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The Waimea Community Dam and You

If the Waimea Community Dam is built in the Lee Valley to store water and make it available to the Waimea River and groundwater beneath its plains, you are likely to benefit. You are also likely to be asked to pay, wherever you live in the District. If the dam isn't built then you are also likely to face costs.

While the proposal for a dam in the Lee Valley has been in the spotlight for several years now, some residents can be excused for thinking that it's 'not about me'. Please be assured – it is!

Water is the key to the future prosperity of our District – economically, environmentally, socially and culturally. We do not have enough of it in the Waimea Plains and surrounding areas when it is needed nor do we have enough for the future.

For the last 10 years community representatives and Council have been looking at ways to solve the problem. The solution is to build the Waimea Community Dam in the Lee Valley. The proposed dam will store water to be released at times when demand is high and natural flows are low. Water users – urban, rural and industrial alike will have improved security of supply. The dam will also have the capacity to meet our future growth needs over 100 years and to ensure that the Waimea River continues to flow during times of drought. Everyone in the community will benefit and is likely to be asked to pay their share, wherever they live in the District. On the other hand, if the dam doesn't go ahead, everyone will face some challenges and costs. So this is a proposal that affects you all.

It would be a mistake to think of the dam as benefitting irrigators alone – that's not how it is. While there is no doubt about the direct benefit to water permit holders on the Waimea plains, for example, horticulture and agriculture businesses that irrigate, there are other and wider benefits. Urban water users who have water supplied to their homes and businesses will benefit directly, now and well into the future by having a much more reliable supply. Other benefits will be indirect and shared by all such as having a greater flow of water in the river for the environment and for people to enjoy. The spin offs that come from the activities of the industries and growers will also benefit our regional economy.

Message from the Mayor

A highlight of my time as mayor has been a recent trip taken by my wife and me to several locations overseas with significance for our District. We visited the Japanese towns of Fujimimachi and Kiyosato, sister cities of Richmond and Motueka. During our visit we visited the schools with a close connection to Waimea College and Motueka High School and met some of the students who have visited Tasman and their parents. This inter school connection is highly valued. We also visited Grootegast in the Netherlands where Jane and I were joined by Councillor Sangster. We had the opportunity to experience and take part in the opening of the Abel Tasman Museum, in Lutjegast. We also visited northern Europe where we had the opportunity to visit leper and Le Quesnoy. Both these towns hold dear the relationship they shared with New Zealand servicemen and women during World War 1 and it was our opportunity to pay our respects. I certainly appreciated the opportunity I had to experience our historical connection with these places and people. Many thanks to Deputy Mayor Tim King for acting as Mayor in my absence.

The Council is now in the full swing of preparing for the planning and consultation that will come out to you over the next six months.

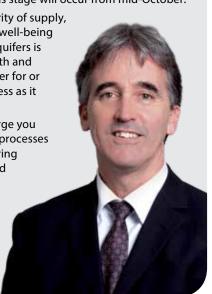
There are a number of important issues we will be discussing with the community over the next few months and we will be asking some very important questions about the District's future. The next year sees the Council preparing its long term plan which is focused on the next ten years. There are a number of key questions that will affect us all and we will need your input. Alongside, and as a key element of the District's future, within the Long Term Plan is the proposed Waimea Community Dam. There are several steps to take before the decision is made whether or not to build the dam. One step in the decision-making process is the impending consultation exercise regarding the possible governance and funding of the proposed dam, essentially who will own and manage it, and who is going to pay for it and how.

The consultation exercise for this stage will occur from mid-October.

There is no doubt that the security of supply, access to quality water and the well-being of the river and its associated aquifers is key to the District's future growth and development. The decision either for or against will be a thorough process as it affects all of us in the District.

Over the coming six months I urge you to take part in the consultation processes as they will be focused on ensuring the District has a sustainable and prosperous future.

Mayor Richard Kempthorne



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So what has changed - why is this an issue now?

