

# Dam consultation hearings begin

Submissions on the possible funding and governance options for the proposed Waimea Community dam closed last week. Hearings will take place around the District over the next week for those submitters who indicated that they would like a chance to speak.

Through these hearings the Councillors are able to further discuss the issues raised in submissions with the submitters themselves. These hearings are open to the public and anyone is welcome to attend and listen.

The Council is pleased with the number of responses it has received to the submission process. The public meetings that have been held around the District have been well attended, with people representing a wide range of views.

Affordability of the proposed dam is the key message the Council has received. Questions that have been raised throughout the consultation process have been collated and responses provided on the dedicated website

www.waimeacommunitydam.co.nz. These FAQs (frequently asked questions) will remain open on the website and will be updated as the process continues. You are encouraged to read through these FAQs as you may have the same questions as other residents and ratepayers.

The Council will consider the submissions, including those presented at the hearing at its 11 December 2014 meeting.

This submission process is only one part of an ongoing community conversation on the proposed dam. During March to May next year the Council will consult on whether or not to include the dam project in the Council's Long Term Plan 2015-2025.

#### Hearing dates for verbal submissions:

24 November 2014	9.30 am – 4.30 pm	Hearing – Richmond	Council Chambers
25 November 2014	10.00 am – 2.00 pm	Hearing – Takaka	Takaka Fire Station
26 November 2014	1.00 pm – 7.00 pm	Hearing – Richmond	Council Chambers
27 November 2014	1.00 pm – 5.30 pm	Hearing – Motueka	St John Hall
28 November 2014	9.30 am – 12.00 noon	Hearing – Richmond	Council Chambers

## Message from the Mayor

For many people the recent hailstorm in Riwaka, Motueka, and Lower Moutere will be a quickly forgotten item on the news or a story in the paper. For those affected however, the effects are significant and ongoing. As an ex-orchardist myself, I know dealing with the aftermath of such an event is difficult and recovery will take a long time. As Mayor I also know that any damage to any of our primary sectors has flow-on effects to the rest of the community which is why we are supporting the industry response to this event. As with all disasters I am reminded of, and quite often humbled by, the resilience and community support that exists in our District.

My sincere thanks to those people who have taken the time to attend public meetings and submit on the funding and governance options for the proposed Waimea Community Dam. This consultation has highlighted the opportunities – and the challenges - that a project of this size and importance presents us. Those who have chosen to speak at submission hearings will get that chance

soon, and will influence Council's consideration of the key issues of governance and funding.

Council is required to meet government standards for freshwater management in the Waimea River and aguifers and we need to address the current overallocation of water in the Waimea Plain. As Mayor and council we recognise that our choices now will have long-term consequences. Affordability is a major issue, and this, as well as the final decision to build or not build a dam, will be part of the Long Term Plan discussions next year. I encourage you to stay informed and take part in the discussion.

**Mayor Richard Kempthorne** 



### It's Property **Revaluation time**

The Tasman District's three yearly revaluation of property values is underway. The Council's contracted provider Quotable Value (QV) will be sending property owners the statutorily required notification of their new valuations from 10 December 2014.

Any objections to the new valuations must be lodged by 9 February 2015 either online at www.ratingvalues.co.nz or in writing to QV.

More information will be published in the 5 December 2014 issue of Newsline.

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- Do not leave sprinklers or hoses unattended.
- Repair leaky taps, hoses or fittings.
- Make sure every load in the washing machine is a full one.
- Turn the tap off when brushing your teeth.
- Install a dual flush toilet. By using the half flush, you can save up to 5 litres of water per flush.
- · Re-use water where possible rather than putting it down the drain (e.g. use a bowl for washing up and water the plants with it in the summer).
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## NZTA Tour puts focus on Motueka Bridge

The NZ Transport Agency hosted Tasman District Councillors and staff on a tour of the region's highways in September. The tour is an annual event and offers the chance to discuss roading issues and activities in detail. Transport Agency staff gave a number of presentations on topics such as a strategic study into highway passing opportunities across the top of the South Island, network resilience, with particular focus on the Takaka Hill and access to and from Golden Bay, the Motueka Bridge on State Highway 60, State Highway 6 traffic flows and growth in around Richmond, Queen Street and McGlashen Avenue, and upcoming roadworks.

This year the focus was on the Motueka Bridge and concerns from the community over its condition and carriageway width (especially for heavy commercial vehicles). Transport Agency National Bridging expert John Reynolds was on hand to present and provide a contextual picture of NZTA's national bridging programme.

