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Annual Residents Survey 2014 – How are we doing?

Each year the Council commissions an independent survey of Tasman residents. The survey, which focuses on the Council's activities, was conducted in May with over 402 residents over the age of 18 from across the district contributing.

The purpose of the survey is to establish the level of satisfaction, or otherwise, with the services the Council provides, data on where people get information about the Council and opinions regarding the decisions the Council makes.

The satisfaction levels with Council services are compared to a peer group (similar local authorities) and the national average of all local authorities in New Zealand.

Much of the survey information is used to meet the Council's annual reporting requirements. Information is also fed into the prioritisation of system and service improvements.

So how did we do?

Overall the results are similar to last year. Most of those surveyed are generally happy with recreational facilities, public libraries, kerbside recycling services, dog control, roads, footpaths, environmental information and public toilets.

Unfortunately there are three areas which are cause for concern – roads, stormwater services and emergency management.

While people are more satisfied this year than last year with public toilets and emergency management, the results point to areas of importance for residents.

Most of you receive your information about Council from Newsline, and 81% of you feel that there is enough, or more than enough, information supplied by the Council.

As a unitary authority, the Council is responsible for a wide range of activities. The survey covers every aspect of these activities and generally takes 20 minutes for each individual to answer questions.

See pages four and five for more details about the results of this year's survey...



Message from the Deputy Mayor

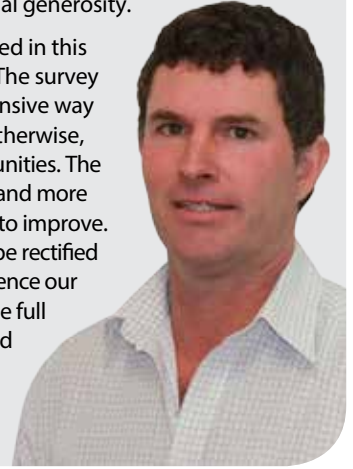
In the last fortnight we have witnessed the tragedy in Ashburton, our sympathies are with that community. I would like to take the opportunity highlight the work that our customer service staff do at the Council. As elected representatives we have to make a number of difficult decisions and they are not always universally supported. That is an accepted part of our roles and we are accountable for those decisions. Often, however, the job of explaining the impact whether it's a change to a rule, regulation or a charge, falls to the staff on the service desks or the phones. They deal with queries across a wide range of Council services and at times with people who are frustrated and sometimes angry over the impact of the Council's decisions. Our customer services team does a great job, so please remember they don't make the rules or set the rates and while the vast majority of people respect their role it is never acceptable to threaten or abuse no matter the circumstances

On a brighter note last week end was the 10th anniversary of the Council owned ASB Aquatic Centre. The once controversial aquatic complex has become one of the region's most popular recreational assets. What

may have been lost over in the last 10 years was the level of financial support the initial build attracted from local families and individuals. There were many, too many to list here, but I ask each visitor to the complex to take to the time to view the names that are retained on the entrance wall and reflect on their personal generosity.

The Annual Communitrak survey, featured in this edition of Newsline, has been released. The survey is a very important and relatively inexpensive way of measuring the Council's success, or otherwise, in delivering services to Tasman's communities. The results highlight what we are doing well and more importantly identifies the areas we need to improve. Obviously not every issue identified can be rectified immediately but the results certainly influence our prioritisation in planning and delivery. The full results can be viewed on our website and they make interesting reading.

Tim King



Rhododendron replanting in Motueka cemetery

The replanting of the Rhododendrons lining the driveway to Motueka Cemetery is underway.

With the development of the Puketutu subdivision a new road providing public access from Old Wharf Road to the Motueka Cemetery is to be constructed. The new road, Memorial Drive was a condition of the consent determined by the Environment Court.

With much of the existing vegetation along the Cemetery driveway being lost, there was an opportunity to transplant the majority of the Rhododendrons into the main Cemetery area.

Many of the plants are over 25 years old and were planted and maintained by the community. With a number of them having significance to families and individuals in relation to their location it was important to preserve them.

The transplanting has begun and people are invited to see the results of the first part of the Cemetery redevelopment. In time more trees will be planted and the fences and gates renewed.

Clifton Recreation Reserve planting

When Cyclone Ita touched down in Golden Bay in April this year it played havoc and many reserve areas were affected. One of the worst was Clifton Reserve, west of Pohara in Golden Bay, where most of the exotic gum trees were felled by the winds.

Local contractors have now finished clearing and mulching the damaged trees, and while initial plans were to delay the replanting until funds became available, the Council has managed to secure over 2000 plants suitable for the conditions.

The Council will be holding a working bee over two days on the weekend of 20/21 September 2014, and everyone is invited to lend a hand to replant the reserve. Starting at 12.30 pm all people need is good footwear and a spade, there will be refreshments provided.

**For further information please contact
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\$3.8m investment to upgrade Takaka Wastewater Treatment Plant

Construction has started on the Takaka Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP) upgrade. Ground water monitoring bores were installed in late August, floating wetland rafts are being manufactured in the North Island and Donaldson Civil is gearing up for site works to start in September 2014.

