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Mapua Wharf.

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Mapua Wharf trials Pedestrian Only Zone

From 20 December 2012 through to 7 February 2013 the Mapua Wharf Precinct will become pedestrian only.

The extremely popular zone will be closed to vehicles during this time except for service vehicles and those using the boat ramp to launch and retrieve boats.

The Mapua Waterfront Precinct Advisory Group decided at a meeting in early November 2012 to trial the initiative over the summer period in an effort to make the area more attractive to visitors.

Chair of the Committee, Councillor Brian Ensor said the wharf precinct becomes extremely popular over the Christmas period and the closure is about enhancing the experience in a safer environment for visitors to the area. The opportunity has certainly been made easier

through the development of parking nearby as part of the new waterfront park and additional parking to be opened up in Tahī Street.

It was felt that with alternative parking available to cater for visitors and locals alike, the pedestrian only zoning can only be of benefit. This benefit is reinforced when you add the increasing number of cyclists riding Tasman's Great Taste Trail and coming across to Mapua on the Flat Bottom Ferry from Rabbit Island.

The trial would not be feasible without the support of the local community and retailers. The trial will be monitored over the period with a decision regarding its permanence or otherwise being made early next year.

The Mapua Waterfront Precinct Advisory Group is made up of local business

representatives, Mapua and Districts Residents Association, Mapua and Districts Business Association, Coastal Initiative Group, Mapua Holdings, Mapua Boat club and resident representatives from Tahī and Iwa Streets.



Message from the Mayor

The balancing of the District's economic growth needs and those of the environment that sustains them is one we should and do take very seriously. As a Unitary Council we have the regional council responsibilities of monitoring and regulating the effects of industry. This often results in a planning and regulatory regime that dictates where certain industries can take place and the activities they can undertake. Pleasingly it is unusual for us to have a heavy regulatory hand as many of the industries in the District are aware of their place in the environment.

This attitude was no better displayed than at a recent meeting I attended with dairy and marine farmers regarding water quality. It was a clear reminder of the recognition of the duty to balance the economic needs of many sectors with the protection and long term well-being of the environment we operate in.

This balance is essential, especially when they rely heavily on the same environment for their wellbeing and success.

As a district that is reliant on the success of the primary sector in all its forms, there is an ever-present environmental imperative.

Essentially we all need to work together and plan with sustainability at the forefront of our decisions.

As a Council we try to work with all the users of the environment, not just industry as in this case, however, it is pleasing to see our primary sector providers are prepared to sit around a table and identify how we can collaborate to achieve sustainable outcomes.

The balance of economic and environmental outcomes is one we will never take for granted. It requires constant monitoring and care and the co-operation of all those who live, work and play in it.

Mayor Richard Kempthorne



If you go down to the beach today...

With the weather warming up, many of us will be looking forward to taking the plunge at our favourite river or beach. The range of daytime water temperatures in the Wairoa, Motueka and Takaka Rivers was 15-17°C as at 15 November 2012 – still a little to go to reach the magic 18 degrees, which seems to be the threshold for most people.

In monitoring and managing water quality, Tasman District Council also considers water-skiers and river kayakers, who are just as likely to swallow a bit of water. We can take comfort in knowing that most of the time (97-98%) our rivers and beaches are safe for swimming.

However, after moderate to heavy rain many sites can be contaminated with faecal matter, whether from dogs, ducks, livestock or septic tanks. If it has been raining recently and the water is murky, exercise caution.

Council staff are out there sampling every Tuesday (plus Thursdays in the peak period of January and early February) and all this data is graphically displayed on the Council website. However, due to the time it takes to analyse the samples, there is usually a 1.5-2 day delay in posting a warning if the water quality is not up to scratch. As an extra this summer we are sampling at the Buller River at Riverview Camp in Murchison

(a beautiful swimming hole that is well worth stopping at to break up a long car journey), plus we sample several rivers around Murchison that are used for kayaking.

In a survey of people out enjoying a swim in 2010-11, the main concerns reported, after water quality (disease-causing organisms and visual appearance), were rubbish (most people did pick up rubbish if they saw it), the presence of toilets, nuisance boats and unrestrained dogs bullying children. If you have a dog please pick up its droppings – which have been found to be a significant source of disease-causing organisms in waterways in urban areas.