Mark Owen, Regional Performance Manager from the NZTA said the reason the tour has been so successful over the years is that it offers the opportunity to see and explain what can often be quite technically complex topics at the actual locations. "The benefit of going out on the road is that we can actually see what's happening and hear firsthand feedback from the community perspective. It is so much easier to understand and discuss what can often be quite complex topics. While it takes quite a lot of organisation to coordinate, we appreciate the time Councillors and Council staff give to this event. It is a productive day which probably explains why this is an annual event."

Peter Thomson, Engineering Manager said "This year's NZTA tour was particularly productive with a significant focus on the Motueka Bridge site visit. Tasman District Councillors, staff and Motueka Community Board members were able to discuss a range of current and future bridge issues in detail with Mark Owen, his regional staff and National Bridge Manager John Reynolds. It was an excellent inter-agency exchange of ideas regarding the controversial Motueka Bridge and another great example of NZTA working well with our Council.

Cr Trevor Norriss, Chair of the Engineering Services Committee said "The real value of the day is gaining an understanding of the state highway issues across the District. This tour emphasised the issues with the Motueka Bridge and allowed the Councillors, Community Board members and staff to gain a greater understanding of NZTA's funding issues in terms of a replacement project. The Councillors and Community Board members also appreciated having a bridge structure expert to discuss the community issues and comments surrounding the bridge.

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## **Controlling Argentine and Darwin's ants**

Argentine and Darwin's ants have been present in Nelson and Tasman Districts for a number of years and are now found on more than 2,000 properties. They can be a significant household and environmental pest. Both species of ant are similar in appearance (small light-brown ants about 2-3 mm long), but Darwin's ants produce a strong smell when squashed. They reach high numbers if left uncontrolled and can spoil outdoor activities and affect the growth and health of garden plants. They may invade households for food and water in late summer and have been known to kill caged birds and animals (geckos) and newly-hatched chicks in nests.

#### **Doing it yourself**

Residents wanting to treat these ants on their properties have a choice of three types of product:

- bait (Xstinguish or Vanquish Pro)
- spray (X-It Ant), and
- granules (Biforce).

Good results have been achieved with Xstinguish bait or Vanquish Pro bait (a reformulation of Xstinguish) applied in late spring (mid-October to late November). To maintain control, it is important to prevent re-invasion from adjoining properties by treating the boundary with a residual insecticide such as X-it ant spray or Biforce granules and treating again after 2-3 months.

X-It Ant spray was developed in New Zealand and is a contact insecticide spray containing bifenthrin, a synthetic pyrethroid. It will control ants on hard outdoor surfaces where ants are trailing for two-three months or longer.

Biforce granules contain bifenthrin mixed with sand. It can be used where X-It Ant cannot be successfully applied (e.g. bark gardens, long grass, compost heaps, dense vegetation, shrubs and gardens).

#### **Using a contractor**

Residents can also hire a pest controller to treat ants on their property. Pest controllers have access to a wider range of products and most have been trained and registered as Approved Handlers to manage the potential risk of using these more toxic products. Effective treatment is costly and residents should seek more than one quotation and ask for a treatment guarantee. A comprehensive ant treatment programme was introduced in 2012 for delivery by certified applicators using X-It Ant and Biforce for external surfaces and Dust2Dust (another residual insecticide, permethrin) in walls and ceiling cavities.

More information will be delivered to affected households shortly. The information is also on the Council website at www.tasman.govt.nz/environment/pests-weeds/pest-animals/argentine-and-darwin-s-ants

## **Alcohol Special Licences**

If you're holding an event this summer at which alcohol will be sold or supplied, you will probably need a special licence. Make sure to plan ahead and apply as soon as possible.

From 18 December 2013, the process for getting a special licence changed when the Sale and Supply of Alcohol Act 2012 came into force.

In the past, people often left it late to apply for a special licence, something that was allowed under the old Sale of Liquor Act.

Under the new law, all applications must be made at least 20 working days before the event is held (although exceptions can be made for unforeseen events, such as funerals).

In particular, applications for special licences for events planned for mid-February 2015 or earlier must be lodged by 19 December 2014.

That's because under the new Act (and the previous Sale of Liquor Act

1989), a 'working day' does not include weekends, statutory holidays or any day from 20 December to the 15 January (inclusive).

