



COUNTING DOWN TO THE ASB AQUATIC CENTRE'S MILLIONTH VISITOR

Less than six years since it first opened its doors the ASB Aquatic Centre in Richmond is gearing up to welcome its millionth visitor.

"This is a real milestone in the Aquatic Centre's history," said Facility Manager Robert Kennedy. "Each year the centre attracts more visitors than it did the year before, and to be this close to welcoming our millionth guest is a really proud moment for all of the team down here."

To celebrate the event Tasman District Council, along with More FM and the pool's management company CLM, have arranged for a number of spot prizes for patrons of the centre during June, ranging from goggles and swimwear to learn to dive packages and cash. The millionth visitor, expected some time towards the end of June 2010, will win \$500 cash and a year's free use of the ASB Aquatic Centre.

A brief history on this fantastic Council funded facility can be found on page 4.

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06. Catch water leaks early

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MAYOR'S COMMENT

Tasman District offers a multitude of benefits to those of us who live here. We have the weather, the beaches and the mountains. We have fertile plains and untouched native forest. We have passionate proud communities and we also have some of the very best community facilities in the country.

I can't think of many areas in New Zealand that can boast community facilities as good as those we have in Tasman. The ASB Aquatic Centre, soon to have its millionth visitor in less than six years, is a prime example. This excellent, and constantly improving, facility is a testimony to those who invested so much time, effort and energy into getting the funds together to make its construction a reality.

The Motueka Recreation Centre, undergoing a \$2m revamp, will

soon be brought up to the high standard of the Murchison Sport, Recreation and Cultural Centre and the Moutere Hills Sport and Recreation Centre.

Saxton Field, though early in its life, is already showing its promise, bringing international level sport to our region and enabling our local athletes to train and compete in the best of facilities.

All of these facilities have a common link – they were brought into reality by the dreams, aspirations and hard work of the residents of Tasman, with Council support.

The result is a legacy of facilities that will serve our District's communities admirably for many years to come.

– *Mayor Richard Kempthorne*

MAPUA AND RUBY BAY DEVELOPMENT TO BE MANAGED

The future development of Mapua and Ruby Bay is under review by Council. In proposed amendments to the Tasman Resource Management Plan, there is a specific focus on low lying land and the coastline which is prone to erosion and climate change-driven sea level rise. The proposals provide future development possibilities on the more elevated land northwest of the township.

A letter has been sent to landowners summarising the changes.

As the area becomes more desirable as a destination, largely driven by the Ruby Bay Bypass, the Council recognises the importance of discussing these proposals with those who currently live in the area. This work builds upon previous community engagement on Mapua-Ruby Bay development including the Mapua Ruby Bay Development study, and the 2008 Structure plan.

In light of Government legislation regarding climate change, the Council has been investigating the current planning policies and rules for the area. It is taking a community partnership approach to this work and is looking to involve residents as much as possible with meetings and information to assist those who wish to take part.

Part of the area is already identified as a coastal hazard area. In the draft plan change this has been revised to take account of coastal erosion, coastal and freshwater inundation and the latest information on climate change (including sea level rise). Other activities that could increase risk to residents have been reviewed. The proposals also provide an opportunity for an increase in

residential density on some sites close to amenities in Mapua as well as provision for new interconnecting walkways, open spaces and business sites for this increasingly popular area. Features in the area will include a new playing field on Seaton Valley Road and a gateway from the Ruby Bay bypass into Mapua identifying the area as a destination not a thoroughfare.

The change is, however, matched with the need to limit further subdivision on the coastal plain and sandspits to avoid an increased level of development in these vulnerable areas.

The remediation of the previously contaminated site near the township and the Waimea Estuary is also taken into account. To complement the historic Mapua wharf area there is a small extension of the existing central commercial area in Aranui Road and provision for a new waterfront park adjoining the Mapua Channel.

The proposals also provide the opportunity to further recognise many archaeological sites and natural features which are located close to the coast and the Waimea Estuary. The unique coastal landscape will be protected by limiting development in certain areas.

The change is being complemented by a rejuvenation of infrastructure that is coordinated, and designed to address current unmet and future needs. Infrastructure projects are included in the Council's Ten Year Plan. New development will be deferred until the current infrastructure has been upgraded.

