

Rural Land Review

The Tasman District Council has released a Draft Plan Change to the Tasman Resource Management Plan for public comment. The Plan change focuses on rural land use and subdivision, and includes changes to Council policy as well as rules.

Staff and Councillors are keen to find out what the community thinks of the draft Plan Change, with public meetings scheduled in February 2015 and written feedback being accepted until the end of March 2015.

The changes mostly affect land in the Rural 1 Zone and Rural 2 Zones. They result from a review process that has looked at how well the District plan has been working in the rural areas. The review included community consultation over issues and options, which helped the Council determine what the main issues and priorities are.

"The review process has reminded us of the importance of rural production in our rural areas. We want to ensure that farming and horticulture is prioritised over lifestyle development and commercial activities, especially on land that has good potential. We have other zones for those other activities, like the Rural Residential Zones for people who wish to live in the country but not make a living from the land" says Environment and Planning Committee Chair Stuart Bryant.

One of the important changes is enabling or introducing some more flexibility around housing for rural users. "Larger land holdings in our Rural 2 Zones will have more opportunities to build additional dwellings for extended family or workers" says project manager Mary Honey. The new housing options also provide some opportunity for cooperative living.

The demand for flexibility around rural housing has been echoed in different ways in other parts of the District. Alternative forms of community

housing, such as cooperative living on land held in common ownership, has been given better policy recognition in the draft Plan Change.

The draft Plan Change does not prescribe conditions to determine what a cooperative development might look like. This can ensure that opportunities for innovation and flexibility are left open. The resource consent process can ensure that high standards of development, which work in well with existing communities, are maintained.

The Council is very aware of the challenges of taking a non-prescriptive approach to its draft Plan Change. Flexibility encourages innovation but that does require that the Council has some discretion in making decisions on a case-by-case basis, to ensure a high standard of development is met for the whole District.

In addition to the new housing provisions, there have been some changes to subdivision rules. These generally reflect the Council's current policy position intended to ensure Rural 1 and Rural 2 Zones are retained for rural productive uses and to make this work better.

To complement this, some more opportunity has been introduced into Rural Residential Zone subdivision rules, encouraging development within these preferred living locations.

While much of the attention during consultation has focused on housing and subdivision, the Council has also reviewed provisions that relate to business activities, including home occupations.

Message from the Mayor

I hope you have had an enjoyable start to 2015. For many of us we are again focusing on our work endeavours, school has started and life proceeds.

I would like to alert you to an opportunity for your input to the Long Term Plan (LTP) for our community. The LTP sets out the Council's plans for the next ten years. This year is the three yearly review of the LTP.

Council has been working on this for the last year with a key focus to reduce our reliance on debt and managing depreciation while keeping rates affordable and service levels maintained.

This year council is preparing a Consultation Document, designed to present the major issues and major changes to the previous LTP. It is designed to be more straightforward for our community to recognise these changes and issues and give feed back to the Council.

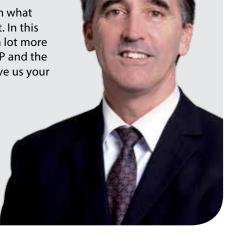
The Consultation Document is supported by a number of documents that provide information to those who wish to explore the LTP in greater detail. These supporting documents include the Financial Strategy, the Development Contribution Policy, rating policies and the proposed schedule of fees and charges along with other documents. The supporting information will be available

online and throughout the district's offices and libraries – an article within this issue of Newsline identifies and describes each of the documents.

The consultation period for this year's Long Term Plan, during which written submissions can be received, will open on 9 March and close 20 April, after which a number of hearings will be held throughout the District.

This is quite a departure from what we have provided in the past. In this Newsline we will be talking a lot more about the contents of the LTP and the process by which you can give us your feedback.

Mayor Richard Kempthorne



Tasman Youth Council 2015

Applications are currently open for keen and motivated young people to join the Tasman Youth Council. If you are aged between 14-24 and are passionate about making Tasman an even more awesome place for young people – we want to hear from you.