Further information is available on the Ministry of Justice website at www.justice.govt.nz/policy/sale-and-supply-of-alcohol/licensing/applying-for-a-licence/special-licences

For information on applying for a special licence, go to www.tasman.govt.nz/services/licensing-and-environmental-health/liquor-licensing/special-licence

So plan ahead to make sure you file your application in time to get your licence for your summer event.





# Seasonalevents

The sun is shining and the festive session is almost upon us with a number of traditional and Christmas themed celebrations set to take place across the District over the coming weeks. Here is a snapshot of what's happening and what you can look forward to:

Saturday 22 & Sunday 23 November

Friday 28 November

**Sunday 30 November** 

**Sunday 7 December** 

**Sunday 7 December** 

Saturday 13 December

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**Saturday 13 December** 

Saturday 13 December

**Sunday 14 December** 

**Sunday 21 December** 

**Sunday 21 December** 

Wednesday 24 December

**Richmond A&P Show** 

**New World Starlight Parade Motueka** 

Pak N Save Santa Parade Richmond

Tiny Tots, Toys and Teddies Christmas Party Richmond

**Christmas Mapua Makers Market** 

**Carols in the Church Upper Moutere** 

**Brightwater Carols by Glo-lites** 

Takaka Santa Parade

Motueka's Birdhurst Christmas in the Park

**Tapawera Christmas Fair** 

**Carols in the Vineyard Upper Moutere** 

**Carols by Candlelight Richmond** 

**Takaka Christmas Carols** 

For more information and a complete listing of our District's summer events, see the 'Summer Events Guide 2014' from Tasman District Council, which will be delivered to every household in Tasman District on 5 December 2014. Additional copies of the Summer Events Guide 2014 will be available from the Council's Service Centres and Libraries.

For the very latest event listings online go to www.itson.co.nz









# Writechoices



#### **Summer Reading Programme**

Our popular summer reading programme is back.

This programme for 5-12 year olds living in Tasman District promotes the enjoyment of reading. Children taking part read every day, record their reading and visit the library three times to talk to library staff about the books they've read and find new exciting reads.

To better manage the high demand for places in the programme we use an online ballot system to allocate places.

Online applications to go into the ballot open at 9.00 am on Monday 1 December 2014 and close at 9.00 am on Monday 8 December 2014.

To apply just visit the library website www.tasmanlibraries.govt.nz and fill in the form. You only need to fill in one form for all your children.

All successful applicants will be notified by library staff before 5.00 pm Friday 12 December 2014.

You can start reading straight away and begin your reading log. Check-ins start after the Xmas break. Check in at any of our libraries from Monday 5 January to Friday 30 January 2015.

If you have any queries about the programme, contact Lucy Brunwin, Ph. 03 543 8500.

Happy reading!

#### **BeWell Books at Motueka Library**

BeWell Books was launched at Richmond Library at the beginning of August. And due to popular demand it's coming soon to Motueka Library. A collaboration between Nelson Bays Primary Health and Tasman District Libraries, BeWell Books is based on the successful UK Books on Prescription scheme.

Tasman's BeWell Books scheme has expanded the original concept to include a range of health issues from asthma to diabetes to heart health to depression and more.

The scheme is designed to direct readers to credible and valuable information to support their health. All books in the scheme have been approved by specialists from Nelson Bays Primary Health.

You'll find more information on BeWell Books in the About Us – Community Services section of the library website. Or pick up a brochure next time you're in Richmond or Motueka Libraries.

#### **Short story competition winners**

As part of World War I 100 commemoration Tasman District Libraries, Nelson Public Libraries and Page & Blackmore Booksellers held a short story competition Nelson at War.

We're delighted to announce that Kat Bailey won the competition with Unravelling Pa. Second place was awarded to Don Young for his story The Hero. And third place went to Darryl Ware for Day One.

The competition judge, local author Adrienne Frater, said all 10 short-listed stories were well researched and well written and she enjoyed judging the competition.

Unravelling Pa will be broadcast on FreshFM late November/early December and will be published in the December issue of Mudcakes & Roses.

All 10 short-listed stories will be published on the libraries' e-book site OverDrive before the end of the year.

Congratulations to all who entered, to the 10 short-listed authors and to the three prize winners!

#### **Cancelling your holds**

As well as being able to defer your holds on library items by using the suspend holds function in your library account, you can also cancel a hold yourself. Doing this allows the sought-after item to go on to the next person in the queue.

