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Keeping you informed about news and events in Tasman District



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How do we keep Tasman's drinking water safe?

A safe drinking water supply is probably the most important service we provide – our lives depend on it. When our water is literally 'on-tap', it can be easy to take it for granted, however the water you enjoy is constantly tested for quality.

We decided to take a closer look at water quality with the help of our senior engineer, Gillian Bullock. So, how do we monitor water quality – do we do any kind of testing?

Tasman District Council maintains 16 water supplies across the District from Murchison to Collingwood. The Drinking Water Standards require all supplies to be tested on a set schedule.

The testing varies depending on the plant, but generally involves taking a sample to be tested in the lab for E.coli and other on-site tests such as chlorine level. Zone samples might be taken at reservoirs or at the farthest reach of that system. All of the bacteria tests are processed by Cawthron Institute in Nelson.

We can also monitor the performance of every treatment plant online through our telemetry system. This means Council staff and the treatment plant operators can see important information such as the chlorine level remotely.

Should anything go wrong, an alarm will be generated in the system and this will be texted to the on-call person who can react immediately.

What kinds of things do we test for?

The main lab testing is for *E.coli*, but we also test for lead and nitrate. On site we also regularly test for pH, chlorine and turbidity (cloudiness of the water). Despite all the checks built in to the system, there is no 100% guarantee that contamination won't happen – but there is a robust system in place if any contamination occurs.

We want to be sure our water meets the highest quality standards possible. If something is found, what is the process – what happens and who's involved?

If the lab picks up a positive result, they inform us straight away. The Council then tells the local drinking water assessor, who is employed by the Nelson Marlborough District Health Board, and the Ministry of Health. The site is investigated to see if there is any reason why the sample may have been positive. At the same time, follow up testing begins that day to check for further contamination. Further actions may include increasing chlorine dose, turning off a source, flushing lines using hydrants, issuing boil water notices or using emergency chlorination. It depends on the site and the situation, and all decisions are made in consultation with the Ministry of Health.

Spooners Tunnel to reopen by October

A temporary bracing structure will be installed at the northern entrance to Spooners Tunnel within the next month, allowing the popular cycling and walking route to reopen to the public.

In July, we closed the tunnel after a routine structural inspection identified movement in a small crack at the northern entrance. Since then, our staff have been investigating ways to strengthen the entrance in consultation with specialist consultants and Heritage New Zealand. Transportation Manager Jamie McPherson says the temporary bracing system will allow the tunnel to safely reopen while a permanent solution is identified.

"A steel frame will be erected at the tunnel entrance to brace the northern portal. This will allow continued safe use of the tunnel by the public for as long as it takes to design and build suitable long-term reinforcement. While it is a shame we had to prevent public access through the tunnel for a short time, we were not willing to take any risks with people's safety. With a structure of this age it's inevitable there will be occasional repairs and maintenance needed, and that's why we have been carrying out a very rigorous inspection regime. It was one of those regular checks that identified the issue and allowed us to move swiftly to ensure there was no risk to the public."

"We hope to have work completed by the end of September, and will be seeking funding from the Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment to help cover the emergency repairs."

Check out what's on the menu at Biker's Brunch

Bike riders of all stripes and sizes are invited to the Biker's Brunch on Saturday 8 October – come along and grab a free cup of coffee, sign up for one of the free courses, check out the displays or just enjoy a chat with fellow riders.

Are you rusty after a winter of not riding? Or curious to see to if you could still pass the practical part of your licence? Then try out the skills test to see how you go. There's heaps of free stuff on offer, including coffee, bacon sandwiches, locally-run skills courses, plus

giveaways and the chance to win some motorcycling gear. Local motorbike clubs and groups, motorcycle retailers and the Institute of Advanced Motorcycling will be on hand to talk and there will be a hands-on display from Kohatu Park. The event is open to all motorcyclists and scooter/moped riders, no matter what age and size of bike you ride. The Biker's Brunch is supported by the Tasman District Council, Police, NZTA, ACC, Mediaworks, Nelson City Council, Nelson Motorcycle Safety Group and local motorcycle clubs.

