlling of predators. For further information, contact Lindsay Vaughan, Ph. 03 543 8432 or email lindsay.vaughan@tasman.govt.nz.



MURCHISON TO TACKLE MPs

If the Parliamentary rugby team think they are in for a soft trot when they play locals at Murchison in August 2010, think again.

Murchison team manager Robbie Peat says the MPs have been known to stack their team with security staff, some of whom used to play serious rugby, so the locals will respond in kind.

The game will be played at the new \$3.2 million Murchison Sport, Recreation and Cultural Centre, which was jointly funded by the Tasman District Council and local fundraising. Robbie, who is chairman of the

centre, says it has been "brilliant" for his sport, which, along with netball, is the biggest user of the facility.

"It's been amazing for the whole community."

He says the centre hosted the Crusaders on their way to a game with the Blues in Motueka early this year, and coach Todd Blackadder commented that the complex was much too good for Murchison. "No it isn't, mate," Robbie set him straight.

The Crusaders visit might become an annual fixture. As for the Parliamentarians' match,

it will be dovetailed with activities to show politicians what Murchison has to offer, such as rafting and kayaking.

The fixture is always a fundraiser for local causes, and the benefactor this time will be Murchison emergency services.

First, though, the centre is gearing up for a mid-winter celebration on 19 June 2010, with a band, dressing up to a "black-and-white" theme, and spot prizes.

"A good night out in what is otherwise a dreary time of year," says Robbie.

FUNDING EXPO DRAWS THE CROWDS

About 250 people attended the region's fifth Funding Expo for Not for Profit groups at Hope Community Church on 5 May 2010. With a fantastic line-up of speakers from around the country, there was something for everyone.

Organiser Judene Edgar says she was delighted with both the calibre of the speakers and the feedback from participants.

"There was so much practical information to help groups to step up and meet the needs of funders, donors and the general public – it was just fantastic," she says.

Nayland College Community Education Co-ordinator Kathryn Sclater agreed, saying that the day had motivated her to make time to work 'on' the business and make the changes necessary to allow this to happen.

"From the exhibitors to the inspirational speakers, to the smooth running of the day itself – I was so impressed," she says.

Fraser Carson from FRESCO public relations firm in Wellington headed the line up and outlined the basics of building an efficient web strategy for support and fundraising and how a campaign website is essential to success. He also demonstrated the new, free Issues.co.nz website, New Zealand's first website dedicated to the promotion

of issues campaigns of any type; social, political, environmental, agricultural, and business, whether they be international, national or local issues.

From the strategy and ideas to the 'how-to', Terri Sawers from Communications Insights in Nelson presented the best way to begin using blogs, Facebook, Twitter and other social media tools. For the social media sceptics, it was noted that the highest growing number of Facebook users was women 55 years and over.

Louise Parkin, Global Philanthropic Research and Fiona Paterson, Pareto Fundraising emphasised the role of individual donors in organisational income, whether through regular giving, memberships, bequests, major gifts or annual pledges. Louise provided insight and information on identifying and researching prospective donors and Fiona went through the steps for understanding the needs of donors and keeping donors – keeping an existing donor is a lot easier than finding a new one.

Wayne Ward, Canterbury Community Trust followed a similar theme of the importance of understanding your target audience, by providing an insight into grant funding from a funder's perspective and the importance of knowing what they do and who they are as well as some of the key principles of a good grant application.

To complement the array of speakers, there were a wide range of exhibitors providing information on everything from finding and sourcing grant funding to communications and business mentoring.

COUNCIL ON THE AIRWAVES

Keep up with Council news and views on Fresh FM.

Tasman District Council Lowdown airs twice a week, on Monday mornings at 11.40 am and again on Wednesday afternoons at 3.40 pm.

Guests include Council officers talking about specific projects, and

once a month Motueka and Golden Bay Community Board heads discuss the issues affecting their areas.

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FORESHORE DUMPING UNACCEPTABLE

From time to time the Tasman District Council receives reports about people dumping garden waste onto our District's beaches and foreshore areas. This practice is unacceptable.

This use of the beach and foreshore area is illegal, it is an eye sore, and it could become a hazard during a storm and/or create a health hazard, and also promotes the spread of unwanted plants and weeds in what should remain as near as possible, natural areas. It is

littering a public space, which is there for the enjoyment of all.

The acceptable method to dispose of rubbish is to compost it, or arrange for it to be taken to the Refuse Transfer Station.

