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Changes to your Water Bill

When you receive your first rates bill for the 2015-2016 year you may notice a change. For those who presently receive a water bill that contains a fixed daily charge, from 1 July 2015 the Council will be moving this amount to your rates bill as a service charge.

It will, of course, be removed from your water bill – effectively your rates bill will go up by the same amount your water bill reduces by.

Benefits of this change include;

- 1) the payment of this charge will now be spread over the four rates instalment dates, rather than two six monthly water accounts, and
- 2) you will have greater clarity on your actual water usage.

The transition to the different billing process will be spread over a period of up to six months as each area's water meters are read and the fixed charges for the period to 30 June 2015 are invoiced on your water bill.

If you have your rates paid by Direct Debit, and your water charges are paid by six monthly Direct Debit, then you will not need to do anything. We will adjust your amounts for you.

If you are on a fixed water payment option (such as a weekly, fortnightly or monthly payments), moving to the six monthly direct debit will ensure your payment of the correct amount. Please contact the Council's rates team to make this change.

If you are not on a direct debit payment plan for your water or rates, you may wish to sign up to ensure your bills are paid on time and avoid penalties for late payment. Contact the Council for a direct debit form, or download one from the Council's website, www.tasman.govt.nz



Message from the Mayor

This edition of Newsline will reach Tasman residents either just before or on ANZAC weekend. I have the honour of attending the services being held in Takaka and Collingwood. It is one of the privileges of being Mayor. For some it is a holiday that the Government has just 'Mondayised'. For many it is a day to remember and recognise the sacrifice a large number of New Zealand men and women made in defence of our values, and freedom. For a smaller number it is a deeply personal affair, a time when they reflect on their family's loss to conflict.

The 100 years we are reflecting on is not just about World War 1, it is an opportunity for us to remember and acknowledge the sacrifices New Zealanders have made through a century of conflicts involving our Armed Forces. Over the past century we have developed from members of the Empire's armed forces into the deliverers of a national contribution to an international conscience; a contribution that defines our nationhood.

When the men and women who are celebrated on memorials throughout the country went off to war in 1915, they would not have known what they were heading to, nor how their sacrifice and

selflessness would build a nation's belief in itself as an independent country. This is our opportunity to honour and pay respect to all those who have gone over the years, in all wars and in all capacities.

Mayor Richard Kempthorne



Proposed Tasman District Council Wastewater Bylaw 2015

This proposed bylaw is available for you to have your say – further consultation closes at 4.30 pm Monday 11 May 2015.

Amendments to the proposed bylaw publicly notified in December 2014 have been made. The amendments relate to the distinction between, and requirements for, permitted activities, registered trade waste activities, conditional trade waste activities, and prohibited waste.

Businesses or community facilities that only have conveniences such as toilets, kitchenettes, and/or staff rooms are not now considered producers of trade waste. Many trade waste activities now simply need to register their activity with the Council. Trade waste activities that are likely to have an adverse affect on the wastewater system will need a trade waste permit.

A statement of proposal is available for viewing on the Council's website www.tasman.govt.nz and at all Council offices, Service Centres, and Libraries during normal opening hours.

If you have any questions regarding the bylaw or the consultation process, please contact Daryl Page on Ph. 03 543 7264 or Email: daryl.page@tasman.govt.nz

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Ice Warning Markers offer early warning

Solar-powered ice warning markers have been on trial since last year on isolated sections of some roads around Tasman. Designed to alert drivers to when the temperature is low enough to support a risk of ice on the road, the raised markers will glow blue when the road starts to freeze.

With over 200 markers placed in over 10 locations throughout the District they have proved successful in the sturdiness stakes and

have operated consistently in areas that have reduced sunlight during winter.

While winter and colder temperatures are with us, the markers cannot be guaranteed to be working, so always drive to the conditions and use caution. It is also worth noting that when there is ice on the roads it will likely extend beyond the marker trial area, so when the markers end the ice will continue.

Young's Bridge

The currently unusable Young's Bridge in northern Golden Bay is to be repaired.