There are two events planned to allow residents and landowners of Mapua and Ruby Bay to obtain further information and discuss the proposals with the Council.

There will be a presentation on the Mapua draft plan change at the Mapua Community Association meeting on Monday 14 June 2010 at 7.30pm and an Open Day on 16 June 2010 at the Mapua Bowling Club from 2.00 - 5.00 pm.



LEE VALLEY DAM UPDATE

The Waimea Water Augmentation Committee (WWAC) has been working for seven years now towards solving the acute water shortage in the Waimea Plains.

In February this year, the final Stage Two Feasibility Study reports on the proposed Lee Dam were presented to the public at meetings in Brightwater and Appleby.

The study has confirmed the site for the dam in the upper Lee Valley. The recommended dam type is concrete-faced rockfill construction, with the dam 52 metres high and 220 metres long. The committee's preferred capacity is 13.4 million cubic metres.

This dam would cover 65.9 hectares, with additional "buffer" land bringing the total area required to about 106.8ha. The dam would have a small hydro-electric generation capacity.

It would provide water to overcome a 70 percent shortfall to irrigators (3800ha) and also cater for both rural and urban growth. The total dam capacity would irrigate 7765ha. Thirty percent of the dam capacity has been designed to guarantee a healthy flow at the lower end of the Waimea River, even in times of drought.

The capital cost for the dam, including a 20 percent contingency, is estimated at \$38.1 million. Land, access, environmental measures and consenting costs will be about \$3.5 million.

The potential cost for water from the proposed dam ranges from \$420 to \$580 per hectare, depending on the number of users. Tasman District Council draw-off (providing water from the Waimea Plains for its urban/industrial supply) would be charged on the same per-hectare basis as for rural users.

The public meetings showed strong support in principle for the project, with some people saying the dam should be larger. However, some irrigators on the Waimea Plains expressed concern about the water cost. WWAC is working on several financial models for the most economical dam option. Smaller capacities of 11.3 million m³ storage and 9.2 million m³ storage have been evaluated, but these, of course, would service a smaller area.

The project has received wide attention. The Government's Economic Development Caucus visited Tasman to be briefed on the project in early May, and WWAC Chairman Murray King and Project Manager

Joseph Thomas were invited to present a report on the project to a recent Irrigation New Zealand conference. The Lee Dam project will also feature on an upcoming Rural Delivery television show. The show will screen on TV One, Saturday 10 July 2010 at 7.30 am or watch online at www.tvnz.co.nz.

WWAC is working with legal advisers Goodman Tavantale Reid, of Christchurch, to develop a model for who owns and manages the dam. The legal firm has worked on water augmentation projects throughout Canterbury. A draft ownership and governance model is expected to be available for public consultation later this year. The committee's preference is for a community-owned dam.

Follow progress on the Lee Dam on Facebook: www.facebook.com - search 'lee dam'.



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LONG LAP FOR AQUATIC CENTRE CAMPAIGNERS

A gestation period of 21 years is a long time, though not uncommon for swimming pools, says ASB Aquatic Centre stalwart Jos Pattison.

The Richmond pool committee was formed in 1983, and Prime Minister Helen Clark finally cut the ribbon on 10 September 2004. Just six years later, the pool is gearing up to welcome its one millionth visitor.

The lobbying campaign was stalled for a long time by council amalgamation as the Waimea County Council and Richmond Borough merged to become the Tasman District Council. Jos says the committee always regarded the \$5.7 million Aquatic Centre as a regional pool. He compares it to the Saxton Field sports complex.

With the Tasman District Council contributing \$4.1 million to the Centre, it remains the Council's biggest community project.

Another committee mainstay, Win Strawbridge, leapt into the campaign in 1999. She and ex-Henley School principal Norm Moore got up a petition to stop the Council selling the pool site land, which it had bought for \$1 on the provision that it was used for building a pool on, and both were on the fundraising committee throughout. Norm died just before the project received the go-ahead, and is remembered in a plaque in the garden near the pool entrance.

Schools joined the lobby group, as did the Richmond community constable Mal Drummond. Win says they put up displays in the Mall, and won a narrow 51 percent of support of ratepayers in a poll. Once Council gave approval, the fundraising began. Charitable trusts were approached, businesses provided in-kind support as well as cash donations, more than 580 individuals made donations, some fantastic fundraising events were held, schools organised coin trails, Nelson City Council contributed \$1 million and ASB signed up as the major sponsor.

