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Up to 1000 of the best multisport athletes in New Zealand go head-to-head in sea-kayaking, mountainbiking and trail-running at the national championships, which are being held at Kaiteriteri Beach on 26-27 February 2011.

Wannabe speedsters also have the chance to compete alongside their heroes.

Race director Nathan Fa'avae, a former national multisport champion who lives in Tasman, says Kaiteriteri was selected to host the championships for three years (2011-2013) because of its central location, range of facilities and proximity to adventure sport opportunities. Each athlete is supported by a team of 'helpers', which could swell visitor numbers to Kaiteriteri by up to 4000 each year, a real boom for the local economy.

'It's simply a fantastic place to enjoy and athletes from all over the country are excited to be racing there,' says Nathan.

The event, co-funded by Tasman District Council and also named the KBAR (Kaiteriteri Beach Adventure Race), caters for people of all abilities, with kids and first-timer races, orienteering, trail walks and more. In all fifteen events will take place throughout the weekend, plus product expos and entertainment all backdropped by stunning scenery.

For spectators wanting to view some exciting racing, the pro-elite national title race will be held at 1.00 pm on Sunday 27 February. Topranked Tasman Bay athletes Elina and Richard Ussher, Sophie Hart, Fleur Lattimore and Trevor Voyce will be in action.

The event is also supported by the Kaiteriteri Recreation Reserve Board. For more details, see www.kbar.co.nz.

THIS WEEK: **04.** Motueka flood control options

O2. Mayor's Comment

05. Aquatic Centre new gym

O3. Pest of the month

O9. Community Recreation

MAYOR'S COMMENT

As we enter the second month of the year, with our summer holidays already becoming a distant memory, the number of significant projects the Council is charged with delivering this year is beginning to become evident.

The Annual Plan process provides a sharp focus point for the Council and this year is no different. Throw in the repair bill from the Christmas floods in Golden Bay and Murchison and the list of projects grows markedly. We, as Councillors, are acutely aware of the impact our decisions have on the affordability of living in Tasman for individuals and businesses so prioritisation of the essential items is an imperative. While we are looking for assistance, and have had a sympathetic ear, from Central Government and other national sources there will be a cost to the District. The impact of the cost on ratepayers has been, and will continue to be, the focus of Council consideration.

Catering for growth and the need to maintain the infrastructure we already have in place is always a delicate balance. To maximize the

benefit to ratepayers the Council looks for opportunities to leverage funding from external sources such as the Ministry of Health's subsidy for drinking water scheme. Council will be asking the communities and community Boards of both Motueka and Takaka whether there is local support for application to the government's drinking water subsidy scheme.

This is why the Annual Plan consultation process is so important as we need to clearly identify what is important to the people of Tasman and what they are prepared to pay for. The draft Annual Plan is being formulated at the moment and will shortly be out for consultation to the residents and ratepayers. We appreciate your involvement and feedback – it is your District.

- Mayor Richard Kempthorne



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However, Good Wood suppliers cannot guarantee that they will have bone dry wood, available for immediate delivery, in the middle or near the end of a long rainy winter so it is suggested that you stock up now for the winter ahead.

Rob Francis, Environmental Educator at Tasman District Council explains "Wood merchants have limited undercover storage so it's important that customers play their part too, by ordering more wood when they have used half their stack, so that if only rain wet wood is available it has time to dry out before use. Buying your wood now helps also, because it clears out the wood merchants' yards and allows them to stockpile more wood to dry out for the winter months."

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PEST OF THE MONTH: PURPLE LOOSESTRIFE (LYTHRUM SALICARIA)

Purple Loosestrife is a hairy erect summergreen perennial aquatic herb growing to 1-2 metres high from an extensive tap root producing up to 50 multi-branched stems.

These stems are 4-8 sided, pink at the base, and die off in the winter. A dense, branched hairy flowerspike (20-25cm long) is produced between December and February, made up of purple-magenta flowers. The woody stems remain standing during the winter, when the plant is readily identified by its brownish colour and spiral-shaped seed capsule clusters. The seeds are distributed by wind, water, wildlife, and in mud on vehicle tyres; they remain viable in the soil for many years.