For many years we've known that the Waimea River can run dry. The Council is obligated by law, wearing its regulator hat, to manage the river sustainably. A recent change to the Tasman Resource Management Plan provides for the river to be managed with and without a dam. That has meant that, unless there is a dam, people with consents to take water (including the Council's own consent for urban supplies) will have to be cut back in order to conserve water, and to stop salt water coming in from the sea and ruining the aquifer. It is clear that without a dam the cut-backs and water restrictions will severely limit current use when the weather is dry as well as constrain future growth. There will be effects on the economy and employment.

So the community has choices – store water for times of high demand and for the future or live with less; much less, more often, more prolonged.

Beginning next month the Council will be consulting the wider community on some of the key issues affecting the project such as governance and funding of a dam. A final decision about whether or not to build a dam is expected in June 2015. Please take an interest and get involved. The project will benefit you, to a greater or lesser extent depending where you live and you will be asked to pay an equitable share of the cost through your rates. If the dam does not proceed, all users, including those of us on urban supplies drawn from the river or its aquifers will also have consequences to face. These are tough choices – please be part of the process.

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The arts are alive in Tasman

The Ruby Coast Arts Festival

With the arrival of late Spring, those interested in the arts look forward to nurturing their creative side at the annual month-long Ruby Coast Arts Festival.

In this popular festival, local artists and members of Ruby Coast Arts (RCA) join together to present a series of events including the innovative Window Art exhibition in Mapua, an Open Studios Weekend, an art exhibition and a series



of hands-on creative workshops, but it all starts with the Festival Launch party on Thursday 30 October 2014.

That evening Mapua Hall will be humming with art aficionados, bidders for a silent auction, artists keen to show their wares, workshop tutors and plenty of food and drink. There will also be a well-known 'mystery speaker' – an inspirational working artist whose identity will be revealed in due course.

WINDOW ART IN MAPUA

During November the Window Art exhibition transforms the Mapua village centre into a vibrant, street-based art exhibition, showcasing the innovative ways artists approach the art form, raising awareness of art within the community and making art accessible. It also brings people of all ages and abilities together, to create exciting works of art for the exhibition. As the general public goes about their daily business they will encounter the window art, which should inspire, bring a smile, or provide food for thought.

OPEN STUDIOS WEEKEND

The Open Studios Weekend allows the public to peek into the private studio spaces of the members of RCA over Saturday 1 and Sunday 2 November. Information brochures about this weekend are available at local cafes, shops, the Richmond Library and i-SITES in Nelson and Motueka.

ARTISTS' WORKSHOPS

The public can learn something new at one of the creative workshops where local artists share their skills. So far these include tutorials on flax weaving, stone carving, botanical painting, encaustic wax techniques, portrait painting and etching, life drawing and abstract painting. The full programme can be viewed online at www.rubycoastarts.co.nz/workshops.

COMMUNITY ART EXHIBITION

The Community Art Exhibition, held on the weekend of 15 and 16 November at Mapua Hall, gives emerging local artists the opportunity to introduce their talents to a wide audience and members of the public the chance to view an amazing range of art works.

PERFORMING ARTS EVENTS

Performing Arts will also play a part in the festival, with a poetry and music night on 14 November to be held at Jester House and several events at The Playhouse including Lawrence Arabia on 7 November, New Zealand Guitar Quartet on 13 November and a Festival Wrap-Up Party on 30 November.

Keep an eye out for more details and news about these happenings in local newspapers, the RCA Facebook page and at www.rubycoastarts.co.nz

Nelson Arts Festival

Don't miss this year's 20th Nelson Arts Festival, which Tasman District Council supports to bring shows to the Tasman District.

Top quality talent performing in Tasman, between 16–27 October 2014:

ORCHESTRA OF SPHERES

A musically and visually ecstatic live show featuring a unique South Pacific psychedelic sound, Thursday 16 October at The Playhouse Cafe.

SAL VALENTINE & THE BABY SHAKES

Auckland's 10-piece big band celebrated for its rhythm and blues, Saturday 18 October at Neudorf Vineyards.

THE DEMOLITION OF THE CENTURY

A highly entertaining hour of animated readings and music from Duncan Sarkies' new book, Wednesday 22 October at the Mussel Inn.