The work, with an estimated cost of less than \$100,000, will involve the replacement of the affected piles to level the single lane bridge to its former alignment.

In investigating other options the location near the river, its flood control role of the stream it crosses and the impact on the coastal environment have made any other option prohibitively expensive.

Tendered to local firms the work is expected to be completed mid-2015.

Nutrition workshop

The Soroptimist Club of Waimea is holding a workshop in the Headingly Centre, Richmond, on 8 June 2015 at 7.00 pm where Nicola Galloway, noted nutritionist and author of a number of books related to nutrition, will demonstrate recipes aimed at improving digestion.

For further information contact Diane Thomsen, Mobile: 027 247 7529, email: thomsedi@gmail.com

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Getting ready for winter

Have you considered the state of your home's insulation recently?

As the weather starts getting cooler, it's not just your heater that you should be thinking about. Did you know that a well insulated house makes great economic sense because it saves you money you might otherwise need to spend on keeping your house warm? Around 35% of the energy used in the average New Zealand household goes on heating the home. If your home doesn't have adequate insulation a lot of your heat is just wasted. Warm, dry homes are also healthier and more comfortable for your family to live in. Insulating homes reduces health risks caused by cold, damp housing such as respiratory illnesses and serious diseases like rheumatic fever, and will help reduce the number of doctors' visits.

Have you got ceiling insulation?

Insulation deteriorates over time and its effectiveness will decrease. Flat, tired batts in your ceiling will need to be upgraded to ensure your house continues to be well insulated.

Check to make sure your ceiling insulation is dry, thick enough, and that there are no gaps. Does it cover the whole ceiling area and is there clearance between light fittings and chimneys? Can you install underfloor insulation in your house? Get advice from professionals if you can't check yourself. Service Providers who have been working with the Council to promote insulation include Absolute Energy Ltd Ph. 03 547 2503 and Kiwi Insulation Ph. 03 538 0622 and they will provide free assessments. More advice is available through the Energy Efficiency and Conservation Authority (EECA) on their webpage.

Assistance with insulation

There is some financial assistance for insulation upgrades through the EECA Warm Up New Zealand Healthy Homes programme that it is prioritised for people with health needs. For a referral into the programme people need to speak to their health provider about referring them to the Healthy Homes Referral Coordinator at Nelson Marlborough District Health Board's (NMDHB) Public Health Service, or ask their GP for

a letter recommending them for an insulation programme due to benefits to their health.

In addition to a health need, the householder must hold a current community services card and live in a home built before year 2000.

Health referrers include:

NMDHB hospital and community based Doctors, Nurses, Midwives and Social Workers, Nelson Bays Primary Health clinical and Kaiaatawhai services, General Practices, Te Piki Oranga, Plunket, Family Start.



For more information go to www.energywise.govt.nz

Vehicle licensing in Murchison

Land Transport New Zealand vehicle licensing services are now available from the Council's Murchison Service Centre. Previously available through the iSITE on Waller Street locals can now get their vehicle registration and mileage sorted through the Council Service Centre at 92 Fairfax Street, Tuesday to Friday, 10.30 am – 12.30 pm and 1.10 pm – 4.00 pm.

Please note driver licensing services are provided in Motueka, Richmond and Nelson.





Bird's eye view of creek widening

The Council is undertaking an ongoing programme to widen Borck Creek in Richmond, and other water courses in the catchment, to improve stormwater discharge as well as amenity and environment values. In time, the creek will be widened to form an 'environment' channel, which means we will make the channel as natural as possible to encourage wildlife and recreational amenity.

The work is being undertaken in a series of stages. The current stage involves widening Borck Creek from Headingly Lane past the Richmond Water Treatment Plant, and widening Poutama Drain which runs from Jubilee Park to Borck Creek.

Sections of Borck Creek will be widened from approximately 10m to 35m bank to bank and landscaped with native plants over the next three years.

