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Help us make the most of Tasman's open spaces

The Council is preparing an open space strategy to help improve the management and provision of our parks, reserves, natural areas and other types of open space. The Open Space Strategy will help us better understand:

- what types of open spaces are important to Tasman residents and visitors and why;
- how well they be are being managed now; and
- how they can be improved.

Open spaces are an intrinsic part of any community. They provide a venue for a variety of activities that enhance community life, recreation and pastimes that are made possible by the space itself. Open space includes all of the parks, reserves, cycleways, walkways, cemeteries, beaches, rivers, lakes and other areas that Tasman residents and visitors use for recreation, as well as natural areas that we value for environmental reasons. For the purpose of this strategy, it does not include roads and streets and developed civic areas in the town centres.

The Council is responsible for the provision of open spaces, and the associated costs, in each of its communities. The Open Space Strategy

will guide the Council in the provision of the appropriate open space for the communities of Tasman District. The strategy only considers the non-competitive uses of sports fields.

The Council is interested in coordinating its work with that of other open space providers, such as the Department of Conservation and the Ministry of Education, and will be consulting with these and other land management agencies, as well as special interest groups.

The strategy is not a statutory document, but will be used to advise other plans that the Council is required to develop, such as management plans for its assets and the Council's Long Term Plan. It will also collate all the information we have available about the quality and quantity of our open spaces.

The Council is seeking feedback on your use of open space within the District, the values of open spaces that are important to you and how the Council can better manage and provide for those values.

You can provide your feedback via our online survey, which can be found at www.tasman.govt.nz, or by completing questionnaires located at Council Service Centres and DoC Visitor Centres:

The period for feedback closes on 14 March 2014.

Following the survey, the Council will prepare a draft Open Space Strategy and call for feedback.

Message from the Mayor

Last week the Council made decisions on the projects and activities to be included in the draft Annual Plan for the 2014/15 year. The decisions are the product of a number of workshops and discussions held between councillors and staff since December last year.

The changes we made last week confirmed the direction we set prior to last year's Annual Plan process. This year's Plan is a continuation of the theme of reduced capital and operational spending.

As a result of the decisions we are forecasting a total increase in rates revenue of approximately 2.5% after growth that will come from both general and targeted rates. The proposed increase in revenue will be used to reduce borrowing.

As part of the continuing theme established last year to reduce the previously proposed levels of debt and rates increases we have worked to enable a small but significant step towards reducing our reliance on debt.

Because 2014/2015 is an Annual Plan year we are limited in our ability to make wholesale changes. The more significant changes will have to wait until next year when the Long Term Plan is due. That will enable the Council and the community to fully consider options, make choices and set priorities.

Annual Plan 2014/2015 Timeline

- 13 March 2014** Council adopts draft Annual Plan.
- 15 March 2014** Public Consultation opens
- 17 March 2014** Full draft Plan available online and at Council offices and libraries
- 21 March 2014** Summary of draft Annual Plan distributed to all residents
- 16 April 2014** Consultation period closes
- 1-9 May 2014** Submission hearings throughout the District
- 26 June 2014** Final Annual Plan adopted.

Mayor Richard Kempthorne



Park bench meetings with the Mayor and Police Area Commander

The community is invited to discuss the policing and safety issues that concern them.

Ensuring that our communities remain a safe and pleasant place to live is something that a number of organisations and groups have a stake in. Residents, Police and the Council all play a role – and it's vital that they, and all interested groups, get together regularly to share information and stay up-to-date with the challenges each are facing.

As part of this Police Area Commander Steve Grealley and Mayor Richard Kempthorne regularly catch up for formal and informal meetings. On

Monday 3 March 2014 Steve and Richard will be holding their catch up meeting on a park bench in Sundial Square, Richmond. Any member of the public who has anything they would like to discuss can turn up between 3.00 pm – 4.00 pm and speak directly to them, no appointment needed. Further park bench meetings will take place throughout the year and will be advertised in Newsline and on the Council's website.

