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Waimea water management decisions released

Changes to the way we manage water on the Waimea Plains will take legal effect on 12 March, following the release of an independent commissioner's decisions.

Commissioner Rob Van Voorthuysen oversaw public hearings on our proposed changes to the rules in mid-December. The changes introduced two classes of water takes from the Waimea Plains water management zones: those who choose to "affiliate" to the proposed Waimea Community Dam, and those who do not, with greater security of supply for those affiliated to the proposed dam.

Commissioner recommendations:

- Lowering the requirement to have telemetered water takes for unaffiliated takes from 3000m³/week to 2000m³/week;
- Amending the plan to help protect horticultural root stock when severe water restrictions apply, for unaffiliated takes where there is a dam, and for all takes in the event there is no dam;
- Amending the tests for reviewing water permits which are affiliated to the dam until it is operational but otherwise confirming the matters to be assessed for all permits, which are the maximum rate in the last 10 years of exercise, any lesser rate of actual use by area, soil type and crop type; and
- Lowering the 'cease take' trigger for unaffiliated permits from 2200l/s to 2050l/s but retaining the trigger for resumption at 6000l/s.

The commissioner did not recommend any further changes in relation to the general priority for community water supplies and there are no major changes affecting industry connected to Council reticulation.

However, there is a greater onus on us to use our Water Supply Bylaw and water supply contracts to achieve better water conservation when needed.

There is also no change to the "without dam" rationing steps. There are still four triggers and if the river gets down to 800l/s policy guidance is given to the Dry Weather Task Force on how to implement 'cease takes'.

Next steps

The next step is for us to write to all the people and organisations who made submissions to advise them of the decisions. The changes will take legal effect on 12 March. Submitters have six weeks from the date of receiving written notification of the decisions to appeal to the Environment Court if they wish.

Background

The latest changes follow on from those that took effect in late 2015 following a review that showed water was over-allocated in the Plains and the previous management regime was unsustainable for environmental, recreational, community and home and business consumption. The review led to new allocation limits and rationing triggers, and limits for minimum river flows.

Mayor's Message

I have commented before about the quality of our cycleways and the great benefits they bring to our community. Tasman's Great Taste Trail has already contributed significantly to an increase in tourists to the District. We are now looking at connecting the trail from Wakefield to Kohatu. This will provide another fantastic leg to the cycle trail journey, with some truly spectacular scenery for local users and visitors to enjoy.

Many of us recognise the great health benefits from getting out and about and being active and biking is something that we can enjoy with our whole family. In fact, there are a whole host of events throughout February and March as part of Get Moving Family Bike Fun. A series of fantastic family events running from late February to early March in Golden Bay, Motueka and on Moturoa Rabbit Island. These days are a great opportunity for families to have fun and there is something to suit all ages and abilities. More information on the Get Moving Family Bike Fun events is available on the Council website, on itson.co.nz, in libraries and local bike shops.

Mayor Richard Kempthorne



Take the opportunity to have a say

Consultation is entering its final days on the following projects:

- **Moturoa/Rabbit Island Management Plan:** Let us know how you want Rabbit, Rough and Bird islands to be managed in future.
- **Queen Street Reinstatement Project:** Provide input into the design of Queen Street.
- **Housing Choice for Central Richmond:** What do you think of the proposal to provide for medium-density housing within walking distance of the town centre?

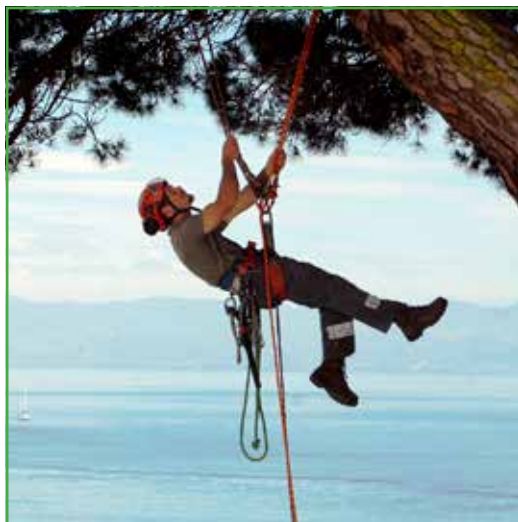
- **Richmond Town Centre Plan Change:** Are you happy with the current rules for building heights, frontages, living and signage in the central business zone?