Regional TYC clusters operate in Waimea, Motueka, Golden Bay and Murchison areas. Each cluster carries out projects and initiatives relevant to the needs expressed by young people in their local community.

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Home occupations, or small-scale business activities undertaken by someone living on the site, are allowable in rural locations. "We have reviewed some of the conditions that enable home occupations to occur, to protect neighbours and ensure that our rural zones retain their character," says Mary Honey. A similar philosophy has been applied to temporary commercial or recreational activities, such as events or festivals, where the Council has tried to find a balance between allowing these events to happen "without too much red-tape" and managing the temporary noise and disruption.

The Council is now seeking public input into the draft Plan Change until the end of March 2015. Public open evenings have been organised to enable community discussion on the proposed changes:

- 17 February, Wakefield Wakefield Fire Station, 5.00 pm 9.00 pm.
- 19 February, Takaka Takaka Bowling Club, 5.00 pm 9.00 pm.

evening from 6.30 pm

• 24 February, Motueka – Motueka Hall supper room, 5.00 pm - 9.00 pm. Councillors and staff will be available to discuss the proposed changes. A presentation with a questions and answer session will run each

To find out more and see a copy of the draft Plan Change you can go to: www.tasman.govt.nz/link/rural-land-use or view paper copies at the Council's Richmond office and Service Centres.

Process to date

- · Rural Futures consultation conducted by the Council during 2004 - 2005
- The Council approved a review of some of the rural zone provisions in 2006
- Project placed on hold during 2007 and 2011 due to urban planning priorities
- Tasman Resource Management Plan Effectiveness Evaluation report finalised in 2013
- Workshops held with Councillors mid 2013 on planning options
- · Community consultation on rural land use and subdivision options, mid to end 2013
- Workshops held with Councillors early 2014 to report on consultation feedback and reconsider planning options
- Development of Draft Plan Change and consultation, late 2014 - early 2015.



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Long Term Plan explained



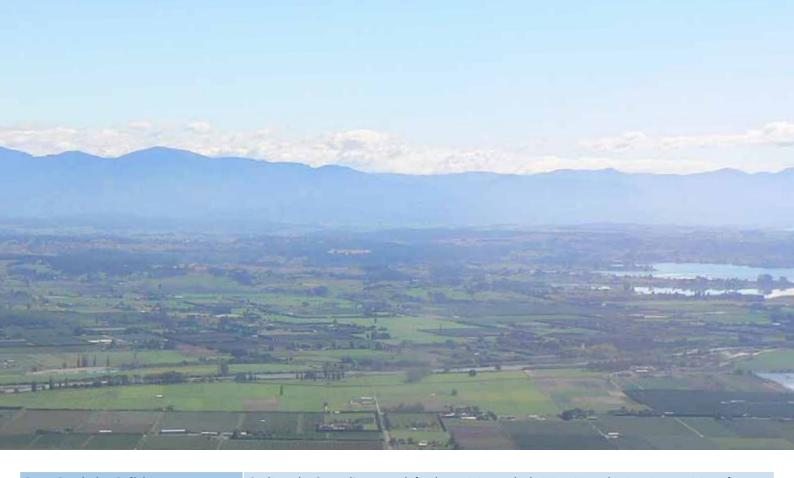
In the last Newsline we introduced the new process for the Long Term Plan (LTP). The days of producing a draft LTP are over with last year's amendments to the Local Government Act replacing the summary and two volume draft plan with a Consultation Document.

The Consultation Document, while significantly smaller than the old draft LTP but no less important, will still be too large to deliver to every resident's letterbox. In its place we will be sending you an issue of Newsline that will include a full description of the LTP process, a list of the supporting information that is available and addresses and links to where you can find what you want.

Through this process you will have the ability to focus on items within the Plan that interest you, with each of them having their own submission process.

