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ECOFEST READY TO CELEBRATE

This year Ecofest turns 10 and as befits a big birthday bash, some special guests have been invited, but the pressies are all for you!

Ecofest is a joint event between Tasman District and Nelson City Councils. The two-day expo has become one of the biggest showcases for eco-innovative products, services and messages in New Zealand.

Featuring seminars, hands-on workshops and demonstrations, the expo attracts more than 8000 visitors and around 120 stallholders. There are some fantastic prize giveaways too, including the Home Energy Centre Prize valued at over \$6,000 and the Bowater Motor Group prize, which includes the use of a Toyota hybrid vehicle for a week, plus two nights free accommodation at Golden Bay Hideaway.

Ecofest organiser Jo Reilly says she is "absolutely thrilled" with this year's line-up of guest speakers, who include some of the country's top gardeners, a heritage seed "guru" and top chefs. The Ecofest Expo is on 21 & 22 August 2010 at the Trafalgar Centre. For full details, check out the Ecofest programme in this issue of Newsline or visit www.ecofestnellsontasman.co.nz



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HIGH-FLYERS TO VISIT MOTUEKA

Forget clouds and birds, its atmonauti, flatfly and freefly that will be seen in the skies above Motueka this month.



For the second time, Skydive Abel Tasman in Motueka is playing host to the National Skydiving Competition. The event runs from 14-17 August 2010 at Motueka Aerodrome and is expected to attract 30 to 40 of the best jumpers from around the country.

Skydivers are judged on their ability to create different formations (using techniques such as atmonauti) during 35 seconds of freefall. Each group or individual is accompanied by a cameraman, and the footage is then supplied to judges on the ground to review.

The nationals will be followed by Good Vibes, New Zealand's largest annual skydiving event, from 18-22 August 2010. Good Vibes started back in 2003 as a small weekend event with just a handful of participants. This year, event organiser Lisa Chambers, of Skydive Abel Tasman, is expecting around 200 skydivers from throughout the world to take part, bringing benefits for the wider region.

"Good Vibes attracts people here during the traditionally quiet shoulder season and also generates a lot of media interest nationally and internationally. There's also an evening event held off-site each night and retailers should benefit too, especially from all the Aussies who need to buy thermals!" Lisa says.

She is encouraging locals to get along and support both the national champs and the Good Vibes events.

"There will be New Zealand records made in all manner of disciplines and if you bring your binoculars you can watch the formations being made from the ground, then be mesmerised by all the different coloured canopies coming in to land!

"This is a free event for the public and we have a cafe on site for refreshments," says Lisa. The Good Vibes event includes a free fireworks display on Friday 20 August at 6.30 pm. For more information about both events see www.skydive.co.nz/

MOTUEKA FLOOD CONTROL UPDATE

The first newsletter on the Motueka Flood Control project is out now and copies are available from the Tasman District Council's Motueka office or from Council's website www.tasman.govt.nz

The Council's Ten-Year Plan identified the need for a review of flood control measures for Motueka as investigations showed the stopbanks would not hold up under any degree of severe flooding.

Council has been consulting with the Motueka community and the newsletter sets out the facts known about the Motueka River system collected over many years, plus summarises the stakeholder and community viewpoints communicated to Council already during the ongoing consultation process.



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MOUTERE HILLS



The striking red Moutere Hills Community Centre does well to stand out with the Mt Arthur range as a backdrop. But then the centre is probably much too busy to stop and admire its own reflection.

The centre opened in October 2005 thanks to a local initiative whereby residents agreed to directly fund the building costs in conjunction with a grant of \$1.8 million from Tasman District Council.

Residents launched into a fundraising marathon over four years, involving business sponsorship, naming rights to rooms, "silver" and "bronze" vine-leaf donations for set amounts, plus contributions from the Canterbury Community Trust, the Lion Foundation and Pub Charity. The sale of the old Neudorf Hall and land contributed \$250,000 to its successor.