HARRY RICKETTS

Well known poet, academic, editor and reviewer delivers his Poetry in the Vineyard, Monday 27 October, Woollaston Estates.

The full festival programme is available at Tasman District Council's Service Centres, Libraries and various local retailers. Tickets and further information available at nelsonartsfestival.co.nz



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Grand opening event for cycle trail's coastal section

On 11 October 2014 a grand opening event is taking place to mark the completion of the coastal section of Tasman's Great Taste Trail, and everyone is invited!

The event will start at 9.00 am at Decks Reserve in Motueka where there will be food and family entertainment all day. At 11.00 am the official bike ride will leave Motueka and navigate the cycle trail through to Kaiteriteri. On the way there will be local food and drink to sample, kindly provided by the cycle trail project's Official Partners.

At 2.00 pm, in Kaiteriteri, at the end of this section of Tasman's Great Taste Trail, there will be a ceremony to officially open and bless the trail, followed by an afternoon of family fun and entertainment. Complementary shuttle busses will leave Kaiteriteri from 3.00 pm onwards to bring the cyclists back to Motueka.

The coastal section of Tasman's Great Taste Trail runs from Nelson to Kaiteriteri, through Rabbit Island, Mapua, Motueka and Riwaka. The section constitutes approximately ½ of the full Tasman's Great Taste Trail loop. Work on the trail is now focusing on the section from Wakefield through to Tapawera.

New map guides the way

A new free map is available that will help guide visitors and locals around the completed sections of Tasman's Great Taste Trail.

Taste Trail

The map, produced by the Get Moving team, breaks the completed sections of trail down into seven distinct maps, so that users can easily navigate through each section.

The map can be picked up at Tasman District Council service centres, libraries. i-SITEs and various other outlets around the District. It can also be downloaded from www.tasman.govt.nz

For more information go to www.heartofbiking.org.nz

Thank you for planting trees

Staff in the Community Development department of Tasman District Council want to say a big thank you to the schools, community groups and families who have helped them plant over 20,000 trees along our District's shared cycle paths, coasts, reserves, parks and wetlands. Even more community groups have planted trees in spots around Tasman separate to the Council's efforts, and specific thanks go to Keep Motueka Beautiful and Keep Richmond Beautiful volunteers. Increasing the number of native trees in lowland sites in Tasman is a valuable contribution to the health of our native biodiversity.



Appleby School mother and son, Eise Tijsen and Jette Koelle, and Tabitha Kidd and Sophie Pahl are applying the finishing touches to ensure the plants will enjoy their new home in the significant coastal Hunter Brown Reserve on Rough Island.



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Writechoices

Labour Day holiday

All Tasman libraries will be closed on Monday 27 October 2014 for Labour Day.

Springtastic school holidays at your library

We have a wide range of exciting springtastic activities on offer for the younger members of your family these school holidays. From yoga for kids to mountain bike tips and tricks for older kids, from spring-themed storytimes to building an inter-galactic racer, you're bound to find something to amuse and entertain at your library. And then there's our popular holiday scavenger hunt, this time with a spring twist.

Check out the full list of activities on the library website Featured Events page. And of course there's plenty to choose for all ages from our exciting new books, magazines, DVDs and CDs.

Health and Wellness Resource Centre

We all know how important feeling well and healthy is. And many of us know the pitfalls of relying on random web searching for accurate, reliable health information.

Next time you have a health question, check out our online Health and Wellness Resource Centre.

This extensive e-resource ranges from medical dictionaries to medicinal drug guides to detailed information on any number of diseases and ailments. Whether it's diabetes, heart health, depression, weight issues or skin problems, you can be assured you're getting accurate authoritative health information that is easy to understand. Plus Health and Wellness Resource Centre contains a comprehensive range of alternative medicine information.

This useful e-resource complements the library's extensive health and wellness print collection. It's available to you with your library card 24/7 wherever you are.

You'll find Health and Wellness Resource Centre in your e-library – e-resources by subject – health section. Check it out today.

Check our website out for yourself at www.tasmanlibraries.govt.nz

'Cos reading just sucks, mum ...

Does your child hate books? Is getting her to read a real struggle? Would you like some help to get him reading more fluently?

