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Building starts on Golden Bay Recreation Facility

Golden Bay residents will soon see physical progress on their new recreation and community centre, with construction beginning in February.

The building in Takaka's Golden Bay Recreation Park will house a gymnasium with indoor netball court, two squash courts, toilets, changing rooms, and community and function rooms. It was designed by redbox architects.

Gibbons Construction is carrying out the work, which is expected to be completed by November.

The project will begin with a dawn ceremony at 4.30 am on 2 February to lay mauri stones on the site. The stones represent the life blood of the facility and will act as kaitiaki, or guardians, of the facility, offering protection and carrying the spirit of the community. Mauri stones will be offered by the Council, Golden Bay Shared Recreation Facility Committee, Manawhenua ki Mohua, A&P Association and others. The public is welcome to attend the ceremony.

The overall project also includes the construction of two outdoor netball courts and carparking. The A&P Association has kindly donated some land next to the Keith Page Memorial Hall for the much-needed netball courts. The donated land will become part of the Recreation Park. Construction of the outdoor courts should be completed by the winter netball season.

The Council is contributing \$3.2 million towards the total project, with the community raising \$800,000 to see it completed. The Council responded to strong community desire to see the facility built, adding the project back into its budgets as a result of public submissions in 2014.

Attend the dawn ceremony

Everyone is welcome. RSVP to Brian Harris on 03 525 8599 or brian.rosemarie@xtra.co.nz.



Artistic impression

Mayor's Message

Since my last message to you, it's been a busy time for many of us. The good weather has brought higher than anticipated numbers of visitors to our District and we've been lucky in avoiding any severe weather events. The rain that has fallen has provided some welcome relief and allowed us to lift all water restrictions – although with summer far from over we will continue to monitor river and groundwater levels.

The increase in visitors brings some fantastic benefits to our region and we all understand the importance of ensuring a great visitor experience. It's also important to make sure that we are resourced to cope with higher volumes of visitors. Maintaining great levels of service to local residents and visitors is paramount.

Our communities are passionate about preserving the things in our region that we all love. In the last edition of Newsline I invited you all to share with us your favourite things to do in the District. I'd like to invite you again to share your summer experiences with us and tell us what you love about living in Tasman. You can post your thoughts on the Council's Facebook page at facebook.com/TasmanDistrictCouncil.

Mayor Richard Kempthorne



Thousands enjoy Mapua Wharf

People are enjoying the redeveloped Mapua Wharf in big numbers, with the Shed 4 retail development adding to its popularity as a top Tasman summer destination.

We counted people going to the wharf on several days in late December 2015 and early January 2016. There were about 7500 pedestrian movements (people both entering and exiting) in the wharf precinct on 28 December, almost 9000 on 2 January and about 6400 on 17 January.

Shed 4 opened in mid-December, adding a further six retailers to the existing cafes, restaurants, galleries and shops.

There are plans to provide improved parking near the wharf in 2016 to meet some of the extra demand.

Shed 4 is part of a wider development plan for the Mapua Wharf. The next phase will see landscaping of the wharf precinct completed this year and other improvements on Aranui Road.

The future of Brightwater and Wakefield

Consultation on proposals to guide the future development of Brightwater and Wakefield is entering its last few days, so now is the time to let us know what you think.

Council staff have worked with the community on where future residential and business development should happen, as well as providing room for recreational space. The review is needed to cater for the expected population growth of the villages over the next 20 years.

Maps showing where future residential, industrial and open space zoning is proposed can be viewed on our website. Visit tasman.govt.nz/link/trmp-proposed-changes to look over the proposals (plan changes 57 and 58) and fill in a submission form before 2 February 2016. Details are also available at District libraries.



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Have a say on the future of central Richmond

Richmond's town centre is changing, with three projects in progress that will alter the shape of Queen Street and direct future residential and commercial development.

We're seeking public feedback on all three projects in February, so please take the opportunity to let us know what you would like central Richmond to look like in future.

Queen Street Reinstatement

The reinstatement of Queen Street will improve flood protection for businesses and alter the street surface itself to provide a safer, easier to navigate and more pleasant environment for all those who work in and visit the retail heart of Richmond. It is part of the wider Richmond Central Infrastructure Project to upgrade the stormwater system over 10 years. Consultation on the design of Queen Street is open until Monday 29 February, and work is scheduled to begin in August 2016.

