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Trail opening celebrated by all ages

The official opening of the Coastal Section of Tasman's Great Taste Trail took place on Saturday 10 October 2014. The event was attended by over 300 cyclists, many of whom made the journey from Motueka to Kaiteriteri to celebrate the completion of this section of trail.

Over the last 12 months over 100,000 cyclists have been recorded using the cycle trail, and with this new extension open in time for the summer season this number is expected to rise considerably, with an increased proportion being domestic and international tourists.

At the opening ceremony Archdeacon Andy Joseph, Kaumātua for the Council, blessed the trail before Mayor Richard Kempthorne, who had ridden out from Motueka, spoke about the social and economic benefits it is already bringing to the District. Nelson MP Nick Smith then officially opened the section with a ribbon cutting, recognising the Mayor for his political leadership in focusing Council support for the trail's construction.

The Coastal Section of Tasman's Great Taste Trail begins in Nelson and winds it's way to Kaiteriteri via Richmond, Rabbit Island, Mapua, Tasman, Motueka and Riwaka. Combined with the leg that goes from Richmond to Wakefield this creates a total of 92km of off-road cycle trail, approximately two thirds of the entire proposed loop.

For more information on Tasman's Great Taste Trail go to www.heartofbiking.org.nz



Message from the Mayor

It was with sadness that I received the news of the passing of Pat O'Shea recently. In her time with the Motueka Borough Council and the Tasman District Council, Pat made a significant contribution to Motueka and the District. She certainly impressed me in my first term as a Councillor with her commitment to Motueka and Tasman District. Her work was not limited to local government, holding key roles in the community and giving freely of her time, experience and wisdom. Pat will be greatly missed and our thoughts are with her friends and family.

By now ratepayers and residents will have received a Newsline Special seeking feedback on the funding and governance options for the proposed Waimea Community Dam. Feedback on these matters is crucial at this stage and we would appreciate your response. The wider question as to the building of the dam will come early next year subsequent to decisions on funding and governance.

The proposed Waimea Community Dam is one part of the solution to the well documented water shortage facing the Waimea Plains. It is the most significant project Tasman and the region will see and we are at a critical juncture faced with a difficult choice – do we create a means to a secure water supply for the current

and future needs of the District or do we not. Both options are expensive. If we build the dam the cost will be spread over twenty five or so years and if we don't the cost will be felt for decades as Tasman's economy is significantly constrained. We will of course be seeking financial contributions from our central and local government partners and these would reduce the cost to Tasman ratepayers.

As a Council we are charged with ensuring the future capability and capacity of the District but we are well aware of the impact of the decision with affordability a key component. I urge you to take part in the current consultation process regarding funding and governance options.

Mayor Richard Kempthorne



Brightwater and Wakefield growth strategies

The Council has begun work on urban growth strategies for Brightwater and Wakefield. A background study on modelling flood hazard risk was completed by consultants Sinclair Knight Merz in late 2013. In April this year Wakefield and Brightwater residents were presented the results of that study.

Over the last few months a team of Council officers has been working on possible areas for future growth at Wakefield and Brightwater – as well as other settlements. Issues such as ease of providing power and water, flood risk and climate change, presence of high quality land and accessibility are being considered.

The Council will discuss this information with local residents, businesses and interest groups in November and get feedback from those interested.

You are welcome to attend our Open Day:

- Brightwater Open Day, Saturday 8 November 2014, 1.30 pm – 4.30 pm at the Wanderers pavilion, Lord Rutherford Park, Brightwater (entry off Malthouse Crescent or Wanderers Avenue).

Brightwater process queries and comments to: Rose Biss Policy Planner, Ph. 03 543 8421

Wakefield options are being explored with Focus Wakefield, a subcommittee of the Wakefield Community Council.

Wider consultation will follow at a Wakefield workshop to be held in early November 2014.

Wakefield process queries and comments to: Shelagh Noble, Policy Planner, Ph. 03 545 438.

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Why we need to do something about water in Waimea

Throughout the recent discussions about the proposed Waimea Community Dam people have questioned whether there is a water shortage.

The drought of 2001 in the Waimea revealed two things; the area does not have enough water at critical times of the year and the river is not capable of meeting the demand unless users are severely restricted or there is some form of water augmentation.

The Waimea River and the aquifers it supports, is the central water resource for the Waimea Plains. Industrial, commercial and urban users, including the residential areas of Richmond, Brightwater, Mapua, and parts of Nelson City and the Redwoods Rural Water Supply scheme, and irrigators, all rely on the health and flow of the river for water.

It's not just horticulture that benefits from the plains; viticulture, forestry and pastoral farming are also significant contributors to the economy as are the many down-stream and linked ventures these sectors support.

Effectively the area has got through until now with careful management, restrictions when needed and, in some years, luck. However the current management regime is only marking time until decisions about more direct action are made.