Head into Richmond Library on Wednesday 22 October 2014 at 7.30 pm and find out what your library can offer to help you and your reluctant reader. Children's Librarian Lucy Brunwin will suggest some strategies and demonstrate a range of library materials, both print and electronic, to help break the barriers to reading for primary and intermediate aged children. Phone 03 543 8500 to book your place today.

Keeping your favourite library things moving

Are you looking for new DVDs to watch? Do you sometimes feel that you've listened to every talking book the library owns, but you know there's more out there that you haven't seen in your local library?

We've come up with a cunning plan that sees DVDs and talking books regularly moving from one branch to the next. Every three months, 30 DVDs and 15 talking books move between branches. So stock in your local branch is being regularly refreshed. This is in addition to the new DVDs and talking books that we're continually buying.

The next DVD exchange happens the week of 6 October 2014 and talking books will move the week of 17 November 2014. This scheme also applies to kids' and teens' graphic novels and kids' talking books and music CDs. *Your library – your choice for entertainment and information*

New in the library



Personal by Lee Child



The Matchmaker by Elin Hilderbrand



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Public Notices

Collingwood Resource Recovery Centre – Feedback sought from residents

In preparation for the development of its Long Term Plan, the Council has considered the future of the Collingwood Resource Recovery Centre (RRC). Council staff and the Golden Bay Community Board are seeking feedback from local users of the Collingwood RRC on the proposal and feedback on possible alternative options.

A questionnaire has been created to give people in the Collingwood and western bay area the opportunity to provide their feedback on the proposal. Feedback can be provided either online or through the post-paid feedback forms found at:

- Collingwood Tavern,
- The Naked Possum,
- The Old School Cafe, Pakawau,
- Millers Garage, Collingwood
- Collingwood Area School.
- Collingwood post office,
- Collingwood General Store,
- Bainham store,
- Mussel Inn, and

Tasman District Council Service Centre – Takaka

For the online survey go to: www.surveymonkey.com/s/collingwoodrrc The deadline for completed surveys to be returned is **4.00 pm, Thursday 9 October 2014.**

Borck Creek – Poutama Drain Stormwater Upgrade Community 'Drop-Ins' – 1 October 2014

The Council is holding informal community drop in sessions for residents, landowner and developers regarding the 2014-15 stormwater upgrade of Borck Creek and Poutama Drain in Richmond. Staff will explain the design, extent and nature of works, and some of the practicalities such as site access. The Council is welcoming community conversations and feedback about any issues that could be concerning residents regarding the construction period.

Wednesday 1 October 2014, 12 noon – 1.00 pm – The Council's Richmond Office

Wednesday 1 October 2014, 5.30 pm – 6.30 pm – Richmond Library Contact Chris Blythe, Ph. 03 543 7266, Email: projects@tasman.govt.nz

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 Marathon Rally Car Club Inc for the conduct of special stages of the 2014 NZ Silver Fern Rally and the Nelson Drag Racing Association to hold a Drag Race meeting the following roads will be closed to ordinary vehicles for the periods and times indicated below.

Any person objecting to the proposal should lodge notice of their objection before **Friday 31 October 2014** to the office of the Tasman District Council, 189 Queen Street, Richmond.

Proposed Roads to be closed to Ordinary Vehicles and Periods of Closure

NZ Silver Fern Rally

Sunday 9 November 2014

- Big Bush Drive from junction with State Highway 6 to forestry entrance. Elvys Road from junction with State Highway 6 continuing through the Pinchback Range forestry area via Donald Creek Road and Kereru Road, then joining with Tadmore-Glenhope Road through to the junction with State highway 6 from 11.50 am until 3.30 pm.
- Braeburn Track from Ranger HQ at Lake Rotoroa continuing onto Tutaki Road North to the junction with Mangles Valley Road from 1.00 pm until 3.30 pm.
- Matakitaki Road from the start of the tarmac at Six Mile (Fantail Lane) continuing onto Maruia Saddle Road through to the junction with State Highway 65 from 2.00 pm until 5.30 pm.

Nelson Drag Racing

Saturday 8 November 2014, 7.30 am – 5.00 pm.

