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The six week consultation period for the Council's proposed Long Term Plan 2015–2025 closed on 20 April. Over that period nearly 550 submissions were received covering a variety of subjects for the Councillors to consider in their deliberation of the final Long Term Plan (LTP), which will be adopted before 30 June 2015.

Over 85% of the submissions came in via the Council's website or were emailed directly, which indicated that the move to providing online options for making submissions was worthwhile and something residents valued.

Prior to the decision-making meetings in June 2015, the Councillors are travelling throughout the District to listen to submitters who wish to elaborate on their submissions at hearings.

As well as the Consultation Document, which framed the major issues facing the District, we also consulted on supporting policies including Development Contributions, fees and charges, a number of rating policies and our Growth Strategy. Information on Council decisions will be included in June and July editions of Newsline, and letters to submitters will be sent out in July.

All submissions received are available to be viewed online at www.tasman.govt.nz

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Message from the Mayor

I would like to thank the RSA for the wonderful commemorative services that it put on throughout the District and acknowledge the remarkable attendance from our community. I have received very positive feedback everywhere I have been.

By the time you read this we will have just finished the hearings for those who wished to present their Long Term Plan (LTP) submissions face to face. We appreciated hearing from just over 100 people from our community who chose to make verbal presentations to our Council.

This LTP process was different to those previous, and saw the Council producing a Consultation Document, and Financial and Infrastructure Strategies as the lead documents. The changes were welcomed by many, particularly the key issues being clearly identified. I believe our response to the changed consultation demands was good and that's not just my opinion – the Office of the Auditor General has been quoted as saying we had created a very effective Consultation Document.

Reinforcing this mood has been the positive feedback we have received regarding the proposed changes in the financial strategy addressing our reliance on debt and the affordability of rates over the next ten years. Councillors and staff have worked extremely hard

to identify and make these changes and still provide the ability and capability of providing for the future, and yes, that includes provision for the proposed Waimea Community Dam.

The heat has not gone off just because the consultation is over. I am aware, as are my fellow Councillors, of the impact decisions made over the next couple of months can have. We are looking to the future whilst catering for the needs of our current residents – a challenging, but not insurmountable, task.

I look forward to keeping you informed.

Mayor Richard Kempthorne



Annual Residents Survey – have your say

The Council wants to know how you think it is performing as a provider of services to the District. We provide a wide range of services to residents and businesses. From roads to wastewater, from libraries to protecting the environment, and everything in-between. Your views on these services help us improve what and how we do things.

Since 1996 we have commissioned an annual survey of residents' views, undertaken by the National Research Bureau (NRB) to ensure independence and impartiality.

Tasman residents over 18 years of age will be contacted by phone with the target of over 400 residents spread across the five wards and

various age brackets to ensure a representative sample. The survey will be conducted by telephone between 1 and 10 May.

The questions will focus on resident's levels of satisfaction with Council provided services, but will also inquire how and where people find out information about the Council and what Council decisions they approve or disapprove of.

The results from this survey provide very important insights and information about how and what we deliver to residents. While we make the results public the contributors are not revealed, not even to the Council.

If you are called please take the time to take part in the survey – it is important.



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Vessel Antifouling

It has been a great summer for boating and we are now heading into winter when many boat owners catch up with general maintenance, including repainting and antifouling hulls.

Keeping hulls clean is a critical part of preventing the spread of harmful marine organisms in our region. Mediterranean fan worm and clubbed tunicate are present in Nelson Harbour and it would be good to stop them spreading further. Keeping antifouling up to date and cleaning niche areas around the prop, keel and rudder are the most important things to do.

While antifouling paints have been refined over time, most still include metals and chemicals intentionally toxic to marine organisms. This means they are also potentially toxic to those applying the paints and those in close proximity during application.

Old paint removed from hulls can also pose an environmental risk if not properly collected and disposed of, as can empty paint containers and other painting waste.