Purple Loosestife can invade a variety of wetland habitats, including marshes, river and stream banks, pond edges, lakes, roadside ditches, and reservoirs. It destroys wetland and marginal habitats by forming dense impenetrable stands that exclude all other species, reducing food sources for many fish and bird species. It also encourages an increase in sedimentation, leading to blockages and flooding.

Originating from Europe, Western Asia and North Africa, it was introduced into NZ as an ornamental garden plant. It was first recorded as naturalised in 1958. Plants are present in gardens in the Nelson region and they have been spreading into some natural areas. Although Purple Loosestrife has not yet become naturalised in wetland habitats in the Nelson-Tasman region, Council wants to protect the extensive areas of wetland habitat where this pest plant could easily become established.

The Regional Pest Management Strategy Rule for Purple Loosestrife is that the occupier shall destroy all adult and juvenile forms of Purple Loosestrife that threatens wetlands. It is also an unwanted organism under the Biosecurity Act 1993 and cannot be propagated or sold. If you are aware of any Purple Loosestrife, please contact a biosecurity officer on Ph. 03 543 8400.



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COUNCIL APPLIES FOR WATER ON BEHALF OF MOTUEKA AND TAKAKA

The Motueka and Golden Bay Community Boards will be asked at their next meetings (both on 8 February 2011) to support the Tasman District Council's application to the recently re-launched Ministry of Health Drinking Water Subsidy Scheme. The subsidy scheme is designed to assist small towns to achieve access to safe drinking-water supplies, effective sanitation and, through this, security of supply.

The request is directed solely at the application process at this stage, which if successful, will be the catalyst for the next stage of consultation which will be managed in partnership with the respective Community Boards.

Motueka is one of the largest towns, if not the largest, in the country without a drinking water reticulation system. Previously the Community Board declared they would support the piping of water to houses only with the support of such a subsidy.

The majority of Takaka residents source their water from shallow groundwater bores and, having once before turned down the opportunity to have a reticulated water scheme, the Community

Board has recently approached the Council to further investigate the possibility.

The drinking water reticulation would be in addition to and be supported by the fire main work starting in February 2011 in Commercial Street.

After the Central Government decision to put the Drinking Water Subsidy on hold in 2009 while they reviewed the eligibility criteria the Ministry of Health announced in December 2010 the scheme was open again for applications.

With applications closing in 30 March 2011 the Council has a relatively small window to gather information and garner the community support the applications require. It is believed if the applications from both towns are supported by their Community Boards they will be received favourably.

Residents of both settlements will be kept informed of the outcome of the subsidy application. Further planning for the water reticulation will be determined by the subsidy offered by the Ministry of Health and the Council and community's ability to contribute.

MOTUEKA FLOOD CONTROL OPTIONS PRESENTED TO COUNCIL

Tasman District Council's Engineering Services Committee has been presented with five options for Motueka's future flood control.

The five options, once approved by the Committee, would form the basis of ongoing public consultation begun last year in Motueka. The consultation programme is the result of the identified need to reconstruct the current stop banks to provide better flood protection particularly to the lower Motueka Valley. Though the stop banks have prevented major flooding in the past they do not meet accepted modern standards.

Having considered the engineering needs the Council has concluded that there was a need to determine the best practicable and

affordable flood control option. In doing so the Council has agreed that public consultation is essential before any solution and process is identified.

In agreeing to the consultation the community has stressed that any decision would have to balance an acceptable level of risk with the community's willingness and ability to pay for the identified level of protection associated with that risk.

The five options below will be taken to the affected communities over the next few months:

- 1. Rebuild the right and left stopbanks
- 2. Refurbish the right and left stopbanks
- Spillway over the right bank, and provide secondary banks set back to create channel for overland flow and take the pressure off existing stop banks. This option was split into two at workshops to represent the spillway located either at Woodman's bend or opposite Fry's Island
- 4. Spillway over left bank and provide secondary banks set back to create flow path to west of Riwaka. Do minimum refurbishment of the existing stopbanks
- Secondary stopbanks on both sides of the river and create secondary flow paths. Do minimum refurbishment work on the original stopbanks and create levels to meet accepted design standards.