Initially Poutama Drain will be widened to between 7m and 15m bank to bank from Borck Creek up to a stormwater connection on the Railway Reserve at Jubilee Park. This channel is treated as a 'hydraulic' channel and is designed to emphasise efficient transfer of flood flows. There will be some landscaping and native planting and Poutama Drain is likely to be widened further in the future once the required land becomes available and as urban development occurs.

For residents not aware of the extent of Borck Creek a recent drone flight has provided some superb aerial footage. The footage starting above Headingly Lane shows the recently completed work on Borck Creek and Poutama Drain. Read more on www.tasman.govt.nz/link/borck-creek

Planning for Brightwater and Wakefield's future

We are planning for long-term population and business growth in Brightwater and Wakefield. To support this conversation with residents and businesses we have prepared a strategy and a draft plan change for each township.

This stage builds on last year's conversations with the community using those as a base for this next step in the planning.

Within both documents we are looking to address the current issues including;

- managing flooding and its associated risks,
- more open space and walkways, and
- identifying the best place for residential and business opportunities.

If you would like a say on what the future could look like for Brightwater and Wakefield there will be two information sessions and presentations:

- Monday 4 May at Brightwater School Hall for Brightwater Info session 4.00 pm – 6.00 pm, and evening presentation 7.45 pm (following the Community Association monthly meeting) – 9.15 pm
- Thursday 14 May at the Wakefield Fire Station for Wakefield Info session 4.00 pm – 6.00 pm and evening presentation 7.00 pm – 9.00 pm Information is also available on the Council website www.tasman.govt.nz

We are accepting comments until Tuesday 9 June 2015.

For more information about the strategy and draft plan change please contact: Rose Biss, Ph. 03 543 8421 – for Brightwater. Shelagh Noble, Ph. 03 543 7229 – for Wakefield.

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Smart use of technology brings new recycling bins

An enhanced recycling service is coming to Tasman from 29 June 2015.

The Council is about to launch a new service that will result in more waste being diverted from landfill and increased recycling volumes over the next eight years. It will also make it easier for residents to recycle, allow more recycling to be collected and keep the materials tidy, clean and dry.

At the moment, the Council's waste management contractor, Smart Environmental, processes over 3800 tonnes of recyclables each year and 2600 tonnes of this comes from kerbside collections. It is expected that recycling volumes will increase between 10 to 20% in the first year of operation, reducing the total amount of waste that gets sent to landfill.

There will be no changes to collection routes for recycling and rubbish bag services, but some collection days and times will change. There will be no extra cost to the Council and, ultimately, the ratepayer for this increased convenience and regional waste minimisation.

The key features of the changes, to be introduced this year, are:

- The distribution of new 240 litre black mobile recycling bins to each household for the collection of recycling materials excluding glass
- Continued use of the existing blue recycling crates for glass only
- A change to fortnightly recycling collections
- A new materials recovery facility for sorting recyclable materials at the Richmond Resource Recovery Centre
- A new fleet of collection vehicles and other mobile plant for safer and more efficient services across the District
- Continued sale and collection of Council's small and big rubbish bags, with a weekly collection service

We'll keep you informed on the project's progress over the next few months to ensure that everyone is ready on 29 June, 2015.



Mapua Wharf development on track

Mapua residents and visitors will notice fencing going up around the old aquarium site on the wharf as the site is prepared for the planned commercial development.

The start date is within the original timetable to lessen disruption to the area over the busy summer and Easter high seasons.

The site has presented some challenges, but these have been worked through to meet the planned completion date forecast for late September this year.

There has been a high level of interest in the site from potential leaseholders with agreements in the final stage of negotiation.

As a commercial landlord the Council is well aware of the need to take account of the location with regard to tenants that maximise the existing opportunities and present a variety of offerings to residents and visitors alike.