The action has come on two fronts and provides the residents, commercial

interests and irrigators with some stark choices. The alternative of having not enough water is just as costly as the proposed dam.

The Waimea Water Augmentation Project has been in operation for nearly 11 years with the sole focus of identifying a sustainable means of augmenting the Waimea River. As a result of the augmentation study, the Council has developed a water management plan for the area that provides a better understanding of how water is to be managed. This plan was recently adopted after consultation with two scenarios, i.e. life with a dam or without.

By choosing not to build a dam the 'no-dam' provisions come into force. The 'no dam' provisions provide for a reduction of existing water permit allocations, set new minimum flow levels, place stringent limits on future urban demands, and enforce a more severe rationing regime in times of shortages.

Restrictions on water use will affect urban and rural water users. The Council is conscious that regional economies do not stand alone; they are not bound by geographic or political boundaries. A healthy economic zone in the Waimea supports far more people than the landowner – it supports the manufacturers, the transport firm, the shop, the accountant, the bank, the mechanic, the packhouse, the list could go on.

Further information about the impact of the Water Management Plan for the Waimea is available at www.waimeacommunitydam.co.nz and www.tasman.govt.nz

Remembering Pat O'Shea

Pat (Patricia) O'Shea was a Councillor serving both the Motueka Borough and Tasman District Councils. Passionate about the future of Motueka, Pat also had a long held interest in the history of the town, district and region. As an influential force behind the support of the local and regional museums she was a driving force behind the regional investment aimed at making the stories and treasures accessible to all.

Within Tasman Pat chaired the Environment and Planning Committee for two terms, relishing the challenge of ensuring they delivered positive sustainable outcomes. Current Chair of the Committee, Councillor Stuart Bryant attributes Pat's leadership as the model he strived to follow when first accepting the position.

"We often had difficult decisions to make – using her experience and wisdom Pat made us all aware of the importance of thinking beyond

the immediate situation to the needs of the future populations. A model no better displayed in the decisions we had to make, ably led by Pat, regarding the development of the Mapua/Ruby Bay area."

Councillor Trevor Norriss remembers Pat as a hard worker for the ward she represented and as a Committee Chair where she often stressed patience could be a virtue. "It was a common refrain that patience can be the key in taking the long term view to make sure we get the right result."

"When Pat left the Council her passion for preserving Motueka's past was undiminished as was her dedication to the town's future. Motueka is certainly better for her passion and dedication."

Councillor Pat O'Shea served for three terms as a Tasman District Councillor representing Motueka, and two terms on the Motueka Borough Council.

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Richmond Water Treatment Plant update

Users of Lower Queen Street in Richmond are advised that the final phase of pipework installation for the Richmond Water Treatment Plant (RWTP) is scheduled for the next four weeks. Until mid-November 2014 there is likely to be a bit more disruption than the previous stage due to the narrower section of road, and the proximity of a number of busy intersections. Traffic management will be in place to reduce the impact, especially between McShane Road and Headingly Lane and delays should be expected at peak times.

The construction work is progressing to the expected timeline and the majority of pipework is now installed in the area. The RWTP building

has been built and is in the internal fit out phase, which is planned to be completed by Christmas.

In the new year there is a commissioning programme to test the various components and systems in the plant, as well as livening up the various existing bores and pipelines. During this phase there will be a series of shut-downs of various parts of the scheme as the new treatment plant is incorporated, and to switch over to the new pipework. A detailed breakdown of the expected shutdowns will be notified to users early in the new year.

There will be a testing phase of approximately three months before it is handed over to the Council as finished in the first quarter of next year.

Golden Bay Streetlight Trial

The Golden Bay Community Board is looking to remove a number of street lights in Golden Bay to improve the night sky brilliance.

As part of the upgrade to change street lights to more energy efficient LED street lights, the Council is also looking to trial switching off streetlights to support the Community Board's aims.

The Golden Bay Community Board supported trial will see a total of 92 street lights in Tata Beach, Ligar Bay, Pohara and Pohara Valley, Patons Rock, Parapara and Collingwood turned-off for at least one month to see if locals support the street lights remaining off indefinitely.

The streetlights identified for the trial will be turned off in the last week of October, starting Monday 27 October 2014.

Not all of the street lights in Collingwood and Pohara will be switched-off.

The trial will run for a month and if there is sufficient support or little objection, then the trial will be extended out to early in the new year to allow out-of-town ratepayers to experience the change and comment.

Comments are being sought through an online survey found on the Council's website or via a paper survey from the Council's Takaka Service Centre.

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Let's face it – computers have become part of the fabric of our daily lives. But not all of us have had the opportunity to grow our confidence in using them. We're excited to be able to offer a range of free basic computer skills classes throughout November and early December at Richmond Library.

