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Richmond Water Treatment Plant Project

The Council is constructing a new water treatment plant on the corner of McShane Road and Lower Queen Street in Richmond. The new plant and associated pipework, which will cost approximately \$8m, will improve water quality to meet the New Zealand Drinking Water Standards.

Currently the water supply network for Richmond is divided into two supplies. One zone is fed from the Waimea bores via the Waimea Water Treatment Plant and Champion Road Reservoir, the other is fed from the Richmond bores and the Richmond Reservoir.

The new Richmond Water Treatment Plant (RWTP) will receive untreated water from both the Waimea and Richmond bores. The two existing Richmond supply zones will be maintained increasing the network's capacity.

Treatment at the new RWTP will include ultraviolet (UV) light and pH adjustment as well as blending the water from the two sources. A chlorine gas dosing system will also be provided, but will only be used as a backup during emergency conditions. The new RWTP will include two sets of pumps, one supplying the Champion Road Reservoir and the other supplying the Richmond Reservoir.

There are two main phases of work being carried out over the next 18 months.

First the Council will install a number of connections to the users along Lower Queen Street. This work will happen through a rolling programme of minor works between November 2013 to March 2014. Secondly, a number of new pipelines will be installed along Lower Queen Street, as well as the construction of the new RWTP, starting in March 2014. This work will cause some disruption to traffic, as well as having short periods when water supply is affected. There will be more information about this sent to those impacted as the work progresses.

Phasing the work by firstly doing the connections and then installing the main pipes means the Council can switch over to the new pipelines efficiently when the plant is complete in June 2015.

What are the benefits?

- Meet the new drinking water standard requirements.
- Security of water supply for Richmond.
- Fully utilising the urban allocations and being able to balance out the Waimea and Richmond supplies during times of drought.
- Quality of water will be improved by mixing the two supplies.
- Reduce the risk of contamination via ultraviolet disinfection.
- Processes at the new plant will mean there is no need to chlorinate.

Message from the Mayor

As the end of the year approaches it has been a pleasure to attend the prize giving ceremonies at some of the colleges in our District. These events provide a chance for the school leavers and their friends, families and teachers to celebrate the culmination of their school years. The ceremonies also provide an opportunity for us to recognise the high calibre of our young people stepping forward to take their place in our communities.

As one of the judges in the recent Tasman's Got Talent contest I witnessed some real talent. I admire and acknowledge the effort the young entrants have put in and their achievements.

I have also had the honour of taking part in the recent Remembrance Day services where we remembered those who made the ultimate sacrifice to preserve what we now take for granted as our way of life. We should never forget – without history we do not have a future.

Thinking of the future of our natural environment, Independent Commissioners recently heard submissions on the proposed change to water management in the Council's District Plan and will report back towards the end of the year. Good water management will be critical for a healthy environment and a sound economy. Associated with this is the recent release of the Ministry for the Environment's discussion document regarding the National Policy Statement on freshwater management. The Ministry is holding a public meeting at Seifried Estate on 25 November 2013 and I urge those with an interest in the preservation of this allimportant resource to attend. You can read more about this below.

Mayor Richard Kempthorne

Have your say on proposed freshwater management changes

In early November 2013 the Government, through the Ministry for the Environment, released a discussion document on proposed changes to the National Policy Statement for Freshwater Management. The proposals include a national framework to help regions set freshwater objectives in their regional plans, with national minimum requirements around the protection of ecosystems and human health.

National Policy Statements are binding requirements that Councils need to take into account and they effect related Council planning, including policies and rules. In this case a National Policy Standard has the potential to have an impact on the quality and quantity of water allocated across the Tasman District.

The discussion document is now open for public feedback. The Government will consider all submissions before it progresses the next stage of changes to the current National Policy Statement.

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The link below takes you to the website with all the relevant information including information about regional meetings.

www.mfe.govt.nz/issues/water/freshwater/nps-freshwatermanagement-amendment-proposals.html

The Nelson/Tasman public meeting will take place on Monday 25 November 2013 at Seifried Estate, Richmond, at 6.30 pm. You can register your attendance by going to:

www.consultation.mfe.govt.nz/content/freshwater-online-event-registration-form

This is an opportunity to speak to the central Government officials about how the proposal would affect you.