We all have an interest in ensuring that our communities are strong, resilient, prosperous and safe – so if there is something you would like to discuss come along on Monday 3 March 2014 from 3.00 pm and add your voice to the conversation.



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Abel Tasman Drive slip remediation

Abel Tasman Drive, which links Tata Beach with Wainui Bay in Golden Bay, was affected by several major slips during a heavy rain event in December 2011. A \$3 million remediation programme, undertaken by Fulton Hogan and Sollys, has now been completed on behalf of the Council.

A range of approaches were employed to stabilise the slips including rock walls, gabions, reinforced earth walls and living walls.

There are still two one-way sections on the road while the slips mature and to provide time for the Council's engineers to monitor the stability of the slopes.

Selwyn Steedman, Council Transportation Network Engineer, says "This was a challenging project, working on a narrow road with soft, loose rock. The land owners we worked with have been great and we appreciated the patience of the public while the works occurred."

What happens to my recycling and rubbish?

Any questions you have around what happens to the stuff you have sorted for the recycling bin and the rubbish bag can soon be answered. Tours of the Richmond Resource Recovery Centre and Eves Valley Landfill are starting in the first week of March 2014. Bookings must be made through the Customer Service Centre at Tasman District Council, Ph. 03 543 8400.

Starting 6 March 2014, 30-40 minute tours of the Richmond Resource Recovery Centre and Transfer Station will be led by Smart Environmental (Thursdays) and Fulton Hogan (Monday, Tuesday

and Wednesdays). Information sheets will help you remember the different tonnage of items and quantities that you will hear about. Schools will have priority booking and numbers are limited.

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Engineering introductions: Chris Blythe

Chris Blythe is a Project Manager, working as part of the Council's Engineering Programme Delivery Team, based at the Richmond office.

The role of a Project Manager within the Engineering department is focused on co-ordinating the delivery of significant capital projects – ensuring that each project runs smoothly, remains on budget and is delivered on time. Infrastructure projects such as roads and water management are the most common examples of significant capital projects.

There are 150 capital projects identified in the Council's current Long Term Plan, with Chris working on up-to 20 of those at any one time. Due to the complex nature of some projects, such as the need for in-depth public consultation, resource consents and options studies, some can take years to deliver, others can go from start to finish in the space of a few months.

"There is a great deal of variety in the projects I work on – some are classed as significant because of their cost, or complexity and others because of the impact they will have on individuals or communities. Each project has a different focus, and that determines what I need to do to help ensure it runs smoothly. At the start of a project I'll often spend a lot of time talking to the people who are affected to get a very clear idea of what a successful outcome looks like to them. At the end of the day what we do is about making Tasman a better place to live, and ensuring people are happy with the outcome of projects is a major part of that," says Chris.

"We aim to keep as much project work as we can in-house to help manage costs – but there are also times when we need to engage experts to provide us with specific advice or services."



Chris moved to New Zealand from the UK six years ago and now lives with his family in Richmond. "It's a bit cliché but there are few places in the world that compare to Tasman. We have so much to do right on our doorstep – the national parks, the sea, mountains, great food and wine – I love living here and it's a pleasure to be able to work in a role that helps me contribute in a small way to our community."

Projects Chris is currently managing include the Richmond Water Treatment Plant and the Richmond East high level dam.

Nelson Tasman scores well – but could do better

Preparedness for a disaster is the best way of getting you and your family through the chaos and havoc that can occur.

The recently published results from Statistics NZ's Emergency Preparedness Survey shows the region is ahead of the country average, but there is still work to do.

In recent years, over a quarter of our households have taken on-board the lessons and advice from our Civil Defence Emergency Management team and prepared emergency supplies. However, being prepared at home does not mean the task is complete. What happens

when the family is away from the home when disaster strikes – that is a question we all need to address and plan for what would happen.

