

Newsline



Keeping you informed about news and events in Tasman District



Queen Street, Richmond

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Children gain safe biking skills with Ride On

Wakefield School children headed out on their scooters and bikes to develop important road safety skills and gain confidence through the Ride On bike safety programme.

Ride On, supported by the Tasman District and Nelson City Councils along with New Zealand Transport Agency (NZTA), focuses on helping students learn the road rules, develop riding skills and identify safe riding routes to and from school.

Programme co-ordinator Marty Clark said the Ride On team of qualified cycle instructors were called to Wakefield School in March to deliver a road safety-orientated programme to the entire school.

"We are teaching a serious life skill that will assist the students to be better and safer road users, but we make sure the students enjoy the time with us."

The programme began with scooter training for 5 and 6-year-olds, covering the basics of control of the scooter and highlighting the importance of walking their scooters across the road and identifying obscured driveways.

The middle school, ages 7 and 8, learned basic bike control and had fun on their bikes while picking up skills useful for on-road riding.

The programme culminated in the three senior classes, aged 9 and 10, working on bike control before being led on to the road and learning essential safe riding skills like negotiating parked cars and left and right turns.

Wakefield School principal Peter Verstappen praised the Ride On programme.

"Marty and his team inspired and educated our kids in their week-long blitz of Wakefield School. From new entrants to year 6, every student in the school participated fully in the programme, gaining confidence and skills from excellent tutors and role models.

"I rode out with the team on several occasions and was immensely impressed by their knowledge, professionalism, humour and high standard of risk management. It's a terrific programme."



Wakefield students learn to negotiate parked cars

Interested in Ride On?

Contact Marty Clark on rideon@sporttasman.org.nz for more information about the programme.

Mayor's Message

It's Annual Plan time and this year we're doing things a little differently. The Council have been out and about over the last couple of weeks consulting with Tasman communities on the proposed plans for our district over the coming year. We're really pleased with the feedback we've had so far and the positive reception we're receiving from engaging in this way.

If we haven't visited your community yet, we will be soon with Council staff and Elected Members available to discuss our proposed Annual Plan and answer questions. There are sessions planned in the coming weeks for Richmond, Motueka, Wakefield, Moutere, Murchison, Mapua and Takaka. Dates, times and venues for each session are on the Tasman District Council website and on page 6 of this edition of Newsline. If you can make it to one, we'd really love to see you there.

Council want to know your thoughts on what we've done so far to uphold the commitments we made to you in the Long Term Plan, what you think we could improve on and what your aspirations are for your community. So far we have found that these sessions are a really helpful and informal way of having these conversations about the things that matter to us all. If you can't attend one of the public meetings, you can always contact me or one of your ward Councillors directly by phone or email.

I look forward to seeing those who can make it there.

I wish you all a very happy Easter.

Mayor Richard Kempthorne

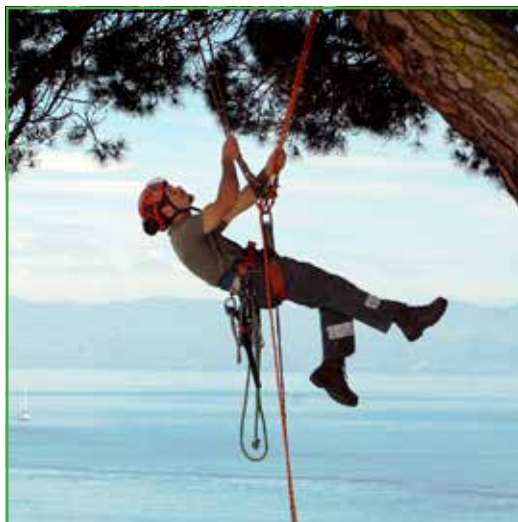


Keep dogs and children safe from toxic algae

The weather conditions as we head into autumn are likely to encourage the toxic algae Phormidium to grow in our rivers and streams once more, so please keep an eye on dogs and small children around the water.

The algae that is of most concern is relatively distinctive, forming mats that are soft, dark coloured (black, very dark green or dark brown), sometimes thick (over 5mm) and somewhat jelly-like. It has a strong musty odour that can attract dogs. Please be aware that the material may raft up in the shallows at any time or be deposited on the bank of waterways after rain.