When and Where: Annesbrook Church, Saxton Road, Stoke.
Saturday 8 October, 9.30 am – 12 noon.

In case you missed it...

A round up of recent Council meetings and the decisions made.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE 25 AUGUST 2016

- Committee chairperson Judene Edgar thanked her colleagues, community groups and residents for their contribution to the District. She highlighted some of the department's changes and achievements during her term, including the Motueka Recreation Centre upgrade, Murchison Sport, Recreation and Cultural Centre, Mapua Community Hall investment, Moutere Hills Community Centre rebuild, current work on the Golden Bay Community Recreation Facility and the development of new reserves, walkways and mountainbike trails, and the extension of Tasman's Great Taste Trail.
- Community Development Manager Susan Edwards outlined the department's recent work, which includes progress on construction of the Golden Bay Community Recreation Facility, the start of construction on the Golden Bay service centre upgrade and the start of construction on the Golden Bay Museum Whalery extension. Planning for summer events is underway, and staff are beginning to work on the growth strategy that will determine the likely future supply of and demand for residential land in the District.
- Received the results of the 2016 Communitrak residents' survey. See page 3 for more on the survey results.

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- Agreed to retain the existing Gambling Venues Policy without changes. The policy caps the number of pokie machines in the District at 220. There are currently 161 machines in use in Tasman District.
- Decided to release a discussion document on the National Policy Statement (NPS) for Electricity Transmission for public consultation. The NPS aims to promote a consistent approach to the national grid across the country, as currently there are varied approaches to it in district plans. More information on the consultation, which will take place after local elections in October, will be provided in a future issue of Newsline.
- Received a report on resource management monitoring and compliance for 2015/16. There were 2710 resource consents and permitted activities that were monitored. Monitored activities included: 1080 drops, herbicide spraying, wastewater treatment, landfills, timber treatment, dairy processing and fish processing. There was 87% full compliance and 13% minor non-compliance over the year, leading to 43 abatement notices, 49 fines and the initiation of one prosecution.
- Heard that 99% of resource consent applications in 2015–16 were processed within the legal timeframe. There were 1018 resource consent applications lodged over the year.
- Committee chairman Stuart Bryant shared some of his highlights from the past term of Council, including the completion of the Local Alcohol Policy, Motueka West plan changes, the Rural Land Use and Subdivision policy review, progress on identification and rule changes for Golden Bay's Outstanding Natural Features and Landscapes, land rezoning in Wakefield and updates to the Waimea water management provisions.
- Heard that Harbourmaster Dan Cairney had been successful in obtaining funding from Maritime NZ for boating safety education and enforcement programmes, some to be run in partnership with Nelson City Council.

Keeping Tasman's drinking water safe continued...

We're a large district with lots of water supplies, do the plants have ultra violet treatment or chlorination?

Most of our supplies have permanent chlorination or emergency chlorination on standby. Our Kaiteriteri and Motueka schemes are currently both untreated. Both of these supplies are going to be upgraded in the next few years with permanent UV treatment, and with standby chlorination for emergencies. For those schemes that only have chlorination currently we are working through a programme upgrading the plants, mainly adding UV to the existing plants.

What happens if I'm not on a Council supply?

If you have your own shallow bore or well or roof water, it's possible you have bacteria in your own supply. Roof water can be contaminated by rats, possums and birds. Often private bores and wells have no protection on their headworks that would stop surface water from entering them during flooding. They are also often shallow and, if they are downstream of your own or your neighbour's septic tank, they are at risk of being contaminated by that water. You should consider installing treatment on your supply before it enters your house. There are lots of local plumbing specialists who can do this for you.

Are there kits or ways I can get my water tested?

Anyone can take their water in to Cawthron to have it tested for bacteria. I would recommend getting a sterile bottle from them first if you are going to do this. If you want your water tested for metals

or pesticides or other chemicals, you have to send them away – I would recommend using a certified laboratory for this. Local plumbing specialists across the district may also offer this service for you.