Richmond Town Centre Plan Change

We're reviewing the rules for buildings within the central business zone to ensure a high standard of development as older buildings are gradually replaced. The review will include building heights, design, frontage, living and signage. Let us know your views by Monday 29 February 2016.

Housing Choice for Central Richmond

We're looking at enabling medium density residential development in central Richmond, providing greater housing choice and smaller properties with easy upkeep, as well as encouraging more efficient use of land and infrastructure. Consultation over the past few years with

the Richmond community has revealed there is an appetite for greater choice, including more compact housing, particularly within walking distance of the town centre. The first round of feedback on this project closes on Monday 29 February 2016.

Open Days

Come along to one of the open days to talk to our staff about the proposals.

- 12 February 2016, Richmond Mall, 9.00 am – 6.00 pm
- 15 February 2016, Richmond Library, 9.00 am – 6.00 pm

HAVE A SAY

You can find more information and an online feedback form for all three projects

by visiting our website, tasman.govt.nz/link/central-richmond.

Alternatively, visit our Queen Street offices to pick up a form.



Changes planned to marine area protection

Tasman's marine reserves will be part of the Government's review of the existing protections and management of the country's seas.

The proposed Marine Protection Areas Act would see four different types of marine protected areas: marine reserves, species-specific sanctuaries, seabed reserves and recreational fishing parks.

It is proposed that existing marine reserves, such as Tasman's Westhaven (Te Tai Tapu) and Tonga Island marine reserves, retain their current level of protection to preserve biodiversity.

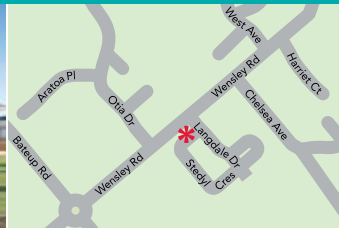
The Government hopes to improve the process for identifying marine areas needing protection, and is promoting a more collaborative process for interested parties such as fishers, conservation groups and industry.

More details are available on the Ministry for the Environment website, mfe.govt.nz. Submissions close on Friday 11 March 2016.

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Pest of the month: Purple Pampas

Native to South America, pampas grass in New Zealand is represented by two species (*Cortaderia jubata* and *C. selloana*) and is often called toi-toi or cutty grass. In the past, *C. selloana* was widely planted as a fodder supplement for cattle, shelter, erosion control and as an ornamental and *C. jubata* (purple pampas) was a common ornamental garden plant.

Both species have become widespread weeds in many parts of New Zealand. Since 1997, they have been banned from propagation, sale and display. The higher risk posed by purple pampas (*C. jubata*) – declared a noxious plant in 1986 – has been recognised in the Regional Pest Management Strategy where it is designated as a 'Containment pest plant' that occupiers must control.

A widespread weed throughout young plantation forests, purple pampas also invades regenerating bush margins, open scrublands and coastal areas. Uniquely, all plants are female, and have the ability to produce viable seed without the need for pollination which is then wind-dispersed over long distances.

Flowering time is the key to identification. Purple pampas begins to flower in mid/late January and continues through to March. Flowers are erect, dense and always pink-purple, then fading to cream. By comparison, *C. selloana* generally doesn't start flowering until mid-March and may have pink or creamy brown flowers.

The other feature that helps identify purple pampas is its cascading leaves, many with tips to ground level, that are dark green on both the upper and



lower surfaces. Usually, the only visible sign of this plant in scrubby country are the erect flower heads as the drooping leaves often go unseen.

As these two pampas species are often mistaken for each other, Biosecurity Officers at the Council are happy to confirm identification and advise on control options.

Check online if your favourite spot is safe for swimming

If you're heading out for a dip and want to check your favourite river or beach has clean, safe water for swimming, there are a couple of websites that publish reliable, up-to-date water quality information for you to refer to.

Check out tasman.govt.nz/environment/water/swimming-water-quality to view the latest results from the Council's monitoring of bacteria levels in rivers and beaches in Tasman District.

We also regularly measure levels of toxic algae (cyanobacteria) over summer, and publish the results at tasman.govt.nz/link/toxic-algae.