Anyone concerned about toxic algae, or who wishes to report a site where algae is present, can contact us any time on Ph. 03 543 8400. A photo of the algae and/or the site would also be helpful.



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Slow down – new speed limits in force from April 2016

Reduced speed limits are in force on 26 Tasman roads from 1 April – so keep an eye on the signs and be prepared to slow down.

The changes were made in response to community concerns about traffic speeds on local roads and to meet best practice safety guidelines. They are included in Tasman's new Speed Limits Bylaw 2016.

Schools

We are proposing to install 40kmh variable school speed zones outside Ranzau, Hope and Motupipi schools to address concerns about the safety of children around the school gates.

Brooklyn, Mapua, Lower Moutere and Mahana schools do not meet NZTA's criteria for a variable school speed zone, so we intend to install static 40kmh advisory signs instead that will signal to motorists to slow down when children are present. In addition, Central Takaka, Dovedale and Ngatimoti schools will receive better standard school warning signage.

The changes to school speed zones and signage will be made after discussions with the schools involved.

New speed limits by area

RICHMOND:

- **Lower Queen Street**, 50kmh zone extended, 70kmh zone lowered to 60kmh, part of 100kmh zone reduced to 80kmh
- **Swamp Road**, 80kmh (down from 100kmh)

HOPE/APPLEBY:

- **Bartlett Road**, 80kmh (down from 100kmh)
- **Cotterell Road**, 80kmh (down from 100kmh)
- **Edens Road**, 80kmh (down from 100kmh)
- **Part of Higgins Road**, 80kmh (down from 100kmh)
- **Pugh Road**, 80kmh (down from 100kmh)
- **Ranzau Road**, 60kmh (down from 70kmh)
- **Ranzau Road West**, 80kmh (down from 100kmh)

TASMAN/UPPER MOUTERE:

- **Cliff Road**, 60kmh (down from 70kmh)
- **Dee Road**, 60kmh (down from 70kmh)
- **Kina Beach Road**, 60kmh (down from 70kmh)
- **Kina Peninsula Road**, 60kmh (down from 70kmh)
- **Oceanview Lane**, 60kmh (down from 70kmh)
- **School Road, Mahana**, 60kmh for the entire length

GOLDEN BAY:

- **Central Takaka Road**, 60kmh (down from 70kmh)
- **Part of Collingwood-Puponga Main Road**, 50kmh 20 December–31 January, 60kmh 1 February–19 December
- **Duncan Street**, 50kmh 20 December–31 January, 60kmh rest of year, (down from 100kmh)
- **Mills Street**, 50kmh 20 December–31 January, 60kmh rest of year, (down from 100kmh)
- **Pitt Street**, 50kmh 20 December–31 January, 60kmh 1 February–19 December, (down from 100kmh)
- **Rototai Road**, 50kmh Meihana Street to 300m north of Arapeta Place (down from 70kmh), 80kmh 300m north of Arapeta Place to Abel Tasman Drive, (down from 100kmh)
- **Seddon Street**, 50kmh 20 December–31 January, 60kmh rest of year, (down from 100kmh)
- **Part of Wharariki Road**, 50kmh 20 December–31 January, 60kmh rest of year, (down from 100kmh)
- **Ward Place**, 50kmh 20 December–31 January, 60kmh rest of year, (down from 100kmh)

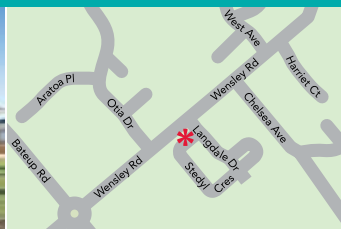
MOTUEKA:

- **High Street South**, 60kmh (down from 70kmh)
- **Part of Wildman Road**, 60kmh (down from 70kmh).

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Check out the plans for your area in 2016/2017

Interested in what we have planned for your area in the coming year?

Our proposals for the Annual Plan are out with details of our proposed spending plans and priorities for 2016/2017. There's a lot going on, from maintaining and renewing all our existing assets, to major infrastructure improvements and new community facilities.