Feedback closes on 29 February 2016.
Visit tasman.govt.nz/feedback to find out more and have your say.



Name the Harbourmaster's Boat

The Harbourmaster's new boat needs a name. Do you have a suggestion that will float our boat? Suggest a name and answer a simple boating safety question to be in with a chance to WIN a trip in the new boat with Tasman's Harbourmaster, and marine vouchers. Enter: tasman.govt.nz/feedback
Entries close: 11 March 2016. Entries are restricted to residents of Tasman District.



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Students make most of youth development grants

Every year we offer grants of up to \$200 to help young people in Tasman District reach their potential, with a focus on personal development and leadership.

This year, Murchison Area School student Georgia Mason and Nelson College for Girls student Kirby Rogers have received "\$200 Ships". Georgia, who put the money towards a voyage on the Spirit of New Zealand, and Kirby, who used the scholarship to attend Hands-On at Otago 2016, describe the impact the scholarships have had on their lives in their own words.

Georgia – Spirit of New Zealand voyage

"I had a fantastic opportunity to sail from Dunedin to Bluff on the Spirit of New Zealand. For starters I was nervous about not knowing anyone and travelling by myself. I soon got over that when I was warmly welcomed by the crew and a fellow trainee when I got to Dunedin Wharf.

"Over the next 10 days, I became more of a leader and was very proud when I was awarded the Jewellers' Award for displaying outstanding endeavour and personal growth. I set my personal goal to climb to the very top of the mast, which I couldn't wait to do.

"I had the best time of my life. I recommend that if you are ever given the opportunity to go, take it. I can't wait until I am old enough and able to go back as a leading hand. I learnt so much and made many incredible new friends within such a short amount of time.

"An experience of a lifetime."

Kirby – Hands-On at Otago

"This one-week camp was an amazing opportunity which I am extremely fortunate to have been able to attend. Not only did I learn heaps about my chosen project, history, I also learnt about genetics, Māori culture, law, attended a fascinating lesson on memory development, as well as making life-long friends.

"Through the week in my project we were based in Toitu, the Otago Settlers' Museum, where we researched objects relating to early New Zealand settlements. Using this research from the museum and university libraries in pairs we summarised our research into blog posts, which have been published, and the Global Dunedin blog with the end goal of them becoming part of a book containing a collection of short posts relating to Dunedin settlement.

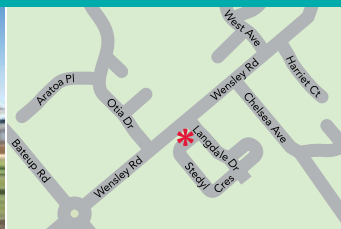
"Also through the week, I got a taste of university life and what it is like to live in halls of residence. This for me was a great experience and having some indication of how my future will be, and confirming that university is where I want to be in the not so distant future, was very beneficial to my future plans. I am extremely grateful to the Tasman District Council for their aid in allowing me to attend this fantastic event."

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New sign for Takaka township

Calling for submissions for a major public artwork

In the Golden Bay community there has been an ongoing awareness that Takaka does not have a significant sign at the entrance to the town. A sign that lets visitors know they have arrived in a special place; that reflects the great qualities of its environment and community. The present sign understates what we have to offer.

GB Promotions, the GB Arts Council, the Community Board and the Council have begun the process to develop a significant sign for Takaka township.

Artists are invited to submit designs. A selection panel will create a shortlist from the submissions, which will be made available for public consultation.

If you would like to make a submission please collect an Artists Brief from the Art Bank, Council service centre, the Takaka Library, Collingwood Post Office, or email gbartsnz@gmail.com. Contact Grant on 027 256 0566 with any queries.