We have seen many recent examples of community resilience, particularly in our rural areas. This resilience would be complemented by a full family plan – where do we go, who do we call?

Natural disasters can be terrifying and worrying, having a plan in place will enable us and our loved ones to 'get thru' better and recover faster.

To find out how to prepare and what to do before, during and after emergencies go to www.getthru.govt.nz



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Community partnerships

Tasman Creative Communities Scheme

Do you have a great community arts project that needs some money to make it happen? The Tasman Creative Communities Scheme may be just what you're looking for. The funds supports local projects that increase access and participation in arts activity.

Applications close 10 March 2014.

Sport NZ Rural Travel Fund

The fund's aim is to subsidise rural sports teams travel costs, for 5-19 year olds, to enable them to take part in regular competition.

Applications close 30 April 2014.

[For grant details go to](#)

www.tasman.govt.nz/council/grants-funding

Choice Children's Day

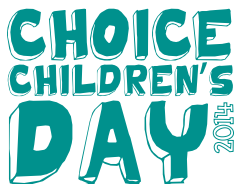
Tasman District Council is hosting an afternoon of interactive games and activities as part of the National Children's Day celebrations.

Taking place in Conifer Park, Rabbit Island, on Sunday 2 March 2014, Choice Children's Day will include activities for the whole family with bouncy castles, balloon twisting, face painting, pony cart rides, an obstacle course, as well as bike based activities with the Get Moving Family Fun Ride, which is also taking place throughout the afternoon.

This year's theme focuses on 'Treasuring our Children' with a range of child focused events taking place right across the country. The inaugural Children's Day took place in 2000, and has since established itself as a permanent fixture on local events calendars nationwide.

Tasman District Council Community Partnerships Coordinator, Mike Tasman-Jones, invites you all to pack a picnic, bring your togs, bring the sun block, load the bikes and come for a fun family day and enjoy all that Rabbit Island has to offer plus a few extras to ensure a great day out.

The event and activities are free, and will be cancelled if wet.



Age 2 Be – Positive Ageing Expo

Thursday 3 April 2014, 10.00 am–3.00 pm at the Headingly Centre, Richmond.

The Age 2 Be Positive Ageing Expo promises to have something of interest to seniors, their families or whanau or anyone heading towards retirement.

The Expo showcases Nelson and Tasman's recreational, health and social services that make ageing a positive experience.

Along with 60 stallholders there will be seminars, demonstrations and a chance to have a go at a range of activities as well as getting quick health checks.

This is the sixth Age 2 Be Expo, which is becoming widely known as "the place to be" for getting all the information in one easy place. Last year over 2000 people attended, which was double the amount from previous years. Ruby Aberhart, Age 2 Be Expo organiser says, "There are plenty of groups, clubs, services and agencies that help give us the best opportunity to age positively, but knowing where and how to find them can be a challenge. This Expo provides the opportunity to talk to them all in the same place and find out what they offer".

The Nelson Tasman Positive Aging Forum and Age Concern Nelson are coordinating two seminars:

Seminar one, 10.30 am – 12 noon, "Staying Active and in Control - Getting the support you need". Presenter Jenny Keightley will update us on home based support, respite and restorative care.

Seminar two, 1.00 pm – 2.00 pm, "Life in 3D". President of the Retirement Villages Association NZ Margaret Owens with two local guests speakers, will be exploring the realities and exploding the myths of residential care, talking about dementia, delirium and depression.

The Expo will also offer CarFit checks. These offer older drivers a free check on how well they personally 'fit' their vehicle. The CarFit check takes about 20 minutes and ensure each participant 'fits' their vehicle properly for maximum comfort and safety.

The Expo is aimed at older adults and their families, admission is free with complimentary tea, coffee and biscuits provided. Lunch will be available for purchase. If your group would like to have a stall registrations are open until 21 March 2014 subject to availability. Please note there are a limited number of stall spaces – don't miss out.