The result of all that effort is a 150-seat building (stretching to 200 for auditorium-style presentations) with a sports hall, stage and 40-seat seminar room. Set on the original Upper Moutere domain, it is surrounded by rugby, soccer and softball pitches, playgrounds, shaded picnic area and a bank of three club tennis courts and one netball/tennis court for public use.

In its short life the centre has hosted the International Aromatics Symposium for white wines, the Enza roadshow, and is the base for the annual Sarau blackcurrant festival. Other one-off events include conferences, school productions, fundraising nights, weddings, parties (including the Vintage bash where local winemakers celebrate and showcase their best wines), the Top Team competition, national mountain-running champs, and educational courses such as first-aid training and babysitting certification.

Regular weekly activities take in personal training, karate, salsa, hip-hop, Zumba (dance-workout), yoga, a playgroup, Pilates, ballet/jazz, guitar lessons, table-tennis,

badminton, volleyball, tennis, gymnastics and movement for youngsters, Spanish tuition, plus the Moutere Hills walkers' group.

The Rangers rugby and football clubs call the centre home, and it hosts school holiday programmes.

Council provides an annual subsidy for the maintenance and management of the centre, and the Way2Go programme funds the activity coordinator and some resources. Other grants from charitable trusts, businesses and individuals help to cover costs.

A board of seven locals oversees the centre's management and direction.

Manager Michelle MacNeil says the centre caters for both sport and culture, over a catchment ranging from Dovedale to Appleby and Mapua.

The centre is held up nationally as an exemplary model for a multi-use facility, but the most important function of the Moutere Hills Community Centre, Michelle says, is that it has become the hub of that community, bringing everyone together regularly.

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TRAPPERS CATCH AN AWARD

Motueka-based Friends of Flora are bringing the cry of Great Spotted Kiwi back to a protected patch of Kahurangi National Park.

The group won the Heritage and Environment section of the recent TrustPower Nelson Tasman Community Awards, run in conjunction with the Tasman District Council and Nelson City Council.

The Friends volunteers trap predators, in conjunction with the Department of Conservation, in the Flora Stream catchment of the park, a total area of more than 5000ha. They get rid of stoats, rats and possums so that kiwi, kaka, whio and other birds can breed safely.

Eight teams, comprising about 30 volunteers in total, spend one day a month checking and re-baiting the traps. During the winter months – May to September – baits are replaced twice monthly.

Friends of Flora helped to relocate a dozen Great Spotted Kiwi in May 2010. Vice-chair/secretary Maryann Ewers says some volunteers are being taught how to use telemetry gear so they can not only hear where the birds are (they all wear transmitters), but to read and understand the message each transmitter sends.

Maryann says the hope is that the birds stay within the protected, or trapped, area. The Friends group will soon link with a similar protected area in the Cobb to create a 10,000ha haven for birdlife – one of the biggest in the country.

Friends are also keen to re-establish mistletoe in the Flora catchment, which is home to a couple of native giants: the north-west Nelson weta and the Powelliphanta carnivorous snail.

The group comprises about 70 volunteers, with half that number as core regulars. It will celebrate its 10th anniversary in January 2011.

A healthy 116 nominations were received from Nelson-Tasman for the TrustPower awards this year. Supreme winner was the Nelson-based Save (Students Against Violence Everywhere) group. The Tasman District winner was the Mapua Community Library.



A DoC ranger and Friends of Flora volunteers release whio into the wild.

SANTA PARADE STAGES A FAIRYTALE REVIVAL

Lisa Norriss is living in a fairytale – of ideas, that is, for floats in the revived Richmond Santa Parade.

Lisa and partner Daniel Allan are organising the event, which returns on Saturday 27 November, 2010, thanks to a sponsorship deal with Pak 'n' Save.

Following last year's children's Christmas party, promotions group Richmond Unlimited decided to bring back the parade due to public demand. Lisa is expecting about 40 floats, most following the fairytale theme, to celebrate the parade's return.