Submissions close Friday 29 April 2016.

Water meters set for replacement

In March 2016 we will begin replacing ageing water meters as part of our ongoing programme to keep the District's water reticulation network well-maintained.

The meters in some areas have reached an age where they are likely to be showing signs of deterioration, which can affect the way we manage our water resources, and how the costs of water supply are distributed across the community.

The meters to be replaced this year are in some streets in Richmond and all of Motueka, Kaiteriteri and Riwaka. If your meter is one of those scheduled for replacement, you will receive a letter to notify you prior to the work being done. The water supply to your property will need to be shut off for a short period of time between the hours of 9.00 am and 3.00 pm. The letter will include details on the timing, what's involved, and who to contact if you have any queries.

Family fun at Choice Children's Day

Join in the fun and make memories with your little ones at this year's Choice Children's Day.

A bouncy castle, biking challenges, fun games equipment and a treasure hunt are among the free activities on offer at Rabbit Island on 6 March 2016.

The day is about spending some quality time with your children, showing them that they are special, and making new memories in a natural environment.

The details:

2.00 pm – 4.00 pm, Sunday 6 March 2016, Rabbit Island.

Tasman's Great Taste Trail Update

Work to complete the section of Tasman's Great Taste Trail from Wai-iti Domain to Norris Gully via Spooner's tunnel is progressing well.

The Nelson Tasman Cycle Trails Trust says preliminary construction has also begun on the route from Wai-iti Domain within the Tunnicliff and Kanui Forests to Belgrove, and bridges and boardwalks for the Belgrove to Tunnel Road section are under way.

Discussions with landowners between Wakefield and Wai-iti Domain continue to be positive, a number have willingly provided land to enable the trail to be formed away from the state highway.

Plans for the section through Norris Valley Gully to Tapawera will be investigated and discussed with landowners later this year.

More information and walking and cycling maps can be found at www.tasman.govt.nz

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Pupils have a say about future Queen Street

A group of Year 7 and 8 St Paul's School students are among those taking the opportunity to learn more and contribute to the Queen Street Reinstatement project in February – and they had plenty of great ideas about how we could make Richmond's main street safer and more attractive for all users.

Their suggestions included the addition of art, seats and child-friendly interactive sculptures, themed to promote Richmond as the "fruit bowl of Tasman." They would like to see more colour and native trees to attract native birds to Queen Street. Also, they thought that more recycling bins would be good for the environment.

To help keep everyone safe, the students suggested a lower speed limit, skateboard/scooter paths and wider pedestrian crossings.

Richmond councillor Judene Edgar, who explained the plans for Queen Street to the students, said their ideas would be considered along with all the feedback being collected during consultation on the street's reinstatement.

"These young people are among those who will be using Queen Street for many years to come, so it's great that they have let us know what they would like to see included – and they had some really innovative ideas for improvements."

Feedback closing soon on Queen Street Reinstatement

Consultation on the design of Queen Street closes on 29 February – so take the opportunity to let us know how you think we can improve our main retail street.

The Queen Street Reinstatement project is part of major improvements to central Richmond's stormwater network to reduce flood risk and replace aged and undersized pipes.

The work is expected to start in August this year and will see pipes replaced beneath the road and the surface of Queen Street reshaped to divert flood waters away from buildings. The street surface will be replaced from shop front to shop front, giving us the opportunity to make Queen Street a safer and more pleasant environment.

Find out more about the project and have a say before 29 February. Visit tasman.govt.nz/feedback or pick up a feedback form from our Queen Street offices.

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Public Notices

Request for Information Arboricultural Maintenance Services within Tasman District

Tasman District Council is establishing a Supplier Panel for Arboricultural Maintenance Services within the District.

If a contractor wishes to be considered for any of the Council's future arborist work they will need to be prequalified on the Supplier Panel.

To be considered for the supplier panel contractors will be established companies with qualified arborists as team leaders.

Application forms are available from Tara Fifield on, Ph. 03 543 8400 or Email: Tara.Fifield@tasman.govt.nz.