In addition to the Consultation Document, which is focused on the key issues facing the Council over the next ten years, the following supporting information will be available:

Infrastructure Strategy	Summarises the big infrastructure issues for the District that are likely to come up over the next 30 years, including their financial and non-financial consequences, and the options for managing them.
Financial Strategy	Provides high-level context and direction for the financial content in the Long Term Plan 2015-2025. It outlines the characteristics of the District that have influenced the strategy and Council expenditure, expresses limits on rates and borrowing, and states objectives for borrowing and investment.
Activity Management Plans (AMPs)	Outlines the level of service that the Council will provide, how performance will be monitored, information on what projects will be funded, how the activity will be funded, and any possible risks.
	Activity Management Plans are the technical documents used by the Council to support the funding decisions in the Long Term Plan. Activity Management Plans cover the assets held, and the activities and services provided alongside the asset.
	The following AMPs are produced by the Council: Transportation, Water Supply, Wastewater, Stormwater, Rivers, Coastal Structures, Solid Waste, Community Facilities, Community Relations, Libraries, Environmental Management, Public Health, Parks and Reserves, Property, Commercial Activities.
17 Settlements (2015)	Provides information on issues and Council investment priorities for each of the 17 settlements in the Tasman District.
Waimea Community Dam	Outlines the new proposed approach for the Waimea Community Dam.
Community Outcomes	Outlines the Council's vision, mission and community outcomes statements
Council Activities	Provides an overview of each group of activities, including their Funding Impact Statements (FIS).
Significance and Engagement Policy	Expresses to the public what decisions or topics the Council and the community consider to be of significance, how the Council will assess the importance of matters and how and when the community will be consulted.
Revenue and Financing Policy	Sets out the Council's policies on why and how funding sources are used to fund Council expenditure. The policy shows how the selection of funding sources complies with the funding policy process in section 101(3) of the Local Government Act 2002. This policy guides the Council in setting the rates for the year and decides who pays what.



Rates Remission Policies	Outlines the Council's approach for determining and administering reductions in or waiving of rates for particular ratepayers.	
Statement on fostering Māori participation in Council decision making	Outlines the steps the Council intends to take to foster Māori capacity to contribute to the Council decision-making processes over the period of the Long Term Plan.	
Draft Development Contributions Policy	Outlines the Council's approach to recovering the costs of growth (i.e. providing for additional infrastructure and services) through fees to developers.	
Schedule of Fees and Charges	Outlines the Council's proposed fees and charges for a range of services including building consent, dog registration, library loans and food premises registration.	
Reserve Financial Contributions budgets and proposed projects	Outlines the Council's approach to charging a fee for new developments to fund the purchase and improvement of reserves.	
Accounting Information	Provides detailed accounting information including a range of accounting policies, information on inflation adjusted accounts, assumptions and reserve funds.	
Inflation Adjusted Accounts	Provides inflation-adjusted financial projections for the ten years of the Long Term Plan 2015-2025.	
Assumptions Document	Outlines the assumptions that the Council has made in developing the strategies, policies and plans for the Long Term Plan 2015-2025.	
Reserve Funds	Identifies each of the Council's Reserve Funds, the purpose of the Fund, the activities it is for, the period it is for, and expected deposits and withdrawals.	
Funding Impact Statement	Outlines the sources of funding the Council intends to use, the expected amount from each source and how the Council plans to spend the funds. Includes rating maps, showing areas specific rates apply to.	
Treasury Risk Management Policy	Outlines the policies and procedures for all treasury activity by the Council, to ensure risk is managed prudently. It includes the Liability Management and Investment Policies.	
Policy for Payment of Rates for Subsequent Years	Outlines the Council's policy as to whether or not it will offer ratepayers (in an area of benefit) the option of paying a payment of rates for subsequent financial years instead of a loan charge in the following financial year or years. It summarises the conditions for applying the policy when the option is available.	

All of these documents will be available online at www.tasman.govt.nz and in all Council Service Centres, offices and libraries. A CD will also be available containing all the documents as a set.

Living in Tasman District, you'll receive further information in early March 2015. As we have in the past, we will hold public meetings

throughout the District to present the proposals. If you would like to contribute to the Council's decision-making, please come along and discuss the issues and options with the Mayor, Councillors and staff. If you decide that you want to be even more involved, you could make a submission. (Submissions close on 20 April 2015.)