If you know of anyone dumping rubbish, or see rubbish that has been dumped, please report it to the Tasman District Council compliance team. If the persons responsible for these actions are identified, action will be taken to get them to clear the rubbish away in addition to possible fines under the Litter Act and the Resource Management Act.

The beach belongs to everyone – it is not a



dumping ground. To report an incident or make a complaint, phone Tasman District Council, 24 hours a day, on 03 543 8400.

PEST OF THE MONTH BANANA PASSION VINE

Banana passion vine is a large, vigorous scrambling evergreen vine with tendrils, capable of climbing 10 metres or higher.

It produces masses of pink tubular flowers throughout the warmer weather that ripen into yellow oval fruit (banana passion fruit) up to 12cm long. These contain many seeds enveloped in orange pulp and this edible sweet pulp has been the attraction for many gardeners.

This fast-growing vine from tropical South America is capable of smothering native trees and shrubs in gullies, on forest margins and in well-lit areas in tall forest. It can topple

smaller trees and its dense vegetation prevents natural regeneration. Viable seed is produced within two years of establishment and these are distributed by birds, possums, pigs and humans. As it is listed on the National Plant Pest Accord, there is a ban on its sale and propagation.

Banana passion vine represents a serious threat to the indigenous biodiversity of Golden Bay, and residents are required under the Tasman-Nelson Regional Pest Management Strategy to control the vine. If you live outside Golden Bay in an area with very few plants, it is worth controlling them before they become widespread.

Control methods include cutting all vines at ground level and immediately treating the




stumps with a small amount of herbicide gel (Vigilant) – care must be taken near desirable trees. Conversely, an effective herbicide spray can be sprayed on matted continuous banana passion vine leaves. Once long-established infestations have been killed, it is necessary to control the prolific regeneration of seedlings. For further information phone your Biosecurity Officer on 03 543 7225.

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ESTUARY'S FUTURE PONDERED

"We're wanting to look after our 'blue capital', and that's why we are here today," Tasman District Councillor Glenys Glover told a meeting of "captains of industry" at Council headquarters in Richmond recently.

That asset is the Waimea Estuary, and taking an exploratory look at its future were representatives from a diverse range of interested groups, including the Tasman and Nelson councils, businesses, farming, water sport, Nelson Airport and Nayland College. "We all live here," Tasman Mayor Richard Kempthorne observed. "It is everyone's front yard."

A Waimea Estuary Management Steering Group has been meeting for six months. It comprises three councillors each from Tasman (Glenys, Judene Edgar and Brian Ensor) and Nelson (Rachel Reese, Derek

Shaw and Ian Barker), plus Tiakina Iwi representative Moetu Stephens.

Project facilitator Glen Lauder emphasised that the invitation to a relaxed "orange juice after work" was aimed at encouraging diverse parties to begin thinking collectively about the future of the estuary – the South Island's largest and home to more than 50 species of wading birds.

Several participants were concerned about the benchmark data for the project, and felt that the Waimea Inlet is in better shape now than it was 50 years ago – a tribute to better environmental practices.

Glen agreed that monitoring of nutrient levels, toxins and disease risk indicated an estuary in good health.

Nelson Airport CEO Kaye McNabb emphasised the need to manage bird populations so that a flying Canada goose, for instance, did not bring down an aircraft – as had happened overseas.

Pressure of population was seen as the main threat to the estuary. Glen reiterated that with "responsible stewardship", this growth could be managed so the waterway was an even more valuable asset in 50 years' time.

Specific interest groups will always disagree about what they want to see happen, he said, but a way forward was much easier with everyone "sitting in the same tent".

Farmer Murray King also gave a nod to this consensus approach.

"The fact that we are having this discussion is marvellous," he said, "It wouldn't have happened a few decades ago."

Next stage in the process is a public seminar on Friday 28 May 2010 to discuss the recently released scientific report on the environmental health of the estuary, which was summarised in the last issue of Newline (issue 226).

The seminar will be held at the Greenacres Golf Club from 9.30am – 4.00 pm. Those wishing to attend the symposium can email katie.greer@tasman.govt.nz or register on the day at the Greenacres Golf Club, from 8.30 – 9.30 am.

Council Planner Neil Jackson says the steering group hopes to have Waimea Estuary policy directions agreed with the community and in place by the end of September 2010.

PETTY THEFTS EXPENSIVE

A sneak thief in Mapua is costing ratepayers dearly. Aluminium water meter covers are being stolen in the Iwa-Toru Street area – 12 in one week – for their scrap metal value.