The payoff from that enormous community effort is "great for everybody," Win says. The complex includes a wave pool, a Lazy River, spa pools and a hydrotherapy pool, plus the main 25m pool, a tots' pool and soon a dedicated learners pool.

"The kids love it – and it's saving lives," says Win – she terms New Zealand's drowning rate "appalling". Ironically, Win didn't learn to swim properly herself until she was 60. Now in her mid-70s, she swims three times a week.

Former swimming coach Jos is delighted with the new learners pool, and says he would love to see a hydroslide added to the complex, then perhaps another pool. More 'waterspace' will be needed as the population expands, he says.

The management of the pool is contracted to CLM, which runs similar complexes nationwide.



NEW RECYCLING OPTIONS FOR RURAL WASTE

It's not just Tasman District townies who have to remember to wash, squash and recycle each week. Those on farms and rural areas also have the option to recycle a lot of waste that in the past would have been burnt or buried.

The Agrecovery rural recycling programme has been operating since 2007 and provides farmers and growers with a long-term recycling solution and the ability to dispose of their plastic chemical containers and chemicals. Options for recycling silage wrap were added in 2009, and a net recycling programme is about to begin.

Agrecovery is a voluntary product stewardship scheme. Companies that have come into the programme agree to place a levy on the sale price of their products distributed into the New Zealand market.

Environment Minister Nick Smith also recently announced the Government's accreditation of two new product stewardship schemes – for farm plastics and glass packaging.

The Plasback scheme (run through Agpac Ltd) involves the collection of farm plastic waste for recycling or reuse, including items such as silage wraps, silage covers and grain tubes. Plastics are recycled into new products such as piping or bins.

Container recycling

Container recycling has been available in Tasman District since 2007 when Council supported the establishment of two Agrecovery sites in Richmond and Mariri. More recently two further sites have been added with the support of Council: in Murchison and in Takaka.

Now that this product stewardship initiative is available throughout the entire Tasman District, there is no reason to burn or dump these containers. Burning of these containers is no longer a permitted activity as this scheme is now available to all in the district.

Agrecovery container collection sites in the Tasman District are:

- Richmond – Richmond Transfer Station, Beach Road (Mon-Sun, 8.00 am – 5.00 pm)

- Motueka – Mariri Resource Recovery Park, Robinson Road (Mon-Sat 9.00 am – 4.00 pm and Sun 1.00 pm – 4.00 pm)
- Takaka – Rural Service Centre, 64 Meihana Street (Mon-Fri 8.00 am – 4.30 pm)
- Murchison – PGG Wrightson, 46 Hotham Street (Mon – Fri 8.00 am – 4.00 pm)

How to ensure your containers are accepted

1. Fill the container with clean water to 25% of its capacity and replace the cap securely
2. Shake the container vigorously for at least 30 seconds so that the rinse water reaches all inside surfaces.
3. Pour the rinsate into the dispensing tank. Let it drain for an extra 30 seconds after the flow reduces to drops.
4. Repeat this process three times.

Remember to also clean the outside of the container thoroughly to make sure all chemical residue is removed. Remove lids, discard, and preferably puncture holes in the containers. DO NOT REMOVE the container label.

For more information and to check container eligibility see www.agrecovery.co.nz. For information on the Plasback scheme see www.plasback.co.nz.





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LIGHTS, CAMERA, ACTION FOR MOTUEKA

Speed knitting and a chilly dip are part of Motueka's week-long Festival of Lights, which kicks off on Friday 18 June 2010.

Old favourites such as the High Street lights, Mardi Gras street dance party, photographic competition and vintage car display are back. Fireworks have been sidelined this year because of the expense, but a Matariki

celebration at Decks Reserve on Saturday 26 June 2010 promises a night show of its own with five metre tall angels illuminated by laser lights. The event was previously held at the Riverside Community.

Another innovation is a three-day wedding dress show. Festival organising committee head Liz Salt says the dresses must have been worn, and can hail from today or 100 years ago.

A fast knitting competition should keep fingers warm. It is part of a display of knitting at the Baptist Church in Greenwood Street on

Saturday 19 June 2010.

