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Nelson Tasman Emergency Operations Centre opens

The new Regional Emergency Operations Centre (EOC) was officially opened on Thursday 19 June 2014 by Tasman District Mayor Richard Kempthorne and Nelson City Mayor Rachel Reese, with a blessing from Kaumatua Andy Joseph.

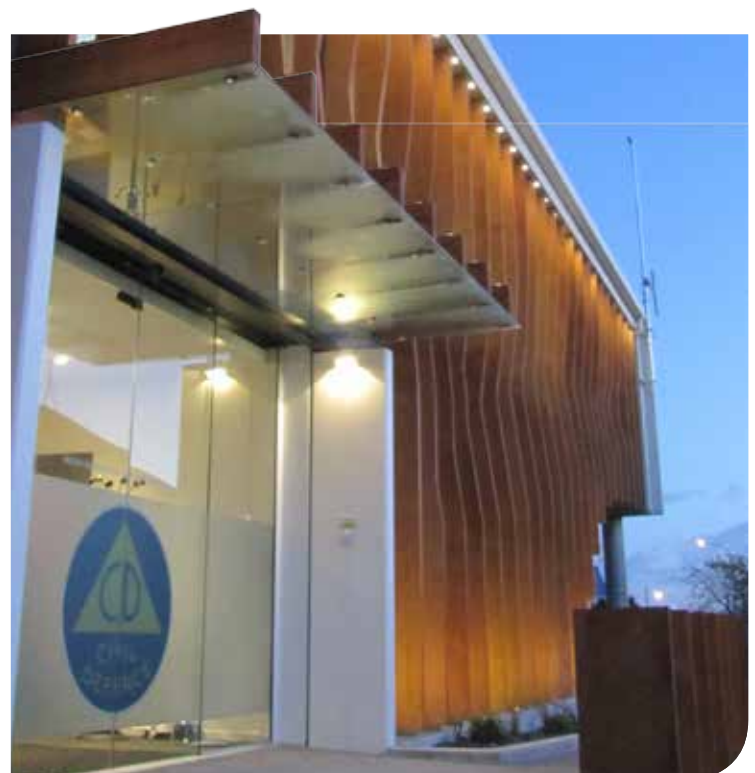
The new EOC is situated in Richmond and will enable a higher level of response capability. Jointly funded by the two councils the EOC provides a purpose built centre for the emergency services and council staff to come together in the event of an emergency.

Within the centre the response teams have access to specialist emergency management systems, software and back-up communications that will support and enhance the close multi-agency response essential to the management of natural disasters within the region.

Built to IL4 (importance level 4) the centre is capable of withstanding a significant earthquake and still function, with independent water and power systems. The centre has a floor level above the predicted level for a 1-in-500 year flood.

When not in use as an emergency centre the building is home to four permanent staff whose focus is regional preparedness. The centre itself is able to be used for training, and provides a venue for Rural Fire and other similar organisations.

The building's developer and owner, Mark Fawcett of Emunah Enterprises, played a key role in ensuring the building was constructed to Civil Defence Emergency Management requirements.



Message from the Mayor

The Annual Plan for 2014-2015 has been adopted and while the year's work programme is underway we now shift our focus to the Long Term Plan for 2015-2025.

We are currently considering the Council's programme for the next ten years, the Long Term Plan review, with the intention of reducing our reliance on debt whilst minimising the impact on Tasman ratepayers. The Council's considerations will be open for consultation early next year. We want to ensure Tasman remains a great place to live and your views are an important part of this process.

More heavy rain and flooding, this time predominantly in Nelson, highlights the need for us to be ready to support each other when

an emergency strikes. We are very aware of the appropriate response to an adverse weather event. However, we need to individually and collectively focus attention on reducing the risks we face, being ready for an event in order to reduce the costs we face as we recover.

Mayor Richard Kempthorne



Beware of burning treated wood

The Council would like to remind you again about the dangers of burning CCA treated timber and provide you with an update about air quality.

The Council is currently collecting filters in the Richmond Airshed and will carry out an arsenic analysis on them with results expected in autumn this year. Paul Sheldon, the Council's air quality resource scientist, expects an amount of arsenic will be found in the Richmond Airshed. This is because the source of this contaminant is CCA treated timber being burnt in wood burners.