The petty thefts mean the whole meter has to be replaced, since that assembly has been superseded by a plastic-housed model. With associated pipework, the bill can top \$500 apiece, says Kim Arnold,

Tasman District Council Utilities Asset Engineer.

Residents are being asked to keep an eye out for the offender, and report anything suspicious to the police immediately.

The offender could face up to three months' imprisonment, police say.

For the sake of small change, the thief has cost the Council thousands of dollars. That money will have to come out of other budgets, meaning some work won't be done.

Kim says the thefts also pose a danger to pedestrians. "We don't want people falling into a hole in the footpath."

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Richmond Library update

The waiting is almost over! We're nearly there with the Richmond Library renovations – only a few weeks to go!

As you can imagine there's a lot to do to move into the new library space – stock has to be moved around, new shelves need to be put up, stored stock has to be brought back and re-shelved, issues and returns desks set up – the list is long!

To manage all this we are closing the library for two weeks from Monday 21 June 2010. We'll be re-opening in our new and improved space on Saturday 3 July 2010 at 9.30 am.

While we're closed you'll be able to return your books using the after hours book drop. And of course your books and other library items won't be due back until after we've re-opened. So make sure you stock up on books, magazines and DVDs before Saturday 19 June 2010.

Remember you can renew your library items via our website www.taslib.govt.nz. Check with us if you're not sure of your pin number.

We apologise for any inconvenience the closure may cause you and once again thank you for your patience, good humour and tolerance over the past months.

We're looking forward to seeing you at our grand opening celebrations on Saturday 3 July 2010 from 9.30 am – 1.00 pm.

Richmond Library – same place, different space

Queen's Birthday holiday hours

All Tasman District libraries will be closed on Monday 7 June 2010.

Breakfast quiz

To celebrate NZ Post Children's Book Awards, Motueka and Takaka Libraries are holding a Breakfast Quiz.

Local schools have organised teams to take part in the quiz.

Motueka Library is hosting the Breakfast Quiz on Wednesday 16 June 2010 at 8.30 am at Motueka Memorial Hall. Twenty four teams from nine local schools will take part.

Takaka Library's quiz is on Wednesday 16 June 2010 at 8.30 am at the Library with eight teams taking part. May the best teams win!

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The swan thieves

by Elizabeth Kostova

Psychiatrist Andrew Marlowe has a perfectly ordered. That is until renowned painter Robert Oliver attacks a canvas in the National Gallery of Art and becomes his patient. Desperate to understand the secret that torments this genius, Marlowe embarks on a journey that leads him into the lives of the women closest to Oliver and a tragedy at the heart of French Impressionism.



through education. Mortenson shares for the first time his broader vision to promote peace through education and literacy, as well as touching on military matters, Islam, and women – all woven together with the many rich personal stories of the people who have been involved in this remarkable two-decade humanitarian effort.



this book he has woven the best of them into a fascinating blend of natural and social history

Dona Nicanora's hat shop

by Kirstan Hawkins

Surrounded by forest and reached only by treacherous road, the sleepy South American town of Valle de la Virgen is almost unknown to the outside world. After a silent stranger rolls in on the back of a pick-up truck, nothing is the same again.



With the arrival of the foreigner, known only as Gringito, the townspeople's dreams start to be reawakened. With a host of unforgettable characters in a magical setting, "Dona Nicanora's Hat Shop" is a remarkable debut novel that dares us to follow our dreams.

Stones into schools

by Greg Mortenson

From the author of the phenomenal No.1 bestseller Three Cups of Tea, the continuing story of this determined humanitarian's efforts to promote peace

Kahurangi calling

by Gerard Hindmarsh

Kahurangi National Park gathers in a huge area of wilderness in the top northwest corner of the South Island. Golden Bay author Gerard Hindmarsh has been collecting stories from Kahurangi and in



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RESOURCE CONSENTS

The Council has received applications for resource consents, which have been publicly notified in The Nelson Mail. The applications and supporting information may be examined in any Council office. The full public notice may be found online at Council's website (www.tasman.govt.nz). Any person may make a submission on the applications in accordance with Section 96 of the Resource Management Act 1991. Submission forms are available from Council offices and on Council's website. Please note that the following is an abridged advisory notice only.

Applicant: Sprig & Fern Queen Street Limited.

Location: 126 Queen Street, Richmond.