In Your Neighbourhood – Gumboots to be sent flying across the region

Flying gumboots will be seen across the District next month as the Way2Go trailer brings Kiwiana-themed games and activities to local parks and neighbourhoods.

From mid-March 2014, two-hour sessions to try gumboot throwing, sack and wheelbarrow races, and the Ultimate Obstacle Course will be on offer as part of the In Your Neighbourhood series of events.

Tasman District Council Recreation and Partnerships Officer Paul McConachie believes the format is all about simple fun.

"The programme is set up to highlight that simple playground play and games are still fundamental development tools for children."

"It also gives parents and their children a chance to play and make new memories together. An added bonus is that parents always enjoy watching their children try out some of the classic games that they grew up with."

Prizes will be given out for the longest gumboot throw and the quickest around the obstacle course, and there will be a range of other sports to have a go at, including cricket, volleyball, soccer, hockey and badminton.

2014 Schedule

Date	Time	Venue
Sunday 16 March	10.00 am – 12.00 pm	Decks Reserve, Motueka
Sunday 16 March	2.00 pm – 4.00 pm	Takaka Memorial Reserve, Takaka
Monday 17 March	5.00 pm – 7.00 pm	Moutere Hills Community Complex, Moutere
Thursday 20 March	4.00 pm – 6.00 pm	Mapua Recreation Reserve, Mapua
Saturday 22 March	10.00 am – 4.00 pm	Murchison Recreation Reserve, Murchison
Sunday 23 March	10.00 am – 4.00 pm	Murchison Recreation Reserve, Murchison
Monday 24 March	5.00 pm – 7.00 pm	Faulkner's Bush, Wakefield
Wednesday 26 March	4.00 pm – 6.00 pm	Tapawera Recreation Reserve, Tapawera

In Your Neighbourhood is a partnership project between the Tasman District Council and the regions Way2Go Recreation Hubs, and is a free community event.



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Public Notices

Notice of intention to grant leases of part Tasman District Council land on Kina Peninsula

Notice is hereby given of the Tasman District Council's intention to consider granting five leases for the purposes of establishing boat sheds on land at Kina Peninsula known as "LEH Baigent Reserve".

In mid 2013, Carter Holt Harvey undertook a tender to sell this land on Kina Peninsula. The land in question is known as Part Lot 76 DP 427 (Title Reference/CFR – NL9C/707). The Council was approached by a group of local residents with a proposal for a contribution to be made towards the potential purchase price for the land. The residents would contribute a substantial sum of money that would allow the Council to put in a tender for the purchase of the property.

A condition of that contribution would be that, in the event the Council succeeded in winning the tender, the Council would commence a public consultation process regarding a proposal to grant leases to five of the residents (the contributors) who contributed significantly to the purchase price. If approved, the leases would provide for the establishment of boat sheds on a small part of the land proposed for purchase. The Council was successful in winning the tender and now owns the land in fee simple (freehold).

The Council gives formal notice of an intention to grant five leases to the contributors. The leases will be for a term of 35 years (less 1 day), at a nominal rental. The purpose of the leases will be to establish boat sheds. The maximum size of each boat shed building will be 55m², with a maximum lease area (including water tank, roof area, and sealed yard) of 100m² per lease.

Should the leases be granted, the establishment of the physical buildings will still be subject to building and resource consent requirements. The area proposed to be set aside for this purpose is approximately 1000m² to allow for some "common land", plus space between individual lease areas. Each prospective tenant will be able to choose a location of up to 100m² within the general location indicated by the 1000m².

The Council is entering the decision making process with no pre-determination. The contributors know that the grant of the leases is not assured. Persons with an interest in this issue are encouraged to make submissions in the knowledge that they will be considered fully.

Further information may be obtained by contacting Robert Cant on Ph. 03 543 8400, or via Email on robert.cant@tasman.govt.nz. A copy of this notice will be posted on the Council's website and will include plans showing the approximate location of the 1000m² proposed.