Arsenic is released into the air when treated wood is burnt, the practice is prohibited in Tasman District. Arsenic is a carcinogen and also an irritant to skin, mucous membranes in the eyes, nose and throat and lungs. Over a longer period it will affect the nerves, blood cells and intestines especially when breathed in.

Tanalised timber (CCA treated) contains high concentrations of copper, chromium and arsenic. When it is burnt the copper and chromium stay with the ash making it toxic to plants and animals, especially if you put ash in your garden. The potentially toxic arsenic goes up the chimney with the smoke. When there is an inversion layer the chimney discharges stay low to the ground.

Residents should be wary of burning "free" firewood and any building off-cuts. It may include treated timber. Freshly treated wood has a greenish tinge and the planks are labelled with the treatment

process (H3 or H4 for example). However, as the wood ages, this tinge disappears and it is hard to see if the wood has been treated.

The Council has a test solution available that will identify whether wood is CCA treated or not. If you are uncertain about whether your wood is treated or not, call the Council on Ph. 03 543 8400 and we can test your wood for you.

Don't forget that a good way to ensure you have the best quality firewood is to buy your firewood from a Good Wood firewood merchant.



For more information about air quality in Tasman District and a list of local Good Wood suppliers, please go to the Council's website, www.tasman.govt.nz/link/good-wood



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Wakefield Village Green enhancement plan

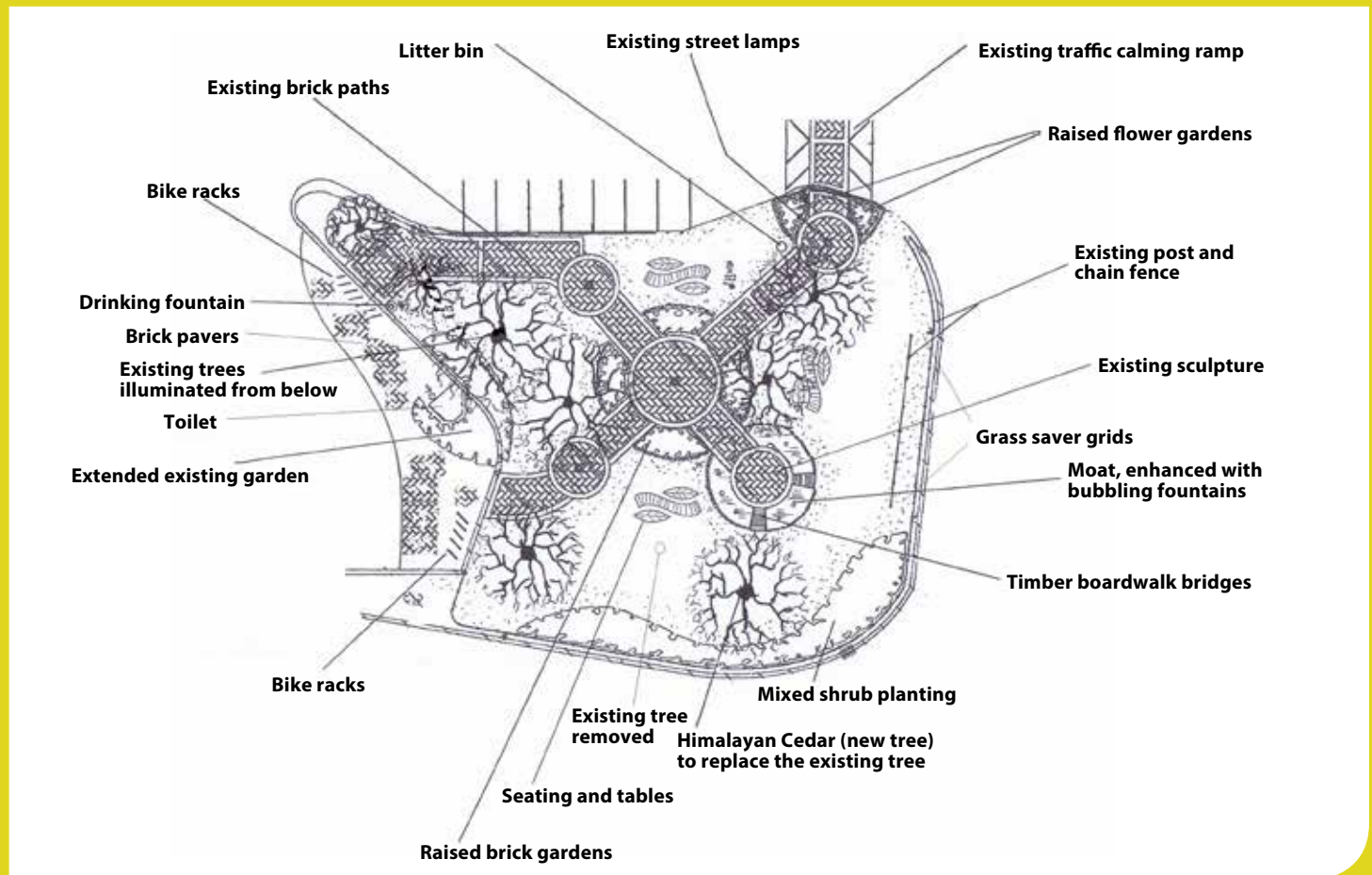
The Wakefield Community Group 'Focus Wakefield' has developed a plan to further enhance Whitby Green in the Wakefield Village.