Invitation to attend a Road Safety Demonstration in your neighbourhood

Organised Stopping Distance Demonstrations are being held as part of a road safety campaign to show how long it takes for a car to stop when travelling at different speeds.

You, your family and your neighbours are encouraged to join in on one of these demonstrations.

Please note:

- Cars will be allowed into and out of the area under controlled conditions at certain times
- · No roadside parking will be allowed during the road closure
- · Emergency services will be notified and allowed access
- If you have to exit your driveway during the road closure period please seek assistance from a steward in a safety vest before exiting. This is for your own safety.
- Exact times for the demonstrations can be found on the council website

For further information please contact: Krista Hobday, Tasman District Council on Ph. 03 543 8551 / 027 405 6888.







The following roads will be closed to traffic to allow these demonstrations to take place:

Fairfax Street, Murchison Monday 16 March 2015, 9.00 am – 10.30 am

ROAD

CLOSED

 Iwa Street, Mapua Monday 16 March 2015, 1.15 pm – 3.00 pm

Wadsworth Street, Takaka
 Tuesday 17 March 2015, 9.15 am – 1.10 pm

Grey Street, Motueka
 Wednesday 18 March 2015, 9.10 am – 12.15 pm

School Road, Lower Moutere
 Wednesday 18 March 2015, 1.15 pm – 2.45 pm

 Woodland Avenue, Motueka Wednesday 18 March 2015, 6.00 pm – 7.30 pm

Greenhill Road, Ngatimoti
 Thursday 19 March 2015, 9.00 am – 11.30 am

Goddard Road, Tasman
 Thursday 19 March 2015, 1.30 pm – 2.55 pm

• Church Street, Richmond Friday 20 March 2015, 9.05 am – 12.15 pm

Herbert Street, Richmond
 Friday 20 March 2015, 1.35 pm – 3.00 pm

Time to get your Good Wood

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Diversion Constructed at Young's Bridge

A temporary diversion is in place at Young's Bridge on the Collingwood-Puponga Main Road to maintain road access beyond the bridge.

On Tuesday 27 January a temporary speed limit was put in place to slow traffic across the bridge while the reason for the visible slumping at one end was investigated. However, as the bridge is continuing to settle and move, it became necessary to divert traffic away from it for safety reasons and to allow repairs to take place.

The road will remain open, although care around roadworks is required. The diversion has been constructed alongside the eastern side of the existing bridge, using locally-sourced culverts and gravel. It will be able

to cope with the tidal nature of the creek and provide 24-hour access. The work has been managed by Fulton Hogan and Sollys.

The diversion will be in place until bridge repairs are completed, which may take several weeks depending on access to materials and equipment. Care will be required on the single lane diversion particularly with increased traffic during the holiday period.

All options for repair are being investigated, as are the causes for the failure, now that the engineers can safely get full access to bridge. Solutions will need to be presented to the Council and NZTA before any repair work can commence.



Pohara Beach contamination issue

Samples collected from Pohara Beach near the eastern end of the campground over a period around New Year show the concentration of disease-causing organisms exceeded the national guidelines or came very close to exceeding them several times.

The source of this contamination appears to be Pohara Creek that runs behind the Penguin Cafe. Despite extensive work to try and locate the contamination sources by investigating the main sewer lines and sewer connections of individual households and businesses, none have been found. Pleasingly the results for the second half of January 2015 show the beach to be back to the normal very low concentrations of disease-causing organisms

(E. coli bacteria is the indicator we monitor). The signs warning people against swimming will remain in the vicinity of the outfall of Pohara Creek until such time as the concentrations in the creek are consistently within standards for secondary contact.

If anyone has any information on a likely faecal contamination source, or has seen any fluorescent yellow dye in the creek, can you please let the Council know.