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Abel Tasman Drive repair update

Over the past two years Abel Tasman Drive in Golden Bay, from Ligar Bay through to Wainui, has suffered a great deal of damage related to wear caused by the extreme weather events of December 2011. The damage and its effects is very noticeable in three places in particular, just below the Abel Tasman Memorial, the causeway between Ligar Bay and Tata Beach and on the Wainui Hill itself.

The \$2.5m slip remediation work on the Wainui Hill was split into two contracts with Fulton Hogan working on the Tata Beach end to the top of the hill and Solly's from the top of the hill to Wainui Bay. All major construction has been completed with only minor drainage, sealing and cleanup work to be completed.

On the Wainui side of the hill there are two sections of road that will remain one way. One area is the old slip above the road which has a name of "monsoon". It is still active and will be that way for some time. The other area much lower down the hill is a new slip above the road that will have material falling onto the road for a year or maybe two. By keeping it one way there will be room for any falling material to land without closing the road. When the slip settles the road will be widened out as a two-way road again.

To address the issues and provide a long term solution for the causeway the Council will construct a wider shoulder to support the road. This solution will require major construction as this is in an important coastal marine area. Resource consent is required prior to starting the earthworks. There is very little value in repairing the road without completing the required earthworks prior to construction in the interim.

If consent is not granted prior to Christmas, temporary repairs will have to be undertaken to cope with the increased holiday traffic. The ideal situation is for patience and for people to travel slowly through the site, as the faster traffic goes, the rougher the road gets.

Ligar Bay Hill north of the monument has been one way for some time due to a slip on the sea side of the road. It will stay one way for some time as the cost of installing a retaining wall is prohibitive as well as the risk of the remaining length of road on the sea side also failing. By keeping vehicles away from the outside edge the risk of future failures will be minimised until a long term solution is identified.

Big Beach Clean up

More than 600 volunteers were out in force on Saturday 9 November 2013 helping with the Big Beach Clean Up, removing three tonnes of rubbish from our regions beaches.

The Big Beach Clean Up is an annual initiative set up four years ago by the Department of Conservation, supported by Tasman District and Nelson City Councils and Nelmac. Over 300km of the Nelson/Tasman

coastline, from the Tonga Marine Reserve to Abel Tasman National Park was cleaned up with the help of volunteer groups that each 'adopted' a section of coastline for the day.

Tasman District Council's social club adopted Tapu Bay reserve. The section next to them, between the Riwaka River mouth and Tapu Bay, was cleaned up by Keep Motueka Beautiful and Forest and Bird.



Do you pay your rates by instalment?

Invoices for the second rates instalment for the 2013/2014 year have been sent out. If you are paying your rates by instalment and have not received your invoice please call the Council. Payment by the 30 November 2013 is essential if you wish to avoid penalties being applied to your rates account.

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Rubbish collection times are changing throughout the District

From the week starting 2 December 2013 kerbside collections throughout the District for both rubbish and recycling will be collected from 7.30 am.

This is a change from the current time of 8.00 am.

The earlier start time is to allow the Council's partner Smart Environmental to get rubbish and recycling off the streets earlier, particularly heading into the busy summer season.

The exception to this start time is that business areas (e.g. High Street, Motueka, Commercial Street, Takaka, and Queen Street, Richmond) will now have their kerbside collections start no earlier than 8.30 am.

For more information on rubbish and recycling collections throughout Tasman District go to www.tasman.govt.nz/services/rubbish-recycling

Senior Civil Defence Roles – Golden Bay

The Nelson Tasman Civil Defence Emergency Management Group is recruiting for two senior volunteer roles.

If you have the time and skills to step up for your community, they would like to hear from you.