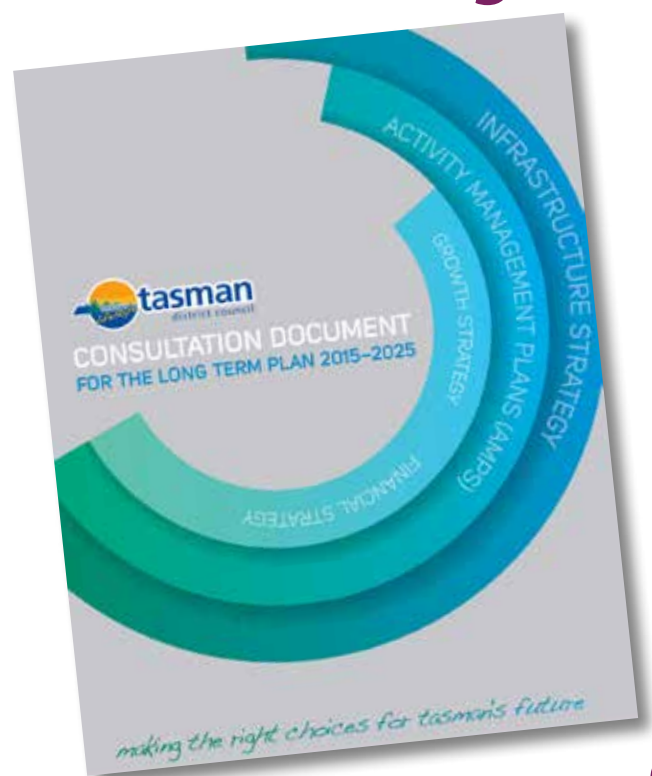
The popularity of the area as a destination has created the need to manage the parking area, wharf and ferry access differently and the Council is working with all parties to reach an agreeable solution. It is essential the growing number of visitors have the ability to enjoy the area safely, the current and future commercial tenants are able to operate successfully and residents are still able to enjoy the amenity of the area.

Full Council – Long Term Plan hearings

The Council has set aside the following dates and locations for Long Term Plan hearings. These dates are subject to change as they are dependent on the final number of submitters who indicate they wish to be heard in person. Confirmed dates, times and locations will be available on the Council's website www.tasman.govt.nz

There is no public forum at these hearings:

- Friday 1 May 2015, 1.00 pm, Takaka Fire Station, 6 Motupipi Street, Takaka
- Monday 4 May 2015, 10.30 am, Murchison Sport, Recreation and Cultural Centre, 82 Waller Street, Murchison
- Tuesday 5 May, 9.30 am, Motueka Memorial Hall, Pah Street, Motueka
- Wednesday 6 May, 9.30 am, Tasman Council Chamber, 189 Queen Street, Richmond
- Thursday 7 May, 1.00 pm, Tasman Council Chamber, 189 Queen Street, Richmond
- Friday 8 May, 9.30 am, Tasman Council Chamber, 189 Queen Street, Richmond



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Anzac weekend hours

With this year's Anzac Day being 'Mondayised', all Tasman District Libraries will be closed on Saturday 25 April and Monday 27 April.

Be sure to stock up on your library reading, watching and listening this week.

Number of items on loan changes

Did you know you can now have up to 35 items out on loan at any one time on your library card?

To keep track of what you've got out and when it's due back, just log in to your library account. All you need is the library barcode number – U0XXXXXX – on your card and your PIN number.

Don't know your PIN? Give your local library a call or email us and we'll sort it out with you.

As well as being able to see what you've got out and when it's due back, you can also renew your items yourself, place holds on your next great read and access e-books and a wide range of other resources from your e-library.

Emma Stevens at Richmond Library

Head into Richmond Library on Thursday 30 April at 5.30 pm to hear local author Emma Stevens talking about her new book *Walking on Ice*.

Little did Emma know that when she began developing a new friendship via the internet, it would lead her to both a new romantic relationship and a whole new world so very different from New Zealand.

Emma's story of her six years working alongside her new husband in a world of snow, ice, caribou, bears and the Yup'ik Eskimo people is fascinating. So come along and get a glimpse into life in the Arctic Circle.