"I've got lots of ideas," she says. Anyone thinking of entering a float can run their own concepts past her, to ensure there is no repetition.

"I'm happy to work with people."

You can phone Lisa on 027 383 6863 or email santaparade@richmondunlimited.co.nz. Lisa and Daniel, of the Body In Space Theatre troupe, are negotiating a parade route to take in as much of Queen Street as possible. Keryn Sheppard, of Richmond Unlimited, is providing administration support.

The parade starts at noon on Saturday 27 November 2010 (or the next day if it rains).

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Expo 2010

Trafalgar Centre, Nelson

Saturday 21 August 2010, 10.00am - 5.00pm

Sunday 22 August 2010, 10.00am - 4.00pm



Free Bus Weekend for all buses in Nelson and Richmond. Timetables at Council offices, libraries and SBL office and on the Ecofest website.

Carpooling link also available on the Ecofest website.

It's Ecofest's 10th birthday and we'd like to invite you to be a part of celebrating this exciting event!



Saturday, 21 August

10.30am-12.00pm

Kay Baxter: The Koanga Institute

Kay is the Founder and CEO of the Koanga Institute, which holds New Zealand's largest collection of heritage seeds and fruit trees. Kay and husband Bob Corker will share their journey of knowledge of heritage seeds with you, and discuss the implications it has for you, your community and future generations. Expect to be entertained, surprised, and challenged.



12.30pm-2.00pm

Lynda Hallinan: Grow your own Eco-Feast

Join NZ Gardener magazine's entertaining editor-at-large Lynda Hallinan for expert tips about self-sufficiency on a shoestring budget. In 2007, Lynda cut her weekly grocery bill to \$10 by growing, swapping and selling the seasonal harvests from her inner-city Auckland garden. Find out how to reduce waste, stop using chemicals, save cash and save the planet – and have fun doing it. Lynda will reveal her favourite crops and practical veggie growing hints, plus recipes for pickling, preserving and home-brewing.

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2.30pm-4.00pm

Philippa Jamieson: Eco Travel – WWOOFing as a learning adventure

Itching for a change, city girl Philippa Jamieson quit her job in Dunedin to travel around New Zealand as a WWOOFer (Willing Workers on Organic Farms). Her two and a half year journey resulted in her book *The Wild Green Yonder*, and led to her current job as editor of Organic NZ magazine. Join her as she recalls some of the diverse characters she met along the way at market gardens, farms and communes, and describes some organic, permaculture and biodynamic farming and gardening practices. Let her inspire you to consider this great eco-travelling and learning opportunity.

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Sunday, 22 August

11.00am-12.30pm

Dennis Greville: Reality Gardening – what can you REALLY produce?!

Leading gardening writer and photographer, Dennis Greville will educate and inspire you about the realities of establishing and maintaining a productive veggie patch in order to enjoy fresh produce year-round, without becoming a prisoner in your own backyard! Dennis will delight and entertain you with his gardening stories and is certain to have you enthusiastically reassessing and re-planning your vegetable plot, just as soon as you get home!

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1.30pm-3.00pm

Guy Salmon: Is Science and Technology the answer to Climate Change?

Guy Salmon is a lifelong environmentalist. He started out saving native forests. But that was easy, he says, compared with getting New Zealand to do something about climate change. In this talk he draws some lessons from the experience, and from his research about how they did it in Denmark, Sweden and Finland.

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Our special guests:

- Stay at Arrow Motel Apartments (🍃) in Tahunanui, the only Qualmark Enviro-Gold accommodation in Nelson.
- Receive NZ Nature Company (🍃) eco-gifts
- Have books published by New Holland (🍃) publishers, which will be for sale at the expo.

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Yurt Workshops

Saturday, 21 August

10.30am-11.30am

The economic benefits of being a sustainable business

With David Francis, Sustainable Business Advisor. Followed by a case study of Tasman Bay Herbs, presented by Don Grant.