• Queen Victoria Street, Motueka from King Edward Street to Green Lane.

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.

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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 motorsport events, the following roads will be closed to ordinary vehicles for the periods and times indicated below.

Roads to be closed to Ordinary Vehicular Traffic and Period of Closure

- Redwood Road, 200 metres from the intersection with State Highway 60 until 25 Redwood Road –
- 9.00 am to 3.00 pm, Saturday 27 September 2014.
 Riwaka-Sandy Bay Road from 8.00 am to 5.00 pm, Sunday 28 September 2014.

Community Notices

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.

Community planting – Dominion Flats

Come help the Community Planting at Dominion Flats, Saturday 4 October 2014, 9.00 am – 12 noon.

The planting is focused on re-establishing the Dominion Flats Reserve into coastal native bush.

Dominion Flats is at the intersection of is off Mapua Drive and the Coastal Highway State Highway 60. Parking is on Mapua drive.

Please bring a spade if you can, a sun hat, drinking water, good sturdy footwear, (gum boots are great for the wetter areas) and lots of enthusiasm.

Some spades will be available along with approximately 2000 plants, drinks and biscuits.

Community Notices

Tasman District Council Lowdown

Tasman District Council Lowdown is the radio show that keeps you up to date with the Council's activity around the District. Tune into Fresh FM Monday 11.40 am or Wednesday 3.40 pm or listen via freshfm.net.

Council Meetings

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

Environment and Planning Committee Tasman Council Chambers, 189 Queen Street, Richmond, Thursday 2 October 2014, 9.30 am. Public forum

Regional Transport Committee Tasman Council Chambers, 189 Queen Street, Richmond, Friday 3 October 2014, 9.30 am. No public forum

Joint Shareholders Committee Tasman Council Chambers, 189 Queen Street, Richmond, Tuesday 7 October 2014, 1.30 pm. No public forum

Corporate Services Committee Tasman Council Chambers, 189 Queen Street, Richmond, Thursday 9 October 2014, 9.30 am. Public forum

Full Council

Tasman Council Chambers, 189 Queen Street, Richmond, Thursday 9 October 2014, 1.00 pm or at the conclusion of Corporate Services Committee. No public forum

Audit Subcommittee Tasman Council Chambers, 189 Queen Street, Richmond, Thursday 9 October 2014, 1.30 pm. No public forum

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The Dog's Breakfast is on again...

Bring your dog to breakfast... and learn how easy it is to make sure walking your dog doesn't impact on the survival of our precious shore birds. There will be a free breakfast for you and "Purina" food for your dog at the Kumaras, Motueka, on Saturday 4 October 2014 starting at 8.30 am. Find out about the dog bylaws; why it matters where you walk and simple things you can do to help protect our birds. Presentations are at 9.00 am, with plenty of time before and after to browse the information, learn about the birds, have something to eat and a chat. The event is organised by Tasman District Council, Department of Conservation and Birds New Zealand (The Ornithological Society of NZ). There will be people present who can provide information about dog bylaws, birds that inhabit the shoreline and sandspit, and advise owners what you can do to ensure that dogs and birds can successfully co-exist. Gratefully Sponsored by New World Motueka, Nestlé Purina Pet Care and Animates.

For more information contact Ross Connochie at Tasman District Council on Ph. 03 543 8400.



Tasman View Road – Plantation Forest Harvest update

Hancock Forest Management (HFM) manage the cutting rights for forestry plantations on privately owned land which adjoin Tasman View Road and Hewetsons Road in Tasman on behalf of its investment client. HFM would like to advise that 44,000 tonnes of trees are now mature and will be harvested in accordance with market demands.

In addition there are several younger age classes within the area to which harvesting is planned to take place prior to 2027. HFM would like to take this opportunity to remind people that this forest is privately owned by a number of small land owners and therefore forested areas are not for public recreation. Also that traffic control measures will be in place to manage the hazards associated with harvesting, and that all signage and direction from crew must be adhered to ensure the safety of road users. Once harvest is complete this land will be managed in accordance with individual owners to their respective boundaries.



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