The existing Takaka Wastewater Treatment Plant services the Takaka/Pohara/Ligar Bay/Tata Beach wastewater urban drainage areas. This area has a permanent population of approximately 2,000 residents, peaking at about 4,000 during the summer period.

The WWTP upgrade will:

- Improve capacity to allow for growth of the Takaka region;
- Improve the quality of the treated wastewater, meeting more stringent standards required by the new resource consent; and
- Improve the discharge of treated water, providing a more controlled, environmentally-sustainable solution which ensures protection of the Takaka River.

A 1700m² floating wetland will be constructed to provide a natural boost to wastewater quality. This is an innovative and environmentally friendly approach for treatment. Dr Chris Tanner, a national expert from NIWA (National Institute of Water and Atmospheric Research) conducted a peer review and supported the change proposed by Council staff from a surface flow wetland to a floating wetland. The Council's initiative has resulted in savings of \$600,000, allowing the upgrade works to be completed within the available budget.

The floating wetland will use Carex Secta plants sourced from the Takaka region. The plants will grow from soaking up the nutrients from the wastewater, which will improve the quality of the wastewater. The plants will be harvested when they reach maturity, allowing room for new growth and continual treatment.

New landscaping will be planted to provide natural screening of the plants from the

town. The community will be involved, including local school children, iwi and businesses to develop the design, source plants, and participate in the planting.

Stakeholders Comments

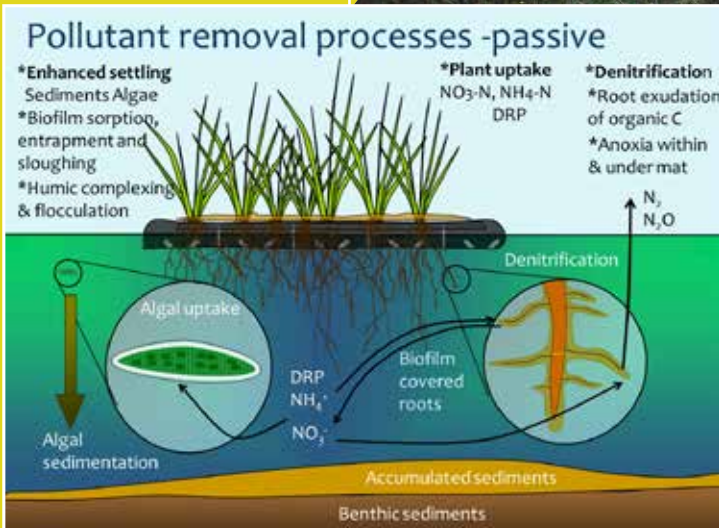
"We are very pleased to support this project and hope we are looking at a successful outcome to cater to future wastewater management" (Manawhenua ki Mohua, Trina Mitchell)

The Golden Bay Community Board "...congratulates the Engineering staff on this cost-saving design."

Construction Programme

- Donaldson Civil will begin site works in September 2014.
- Working hours are dawn to dusk, but not exceeding 7.00 am – 6.00 pm, Monday to Friday. Construction will halt during the two weeks of 20 December 2014 – 4 January 2015.
- Landscape screening will follow construction, likely May 2015.

For any queries, please contact the Tasman District Council Project Manager, Jeannie Homesley, Ph. 03 543 8400 or Email Jeannie.homesley@tasman.govt.nz



Tasman District Council Annual Residents Survey 2014 – continued from page one

The independent residents survey was conducted by the National Research Bureau during May 2014. The complete survey results are available to download at: www.tasman.govt.nz/policy/reports/resident-survey

The Council decisions people most supported were:

1. The cycleway/bike trails (9%);
2. Do a good job/good service/good leadership (8%);
3. Sports and recreational facilities (6%);
4. Good consultation/communication/keep us informed (4%);
5. Rubbish collection/recycling service (3%);
6. Upgrade of Richmond (3%).

The Council decisions people disapproved of most were:

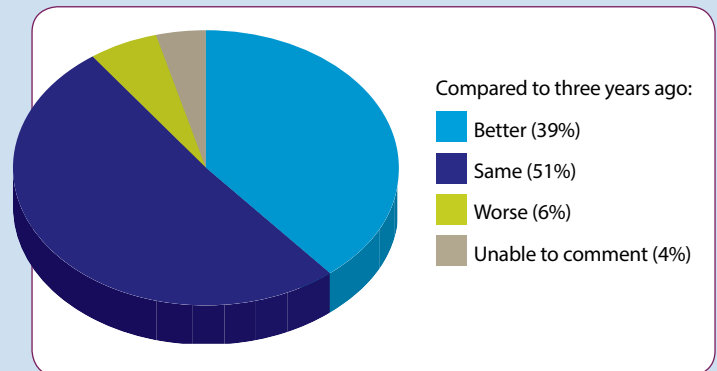
- Flooding/flood management/follow up (6%);
- Rates increases/rates too high/rates issues (3%);
- Environmental issues (excluding flooding) (3%);
- Council performance/attitude (4%);
- Golden Bay Recreation Centre issue (3%);
- Cycleways/bike lanes/withdrawal of funding (4%);
- Council spending/overspending/money wasted (5%); and
- Roothing/roadworks/road safety/footpaths (4%)