12.00 noon-1.00pm

Power to the People

Brian Walsh discusses the Emissions Trading Scheme. Does carbon friendly power = pocket friendly power and how to save household power costs.

1.30pm-3.00pm

How to achieve an eco-friendly home

Richard Popenhagen, eco-building advisor.

3.30pm-4.30pm

The facts on Yurts and Tips

Bluey from Jaia Tipis gives the lowdown on this great form of accommodation.

Sunday, 22 August

10.30am-11.30am

What's new with solar

12.00 noon-1.00pm

Want to reduce your rubbish?

Matthew Luxon talks about his year of living Rubbish Free!

1.30pm-2.15pm

How to Green Your School

Be inspired by a school that's already done it! Tips, suggestions, what's worked, what hasn't.

2.30pm-3.15pm

Paint your place green with an Eco Decorator

Philip Thompson from Resene gets you up to speed on eco-decorating.

3.30pm-4.00pm

The facts on Yurts and Tips

Bluey from Jaia Tipis gives the lowdown on this great form of accommodation.

This is the place to come for fun, hands-on learning opportunities and information.

Getting dirty with herbs with *Tasman Bay Herbs* (Saturday 11.00am)

Raising chooks with the *Urban Chook Farmer* (ongoing)

Pruning fruit trees with *Mapua Country Trading*

Natural cleaning methods with *Arcadia Organics* (ongoing)

Get the ginger beer bug with *Mapua Country Trading*

Wonderful Worms with *Farmer Bob* (ongoing)

Making Mozzarella cheese with *Mapua Country Trading*

DIY gifts with *Sustainable Living* (ongoing)

Paper pot making with *Mapua Country Trading*

Gardening tips & info with *Grow It!* (ongoing)

Mushroom logs with *Mapua Country Trading*

Composting & container gardening with *Create Your Own Eden*

What to do with excess produce with *Rural Women NZ* (ongoing)

The Produce Shwap

Bring excess from your garden and Shwap it for something else!

1. You can shwap fruit, veggies, seeds, seedlings, bulbs, etc. up to a maximum of TEN items.
2. All items must be in good condition.
3. Please don't be offended if your items are refused. We cannot accept cooked, bottled items.
4. When dropping items off for the shwap, you will be presented with a ticket per item, which will allow you entry into the shwap at Shwap time.
5. If you have not brought anything with you to shwap, you may make a donation for an item, however, those with tickets will have priority.
6. If you are unable to find something, thank you for your contribution to the Shwap.

Drop off time: 10.00am-12.00 noon both days

Shwap time: 2.00pm-4.00pm both days

Organic Cuisine



Saturday, 21 August

11.00am – Karyn Fisk, our Nelson finalist in New Zealand MasterChef

Karyn will be creating something from her surprise box of ingredients.

1.30pm – Chris Fortune, Marlborough Chef, author, and Chair of the NZ Farmers Markets

Chris has been challenged to deliver an All Local menu, in keeping with our Eco Challenge this year.

Sunday, 22 August

11.00am – Matt Fahie, Culinary Tutor at NMIT & Ecofest resident chef
Matt will surprise you with how easy it is to create those favourite takeaway food items yourself.

1.30pm – Julie Biuso, well known celebrity Chef, Author and Intrepid Traveller

A very special cooking experience for Ecofest attendees. If you'd like to guarantee your seat to see Julie, you can reserve one at Council offices for a \$5 fee.

Thanks to NMIT (🍴) and The Organic Green Grocer (🌿).

Kids!

Thanks to NZCU South (🍴), we've got **The Science Roadshow Giant Exhibition Trailer with over 30 great displays!**
PLUS DIY gifts and heaps to learn and enjoy on the kids trail.