Riwaka School is promoting the mid-winter swim, plus a toy duck race. Motueka High School takes the stage with "Will", a production based on Shakespeare's work.

Tennis and golf tournaments are also planned for the festival, which aims to lift spirits as winter bites, and also to promote Motueka to the surrounding area.

For a full roundup of events and times for the Motueka on High Market Day see the Community Recreation column on page 9.

CATCH WATER LEAKS EARLY

If you have a leak in your water reticulation, Tasman District Council may be able to take some of the financial pain out of having it fixed.

Council offers rebates on excess water charges caused by leaks in the main water pipe from the meter box to the house, plus internal plumbing. So if you have received an abnormally high water account, first check that the reading shown on the account is correct.

If so, after checking that there is no water currently being used in the house, check your meter. If the red numbers on the dial are still moving, you can suspect a leak, says Water Billing Officer Jill Best.

Council may refund the cost of lost water, based on a calculation from your previous levels of use. However, written proof is required that the leak has been repaired by a registered plumber.

Rebates can run to hundreds of dollars, says Jill. The compensation only applies to the current six-monthly billing period, and any additional water lines running off that main pipe to the dwelling are not covered.

For a second leak within five years, the rebate drops to 25 percent of the extra cost.

Jill says that the Council does try to send letters with high accounts, pointing out increased consumption for the property. But it is the property-owners' responsibility to monitor their consumption and check for leaks.

She advises routine checks on the meter – as often as fortnightly for heavy users. "Flick the lid and have a look."

Jill says few local bodies offer such a rebate and Council's aim is to encourage ratepayers to get all leakage repaired promptly.

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RUMBLE STRIPS MAKE MARIRI CAUSEWAY SAFER

Rumble strips have been installed on six kilometres of the Mariri causeway, east of Motueka, to help prevent crashes.

Rob Whight, of the NZ Transport Agency, says the \$60,000 project was instigated because the seaside highway has a high crash rate, with three fatal accidents in the last five years.

The agency undertook a crash reduction study last year, coming up with a range of potential safety measures, including the rumble strips and seal widening at points such as intersections to allow room to accelerate and slow.

Mr Whight says the improvements have been completed over the past few months to tie in with the opening later this year of the Ruby Bay Bypass, which connects to the Tasman end of the causeway.

The Mariri rumble markings are the most extensive in the Nelson/Tasman region. They have been installed on sections of the white continuous edge lines and along the entire length of the double yellow no-overtaking centre lines.

Local residents were consulted prior to the work, along with other parties such as the Automobile Association, the Road Transport Association, Tasman District Council and cycle groups. A 200 metre trial section of rumble marking was installed 12 months ago to assess any problems for cyclists. As a result, a one-metre sealed shoulder has been provided for cyclists outside the rumble edge line.

Mr Whight says international research proves that rumble strips reduce crashes by more than 20 percent. When a vehicle wanders

outside the road lines, the tyres hit the raised plastic ribs on the strips, creating a whirring noise.

"This installation is particularly useful for fatigued or impaired drivers. The rumble markings also provide improved night visibility of road markings, especially during wet conditions."



RESIDENTS VIEWS SOUGHT ON COUNCIL SERVICES AND FACILITIES



Tasman District Council is to conduct its annual survey of residents to determine their level of satisfaction with Council services and facilities.

"We have a responsibility to track how well our residents think we are doing and to monitor their satisfaction with the services we provide. The best way to do this is to interview a cross-section of people, and to have this done by an independent group to ensure impartiality," said Mayor Richard Kempthorne.

The National Research Bureau, an independent market research company, has been commissioned to undertake the survey and report to Council. The company runs similar surveys for a number of councils throughout New Zealand.

"If you are contacted by the National Research Bureau we would really appreciate it if you could take the time to respond to the survey. Your views are really important to us," said Mr Kempthorne.

People living throughout the District will be telephoned, using a random selection method, and asked their opinions on a wide range of issues about the Council and the services it delivers to the residents of the District.

"The information from the survey will help Council to understand and meet residents' wishes. We undertake this survey annually so that we can keep up to date with our residents' views," said Mr Kempthorne.

Interviewing for the survey begins on Friday 11 June 2010, and is expected to be completed on Sunday 20 June 2010.

The results from the survey will be made available through Newsline and Council's website.