The New Zealand Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has recently reviewed antifouling paints and the way in which they must be managed. An advice leaflet for those using antifouling products is available on the EPA website at www.epa.govt.nz/hazardous-substances/at-home/Pages/Boating.aspx

Key points include:

- Use the safety data sheet that outlines product application requirements (available from the supplier).
- Wear the right safety gear for the product and type of application method being used. This generally includes shoes, overalls, goggles and gloves. If spray painting is involved, respiratory protective equipment should be worn.
- Contain your work area to prevent drips, spillage or overspray discharging into the wider environment.
- Collect and appropriately dispose of all waste (e.g. take to Resource Recovery Centres), including the old antifouling paint that has been removed from the hull. Areas where old antifouling has been left where it falls are often highly contaminated – please don't create new ones. Use tarpaulins or drop-sheets to collect debris.



Spat catching period extended

The seasonal spat catching period within Aquaculture Management Area (AMA) 2, subzone (g) in Golden Bay, and AMA 3, subzone (e) in Tasman Bay, has been extended by one month. The spat catching operation was due to close on 30 April but the late start to the season has seen the Council extend the period until 31 May. Having already been open since 1 November 2014 it appears nature is taking its time this year with reports of mussel spat just beginning to settle in any significant amounts on lines.

The Council has extended the period on three previous occasions, twice due to similar poor spat catching conditions, with the other due to storm damage to the year round mussel farms requiring crews to repair them prior to removing the seasonal spat lines.

Spat are the very small mussels that form after the free swimming larval stage. They settle on intentionally positioned lines or other floating objects, which enables them to feed and mature over a period of 2-3 years. They are the cornerstone of the mussel industry.

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From 29 June 2015 your existing recycling service will end. Over the following two weeks your improved service will begin.



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What's the same?



Rubbish bags will still be collected every week.



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What's new?



A new 240L recycling bin for plastics, cans, paper and cardboard.



Your collection day will probably be changing.



Recycling is now collected every two weeks.



Your existing blue recycling crate is now only for glass.



Rubbish and recycling will now need to be out earlier, by 7.00 am.

HOW DO I FIND OUT WHAT DAY MY BIN WILL BE EMPTIED?

Each recycling bin is assigned to a specific street address. The collection day is written on the sticker – this is the day of the week for both your weekly rubbish and fortnightly recycling collections.

So, for example, if it says “Tue” then your normal collection day for weekly rubbish bags is Tuesday.

It also means that your fortnightly recycling collection will also be on a Tuesday.

The number after your day indicates whether your recycling will be collected on Week 1 or Week 2.



WHAT GOES IN YOUR RECYCLING BIN?

Recycling

- Clean plastic (1-7) containers
- Clean tins/cans
- Clean paper and cardboard

What can't go in:

| | | | |
|----------|------------|------------------|---------------------|
| Glass | Porcelain | Polystyrene | Engine oil bottles |
| Liquids | Hot ashes | Plastic bags | Automotive parts |
| Rubbish | Meat Trays | Bubble wrap | Disposable nappies |
| Ceramics | Oven ware | Garden waste | Paint and chemicals |
| Crockery | Food waste | Electrical goods | |



WHAT GOES IN YOUR BLUE CRATE?

Glass

Only recycle empty, unbroken glass bottles and jars (clear, brown, blue and green). Most residents will already have a blue recycling crate that they can use for glass recycling. If you don't have one, contact your local Council office.



WHAT GOES IN YOUR BAGS?

Landfill

If it can't be recycled, reused or composted it needs to go in the landfill.

If you want to reduce what goes to landfill, you can recycle more, and compost your food and garden waste.

The Council offers a \$20 discount on compost bins at participating retailers (search 'composting' at www.tasman.govt.nz).

Remember to wrap sharp objects like broken glass.

No flammable or dangerous materials please.





Speed Limit Bylaw review

Tasman District Council is reviewing its Speed Limit Bylaw. The first stage of this review is to invite you to have your say about speed limits on local roads in Tasman District.