Focus Wakefield and the Council's Community Development staff are working together to further enhance the Whitby Green area. Focus Wakefield have developed an enhancement plan which proposes to install a water feature around the existing sculpture, establishing raised garden beds for annual plants and roses, extending the paving around the public toilet, installing litter bins, seating and a drinking fountain.

The project will be staged and completed as funds and resources allow, Council has recently approved \$5000 from the Moutere/

Waimea Reserve Financial Contributions account for the 2014/2015 financial year which will add to the funds Focus Wakefield have raised enabling the project to get underway shortly.

For further enquires please contact Stephen Richards at the Council during normal business hours, Ph 03 543 8400, Email: stephen.richards@tasman.govt.nz



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Get Moving maps

Tasman District has the climate and environment to encourage walking and cycling for transport and recreation and the updated 'Get Moving' maps are designed to encourage the Richmond, Ruby Coast and Motueka communities to walk or cycle for short trips. The maps show walk and cycle paths that link the communities, as well as information on the facilities you'll find there as a visitor.

The maps are free and are available from the Council's service centres, libraries and can also be downloaded from www.tasman.govt.nz.



Get Moving is an initiative of the Tasman District Council with input and support from local cycling and athletic clubs and organisations, Nelson City Council, Nelson Marlborough District Health Board and Sport Tasman. The target is to get over 200 people participating in activator programmes, 1000 in Ride and Stride, 500 in guided walks and rides and 1000 in Get Moving walking and cycling events.



Motueka Community Board discretionary fund

The Motueka Community Board grants funding to community groups from a budgeted discretionary fund. Over the years many groups and organisations wanting to provide services to the Motueka community have received amounts up to \$500 to support various projects and initiatives.

Applications are open all year, with decisions made every three months. The Motueka Community Board makes allocations from its fund to support projects relevant to one of the following three categories:

Category A: Projects

A pool of \$4,654 pa will be available for community projects. These projects should as a rule benefit the Motueka community as a whole rather than individuals.

Category B: Board Activities

A pool of \$1,000 pa will be available for Board-related activities which may include such items as attendance at conferences or

training workshops, advertising and communication, undertaking community surveys/questionnaires, and hosting functions.

Category C: Youth Development Fund

A pool of \$1,000 pa will be available for youth-related activities. This may include events organised by youth, for youth, or on behalf of youth.

If funds earmarked for Categories B and C are unused at the time of the final funding round of the financial year, these funds will be released into the general fund, and may be offered to previous unsuccessful, but worthy applications, and/or utilised in Board-initiated projects.

Application forms and guidelines are available from the Council's Motueka Service Centre, Motueka Library or at www.tasman.govt.nz. Applications are to be delivered to the Council's Motueka Service Centre, 7 Hickmott Place, Motueka or Email: MCB@tasman.govt.nz

Applicants will be expected to speak in support of their application at a Motueka Community Board meeting.