See data for this site at www.tasman.govt.nz/ environment/water/swimming-water-quality/ swim-marine-848

Skatepark Tour wraps up

The Tasman Skatepark Tour has just completed its ninth season, and continues to lead the way as the region's premier extreme sports showcase. The 2015 tour was made up of six regional heats, with over 1200 spectators and 250 competitors involved.

Primarily developed as a youth event, the tour has diversified and now attracts a wide range of age groups from all demographics. Every year the quality of the athletes improves and spectators are treated to amazing performances on two and four wheels.

The Tasman Skatepark Tour 2015 Champions are:

Bike: Tom Basset-Eason Skate: Reggie McDonald Scooter: Kelsyn MacDonald



To find out more about Tasman District's skateparks go to www.tasman.govt.nz



Tasman Resource Management Plan Proposed Plan Changes 51 to 53

You are invited to make submissions on the following proposed amendments to the Tasman Resource Management Plan:

1. Proposed Plan Change 51: Review of Planning Framework for Deferred Urban Development

This Change amends policies affecting the rezoning of identified areas of rural land deferred for urban or rural residential purposes. The Change provides a consistent sequence of steps for all deferred areas to become rezoned once the reason for deferral is satisfied.

2. Proposed Plan Change 52: Upper Motueka Water Management Review

The change is as a result of new information regarding the freshwater resources in the upper Motueka Water management area. This Change:

- (a) creates two separate zones in the Tapawera Plains Zone that reflect the groundwater/river flow interaction more accurately; increases the allocation limit for the newly-created Glen Rae Water Management Zone and introduces a new rationing trigger in the Motueka River;
- (b) amends minimum flow and rationing requirements for the Motupiko Zone and introduces specific allocation and rationing provisions for the Rainy River;
- (c) amends an interpretation of "water harvesting" in an existing District-wide policy supporting water augmentation.

3. Proposed Plan Change 53: Update of Heritage and Protected Tree Schedules

This Change amends the Council's heritage schedule 16.13A by adding Horse Terrace Bridge, an early twentieth-century concrete arch bridge in the Upper Matakitaki Valley. It also proposes to add three trees at Clifton, Appleby and Neudorf to the protected tree schedule 16.13B.

Availability of Proposed Amendments

The proposed amendments are available to view at the Council's Richmond Office, Motueka Service Centre, Takaka Service Centre or online at www.tasman.govt.nz/link/trmp-pc. Submission forms are also available.

Submissions

Any person may make a written submission on any aspect of the proposed Changes.

Submissions must clearly indicate support or opposition to the provisions, the decision that the submitter wishes the Council to make (with reasons), whether or not the submitter wishes to be heard in support of the submission and an address for service or contact address. Submissions can be sent to Manager Policy, Tasman District Council, Private Bag 4, Richmond 7050.

Submissions close 4.00 pm, Monday 10 March 2015.

Consideration of Proposed Amendments

After submissions have closed, the Council will publish a summary of all decisions requested by submitters. There will be a further period of 10 working days within which further submissions in support of or opposition to those submissions made may be sent to the Council. The Council will then hold hearings on all submissions and all submitters may be heard. After the Council considers the submissions and makes its decisions, any submitter who is not satisfied with the decision has the right of appeal to the Environment Court.

Update Pages to the Plan

Update No. 50 to the Plan, including all amendments to the text as a result of the proposed amendments, will be available as soon as possible. For enquiries concerning the update or availability of the Plan, please contact Pam Meadows Ph. 03 543 8581, Email: pam.meadows@tasman.govt.nz or one of the Customer Services staff.