Applications close on Friday 26 February 2016 and must be at Council by 4.00 pm on that day.

For further information, please contact:

Beryl Wilkes on, Ph. 03 5438391, Email: beryl.wilkes@tasman.govt.nz or

Glenn Thorn on, Ph. 03 5438465, Email: glenn.thorn@tasman.govt.nz

Navigation Safety Bylaw:

Temporary reservations and speed limit uplifting for maritime events.

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

Event Date	Location	Activity
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

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Public Notices

Tasman District Council's Draft Schedule of Charges 2016/2017

Statement of Proposal

You are invited to make submissions on our draft Schedule of Charges for the coming year. We recover some of the costs associated with the services we provide through these fees and charges. Some charges are set by statute, and others by the Council. All the charges are reviewed each year, and changes made if necessary.

The reason we charge for some services is to make sure the costs of providing the service are recovered from those who benefit from it, rather than from the general ratepayer.

The draft Schedule of Charges covers the year from 1 July 2016 to 30 June 2017. The full Statement of Proposal is available for viewing on Council's website at www.tasman.govt.nz/feedback and during normal office hours at the following Tasman District Council Offices and libraries:

- Richmond Office, 189 Queen Street, Richmond
- Motueka Office, 7 Hickmott Place, Motueka
- Takaka Office, 14 Junction Street, Takaka
- Murchison Office, 92 Fairfax Street, Murchison
- District Library Queen Street, Richmond
- Motueka Library, Pah Street, Motueka
- Takaka Memorial Library, Junction Street, Takaka

Submissions are invited on the draft Schedule of Charges, and must be received by 4.00pm on Thursday 31 March 2016.

Submissions may be made online at tasman.govt.nz/feedback or delivered to your local Tasman District Council office.

Help us prepare a Management Plan for Moturoa/Rabbit Island

You are invited under s.41(5) Reserves Act 1977 to send written suggestions to Tasman District Council on the proposal to prepare a management plan for the recreation and local purpose (plantation) reserves on Moturoa/Rabbit Island, Rough Island and Birds Island. Written suggestions need to be lodged with Council (c/- Strategic Policy) by **29 February 2016**. Information about the natural/historic/recreational/ other resources of the reserves is available on the Tasman District Council website (search for Moturoa/Rabbit Island).

24 Hour Assistance – Phone your local Service Centre

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Motueka 03 528 2022

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Public Notices

Tasman Resource Management Plan

Proposed Plan Change 60

Rural Land Use And Subdivision Policy Review

The Council has prepared amendments to the Tasman Resource Management Plan, known as Proposed Plan Change 60: Rural Land Use and Subdivision Policy Review.

This Plan Change reviews and updates the policy and rules for rural land use and subdivision. The proposed amendments ensure greater protection of productive capacity, allow for flexibility of use and maintain rural character – while offering greater choices for landowners.

Submissions

Any person may make a submission on any part of any of the proposed Change. Submissions can be sent to the Environmental Policy Manager, Tasman District Council, Private Bag 4, Richmond 7050 to be accepted by the Council until 4.00 pm on Monday 14 March 2016. Submission forms are available as indicated below under "Availability of Proposed Changes".

Submissions must be in writing, clearly indicating support or opposition to the provisions, the decision that the submitter wishes the Council to make (with reasons), whether or not the submitter wishes to be heard in support of the submission and an address for service or contact address.

Consideration of Proposed Amendments

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

Availability of Proposed Amendments

The proposed amendments are available to view at the Council's Richmond office; Motueka, Takaka and Murchison service centres; Richmond, Motueka and Takaka libraries; or online at www.tasman.govt.nz/link/trmp-proposed-changes. Submission forms are also available.

For more information or advice on these amendments, please contact Mary Honey, Ph. 03 543 8397 or Email: mary.honey@tasman.govt.nz.

Golden Bay: Take the targeted rate survey

A survey of Golden Bay ratepayers has been extended to the end of February.