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Richmond East high level reservoir

A new 1500m³ reservoir is being built to supply water to Richmond East. The project is estimated to cost \$2.2m and follows the recent completion of the reservoir platform and site access road. The reservoir adds capacity to existing high level reservoirs, such as those at Valhalla Lane, to provide sufficient pressure and additional storage for the water network.

Water will be pumped to the new reservoir from the Champion Road reservoir and will improve supply to Champion Road, Park Drive, Waimeha and part of Hill Street. The improved supply will provide more available water for the network.

Project Manager Chris Blythe said "Works are expected to commence mid August 2014 and take one year. There will be some disruption for residents on Champion Road, east of Hill Street, when water mains are installed, and there will be construction traffic at times. The project is also being coordinated with the Champion Road culvert upgrade to reduce disruption for residents."

To receive a regular newsletter update on the project, send an email to projects@tasman.govt.nz asking to join the Richmond East High Level Reservoir Newsgroup, or contact Sarah Askew on Ph. 03 543 7257.

Zero tolerance on illegal rubbish dumping

The Council is getting tough on the few grubby individuals who use our beautiful natural environment as a rubbish tip, discarding household waste, TVs, cars, even rotting animal carcasses beside rivers and streams.

Illegal dumping is ugly, a health hazard, and ratepayers foot the bill to clean it up – nearly \$9000 a year for riversides alone. Disposal is also an unpleasant task for workers.

The Council is taking a zero tolerance approach to illegal dumpers. We have installed several new signs in prominent positions near dumping 'hot spots' to warn against leaving waste, and the consequences. Hotspots will be patrolled more often, and security cameras may be used. The public are asked to keep an eye out. Take a photo of offenders if possible, or note vehicle licence plate details. You can phone the Council's environmental investigation and control team in confidence with any information you have on Ph. 03 543 8400.

Illegal dumpers face a \$400 fine under the Litter Act. Failure to pay may result in higher fines and court costs. Those who dump toxic materials near a waterway can also be prosecuted under the Resource Management Act.

To find out about the right way to dispose of your rubbish go to www.tasman.govt.nz

ILLEGAL DUMPING PROHIBITED

This area is being monitored. Any person caught illegally dumping rubbish in this area will be prosecuted. If you see anyone dumping rubbish, please contact the Council, Ph. 03 543 8400.





Legend

■ Existing Local Purpose Reserve
 ■ Lot 1 DP 472570: Proposed to become Reserve

Submissions called for on reserve land proposal

Tasman District Council is calling for submissions under the Reserves Act 1977, on its intention to declare a small area of freehold land at Mapua a Local Purpose (Walkway) Reserve.

The Council is the owner of an existing Local Purpose Reserve at Aranui Road. This land is Lot 28 DP 17242 (3020m²), and is a walkway which runs between Aranui Road and the sea.

When land adjacent to this Reserve was subdivided, a small area of land was offered to the Council as an addition to the Reserve. Due to technicalities in the subdivision process, the land was vested in the Council as freehold land. This land is Lot 1 DP 472570 (184m²). It is not a Reserve at this time, but Section 14 of the Reserves Act allows the Council to declare it to be Reserve, unless objections are sustained following public notification.

If the freehold land becomes a Reserve, it will still be subject to all existing encumbrances on the title (easements and building covenants). The proposal is to amalgamate the titles of Lot 28 DP 17242 and Lot 1 DP 472570 when they are both Local Purpose (Walkway) Reserves.

The proposal should have no impact on the physical use of either land parcel. Users of the walkway will not notice any difference if Lot 1 DP 472570 is made a Reserve and amalgamated with the adjacent existing Reserve. It is an administrative tidy up to allow land with the same physical use to be held in the same land title, with the same Reserve status.

Plans of the existing Reserve and proposed addition to that Reserve can be obtained by contacting Robert Cant on Ph. 03 543 8400, or via Email: robert.cant@tasman.govt.nz. Copies of this notice, plus plans will also be available on the Council's website.