A lot of the work we do is District-wide, from emergency and environmental management, to rubbish and recycling services, roading improvements, maintaining community parks and recreation facilities and so on. Because we plan budgets over a 10-year period, the spending in a single year doesn't necessarily reflect the ongoing investment we make across our communities. Some of the projects you will see progress on in the coming year include:

Golden Bay

- Golden Bay Community Recreation Facility
- Golden Bay Landscape Project
- Pohara and Collingwood water treatment upgrades
- Takaka Playground redevelopment
- Takaka River water management review

Motueka

- Motueka Wastewater Treatment Plant upgrade
- Kaiteriteri/Riwaka Water Treatment Plant upgrade
- Kaiteriteri wastewater pipeline replacement

- Motueka town centre project, including undergrounding of power lines
- Riwaka Hall earthquake strengthening

Richmond

- Central Richmond stormwater upgrades to address flooding
- Queen Street utility upgrades and reinstatement
- Redesign of Bateup Road and Lower Queen Street
- Saxton Field cycling velodrome completed
- Richmond central business and residential zone reviews

Moutere-Waimea

- New Wakefield water treatment plant
- Mapua carparking improvements
- Brightwater and Wakefield zoning reviews

Lakes-Murchison

- St Arnaud walkway development
- Tasman's Great Taste Trail extended to Kohatu
- Maitai Crescent, Tapawera, drain renewal

For more information on the Annual Plan proposals and projects planned for your area, visit tasman.govt.nz/annual-plan. For projects proposed beyond 2016/2017, take a look online at our 'Settlements Document' tasman.govt.nz/annual-plan.

Change to residential building coverage rules now in effect

If you are building a home or making additions in Richmond, Motueka, Brightwater or Wakefield, your buildings may now cover up to 40 percent of your section – an increase from the 33 percent coverage previously allowed.

However, for the additional coverage you will need to make sure you provide adequate stormwater detention on site.

For more information on the changes, please contact your local Council service centre.

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Tasman's Great Taste Trail: Did you know?

With the next stage of Tasman's Great Taste Trail – from the Wai-iti domain through Spooner's Tunnel to Kohatu – set to open in April, it's a great time to reflect on the achievements of this region's Great Ride.

Did you know?

- **208,000** – cyclists used the trail in 2015 (more than four times the population of Tasman District!)
- **13,000** – cyclists used the trail over the 11-day Christmas/New Year period 2015/16

- **64%** – of riders are local
- **27%** – of riders hail from elsewhere in New Zealand
- **9%** – of riders come from overseas
- **96%** – report satisfaction with the trail cycling experience
- **56%** – of riders are aged over 50
- **92 kilometres** – of trail makes up Tasman's Great Taste Trail
- **\$5.6 million** – spent on construction so far (funded by Tasman District Council, Government and volunteers/fundraising).

Nelson Southern Link investigation public engagement opens

The NZ Transport Agency is seeking feedback from the regional community about improving the arterial network between Annesbrook Drive and Haven Road roundabouts in Nelson.

23 March – 24 April

Community engagement is an important part of the NZ Transport Agency's work to improve the transport network. NZTA wants to hear from you now as they develop the Nelson Southern Link Investigation's Programme Business Case (PBC) – which is the second of four stages of the Nelson Southern Link Investigation.

Your contribution to the PBC will help NZTA finalise this stage and, in particular, allow them to identify an approach to solving two key regional transport problems and establish the investment objectives for the future that will ensure sound investment decisions are made today.

How to give us your feedback

Public engagement opens on 23 March and runs through 24 April. An engagement summary booklet is available online at www.nzta.govt.nz/projects/nelson-southern-link and at these locations:

- All Nelson Public Libraries
- Richmond Library

All of the information on the investigation including related studies and reports – such as the Strategic Case Report, the draft Programme

Business Case Report, and the SH6 Walk / Cycle Facility Options Update Report on Rocks Road – can be found online.

NZTA wants to hear from you! Once you read through the summary, please fill out the feedback form and return it by 24 April.

Public information sessions

There are four public information sessions for you to talk to a member of the study team to ask questions.