Fashion Shwap! *shopping by swapping!*

Rules of the Shwap

1. You can shwap women's clothes, accessories, shoes and unwanted (and unopened) gift sets, up to a maximum of TEN items.
2. All items must be in great condition, freshly washed and pressed, and on a coathanger.
3. Please don't be offended if your items are refused. Any items not accepted can be placed in charity clothing bins.
4. When dropping items off for the shwap, you will be presented with a ticket per item, which will allow you entry into the shwap at Shwap time.
5. If you have not brought anything with you to shwap, you may make a donation for a piece of clothing, however those with tickets will have priority.
6. If you are unable to find something, thank you for your contribution to the Shwap.

Opening Hours

When to drop off clothes for Shwapping:

From Monday, 16 August 2010 – Friday, 20 August 2010 between 10.00am-4.00pm at Labels resale & designer clothing store (🍴) on 126 Bridge St, Nelson.

AND 10.00 am-12.00 noon on both Expo days @ Ecofest (Late entries will be accepted in afternoons)

SHWAP OPEN HOURS: 2.00pm-4.00pm on both Expo days at Ecofest

Funky Fashion Shows

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What to bring

- Shopping bag
- Your own cup or plate if you support BYOC
- Fashion items for the Fashion Shwap
- Produce items for the Produce Shwap
- Old/unwanted garden tools for the Grow It stand

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Kids!

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Organic Cuisine Prize

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EXPO HIGHLIGHTS POSITIVE AGEING

The region's third expo on Positive Ageing will be held on 1 October 2010, to coincide with the International Day of Older Persons.

Expo organisers are now inviting health, recreation, training, social service and hobby groups to book a stand at the event.

The bi-ennial expo will be held from 10.30 am – 4.00 pm at Hope Community Church in Ranzau Road, and is designed as a showcase of the recreational and social services available to help make ageing a positive experience. The last event in 2008 attracted around 3000 visitors.

Ruby Aberhart of Richmond, chair of the Positive Ageing Committee, says the expo is not just for older adults.

"It's also a useful forum for those who are providing care to older people, to children looking for support for their parents or for anyone new to the District. The idea is to let people know more of what's available in the community and the pathways," she says.

Anyone interested in having a stand should contact Mike Tasman-Jones, Community Recreation Advisor at the Tasman District Council. There is no fee, but numbers are strictly limited.

You can phone Mike on 03 543 8403, or email mike.tasman-jones@tasman.govt.nz.

STAFF PROFILE – ROBYN SCHERER

ENGINEERING SECRETARY & EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT TO THE ENGINEERING MANAGER



What is your main role?

I provide secretarial and administrative support to the Engineering Manager and the engineers. My role is a bit like being a "Camp Mother" – although I am known by some as SWMBO (she who must be obeyed). The engineering team manage the District's roading, footpaths, water, wastewater, stormwater, refuse and recycling.

What are the common challenges you encounter?

Making sure I am up to speed with what is happening with the high number and often complex engineering projects across the District is always a challenge. Keeping the engineering team on their toes is another. I previously worked with scientists; engineers are like scientists, it's just that they wear hi-vis jackets instead of lab coats!

Are there any misconceptions getting in the way?

Sometimes a resident or ratepayer will talk to me when the relevant engineer is out of the office and they assume that I know a lot about technical matters. While I can't always give them an answer I can assure them that the appropriate engineer will respond to their enquiry.

What's the most curly question or situation you have encountered recently?

I haven't had anything curly. For me every question or situation deserves our attention. Our residents and ratepayers often contact me with issues or questions that are important to them personally. It is my responsibility to respect that and ensure they get a timely response.

What's the most satisfying part of your job?

Working with a great bunch of people across the Council and getting to know our residents and ratepayers. Also, I'm relatively new to Council and working in this role has been a great learning curve. I now know much more about local government and how it impacts on all of our lives.



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STUDENTS MAKE A DIFFERENCE

A group of Waimea College students strolled into a bottlestore during school-time recently – with their teachers’ blessing. They were there to interview the owner as part of a project on New Zealand’s drinking culture.