Contacts

For more information or advice on these amendments, please contact:

- For Change 51: Steve Markham, Ph. 03 543 8427, Email: steve.markham@tasman.govt.nz
- For Change 52: Mary-Anne Baker, Ph. 03 543 8486, Email: mary-anne.baker@tasman.govt.nz
- For Change 53: Rose Biss, Ph. 03 543 8421, Email: rose.biss@tasman.govt.nz

Commencement of Operative Changes 21, 22, 31, 40, 41, 43 and 44 to Parts I and II of the Tasman Resource Management Plan

Notice is given that the Tasman District Council has, on 13 November 2014 and 29 January 2015, approved the following Plan Changes:

Change 21: Active Fault Rupture Risk Management

Change 22: Mapua/Ruby Bay Development

Change 31: Slope Instability Risk Area Review, Richmond

Change 40: Review of Active Fault Rupture Risk Area and Slope

Instability Risk Area Provisions

Change 41: Heritage Schedule Update
Change 43: Motueka West Development
Change 44: Motueka Central Development

to commence from 31 January 2015 as Operative Changes to the Tasman Resource Management Plan.

The text of the Plan as Operative will be viewable on Council's website www.tasman.govt.nz as soon as possible. All current Plan holders of the Plan will be forwarded Update 50 shortly afterwards.

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Mapua – Unicycling Family Fun Day 14 February 2015, starts 11.00 am

Mapua Waterfront Park will play host to all things unicycling – demonstrations, learn how and have a go, and unicycling competitions, time trials and prizes. Also an 'on the day' art competition with prizes will be taking place. Come for a picnic at the Waterfront Park and enjoy the fun!

Motueka

15 February 2015, starts 1.00 pm

The family bike ride starts at the skate park on Old Wharf Road and follows the shared path around the estuary before finishing back at the skate park for prize giving at 2.00 pm. This is an all off-road route and if you haven't discovered this delightful loop already then this ride will be a great introduction.

Golden Bay

22 February 2015, starts 10.00 am

The family fun ride starts at the Central Takaka School and takes East Takaka Road to the East Takaka Domain. The Way 2 Go trailer and bike ramps will be at the East Takaka Domain for people to try out too!

Rabbit Island

2 March 2015, starts 2.00 pm

Explore the Conifer Park Mountain Bike Trails, Tasman's Great Taste Trail or test yourself on the skills course. Look for the signs at the end of Ken Beck Drive as you reach Rabbit Island. Loads of easy options for two wheeled fun. The routes are on formed gravel tracks suitable for most ages, skills and fitness levels. The trails include the newly upgraded Conifer Mountain Bike Tracks and Tasman's Great Taste Trail that takes you to the far west end of Rabbit Island. There will also be Children's Day celebrations from 2.00 pm – 4.00 pm.

KONICA MINOLTA BIKEFEST

The bike festival calendar is packed with events for all levels and interests from BMX, mountain biking, road cycling and leisure cycling. For information visit www.bikefestnelson.co.nz

CRICKET WORLD CUP BIKE CHECK

Why not bike to your Cricket World Cup 2015 games? You'll save on fuel costs, avoid the hunt for a car park and the before-and-after traffic jams, all while doing your bit for the environment!

Get Moving is providing bike storage at each of the three games at Saxton Oval Gate C entrance.

There will be two options for cyclists;

- "Lock and leave your bike". You can lock your bike on the racks provided. Get Moving staff will be onsite to keep an eye on your bikes.
- "Check your bike". You can check your bike in so that the mechanics onsite can give your bike a check over and undertake minor maintenance work (as time permits) all while you're enjoying the game.

There will also be spot prizes including snap bands, puncture repair kits, maps and high visibility gear.

Get Moving is an active communities project supported by both Tasman District and Nelson City councils, Sport Tasman and Sport New Zealand. The project encourages people to walk, cycle or run for fitness, recreation as well as a mode of transport. Get Moving has a number of other community events planned over the summer to encourage people to get out on foot or on their bike. You can keep and eye out for their activities on the website at www.get-moving.org.nz



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Resource Consents

Applicant: Tasman District Council (Engineering Services Department)

Location: Tasman District-wide – all rateable sections of rivers and streams covered by flood protection schemes within the District – but excluding all of the following: Schedule 1 Waterways, Te Waikoropupu Springs Scenic Reserve, waterways within National Parks, major wetlands, and the Coastal Marine Area.

Legal Description: Crown lands and other public and private lands comprising riverbeds, riverbanks and fairways.