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Your library – your gateway to the world

Anzac Day online memory board

It's still not too late to add your memories to our Anzac Day online memory board.

What does Anzac Day mean to you? Do you have a particularly strong memory or story about Anzac Day? Would you like to share your memory or story?

From 1–30 April you can add your story to our Anzac Day online memory board.

You'll find the memory board on our Kete Tasman site. Go to the Heritage – Local History section of the library website. You'll find a link to Kete Tasman in the Local History online resources section. Scroll down to find the online memory board.

If you need help to get started, contact our Information Services team at Richmond Library, Ph. 03 543 8500.

We'd love to hear from you.

Roll of Honour online

Although the battlefields of WW1 were on the other side of the world, the War had a devastating effect on New Zealand society. Nearly 2,500 people from the Nelson-Tasman area served in some capacity. Most households had a family member serve or die in the war. Nearly one in five who served did not return.

As part of the centenary commemorations, Tasman District Libraries staff have digitized the World War One section of Cyd Daughtrey and Eileen Thawley's 'Roll of Honour' series.

The Roll of Honour contains information about the servicemen from Tasman and Nelson who were killed during the war. With links to further information about each soldier, you'll find the Roll of Honour on the library website in the Heritage section at Local History – Kete Tasman.

Your library – honouring the past, creating the future

Youth Week

A heads up for teens out there that Youth Week is coming your way soon. With a theme of *We are the future/Kō tātau te ao o āpōpō*, Youth Week runs from 23–31 May 2015. The week aims to value, support and affirm the diversity of young people in our society. Richmond, Motueka and Takaka libraries will all have activities on offer to celebrate young people in our communities. Watch this space!

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Community Notices

ANZAC Day, 25 April 2015 – Tasman Services and Parades

- Tapawera:** Service – 9.45 am Memorial Hall
- Richmond:** Parade – 10.45 am from Sundial Square
Service – 11.00 am at War Memorial Gardens, Cambridge Street
- Brightwater:** Service – 9.00 am at Brightwater Memorial Hall Gates
- Wakefield:** Service – 10.00 am at the Cenotaph
- Motueka:** Parade – 6.15 am from Countdown Supermarket
Service – 6.30 am at the Cenotaph
- Murchison:** Service – 11.00 am at the Memorial in Waller Street
(Murchison Sport, Recreation and Cultural Centre if wet)
- Mapua:** Parade – 10.45 am Starts adjacent to tennis courts
Service – 11.00 am at Mapua RSA Memorial Library, followed by morning tea at the Mapua Hall. A plate would be appreciated.
- Upper Moutere:** Service – 10.00 am at the Domain
- Tasman:** Service – 10.00 am at the Memorial
- Riwaka:** Laying of Wreath – 9.00 am at the Riwaka Memorial
- Ngatimoti:** Laying of Wreath and Service – 10.30 am at the Ngatimoti Memorial
- Takaka:** Dawn Service – 6.30 am at Memorial Library
- Collingwood:** Dawn Parade – assemble 6.15 am
Service – citizens' service 10.30 am in the Memorial Hall
- Lake Rotoiti:** Service – 10.30 am in the Lake Rotoiti Community Hall



Roading

Road Closures

In accordance with the Transport (Vehicle Road Closure) Regulations 1965, the public is advised that for the following roads will be closed to ordinary vehicles for the periods and times indicated below.

ANZAC Day – Services and Parades

Saturday 25 April 2015:

- **Queen Street, Richmond.** Sundial Square to Cambridge Street, 10.30 am to 11.00 am.
- **Oxford Street, Richmond.** Gladstone Road to the Wensley Road roundabout, 10.15 am to 12.30 pm.
- **Whitby Way, Wakefield.** From the intersection with Edward Street to number 14 Whitby Way, 9.00 am to 12.30 pm.
- **Aranui Road, Mapua.** From the tennis courts to the intersection of Aranui Road and Toru Street, 10.30 am to 11.15 am.