A consultation programme will released very shortly by the Council with the results of the consultation being reported back to Councillors before any decision is made prior to the review and consideration of the Long Term Plan early next year.



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AQUATIC CENTRE SET TO BULK UP WITH MUSCLE

The first turf has been turned on a gym for the ASB Aquatic Centre in Richmond.

The Health and Fitness centre, to be run by pool manager CLM in a profit-sharing deal with the Tasman District Council, should be open for business mid-year.

CLM has part-funded the building upfront, and will pay for the fit-out. Council Community Services Manager Lloyd Kennedy says gym profits will help with the ongoing costs of the Councilowned pool.

Just under 200,000 people have used the pool and swim school in the last 12 months, and the complex, which opened in 2004, recorded its millionth visitor in June 2010. The Council contributed \$4.1 million to the original cost of the pool with a further \$1.6m being contributed by the community, and the complex has grown ever since. It now includes a 25m main pool, a wave pool, tots pool, learners pool, Lazy River, spa and hydrotherapy pools and is Council's biggest recreational facility.

The new gym will offer Pump (weights), Spin (cycling), aqua-fitness and boxing-type classes, personalised programmes, plus the usual treadmills, rowing machines, cycles etc. Weight-loss programmes and "Boot Camp" are also on the menu.

Membership of the Fitness Centre will include full use of the pools. A "Superpass" will allow holders to use the Riverside Pool facilities in Nelson as well.



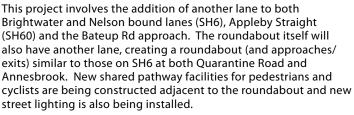
From left, Kim Inwood, Lloyd Kennedy, Lisa Bergman, Geoff Barton, Vaughan Hope, Jim Frater and Robert Kennedy celebrate the start of building.



A computer image of the new gym.

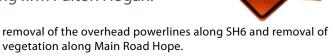
THREE BROTHERS INTERSECTION UPGRADE

Construction of the State Highway 6 Three Brothers Intersection upgrade is underway and is being carried out by local contracting firm Fulton Hogan.



To allow for the construction of these additional lanes and futureproofing underground services, significant work is also being done to both water reticulation and stormwater infrastructure. Significant reconstruction of the roundabout pavement is also occurring.

Although no road construction work has begun yet, people passing through and living in the area may have noticed the



vegetation along Main Road Hope.

During construction, the New Zealand Transport Agency will be keeping motorists advised of potential delays and road, footpath and parking closures through this publication, newspaper advertisements, and variable message signs on both SH6 approaches and SH60. Motorists and neighbouring residents can also contact Royce Greaves of Opus (who is supervising the works, Ph 0274 785 989, email royce.greaves@opus.co.nz) or Nick Hill of Fulton Hogan (Ph 027 246 8499, email nick.hill@fultonhogan.com) with any enquiries.

When the project is completed in June 2011, it will offer the road users travelling through this highly trafficked intersection improved travel times and trip reliability times, as well as enhanced safety for motorists, pedestrians and cyclists alike.



2010 WINNER PROFILES

Green lessons a natural backdrop at preschool.

Both the chickens and the eggs came first for Golden Kids Early Learning Centre in Takaka on the path to a Tasman Nelson Environment award.

Head Teacher Loretta Horton says when a child brought egg sandwiches for lunch it turned into a discussion of where eggs came from, which spawned the idea of keeping a few hens.

Staff and children researched on the internet and built a henhouse with recycled materials. As the number of hens and roosters grew the original henhouse became too small, and a second henhouse was added.

The children have grown very proud of their brood, says Loretta, and the lessons about food and biology were all the more meaningful for being hands-on.

Thanks to a core of staff-members passionate about green issues, Golden Kids established vegie and fruit gardens two years ago. Waste is composted and minimised through practices such as "nowaste" lunches. (Food scraps, of course, go to the chickens.)