If I'm interested in information about water quality where can I go?

There is information on the Council's website about how our water supplies are treated, including some basic water quality information. If you have a query about your water quality, or want to report a leak, you can contact the Council's main number 24/7 on Ph. 03 543 8400. You can also visit: www.tasman.govt.nz/services/water-and-wastewater/water-supply/drinking-water-quality-faqs/.

How would we communicate with the public if there was a serious contamination event?

In addition to our standard communication channels, including the website, Facebook, Twitter, media releases and radio advertising, in the event of an urgent message needing to reach residents we and Nelson Tasman Civil Defence Emergency Management have several vehicles equipped with loudspeakers that can travel throughout the District broadcasting a public announcement. We also have access to a helicopter equipped with the ability to broadcast an announcement, which would be deployed if needed. Word of mouth would be critical to spreading the message quickly in a serious water contamination event, with all residents passing news on to neighbours, friends and family.

Residents' survey results are in

The results of an annual survey of how Tasman District residents feel about their Council are in, and show overall satisfaction is high compared with national averages.

The Communitrak telephone survey is undertaken by the National Research Bureau to ensure independence and impartiality. It canvasses the views of 402 residents, of varying ages over 18, spread across the District's five wards. Community Development Manager Susan Edwards said the survey provides data on people's levels of satisfaction with our services, and on which decisions they approve or disapprove of. "The results show that satisfaction with our services is generally higher than other similar councils and national averages. Areas where we exceed our peer group and national averages include satisfaction with recreation facilities, public halls and community buildings, dog and animal control, the Richmond Aquatic Centre and the way rates are spent on the

facilities and services we provide. We use the results of the survey to help prioritise improvements and to track and report on our performance in our Annual Report."

Some of the key findings include:

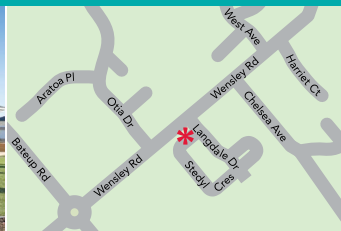
- 92% of residents are satisfied with recreational facilities, such as playing fields and neighbourhood reserves
- 75% are satisfied with roads (excluding state highways)
- 79% feel there is more than enough/enough information supplied by the Council
- 74% are satisfied with the way rates are spent on the services and facilities provided by the Council
- 62% feel Tasman District Council has a good reputation as a Council

Find out more: The full survey results are on our website, head to www.tasman.govt.nz/resident-survey.

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Voting papers in the mail this month

Voting papers for the 2016 local elections will begin arriving in mailboxes throughout the District between 16 and 21 September.

Now is the perfect time to learn more about the candidates for Council and the Tasman mayoralty so you can vote for those you think will best represent you. Visit our website to read the candidate profiles or head along to one of the candidate meetings for the chance to ask questions of those seeking your vote.

Read all the candidate profiles at www.tasman.govt.nz/elections

ENROL TO VOTE

Not enrolled yet? It's not too late. Head to www.elections.org.nz/enrol or call 0800 36 76 56 to enrol or update your details before 7 October. Everyone who enrolls after 12 August 2016 will need to cast a special vote. Special voting facilities are available at the Tasman District Council's Richmond office, or contact the Electoral Officer, Ph. Sandra Hartley 03 543 8554, who can mail out special voting documents. Special votes must be returned to the Electoral Officer at our Richmond office before polling closes at noon on 8 October 2016.

MEET THE CANDIDATES:

Please note that these meetings are not organised by the Tasman District Council. For information, please contact the relevant community group or association, as listed below.