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Dam feeds 1.4 billion litres to irrigators

The Wai-iti Valley Community Dam is an 800 million litre capacity dam designed to store a surplus of water through the wet months to be released during dry weather.

The construction of the dam was a community-led project adopted by the Tasman District Council at the request of Wai-iti irrigators (Wai-iti Water Augmentation Committee) in mid 2002.

- Construction was completed in May 2006 at the site next to Eighty Eight Valley Road, near Hiwipango. To date the Dam has released over 1.4 billion litres of water to replenish rivers and groundwater.
- The water contained in the reservoir is released as needed to provide steady flows for 101 water permit holders over an area of 860ha, including an extra 300ha of land now benefiting from irrigation thanks to the dam.
- A full reservoir can supply peak release flows for 10 weeks – a vital buffer in times of drought such as early 2010, and again in February-March 2011. Dam storage dropped to a low of 31% during that time, but is now back to full capacity thanks to a wet Winter and Spring.

- The spillway is designed for a maximum release of 43,000 litres a second – enough to cope with a 1-in-10,000 year flood.
- Annual rainfall of 863mm is required to fill the dam, which is comfortably within the mean annual fall for the area of 1260mm.

Council Water Resource Scientist Joseph Thomas says the dam has benefited the whole of the Wai-iti Valley. Previously the Wai-iti Zone water permit holders experienced frequent summer water cutbacks when the Wai-iti River flows became low, and some struggled to get enough water. The river often went dry in much of the lower reaches.

Since the dam has been operational no cutbacks have been required as water released from the dam buffers the river flows and enables them to be maintained to the lower reaches at Livingstone Road.

The four weirs built below Teapot Valley also help to recharge the groundwater.

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Survey aims to streamline TRMP

Users of the Tasman Resource Management Plan (TRMP) are being surveyed to see how the planning “bible” for the District can be made more user-friendly. The survey covers aspects such as the structure, order of contents, and even fine detail like the font size of the document.

“We hope to attract the interest of our regular users,” says Council Policy Planner Rose Biss. More than 200 groups and individuals have a hard-copy of the plan and many more read it online.

The three-volume TRMP sets out the planning policies and rules for land, water and air uses. It covers everything from establishing a subdivision to managing air and water quality. Volume one has more than 1200 pages on mainly land issues, and the maps volume has 136 maps covering the entire Tasman District at different scales. The third volume addresses resource issues such as coastal water use and air quality.

The need to be both comprehensive and precise has resulted in a complex, weighty document that the Council would like to streamline – with your help.

The TRMP survey can be found at the Council website, www.tasman.govt.nz/link/trmp-survey. Survey respondents also go in the draw for \$100 of book vouchers.



Safe drinking water at registered campgrounds

Drinking water at all the registered campgrounds in the Tasman District is safe to drink, says Zoe Moulam, Tasman District Council Environmental Health Officer.

Many of the registered campgrounds in the District have a private supply of water from rain tanks or bores, so they have to be routinely checked to ensure that they remain safe. Inspections have been undertaken over the last few weeks by Council’s Environmental Health officers of the water sources and treatment systems to check they were operating properly. Water samples have been taken from each registered campground water supply to test for bacterial contamination. Two failed results have resulted in work being carried out to ensure that all the registered camping ground water supplies are now safe to drink.

“Safe drinking water is a basic need”, said Ms Moulam. “It is especially important for the young, elderly and visitors, who may not have as robust immune systems, to have drinking water that is free from bacterial contamination.”

Water taken from other supplies, such as remote campsites and free or informal campsites that are not registered by the Council, have not been inspected or tested by Environmental Health Officers. Caution is recommended by Ms Moulam who said that if users could not get an assurance that a supply was known to be safe, it should be considered contaminated and the suspect water should be boiled or chemically treated before being consumed.

New Motueka playground

Motueka’s new playground is a hit with the neighbourhood around Ledger Avenue. Tasman District Council has installed swings, a slide, module unit and climbing nets.