Baking is part of the daily ritual, and parents bring in excess produce such as jams and chutneys.

The children have been on a visit to the recycling station to see how cardboard, glass etc are reprocessed. Golden Kids has joined the Council's Enviroschools scheme, and Loretta is grateful for that support material.

Staff and children sew and decorate nylon bags for storing wet clothes or nappies in, replacing "hundreds and hundreds of plastic bags," says Loretta.

She is stoked with the \$500 win in the Schools, Early Childhood section, and says the money will help to establish a natural watercourse, using reticulated rainwater, for the children's water play.

Tukurua author Gerard Hindmarsh was joint winner of the Heritage Culture & Events section for his book Kahurangi Calling.

The 20-year collection of stories plots the social and natural history of northwest Nelson and the Kahurangi National Park. Judges termed it "a well-crafted book that weaves a tapestry of events with information about the natural features of a unique part of the Nelson Tasman region." Gerard also profiles explorers, miners, graziers, trampers, adventurers, eelers and hermits.

Born in Wellington in 1957, Gerard has lived in Golden Bay since 1976. He drove trucks, worked in forestry and set up the Takaka cinema before turning to journalism in 1991. His previous books include Angelina: From Stromboli to D'Urville Island, and Swamp Fever.

He is currently working on a book of "the characters who live on the fringe of New Zealand society".

Gerard's 3.6ha "swamp" at Tukurua is now covenanted, drawing plenty of visitors to view the pristine ecosystem.

He shared the Environment Award with Karen Warren's book Rolling Stones, about the Boulder Bank.

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PROFILE: GLEN BUCKLEY

BUILDING INSPECTOR



What is your main role?

Building inspector. I am part of an awesome team that deals with building consents.

What are the common challenges you encounter?

Trying to incorporate the building law with the many different ways and means of construction.

Having to educate builders about the new changes that keep happening in the building industry because sometimes the information doesn't get communicated as well as it could be.

Are there any misconceptions getting in the way?

Heaps, the biggest would have to be the misbelief that the building control team are out to slow down the process of getting a consent and

that building inspectors are only looking for things that are done wrong. If you were to ask any of the building inspectors, they would say that the best inspection is the one where you don't have to fail anything – they are looking to ensure that things are done correctly.

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

The time after the big shake in Christchurch. I was able to help out with a team of building inspectors from the Nelson area down in Christchurch. Going into houses that have been split in half and telling the owners that their homes are still safe to be in as a shelter. Or trying to explain why their house is 200mm lower and what has happened to their sewer pipes from the movement.

What's the most satisfying part of your job?

Being part of a great team and getting out and about in this great place called the Tasman District. I enjoy doing my part in the building process, working with the builders to complete the project and issuing the CCC (Code Compliance Certificate).

Having a laugh with the guys who work out on site.

GO BY BIKE DAY BREAKFASTS

There will be a number of Go by Bike day breakfasts taking place next week at different locations throughout the Tasman District. Anyone out and about on their bike in the morning will receive a free breakfast snack at one of these locations:

- Takaka Tuesday 15 February 2011 outside The Quiet Revolution, 11 Commercial Street, between 7.30 am and 9.30 am
- Murchison Wednesday 16 February 2011 outside the Tasman District Council offices on Fairfax Street, between 8.30 am and 9.30 am
- Motueka Wednesday 16 February 2011 outside the Museum on High Street, between 7.30 am and 9.30 am

 Richmond - Wednesday 16 February 2011 – outside Village Cycles on Queen Street, between 7.30 am and 9.30 am

Don't forget the Family Fun Ride happening in Takaka on Sunday 20 February 2011. The ride starts from Central Takaka School at 1.00pm and cyclists will ride together to East Takaka Domain, take part in one of the activities at the Domain and then cycle back at their own pace to the school. Families are encouraged to make the most of the afternoon and bring a picnic to enjoy whilst at the Domain and then have a leisurely cycle back to the school.