Is there an issue with the speed on the road where you live?
Are there other roads that you consider should have the speed limit reviewed?

Send your suggestions by 4.00 pm, Friday 29 May 2015 to:

Krista Hobday, Road Safety Coordinator

Email – krista.hobday@tasman.govt.nz

Or by mail to:

Tasman District Council, Private Bag 4, Richmond 7050

All suggested speed limit changes will then be subject to a speed warrant process and assessment where Council staff use a national rule developed by the New Zealand Transport Agency. The rule is used to balance the interests of mobility and safety by ensuring the speed limit on a particular road is safe. The speed limit must also be appropriate and credible for the level of roadside development and the category of road for which it is set. Speed limits must also be nationally consistent.

The current speed limit bylaw and associated maps indicating speed limits on all roads within the District can be found on the Council's website, www.tasman.govt.nz, search: speed limit bylaw

Always look on the bright side of life...

Council staff and contractors are in the midst of upgrading nearly 2400 streetlights in the Tasman District.

Currently the streetlights contain high pressure sodium lamps which are used in streetlights worldwide. In July last year the Engineering Services Committee agreed with a recommendation from staff to replace all the lights in the District's 17 settlements with light emitting diodes (LEDs) – creating a cheaper, more efficient and safer lighting system that will last for over six times the life of the high pressure sodium lamps. And the power saving benefits are up to 70% compared with the old bulbs. When the lamps are changed the most noticeable difference is the change from yellow light from the high pressure sodium bulbs to white light from the LEDs.

Better still, LEDs light up a defined area with very little waste light and very little light overspill especially upwards into the night sky, making the stars clearer to the naked eye. They also result in a reduced carbon footprint.







The first phase of the project involved the upgrade of nearly 400 streetlights in the coastal areas of the district with Golden Bay, Kaiteriteri, Mapua, Ruby Bay and Tasman already converted.

A Ruby Bay resident wrote to the Council recently saying... "a big thank you for installing the LED lights in the Ruby Bay area. They have transformed the night sky of our neighbourhood. No longer is there the ugly bright orange glow that lit up our streets. The LEDs are surprising bright, they light up the street very well and there is no spill! These lights are in keeping with the rural aspect of this community".

The project to replace all 2400 bulbs is expected to be completed by the end of this year. It was funded by ratepayers and under the New Zealand Transport Agency's roading subsidy scheme.



Our region has several shared pathways designed to provide people who are walking and cycling with a safe, motor vehicle-free environment. People have reported they are sometimes startled by other users when using shared pathways. Here are some ways you can help "Stop the Startle".

-  **Keep left**
-  **Control your dog**
-  **Move off the path when you stop**
-  **Control your speed**
-  **Warn when approaching – be considerate**
-  **Don't block the pathways – they are not car parks**



Ridding New Zealand of persistent organic pollutants

A nationwide collection is on to clear New Zealand of DDT and other obsolete pesticides. And it's free!*

DDT and other pesticides containing persistent organic pollutants (POPs) haven't been sold or used in New Zealand for many years, due to known long-term impacts on health and environment. However some properties still have POPs stored, either not knowing what they are, what to do with them, or being unwilling to pay for collection.

The Great DDT Muster is your best chance to find and get rid of these banned harmful pesticides. The Great DDT Muster is free, confidential, and only available for a limited time, so don't miss this chance to clean up your property.*

What are these chemicals?

Persistent Organic Pollutants are chemicals that persist in the environment and are known to cause adverse effects to health. They are bio-accumulative, building up in the tissue of living things, and can be passed between species through the food chain or from mother to baby.

From the 1940's to the 1970's many commercial pesticides (including insecticides) containing POPs were in widespread use on rural properties in New Zealand and worldwide. DDT is the most well-known but there are a number of others (see list). As the harmful effects of these compounds became known, they were phased out of normal use.

How harmful are they?