The roles to be filled are as follows:

- Local Controller Golden Bay (following retirement of the incumbent)
- Alternate Local Controller Golden Bay (new position in addition to existing Alternate Local Controller)

While these positions are voluntary, your expenses and professional development will be paid for. Training opportunities in Wellington, Christchurch (and other locations) with experienced emergency management professionals will be available.

You will need flexibility in your employment and family life so that you can respond to emergency events when required.

You will join a team of experienced local volunteers, backed up by professional staff based in Richmond and Nelson.

A position description is available at www.nelsontasmancivildefence.co.nz Applications close on Friday 22 November 2013. Please send a letter of application and CV by email to:

Roger Ball, Manager Emergency Management

Email: roger.ball@ncc.govt.nz

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Nelson Airport celebrates 75th anniversary

Nelson Airport, jointly owned by Tasman District and Nelson City Councils, celebrates its 75th anniversary this year and is hosting an action packed community fun day on 30 November 2013 that is free for everyone to attend.

Nelson Airport is New Zealand's fourth busiest commercial airport serving more than 800,000 passengers each year coming in and out of our region. The Airport precinct is also home to a thriving aeronautical business cluster incorporating 35 businesses. This free anniversary event will offer great entertainment for the whole family: special guest Jim Hickey, Air Force Band performance, over 20 aircrafts on display, opportunity to purchase rides on a helicopter and the Southern DC3, aircraft fly-overs, Rebecca Bignall Academy of Dance performances, spot prizes, food and beverages on sale, kids giveaways and activities and more. Starting at 10.00 am and finishing at 4.00 pm this will be a day to remember.

Nelson Travel Survey

Do you live in Tasman and regularly travel to Nelson? Nelson City Council is currently asking anyone who does this journey to fill in a short online survey. The results will be used by the Council to help it make better plans around future transport needs. Go to www.surveymonkey.com/s/NelsonTravelSurvey and complete the survey before the end of Tuesday 3 December 2013 to have your opinion heard. Everyone who completes the survey will go into a draw to win a \$50 Prezzy voucher. Let your experiences help shape the future!



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Public Notices

River Control 2013/14 Season Spraying To Start

The Council will be undertaking ground based herbicide spraying to control woody and invasive weeds as per its usual annual programme in the fully maintained rivers, from November 2013 to April 2014 inclusive.

Rivers included are the X&Y river rated sections of the Waimea/Wairoa, Wai-iti, Eves Valley, Moutere River and Company Ditches, Upper and Lower Motueka rivers, Riwaka and associated waterways, Tadmor, Sherry and Motupiko rivers. In Golden Bay the rivers included are the Waingaro, Anatoki, Takaka, Aorere and Kaituna. Herbicides used will be Grazon, Glyphosate and Metsulfuron. The main purpose of the spraying is to maintain flood channel capacity hence woody weeds growing on islands and beaches in the fairway are the main target. Please refer to the Council's website (search 'river management') and the Council's 2013/14 river work programme for further details. Alternatively contact one of the Rivers and Coastal Engineers on Ph. 03 543 8400.

Community Notices

Mapua Planting Working Bee

The Mapua and District Community Association, with support from Tasman District Council and Nelmac is planting a huge number of native grasses and shrubs on the Dominion Stream Flats area, which is situated on the Ruby Bay Bypass just past the Mapua turnoff, and needs your help! 5000 plants have been donated by Nelmac and all of them need planting during November. Everyone welcome, all ages.

Helpers need to bring waterproof footwear, a spade and bottle of water. Sessions last two hours.

Saturday 23 November, 8.00 am – 11.00 am Tuesday 26 November, 8.00 am – 11.00 am

Meet at the Dominion Stream Flats.

Notice of Meeting – Richmond Community Forum – Meet the Richmond Councillors

Tuesday 10 December 2013, 7.30 pm, Tasman District Library Meeting Room, Queen Street, Richmond.