Written submissions or objections should be sent to:
 Tasman District Council
 Private Bag 4
 Richmond 7050

Submissions or objections will be received up to 4.00 pm on 20 August 2014. Please state whether you would like to speak to your submission in the event that a hearing is required.

This could save you hundreds of dollars!

Do you know where your water meter is? Do you know how to check your water meter to detect a leak on your property?

The Council's Water Billing staff deal every day with customers who are shocked and upset when they receive an excessively high water account, which sometimes runs into thousands of dollars, due to a water leak on their property. These customers are usually unaware of any leak on their property as there is often no visible sign of excess water or damp spots and no sound of leaking water. This is the case in over 65% of the leak enquires that the Water Billing staff deals with.

Depending on the lay of the land, how porous the ground is and the location of the water leak i.e. under a concrete driveway, these leaks can go undetected for a long time. At this time of year, especially when it is constantly wet outside, these leaks are even harder to detect.

How do I locate my Water Meter?

If you don't know where your water meter is, check www.topofthesouthmaps.co.nz. Click on 'services' on the left hand side and make sure 'water features' is ticked, then search on your property address. Click on "aerial" in top right hand corner.

How do I check for a water leak?

To check for a water leak, shut off all household appliances that use water and any outside taps. Take a note of the meter reading and record the time. Leave the water shut off for as long as possible, then read

the meter again. If the reading has changed – or the red numbers have moved – you have a leak.

Tasman District Council currently has a policy on Remission of Excess Metered Water Rates to assist property owners caught out by a unknown water leak. The objective of this policy is to provide relief to ratepayers who have excessive metered water rates due to a leak in their internal reticulation and to encourage ratepayers to get all leakage repaired promptly. There are several criteria to be considered when assessing eligibility for a remission. Not all leaks are covered.

The Remission of Excess Metered Water Rates policy can be viewed on the Council's website, along with further information on how to check your water meter and water saving hints.

The only sure way of knowing that YOU do not have a water leak on your property is by regularly checking your water meter! This can pick up problems before they become major, saving a lot of time, money and distress.

If you have any questions regarding your water account and how to check for leaks please don't hesitate to contact our Customer Services Team on Ph. 03 543 8400.

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Frost flat shrublands in Tasman District

Frost flats occur in central and southern parts of Tasman District, mostly on private land along inland river valleys in the Glenhope, Murchison, St Arnaud and Maruia areas. They occupy areas that experience extreme and prolonged winter frosts, due to localised ponding of cold air. This is caused by cold air that is prevented from moving down the valley by topographical constrictions or natural hollows in the valley floor. Such areas support shrublands instead of native forest as trees cannot readily establish, due to frost burn of seedlings. Instead, a unique association of plants occurs, including matagouri, twiggly shrub daisy and other species of shrub, clematis, sedge and hookgrass. Matagouri also occurs in other habitats and is not restricted to frost flats.

Frost flats vegetation has been largely destroyed by vegetation clearance, stock grazing and invasion by weeds. Often the vegetation remnants are only found on the adjoining terrace slopes. What remains is precious to Tasman's biodiversity, and their protection lies almost entirely in the hands of private landowners as very little occurs on public conservation land. It is believed that most frost flat locations are known

and landowners are aware of their precious heritage and responsibilities. However, they continue to decline, due to problems with natural plant establishment amongst the weeds that choke out seedlings. Grazing can remove the dense sward but it also prunes the emerging shrub seedlings. Regeneration trials have not yet found an easy answer to this problem.

The Tasman Resource Management Plan includes protection for frost flats.

If you think you own or manage areas containing frost flats and would like to know more about their values and protection, contact Sandra Wotherspoon at the St Arnaud Office of the Department of Conservation Ph. 03 521 1078, or Lindsay Vaughan at Tasman District Council Ph. 03 543 8400.

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Rental charges increase

From 1 July 2014 rental charges on adult new fiction, non-fiction and large print books will increase from \$1.00 to \$1.50 for a three week loan.

School holidays are here again

Winter school holidays start next week. And once again your local library has a variety of exciting activities to keep your kids occupied and entertained.