Consent Type, Application Number and Proposal:

Land Use Consent (Application RM100036)

To operate the Sprig & Fern Tavern at 126 Queen Street, Richmond, within a Commercial Zone under the Tasman Resource Management Plan (TRMP), resource consent is required for the following matters:

- To allow for a maximum occupancy of 80 people without providing the required number of on-site car parks. The shortfall of car parks is 13 parks between 4.00 pm and 7.30 pm, which reduces to a shortfall of 9 parks after 7.30 pm.
- To waive the requirement to provide two disabled car parks, as only one disabled car park is proposed; and to allow staff to use the one disabled parking space unless a specific demand arises.
- The standard of car parking surface is proposed to be unsealed compacted aggregate, whereas the TRMP requires car parks to be formed and sealed within the Commercial Zone.

Submissions due:

4.30 pm on Friday 4 June 2010.

Applicant: New Zealand Transport Agency.

Location: State Highway 60 (SH 60) at Mariri, being the northern intersection of SH 60 and Johnstone Loop Road.

Consent Type, Application Number and Proposal:

Land Use Consent (Application) RM090350

To undertake the following activities for the purposes of providing additional width for the State Highway at the northern intersection of Johnstone Loop Road and SH 60 at Mariri:

Restricted Coastal Activity (Application RM100228)

To reclaim foreshore or seabed for 100 metres or more in any direction.

Coastal Permit (Application RM100226)

To occupy and disturb the coastal marine area in association with the placement and contouring of fill.

Land Use Consent (Application RM100225)

To undertake land disturbance activities in association with the construction of a road.

Submissions due:

4.30 pm on Friday 4 June 2010.

COUNCIL NOTICES

Dog Registration expires 30 June 2010

Dog registrations will expire on 30 June 2010 and anyone who keeps a dog aged 3 months or older is required to register their dog by 31 July 2010.

Registration forms for all dogs currently on our database will be posted at the end of May. If you have moved from another area, or have changed address within the Tasman area, and do not receive a registration form, please immediately contact your nearest Council office on 03 543 8400 to update your details so that a form can be sent to you.

The fee for dogs that have not been registered by 1 August 2010 will increase by 50% on top of the standard urban or rural registration fee.

The Registration Fee structure for 2010/2011:

Urban Dog for a dog living on a property of less than one hectare	\$47.00
Urban Dog – Late fee (paid after 31 July 2010)	\$70.50
Rural Dog for a dog living on a property that is one hectare or more	\$29.00
Rural Dog – Late fee (paid after 31 July 2010)	\$43.50

If you have any queries, please call Tasman District Council Dog Control on 03 543 8407.

Rating Information Database

The Tasman District Council gives notice under Section 28 of the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002 that the Rating Information Database of the Tasman District Council is available for inspection (without fee) at the following locations and times:

Richmond Office: 189 Queen Street, Richmond.
Monday to Friday 8.00 am to 4.30 pm.

Motueka Office: 7 Hickmott Place, Motueka.
Monday to Friday 8.00 am to 4.30 pm.

Takaka Office: 78 Commercial Street, Takaka.
Monday to Friday 8.00 am to 4.30 pm.

Murchison Office: 92 Fairfax Street, Murchison.
Monday to Friday 9.00 am to 12.00 pm, 1.00 pm to 4.30 pm

The Rating Information Database can also be accessed on Council's website, www.tasman.govt.nz

Click on 'Your Rates Info', then enter the property street address to view the current years rating information and then click on 'Next Year – 2010/2011' to view the estimated rates for the 2010/2011 rating year.

The Rating Information Database contains a record of all information required for the setting and assessing of rates and that is necessary for communicating with ratepayers.

Please note that, pursuant to the provisions of the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002, the names of owners and ratepayers must not be included in the copy of the Rating Information Database that is made available for inspection.

NEWSUPDATE

COUNCIL NOTICES

Who owns this vessel?

This unnamed plywood trailer yacht is located on an island in the lower Motueka River, and appears to have been abandoned. The hull is holed below the waterline.



The vessel has been declared a Wreck pursuant to the provisions of Section 650K of the Local Government Act 1974. The vessel may only be moved with the prior permission of the Harbourmaster.

If you know who the owner of this vessel is, or of any person that has an interest in it, Steve Hainstock, Tasman District Council's Harbourmaster, would like to hear from you. Steve can be contacted at Council's Richmond office on Ph. 03 543 8400 or through the Motueka Office at 03 528 5022, or email harbourmaster@tasman.govt.nz

If not claimed by the owner before Monday 21 June 2010 then the vessel may be removed or offered for sale by Council.

COMMUNITY NOTICES

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New date for Inlet Symposium

The Waimea Inlet Symposium that was initially scheduled for 23 April 2010 has been re-scheduled for **Friday 28 May 2010**, at Greenacres Golf Club, 9.30 am – 4.00 pm.