Council Meetings

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

Environment and Planning Committee Tasman Council Chambers, 189 Queen Street, Richmond, Thursday 28 November 2012, 9.30 am. Public forum

Tasman Creative Communities Subcommittee Motueka Office, 7 Hickmott Place, Motueka, Wednesday 4 December 2013, 10.00 am. No public forum

Full Council

Tasman Council Chambers, 189 Queen Street, Richmond, Thursday 5 December 2013, 10.15 am. Public forum

Deliberations on Submissions to the Brightwater/Volleyball License at Brightwater Domain Tasman Council Chambers, 189 Queen Street, Richmond, Friday 6 December 2013, 1.00 pm. No public forum

Golden Bay Community Board Venue to be advised, Tuesday 10 December 2013, 9.00 am. Public forum

Communications Subcommittee Motueka Office, 7 Hickmott Place, Motueka, Tuesday 10 December 2013, 1.30 pm. No public forum

Motueka Community Board Motueka Office, 7 Hickmott Place, Motueka, Tuesday 10 December 2013, 4.00 pm. Public forum

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Communityrecreation

The festive session is almost upon us and a number of entertaining Christmas themed celebrations are about to take place across the district over the coming weeks. Here is a snapshot of what's happening and what you can look forward to:

Sunday 1 December Friday 6 December Saturday 7 December Sunday 8 December Sunday 8 December Sunday 8 December Saturday 14 December Saturday 14 December Sunday 15 December Saturday 21 December Sunday 22 December Tuesday 24 December Tapawera Christmas Fair New World Motueka Starlight Parade Carols in the Church Richmond Santa Parade Christmas Mapua Makers Market Tiny Tots Toys and Teddies Christmas Party Brightwater Carols by Glo-lites Takaka Santa Parade Carols in the Vineyard Motueka's Birdhurst Christmas in the Park Carols by Candlelight Takaka Christmas Carols

Tapawera Motueka Upper Moutere Richmond Mapua Richmond Brightwater Takaka Upper Moutere Motueka Richmond Takaka

For more information and a complete listing of regional summer events, pick up your copy of 'Hummin in Tasman' from Tasman District Council Service Centres and Libraries, Richmond Mall and over 500 outlets across the District. For the very latest event listings online go to www.itson.co.nz

Tasman Street Ambassador

The Tasman Street Ambassador Service is about to get underway for the summer season, with experienced youth workers having a presence on the Richmond and Motueka CBD streets between 8.30 pm and 2.30 am on Friday and Saturday evenings.

Based in Richmond on Fridays and Motueka on Saturdays, the mobile

service also reaches outlying communities, working in partnership with the police, night patrol, and Maori wardens to ensure Tasman communities are kept safe and young people are partying responsibly.

The service runs from 29 November 2013 until 15 February 2014, and is delivered by Nelson YMCA's HYPE-GS youth workers.



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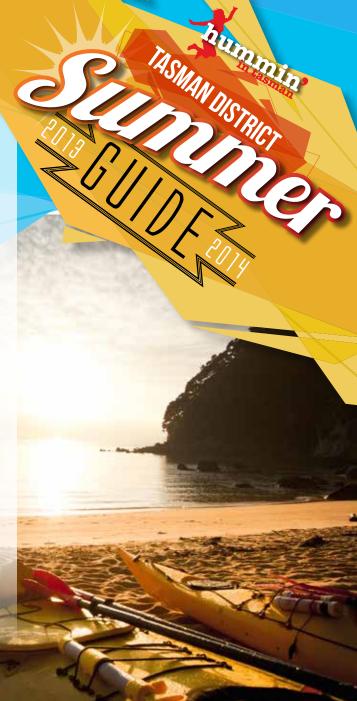
Cardboard boat flotillas, backyard cricket, jazz & blues, movies under the stars – whatever spins your wheels is on the menu. Hummin' lets you know where to catch a Christmas parade, kick back to music on a vineyard lawn, or tremble to the thunder of drag racing.

In addition to the events guide, Hummin' catalogues the attractions we should never take for granted: our national parks, the best swimming (beach and river), picnic spots, boat launching ramps and ski lanes – even where to exercise the dog. Camping spots, motorhome dumpsites, libraries, museums, recycling centres, accommodation, arts and crafts, churches – the guide canvasses the need-to-know facilities for visitors and locals alike.

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