“It’s all go and we’re getting great feedback, which is good to hear,” says Glenn Thorn, Reserves Officer and playground expert. The budget was tight, but the result has paid off. Up to 20 children were playing on the equipment on a recent evening, he adds.

The development of the Ledger Reserve was a joint initiative between the Council and the Motueka Community Board, with input from nearby residents.



Quarry a rock-solid win for three parties

A new rock quarry created near Maruia Falls will help to restore flood-damaged State Highway 65, safeguard farmland across the river, and give Tasman District Council access to good-quality stopbank material that River Assets Engineer Philip Drummond says he has searched 25 years for.

The triple-win was also achieved in near-record time for obtaining the mining licence and quarry Resource Consent. The NZ Transport Agency can now proceed with restoring the short section of road that was undermined by "aggressive erosion" in the December 2010 floods, and has been worsening ever since. The highway has been reduced to one lane, but should be completely repaired by the end of January 2013.

Philip says the Council located a source of rock on the farm of Richard and Paula Pointon, just opposite the washout. The Pointons have been losing good pasture to the Maruia River. This frontage is now shored up by gravel extracted from a new river channel, plus a 4ha "island" removed in the realignment. Groynes to deflect river flow will complete the protection.

On the road side, a stopbank and "dewatering" of the old river channel have created a wider platform for the rock wall that will stabilise the highway.

Philip says the entire project requires about 20,000 tonnes of rock. The Pointons have agreed to forego payment for the material in return for stabilising their land – normally the cost of such river work is shared 50/50 by the Council and landowner. Once this project is complete, the couple are left with an income-earning quarry.

For its part, NZTA can offer roading contractors a convenient source of rock – the nearest alternative quarry is 65km away.

The Council looks forward to cheaper quotes for river control work in the Murchison area since all contractors will have access to the new rock supply, whereas in the past some companies enjoyed a monopoly from their own quarries.

Philip says the old mudstone previously used in stopbanks and walls degraded in the climatic extremes of the Maruia Valley. The new rock is much more robust.




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Christmas holiday hours

All Tasman libraries will be closed on 25 and 26 December 2012 and 1 and 2 January 2013. All libraries are open as usual between Christmas and New Year.

Happy holidays

This is the last Newsline library page for 2012. Although it seems a little early, library staff wish you a very happy holiday season. It's been great seeing so many of you in 2012. We look forward to continuing to provide you with the best of recreational and inspirational reading, watching and listening in 2013.

Catalogue search tip #4 - Placing a Hold

When you've searched the catalogue and found an item you'd like to borrow you can place a hold on it. If it's on the shelf when you request it, you'll receive confirmation within a day or so that it's available for pick up from the library of your choice.

If it's out on loan you'll be notified when it's returned and waiting for you to pick up.

To place a hold, search for the item you want.

Click on the 'Request this item' link.

Another window will open that looks a bit different to the regular catalogue screen.

If you're not already logged in, enter your user ID and pin number.

Click 'Place hold'.

Select the library you want to pick the item up from.

Sit back and wait to hear from us.

There's a \$2.00 charge for holds from the adult library.

Summer Reading Programme – The Great Book Mystery

Not long to wait now! Our popular summer reading programme for Tasman District's 5-12 year olds is almost here!

This year all enrolments are online at www.tasmanlibraries.govt.nz from 9.30 am on Monday 10 December 2012.

Check-ins start from the week of 17 December 2012. There are no check-ins between Christmas and New Year or on Saturdays.

Happy reading!

Looking for some holiday season inspiration?

It's not too late to get some inspiration for Christmas dinner and dessert or to find some new cooking and grilling ideas for the barbecue.

But be in quick – these books are in hot demand!

And while you're in the library why not stock up on your holiday entertainment. Whether it's the latest bestsellers, magazines and DVDs or your all-time favourite authors, there's something for everyone at your local library.

Or check out your e-books at www.tasmanlibraries.govt.nz

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Motueka Library Christmas Storytime

Join us at Motueka Library on Thursday 20 December 2012 from 11.00 am – 12 noon for a special Christmas storytime. Free family fun for 4-9 year-olds. Get there early as numbers are limited to the first 40 children.

Takaka Santa Parade

Hobbits will be amongst us when Takaka Library's Santa Parade float takes to the streets on Saturday 15 December 2012.