The programmes we're running are part of the national Stepping UP initiative run by the 2020 Communications Trust in partnership with NZ public libraries.

Stepping UP classes help adults build their digital skills in small easy steps. So if you're ready to take the next step in learning how to use computers and the internet effectively – whether for a job application or promotion, keeping in touch with friends and family or helping your kids succeed at school – then head to the library website to find out what's on offer. Register using the Stepping UP link and be sure to select Tasman District Library, Richmond courses, or come into the Library and speak to us.

The best thing is you learn what you want to learn – from advancing your Microsoft Word skills to finding a cheap airfare online or managing your personal finances. It's a great way to improve your confidence and skills for work as well as for everyday life. Check it out today!

Hold it – for just a bit longer!

Lots of keen library users place holds for a favourite author's latest books or soon to be released bestsellers. But did you know that when you place your hold, you can also delay the date that the hold becomes active?

By suspending your holds you can avoid a glut of great reads all arriving at once. It's also really useful if you know you're going out of town and don't want to miss out on that much-anticipated new treat.

All you do is place your hold as usual. Then go to your account, click on your Holds heading, select the title(s) you want to suspend, click on the Suspend Hold(s) button at the bottom of the pop-up box, select a start date (use that day's date) and then select an end date. That's the date your hold will be re-activated. Click Suspend and it's done. If you want several holds to re-activate on the same date simply select all those holds at the start of the process. If you want holds to re-activate on different dates then set-up each one individually.

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

Print Disabilities Service

The libraries' Print Disabilities Service offers audio books to adults with visual impairments that make reading printed materials difficult. The service is offered by National Library through participating libraries. Borrowers need to register at their local library to use the service.

A mix of adult fiction and non-fiction talking books is available with stock refreshed every three months. Items can be borrowed from Richmond, Motueka or Takaka Libraries.

You can register for the service if you are visually impaired or have an intellectual or physical disability or condition which limits your ability to read or use traditional print formats.

Borrowers do not need a referral from their doctor. A family member/caregiver may register to use the service on behalf of a disabled person. Children who have a disabled parent or caregiver are also eligible to use the collection.

If you're interested in registering to use the National Library Talking Book collection please register at your local library. The registration form can be filled in by a family member or caregiver on your behalf.

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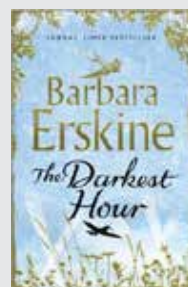
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Public Notices

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 website. 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

Navigation Safety Bylaw: Temporary Reservation and speed-limit uplifting for Waka racing in the Kaiteriteri/Marahau area

The Motueka Waka Ama club has applied to the Tasman District Council to run an event within the coastal marine areas of Kaiteriteri and Marahau. The planned races will have competing craft and support vessels passing through and occupying the Kaiteriteri swimming and water ski areas at the start and finish of each event. The racing course will be between Kaiteriteri Bay, Sandy Bay and Fishermans Island.

Pursuant to the provisions contained in the Navigation Safety Bylaw, the Tasman District Council's Harbourmaster has granted a temporary reservation of the Kaiteriteri swimming and water-ski areas and a uplift of the 5 knot speed restriction for those involved in the annual 'Waka te Tasman' event, between the hours of 2.00 pm and 7.30 pm on Friday 14 November 2014, and 8.00 am and 5.00 pm on Saturday 15 November 2014, (backup day 16 November 2014, 8.00 am – 5.00 pm).

The effect of the temporary reservation will be to prevent other activities including water skiing or swimming from occurring within that area within the time specified. Event marshals have the authority to require other users to vacate these areas as required, but may allow limited use when racers are well offshore. An uplift of the 5 knot speed restrictions has also been granted to Waka Ama and support vessels directly involved in the event between Anawera Point and Guilbert Point, including Fisherman Island but excluding Otuwhero Inlet and Little Kaiteriteri.

A number of conditions have been imposed on the organisers of the event, and these conditions may be viewed by contacting the Motueka Waka Ama Club, or Tasman District Council's Harbourmaster on, Ph. 03 543 8400 during office hours.

Road Closures

Closure of Roads 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 Tadmire-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.
- Matakita 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.

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 roads will be closed to ordinary vehicles for the periods and times indicated below.

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Proposed Roads to be closed to Ordinary Vehicles and Period of Closure Pigeon Valley Road from Sharp Road to Dovedale Road and Dovedale Road from Brandy Creek Road to Pigeon Valley Road.

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Closure of Roads to Ordinary Vehicular Traffic

In accordance with the Transport (Vehicle Road Closure) Regulations 1965, notice is hereby given that for the purpose of enabling Richmond Unlimited to conduct the Richmond Santa Parade, the following roads will be closed to ordinary vehicles for the periods and times indicated below. Any person objecting to the proposal is called upon to lodge notice of the objection before **Friday 21 November 2014** to the office of the Tasman District Council, 189 Queen Street, Richmond.