We asked some new questions in this year's survey regarding satisfaction with:

- Regional arts and cultural facilities in Nelson city (53%)
- Refuse centres (74%)
- Tourism marketing (59%)
- Visitor Information Centres and i-Sites (68%)
- Customer Service Centres (70%)

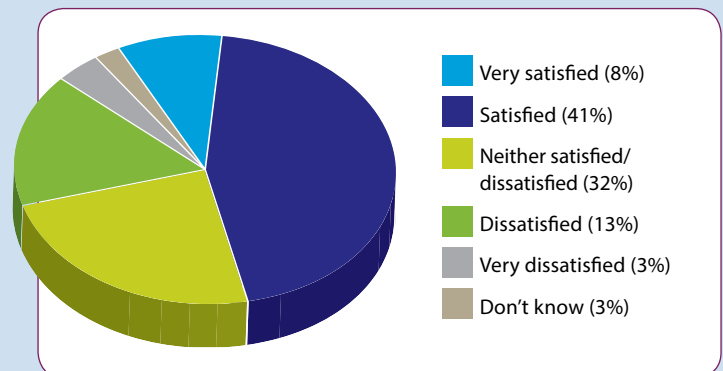
Living in Tasman

Around 39% (45% in 2013) of residents consider Tasman is a better place to live than it was three years ago, with 51% (48% in 2013) considering it was the same, 6% (4% in 2013) saying it is worse and 4% unable to comment.



Council Consultation and Community Involvement

Satisfaction with the way the Council consults the public in the decisions it makes.



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Seen, Read or Heard Information from the Council

92% of residents say they have seen, read or heard information from the Council in the last 12 months in the form of:

Newsline – The Mag	94% (94% in 2013)
Council advertisements in newspapers	72% (75% in 2013)
Information available from Council offices or libraries	39% (40% in 2013)
The Draft Annual Plan or Summary	53% (46% in 2013)
Long Term Plan	49% (49% in 2013)
Council Service Centres or Libraries	39% (40% in 2013)
Council website	37% (NA in 2013)
Council advertisements on the radio	36% (42% in 2013)
Council library website	21% (NA in 2013)

Sufficiency of Information Supplied by the Council

81% of residents feel that there is enough or more than enough information supplied by the Council while 17% feel there is not enough or nowhere near enough information supplied.

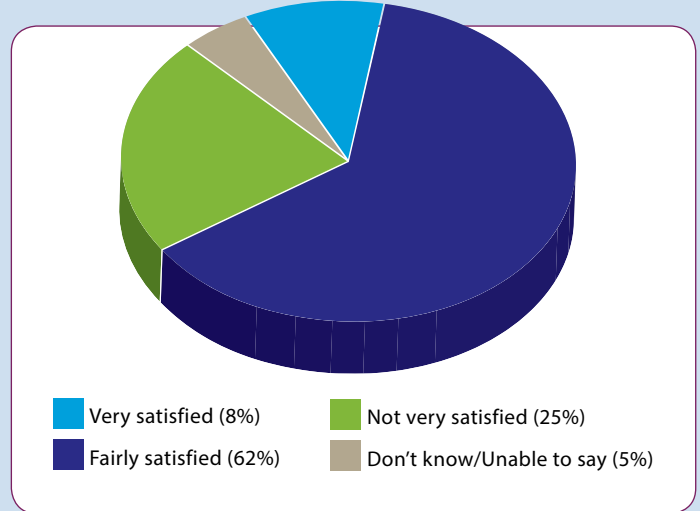
Contact with the Council

Residents are most likely to contact the Council offices or staff (79%) first if they have a matter to raise with the Council while 9% would make contact with a Councillor.

Of the residents who had contacted the Council in the last 12 months, 87% were satisfied with the service they received, 12% were not very satisfied.

Rates Issues

Overall, 70% of Tasman District residents are 'very satisfied' or 'fairly satisfied' with the way rates are spent on services and facilities provided by the Council, 25% are not very satisfied.



Frequency of Use – Council Services and Facilities

Recreational facilities (87%) and the Council's public libraries (82%) are the facilities or services surveyed which have been most frequently used by residents or members of their households in the last year. Kerbside recycling (78%) and public toilets (76%) were also widely used.



About the Survey

This NRB Communitrak survey was conducted with 402 residents of the Tasman District and was framed on the basis of the wards. All interviews were conducted on the telephone. The survey has a margin of error of plus or minus 5%. Figures do not always add up to 100% due to rounding.