Local Elections 2016
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DATE	TIME	VENUE	ORGANISED BY	CONTACT
Sunday 11 September	2.00 pm	Collingwood – Anglican Sunday School Hall	Rural Women Golden Bay	Joyce Wylie kaihoka@xtra.co.nz
Sunday 11 September	7.00 pm	Takaka Bowling Club	Golden Bay Grey Power	Roy Reid r.mh.reid@xtra.co.nz
Wednesday 14 September	7.00 pm	Club Waimea, Lower Queen Street, Richmond	Nelson Grey Power	Gordon Currie caroleandgordon@xtra.co.nz
Thursday 15 September	7.00 pm	Mapua Hall	Mapua and Districts Community Association	Elena Meredith elena.meredith@xtra.co.nz
Tuesday 27 September Moutere Ward Councillor and Mayoral candidates	7.00 pm	Moutere Hills Community Centre	Moutere Hills Residents Association	Mathes Bender secretary@mhra.org.nz

Easier consent process to be launched

We're always looking for ways to make it easier for you to do business with us, so we're about to take the next step in streamlining our building consent application process.

Simplified and standardised consent application forms will soon be made available from our website. The forms can be downloaded, completed, returned and processed electronically. Identical forms will be used in Tasman, Nelson and Marlborough, as part of our GoShift partnership with more than 20 other councils and the Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment.

Other parts of the consent process such as approvals and inspections will be standardised over the next six to 12 months.

WHAT IS GOSHIFT?

GoShift is a partnership between central and local government to improve performance, consistency and service delivery across the building consent system, led by Wellington City Council. Its goal is a more efficient process and a more consistent approach between councils to building consent applications. We'll keep you posted as further improvements to our consents system are put in place.

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Elevated arsenic levels detected in Richmond air

We would like to remind all residents that burning painted or treated timber is not permitted, after identifying elevated levels of arsenic at our Oxford Street air quality monitoring station.

Burning treated or painted timber releases toxic substances into the air and creates toxic ash. It is up to us all to ensure we only burn unpainted, untreated wood to keep the air we all breathe free of toxic contaminants. This also protects your own home and family from toxic substances in the air and in your home fire's ash. The presence of arsenic was detected when GNS Science carried out a detailed analysis of the filters used between 2013 and 2015 at the monitoring

station. The analysis, which also took into account meteorological conditions such as wind speed and direction, identified two sources of the arsenic – a seasonal increase from the burning of treated wood in domestic fires and occasional higher concentrations possibly linked with an industrial source in the area. The average annual arsenic levels identified were nearly four times the national ambient air quality guideline. Our staff have also identified a possible industrial source, undertaken some sampling, and issued an abatement notice to prevent any future unsafe burning. Nelson Marlborough District Health Board public health officers are working with us to determine any public health implications, and we will provide updated information on this as soon as it is available. For more information visit www.tasman.govt.nz/environment/air/air-quality.

Trial to reduce chlorine at Richmond Aquatic Centre

A new water treatment system will be trialled at the Richmond Aquatic Centre over the next two months, and is expected to result in clearer, softer water – as well as a reduction in the smell of chlorine.

Tasman District Council and Richmond Aquatic Centre staff have been investigating alternatives to the existing chlorine treatment, and have decided to conduct a trial of an Austrian-developed system called Wapotec in the lane pool. The system will allow the aquatic centre to more than halve the amount of chlorine currently used in the lane pool. Community Partnerships Coordinator Mike Tasman-Jones says the Bays Aquatic Centre in Auckland has successfully introduced the Wapotec system.

"The environment at the Bays Aquatic Centre is described as having very little chlorine odour. They say the water is very clear and has a silky-soft feel. We were originally considering an ultra-violet treatment system but Wapotec has reported better results, is cheaper to install and has comparable running costs".

"The two-month trial will allow us to assess whether the results are as good as we would hope. We expect to see a significant improvement in water quality and a big reduction in odour-causing chloramines in the lane pool."

If the lane pool trial is successful, we will consider rolling out Wapotec treatment to the other pools at the aquatic centre over time. The trial finishes in October.

New water meters for Kaiteriteri and Riwaka

Work to replace 2000 ageing domestic water meters throughout Tasman District heads to Kaiteriteri and Riwaka this month.