RE-USE SHOP EYES BETTER PREMISES

The Richmond Resource Recovery Centre at Beach Road is being redeveloped. Stage One of the redevelopment will take place on 28 February 2011 when the "re-use" shop moves into new premises. The new shop in Fittal Street is leased to the Kahurangi Employment Trust, which runs the existing facility.

Trust General Manager Roger Thorn says the Fittal Street premises will be a "whole new ballgame," sited at what will eventually be the new entrance to the Resource Recovery Centre. The site will be more secure and able to stock all goods under cover. At the present site much stock is held in the yard, open to the weather.

The re-use shop sells reclaimed goods – mostly household items such as furniture, electrical and computer hardware – to the public. Upmarket items are auctioned onsite or placed on Trade Me.

The shop employs three staff, but Roger says that may rise to four in the new space. Community service workers also help out, alongside intellectually disabled volunteers.

The new re-use shop should be up and running in late February 2011.

A recycling education area is planned for the facility, which will also have bays to display a lounge or bedroom setting. Roger is buoyed by the Council's "show of good faith" in the Trust, which has run the shop since 2002.

Stage Two of the Richmond Resource Recovery Centre redevelopment involves a new entrance from Fittal Street, replacing the existing

entrance on Beach Road and will make it easier for users to separate their recycling and reduce waste to landfill.

The revamped transfer station will separate commercial from private vehicles, making the site safer. Greenwaste will continue to be received and processed at Greenwaste to Zero in Cargill Place.

As a spin-off of the redevelopment car parking is proposed for walkers accessing the Richmond estuary

walkway, which was completed last year. The refurbished and landscaped Resource Recovery Centre will better integrate with the coastal margin and give better access to this area. "Many people don't realise the great environment just on our back doorstep," says Council Utilities Asset Engineer David Stephenson.



STORMWATER PIPE TO EASE FLOODING

Council will be installing new stormwater pipes in High Street Motueka, north of the shopping centre, to address flooding problems in this area.

Work is expected to commence in late March and take three months, with the new pipe running from Poole Street to Parker Street. Council contractors will also take the opportunity to replace old or damaged sections of the sewer line in High Street and Eginton Street.

David Stephenson, Utilities Asset Engineer, says that during

construction some carparking may be lost on the west side of High Street between Poole and Parker Streets, but that residents will be kept well-informed prior to the work.

Further stormwater work in Poole Street is programmed to start later in the year.









TASMAN SKATE PARK TOUR

The Community Recreation team ran the annual Tasman Skatepark Tour over the Christmas holiday period - it's fifth consecutive year.

The event included categories for skateboarders, BMX's and, for the first time this year, youngsters on scooters. Tasman District Council supports this event to enable our regions youth to showcase their sporting skills in a controlled, competitive environment and to provide a safe and enjoyable event focused on young people.

The event provides a chance for some of the region's elite riders and skateboarders to showcase their skills and for the stars of the future to 'have a go' in front of an audience. The Tasman District Council has invested in skateparks and BMX facilities across the District and it's great to be able to promote these facilities as well as the sports themselves.

IN YOUR NEIGHBOURHOOD

FEBRUARY 2010

The Way2Go trailer, jam-packed full of sporting equipment and games, is once again coming to a park near you.

Wednesday 23 February

3.30 pm-5.00 pm, Brightwater Domain, Brightwater

Wednesday 2 March

3.30 pm-5.00 pm, Tapawera Reserve, Tapawera

Wednesday 9 March

3.30 pm -5.00 pm, Mapua Recreation Reserve, Mapua

Wednesday 16 March

3.30 pm -5.00 pm, Moutere Hills Community Complex, Moutere

Wednesday 23 March

3.30 pm -5.00 pm Murchison Recreation Reserve, Murchison

Wednesday 30 March

3.30 pm -5.00 pm, Takaka Primary School, Takaka

The In Your Neighbourhood (IYN) program promotes healthy lifestyles and community cohesion through providing a range of fun and challenging recreational games and activities in local neighbourhood parks. IYN is proudly presented by the Tasman District Council in association with Way2Go and Sparc and is a FREE community event.