There will be presentations about some of the resources and values of the inlet, with opportunities for questions and to discuss aspirations for the future of the estuary and its margins.

Those wishing to attend the symposium can email katie.greer@tasman.govt.nz or register on the day at the Greenacres Golf Club, from 8.30 – 9.30 am.

24 Hour Emergency – Phone your local office

Richmond 03 543 8400
Murchison 03 523 1013
Motueka 03 528 2022
Takaka 03 525 0020

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Creative Communities Grant allocations from March 2010

Organisation	Towards	Allocated
Golden Bay Community Arts Council	Golden Bay Winter Arts Programme 2010.	\$3,000
Art Group Nelson Inc	A fifth mid-winter exhibition in Richmond.	\$500
Motueka Festival of Lights	Festival of Lights week.	\$750
Rose Shepard	Painting a mural on the large tilt slab wall adjacent to the church car park, Wensley Road, Richmond.	\$1,000
Mapua Art Group	The Tasman Mapua Art Escape Weekend.	\$450
Motueka Arts Council	Four workshops.	\$1,500
Motueka Arts Council	An event to celebrate the return of the godwit and the importance of Motueka Sandspit.	\$1,000
Lake Rotoiti School	A wearable art project 2010.	\$500
Murchison Community Resource	A sewing group in the School's sewing room on Thursdays.	\$650
Motueka Community Council	Discretionary grants	\$1,500
Arts Council Nelson	Discretionary grants	\$1,500
Golden Bay Arts Council	Discretionary grants	\$1,000

COUNCIL MEETINGS

Agendas and Minutes for Council Meetings can be viewed on Council's website at www.tasman.govt.nz

Community Services Committee

Tasman Council Chambers, 189 Queen Street, Richmond, Thursday, 3 June 2010, 9.30 am. *Public forum*

Golden Bay Community Board

Collingwood Fire Brigade Hall, Tuesday, 8 June 2010, 9.00 am. *Public forum*

Full Council

Tasman Council Chambers, 189 Queen Street, Richmond, Wednesday, 9 June 2010, 9.30 am. *Public forum*

WEBSITE SURVEY – UPDATE

Over 230 people took part in the recent Tasman District Council Website Survey, giving their thoughts and opinions on what the new Council website, due for launch in August, should be like.

The feedback has been invaluable – helping ensure the website is clear, easy to use, and meets the community needs. The strongest feedback we had was around making sure the website loads quickly and has a functional search engine, which helps people find what they're looking for.

Out of the survey respondents –

- 59% were 45 or older and 63.5% lived outside of Richmond
- 14% use dial-up to access the internet while 5% use their mobile phone

- 98% had used e-mail in the past 30 days while 32% had used Skype or webcams to communicate
- 82% had visited Trade Me in the past 30 days and over half of those had bid on an auction
- 49% had visited Facebook in the past 30 days while less than 2% had visited Bebo
- 90% had used internet banking in the past 30 days while 44% had booked travel or accommodation

The most common requests for information and/or functionality were: walking track locations, paying rates online, environmental information (like rivers and rainfall), registering dogs online, viewing property information, contacting Council, what submissions are active and what services are available in Tasman District.

After the website is launched in August 2010 it will move into a phase of ongoing development, where we continue to add information and functionality. Thank you to all of the public who have given their feedback so far.

WELL DONE NATASHA!

Waimea women's rugby player Natasha Kara, 15, was in for an after-match surprise at Jubilee Park in Richmond after playing her 50th game of senior rugby.

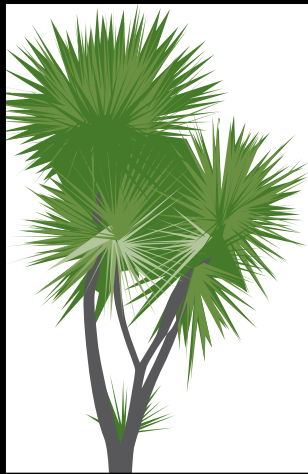
Mayor Richard Kempthorne presented her with this impressive trophy, sponsored by three local businesses, in recognition of her achievements.

Not only is Natasha an outstanding rugby player, she's also represented her country in touch rugby, plays softball and coaches others in rugby.

In addition to her successes on the field, Natasha was also recently appointed as a youth representative on the Nelson Multicultural Council.

Well done Natasha!

Natasha with the trophy that was presented to her by Tasman Mayor Richard Kempthorne.



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