FRIDAY 1 APRIL:

Stoke Community Hall. 9.30 am – 12.30 pm

FRIDAY 1 APRIL:

Elma Turner Library, Nelson CBD. 3.00 pm – 6.00 pm

SATURDAY 2 APRIL:

Elma Turner Library, Nelson CBD. 10.30 am – 1.30 pm

SATURDAY 9 APRIL:

Richmond Library, Richmond, 10.00 am – 1.00 pm.

For more information, visit: www.nzta.govt.nz/projects/nelson-southern-link

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TASMAN DISTRICT COUNCIL ANNUAL PLAN 2016/2017

ANNUAL PLAN MEETINGS

We'll be attending a meeting or community event near you to discuss the Annual Plan – come along for a chat with councillors and staff about your hopes for Tasman's future.

Wednesday 30 March

Richmond Mall, 11.00 am–3.00 pm

Sunday 3 April

In Your Neighbourhood, Motueka Market, 9.00 am – 12.00 noon

Tuesday 5 April

Moutere Hills Residents Association, Moutere Inn, 7.00 pm

Wednesday 6 April

Richmond Mall, 11.00 am–3.00 pm

Saturday 9 April

In Your Neighbourhood, Wakefield Village Green, 9.00 am – 12.00 noon

Monday 11 April

Murchison and Districts Community Association, MESI building, 2.00 pm

Monday 11 April

Mapua and Districts Community Association, Mapua Village Hall, 7.00 pm

Tuesday 12 April

Golden Bay Community Board, Takaka Fire Station, 9.00 am

Tuesday 12 April

In Your Neighbourhood, Takaka Village Green, from 2.00 pm.

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.

Public Notices

Tasman Resource Management Plan Proposed Plan Changes 61 & 62

Progressive Enterprises Ltd: Richmond North Commercial Zone and Wainui Bay Spat Catching Group: Spat Catching

The Council has accepted for notification under clauses 5 and 26 of Schedule 1 of the Resource Management Act, two Private Plan Change Requests to the Tasman Resource Management Plan.

Request 1

Requester: Progressive Enterprises Ltd (Change 62)

Location: 144 Salisbury Road, Richmond

Purpose: To rezone approximately 1.3ha of land from Residential to Commercial to accommodate a Countdown supermarket, small scale retail/commercial development, a community facility, associated car parking, access and landscaping.

Request 2

Requester: Wainui Bay Spat Catching Group (Change 61)

Location: Wainui Bay

Purpose: To provide the marine farming industry with certainty that spat catching farms in Wainui Bay can continue beyond the current term of consent (2024) by rezoning the eight spat catching sites to a newly created zone – AMA 4 (Wainui). The amended policy is to recognise the area's importance for spat catching.

Submissions

Any person may make a submission on any part of the Private Plan Changes. 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 Tuesday 26 April 2016. Submission forms are available as indicated below under "Availability of Private Plan Change Requests".

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 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 Private Plan Change Requests

The Private Plan Change Requests will be available to view from 14 March, at the Council's Richmond office and public library (Request 1). Takaka Service Centre and the Takaka, Richmond and Motueka public libraries (Request 2).

They are also available online at www.tasman.govt.nz/link/trmp-ppcr. A submission form is also available.

For more information or advice on these Plan Change Requests, please contact Jacqui Deans, Ph. 03 543 7246,

Email: jacqui.deans@tasman.govt.nz (for Request 1) or

Tania Bray, Ph. 03 543 7277, Email: tania.bray@tasman.govt.nz (for Request 2).

Public Notices

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

You are invited to make submissions on our draft Schedule of Charges for the coming year. We recover some of the costs of 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 it are recovered from those who benefit, rather than from the general ratepayer.

The draft Schedule of Charges covers the year from 1 July 2016 to 30 June 2017. The full proposed Schedule of Charges 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 **4.00 pm on Thursday 31 March 2016**.

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

Speed Limit Bylaw

At its meeting on Thursday 18 February 2016 the Tasman District Council adopted a full review of its Consolidated Bylaw Chapter 4 – Speed Limit Bylaw 2016. The bylaw comes into effect on 1 April 2016.