SUNDIAL SQUARE SUMMER SOUNDS SERIES

Richmond's Sundial Square will once again host the region's finest local performers during the Sundial Square Summer Sounds Series, staged over two days with a Friday early evening show and a Saturday matinee.

Friday evening's epic lineup features Nelson hip-hop pioneers Master Pilot, along with Motueka based punk outfit Pants Off and R&B group Solroom.

Saturday's line-up will feature live performances from Motueka's reggae-funk tribe The Valley Project, Kath Bee, acoustic girls duo In These Shoes, the Nelson Savage Club and The Bays Barbershop Chorus. ONSET Hip Hop Dance exhibition, Flossie the Balloon Lady, Blast Bouncy Castle, and face painting will round off the action-packed afternoon.

The Summer Sounds Series is proudly supported by Tasman District Council as part of Council's commitment to promoting community cohesion through supporting community events.

Sundial Square, Richmond, Friday 18 February 2011 5.00 pm – 9.00 pm and Saturday 19 February 2011 10.00 am – 2.00 pm. Free entry.

Mike Tasman-Jones

Community Recreation Advisor, Tasman District Council, Ph. 03 543 8403 Email: mike.tasman-jones@tasman.govt.nz

NEWSUPDATE

PUBLIC NOTICES

Tasman Resource Management Plan (TRMP)
Proposed Variation 71: Slope Instability Risk Area
Proposed Change 20: Richmond East Development Area
Proposed Change 21: Active Fault Rupture Risk Management

Summary of Decisions Requested by Submitters and Opportunity for Further Submissions

Pursuant to Clause 7 of the First Schedule to the Resource Management Act 1991, Council has prepared summaries of decisions requested by persons who made submissions to the above proposed variation and proposed changes to the Tasman Resource Management Plan.

The summaries of decisions requested by submitters along with copies of all original submissions (including submission point numbers) are available for public inspection at the Richmond office of Council. These documents are also available on Council's website www.tasman.govt.nz or can be emailed by contacting Pam Meadows, Ph. 03 543 8581, email pam@tasman.govt.nz

Further Submissions

Any person who represents a relevant aspect of the public interest or who has an interest in the proposed variation or changes greater than the general public may make a further submission to the Council in support of or in opposition to the submissions received. Further submissions will be accepted by Council for a period closing at 4.00 pm on Monday 14 February 2011.

All submissions can be sent to Tasman District Council, Private Bag 4, Richmond, Attention: Manager Policy.

Further submissions must be in writing and must clearly indicate which parts of the original submissions are supported or opposed, with reasons. Further submissions must state whether or not the submitter wishes to be heard in support of his or her further submission and provide an address of the submitter for service.

All persons who make a further submission to the Council must, within five working days, send a copy of the further submission to the person or persons who made the original submission.

Forms for making further submissions are also available at the specified Council office, on Council's website or by contacting Pam (contact details above).

Hearings

After further submissions have closed, Council will hold hearings into all submissions, and any person who made an original or a further submission may be heard on his or her submission. Council will then consider and make decisions on all submissions and any person who made a submission who is not satisfied with Council's decision will have a right of appeal to the Environment Court.

Information on the Further Submission Process

For information on the process of making further submissions, please contact: Mary Honey, Ph. 03 543 8397 or Steve Markham, Ph. 03 543 8427

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PUBLIC NOTICES

Hall and Reserve Management Committees – triennial elections

Management Committees are groups of volunteers who look after some of our Districts halls and reserves on behalf of Tasman District Council, taking care of bookings/usage and maintenance. The committees are elected thee yearly and the next round of elections begin next month.

Wakefield Village Hall Committee Triennial Election Meeting to be held at the Wakefield Village Hall at 7.30 pm on Monday 7 March 2011.

Lake Rotoiti Community Hall Triennial Election Meeting to be held at the Lake Rotoiti Community Hall at 7.30 pm on Friday 11 February 2011.

Brightwater Recreation Reserve Management Committee Triennial Election Meeting to be held at the Brightwater Hall at 7.30 pm on Monday 21 February 2011.

