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Keeping you informed about news and events in Tasman District

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Diverted travel poses challenges

The closure of State Highway 1 through Kaikoura has led to a big increase in traffic through the communities of Murchison and St Arnaud.

The large numbers of people, cars and trucks has come with flow-on effects – some positive and some challenging – for these areas of our District.

While cafes, shops and accommodation providers are experiencing an unexpected boom, services and infrastructure including public toilets and litter bins, roads and bridges are coming under additional strain.

There are also some safety concerns surfacing, particularly around schools with children biking, walking and crossing roads while negotiating this large increase in traffic, including large trucks.

We are working to relieve some of the strain on public toilets and rubbish and recycling facilities. We are also advocating on behalf of our communities with New Zealand Transport Agency, who hold responsibility for the affected state highways.

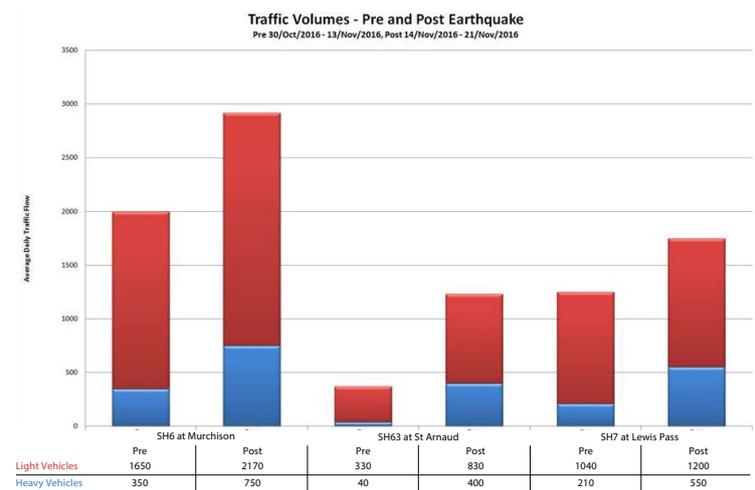
Local residents' groups, councillors, Council staff and NZTA representatives met several times last week to talk through the issues and we're hoping to have some solutions in place quickly.

NZTA has already installed new signage directing trucks not to use engine brakes in the townships, and warning of narrow roads and the need to take extra care. Its contractor, Tasman Journeys, has also stationed a crew permanently in St Arnaud to respond quickly to road maintenance needs.

NZTA is considering extra measures including speed limit changes, local schools and built-up areas, parking restrictions, additional truck stop areas and work to improve visibility at one-lane bridges.

Police have also stationed additional staff in Murchison and made changes to their patrols to offer increased oversight and presence along the highway.

Our admiration and thanks to the residents of St Arnaud, Murchison and surrounding areas who have risen to the challenge brought by the earthquake of 14 November. We're committed to working with and for you to address the new reality facing us.



Mayor's Message

The recent earthquake has reminded us how much an extreme natural event can impact us all.

While most of us may not have been significantly personally affected, our hearts go out to the people of Kaikoura, Marlborough and Hurunui who have been devastated by the recent earthquakes. If we include the people of Wellington, this is a major event with significant ramifications for individuals and whole communities. The loss of life is tragic and we stand with our respective neighbouring communities to assist where possible.

I'd like to thank the staff members of Tasman District and Nelson City Councils and the 10 members of the Urban Search and Rescue Team who have just returned from Kaikoura and Marlborough assisting with the response and recovery from the earthquake.

Another group of staff from both Councils has been deployed to further assist with recovery efforts. There will be many others in our community who have been and still are involved giving direct assistance and we would all like to thank you for your efforts.

I commend our excellent Civil Defence and Emergency Management team, who are recognised across New Zealand, which gives us a tremendous preparedness to respond and recover from natural disasters.

The best way we can support our neighbouring communities is by continuing to deliver the services we provide as well as we can, and help them wherever possible.

I appreciated taking Mark Owen from the New Zealand Transport Agency (NZTA) to visit communities in St Arnaud and Murchison. Residents were able to highlight the challenges they are facing with increased traffic flows and in particular, with an increased fleet of trucks on these roads. NZTA is developing contingencies for changes that can be made to ensure these roads are safe and that these challenges can be addressed for our communities. We also discussed increased Police Traffic Enforcement and the provision of public toilets, rubbish and recycling among other things.

As communities, let's be prepared to face issues promptly and work together to find solutions when the need arises.

Mayor Richard Kempthorne



In case you missed it...

ENVIRONMENT AND PLANNING COMMITTEE 17 NOVEMBER 2016

- Approved the 2016-17 operational plan for biosecurity and pest management in Nelson-Tasman. The plan outlines methods for controlling 62 pests in our region.
- Received an update on the Biodiversity Programme staff undertake to assess high value native habitats, seeking landowners' permission to assess the natural values of areas of private land, providing the owners with ecological reports and encouraging them to carry out active management including weed and pest control and restoration planting. So far, 504 sites have been inspected and more than 450 ecological reports signed off by landowners. Feedback from landowners has been positive.
- The Government's National Policy Statement on Urban Development Capacity will require the Council to provide enough land and infrastructure to service expected growth plus a margin of 20%.