The survey is to find out whether ratepayers are in favour of paying an extra charge of approximately \$9.20 a year to help fund the visitor information centre in Takaka.

Find out more and take the survey online at: surveymonkey.com/r/gbinfocentre

Roading

Proposed Road Closures

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.

National Advanced Drivers School – Driver Training

30 March 2016, 31 March 2016 and 1 April 2016 from 10.00 am to 11.00 am, 12 noon to 1.00 pm and 2.30 pm to 3.30 pm on each of these days, Marchwood Park Road, Motueka.

Objections Close: 2 March 2016.

Nelson Car Club – Rally Sprint

Sunday 17 April 2016, 9.30 am to 7.00 pm, Tadmor-Glenhope Road – 4.3km north of the intersection with Kohatu-Kawatiri Highway (SH6) to 2.7km south of the intersection with Tui and Kereu Roads.

Objections Close: 12 March 2016.

Council Meetings

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

Engineering Services Committee

Tasman Council Chambers, 189 Queen Street, Richmond, Thursday 3 March 2016, 9.30 am. Public forum

Full Council

Tasman Council Chambers, 189 Queen Street, Richmond, Thursday 3 March 2016, 1.30 pm or at conclusion of Engineering Services Committee. No public forum

Golden Bay Community Board

Collingwood Fire Station, Elizabeth Street, Tuesday 8 March 2016, 9.00 am. Public forum

Environment and Planning Committee

Tasman Council Chambers, 189 Queen Street, Richmond, Thursday 17 March 2016, 9.30 am. Public forum

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.

Tune in to Fresh FM on Monday 11.40 am or Wednesday 3.40 pm. Nelson-Tasman 104.8, Golden Bay 95.0.

Writechoices

Interruption to service

We're upgrading our library software in March.

As a result there'll be a brief interruption to service on the evening of Tuesday 15 March.

You'll still be able to access the library catalogue but links to My Account and place a hold will not work.

This interruption to service is expected to last for around three hours from 9.30 pm.

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Code Club Aotearoa at Richmond Library

Coding – it's the latest exciting technology development that's taking the world by storm.

And now it's coming to Richmond Library courtesy of Code Club Aotearoa, a nationwide network of Library Staff led after-school coding clubs for kiwi kids.

The coding club is aimed at 9-12 year olds and uses Scratch, a fun way to programme a computer to make your own computer games and animations. This six week hands-on beginners' introduction to a new world of fun and computer adventure runs from Wednesday 9 March to Wednesday 13 April, 3.30 pm – 4.30 pm.

Classes are free but numbers are limited so register today by emailing library@tasman.govt.nz. Please make sure you put Codeclub in the subject line.

Gerard Hindmarsh at Motueka Library

Catch up with local Takaka author Gerard Hindmarsh at Motueka Library on Thursday 10 March from 5.30 pm. Gerard will be talking about his latest book Kahawai: the people's fish. Gerard is an entertaining speaker with plenty of fascinating stories to tell. Sure to be a fun evening.

Library impact survey

Have you used your library's computers to book holidays, email friends, prepare job applications? Or have you laid down music tracks in the Imaginarium at Richmond? Do you place holds or renew your books online? Or do you download e-books from the library or read newspapers online via PressDisplay?

These are just a few examples of the many different online services that the library provides.

Now you have the opportunity via our library impact survey to let us know how using the library's online services has helped you get things done.

The library impact survey allows us to better understand the ways in which our services have helped you and where we might develop new services to assist you achieve your goals and dreams in the online world.

The impact survey will be available via the library website. Keep an eye out for it – it's coming soon.

Tracing your Ancestors through Military Records

Are you interested in researching your military ancestors but not sure where to start?

We're running a course on Tracing your Ancestors through Military Records at Richmond Library on Friday 8 April, 10.00 am to 12.30 pm.

You'll learn how to locate various online military records, including military service records/personnel files, records of the war dead, war memorials and graves for New Zealand, UK and Australia.

Basic computer skills are essential.

Phone 03 543 8500 to find out more and to book your place on this course.

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