

Newsline



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Cleaner water in Tasman rivers

Latest monitoring results show the water in many of our rivers is getting cleaner, making them even safer to swim, fish and play in.

Our five-yearly State of the Environment River Water Quality report shows the hard work and collaboration between the Council and the community is paying off, with a marked improvement in river water quality overall.

The results are a testament to the combined commitment of the Council, landowners and local communities to cleaning up our rivers. Farmers have played their part and 99 per cent of dairy stock crossings are now bridged. In some cases simple things like moving drinking troughs away from a creek have made a big difference to stream health.

A big effort to plant along riverbanks has been going on for many years. Since 2006, 23,000 plantings have been carried out by Golden Bay Streamcare and other river care groups, alongside 40,000 plants put in across the region by the Council.

The improvements:

- Significant improvement in water clarity at eight sites, including the upper Reservoir Creek, Sherry, Onahau, Onekaka, Mangles, Buller and Motueka rivers.
- Reduction in disease-causing organisms particularly in the Sherry, Little Sydney and Motupipi rivers, but also at Wairoa, Wangapeka and Motupiko.
- Very low levels of E.coli in most of Tasman's major rivers.
- Dramatic reduction in dissolved reactive phosphorus (which can encourage the growth of nuisance algae) in the Motupipi River.

- Hundreds of fish passage barriers removed over the past five years from streams in Golden Bay and Tasman Bay.

We recognise there is still work to be done to improve water quality in some places, particularly in small streams surrounded by pastoral land and urban streams.

Targeted streamside planting is likely to be a priority in the next phase of work, as it effectively addresses many of the reasons for poor stream health.

Find out more

The full report can be viewed on our website, www.tasman.govt.nz/link/river-water-quality-2015

Data from each monitoring site in the District can also be found on the Land Air Water Aotearoa website, at www.lawa.org.nz/explore-data/tasman-region/river-quality

Message from the Mayor

Jane and I recently attended the Volunteer Rural Fire Forces recognition evening. It was a pleasure to join in celebrating the value provided to our community by the Rural Fire service and I would like to take this opportunity to acknowledge all of the volunteer fire fighters in both our urban and rural areas. It is a reminder to me of the crucial contribution that volunteers make to every part of our community.

In this edition of Newsline you will read how the Council is having to consider water rationing earlier than ever before. The Dry Weather Taskforce have already met to assess the District's water levels in view of the looming dry weather conditions. The strong El Nino weather pattern affecting the district at the moment is expected to create drier, windier conditions than usual this summer. This is in keeping with climate change predictions, that we can expect droughts more often than we have previously experienced.

We can all help by using water wisely and by taking steps to manage our land for the dry conditions we are likely to experience this summer.

Mayor Richard Kempthorne



Be a part of GODZone adventure race

The largest expedition adventure race in the world is coming to Kaiteriteri – and organisers need your help to make it a success.

When the GODZone adventure race kicks off on 2 April 2016, more than 70 teams of four people will race non-stop for seven days across our beautiful District.

GODZone organisers say volunteers are needed for both the organising and media teams and promise it will be an action-packed week.

"To be honest, we can't guarantee that you will get a lot of sleep, have easy tasks to do, or get lots of free time. However, we do think you will enjoy being part of a large international event, and take away some great memories as well as some long lasting friendships."

Interested in volunteering?

For further information contact:

Media / Press Team Volunteers

Margo Berryman, Ph. 021 246 3342, Email: margo@qt.co.nz

General Volunteers

Paula Rogers, Ph. 027 221 9454, Email: volunteer@godzoneadventure.com

www.godzoneadventure.com

Keep up with the Tasman District Council Lowdown

Hear news items from the Council about current public consultations, Council and community projects, topical interviews, plus a range of notices about activities and events in the Tasman District.

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Dry days prompt water watch

It's time to start thinking about conserving water to keep the supply flowing.