The Year 10 students are in the Gate (Gifted and Talented Education) programme, learning how to make a difference in their community. Groups of four chose a topic, researched it, gathered at least four different viewpoints, decided which opinion they agree with, then took action to bring about change.

One group who looked at boy-racers did a presentation to intermediate students in a bid to deter them. Another provided an extra recycling bin for the college, and one student made a submission to the Tasman District Council’s review of its policy on pub gaming machines. Other topics included family violence, graffiti and healthy eating.

Teacher Mike Beeby says the students devoted seven hours a week to their projects, over two months.

The “boy-racer” group, Jenny Thompson, Kieran Barnes, Abbey Walbran and Matt Watson, say it changed their own stereotypes of the culture. For instance, boy-racers range up to 40 years of age, and although a young driver may have a modified car and play loud music, that doesn’t necessarily mean they street-race.

The students surveyed 30 people in Richmond, researched on the Internet, and interviewed both police and the father of a youth who died in a crash.

From there they wrote a script for a powerpoint presentation, illustrated with photos and a video clip. The quartet then gave a six-minute presentation to 650 students and their teachers at Waimea Intermediate.

Afterwards the group polled the young students: “None of them seemed to think boy-racers were cool anymore.”

Waimea Intermediate Deputy Principal Nigel Tyer was impressed with the college students’ presentation skills: “There’s not many people who can stand up in front of 600 kids.”

The Gate teams also gave presentations to students at their own college.

Mike Beeby says the programme is all about “developing the idea of participation in society”.

(Footnote: Students are offered the Gate programme based on the tests they sit before entering college.)

From the boy-racer presentation to Waimea Intermediate:



“Try to think about someone in your family or one of your friends. Imagine how different your life would be if this person had been in a serious car accident. Preventing one death prevents the anguish of many...”

So one day when you guys are older and someone asks you to race them, think about every person in your life who cares about you.”

COOLSTORE IN THE CLEAR

In a series of recent articles in the Nelson Mail about the current state of Jimmy Lee Creek at Beach Road, there was mention of a coolstore that may have discharged pollutants into an otherwise improving waterway.

Since the story ran a number of investigations have been undertaken to identify the source of the discharged petrol. In doing so it has been found there was nothing on the coolstore site to suggest it originated from there.

Tasman District Council acknowledges and thanks the company, Cold Storage Nelson, for their environmental vigilance and compliance with environmental regulations, and their continued assistance with attempts to identify the source of the pollutant.

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Annual Plan 2010/2011 available

At its meeting on Wednesday 30 June 2010, Tasman District Council approved its final Annual Plan for 2010/2011.

The Annual Plan is available for download from Council's website (www.tasman.govt.nz), and is also available on CD or hardcopy from Council offices and Libraries.

Pohara Walkway/cycleway opening western end

Sunday 8 August 2010, 2.00 pm,

Walk/cycle to Pohara Hall after the opening for refreshments. Please bring a plate to share. Organised by the Golden Bay Community Board – on wet or fine. Enquiries to Joe Bell 03 524 8146.

COMMUNITY NOTICES

Motueka Skatepark Upgrade – Public Meeting

18 August 2010, 4.00 pm, Motueka Skatepark, Old Wharf Road, Motueka.

Tasman District Council has funds to further upgrade Motueka Skatepark. Come and share your views. For more information contact Kathy, Ph 03 543 8492.

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COMMUNITY NOTICES

Welcome to the Godwits Celebration

As part of the celebration to welcome the godwits to Motueka after their epic journey from Alaska, the Motueka Arts Council will have a display in the Memorial Hall on the weekend of 11 & 12 September 2010. You are invited to enter the following competitions:

Short Story, Poetry and Photography (for adults) Art (for students)

The subject for all competitions is:

Motueka Sandspit and Estuary, Summer home of the Godwits.