Copies of the bylaw and the associated maps can be viewed on the Council's website – www.tasman.govt.nz or viewed at any Council office, library or service centre.

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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. Objections can be lodged at: Tasman District Council, 189 Queen Street, Richmond:

Anzac Day Parades – Monday 25 April 2016

Queen Street, Richmond – 10.30 am to 11.00 am, from Sundial Square to Cambridge Street.

Oxford Street, Richmond – 10.15 am to 12.30 pm, from Gladstone Road to Wensley Road. (Note – residents along Oxford Street will still be able to leave or enter their property through the controlled section at the Oxford Street/Wensley Road roundabout. There will be no left or right turn from Gladstone Road into Oxford Street during this time.)

Whitby Way, Wakefield – 9.00 am to 12.30 pm, from the intersection with Edward Street to number 14 Whitby Way.

Aranui Road, Mapua – 10.30 am to 11.15 am, from the tennis courts to the intersection of Aranui Road and Toru Street.

Objections close: 28 March 2016.

Road Closures

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

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.

Council Meetings

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

Joint Committee (Nelson City Council/Tasman District Council)
Civic House, Trafalgar Street, Nelson, Tuesday 29 March 2016, 9.30 am. No public forum

Full Council
Tasman Council Chambers, 189 Queen Street, Richmond, Thursday 31 March 2016, 9.30 am. Public forum

Tasman Regional Transport Committee
Tasman Council Chambers, 189 Queen Street, Richmond, Friday 1 April 2016, 9.30 am. No public forum

Creative Communities Subcommittee
Motueka Service Centre, 7 Hickmott Place, Motueka, Wednesday 6 April 2016, 10.00 am. No public forum

24 Hour Assistance – Phone your local office

Richmond 03 543 8400

Murchison 03 523 1013

Motueka 03 528 2022

Takaka 03 525 0020

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Writechoices

Easter hours

All Tasman libraries will be closed on Friday 25 March and Monday 28 March 2016 for Easter holidays. We're open as usual on Saturday 26 March 2016.

Live Well at Richmond Library

During April at Richmond Library we're focusing on living well and enjoying life.

As well as highlighting our resources on health, wellness and happiness, we're also offering a wide range of wellness-related free lunchtime sessions. From osteopathy to diabetes information, homoeopathy and acupuncture to the benefits of eating well, there's a wide range of talks and drop-in sessions on offer.

Check out the full programme on our library website Featured Events page.

Quilting workshop

Are you a budding quilter? Would you like to meet other quilters? Or are you interested in having a go before you commit yourself to buying materials?

The Waimea Quilting group is holding two hands-on quilting sessions at Richmond Library on Saturday 2 and 16 April, 10.00 am-12.00 noon. These sessions are free and a great opportunity to meet other people who love to quilt and to have a go yourself. All materials will be provided. No bookings required – just drop in.

I Love My Library Because ...

We know that lots of you really enjoy your library and for many reasons. Now you have the chance to let us know what you particularly love about your library. I love my library because ... will be running in all our libraries from 12 April to 28 May.

All you have to do is jot down your favourite things on one of the cards provided, circle your age group and post it on the boards provided.

Anyone can add their comments and you can add as many comments as you want. We're looking forward to hearing from you.

School holiday alert

School holidays are coming and once again we'll have a range of holiday activities to entertain children in our libraries. Storytimes, music

performances and reading to dogs are all on the programme. Check out the school holiday featured events page on the library website for more information.

Spoken Word workshop at Richmond Library

Spread the word about this special teens' Spoken Word workshop. Jeremy Newton (a former Youth Council facilitator) will be running a free, fun workshop for 12-18 year olds at Richmond Library on 31 March, 3.45 pm-4.45 pm.

No prior experience is required and performance is optional. Plus, you get a chance to enter the 2016 Youth Week Spoken Word competition with great prizes to be won!

No bookings required – just head for the meeting room at Richmond Library.

Opening Lines

Keep an eye out for our special teens promotion Opening Lines running from 11 April to 13 May at Motueka, Richmond and Takaka Libraries. You'll find more information on the library website Events page.

New in the library



The Silent Inheritance
by Joy Dettman



The Spy House
by Matthew Dunn



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