Popular children's performer Kath Bee is playing at Takaka Library. You can enter our space portal and travel around the world with our scavenger hunt and storytimes.

And older kids can head into Takaka Library for a special Ministry of Science lab. Or take part in a mixed-media creative session at Richmond Library.

And of course there's our wide range of books, graphic novels, kids' music and family-friendly DVDs to while away the hours at home.

For full details of what's on offer go to the library website www.tasmanlibraries.govt.nz

Your library – opening a world of possibilities for you

New e-books coming soon

From early July 2014 you'll have a new range of e-books to download and read from your library.

As well as bringing you OverDrive e-books we're adding a new range of titles from another supplier - Wheelers.

If you're used to visiting our e-books page on the library website you'll see some changes there. You'll have two places to click on to see what's on offer.

All our e-titles will appear in the library catalogue. You can search by author or title to see if there's an e-version available. Or you can do a keyword search for 'e-book' and then limit your search results by selecting 'e-books' in the left-hand sidebar. You'll then get a listing of all our e-books. You can sort and limit further by using the various options that appear in Limit your search.

Not sure what all this means? Just call us or ask next time you're in your local library. We're here to help you get started.

New Zealand Geographic online

Tasman District Libraries has an exciting new addition to its e-Library. You can now browse and search the entire 25 year archive of New Zealand Geographic magazine online via our e-library. With stunning photography of New Zealand and the Pacific and in-depth features, this iconic magazine contains a wealth of information about New Zealand's natural world and culture. And the latest in flipbook technology delivers a real magazine page turning experience.

You'll find New Zealand Geographic in the e-Library section of the library website under e-Resources A-Z. All you need is a Tasman library card and PIN number and you can explore New Zealand's natural history any time anywhere 24/7.

Nelson at War short story competition

As part of our World War One commemorations, Tasman District Libraries have joined with Nelson Public Libraries and Page & Blackmore Booksellers to run a short story competition: Nelson at War.

If you're over 18 years old you're invited to write a short story set in the Nelson region during or immediately after, and relating to, the First World War. There is no minimum word count, but stories must be no longer than 1500 words. Stories can be submitted electronically or in hard copy and must reach us by 4.00 pm Friday 30 August 2014.

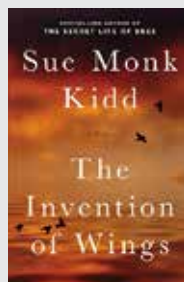
A shortlist of ten stories will be selected and published on the libraries' OverDrive site. The winner and two runners-up will receive books supplied by Page & Blackmore Booksellers. Winners will be announced on Thursday 16 October.

You'll find full information, competition terms and conditions and entry forms at your library website. Start writing today!

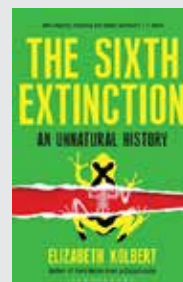
Riemke Ensing at Motueka Library

Motueka Library is hosting acclaimed NZ poet Riemke Ensing on Tuesday 8 July at 5.15 pm. Riemke is a highly regarded poet of national significance who has been widely published both in New Zealand and overseas. This is a rare opportunity to meet a writer of her standing. Gold coin donation at the door

New in the library



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Public Notices

Summary of Information and consultation advice – proposed Dog Control Bylaw 2014 (incorporating the Tasman District Council Dog Control Policy)

Tasman District Council proposes to review its Dog Control Bylaw and associated Dog Control Policy.

We encourage feedback from anyone with an interest in the proposed bylaw, with a consultation period over five weeks to allow plenty of time for you to make a considered submission. The submission procedure is detailed below.

This “summary of information” is made to fulfil the purposes of Sections 83(1)(a)(ii) and 89 of the Local Government Act 2002 and summarises the Statement of Proposal to review the existing Dog Control Bylaw.

The majority of the existing bylaw is carried over to the proposed replacement bylaw, however a number of new provisions have been proposed in response to issues raised with the Council. To assess these issues a workshop was held on 3 April 2014 between Council staff and Councillors to consider the viability of suggested changes/additions to the existing bylaw.