Among other effects, POPs have been identified as hormone disruptors which can alter normal function of endocrine and reproductive systems in humans and wildlife. Cardiovascular disease, cancer, obesity and diabetes have been linked to POPs.

Exposure to POPs during pregnancy has been linked to developmental defects in the resulting offspring.

If you think you have chemicals containing POPs, what should you do?

It is important to book any of these items with The Great DDT Muster as soon as possible so they can be safely collected and disposed of.

To book go to the Agrecovery Rural Recycling programme's online booking system – members.agrecovery.co.nz/Booking.aspx

You can also call 0800 247 326 for more information.

Even if you are unsure what your chemicals are, it's safer to give us a call rather than do nothing. Book a collection or freephone 0800 247 326.

POPs used in rural New Zealand:

- DDT (dichlorodiphenyltrichloroethane)
- Aldrin
- Dieldrin
- Chlordane
- HCB (Hexachlorobenzene)
- Heptachlor
- Endrin
- Toxaphene
- Lindane
- Mirex
- Chlordecone



Some common brands:

- Atlas
- Dieltas
- Cleanso Ditox
- Young's Sheep Dip
- Elliot's Dips
- Cooper's Louse Powder
- Nexa Sheep Dip
- Tartan Dieldrin Sheep Dip



** Collection and disposal of POPs like DDT is usually costly but for a limited time funding is available to allow a limited volume of POPs to be collected and disposed of, at no cost to you. The Great DDT Muster is operated by 3R Group. All enquiries, bookings and collection information is strictly confidential. Funding and collection limits may apply.*

Flood warning experts meet for symposium

An increasingly large focus for councils like Tasman District Council, that are responsible for river management, is reducing the risk of flooding, and where it is inevitable the early warning systems in place to help reduce the impact. There are currently a wide variety of methods used across New Zealand to do this work – which means that it is challenging to share information and ideas between councils.

A national flood warning symposium was held at Tasman District Council's chambers in Richmond on 28/29 April 2015 where hydrologists and river engineers from around New Zealand got together to discuss the best methods of flood warning, and work towards standardising the approach taken.

The two day symposium was a joint initiative between the Local Authority Environmental Monitoring Group and the River Managers Group.

Community partnerships

Sport NZ's Active New Zealand survey results are out

The survey provides an overview of what, where and how regularly people participate in Sport and Active Recreation. The survey was carried out over 12 months (April 2013 to March 2014) face-to-face in people's homes by trained interviewers. Households from across New Zealand were selected at random and then one adult per household was randomly selected and invited to take part. The survey was voluntary and all answers were anonymous. Over 6,400 adults took part in the survey.

The survey shows that sport and recreation continue to play a big part in the lives of Kiwis. Three-quarters of adults (74%) take part in sport and recreation in any given week – a small increase (1%) on the last survey six years ago. The number of adults volunteering in sport and recreation has also increased – almost 3% since 2007/08 – and now each year almost one million adults give their time to help make sport happen in communities all over the country.

It's great to see growth in the number of adults participating in recreation and sport, perhaps an even more telling finding is that Kiwis want more recreation in their lives. Two thirds (65.6%) of survey respondents said they were interested in trying a new activity or sport or doing more of an existing one. The Council plays an important role in finding ways to help them do this. It's great to see that investment in walk and cycleways infrastructure by central and local government is paying off.

Sporting clubs continue to be vitally important and should not be neglected, but it's interesting that most of the top 10 most popular activities are recreational by nature. This demonstrates the demand for activities that aren't necessarily run through a club structure.