GOLDEN BAY SERVICE CENTRE CLOSURE

To allow the shift back to the first Golden Service Centre in Commercial Street, the Junction Street office will be closed Friday 9 December.

The new site will re-open 12 December.



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Don't underestimate local knowledge

It's going to be a great summer for heading out on the water. Harbourmaster Dan Cairney will be out and about offering advice and help to anyone who needs it – stay safe and enjoy yourselves.

As well as arming yourself with information about the rules of the sea, it's a really good idea to take heed of local knowledge about the area you're heading into. You can find a wealth of advice and information on our website – head to www.tasman.govt.nz/boating. Some local knowledge lessons from last year's boating incidents and accidents include: **Anchors:** Last year several unattended boats washed ashore due to incorrect anchors and anchoring. Manson Supreme, Rocna and Delta-type anchors work well along the predominantly sandy Abel Tasman coastline. Tasman has one of the largest tidal ranges in the country so allow extra anchor line to compensate. **Navigation:** Several boats hit charted submerged rocks. Check your charts and understand what the navigation markers mean – this is important when navigating near shore and when out near the marine farms.

Keep up to date with changes to Tasman and Golden Bay marine farm locations and extensions on our website: www.tasman.govt.nz/boating. It's also important to check LINZ notices to mariners: www.linz.govt.nz/sea/maritime-safety/notices-mariners. Weather: In Tasman Bay, the sea breeze picks up during the day and produces winds of between 10 and 20 knots. This can be a problem for small boats and kayaks that have gone offshore. Real time wind speed and direction information for Tasman Bay is provided free of charge by the Cawthron Institute: www.tasman.govt.nz/link/monitoring-buoys. Note that Local VHF channels 24 (NELSPECS LTD) and 25 and 78 (Mount Campbell Communications Ltd) as well as the Nelson forecast channel were changed in this region on 1 October 2016.

- Channel 24 users will need to switch to channel 7
- Channel 25 users will need to switch to channel 4
- Channel 78 users will need to switch to channel 3
- Nelson Weather information channel 22 will be changing to channel 79
- Channel 16 (Marine Distress) remains unchanged

Harbourmaster for a day

Three young Tasman residents have won the chance to be Harbourmaster for a day, and will enjoy a trip out on the water with Tasman's Harbourmaster Dan Cairney.

The winners, Finn Timmins, 7, of Golden Bay, Gabriel Kiddle, 5, of Motueka and Eve Rucks, 10, of Richmond were among 70 children

to enter the Harbourmaster colouring competition and correctly answer a boating safety question. As well as being Harbourmaster for the day, the trio each received a new lifejacket, drink bottle and hat. Harbourmaster Dan said it was a tough job choosing winners from the great range of entries, and he was helped with judging by Tasman District Council staff.

Councils join forces for consistency in consents

Tasman District Council and Nelson City Council are among 20 councils around New Zealand about to start using the GoShift initiative to bring consistency to the building consent process.

From 5 December, Nelson City and Tasman District Councils will both be using GoShift application forms and guidance to deliver a consistent and timely consenting experience with the aim of simpler, faster building consents processes. This ensures consistency between councils that recognise many high users of the building consent process work in both Nelson and Tasman districts.

Having the new forms and processes available online is the first stage of this initiative. The next stage of GoShift will be the introduction of standardised processing checklists and approval processes, due to be introduced early next year. Further developments are likely to include a dedicated online portal to enable an easier application process and allow for data standardisation and sharing of expertise and resources.

GoShift forms will be available from 5 December at nelson.govt.nz and tasman.govt.nz. GoShift is supported by the Ministry of Business Innovation and Employment. Find out more about GoShift at www.goshift.co.nz

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Earthquake in Tasman – what you need to know

Just after midnight on Monday 14 November, residents of our region were among those jolted awake by a 7.8-magnitude earthquake.

Some who live near the coast, realising that the long, strong shake signalled a potential tsunami threat, headed straight for high ground. Well done – you did the right thing.

Nelson Tasman Civil Defence activated swiftly, and information and advice began flowing through local radio, online and social media channels. There has been some criticism nationally of the tsunami information provided. We will be working with MCDEM to ensure our systems are the best they can be. Natural disasters create a dynamic situation – the official information can change as more information and analysis comes to hand.