The proposed bylaw should be construed as being entirely new and submissions may be made on any element of the bylaw not just the proposed changes. However, it may be helpful to highlight the key changes proposed to the existing Dog Control Bylaw following the Council workshop:

1. The area covered by the dog ban in Takaka to be increased as shown in Schedule 3 of the proposed bylaw. Access to Commercial Street will be permitted for dog owners outside of normal business hours i.e. 9.00 am – 5.00 pm on weekdays.
2. The Jimmy Lee Track (Richmond) to be made a leash control area. The area affected runs from Jimmy Lee Creek Hill Street/Milne Place entrance to Hill Street (Hart Road) entrance, see map in Schedule 1 of the proposed Bylaw.
3. That, due to potential “bird strike” issues at Nelson Airport, the area of Sand Island under Tasman District Council control becomes a dog prohibited area, see Schedule 3 of the proposed bylaw.
4. The Tasman’s Great Taste Trail Bylaw 2012 has various controls on dogs at different parts of the trail. Clause 20 has been added to the existing Dog Control Bylaw and reads as follows:
 - 20.1 The Tasman’s Great Taste Trail Bylaw 2012 prohibits dogs from certain sections of the trail. For details of dog prohibited areas see: www.tasman.govt.nz/policy/policies/bylaw/tasman-s-great-taste-trail-bylaw/
The Dog Control Bylaw should not be taken to contradict any of these provisions.

The full Statement of Proposal including the proposed bylaw and policy may be inspected during ordinary opening hours at the following places:

Tasman District Council, 189 Queen Street, Richmond
 Tasman District Council, 7 Hickmott Place, Motueka
 Tasman District Council & Library, 92 Fairfax Street, Murchison
 Tasman District Council, 14 Junction Street, Takaka
 District Library, 280 Queen Street, Richmond
 Motueka Library, 12 Pah Street, Motueka
 Takaka Memorial Library, 3 Junction Street, Takaka

A copy of the full Statement of Proposal may be viewed or downloaded from the Tasman District Council website at: www.tasman.govt.nz

All submissions on the proposal are to be in writing using the attached form and posted or delivered to

Dog Control Bylaw Consultation, Tasman District Council,
 Private Bag 4, 189 Queen Street, Richmond 7050,
 or they may be Emailed to info@tasman.govt.nz or faxed to 03 543 9524.

Submissions will be received at any time until 4.30 pm, Monday 7 July 2014.

Public Notices

Registrations of Interest – Sculpture Design and Creation

Calling artists interested in designing and creating a substantial sculpture commemorating 25 years of Motueka Arts Council working to enhance, support and encourage ‘arts’ in our local community and in some way encompassing the coast to the mountains – highlighting that it is a special place.

Register your interest by **6 July 2014** with Motueka Arts Council, Email: motuekaartscouncil@gmail.com

Public Notice of Alcohol Licensing Applications

Applications for new and renewed alcohol licences are now being publicly advertised on the Council website.

The use of a website for public notices is allowed under the new Sale and Supply of Alcohol Act, and is good for the community and for businesses. The public notices remain accessible to everyone online rather than just appearing sporadically in the local newspaper. This allows the community to view the public notices at their leisure on the website. There are also links and information for people wanting to object to an application. Site notices will still be displayed on the premises to alert the public to an application.

Businesses applying for an alcohol licence will benefit from this service as it eliminates the expense of advertising. This is welcome as the fees for licences have generally increased across the board.

Public Notices of applications can be viewed at www.tasman.govt.nz/link/alcohol-licensing-applications
 Applications for licences are decided by the new District Licensing Committee. The decisions are now also available online at www.tasman.govt.nz/council/council-meetings/other-committees/district-licensing-committee-meetings

Building Inspections unavailable – Wednesday 9 July 2014

Due to compulsory training requirements, building inspections will not be scheduled on Wednesday 9 July 2014. We apologise in advance for any inconvenience. A duty building control officer will be available at the Richmond Office. Please contact the Council on Ph. 03 543 8400 to arrange an alternative inspection date.

Notice of Meeting – Richmond Unlimited AGM

Tuesday 15 July 2014, 5.30 pm, meeting room, Richmond Town Hall. All welcome.