For further information see www.motuekaonline.org.nz under 'Coming Events', or contact Eileen Ph 03 528 4473, or Pauline Ph 03 528 7257, or email psamways@clear.net.nz

COUNCIL MEETINGS

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

Environment and Planning Consents Subcommittee (Guthrie)

Tasman Council Chambers, 189 Queen Street, Richmond, Monday, 9 August 2010, 9.00 am. *No public forum*

Golden Bay Community Board

Takaka Office, Commercial Street, Takaka, Tuesday, 10 August 2010, 9.00 am. *Public forum*

Motueka Community Board

Motueka Office, 7 Hickmott Place, Motueka, Tuesday, 10 August 2010, 4.30 pm. *Public forum*

Council Enterprises Subcommittee

Tasman Council Chambers, 189 Queen Street, Richmond, Wednesday, 11 August 2010, 9.30 am. *No public forum*

Environment and Planning Committee

Tasman Council Chambers, 189 Queen Street, Richmond, Thursday, 12 August 2010, 9.30 am. *Public forum*



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CROQUET ENJOYS A NEW BUZZ

Richmond's Croquet Club and Bridge Club, unbeknown to each other, were both looking for new premises in 1999. They held a joint meeting and decided to build a combined centre in the A and P Showgrounds.

With help from Tasman District Council and much fundraising, the centre was officially opened in March 2000. The bridge club moved in straight away and the croquet club christened their new lawns at 50th Jubilee celebrations in September 2000.

The marriage has been successful – both clubs doubled their membership over the last decade.

The croquet club was originally on two lawns in Jubilee Park but the Council needed the land for a skatepark. The four new full-sized lawns in Lower Queen Street are used by golf croquet and association

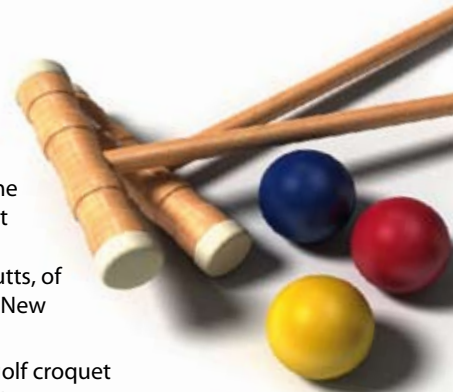
croquet players every day of the week. The club has hosted local and national tournaments.

Golf croquet is a success story in itself. The recipe of a shorter game and tactical challenge has caught on worldwide, drawing younger players into the sport. Jarrod Coutts, of Richmond, recently represented New Zealand in Egypt and England.

You can have a go yourself at a golf croquet Open Day on Saturday 4 September 2010.

Experienced players will be on hand to assist, and local whizzes Greg Bryant (Richmond) and national coach Dennis Bulloch (Nelson) will play a demonstration game.

The Open Day is at the club lawns, 348 Queen Street, opposite Club Waimea.



LANE TRAFFIC TO BE DISRUPTED

Access will be difficult in Headingly Lane, Richmond, for the next two months while contractors install two sewer pipelines and a pumping station.

One pipeline runs down the narrow road, meaning traffic will be reduced to one lane. The other pipe travels across farmland to the A and P Showgrounds boundary. Fulton Hogan has the contract for the work.

Gavin Hutchison, Tasman District Council Utilities Asset Engineer, says disruption will be minimised because the lane has no through-traffic, and most students at the Westmount School, situated towards the estuary end of the road, use bus transport.

The work should be completed by the start of October 2010.

COMING UP ...

Older Driver Course

Due to a rush of registrations for the last course to improve the skills of elderly drivers, community group Road Safe Tasman Bays has agreed to fund another. It will be held on Tuesday 31 August 2010. Interested people should phone John Steel on 03 547 4020 for details or to reserve a space.

Child Restraint Checking Clinic

Make sure your child restraint is installed properly and check if it is the right size for your child. If you are thinking of buying a restraint or moving to the next size up, then come to the Upper Moutere Community Centre on Wednesday 11 August 2010, 3.00-4.30 pm. For more information contact Krista Hobday at the Council on 03 543 8551 or 027 405 6888.



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