Spring Grove Recreation Reserve and Hall Committee Triennial Election Meeting to be held at the Spring Grove Hall at 8.00 pm on Monday 21 March 2011.

For further information please contact Francie Wafer, Community Services Administrator, Tasman District Council, Ph 03 543 8468 or email francie.wafer@tasman.govt.nz

Decks Reserve Car Park Resurfacing

Tasman District Council will be completing resurfacing of the Decks Reserve car park during late February 2011. The work, which will take a few days, will involve chip seal resurfacing. This type of resurfacing results in some loose chip on the surface which is swept off a short time after the work is completed. The job will be done in two parts to ensure that half of the car park area will remain available for parking.

Council acknowledges that this is a busy time of year in Motueka. However the nature of chip sealing work requires the resurfacing to be done during summer to ensure that the chip properly adheres to the bitumen.

Council's contractor, Fulton Hogan will contact adjacent businesses and residents at least five days prior to this work commencing.

Any comments or concerns should be raised with Council's consultants. Contact Jeremy Katterns of MWH New Zealand Ltd on 03 546 0679.

COMMUNITY NOTICES

Motorbike training dates 2011

Registrations are now being taken for the Tasman District Council/Road Safe Motorcycle Riding Techniques motorbike training, up-skilling and refresher training courses. These courses are still heavily subsidised by Council and ACC and only cost \$20 for each rider for each course. Upcoming dates are:

Saturday 2 April 2011 – intermediate riders

Sunday 3 April 2011 - advanced riders

These courses will be held in Richmond, but if you live in Motueka, Murchison, Golden Bay or outside of the Richmond area then courses can be organised on demand.

For further information or to register contact Krista Hobday, Tasman District Council, Ph. 03 543 8551 or email krista.hobday@tasman.govt.nz.

NEWSUPDATE

COMMUNITY NOTICES

Zero Waste Grants for Schools & Early Childhood

Do you have a great idea that could reduce waste?

Tasman District Council's Zero Waste Grants may be able to help you put it into practice.

Zero Waste Grants are available to all schools, early childhood education centres, businesses and community groups in the Tasman District to help promote waste reduction ideas and projects, and/or educate others about the importance of reducing waste. Funding is available to help you set up projects that reduce the amount of waste generated.

This is a contestable fund.

Closing Dates for applications:

- For funding requests of \$1000 or more closing date: Monday 21 March 2011
- For funding requests of \$999 or less two closing dates:
 Monday 21 March 2011 (mid Term 1)
 Monday 26 Sept 2011 (end of Term 3)

Contact Waste Education Services for further information about the Zero Waste Grant fund or an application form on 03 545 9176 or email info@wes.org.nz Information can also be downloaded from www.wes.org.nz

Create Your Own Eden

Create Your Own Eden provides an introduction to great composting and food growing techniques. Roadshows give a general overview of good composting and it's a great opportunity to get your questions answered from a local expert. Workshops provide more detailed information on composting and food growing techniques on an urban section. All roadshows and workshops are free of charge, but advance registration is required for workshops.

Create Your Own Eden Schedule - Autumn 2011

Saturday 12 February 2011:

Mitre 10 Mega, Nelson – Roadshow – 11.00 am – 2.00 pm

Saturday 19 February 2011:

Tahunanui Community Centre – Workshop – 2.00 pm – 4.00 pm

Sunday 20 March 2011:

Motueka Sunday Market – Roadshow – 8.00 am – 1.00 pm

Saturday 5 March 2011:

Bunnings - Roadshow - 11.00 am - 2.00 pm

Sunday 13 March 2011:

Motueka Sunday Market – 8.00 am – 1.00 pm

Saturday 19 March 2011:

Nelson Sat Market - Roadshow - 8.00 am - 1.00 pm

Saturday 26 March 2011:

Nayland College – Workshop – 2.00 pm – 4.00 pm

Saturday 9 April 2011:

Richmond Mall – Roadshow – 9.00 am – 12.00 pm

Saturday 16 April 2011:

Nelson Environment Centre – Workshop – 2.00 pm – 4.00 pm

Create your own Eden is funded by the Nelson City and Tasman District Councils, and delivered through Nelson Environment Centre.