Newslineupdate

Public Notices

Roadside Spraying

Contractors employed by New Zealand Transport Agency undertake an ongoing vegetation control programme to ensure that roadside vegetation does not affect the safety or operation of the region's state highway network. This programme includes the spraying of chemical herbicides including the following active ingredients: Glyphosate, Metsulfuron, Terbutylazine and Triclopyr. Persons wishing to register their property as a 'no-spray' zone, which requires a commitment to maintain a property's highways frontage to specifications provided by NZTA, may do so by contacting Lea O'Sullivan or Donna Hills on Ph. 03 548 1099 at Opus International Consultants, c/- Private Bag 36, Nelson.



Rivercare meetings 2014

Date and time	River / Catchment	Location of meeting
Monday 21 July 2014 – 7.00 pm	Dove River	Dovedale Hall
Wednesday 23 July 2014 – 2.00 pm	Lower Motueka, Riwaka and Moutere Rivers	Motueka Service Centre
Friday 25 July 2014 – 10.00 am	Upper Motueka Rivers	Tapawera Community Centre
Thursday 31 July 2014 – 2.00 pm	Waimea/Wairoa/ Wai-iti Rivers (NEW meeting)	Tasman Council Chambers, 189 Queen Street, Richmond
Monday 4 August 2014 – 11.00 am	Golden Bay Rivers	Takaka Rugby Club Rooms

The Council invites all interested parties to the 2014 round of Rivercare Meetings. This year we will review the purpose and format of the meetings rather than focusing on the annual work programme. If you have any queries or have a particular topic you would like us to address, please contact Giles Griffith, Rivers and Coastal Engineer, on Ph. 03 543 7244 or Email giles.griffith@tasman.govt.nz. We look forward to seeing you there.

Council Meetings

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

Golden Bay Community Board

Takaka, Tuesday 8 July 2014, 9.00 am. Public forum

Motueka Community Board

Motueka Office, 7 Hickmott Place, Motueka,
Tuesday 8 July 2014, 4.00 pm. Public forum

Environment and Planning Committee

Tasman Council Chambers, 189 Queen Street, Richmond,
Thursday 10 July 2014, 9.30 am. Public forum

Corporate Services Committee

Tasman Council Chambers, 189 Queen Street, Richmond,
Thursday 24 July 2014, 9.30 am. Public forum

Community Development Committee

Tasman Council Chambers, 189 Queen Street, Richmond,
Thursday 31 July 2014, 9.30 am. Public forum

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Warning for shipwreck visitors

The Council has recently erected two signs warning visitors to the Janie Seddon wreck in Motueka to stay clear due to the potential risks of climbing on the structure.

The wreck, which is a popular landmark for visitors to Motueka, has started to become unstable due to corrosion and is at risk of collapse. Visitors are asked to stay well away from the hull.

Built in 1901 in Scotland for the Government as a submarine mining vessel, the Janie Seddon spent her early life in Wellington. The ship is credited with firing the first shots of World War II.

“Several days before war was actually declared the Royal New Zealand Artillery (RNZA) manned the coastal defences. The Examination Vessels at the four main ports, previously manned by the General Duties Branch, NZ Permanent Force, were taken over by the Royal Naval Volunteer Reserve. When at 0945 hrs 3 September 1939 (2145 hrs 2 Sep GMT), the liner City of Delhi did not stop when ordered by the Port Examination Vessel Janie Seddon, the Fort Dorset Examination Battery fired a warning shot across her bows. It had the desired effect; spectators were astounded that so large a ship could ‘heave to’ so quickly. This shot was claimed by the RNZA to be the first of the war fired by British forces.

The Captain of the City of Delhi subsequently paid for his lapse. In addition to being heavily fined he was ordered to pay for the complete 4-in round expended which in 1939 cost £40 (\$80)” Source: George Klee genealogy.

In 1947, the Janie Seddon was sold to Talley’s Fisheries Ltd, as a fishing trawler.

The Janie Seddon was beached at Motueka in 1955.

WARNING

Parts of the Janie Seddon shipwreck are becoming unstable and are at risk of collapse. Please keep off the structure and well away from the hull. Thank you.

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