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

Sunday 30 November 2014:

- Cambridge Street Car Park from 6.30 am to 4.00 pm
- Cambridge Street from Oxford Street to Queen Street – from 11.30 am to 2.00 pm
- Edward Street from 10.00 am to 1.00 pm
- Oxford Street from Crescent Street to Queen Street – from 11.30 am to 1.00 pm
- Queen Street (from Edward Street to Salisbury Road) – from 11.30 am to 1.00 pm
- Queen Street (from Salisbury Road to Cambridge Street and including Croucher Street) – from 11.30 am to 2.00 pm
- Salisbury Road from Talbot Street to Queen Street – from 11.30 am to 1.00 pm
- Warring Car Park from 6.30 am to 4.00 pm
- Wensley Road from Oxford Street to Queen Street – from 11.30 am to 2.00 pm

Some roads may reopen earlier than advised above.

Please note that the car parks on Queen Street from Cambridge Street to Salisbury Road will not be available on the day of the parade.

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Public Notices

Feedback sought on community engagement

The Tasman District Council is to adopt a Significance and Engagement Policy. What is that you may ask?

Engagement is a responsibility the Council takes very seriously. Community input to decisions is key to ensuring the views of residents and ratepayers are taken into account. Significance in this context is about how the Council will assess the 'significance' of its decisions in relation to the effect they may have on people, assets, Council finances or the District as a whole. Once assessed it will determine and guide the level of engagement the Council should invest in.

The Council already has separate policies for both significance and engagement however, recent amendments to the Local Government Act have determined there should be one policy covering both subjects.

The Council has taken the opportunity to review the policies as a result of the legislative change and is looking for feedback prior to the policy's adoption on 20 November 2014.

The Significance and Engagement policy and feedback forms can be found online at www.tasman.govt.nz/feedback and in the Council's service centres and libraries.

Feedback closes 4.00 pm, 30 October 2014.

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 30 October 2014, 9.30 am. Public forum

Commercial Subcommittee

Tasman Council Chambers, 189 Queen Street, Richmond, Friday 31 October 2014, 1.30 pm. No public forum

Engineering Services Committee

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

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Waimea Freshwater Quality and Land Advisory Group (FLAG)

The Waimea Water Quality FLAG has been tasked with developing water quality management provisions for the Waimea River, its tributaries and the connected groundwater system.

The Tasman District Council appointed the 11 member advisory group earlier this year, asking them to develop a plan change to the Tasman Resource Management Plan (TRMP) covering the management of freshwater quality. The need for this advisory group and plan change was signalled in the recent TRMP amendments for managing water quantity in the Waimea Plains.

In fulfilling this role they will develop water quality limits and will examine how land use and diffuse contaminant discharges are best managed. To provide further expertise they have co-opted a further member with particular horticultural and nutrient management experience and knowledge.

The group expects to be sharing the information about management objectives and water quality attributes with the wider community in early 2015. The Waimea FLAG members want to check that the attributes and their desired states identified are in fact an accurate reflection of what the community considers important in managing water quality.

In September the group explored the National Objectives Framework for freshwater (NOF) and how that will guide and inform their work. The advisory group have examined the management objectives specified in the plan and have started to identify how water quality limits will need to be developed in order to ensure the objectives can be met.

Having met with Horticulture NZ Ltd to better understand the nature of the farming systems and their potential impact on water quality, especially groundwater quality, the group will survey local land owners over the coming summer to further their knowledge of the area.

Not only does the group need to identify the best indicators of water quality, they also need to agree on the levels these attributes or indicators should be managed. This is technical and complex work that Council scientists and other experts in ecology and hydrology will assist the group with.

The TRMP already contains management objectives for the river, its tributaries and connected groundwater. These have informed the water quantity management provisions for the relevant zones, including the allocation limits, minimum flow and rationing triggers.

The Council also needs to more fully understand the land use effects on water quality through contamination of water, especially through nutrient and sediment inputs.

The Waimea FLAG has met five times since July this year. The first couple of meetings were spent looking at water quality, quantity and land information the Council currently holds. The state of the environment, the trends and the pressures on water quality were described in presentations by Council staff, with FLAG members also sharing their 'on-the-ground' knowledge.

Further information about the group, its meetings and copies of presentations and reports and papers can be found at www.tasman.govt.nz/link/FLAG

Spring Explorer 2014

Spring Explorer is a new fun event that encourages you, your family and mates to check out the walkways and reserves in the Nelson/Tasman region. It's an exploration challenge where you'll visit sites to find answers to quiz questions.

Spring Explorer can be completed in your own time between 1 October 2014 – 30 November 2014. Visit local reserves and walkways and search for the answers to quiz questions.

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