Any children wanting to take part in the library's Hobbit-themed float please call into, or phone, the Takaka library before 12 December 2012.

Art in the library

Both Takaka and Richmond Libraries have exhibition spaces for local artists to show their work.

With high numbers of people passing through our libraries every day it's an excellent opportunity to raise your artistic profile in your local area.

If you're interested in showing your work or want more information contact Tish on Ph. 03 525 0059 or Tania on Ph. 03 543 8500

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Public Notices

National Policy Statement for Freshwater Management 2011

Staged Implementation Programme

On 1 November 2012, Tasman District Council has adopted a programme of staged implementation of the National Policy Statement for Freshwater Management, in compliance with Policy E1 of the National Policy Statement. The programme, together with the background report, is available on Council's website www.tasman.govt.nz

Notice of Meeting – Rotoiti District Community Council Inc. AGM

Annual general meeting – 4.00 pm, Saturday 1 December 2012, Rotoiti Community Hall, Main Road St Arnaud. All welcome.



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Council Meetings

- Agendas and Minutes for Council Meetings can be viewed on Council's website at www.tasman.govt.nz**
- Environment and Planning Subcommittee (Vodafone NZ Ltd)**
Fire Station, Motupipi Street, Takaka,
Wednesday 5 December 2012, 10.30 am. No public forum
- Tasman Regional Transport Committee**
Tasman Council Chambers, 189 Queen Street, Richmond,
Friday 7 December 2012, 10.00 am, No public forum
- Golden Bay Community Board**
Takaka Office, 78 Commercial Street, Takaka,
Tuesday 11 December 2012, 9.00 am. Public forum
- Motueka Community Board**
Motueka Office, 7 Hickmott Place, Motueka,
Tuesday 11 December 2012, 4.00 pm. Public forum
- Environment and Planning Committee**
Tasman Council Chambers, 189 Queen Street, Richmond,
Thursday 13 December 2012, 9.30 am. Public forum



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Christmas is coming – and there's loads to celebrate

Tasman residents are once again spoilt for choice when it comes to fun ways to celebrate the approach of Christmas.

Richmond started the ball rolling in grand fashion this year with the excellent **Pak 'n' Save Santa Parade** that took place on Sunday 18 November 2012.

Motueka New World Starlight Parade is next up and takes place on Friday 7 December 2012, from 7.00 pm -10.00 pm on the High Street, with a float procession, twinkling Christmas lights and novelty festive entertainment. It's a real community event where old friends catch up and families enter into the Christmas spirit.

Carols by Glo-lite is being held on Saturday 8 December 2012 at Snowden's Bush, Brightwater from 8.30 pm. The whole family is invited to come along with a picnic to enjoy this show of Christmas Carols and local entertainment.

The magical and mystical Washbourn Gardens in Richmond will come alive with the joyful sounds of tiny tots playing with their teddies on Sunday 9 December 2012 between 2.00 pm – 4.00 pm. The **Tiny Tots, Teddies and Toys** Party features a solid lineup of entertainers, performers, and activities to amuse young and old. So come along, bring your teddy and join in the celebration.

The **Tapawera Annual Christmas Fair** is being held in the beautiful rural

grounds of the Hidden Café, Kohatu on Sunday 9 December 2012 between 10.00 am – 3.00 pm. Loads of fun festive things to do, see and buy.

Golden Bay celebrates the coming of our favourite bearded present-giver on Saturday 15 December 2012 from 10.00 am on Commercial Street in Takaka with the **Golden Bay Santa Parade**. A wide variety of floats will be entertaining the crowds along with two brass bands, horses, emergency services vehicles, tractors and community group activities.

Carols by Candlelight takes place on Sunday 23 December 2012, from 7.30 pm in Washbourn Gardens, Richmond. The evening includes performances by the Richmond Orchestra and the Take a Chance Singers, plus special guests.

Finally, **Christmas Eve Carols in Golden Bay** take place on Saturday 24 December 2012 from 7.30 pm on Takaka Village Green, (if wet, in the Village Theatre). Carol singing will be led by the Candlelight Choir. Song sheets provided. Free entry. Bring a smile.

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