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PROGRAMME WEEK TIMETABLE

TUESDAY 16 SEPTEMBER: 1PM-4PM

Chemical-free Natural Pool With Plants

Visit an architecturally designed Natural Pool nestled in a gully of native bush. The location itself asked for a bold dam-like modern design to create a stunning almost infinity weir effect, with the bush in the background.

Location: Wall Street Accommodation, 8 Wall Street, Kaiteriteri, off Cederman Drive

Contact: Hans Brutscher on 03 527 8338 / 021 544335 or email info@naturalpoolsnz.com

Cost: Free

TUESDAY 16 SEPTEMBER: 1PM-3PM

Semi-urban Goat Keeping

Come have a look and a chat on how achievable and rewarding it is to keep a few milk goats in a semi-urban setting. Informal, best arrive at 1pm, but later is fine too.

Location: 104d Old Wharf Road, Motueka, end of drive.

Contact: Ph. 03 528 5436 or email: sjorsandcat@yahoo.co.uk

TUESDAY 16 SEPTEMBER: 3PM-5PM

The South Island's First Death Cafe!

An opportunity for people to break the taboo and talk openly about death.

Location: Riverside Café, Lower Moutere

Contact: Ph. 03 528 5220 or email: Lynda@livinglegacies.co.nz

Cost: Koha

WEDNESDAY 17 SEPTEMBER: 7.30PM

Earth and Straw

An illustrated talk by Min Hall about the earth and straw bale houses in the Nelson/Tasman region.

Location: The Riverside Community Centre, Lower Moutere

Contact: Barbie Cole on Ph. 03 526 7033 ext 726 or email: info@riverside.org.nz

Cost: koha

FRIDAY 19 SEPTEMBER: 10AM

Guided Tour of the Motueka Community Gardens

Come and see the gardens in action and join the working bee.

Location: Motueka Community Gardens, Old Wharf Road

Contact: Ron Sharp, email: ronsharp@slingshot.co.nz

FRIDAY 19 SEPTEMBER: 10AM

Babytime at the Library

Join Babytime with an appropriate eco-themed storytime this week.

Location: Motueka Library

FRIDAY 19 SEPTEMBER: 10AM AND 2PM

Garden Tour at Jester House

Enjoy a 1-1.5 hour walking tour of the permaculture garden at Jester House. See first hand the succession from zone 1 at the house and café, past the gardens, livestock and orchard through to forest and wilderness. Includes various ecobuildings and a giant boot.

Location: Jester House, 320 Aporo Road, Tasman

Contact: Ph. 03 526 6742 or email: steve@jesterhouse.co.nz

Reservations: limited to 15 people per tour

FRIDAY 19 SEPTEMBER: 1PM-4PM

Chemical-free Living Pool Without Plants

Visit a covered Living Pool located in a park-like setting with clean lines creating a modern look.

Location: 19 Poole Street, Motueka

Contact: Hans Brutscher on Ph. 03 527 8338 / 021 1544335 or email: info@naturalpoolsnz.com

Cost: Free

SATURDAY 20 SEPTEMBER: 1PM-3PM

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Contact: Ph. 03 528 5436 or email: sjorsandcat@yahoo.co.uk

SATURDAY 20 SEPTEMBER: ALL DAY

Eel Festival

Join us as we welcome back the eels from their winter hibernation.

Location: Jester House, 320 Aporo Road, Tasman

Contact: Ph. 03 5266742 or email: lunch@jesterhouse.co.nz

SUNDAY 16 NOVEMBER: 10.00 AM - 5.00 PM

Ecofest Nelson

Come along to this exciting one day expo, incorporating the ever popular Nelson Growables Garden Fair. Adults \$5, Children free.

Location: Founders Heritage Park, Nelson

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SUNDAY 21 SEPTEMBER, 10AM-4PM

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HOME AND GARDEN TALKS

HOME TALKS

10.30am – 11.15am	How to get the most out of your heat pump with Greg Bradley, Laser Electrical
11.30am – 12.15pm	Creating community with local currencies, with Irma Jager, Motueka Community Shares
12.30pm – 1.15pm	What makes an Eco Home? with Andrew Stephenson, Bell Stephenson Architects
1.30pm – 2.15pm	Grid Tie Solar Electricity Basics, with Bruce Geddes, Freedom Energy

GARDEN TALKS

10.30am – 11.15am	Basic Beekeeping with Scott Williamson, Nelson Beekeepers Club
11.30am – 12.15pm	What to do with your fruit trees @ this time of year: Pest & disease control, with Kate Marshall, Waimea Nurseries
12.30pm – 1.15pm	Growing Good Food, with Ron Sharp, Motueka Community Gardens
1.30pm – 2.15pm	Turn your section into perpetual food supply, with Petra Stephenson, Bell Stephenson Architects
2.30pm – 3.15pm	Grow resilient plants from healthy soil, with Dirt Doctor

ACTIVE KIDS STATION@ MOTUEKA SKATEPARK

Big Bike Tune Up (10am-12noon)
Cycle maintenance workshop offering the basic mechanical checks and advice to keep you and your bike safe on the road and along the trails.