Written submissions or objections should be sent to:

Tasman District Council, Private Bag 4, Richmond, Attention: Robert Cant

Submissions or objections will be received up to 4.00 pm on 21 March 2014. Please indicate in your submission if you also wish to formally present your submission at a hearing.

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Proposed Navigation Bylaws and Moorings Review: Update

The Council is seeking feedback on the proposed replacement of the existing Navigation Safety Bylaw with a set of Navigation Bylaws (incorporating maritime facility bylaws) as well as possible changes to the mooring rules in the Tasman Resource Management Plan (TRMP). The bylaw review affects a wide range of boating activities and navigational matters, while the TRMP review looks at where moorings are located and how they can be better managed.

The consultation period opened on 6 January 2014 and closes on 28 March 2014.

Information on the proposed changes to both the Bylaw and TRMP can be accessed on the Council's website (www.tasman.govt.nz/ consultations) or you can request hard copies from info@tasman.govt.nz. The website contains the Statement of Proposal – Navigation Bylaws (2014), the Discussion Paper on the Review of Mooring Management and the relevant feedback forms.

A series of public workshops are being held around the District in early March to help people understand the proposed changes, answer questions people may have, assist with submissions and refine the proposed changes. The workshops will focus on changes to the coastal rules.

The navigation bylaw review also affects boating activities on rivers and lakes. If there is sufficient interest Council will also hold a specific workshop on these proposed changes. Please contact harbourmaster@tasman.govt.nz to register your interest in a 'rivers and lakes' workshop.

How do I give Feedback?

If you want to give council some feedback on the proposed changes you can attend the public workshops, go online to fill in the submission form for the Navigation Bylaws proposal and feedback form on the mooring review, or pick up a copy of the documents and forms at any Council service centre.

Dates and venues for public workshops

Venue	Date	Time
Mapua Boat Club	Monday 3 March 2014	7.30 pm–9.00 pm
Richmond Council Chambers	Thursday 6 March 2014	7.30 pm–9.00 pm
Takaka Fire Station	Monday 10 March 2014	7.30 pm–9.00 pm
Motueka Memorial Hall Supper Room	Thursday 13 March 2014	7.30 pm–9.00 pm

Community Notices

Race Unity Day – a family friendly event!

Sunday 9 March 2014, 11.00 am – 4.00 pm, Victory Square Park, Nelson.

Race Unity Day celebrates the cultural heritage of Kiwis, whether your ancestors were the first to arrive on these shores or you are "fresh-off-the-boat!" Music – dance – ethnic food – kids' activities – information stands.

This event is organized by the Nelson Multicultural Council whose vision is that "migrants, newcomers and locals celebrate their diversity in a welcoming and safe environment so that all may enrich our community". Gold coin donation. Ph. 03 539 0030 www.nelsonmulticultural.co.nz

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Public meetings – March 2014:

Monday 3 March	Navigation/Mooring review	Mapua Boat club, 7.30 pm – 9.00 pm
Thursday 6 March	Navigation/Mooring review	Council Chambers, Richmond, 7.30 pm – 9.00 pm
Thursday 6 March	Takaka FLAG	Takaka Fire Station, 3.00 pm – 7.30 pm
Monday 10 March	Navigation/Mooring review	Takaka Fire Station, 7.30 pm – 9.00 pm
Wednesday 12 March	Motueka Stopbank meeting	Motueka Memorial Hall, 4.00 pm – 6.00 pm
Thursday 13 March	Navigation/Mooring review	Motueka Memorial Hall, 7.30 pm – 9.00 pm
Thursday 13 March	Waimea Water Management Plan	Appleby School, 7.00 pm

For full details go to www.tasman.govt.nz

Get Moving Family Fun Ride

This is an easy bike ride suitable for most ages, skills and fitness levels. There are prizes and giveaways for the lucky, the activities trailer and bike skills course will be there for people to try out plus you can get your bike checked out by mechanics at the Big Bike Tune Up, thanks to Village Cycles. Free event – a great day out for the whole family, so get those bikes dusted off and the sunscreen out.