Other highlights:

- The number of adults who took part in a sport during the last four weeks and belong to some sort of sport and recreation club hasn't changed – about a third – however, traditional sports club membership is down slightly, while gym membership is up.
- The most popular activities of choice are recreational by nature – walking, swimming, cycling and jogging/running.
- The participation at different built facilities showed the top three are walk/cycle pathways which 53% of participants used, 30% used an outdoor sports facility (courts or fields) and 20% used an indoor sports facility in the 12 month period.
- Golf, football, tennis, netball, cricket and touch rugby remain among the most popular sports. However, people are interested in trying a diverse range of different activities rather than doing more of the same – over 100 different activities were mentioned in the survey. Each year almost one-fifth of adults (over 550,000) now take part in at least one sport and recreation event – the most popular being fun runs and walks.
- The main reasons people take part are for fitness and health (firstly) and enjoyment (secondly). Most participants say they want to do more sport and recreation. However, time remains the greatest barrier to participation.
- Some groups continue to participate less, including women, older adults and people of Asian descent (compared with all adults).

For more information

www.sportnz.org.nz/managing-sport/research/201314-active-nz-survey-2

Community Planting at Papapara Beach

You are invited to come and join the Community Coast Care planting working bees on **9 May and 16 May 2015, starting at 10.00 am** and running for approximately two hours at Papapara Beach. The planting is in the area where sand push up work was carried out prior to Christmas. All are welcome and a cup of tea will be provided.



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Resource Consents

The Council has received applications for resource consent, which have been publicly notified in The Nelson Mail. The applications and supporting information may be examined in any Council office. The full public notice may be found online at Council's website (www.tasman.govt.nz). Any person may make a submission on the applications in accordance with Section 96 of the Resource Management Act 1991. Submission forms are available from Council offices and on the Council's website. Please note that the following is an abridged advisory notice only.

Applicant: Richmond Pohara Holdings Ltd

Location: Richmond Road, Pohara, Golden Bay

Consent Type, Application Number and Proposal:

Subdivision Consent (Application RM141105)

To subdivide Lot 1 DP 356730 to create the following:

- 32 residential allotments of between 510 square metres and 1030 square metres;
- one allotment (Lot 36) of 1.39 hectares to contain an existing dwelling;
- Lot 34 of 0.6605 hectares to vest as road as Roads A, B and C;
- Lot 29 of 1000 square metres to vest as Local Purpose Reserve;
- a balance area allotment (Lot 35) of 46.13 hectares.

Consent is sought to stage the subdivision as follows:

- Stage 1A – proposed Lot 36;
- Stage 1B – Lots 1-10 and part of Road A;
- Stage 2 – Lots 11-21 and part of Road A and Road B;
- Stage 3 – Lots 22-34 and part of Road A and Road C.

A 10 year consent period is sought to give effect to the subdivision consent. The land is zoned Rural 2 under the Tasman Resource Management Plan.

Land Use Consent (Application RM141106)

To construct a single dwelling on each of the proposed residential allotments (Lots 1-28 and 30-33) in accordance with the Residential Zone standards including bulk, location and height provisions except a reduction in the Rural Zone building setback is sought for Lots 5 and 6 and Lots 30-33 providing a 5 metre setback from the boundary with proposed Lot 35.

A 10 year consent period is sought.

Land Use Consent (Application RM141107)

To undertake earthworks for the proposed subdivision.

A 10 year consent period is sought.

Land Use Consent (Application RM141109)

To construct and build a stormwater detention dam.

A 10 year consent period and 35 year term of consent is sought.

Works in Watercourse Consent (Application RM150277)

To carry out works in a stream bed for the proposed stormwater detention dam.

A 10 year consent period and 35 year term of consent is sought.

Water Permit (Application RM141111)

To dam water, by way of a stormwater detention dam in a catchment larger than 20 hectares.

A 35 year term of consent is sought.

Discharge Consent (Application RM141110)

To discharge stormwater from the proposed subdivision.

A 35 year term of consent is sought.

Submissions due: 4.30 pm on Monday 18 May 2015.

Rates Rebate Deadline

The rates rebate deadline for the 2014-2015 rating year is quickly approaching. Applications **MUST** be in before 30 June 2015. Forms are held in each of the Council's offices. To check your eligibility and download a rates rebate form please go to our website www.tasman.govt.nz/property/rates/rates-rebate

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Public Notices

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

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.