APPLICATIONS FOR RATES REBATES DUE

You are running out of time to apply for a Rates Rebate for the 2009/2010 year. Applications for this period must be received before Wednesday 30 June 2010.

You can apply for a rates rebate if the following applies to you:

- You pay the rates on the address that you live at, and
- You were living at the address at the beginning of the rating year (1 July 2009), and
- Your name is on the rate account.

The rebate is calculated on the gross total of your income and that of your partner (if any).

Rebates are granted under the Rates Rebate Act 1973 and you must provide income information so your rebate can be calculated.

These are some examples of how you may qualify for a rebate.

Example 1

A couple where both partners qualify for New Zealand Superannuation (estimated income of \$27,570 in 2008/09), and receive no other income, would be eligible for a rebate as shown below:

Level of rates	Estimated rebate
\$900	\$0
\$1200	\$0
\$1500	\$186
\$1800	\$386
\$2100	\$550

Example 2

A single person receiving New Zealand Superannuation, living alone (estimated income of \$18,133 in 2008/09), and receiving no other income, would be eligible for a rebate as shown below:

Level of rates	Estimated rebate
\$900	\$493
\$1200	\$550
\$1500	\$550
\$1800	\$550
\$2100	\$550

Application forms are available from Tasman District Council offices or online at www.ratesrebates.govt.nz



Example 3

A household with an income of \$21,000 and one or two dependants would be eligible for a rebate as shown below:

Level of rates	Estimated rebate with 1 dependant	Estimated rebate with 2 dependants
\$900	\$493	\$493
\$1200	\$550	\$550
\$1500	\$550	\$550
\$1800	\$550	\$550
\$2100	\$550	\$550

Example 4

A household with an income of \$28,000 and one or two dependants would be eligible for a rebate as shown below:

Level of rates	Estimated rebate with 1 dependant	Estimated rebate with 2 dependants
\$900	\$0	\$0
\$1200	\$0	\$57
\$1500	\$195	\$257
\$1800	\$395	\$457
\$2100	\$550	\$550

If you are unsure if you qualify or have further questions please contact our Customer Services Team, Ph. 03 543 8400.





Community Recreation JUNE 2010

Nelson Provincial Museum Up and Coming Exhibitions

Shelter from the Storm

23 April – 27 June 2010

The experience of New Zealand soldiers in Crete during World War 2.

Treaty2U

13 May – 1 August 2010

Replicas of treaty documents; audio visual displays of the 1940 re-enactment of the signing; and a number of computer based activities.

Motueka on High Market Day

Friday 18 June 2010, 10.00 am – 3.00pm

Our Town Motueka invites you to join them and take advantage of local fare, a few bargains and a lot of fun at the annual Motueka on High Market Day. Motueka retailers will be offering specials and discounted goods, in conjunction with local community groups who have been invited to set up their stalls street-side, to fundraise for their organisations.

Local non-profit organisations wanting to hold a fundraising stall can contact Jacqui, Ph. 03 528 4488, cost is \$10.

7.45 am - 8.30 am The Winter Solstice Women's Breakfast At The Mooring, Guest-speaker Nathan Fa'avae Tickets \$20 from Motueka i-Site and NBS.

- 10.00 am- 3.00 pm Shopping discounts and bargains on the High Street. Stalls and displays from Community organisations
- 12 noon - 2.00 pm At the Museum Music and Mayhem
- 12.15 pm start Our Amazing Race "The Mad Mile" Business teams compete for adventure
- 4.30 pm The Boogie Train Blues Band
- 6.00 pm The Festival of Light commences coordinated by The Festival of Lights Committee



Community Rec Magazines

Look out for new issues of Mudcakes and Roses (1 June 2010), Jam (15 June 2010) and Boredom Busters (16 June 2010) magazines. Available from Council offices and libraries across the District.

Arts Council Nelson/ Impressions Arts Awards 2010

The Arts Council Nelson and Impressions Art Awards are open to artists who are resident in Nelson Tasman and Marlborough.

Artists may submit up to three entries. Works must be original to the entrant, not have been completed as part of a class, nor have been previously exhibited.

An entry fee is a payable for each work submitted. Initial entries are by photo on CD and close Monday 9 August 2010.

Entry forms are available from:

Arts Council Nelson, The Refinery Artspace, 3 Halifax Street, Nelson.