Residents whose meters are due for replacement will receive a letter before work begins. "The water supply to those properties will need to be shut off for a short period of time. The letter will include details of the timing, what's involved in the meter replacement, and who

to contact if people have any questions," Project Manager Jeannie Homesley says. Water meters in some areas are more than 15 years old and replacing them is part of our ongoing programme to keep the District's water reticulation network well-maintained. "Fulton Hogan will be replacing the old meters with new manifold meters. The new meters are easier to read, last longer and replacement will cost less in the future," Jeannie said.

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Nelson Historical Society presents its biennial James Jenkins Lecture

Lecturer: Dilys Johns, archaeologist and senior research fellow in conservation at the University of Auckland. **Topic:** Conservation and its impact for the study of Aotearoa's past – interpreting the recent recovery of 14th and 15th century canoes from New Zealand's South Island.

Event details: Thursday 15 September 2016 at Tahuna Beach Holiday Park Conference Centre, Beach Road, Tahunanui, Nelson. 7.30 pm. Doors open 7 pm. \$5 at the door (light refreshments provided at the conclusion of the lecture) RSVP (for catering purposes): Email info@contexo.co.nz or Ph. 027 238 1819.

Her lecture will span the exciting discovery, excavation, recovery and ongoing conservation of two waterlogged 14th and 15th century canoes in estuarine environments, one found in the Anaweka Estuary, south of Anatori, on Golden Bay's rugged West Coast, the other near Dunedin.

Nelson Provincial Museum – Hardy Street windows to become community exhibition space

Nelson Provincial Museum is opening its Hardy Street windows to installations from local artists and craftspeople, schools, and community groups. CEO Lucinda Blackley-Jimson says "This is a way to give back to the Nelson and Tasman people, and to provide both local artists, cultural and community groups with a free, highly visible exhibition area to profile their work." The Museum is calling for proposals to use the windows for installations lasting up to four weeks. The windows could feature artist exhibitions, or projects from iwi, environmental, cultural and community action groups or schools. Send your proposal to ceo@museumnp.org.nz

Summer Sport Codes Sport NZ rural travel fund

Are you a Tasman 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 phone Lani Evans on Ph. 543 8980 for further information.

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PUBLIC NOTICES

Intention to amend bylaws for the Abel Tasman Foreshore Scenic Reserve

We need to correct some technical drafting errors within the bylaws adopted last year. The amendment will clarify inconsistencies across sections that made interpretation and enforceability of some of the bylaws difficult. The Administration Committee of Lindsay McKenzie, Chief Executive Officer, Tasman District Council and Roy Grose, Director Operations, Northern South Island Region, and Department of Conservation give notice of the changes under Sect 107 (b) of the Reserves Act 1977. The amended bylaws will be available from 16 August 2016 at the Takaka, Motueka or Richmond offices of Tasman District Council or from the Takaka, Motueka or Nelson offices of the Department of Conservation during normal working hours (post 15 August 2016).

NetHui is coming to our backyard

NetHui is New Zealand's most inclusive and diverse internet event – and it's coming to our neck of the woods on Thursday 13 October. It's been hugely successful and in the past has been run as one large conference. This year InternetNZ are shaking things up a bit and bringing NetHui out to the regions – and guess what – we've got the only NetHui for the South Island.

So who takes part in NetHui? NetHui is open and accessible to everyone, and InternetNZ only charges a very small amount for anyone to attend. If you want to know more, including how to register, get involved or become a sponsor – head online to www.nethui.nz. Alternatively, contact Karen Lee, the NRDA Digital Coordinator, at karen@nrda.co.nz or Ph. 027 644 9800.

Second-Hand Sunday

Spring clean, declutter and participate in Second-Hand Sunday on 11 September. Register online at tasman.govt.nz before 9.00 am on Thursday 8 September (search term "Second Hand Sunday").

What is Second-Hand Sunday? Freely given and freely taken away, the goods could include anything from old chairs, books, clothing or leftover bits and pieces from building projects but is not to include food, dangerous goods like faulty electrical equipment, or chemicals. If you missed the Thursday deadline you can still participate. Treasure hunters can find the list of participating households on the website. On the day, look for the poster on the letterbox to make the most of the event.