Rabbit Island – Sunday 2 March 2014, starts 2.00 pm

This ride starts at Conifer Park, Rabbit Island – look for the signs at the end of Ken Beck Drive as you reach Rabbit Island. Loads of easy options for two wheeled fun. The routes are on formed gravel tracks suitable for most ages, skills and fitness levels. The trails include the newly upgraded Conifer Mountain Bike Tracks and Tasman's Great Taste Trail that takes you to the far west end of Rabbit Island. There will also be Children's Day celebrations from 2.00 pm – 4.00 pm. (See page 5).



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International Women's Day

Saturday 8 March 2014, 10.00 am - 2.00 pm, Sundial Square, Richmond.
Sponsored by Waimea Soroptomist, an organisation supporting women and families in Tasman and Nelson. Contact Janet McKenzie, Ph. 03 544 2414.

Motueka Flood Control Project

Motueka residents are invited to attend an open afternoon/evening to discuss the Motueka Flood Control Project, between **4.00 pm and 6.00 pm on 12 March 2014 at the Motueka Memorial Hall.**

Council Staff will provide an update on the project prior to the draft Annual Plan being approved for consultation on 13 March 2014. This will allow the local community the opportunity to submit on Council's decision to the draft Annual Plan and subsequently the draft Long Term Plan in 2015.

Council Meetings

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

Full Council

Tasman Council Chambers, 189 Queen Street, Richmond, Thursday 6 March 2014, 9.30 am. Public forum

Golden Bay Community Board

Collingwood Fire Station, Tuesday 11 March 2014, 5.30 pm. Public forum

Motueka Community Board

Motueka Office, 7 Hickmott Place, Motueka, Tuesday 11 March 2014, 4.00 pm. Public forum

Full Council – to adopt the Annual Plan

Tasman Council Chambers, 189 Queen Street, Richmond, Thursday 13 March 2014, 9.30 am. Public forum

Corporate Services Committee

Tasman Council Chambers, 189 Queen Street, Richmond, Thursday 13 March 2014, at conclusion of Full Council. No public forum

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New mountain bike trails cater for all

The Council has recently completed two projects to improve the variety and quantity of mountain bike trails in the Richmond area.

The Easby Park/Dellside climbing trail sees the completion of a long running project, several years in the planning and resourcing. This intermediate grade climbing link starts at the bottom of Tower Road and climbs through some really interesting terrain to just below the phone tower. It is a dual direction trail, and is the first of several Council supported trail building projects in this area that will network the existing trail system so that it is much more accessible to a wider range of riders.

A feature of this build is that it assists the deliberate separation of walking and mountain bike trails in the lower reaches of Easby/Dellside. This new climbing trail is built for bikes, and is dual-use. However, this

has allowed the existing walking only trails (ie Keith's Track) to be given greater separation, and kissing gates are being installed at key spots on the walking tracks so that bikes can't get on to them. This area is heavily used by a large number of walkers, runners etc and the Council's consultation with all the different user groups has shown there is a strong desire to minimise bike/walker conflict through separation on some tracks, helping keep everybody happy.

A massive thank you to Andrew Spittal, who donated his time and rough cutting digger to the project.

The beginner/family friendly mountain bike trails on Rabbit Island have also been given a tidy up over recent weeks following the completion of logging operations last year, and a new track, the Moturoa Forest Track has been constructed.

The trails on Rabbit Island are a fantastic place for young and novice riders to learn how to ride off-road. The Conifer Park tracks are often used for youth and family events and it is likely the new Moturoa Forest Track will also be similarly utilised. Access to these trails can be found by following Tasman's Great Taste Trail along the coastal section of Rabbit Island and are well sign posted.



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