The run of dry weather we have experienced this spring is likely to continue, with El Nino increasing the drought risk for Tasman District this summer. The Dry Weather Taskforce has already met this month – the earliest meeting in its history. From now on it will be keeping a close eye on the river flow and the levels of our aquifers. If they drop too low, water restrictions may need to be imposed. Our shallow aquifers dry out quickly, but equally will be easily replenished by a spell of rain.

With that in mind, treating every drop you use around the home as precious will make a difference in keeping water rationing to a minimum.

Conservation tips

- Turn off the tap while brushing teeth, rather than leaving it running while you brush. When you do turn it on, halfway is far enough to get enough water for rinsing your brush or washing hands
- Fix leaking taps
- Use the plug – rinse cloths and dishes in the sink with the plug in, rather than with water running down the drain. Or don't rinse dishes at all - a scrape off is often all you need
- Reuse the water you use to wash veges to water your pot plants
- Take showers instead of baths – and keep them short
- Sweep rather than hose down driveways and outdoor areas
- Wash your car and pets using a bucket on the lawn – that way your grass will get a water at the same time
- In the garden:
 - Use mulch to keep your soil cool and moist
 - Don't mow lawns right down – shorter grass dries out faster
 - Water at cool, still times of day, such as early morning and evening – and only water when you really need to.



Fire risk warning

The dry weather has also increased the fire risk. To keep yourself, your family and property safe, it's important to ensure any fires you have lit over the past couple of months are fully extinguished. Rural firefighters have been called to several re-ignitions already this season. They are asking everyone to please check the weather before lighting any fires, and hold off if wind is forecast.

Guy Fawke's Day is soon, so please take particular care with fireworks.

More intense weather likely

Latest climate change data indicates Tasman is at risk of more intense storms and droughts.

The Climate Change and Variability in Tasman District report has been updated to include the latest data from the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change. The data shows that temperatures and sea level are both increasing.

While the expected annual changes to average rainfall are small, we will experience more energised weather systems – winds will be stronger, rainfall sharper and heavier, and droughts hotter and longer. Individual events may therefore be more intense than the averages might indicate.

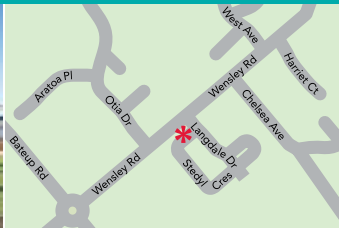
Council staff are currently working to identify how we might respond to the updated climate information to build community understanding and preparedness, develop processes and tools to help the community adapt, and strengthen our resilience against some of the effects.

The report can be viewed at www.tasman.govt.nz/link/climate-change

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All shook up

Everyone, everywhere should know the right action to take before, during and after an earthquake.

To get people thinking about what they would do when one hits, the national earthquake drill ShakeOut took place on Thursday 15 October 2015.

At 9.15 am people around the country practised their drop, cover and hold routines.

Tasman District Council staff were among the more than 9600 people in this District who took part.

If you were unable to do the drill at that time, it's not too late – you can choose a time to suit you within two weeks of the official drill and still be counted. Visit shakeout.govt.nz for details.

And whether you took part or not, it's never too late to start planning for an emergency situation.



Council staff joined thousands of others round the District practising their earthquake drill on October 15. From left: Susan Mathieson, Shannan Scott and Susannah Peckham.

Things to consider:

- How would I get home?
- Does your family have a meeting place, and does everyone know where that is?
- Do you have an emergency kit with enough food and water to last your family, including pets, for three days?



Visit www.getthru.govt.nz for advice and assistance to get ready and get through

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Motueka wastewater treatment plant

Motueka wastewater treatment plant progress report

An upgrade of the Motueka wastewater treatment plant is advancing with the second of three stages for this year completed. This past winter Taylors Contracting trucks have made more than 500 trips, dumping more than 7500 cubic metres of rock for the construction of two rock bunds extending across the 225-metre wide oxidation pond.