Lower Moutere School 'Step Into Spring' fun run/walk

A 5km fun run/walk. Run part of Tasman's Great Taste Trail, climb the hills to fantastic views of Tasman Bay before the run back down to the school.

Event details: Sunday 18 September 2016, 9.15 am registration, 10.10 am start, Lower Motuere School, 8 School Road, Lower Moutere. \$5 a person or \$15 a family. **Book your tickets:** Ph. 021 066 2896 or Ph. 03 526 7775 or email lmsfundraisinggroup@gmail.com.

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Are you planning a community art project?

Creative Communities provides funding to support community involvement in the arts, whether that's music, theatre, festivals, mural painting, outdoor sculptures, art in public spaces, kapa haka, singing, art workshops or something else. If you have a great community arts project needing some dollars to make it happen, the Tasman Creative Communities Scheme may be just what you're looking for. There are three rounds of applications per annum. The next round closes 10 November for projects starting mid-December. There is \$39,000 allocated per annum. Average allocations are \$1,000.

For application forms: www.tasman.govt.nz/grants-funding/ or phone Lani Evans 543 8980 for further information.

Hope School country fair

Event details: Saturday 17 September 2016, 10.00 am – 2.00 pm.
Hope School, 316 Paton Road, Richmond. Plenty of free parking.
Contact: Ph. 03 544 8427 or email countrybazaar@hope.school.nz

COMMUNITY NOTICES

ARK clothing sale

The ARK clothing sale will be held at the Richmond Town Hall, 10.00 am – 3.00 pm on Sat 10 September. The ARK Youth Action Group is raising funds for an outdoor dog training shelter.

The ARK is a charity which works with troubled young people and previously unwanted/rescued dogs over the eight week course. Dog training teaches the value of patience, discipline and hard work. It also offers young people the opportunity to learn cooperative and considerate ways of dealing with problems which may arise during the training, which in turn provides alternative coping strategies in their own lives. Come along, support the ARK and find some great buys!

Food Forest Project working bee

Ledger Park, Motueka, 1st and 3rd Saturday of every month.
10 to 12 noon. Bring spade, fork, and gloves. All enquiries,
Ph. Dawn Jones 03 528 9368.

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.

ROADING

Road closures

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

Applicant: Nelson Car Club

Event: Car Club Hill Race

Location of Road Closure: Pigeon Valley Road, from Sharp Road to Dovedale Road; and Dovedale Road, from Pigeon Valley Road to Brandy Creek Road

Date of Road Closure: Saturday 1 October 2016, 8.30am to 5.00pm

More information at www.tasman.govt.nz/link/road-closures-for-events

24 Hour Assistance – Phone your local office

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COUNCIL MEETINGS

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

Golden Bay Community Board

Collingwood Fire Station, Elizabeth Street.

Tuesday 13 September 2016, 9.00 am. Public forum

Corporate Services Committee

Tasman Council Chambers, 189 Queen Street, Richmond.

Thursday 15 September 2016, 9.30 am. Public forum

Full Council

Tasman Council Chambers, 189 Queen Street, Richmond.

Thursday 15 September 2016, 11.30 am or at the conclusion of Corporate Services Committee. No public forum

Nelson Regional Sewerage Business Unit Joint Committee

Nelson City Council. Friday 16 September 2016, 1.00 pm.

No public forum

Motueka Community Board Open Forum

Motueka Service Centre, 7 Hickmott Place, Motueka.

Tuesday 20 September 2016, 7.00 pm. Open forum

Full Council

Tasman Council Chambers, 189 Queen Street, Richmond.

Thursday 22 September 2016, 9.30 am. Public forum

Everyone is welcome to attend our public meetings. There is a public seating area where you can observe the meeting, with many of the meetings having a 'public forum' providing an opportunity to speak to the meeting if you wish. At the beginning of ordinary meetings up to 30 minutes is set aside for public forum. Each speaker is allocated three minutes. You don't need to pre-register your intention to speak – just take your turn when invited by the chairperson. These presentations don't form part of the formal business of the meeting – a brief record will be kept of the matters raised. Any matters requiring further investigation may be referred to staff by the Chairperson.