For further information about any of the roadshows or workshops, please contact Elizabeth Hovell at Nelson Environment Centre on 03 545 9176 or by email: info@nec.org.nz.

COMMUNITY NOTICES

Sports Day

Sunday 13 February 2011

10.00 am-1.00 pm, Decks Reserve Motueka

Free family fun in the park, come along play some games, Bike to give away. Brought to you by the Tasman District Council and Sport Tasman

Kaiteriteri Beach Fun Day

Wednesday 16 February 2011

5.00 pm -7.00 pm, Kaiterteri Beach

Tug of War, Sand Castle Competition, Big Dig, Spot Prizes and much more... Brought to you by the Tasman District Council and Sport Tasman

Kidz Fest in conjunction with Turangawaewae Parklands School

Friday 25 February 2011

4.30 pm-7.00 pm, Parklands School Motueka

Big dig, Bouncy castle, Obstacle course, Zumba spot prizes and more... Brought to you by Our Town Motueka and Sport Tasman

For further information on any of the above events, please contact Ria Ahearn. Ph. 03 528 8228. Email: Ria.A@mot.sporttasman.org.nz

COUNCIL MEETINGS

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

Council Enterprises Subcommittee

Tasman Council Chambers, 189 Queen Street, Richmond, Wednesday, 16 February 2011, 9.30 am. *No public forum*

Environment and Planning Subcommittee (P Williams and J Bent)

Tasman Council Chambers, 189 Queen Street, Richmond, Thursday, 17 February 2011, 10.00 am. *No public forum*

Creative Communities Subcommittee

Motueka Office, 7 Hickmott Place, Motueka, Tuesday, 22 February 2011, 10.00 am. *No public forum*

Corporate Services Committee

Tasman Council Chambers, 189 Queen Street, Richmond, Thursday, 24 February 2011, 9.30 am. *Public forum*

Full Council

Tasman Council Chambers, 189 Queen Street, Richmond, Thursday, 24 February 2011, 1.30 pm or at conclusion of Corporate Services. *No public forum*





Women's and mixed crews race at the Tuna e Hoe Ana regatta last year.

LAKE ROTOITI LOCALS GEAR UP FOR WAKA AMA ACTION

A keen bunch of St Arnaud locals will try their hand at waka ama (outrigger canoeing) at a race regatta at Lake Rotoiti this month.

The local residents and bach owners have responded enthusiastically to an invitation to take part in the Tuna e Hoe Ana regatta, organised by the Nelson-based Maitahi Outrigger Canoe Club.

Club captain Marty Clark says it's great to see the local community getting behind the event, which will be held on February 18 and 19.

'Lake Rotoiti is a unique setting; I don't know of any other waka ama regattas in the country that are held in an alpine environment or on a lake filled with big fat eels. That certainly makes you paddle faster! The name of the event pays homage to them; Tuna e Hoe Ana means 'paddling with eels'.

The fun 'locals' race is one of many races being held over the weekend. About 100 paddlers from around the South Island are expected to take part in the event, including a strong field from local waka ama clubs such as Maitahi and the Motueka Waka Ama Club.

Marty says the event has received great support from the Tasman District Council, in particular harbourmaster Steve Hainstock. 'Steve has been fantastic ever since we started the regatta in 2009. He helps us mark out the race course and it's great to have him there on race day, as additional boat support.'

Spectators are welcome to come along to the event, which kicks off on Friday evening with one and two-person canoe races and continues on Saturday with six-person canoe races. All races will be held at Kerr Bay and will be close to shore, providing plenty of action for spectators.

Event details:

Times: Friday 18 February 2011, 5.00 pm - 7.30 pm (one/two-person races); Saturday 19 February 2011, 8.30 am - 3.30 pm (six-person races)

Venue: Kerr Bay, Lake Rotoiti

More information:

www.maitahi-outrigging.org.nz/events/Tuna e Hoe Ana



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