Nelson Car Club – Rally Sprint

Sunday 26 April 2015, 9.30 am to 7.00 pm:

- **Tadmor–Glenhope Road.** From 4.3km north of the intersection with Kohatu-Kawatiri Highway (State Highway 6) to 2.7km south of the intersection with Tui Road and Kereru Road.

Proposed Road Closures

In accordance with the Transport (Vehicle Road Closure) Regulations 1965, the public is advised that for the following roads are proposed to be closed to ordinary vehicles for the periods and times indicated below.

Nelson Car Club – Hill Climb

Sunday 24 May 2015, from 8.00 am to 5.00 pm:

- **Riwaka-Sandy Bay Road,** from the intersection with Takaka Hill Highway (State Highway 60) to just over the crest of the summit of Marahau Hill.

Any person objecting to the proposal should lodge notice of their objection before **Friday 8 May 2015** to the office of the Tasman District Council, 189 Queen Street, Richmond.

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Public Notices

Tasman Resource Management Plan (TRMP)

Proposed Plan Changes

51: Review of Planning Framework for Deferred Urban Development

52: Upper Motueka Water Management Review

Summary of Decisions Requested by Submitters and Opportunity for Further Submissions

Summaries of Decisions Requested

In response to submissions received on Proposed Changes 51 and 52 to the Tasman Resource Management Plan, the Council has prepared summaries of decisions requested.

The summaries of decisions requested by submitters, along with copies of all original submissions (including submission point numbers) are available to view at the Council's Richmond and Motueka offices. The summaries can also be viewed online at www.tasman.govt.nz/link/trmp-summaries.

Further Submissions

Any person who represents a relevant aspect of the public interest or who has an interest in the proposed changes greater than the general public may make a further submission to the Council in support of or in opposition to the submissions received. Further submissions can be sent to Tasman District Council, Private Bag 4, Richmond, Attention Manager Environmental Policy, to be accepted by the Council for a period closing at **4.00 pm on Tuesday 5 May 2015**. Forms for making further submissions are available at the Richmond Office and Motueka Service Centre, on the Council's website or by contacting Pam Meadows, Ph. 03 543 8581 or Email: pam.meadows@tasman.govt.nz.

Further submissions must be in writing clearly indicating which parts of the original submissions are supported or opposed, with reasons. Further submissions must state whether or not the submitter wishes to be heard in support of the submission and provide an address for service or contact address.

Please note: In making a further submission to the Council a copy must be sent, within five working days, to the person or persons who made the original submission.

Hearings

After the further submission opportunity has closed, the Council will hold hearings into all submissions and all submitters (original or further) may be heard. After the Council has considered the submissions and made its decisions, any submitter who is not satisfied with the decision has the right to appeal to the Environment Court.

Information on the Further Submission Process

For more information please contact:

Steve Markham (Change 51): Ph. 03 543 8427, or Mary-Anne Baker (Change 52): Ph. 03 543 8486.

Community Notices

Sport NZ Rural Travel Fund

Does your sports team have places to go and games to win?

The Sport NZ Rural Travel Fund is aimed at making it easier for young people living in rural communities to participate in team sports.

The fund can help subsidise travel costs for junior teams to enable them to take part in local sports competition. It is targeted at young people aged between 5-19 years.

Who is eligible?

The Rural Travel Fund is open to support rural sports clubs and rural school teams with players aged between 5-19 years.

The closing date is 30 April 2015 with applications to be considered by the Tasman District Council Grants and Community Facilities Rate Subcommittee.

Application forms and further information is online at www.tasman.govt.nz/council/grants-funding

Keep Richmond Beautiful Committee AGM

Annual General Meeting, Tuesday 12 May 2015, Tasman District Council Chambers, Queen Street, Richmond. Afternoon tea 2.45 pm, Meeting Commences at 3.00 pm.

A short AGM business session covering our Financial and Annual Report with election of officers. Plus coverage of events of the past year, with time for questions or new ideas.

Guest Speaker Cr. Zane Mirfin speaking on the "The outdoor guiding industry".