Impressions, Picture Framers & Arts Supplies, 11a Sundial Square, Richmond.

Or online at: www.impressionsnelson.co.nz.

Short-listed entries will be hung in the Refinery Artspace for free public display from 3 August – 11 September 2010.

Award winning entries will also be exhibited at Impressions from 13 September – 25 September 2010.

Entry fee: Arts Council Nelson members \$15 for 1 entry, \$25 for 2 entries, \$30 for 3 entries; Non-members \$20 for 1 entry, \$35 for 2 entries, \$45 for 3 entries.

All entries are subject to a non-refundable handling fee and must meet the conditions of entry.

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YOUTH VOLUNTEERS RECOGNISED



Young Tasman people who make a positive difference to our communities were officially recognised at the recent 2010 Nelson-

Tasman Youth Volunteer Awards.

More than 160 nominations were received in the seventh year of the scheme, with judges from the Tasman and Nelson Youth Councils noting that their job was extremely difficult. Tasman winners were:

Dyneta Heberd

(Hope Community Church)

"She is a vital member of the Juice kids programme and a leader at Rocks youth group at the Hope Community Church.

She is awesome."

Laura Mueller

(Star Dance Academy)

"Voluntarily teaches dance to 11 to 18-year-olds, teaching many different styles, including hip-hop, salsa and contemporary. Once a month she travels to Blenheim for a training weekend ...

All of this takes up about 8-10 hours a week in her already busy life. One of the dance teams she coaches came second in the NZ Youth Salsa Championships this year and has been selected to attend the Melbourne Salsa Congress 2010.

Laura has many leadership roles at Motueka High School ... she doesn't let her voluntary work get in the way of her education, and achieves highly academically."

Rosette Hailes-Paku, Shania-Joy Nicholson, Jessica Brooks, Fiona Lowe, Rebecca Lowe, William Dugdale, Ethan Irons, Harry Curtis, Daragh Edgar, Jonty Peek, Luke Nicholson, Sareign Johnston, Scott Dixon, Jordan Harris, Emma Hoult.

(St Peter Chanel Vinnies)

"Every year this group contributes wonderful items that are really appreciated by the people who come to us at The Night Shelter. Donated items include socks, toilet bags with comb, toothbrush and toothpaste, and spare clothing for those who come with nothing spare at all. Just recently the group ran a great car-wash in the New World carpark and donated all the proceeds to the Shelter.

Other things they have done include making paper fire-bricks to give to homes that need extra warmth this winter. They also helped to stack and load applewood firewood for needy homes, and help to grow vegetables in the school's garden."

Tara Forde

(Motueka Community Whanau Group)

"She is passionate about helping people to grow their own food and being healthy... She connects comfortably with all levels of our community, participating in SPCA, Abel Tasman Education Trust, Motueka Family Service Centre Trust, Motueka Community House Committee and its tenants."

David Wasley

(St Johns Church, Wakefield)

"He is always willing to organise sound and audio systems for any events that are held at our facilities, be it weddings, funerals, youth events, weekly services, Anzac Day events or combined church carol services."



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COUNCIL NOTICES

Rivercare Group Meetings

Motupiko/Upper Motueka/Tadmor/Sherry (21 June 2010)

Dove River (21 June 2010)

Takaka, Waingaro, Anatoki (23 June 2010)

Aorere and Kaituna (23 June 2010)

Lower Motueka, Riwaka, Little Sydney and Moutere (24 June 2010)

Owners and occupiers of land within the Tasman District Council Classified X and Y River Rated areas along the Dove, Motupiko, Tadmor, Sherry, Upper Motueka, Lower Motueka, Riwaka, Little Sydney, Brooklyn, Moutere, Takaka, Waingaro, Anatoki, Aorere and Kaituna Rivers are invited to a public meeting with Council's Asset Engineer Rivers, MWH and the Rivers Maintenance Contractor. The purpose of this series of meetings is to discuss the Annual Operating Maintenance Programme and activities proposed for these rivers for the 2010 -2011 financial year.