These rock bunds will increase the pond retention time – which is the amount of time the wastewater takes to flow through the pond from inlet to outlet. By splitting the pond into three, the wastewater is forced to follow the longest path through the ponds. This improves

the treatment of the wastewater by increasing the ultra-violet (UV) treatment time.

In a later stage, a spray system will be laid on top of the rock bunds through which recirculated wastewater will be sprayed as an odourless fine mist on to the bunds. This generates a nitrification process which improves removal of ammonia from the wastewater.

Stage three is the improvement to aeration, reducing the odour of the intake ponds. Eight new, larger aerators will be added to the ponds. Construction and installation of the new aerators began in September.

Online payments update

In the last issue of Newline we let you know about some new online options for paying Council fees and charges. Unfortunately the credit card payment facility we had hoped to introduce has had some teething issues.

Credit card payments are not currently available for dog registrations, parking tickets or building and resource consents. Rates and water can still be paid for with a credit card however,

and improved internet banking options are up and running. We are set up as a pre-loaded payee with most major banks (as of this month this includes NBS), so you don't need to know the account number. Internet banking is available for rates and water, dog registrations, consents, library charges, parking tickets and other accounts invoiced by Tasman District Council. Please see our website for the full list and detailed instructions on how to make internet banking payments, www.tasman.govt.nz/pay.

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Community partnerships

Creative Communities Scheme

Do you have a great community Arts project that does needs some dollars to make it happen? The Tasman Creative Communities Scheme maybe just what you're looking for. The funds aim is to support local projects that increase access and participation in arts activity. Applications close 10 November 2015. For application forms – www.tasman.govt.nz/council/grants-funding

Summer Sport Codes Sport NZ Rural Travel Fund

Are you a rural based club or do you have rural based players? If so the Tasman Sport NZ Rural Travel Fund can help meet your travel costs. Sport NZ Travel Fund reduces the barriers for young people (aged 5-19 years) taking part in local sports competition by offering grants to subsidise travel costs. The clubs must apply on behalf of players and the next closing date is 31 October. Application forms and further information is online at www.tasman.govt.nz/council/grants-funding or contact Mike Tasman-Jones, Ph. 03 543 8403 for further information.

Mudcakes and Roses

The October issue is out now and remember the Mudcakes and Roses survey – tell us what you think.

We would like to know if the magazine is meeting its purpose and if there are any suggestions on how it could be improved.

Please take a moment to fill out this survey and tell us what you think.

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/mudcakes>

The survey closes Friday 20 November 2015.

What's Happening in Tasman's Community Facilities ...

Motueka Recreation Centre

Thanks to funding from Pub Charity the skating rink floor has been resurfaced and new sound system installed. Public skating Friday night's 6.00 pm – 9.00 pm Saturdays 1.00 pm – 3.00 pm \$5pp.

Youth Lounge opens Monday 12 October. The lounge caters for youth aged 8+. Table tennis, dart boards, computers and board games.

This is a great space to meet after school, 3.00 pm – 5.00 pm, Monday–Friday, \$2pp.

Golden Bay Museum

Lest We Forget WW1 exhibition. Continues until 30 October 2015.

Motueka District Museum

Grandma's kitchen 22 September to 30 October. A look at kitchens from the 40s and 50s.

Nelson Provincial Museum and the Suter Art Gallery

Rembrandt Remastered 12 October to 15 November

A remarkable collection of 57 digitally remastered and life size paintings from one of the world's greatest painters of all time.

The season is five weeks only and the exhibition must close on 15 November 2015.

Murchison Museum & Information Service

Display of locally crafted mixed media arts – some items for sale.

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".

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- Move off the path when you stop
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Roading

Proposed Road Closures

The following roads are proposed to be closed to ordinary vehicles for the periods and times indicated below:

Richmond Unlimited – Richmond Santa Parade

Sunday 29 November 2015 – times and locations as below.

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

Some roads may reopen earlier than advised above.

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

Objections can be lodged at: Tasman District Council, 189 Queen Street, Richmond. **Objections close:** Monday 2 November 2015.