Estuary Cycle Challenge (10am-3pm)
Feature ride around the Motueka estuary loop circuit complete with problem solving challenges along the way. Suitable for all ages and abilities.

Way2Go Obstacle Course (10am-12.30pm)
An interconnected series of physical challenging elements providing the ultimate test in speed, agility and balance. Race your mates, or race the clock and see who can navigate the circuit the quickest.

Ride On Bike Skills Elements (12.30pm-3pm)
Cycle skills fundamentals workshop teaching the essential techniques of cornering, braking and balance control across a custom built bike boardwalk. Suitable for ages 5-16 years.

Spring Jam Skate Park Comp (1pm-3pm)
Skate, Scooter and BMX age group competitions showcasing the region's hottest, most extreme, wheeled riders. Open to all ages from 5 years up. Registrations taken on the day.

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Godwits arrival signals the start of Spring

Every year after the winter is over we look forward to the daffodils blooming, the blossoms on the trees and baby lambs in the fields. Sure signs that spring has arrived. So too we have come to expect the other indicator of spring – the arrival of the first godwits. Keeping to a rhythm that may have been repeated for centuries, in the second week of September the first of the godwits start arriving to our estuaries. These drab brown birds have flown non-stop over the Pacific Ocean for eight to ten days. Covering eleven and a half thousand kilometres, they have left their breeding grounds in Alaska to spend the summer here in the estuaries at the top of the South Island.

They can't stay in Alaska. The northern winter is beginning and soon there will be snow on the ground. They need to migrate to warmer climates in the south to find a place that has plenty of food (worms in the mud) and a safe place to roost when the tide is in. In our area, the Motueka Sandspit is the favoured place to roost. It has clear visibility so they can see danger approaching and they will hopefully not be disturbed too often by people, animals or vehicles.

While here, they also need to recover from their epic journey, moult their tattered feathers, then fatten up ready for the return journey in March. Instead of flying non-stop to Alaska, this time the journey is broken by a 6-week stay in the large estuaries of the Yellow Sea, bordered by China and Korea. Here the conditions are not quite so favourable, with large areas of estuaries being reclaimed.

You can join in the Welcome to the Godwits Celebration on Sunday 28 September 2014, 10.00 am – 1.00 pm. Members of Birds NZ will have telescopes on the old wharf (next to the wreck of the Janie Seddon) where you can see the godwits feeding in the estuary. And bring your binoculars to spot our other local estuary birds – oystercatchers, stilts, herons, dotterels, terns, shags, gulls, and spoonbills. As well as information about the birds, there will be food for sale, activities for children and an art display. At 11.00 am the winners of the children's competitions will be announced.

In addition, David Melville, ornithologist, will be talking about the latest godwit research on Saturday 4 October 2014, 7.00 pm at the SeniorNet rooms, Pah Street, Motueka.

Details of the children's competitions are on www.motuekaonline.org.nz or Email: psamways@clear.net.nz

Welcome to the Godwits Celebration

Sunday 28 September, 10.00 am – 1.00 pm

Old Wharf, Motueka Quay – next to the Janie Seddon wreck

Speaker, David Melville, on Godwit Research

Saturday 4 October, 7.00 pm

SeniorNet Rooms, 42 Pah St, Motueka.

Upper Motueka Water Resources and Water Harvesting – feedback sought

The Council has an ongoing programme of water resource investigations and monitoring to continually improve the level of knowledge about water resources and the pattern of use of water throughout the District.

Council investigations, including extensive groundwater modelling, into the nature of groundwater resources in the terraces adjacent to the Motueka River above Tapawera have improved the level of detail known about the interaction between groundwater and river flows in the Tapawera Plains Zone. The nature of groundwater recharge to the Tapawera Plains aquifers and the pattern of water losses to groundwater and flow from groundwater to the Motueka River are now more fully understood. This work has led to a draft plan change proposal which includes:

- The results of this investigation work show that the Tapawera Plains Zone can be amended to create two separate zones that reflect the groundwater/river flow interaction more accurately. The Council proposes to increase the allocation limit in the lower zone – now called the Glen Rae Water Management Zone by an additional 90l/sec resulting in a new allocation limit of 300l/sec.
- The allocation in the upper part of the zone, now called the Tapawera Water Management Zone remains at 314l/sec and this zone remains fully allocated.
- The new allocation regime is supported by a new rationing policy and rationing trigger in the Motueka River above the Wangapeka River confluence.
- This Plan change also divides the Motupiko Zone into the Motupiko and Rainy Zones.
- Allocation limits, minimum flow and rationing triggers are

included for both the Motupiko and Rainy Zones.

- New takes in all of these new zones will be required to be set back from the Motueka and Motupiko Rivers as applicable. This ensures new abstraction will take advantage of groundwater storage rather than be direct takes from surface water.

The Plan provisions for the water management zones for the Motueka River are consistent with the Motueka River Conservation Order and give effect to the NPSFM 2014.