Consent Type, Application Number and Proposal:

Application RM140869

Aerial discharge of herbicides for the purpose of controlling woody weed growth within flood channels. (Renewal of global consent RM120610.)

Application RM140870

Ground-based discharge of herbicides for the purpose of controlling woody weed growth within flood channels. (Renewal of global consent NN000425.)

Applicant's Address for Service: Environmental Management Services Limited, PO Box 149, Napier 4140, Attention: Murray Tonks.

The application and supporting information may be examined in the main office of the Tasman District Council (Richmond), the Motueka Service Centre, the Golden Bay Service Centre and the Murchison Service Centre during normal office hours.

Any person may make a submission on the application in accordance with Section 96 of the Resource Management Act 1991. The submission must be in the prescribed form (Form 13) and copies of this form are available from Council offices and are available on the Council's website www.tasman.govt.nz The submission form should be addressed to the Council's Resource Consent Administration Officer and may be either: (1) hand delivered to any of the Council offices; (2) mailed to Private Bag 4, Richmond 7050; (3) faxed to the Council on 03 543 9524; or (4) Emailed to the Council: resourceconsentadmin@tasman.govt.nz. The submission form must be received by the Council no later than **4.30 pm on Monday 2 March 2015**.

A copy of your submission must be sent to the applicant as soon as reasonably practicable after serving your submission on the Council. This notice has been included in Newsline as the most practicable way of serving notice on land owners within the District who might be affected by the proposed activities.

Dated this 24th day of January 2015 Phil Doole, Resource Consents Manager

Public Notices

Navigation Safety Bylaw: Temporary reservations and speed limit uplifting for maritime events between 1 February and 13 March 2015

Under the provisions of the Navigation Safety Bylaw 2005, the Tasman District Council Harbourmaster has (or may soon) grant authorisations for the following known events between February and March 2015. Other events may also occur during this time but the Harbourmaster has not yet received further applications.

Event Date	Location	Activity
13 February – 14 February 2015	Lake Rotoiti, Kerr Bay	Waka ama racing
28 February – 1 March 2015	Lake Rotoiti, Kerr Bay	Power boat regatta
7 March – 8 March 2015	Lake Rotoiti, Kerr Bay	Classic boat show

Due to Navigation Safety requirements, water users not involved in these events may be excluded from defined areas during these activities. Notices will be placed at nearby access points during these events. Further details for these and any new events may be viewed at www.tasman.govt.nz/link/marine-events

Dovedale Country Affair Festival

Sunday 15 February 2015, 11.00 am – 4.00 pm Dovedale Recreational Reserve, Dovedale Road

This year's annual Dovedale Country Affair is bigger and better than ever. A real country occasion with entertainment and lots of free activities for the whole family.

With live music all day, including headline duo the Gypsy Pickers, you'll want to make a day of it. Experience life in the country and join in with traditional country games, including tug-of-war; marvel at the sheepdogs, duck roundup (yes), and shearers. Learn how Dovedale played its part in the first world war from a great exhibition, and browse the art from Motueka Art Group. Back by popular demand is the kids water slide, not to mention the silent auction, motorcycle sidecar rides and farm animals. Entry is \$2 for adults, children free. Follow the signs from Prices Corner (Neudorf Road turnoff) on the Upper Moutere. On rain or shine.



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Public Notices

Feedback sought – Rural land use and subdivision policy review

In recent months, the Council has been preparing changes to rural land use and subdivision provisions in its Tasman Resource Management Plan. Feedback on a Draft Plan Change is now being sought from residents.

The proposed changes could provide opportunities for rural housing and subdivision with specific opportunities for rural commercial activities, cooperative living and rural-residential development. The new ideas have been developed from an earlier period of consultation on issues and options and Council workshops on the feedback received.

The Council is now seeking public input into the Draft Plan Change until the end of March 2015.

Public evening meetings have been organised to enable community discussion on the proposed changes:

- 17 February 2015, 5.00 pm 9.00 pm, Wakefield Wakefield Fire Station
- 19 February 2015, 5.00 pm 9.00 pm, Takaka Takaka Bowling Club
- 24 February 2015, 5.00 pm 9.00 pm, Motueka Motueka Hall supper room.