Land Air Water Aotearoa (LAWA) publish the monitoring results from every regional council at www.lawa.org.nz. LAWA also uses data from the past three years to provide a seasonal guide alerting beach-goers to swimming spots that are susceptible to elevated bacteria levels at times.

The risk of catching an infectious disease from swimming in clear water is usually low in Tasman. However, the risk increases during rainfall and people are advised it is better not to swim for at least 24 hours after rain to avoid increased risk of exposure to harmful bacteria.

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Changes to rural land rules proposed

We're planning to change some of the rules that apply to rural land in the District to provide better protection for our best productive land while also offering greater flexibility and choice to landowners.

Community feedback gathered during our review of the rural land use and subdivision provisions in the Tasman Resource Management Plan raised some issues and challenges with the way we manage activities in the rural zones. The comments led us to look particularly at the effect of subdivision on productive land, the impact buildings have on the rural character of the zones, and the way business activities and associated noise and traffic are controlled.

What are the changes about?

Subdivision

We want to limit further land fragmentation in the Rural 1 and 2 zones. At the moment landowners may subdivide "as of right" as long as the sites meet minimum area criteria. One of the proposed changes will allow landowners one final opportunity to subdivide "as of right", after which further subdivision of that land will be discouraged. The changes also introduce a minimum average lot size for existing sites – which should give landowners more flexibility than the existing provisions.

Housing

The changes clarify and update the existing rules in order to better cater for co-operative living, and modern family and living requirements with more than one house onsite. The idea is to allow more flexibility without compromising the productive potential of the rural 1 and 2 zones.

Business

We're introducing guidance about what new commercial and industrial activities can set up in the Rural 1 zone. The changes limit the parking and storage of heavy vehicles (other than agricultural machinery), as well as limiting night-time business traffic on rural roads. Clarified

noise standards and controls on activities such as spray painting and fibre-glassing are also included.

Character

The review reinforced the fact that protecting the look and feel of rural areas is important to you. The changes increase the weight of protection for rural character in the Rural 1 and 2 zones, alter the required boundary setbacks and encourage low-impact design.

Find out more

A detailed explanation of the proposed changes is available on our website, at tasman.govt.nz/feedback.

You can also view a copy at any Council service centre, or come along to one of the community briefing sessions. These will run from 5.00 pm to 8.30 pm on:

- **Tuesday 16 February, Wakefield – Wakefield Fire Station**
- **Wednesday 17 February, Takaka – Takaka Fire Station**
- **Tuesday 23 February, Motueka – Motueka Hall supper room**

For more information you can also contact Mary Honey, Environmental Policy Planner, Email: mary.honey@tasman.govt.nz, or Steve Markham, Environmental Policy Manager, Email: steve.markham@tasman.govt.nz, or Ph. 03 543 8400.

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Submissions on the proposed plan change are open until Monday 14 March 2016. Forms are available on our website and at Council service centres.



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Name the Harbourmaster's Boat

Tasman's Harbourmaster is to have even greater ability to help boaties in trouble on the water, with the delivery of a new boat with better search and rescue capabilities.

The Harbourmaster has already responded to about 12 distress calls on Tasman waters this summer, helping those in trouble reach safety and assisting with salvage. These have included the sinking of a boat off the coast of the Abel Tasman National Park, several boats washed up on rocks and others needing to be towed after having mechanical failure.

Deano and Natalie Stevenson have first-hand experience of the help the Harbourmaster provides. Their 10-metre launch was swamped off Anapai Beach on 5 January and Harbourmaster Dan Cairney assisted throughout the 24-hour salvage operation.

The Stevensons said: "Our vessel was refloated very promptly the same day and through the night due to the prompt actions of the local harbourmaster arranging salvage crew and a diver. On behalf of the Stevenson family, we wish to thank Dan [Cairney] the harbourmaster for his amazing efforts and professionalism on such a fast response."

Many calls come through at night, so the new vessel will include a night-vision camera to help the Harbourmaster locate and identify those in need of assistance.

As well as attending emergencies, the Harbourmaster is required to patrol 238 kilometres of coastline, as well as the District's lakes, undertaking boating safety education and enforcement, attending maritime events and maintaining navigation aids.