Water Harvesting

An amendment to an existing policy supporting water harvesting at times of high flow is also being made. The policy aids interpretation and specifically provides and allocation for takes that are above the median flow. This policy applies across the district.

Feedback

More information about the proposed plan change is available at www.tasman.govt.nz. The Council's website contains a copy of the policy paper, the draft plan change and an executive summary.

A public meeting will be held in late September at the Tapawera Community Centre at 7.00 pm to discuss the Council's proposal and get feedback from interested people. The date will be confirmed on www.tasman.govt.nz

You are welcome to send feedback on the summary and the report until 31 October 2014.

Process queries and comments to: Mary-Anne Baker, Ph. 03 543 8486 or Email marya@tasman.govt.nz

Technical queries: Joseph Thomas, Ph. 03 543 8494 or Email joseph.thomas@tasman.govt.nz

Community partnerships

Second Hand Sunday is back!

Due to popular demand, Second Hand Sunday is back on Sunday 28 September 2014 from 10.00 am to 1.00 pm, and registrations are now open.

Nelson City Council and Tasman District Council trialled the event in June 2014 as a practical way for people to pass on items that would otherwise end up going to landfill.

More than 145 households took part and 93% of respondents in a post-event survey said they would happily do it again. On average, 80% of items put out were taken on the day.

People taking part in Second Hand Sunday simply leave unwanted items on their driveway for others to collect and take away.

Please note the time has changed slightly for the September 2014 event, as some people were keen to fossick beyond the midday finish last time. The event is also taking place across the Nelson Tasman region (not just in Nelson, Stoke and Richmond).

How it works:

Register online at nelson.govt.nz or tasman.govt.nz using search phrase: Second Hand Sunday. We will publicise the list of households taking part on the website and in local newspapers (register before 5.00 pm, Monday 22 September 2014 to make the paper).

On the day (Sunday 28 September 2014):

Put items to give away on your driveway ready for the 10.00 am start time. When you register, you will be able to download and print a letterbox poster from the website. You can also pick up a poster from the Council's Customer Service Centres. Put this up on your letterbox so everyone knows you are taking part in Second Hand Sunday. Anyone looking for items will be able to download the list of households involved and take part in their very own treasure hunt. If you have anything left at the end of the morning (and we hope you won't), then bring it back inside as it is still your responsibility.

For more detailed information, visit www.tasman.govt.nz.



What's Happening in our Council Facilities

Golden Bay Museum

73 Commercial Street, Takaka

The Margaret Wilson Collection; A look at items that form part of the founding collection of the Golden Bay Museum

Weekdays 10.00 am – 4.00 pm, Saturday 10.00 am – 1.00 pm

Motueka Museum

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Motueka's War – WWI commemorations – September 2014 to 1 May 2015.

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Winter (April to November): Tuesday to Friday, 10.00 am to 3.00 pm.

Summer (December to March): Monday to Friday, 10.00 am to 4.00 pm.

GB Community Centre

Mondays 8.15 am – 9.45 am Yoga with Kerryn

Tuesdays 9.30 am – 12.00 pm Sit and Be Fit

Tuesdays 5.30 pm – 7.30 pm Yoga with Doris

Wednesdays 4.45 pm – 6.15 pm Yoga with Kerryn

Wednesdays 6.30 pm – 9.30 pm Bridge Club

Thursdays 9.00 am – 10.30 am Yoga with Michelle

Thursdays 6.00 pm – 8.00 pm Oneness Blessing

Fridays 12.30 pm – 4.30 pm Bridge Club

Tuesday 30 September 2014 Whanau Meeting (last Tuesday of the month)

Alternating Tuesdays and Fridays – Tasman Youth Council

Murchison Sport, Recreation & Cultural Centre

82 Waller Street, Murchison

Murchison Sport, Recreation & Cultural Centre Spring Garden Show 18 – 19 September 2014. This year there's a new Photography section

Motueka Recreation Centre

40 Old Wharf Road, Motueka

Judo in stadium on 13 and 14 September 2014

Eco fest on 21 September 2014

School holiday activities 29 September to 12 October 2014.

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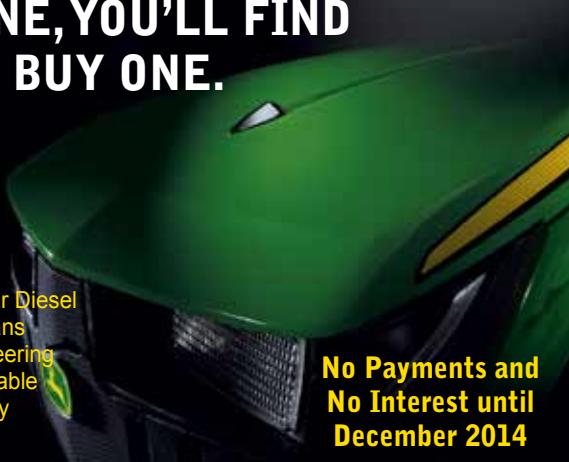
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Public Notices

Proposal to Amend the Tasman District Council Consolidated Bylaw – Chapter 4 – Speed Limits 2013

The Tasman District Council Consolidated Bylaw – Chapter 4 – Speed Limits Bylaw 2013 came into force on 23 July 2013. The Council has now resolved to undertake an amendment of the Chapter 4 of the Consolidated Bylaw. The draft amendments to Chapter 4 are now available for consultation in accordance with Sections 83 and 84 of the Local Government Act 2002.