These sessions are open to the public, with staff and Councillors attending to discuss the proposed changes. A presentation with a question and answer session will run each evening from 6.30 pm.

To find out more and see a copy of the draft Plan Change you can go to the Council's website or view at the Council's Service Centres.

For more information about the rural review and the Draft Plan Change contact: Sonya Leusink-Sladen, Email: Sonya.Leusink-Sladen@tasman.govt.nz or Mary Honey, Email: Mary.Honey@tasman.govt.nz

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Roading

Proposed Closure of Road to Ordinary Vehicular Traffic

In accordance with the Transport (Vehicle Road Closure) Regulations 1965, notice is hereby given that for the purpose of allowing Richmond Unlimited to hold the Sprig & Fern Summer Harvest Fare, the following road is proposed to 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 6 March 2015 to the office of the Tasman District Council, 189 Queen Street, Richmond.

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

Croucher Street between Queen Street and McGlashen Avenue and Sundial Square car park.

Period of closure

2.30 pm – 11.00 pm, Friday 20 March 2015.

Council Meetings

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Part of the audience at Golden Bay Museum, listening to Willa Visker read from Tasman's journal. To her left is Robert Jenkin's diorama and partly obscured is Ron Aaron's 1/25th-scale model of the Heemskerck. (Photo: Robert Jenkin)

Remembering First Meeting Day 1642

The weather gods decided to frown on First Meeting Day 2014, which took place on 18 December 2014, the 372nd anniversary of the day Abel Tasman's ships Heemskerck and Zeehaen sailed into Golden Bay/Mohua in 1642.

Not only did the voyagers put this bay and the west coast of New Zealand on the world map for the first time, but they came face to face with Maori, a meeting that ended in confrontation. The charts, images and descriptions from the Dutch voyage are the earliest documents of the shared history of this country and its people. It's an anniversary worth noting.

Despite misty rain at the national monument above Ligar Bay, over 20 locals gathered to learn more about the events of 1642, the monument constructed in 1942, and plans for its upgrade by 2017. Philip Simpson spoke about Maori place names of the area and their significance, part of research for a history he is writing of Abel Tasman National Park. Neil Murray of DOC acknowledged the need to better represent the Maori perspective of the 1642 events in the information displayed.

Although Christine Hofkens (Netherlands Embassy) couldn't fly in until later (due to the weather) Mayor Richard Kempthorne and his wife Jane were present for the occasion. They had visited Lutjegast, Tasman's birthplace and site of a new museum, a few months earlier, and the Mayor reflected on the connections between the countries, as well as Golden Bay's own heritage story.

At the end of the day a crowd of over 30, including several children, packed into the Golden Bay Museum in Takaka to hear Tasman's original account of the events read by Willa Visker. The words were made even more dramatic by playing instruments that matched the description, with recordings by Richard Nunns of traditional instruments (putatara, pukaea) and Willa playing the trumpet, plus cannon shots. The public had the chance to pick the brains of local Tasman scholar Robert Jenkin and visiting researcher Dave Horry, before enjoying some Dutch refreshments. Christine Hofkens introduced the occasion and expressed the appreciation of the Netherlands Embassy that the shared history is being kept alive.

The final event of this year's anniversary programme took place the following day, when a group of 16 walkers followed researcher Dave Horry (of the campervan Heemskerck) along the shoreline of Wainui Bay to Taupo Point, the pa site closest to Tasman's anchorage.

Along the way Philip Simpson pointed out some special features, including the cave of the taniwha (monster) Ngarara Huarau, and nearby karaka trees, almost certainly grown from kernels by early Maori living in coastal villages. The Taupo Point pa site is of great interest, allowing an excellent vantage point over Golden Bay/Mohua, and its dual beaches providing haulashore areas for waka, of which Tasman recorded 22.

It is pleasing to see interest growing in New Zealand's earliest shared historical event.

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