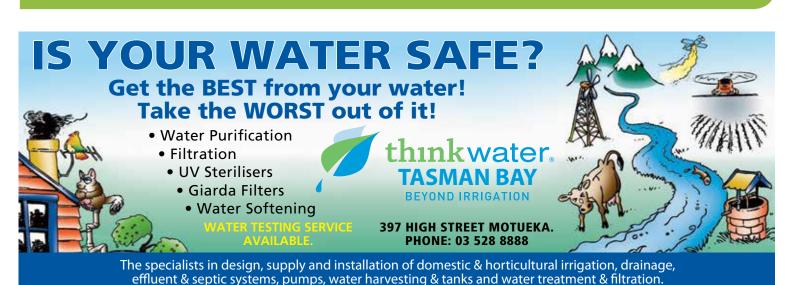
To cancel a hold, go to My account, log in and click on the Holds tab. The select the item(s) you want to cancel and click Cancel hold(s). Easy! You can also unsuspend holds and change the pick up location yourself.

#### **Christmas holidays**

All Tasman District Libraries will be closed from 5.00 pm Wednesday 24 December 2014, re-opening Monday 29 December 2014, closed from 5.00 pm Wednesday 31 December 2014, and re-opening Monday 5 January 2015.

Now's the time to start getting your holiday reading, listening and watching organised. We have a fantastic range of magazines, DVDs and CDs as well as the latest best sellers to while away the summer days. But get in quick to get your favourites before the mid-December rush starts.

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



# Newslineupdate



### **Public Notices**

Bylaw 2005.

#### **River Spraying Notification**

Tasman District Council's Engineering Services Department gives notice of our intention to undertake our regular ground based river spraying operations from November 2014 to April 2015 inclusive.

The spraying will be focused (but may include other waterways) on the fully funded sections of rivers/waterways within the Tasman District which includes the Waimea/Wairoa, Wai-iti, Redwood & Eves Valley Streams, Moutere River and company ditches, Pawley Creek, Upper Motueka, Motupiko, Sherry and Tadmor Rivers, Dove, Lower Motueka, Riwaka mainstem and delta waterways, Takaka, Waingaro, Anatoki, Aorere and Kaituna Rivers. The main purpose is to control woody weedgrowth on the fairways that could impede or divert flood flows, with herbicide application to control pest plants within waterway management corridors to also be undertaken. For any objections, queries or comments on the operation please contact Giles Griffith, Rivers and Coastal Engineer, Ph. 03 543 8400 or Email: giles.griffith@tasman.govt.nz

# Navigation Safety Bylaw: Temporary Reservation and Speed Uplifting for Giant Slalom event on the Waimea River: Sunday 30 November 2014.

Jet Boating NZ Inc, (Nelson/Marlborough Branch) intend to run a jet boat Giant Slalom and Christmas Picnic event on the stretch of the Waimea River between the Appleby Bridge and a point upstream of the Bartlett Road gravel plant on 30 November 2014 (weather permitting), between 8.00 am and 4.00 pm, (with a backup weekend of 6 and 7 December 2014 if conditions are not suitable for the event on 30 November 2014). For the duration of the event, the specified reach of the Waimea River is reserved exclusively, and the speed limits imposed by the Tasman District Navigation Safety Bylaw will be suspended, for those boats taking part. This action is taken by the Harbourmaster pursuant to the provisions contained in Section 3 of the Tasman District Council Navigation Safety

The effect of the temporary reservation will be to prevent other activities including swimming, fishing or other boating activities from occurring within that area for the time specified, in the interests of safety.

Conditions imposed on the organisers may be viewed at www.tasman.govt.nz/recreation/boating-fishing/special-events-and-activities

### **Council Meetings**

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

**Full Council – Hearing of Submissions** 

Tasman Council Chambers, 189 Queen Street, Richmond, Monday 24 November 2014, 9.30 am. No public forum

Full Council – Hearing of Submissions

Takaka Fire Station, Motupipi Street, Takaka, Tuesday 25 November 2014, 10.00 am. No public forum

Full Council - Hearing of Submissions

Tasman Council Chamber, 189 Queen Street, Richmond, Wednesday 26 November 2014, 1.00 pm. No public forum

**Audit Subcommittee** 

Tasman Council Chambers, 189 Queen Street, Richmond, Thursday 27 November 2014, 9.30 am. No public forum