Chapter 4 of the Consolidated Bylaw sets out the speed limit for various local public roads (not State Highways) within the Tasman District. Only the NZ Police can enforce speed limits.

The setting of speed limits is governed by the Land Transport Rule - Setting of Speed Limits 2003 and requires a number of factors to be considered when setting speed limits.

The Council encourages you to have your say about the amendments to Chapter 4 of the Consolidated Bylaw. Please take the time to make a submission detailing your views and any changes you think would enhance it.

Copies of the complete Statement of Proposal are available for viewing on the Council's website at www.tasman.govt.nz and during normal office hours at the following Tasman District Council Service Centres:

- Richmond, 189 Queen Street, Richmond
- Motueka, 7 Hickmott Place, Motueka
- Takaka, 78 Commercial Street, Takaka
- Murchison, 92 Fairfax Street, Murchison

And libraries:

- District Library, Queen Street, Richmond
- Motueka Library, Pah Street, Motueka
- Takaka Memorial Library, Junction Street, Takaka.

Making a Submission

Submissions can be made online at www.tasman.govt.nz or posted to the Draft Amendments to the Speed Limit Bylaw, Tasman District Council, Private Bag 4, Richmond 7050 or via email to robyn.scherer@tasman.govt.nz or delivered to any of the Council Service Centres or libraries noted above.

Submissions should include your name, address, telephone number and email address and should state if you wish to speak to the Council in support of your submission at a hearing (date to be finalised). Submitters will be advised of the time to present their submission in due course.

All written submissions will be acknowledged. An explanation of the Council's final decision will be sent to all submitters following final adoption.

Please note that all submissions are a matter of public record and subject to the requirements of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act.

Submissions should be sent directly to:

Speed Limit Bylaw Amendment
Tasman District Council
Private Bag 4
Richmond 7050

Submissions close at 4.30 pm on Monday 15 September 2014.

24 Hour Assistance – Phone your local office

Richmond 03 543 8400
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Motueka 03 528 2022
Takaka 03 525 0020

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Public Notices

Summer Irrigation Water Metering begins soon

This message is for holders of water resource consents (water permits) in the Tasman District subject to water metering.

Weekly meter readings re-commence for the summer irrigation season from **Monday 27 October 2014**.

For those consent holders who know they are not using any water for the entire 2014-2015 water year, you must advise the Council of this prior to 27 October 2014 to avoid any unnecessary follow ups.

The Council will send out a "pre-summer-irrigation-season" letter to all consent holders toward the middle of October 2014:

- The letter will be sent by Email for those consent holders who send returns by Email or through the Council's webpage. If your Email address has changed from last season please advise the Council as soon as possible.
- The letter will be sent by post to consent holders who use prepaid return cards.

If you wish to change your return method or you have any queries surrounding water metering requirements, please contact the Council as soon as possible.

The Council staff members responsible for the water metering project are:

**Jim Trembath: Ph. 03 543 8412,
Email: jim.trembath@tasman.govt.nz**
**Vicky Thorn: Ph. 03 543 8567,
Email: vicky.thorn@tasman.govt.nz**

Community Notices

Tasman District Council Lowdown

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Roading

Closure of Road to Ordinary Vehicular Traffic

In accordance with the Transport (Vehicle Road Closure) Regulations 1965, the public is advised that for the purpose of allowing the Nelson Car Club to hold a motorsport event, the following road will be closed to ordinary vehicles for the periods and times indicated below.

Any person objecting to the proposal should lodge notice of the objection before **Friday 19 September 2014** to the office of the Tasman District Council, 189 Queen Street, Richmond.

Proposed Road to be closed to Ordinary Vehicle Traffic and Period of Closure

Redwood Road, 200 metres from the intersection with State Highway 60 until 25 Redwood Road.

Period of Closure

9.00 am to 3.00 pm, Saturday 27 September 2014.

Closure of Road to Ordinary Vehicular Traffic

In accordance with the Transport (Vehicle Road Closure) Regulations 1965, the public is advised that for the purpose of allowing the National Advanced Drivers School to provide driver training, the following road will be closed to ordinary vehicles for the periods and times indicated below.

Any person objecting to the proposal should lodge notice of the objection before **Friday 3 October 2014** to the office of the Tasman District Council, 189 Queen Street, Richmond.

Proposed Road to be closed to Ordinary Vehicle Traffic and Period of Closure

Marchwood Park Road from entrance at Queen Victoria Street.