Road Closures

The following roads will be closed to ordinary vehicles for the periods and times indicated below:

Takaka Memorial Gardens Opening

Saturday 31 October 2015, 1.00 pm – 3.00 pm, Commercial Street, between Riley Street and the Junction Street entrance.

Community Notices

WAKEFIELD SCHOOL TWILIGHT GALA

Saturday 7 November 2015, 3.00 pm – 6.30 pm, Wakefield School, Edward Street, Wakefield

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Please note the gala will run wet or fine!

Public Notices

Summer Irrigation Water Metering begins soon

This message is for holders of water resource consents (water permits) in the Tasman District subject to water metering.

Weekly meter readings re-commence for the summer irrigation season from Monday 26 October 2015.

For those consent holders who know they are not using any water for the entire 2015-2016 water year, you must advise the Council of this prior to 26 October 2015 to avoid any unnecessary follow ups.

The Council will send out a "pre-summer-irrigation-season" letter to all consent holders toward the middle of October 2015:

- The letter will be sent by Email for those consent holders who send returns by Email, through the Council's website or via the new Mobile App. If your Email address has changed from last season please advise the Council as soon as possible.
- The letter will be sent by post to consent holders who use prepaid return cards.

If you wish to change your return method or you have any queries surrounding water metering requirements, please contact the Council as soon as possible.

The Council staff members responsible for the water metering project are:
Jim Trembath: Ph. 03 543 8412, Email: jim.trembath@tasman.govt.nz
Vicky Thorn: Ph. 03 543 8567, Email: vicky.thorn@tasman.govt.nz

Council Meetings

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

Motueka Community Board

Motueka Office, 7 Hickmott Place, Motueka, Tuesday 27 October 2015, 4.00 pm. Public forum

Community Development Committee

Tasman Council Chambers, 189 Queen Street, Richmond, Thursday 29 October 2015, 9.30 am. Public forum

Commercial Subcommittee

Tasman Council Chambers, 189 Queen Street, Richmond, Friday 30 October 2015, 1.30 pm. No public forum

Joint Committee Nelson City Council/Tasman District Council

Nelson City Council, Trafalgar Street, Nelson, Tuesday 3 November 2015, 10.00 am. No public forum

Engineering Services Committee

Tasman Council Chambers, 189 Queen Street, Richmond, Thursday 5 November 2015, 9.30 am. Public forum

24 Hour Assistance – Phone your local office

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Murchison 03 523 1013

Motueka 03 528 2022

Takaka 03 525 0020

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Old cabins make way for new at Motueka campground

The sale of 11 60-year-old cabins from the Motueka Top 10 Holiday Park will make space for updated accommodation for holiday-makers.

We are selling the old cabins in order to create room for 10 new cabins, which will increase the number of cabin beds from 33 to 50. The money from the sale will go back into the holiday park upgrade, which also includes improvements to roading and drainage. The old cabins all have Residual Current Devices (RCDs) and are fully wired so they can be powered easily on other sites.

The cabins are for sale by tender, and tenders close at 4.00 pm on 13 November 2015. Purchasers will be responsible for removing the cabins from the holiday park, using an authorised removal party.

To register interest and request a tender pack, contact:

Rhonda Marshall, Administration Officer – Commercial
Tasman District Council, 189 Queen Street, Richmond 7050
Or Email: Rhonda.marshall@tasman.govt.nz.

Church at full strength

The Motueka Uniting Church is set to celebrate as major earthquake strengthening work comes to an end.

The High Street, Motueka, church undertook a large fund-raising drive to pay for the work, and received assistance from the Council's Heritage Initiatives Fund and the Rata Foundation.

The church was built in 1917 and is a listed heritage building, so the strengthening work has been done in such a way as to keep the building's original character intact. The roof was lifted and strengthened with an intricate steel framework, while the walls have been bolstered with carbon fibre and the original timber floor replaced with concrete. The church will celebrate with an official opening on 28 October 2015.



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