River	Meeting Date / Location
Upper Motueka, Motupiko, Tadmor & Sherry Rivers	Monday 21 June 2010, 1.30 pm at Tapawera Community Centre
Dove River	Monday 21 June 2010, 7.30 pm at Dovedale Hall
Takaka, Waingaro & Anatoki Rivers	Wednesday 23 June 2010, 10.30 am at Tasman District Council Golden Bay Service Centre, 78 Commercial Street, Takaka
Aorere & Kaituna Rivers	Wednesday 23 June 2010, 1.30 pm at Collingwood Tavern
Lower Motueka, (Andersons to sea) Riwaka, Brooklyn, Little Sydney & Moutere Rivers	Thursday 24 June 2010, 4.00 pm at the Tasman District Council Motueka Service Centre, 7 Hickmott Place, Motueka.

Enquiries to Philip Drummond at Tasman District Council, Ph. 03 543 8441; or Rick Lowe at MWH New Zealand Ltd, Ph. 03 546 0673.

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COUNCIL NOTICES

June is Dog Registration time

Yes, it is that time of year again. Dog registration forms for the 2010-2011 registration year were posted two weeks ago to the last address Council has for each dog owner.

If you have not received a registration form, please contact Council on 035438400 so that one can be sent to you and you will avoid being penalised for having an unregistered dog.

Current registration expires 30 June 2010.

Details of this year's fees and registration forms are available from all Council offices or may be downloaded from the website www.tasman.govt.nz. The registration form should be completed as soon as possible and sent to Council with the appropriate fee.

Please remember to sign the registration form before bringing or sending it to Council. **NO SIGNATURE = NO REGISTRATION.**

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.

COUNCIL MEETINGS

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

Motueka Community Board

Motueka Service Centre, 7 Hickmott Place, Motueka, Tuesday, 15 June 2010, 4.30 pm Public forum – Note change of date from 8 June 2010.

Environment and Planning Consents Subcommittee (Kinder)

Tasman Council Chambers, 189 Queen Street, Richmond, Wednesday, 16 June 2010, 9.30 am. *No public forum*

Regional Transport Committee

Tasman Council Chambers, 189 Queen Street, Richmond, Friday, 18 June 2010, 9.30 am. *No public forum*

Corporate Services Committee

Tasman Council Chambers, 189 Queen Street, Richmond, Thursday, 24 June 2010, 9.30 am. *Public forum*

KAITERITERI HOSTS NATIONAL ADVENTURE RACING CHAMPS

Tasman will take the podium as one of the top adventure racing venues worldwide by hosting the national champs at Kaiteriteri for the next three years.

Tasman District Council is assisting the event with \$18,000 over three years for marketing costs.

The Kaiteriteri Beach Adventure Race, or K-BAR, next February will double as the multisport national champs for the next three years. After that, promoters from other regions will bid for the right to hold the nationals, with K-BAR continuing as a separate event.

Competitors kayak for 12 kilometres, followed by a 26 kilometre mountainbike ride and a 12 kilometre trail run. Top athletes are expected to take three hours.

Promoter Nathan Fa'avae, of Ten Events Ltd, says he is expecting up to 400 competitors, with a similar number of supporters. K-BAR has been "warmly received" in the adventure sport community, with the backdrop of Abel Tasman National Park a big drawcard.

The event will feature age brackets from 16 years to 70+. Prizemoney of \$10,000 is up for grabs, with the elite men's and women's winners taking home \$2500 each.

Three-person relay teams will also compete in the K-BAR, and a mini-version is planned for youngsters aged 10-15.

Another adventure race, The Spring Challenge for women's teams, will take place around Motueka from 24-26 September 2010. The 6-hour or 12-hour event involves mountainbiking, rafting and hiking (using orienteering skills).

Just under 600 women from throughout the country competed at the 2009 event based in St Arnaud.

The inaugural event in Hanmer in 2007 drew half that number, but the news spread quickly, and 600 fronted up the following year at Kaikoura.

Support crews swell those numbers, providing a huge boost to local economies. About 1000 people descended on St Arnaud, booking out every available bed. Tasman District Council provided \$5000 to assist in filming the event for television. That footage has been showcased on satellite TV channels throughout Europe and Asia.

Nathan says the Spring Challenge will probably move to another venue next year. Part of the ethos of adventure racing is to take on new territory, keeping races fresh for competitors and organisers alike.

He says Tasman is "such a good fit" for multisport events, thanks to its three national parks, the climate and coastline.



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