Period of Closure

10.00 am to 11.00 am; 11.45 am to 12.45 pm; and 2.15 pm to 3.15 pm on Monday 13, Tuesday 14 and Wednesday 15 October 2014.

Road works at Salisbury roundabout

Some major road works will be happening at the Salisbury Road / Champion Road / Main Road Stoke roundabouts, starting **30 September until 19 October 2014**. The major work will start from 7.00 pm, but at other times there will be uneven surfaces and no road markings. There will be speed restrictions and detours in place directing traffic through and around the work site. If possible take an alternative route during this time period.

Community Notices

Motueka Rudolf Steiner School Spring Fair

Celebrate spring with us – Sunday 21 September 2014. 10.00 am–4.00 pm

Wander through Fairy Land, conquer the Medieval Challenge, enjoy local live performances, be enchanted by puppet shows, savour delicious international foods, create unique handcrafts, win local goods at the Silent Auction, discover beautiful handcrafted dolls and presents. Shop for books, clothing, plants, and homemade produce.

A unique school fair experience. A day your children will remember.

Club Mapua – Walking Evening

Tuesday 7 October 2014, 6.00 pm, meet at the Mapua Tavern.

Two 1 hour walking routes (Fast and not so Fast!). \$2 Entry.

Evening Meal Available for all registered Walkers, only \$15 per head from 7.00 pm. Prize Draw Chance to win your evening meal free!

Come along for a bit of fresh air, a bit of social time and have the chance to win a few raffles afterwards.

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 18 September 2014, 9.30 am. Public forum

Community Grants Subcommittee

Tasman Council Chambers, 189 Queen Street, Richmond, Tuesday 23 September 2014, 9.30 am. No public forum

Full Council Meeting

Tasman Council Chambers, 189 Queen Street, Richmond, Thursday 25 September 2014, 9.30 am. No public forum

Engineering Services Committee

Tasman Council Chambers, 189 Queen Street, Richmond, Thursday 25 September 2014, 9.45 am or at the conclusion of Full Council. Public forum

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Prizes for those who helped the fish

Prize winners have been drawn for the recent "Show us your culvert" promotion. The competition was designed to highlight the need for our native fish to have a clear passage in our waterways so they can complete their lifecycle journeys from freshwater to saltwater and back again. Culverts, play a significant role in this journey. Without this journey being made possible, our rivers and streams would lose a significant factor in their biodiversity and whitebait could disappear from our menus.

Thank you to all those who sent photos to the Council of their culverts that block fish migration. Five prizes were drawn from the entrants and the winners are: Helen and Ross Tullett (Clifton, Golden Bay), Mark Lowe (Motueka Valley), Timo Neubauer (Hope), Keith Darling (Ruby Bay) and Sarah Worlock (Puramahoi). The lucky winners receive a twin-pack of wine from Woollaston Estates and \$50 of restoration-grade plants from Titoki Nursery. The landowners like having native fish in their waterways and appreciated learning how whitebait are particularly affected by the blockages. The five species that make up

the whitebait fishery, Inanga, Koaro, Banded kokopu, Shortjaw kokopu and Giant Kokopu, require passage between freshwater and saltwater to complete their lifecycle. Spring is when they need to go upstream and some of them can climb, but they just can't jump!

The Council is now organising fish-friendly retrofits for overhanging or undercut culverts over the coming summer when the flows are lower. While the prize draw for the promotion has closed, the retrofitting service is open to everyone. All you have to do is identify the location of the structure that potentially blocks fish passage and contact the Council with the details.

Of the Tasman culverts surveyed in 2012, about 25% were found to prevent fish passage with overhanging culverts, undercut concrete structures, degraded and/or rusting culvert pipes and tidal floodgates. Just contact Trevor James at the Council if you need assistance, Ph. 03 543 8400.

Following best practice guidelines for placement of any new culverts for waterway crossings is the best first step: www.tasman.govt.nz/environment/water/rivers/stream-and-river-life/waterway-crossings-best-practice-guidelines/#culvert



Ross and Helen Tullett, at Clifton showing us their culvert.

Thanks for the Tank

Teachers and pupils from Waverley Street Kindergarten recently delivered a thank you card they made for the Tasman District Council.

The card was the children's way of saying thanks for funding that was made available to them from the Tasman Enviroschools Action Project Fund, and was used to create a new rainwater collection tank. Children at Waverley Street have been learning about rainfall, how and where water flows, and when and where water is needed as a part of learning to adapt their water use behaviour.

Making decisions about what the priorities are for the water from the tank e.g. for drinking, pets, garden plants, trees, cleaning, paper

making or sandpit play, will be part of their intended learning experiences for respectful use of water.

The Enviroschools Action Project Fund promotes use of a sustainable business planning process for teachers and children/students to learn as much as they can about their local environmental needs in order to make informed decisions about the way they choose to address them. Being clear about the purpose of their intended action, and researching and making best use of current resources before making any application for funds, is a good way of bringing environmental, social and economic sustainability thinking into their decision making.



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