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Council Meetings

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

Environment and Planning Subcommittee (Resource Consent Hearing – B King)

Pohara Boat Club, Abel Tasman Drive, Takaka, Tuesday 28 April 2015, 12.30 pm. No public forum

Corporate Services Committee

Tasman Council Chambers, 189 Queen Street, Richmond, Thursday 30 April 2015, 9.30 am. Public forum

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Community Notices

Richmond & Districts Information Centre

Volunteers are required to work three hour shifts on a weekly or fortnightly basis at the Information Centre in Gladstone Road. Initially successful applicants would be required to work with more experienced volunteers before being asked to work on their own. Although applicants should preferably have a good knowledge of the local community, this is not necessary, as the Centre has a large database. You should be well presented and enjoy meeting and conversing with visitors from all over New Zealand and the world. The Centre is well appointed with good facilities.

If you are interested in this type of work, call in to the Centre or Ph. 03 543 9521 or contact Sally Symonds, Ph. 03 542 3983 for further details.

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Takaka 03 525 0020

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Keeping the air clean in Richmond

At this time of year there is often a tension between keeping homes warm and dry and also making sure our air quality does not compromise people's health. Tasman District Council is managing both these issues in the Richmond Airshed.

Air quality has been greatly improved since we started our air quality improvement work about ten years ago. The maximum exceedance has decreased from over 110ug/m³ to below 60ug/m³ PM10 (these figures are a measure of how many small particles or Particulate Matter there are in the air). The number of exceedences is also significantly lower, going from more than 50 exceedences when we first began this programme to two last year.

The Council's strategy depends on several different measures, each of which cannot be successful on its own, but when taken together are providing good results so far.

One of the main parts of the strategy recognises that the amount of smoke being discharged from a wood burner is greatly affected by how the burner is being operated, whether the burner is an old one or a modern clean air one.

All wood burners can be operated to minimise the amount of smoke being produced. Things like using dry, seasoned wood and ensuring adequate air flow when the burner is operating are essential to keep the amount of smoke produced to an acceptable level. Have a look at your chimney once you have got it going in the evening. How smokey does it look? A thin wisp of light coloured smoke is what you should be aiming for. Don't bank up your wood burner and then turn the air flow down low – keep a good air flow going and regularly load the burner.

Keeping the air clean is especially difficult when the nights are clear, calm and frosty. This is when the smoke remains in the air and particulate matter builds up to levels exceeding the standards. Keep a watchful eye on how your woodburner is operating on these sorts of nights. Council

compliance staff will also be checking chimneys during winter to make sure excessive smoke from chimneys is avoided.

The Council requires that a non-clean air wood burner must be upgraded when a house changes ownership. The Council considers that the need to upgrade to a clean air burner can be accounted for in the purchase price of the house. The rule is written so that either the purchaser or the vendor can upgrade. It enables the new owner to choose the home heating method they think is best for them.

The Council also encourages the voluntary upgrade of older model wood burners to clean air burners or some other form of clean heat. Some of the wood burners in Richmond are very old. They may no longer be operating as efficiently as they should and contribute more than a fair share of smoke. You are especially encouraged to review your heating if you use an open fire or an unflued gas heater. Open fires are extremely inefficient; they use a lot more fuel to heat a house and they also contribute very high levels of particulate matter to the air. Unflued gas heaters are also a very expensive form of heating. As well as that, they create huge amounts of moisture and other gases that are very bad for health, especially for children and elderly people.

Good insulation reduces heat loss and moisture levels in homes making houses warmer and healthier to live in. It also means less heat is lost overnight and reduces the temptation to "damp down" a wood burner – see also the article on insulation .

Any wood burner installation or upgrade requires a building permit. If you are buying a house in Richmond, information about the wood burner can be obtained through a LIM application from the Council, or you can ask to view the property file. If you are not sure if the burner is a clean air burner, information is available from the Ministry for the Environment (MfE) website www.mfe.govt.nz/laws/standards/woodburners/ or contact the wood burner manufacturer directly.



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