**Full Council – Hearing of Submissions** 

St John Hall, Motueka, Thursday 27 November 2014, 1.00 pm. No public forum

**Full Council – Hearing of Submissions** 

Tasman Council Chambers, 189 Queen Street, Richmond, Friday 28 November 2014, 9.30 am. No public forum

**Nelson Regional Sewerage Business Unit** 

Nelson City Council Chambers, Friday 28 November 2014, 1.00 pm. No public forum

**Tasman Creative Communities Subcommittee** 

Motueka Office, 7 Hickmott Place, Motueka, Wednesday 3 December 2014, time to be advised. No public forum

**Community Development Committee** 

Tasman Council Chambers, 189 Queen Street, Richmond, Thursday 4 December 2014, 9.30 am. Public forum

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## Hot dogs in the summer sun

Summer is a great time for taking your dog for long walks, in the early morning or evening, not in the heat of midday. If the temperature makes you feel uncomfortable when walking your dog, imagine what it feels like in a fur coat and bare feet on the hot ground.

It is extremely important that if you are in an area where you are in the presence of protected wildlife and birds, either on beaches or in the countryside, you must put your dog on a leash immediately.

There are designated areas in Tasman District where dogs are allowed at all times of the year, however, particular areas are declared dog free all year round. Some beaches are prohibited to dogs only over the summer months. These areas are listed on the Tasman District Council's website – search 'dog exercise areas'.

All dog walkers need to be especially vigilant about keeping dogs under control at all times. This means that your dog must IMMEDIATELY respond to commands either by voice, whistle or hand signals. If you know that your dog is easily distracted and prone to "selective hearing loss", putting a leash on is the best advice.

Where a dog sees a ball on the beach, or birds taking off, it is often too much of a temptation and they just have to join in and chase the ball, or the bird. What your dog may see as fun can be a frightening experience for children or adults who are nervous of dogs. It is an offence to allow your dog to rush at people or to chase protected wildlife, even if the dog's motive was to play a game, not to harm.

Ensuring that your dog has adequate shelter, shade and plenty to drink is necessary at any time of year, but especially so in the hot weather. If your dog is kept indoors while you are at work, ensuring it remains cool is vital for his health and well-being. Providing adequate ventilation is essential. If the dog is outside, it must have shade and a good supply of water.

The heat of summer means that cleaning up after your dog is most important. Always carry a Doggie Doo bag when you take your dog for a walk, and use it. Dog owners are legally responsible for cleaning up after their dogs in any public place. For any advice or questions you may have on the care and control of your dog, call Tasman District Council Dog Control on Ph. 03 543 8400.

## **Outstanding Natural Features and Landscapes**

The Tasman District Council has received a draft report identifying Golden Bay's Outstanding Natural Features and Landscapes as part of a wider community-led process.

The process, which has been going on for four years, is a response to the Resource Management Act and the NZ Coastal Policy Statement, which require the Council to assess how it will identify such features and landscapes and incorporate them into future planning for the District.

The Council supported the view that the best people to assist and drive this process are those who know the area best. As such a local Working Group of 30 local people and stakeholders was endorsed by the Council on 14 July 2011 to assist with this work. The Working Group met four times and in May 2012 asked a small group of eight to undertake the task.

The Small Group has met more than 16 times, refined its philosophy and practice, and went out into the landscape and talked with a number of landowners. The result is a draft report of its findings back to the Working Group.

As one of the first of this type of project the draft report explains the landscape reasons for including or excluding areas and how the group has worked to resolve differences. While some of the differences remain, on the whole substantial agreement has been found with room to move so the differences can possibly be resolved and enable further consultation with the wider community.

A feedback process with the larger Working Group will continue until February next year followed by a further report to Council in April 2015. While a wider programme of community engagement about the landscapes and features identified will occur, a draft plan change to the Tasman Resource Management Plan is yet to be endorsed by the Council.

Those property owners that have identified natural features and landscapes on their property within the draft report will receive a letter and an invitation to discuss the process and the outcomes sought by the programme. It is accepted that the landscapes are what they are because of the guardianship of their owners and the current framework of rules and regulations that exist in the Tasman Resource Management Plan.

Few alterations to the rules are proposed. It is envisaged that policies will be drafted to make it clear that existing activities will not be constrained by a property being located within an Outstanding Natural Landscape. The group has recognised if an area can be rated as outstanding with current activities in place, it cannot be easily said those activities compromise its value.

The report is available on the Council's website and at the Council's Takaka Service Centre and library.



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