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.

Public Notices

Planning for Brightwater and Wakefield's future

The Council is 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.

Information is 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.

Community Notices

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".

General discussion on any related topic post formal meeting.

Enquiries to: Ron Argue (acting Chairman), Ph. 03 544 0841, or

Colin Andrews (Secretary), Ph. 03 544 6176.

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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

Golden Bay Community Board

Takaka Fire Station, Motupipi Street, Takaka,
Tuesday 12 May 2015, 9.00 am. Public forum

Motueka Community Board

Motueka Office, 7 Hickmott Place, Motueka,
Tuesday 12 May 2015, 4.00 pm. Public forum

Community Development Committee

Tasman Council Chambers, 189 Queen Street, Richmond,
Thursday 14 May 2015, 9.30 am. Public forum

Community Grants Subcommittee

Tasman Council Chambers, 189 Queen Street, Richmond,
Thursday 14 May 2015, 1.30 pm or conclusion of Community
Development Committee. No public forum

Engineering Services Committee

Ngatimoti Hall, Ngatimoti, Thursday 21 May 2015, 10.30 am.
Public forum

Submissions Hearing (Golden Bay Kayaks)

Pohara Beach Boat Club Rooms, Wednesday 27 May 2015,
9.30 am. No public forum

Full Council – Long Term Plan

Tasman Council Chambers, 189 Queen Street, Richmond,
Thursday 28 May 2015, 9.30 am. Public forum

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.

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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Pest of the month: Pest fish

Pest fish represent a very serious threat to New Zealand's freshwater ecosystems. When populations of pest fish build up, they degrade habitats and water quality and compete with, and predate on, native fish species (including whitebait).

Koi Carp and Gambusia (mosquito fish) were first discovered in the Tasman-Nelson region in 2000 and are the only known populations in the South Island. The eradication programme has been led by the Department of Conservation (DOC) with the support of other agencies. Since 2000, more than \$1 million has been invested in surveying, eradicating and monitoring these pest fish populations.

Koi Carp have been eradicated at five sites. Gambusia has been found at 52 sites but there are still five residual populations in spring-fed drains near Motueka and Richmond, despite an eradication programme. Other pest fish being targeted are Rudd, Tench and Perch. The five species are all included in the Tasman-Nelson Regional Pest Management Strategy.

Fifteen years of surveying has covered more than 870 sites (farm dams, ponds, drains and creeks) and detected more than 70 populations of these pest fish. There have been more than 69 control operations and these have involved the use of the rotenone, habitat dewatering, netting, trapping and electric fishing.

The few remaining Rudd and Perch populations in the Lower Moutere were treated by DOC in April. However, Tench populations are increasing and illegal releases of these pest fish are occurring into sites where they

had been eradicated. The success of the programme relies on reports from the public of such illegal activities and possible new populations.

Coarse fishing in the Nelson/Marlborough Fish & Game region is illegal and this prohibition includes all of these species. There are heavy fines for unauthorised release of aquatic life into natural waterways. Cooperation with the public, landowners and Fish & Game is crucial to the success of the pest fish programme. Any potential sightings of pest fish should be reported to DOC's Motueka Office, Ph. 03 528 1810, or to Biosecurity staff at Tasman District Council, Ph. 03 543 8400.



Koi Carp

Further information on pest fish and aquatic plants can be found on the DOC website, www.doc.govt.nz, and in the Tasman-Nelson Regional Pest Management Strategy at www.tasman.govt.nz

Brighten up your bike for winter

You can get a free bike check from the Get Moving team at Decks Reserve, opposite the Motueka Market, between 9.00 am – 12 noon on Sunday 17 May 2015.

If you are visiting the market, or just in town on Sunday morning, head over to the Get Moving tent to get your bike checked by the trained mechanics and pick up some bike brighteners to help you be seen while riding this winter.

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