The current Harbourmaster boat, Legato, is set to enter retirement after 15 years and more than 7500 hours on the water.

The Competition

The Harbourmaster's new vessel needs a name. Do you have an idea that will float our boat? Suggest a name and answer a simple boating safety question to be in with a chance to join the Harbourmaster on his first official trip out on the water in the new boat.

You can suggest any name you like, but think about whether your suggestion has a connection with Tasman District and/or with boating and boat safety generally. It must also be easy to remember, pronounce and decipher over radio static.

Boating Safety Question

Name one of the 5 Simple Rules to Know Before You Go from the Boating Safety Code. You can find the answer on www.coastguard.nz.

How to enter

Visit tasman.govt.nz/feedback, fill in your details, your name suggestion and answer the Boating Safety Question. The competition closes on 11 March.

Moturoa/Rabbit Island feedback closing soon

More than 300 of you have taken the opportunity to fill in a survey or send us a feedback form on the future management of Moturoa/Rabbit Island – thank you!

We're taking comments until the end of February, so if you haven't already, let us know what you like about Rabbit, Rough and Bird islands, and if you think anything needs to change.

Some themes are starting to come through in the feedback we have received so far. These include:

What you like

- the peace and tranquillity
- Tasman's Great Taste Trail
- The natural state of the islands, free of commercial use
- Safe swimming
- Places for horses and dogs
- The barbecue and picnic areas

Possible improvements

- Signage
- Toilets
- Management of forestry and biosolids
- Dog control
- Roding
- Erosion control

HAVE A SAY

Fill in a survey: surveymonkey.com/r/moturoa

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Navigation Safety Bylaw:

Temporary reservations and speed limit uplifting for maritime events up until 6 March 2016.

Pursuant to provisions of the Navigation Safety Bylaw 2015, the Tasman District Council Harbourmaster has (or may soon) grant authorisations for the following known events during the upcoming holiday period. Other events may also occur during this time but the Harbourmaster has not yet received further applications.

Event Date	Location	Activity
12 – 13 February 2016	Lake Rotoiti	Waka Ama Event
27 – 28 February 2016	Lake Rotoiti	Power Boat Regatta
5 – 6 March 2016	Lake Rotoiti	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/recreation/boating-fishing/special-events-and-activities

Ground-based River Spraying Operations

Tasman District Council has started its annual ground-based river spraying operations.

Running from **October 2015 to April 2016** the spraying is focused (but may include other waterways) on the following sections of rivers/ waterways within the Tasman District; Waimea/Wairoa, Wai-iti, Redwood and Eves Valley Streams, Moutere River and company ditches, Pawley Creek, Upper Motueka, Motupiko, Sherry and Tadmor Rivers, Dove, Lower Motueka, Riwaka mainstem and delta waterways, Takaka, Waingarō, Anatoki, Aorere and Kaituna Rivers.

The main purpose is to control woody weed growth on the fairways that could impede or divert flood flows. Herbicide application will also be used to control pest plants within waterway management corridors. For any objections, queries or comments on the operation please contact Giles Griffith, Rivers and Coastal Engineer, Ph. 03 543 8400 or Email: giles.griffith@tasman.govt.nz

Golden Bay: Take the targeted rate survey

There is still a couple of weeks for Golden Bay ratepayers to indicate whether they support paying an extra charge through their rates to help fund the visitor information centre in Takaka.

The targeted rate would add about \$9.20 to an annual rates bill.

Golden Bay ratepayers can find out more about the proposal and take the survey online at surveymonkey.com/r/gbinfocentre.

The survey closes in mid-February 2016.

24 Hour Assistance – Phone your local office

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Motueka 03 528 2022

Takaka 03 525 0020

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Roading

Proposed Road Closure

The following roads are proposed to be closed to ordinary vehicles for the periods and times indicated below. Objections can be lodged at: Tasman District Council, 189 Queen Street, Richmond:

Sprig & Fern Summer Harvest Fare

Friday 18 March 2016, 2.30 pm to 11.00 pm, Sundial Square and Croucher Street from Queen Street to McGlashen Avenue.

Objections close: 19 February 2016.

Nelson Drag Racing

Saturday 26 March 2016 (rain date Sunday 27 March 2016), 7.30 am to 4.00 pm, Queen Victoria Street, from King Edward Street to Green Lane.