Writechoices

RFID – coming to your library soon!

Tasman District Libraries are on the brink of an exciting new development in the way library materials are issued and returned. In mid-October we'll be installing equipment and going live with RFID (radio frequency identification). Issuing books will be a faster process. When you return items they'll be discharged off your card much more quickly. Installing the equipment is likely to involve closing each library for at least half a day, if not longer. We'll let you know closer to the time exactly when and for how long your local library will be closed. "RFID technology has superseded more manual methods of issues and returns in most NZ libraries," says Libraries Manager Glennis Coote. "By moving to this new technology we're enabling a faster and more flexible turnaround for many basic functions of our library service, leading to improved customer service." Keep an eye on the library website and in your local library for information on when your library will be closed for RFID installation.

School holidays are almost here!

Another round of school holidays is almost here. If you're looking for fun activities for your whānau then take a look at the school holidays featured events page to find out what's on at your local library. From weird and wonderful storytimes and makerspace creations, to book launches and rocket launches, playing board games to making paper flowers, there's loads on offer these holidays. Or just while away the hours browsing the shelves and finding exciting new books and magazines to read or DVDs to watch. See you in the library soon.

Dementia expert to speak at Richmond Library

Richmond Library is teaming up with Brain Research New Zealand and Alzheimer's Nelson to bring you one of New Zealand's foremost experts in dementia and clinical care, Professor Ngaire Kerse. Professor Kerse will be at Richmond Library on Wednesday 21 September, 1.30 – 2.30pm. She'll be talking about Falls and Dementia: Keeping Upright with Memory Problems. This public forum and Q&A session is a rare opportunity to learn about this important subject. Professor Kerse has a wealth of experience and insights to share, especially exploring the links between physical mobility, falls and the development of dementia. Numbers are limited to 50 and bookings are required. Call Richmond Library on 03 543 8500 to reserve your spot.

Check our website out for yourself at
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Crafty Tarts Xmas tree decorations

I know! It seems way too soon for Xmas! But the Crafty Tarts know that getting a head start on Xmas preparations saves a heap of stress and bother later. So the Tarts are running an Xmas tree decorations workshop at Motueka Library on Monday 26 September 10.00 am – 12.00 noon. You'll create your own unique decorations for your own tree. Crafty Tarts workshops are a fun way to learn new skills and make new friends along the way. Cost is \$10. Book your place today. Ph. 03 528 1047.

Armchair Adventures at Takaka Library

Take a seat and tour the globe with Takaka's intrepid travellers. From mountainbiking across the roof of America to backpacking in Iran, from motorcycling through Morocco to leisurely exploring France by train, whatever your style just sit back and savour the journey. Armchair Adventures is on at Takaka Library every Friday at 1.00 pm from 7 October to 4 November. For more information on individual talks go to the library website Featured Events page.

Have a go at cake decorating

Would you like to know how to get the wow factor with your next special celebration cake? Nelson Cake Decorators and Sugar Artists group is holding a drop in morning at Richmond Library on Saturday 10 September from 10.00 am to 12.30 pm. Find out all the tips and tricks for making your cakes look amazing. Have a go yourself or just watch and learn. Then check out the the library's books for ideas and recipes to create your own extra special cake.

Law for Lunch – Setting up family trusts

The final session in our 2016 Law for Lunch series looks at setting up family trusts. Peter Riley, legal educator with Nelson Bays Community Law, will be at Richmond Library on Thursday 15 September 12.00–1.00 pm to introduce this topic. You're welcome to bring your lunch or just grab a coffee and a bite to eat from the Library Café. No bookings are required but numbers are strictly limited to 50.

Hell Pizza reading challenge is back

Collect a pizza wheel from Richmond or Motueka Library, read 7 Tasman District library books, report in 3 times to tell us about them and win yourself a free 333 kids Hell pizza. Once you've received 7 clicks and the library's stamp you can visit Hell Pizza and enjoy! Limit of one check-in per day. For children in Years 1 – 8 (age 5 – 12). Conditions apply.

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