Objections close: 26 February 2016.

Road Closures

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

Nelson Drag Racing

Saturday 6 February 2016 (rain date Sunday 7 February 2016), 7.30 am to 4.00 pm, Queen Victoria Street, from King Edward Street to Green Lane.

Community Notices

Flash Electrical Beach Fun Day

Free Event • 13 February • Kaiteriteri Beach

Beach sprints, tug of war, sand castle competition, free BBQ sausage (first come, first served), big dig and karaoke sing-along. Fun for the whole family.

Council Meetings

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

Environment and Planning Committee

Tasman Council Chambers, 189 Queen Street, Richmond, Thursday 4 February 2016, 9.30 am. Public forum

Full Council Meeting

Tasman Council Chambers, 189 Queen Street, Richmond, Thursday 4 February 2016, 2.00 pm, or at the conclusion of the Environment & Planning Committee Meeting. No Public Forum

Golden Bay Community Board

Takaka Fire Station, Motupipi Street, Tuesday 9 February 2016, 9.00 am. Public forum

Motueka Community Board

Motueka Service Centre, 7 Hickmott Place, Motueka, Tuesday 9 February 2016, 4.00 pm. Public forum

Corporate Services Committee

Tasman Council Chambers, 189 Queen Street, Richmond, Thursday 11 February 2016, 9.30 am. Public forum

Writechoices

Library holiday closures

All Tasman libraries will be closed on 1 February for Anniversary Day. We're also closed on 6 February and 8 February for Waitangi weekend.

Most popular books of 2015

It probably comes as no surprise to you that Tasman District Libraries' most popular author in 2015 was Lee Child. He was closely followed by Jodi Picoult. You also kept on reading Eleanor Catton's prize-winning novel *The Luminaries*.

Other favourites were Deborah Challinor's *The Silk Thief*, Katie Fforde's *A French Affair* and David Baldacci's *The Forgotten*.

Most popular DVD was the movie *The Book Thief*, based on Markus Zusak's novel, closely followed by Scandinavian thriller TV series *The Bridge*.

Local Takaka author Robbie Robilliard took out the most popular non-fiction spot with *Hard Country*, the story of life on a rugged Golden Bay farm. Cooking and biographies figured strongly in your other favourite non-fiction reads.

If you're looking for new authors to read this year remember to check out our new e-resource 'Who else writes like ...?' Or ask our helpful staff on your next visit to your local library.

Make 2016 a year of exploring new worlds through reading.

Colouring in for adults

Have you visited a bookstore recently and noticed all the colouring books for adults? Colouring in has always been popular with children, but now it's becoming increasingly appealing to adults.

During February at Motueka and Richmond Libraries, the coloured pencils will be out and adults will be encouraged to have a go at colouring in.

Colouring for adults is being touted as a great way to relax, relieve stress and enjoy some quiet contemplative creativity.

So have a go at Motueka and Richmond Libraries. Tables will be set up with all the materials you need, and it's free.

Adult Colouring for Creativity and Calm runs from 2–23 February 2016.

Tiny Tots returns

The start of the new school year also marks the return of our popular pre-school sessions. These fun, hands on sessions for the under-tuos incorporate songs, movement, rhymes and stories.

Tiny Tots starts again at Richmond and Takaka Libraries on 9 February, 10.00 am–10.30 am. Babytime starts again at Motueka Library on 5 February, 10.00 am–10.30 am.

Our pre-school sessions are a great way to get your child started on their reading journey.

Library book groups

February sees the return of our monthly adult book group meetings. If you enjoy reading and talking about books, then our book groups might be just what you're looking for.

All of our book groups welcome new members. There's no obligation to attend every month – just come along as and when you can.

You'll find all the information for your local library on the library website Featured Events – Book groups page.

SteppingUP classes

Would you like to know how to use TradeMe to score some great deals? Are you looking to change jobs but need some help sorting your CV? Has Facebook got you flummoxed?

Check out our SteppingUP free computer classes to see if there's a class that will fill in the gaps in your computer skills.

Classes will be running at Richmond and Motueka Libraries from mid-February. You'll find full details on the library website Featured Events page. Or call into the library to find out more.

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