Our region was fortunate to escape with little damage from the strong shake. However, the event highlighted how unprepared some of our community are for an emergency. You are responsible for your own safety and that of your family. The key advice has not changed – be prepared. If you live in a coastal area and experience a long, strong earthquake, do not wait – head inland or to higher ground. Tsunami evacuation maps are available for our region – check whether your home is in an evacuation zone so you are prepared before disaster strikes. Find out in advance whether you are in an area at risk of tsunami. You can search for your address on the Tsunami Evacuation Maps - see www.nelsontasmancivildefence.co.nz/tsunami-evacuation-maps. There is a web-based app as well as pdfs to download if you wish.

WHAT TO DO IN AN EARTHQUAKE

Drop, cover and hold.

If you are inside, stay there. Move no more than a few steps then drop to the ground, take cover under a table or other stable object if one is close, and hold on. Doorways are no longer recommended as a place to seek cover.

If you are in bed, stay there. Hold on and protect your head with a pillow.

If you are outside, stay there. Take no more than a few steps then drop to the ground, cover your head with your arms and hold on.

DO NOT WAIT FOR A TSUNAMI WARNING SIREN

Nelson and Tasman do not operate tsunami warning sirens so if you are near the coast and experience a long or strong shake, do not wait – head inland or to high ground.

While Civil Defence staff do their best to reply to messages during an event, they may be too busy to respond immediately to individual queries. Make sure you are prepared to self-evacuate and know what to do in an emergency – before it happens.

CHECK YOUR DRAINS

Earthquakes can affect water pipes and drains around your property. You should check all your taps and water connections for leaks. This includes all your water connections at the meter and entry into the house or other buildings – whether you are on a rural or urban supply, hot water cylinders, toilets, washing machines, dishwashers and pipes. Storage tanks should also be checked – header tanks, outdoor tanks and pipes connecting to them can loosen with movement. Leaks can take time to appear so repeated checks may be necessary. To check your water connections, turn off all household appliances and outside taps – if the red numbers on your meter are still moving you have a leak. Water tanks should also be checked, especially if they have moved through the shaking, even if it is just slightly.

Conserving water is also important after natural disasters as it may take some time for normal services to be repaired.

We recommend any damage to essential services like toilets and water systems be repaired immediately. If it is part of an EQC claim you should keep, document or record everything the repairer replaces (and keep a copy of the bill). Reimbursement for any temporary repairs are subject to EQC acceptance of a valid claim.

Visit eqc.co.nz for more information.

STAY INFORMED

Stay tuned to local Civil Defence information channels:

Be aware that the advice may change as information and scientific analysis comes to hand. If you have self-evacuated, you are safest to stay put until the next tide cycle.

- Radio: Tune in to local stations or RNZ (1116 AM or 101.6 FM for most of our region; 98.2 FM for Golden Bay)
- Facebook: Nelson Tasman Emergency Management
- Twitter: Follow @nelsontasmancd
- Website: www.nelsontasmancivildefence.co.nz

BE PREPARED

- Make sure you have enough food and water (three litres per person, per day – and don't forget about pets) to last your family for three days.
- It's also a good idea to have a bag packed and ready with emergency supplies and warm, waterproof clothing that you can grab quickly if you need to evacuate.
- Visit www.happens.nz to make a household emergency plan online.

ONLINE TOOLS

Websites:

www.nelsontasmancivildefence.co.nz

– your local Civil Defence website.

Tsunami Evacuation Maps available here.

www.civildefence.govt.nz – the national Civil Defence site.

www.happens.nz – an online emergency planning tool

Social media:

Local Civil Defence

Facebook: Nelson Tasman Emergency Management

Twitter: @nelsontasmancd

National Civil Defence

Facebook: NZGetThru

Twitter: @NZcivildefence

Marine pests in Tasman waters

Marine organisms have been carried by vessels to our region for more than 150 years. Some, such as the Pacific oyster, have become so naturalised that most people think they have always been here. Some, however, have the potential to create havoc in our marine environment.

Unwanted marine organisms already present in coastal waters in parts of the top of the South include:

- *Undaria pinnatifida*, the edible Japanese seaweed, is now widespread in Tasman but is still absent from remote areas. While it has not proven to be as big a problem as initially expected, it is still not wanted in high value coastal areas such as the Abel Tasman shoreline.
- *Sabella spallanzanii*, the Mediterranean fan worm, has reproduced prolifically in Waitemata Harbour and is now present in low numbers in the Ports of Nelson and Waikawa. It has recently been detected in the Tasman region. Fouling by *Sabella* has caused significant problems

for marine farmers in the Thames Coromandel area and is of serious concern to top of the South marine farmers. Top of the South councils are working to develop a combined response.

- *Styela clava*, the clubbed tunicate, is also established in the Ports of Nelson Waikawa, Picton, and Tarakohe. While less concerning than *Sabella*, it is also a problem fouling organism for marine farms in the region.

It is vital that vessel owners remove biofouling and maintain effective anti-fouling on their vessels to stop these pests being moved into uninfested areas of the region. With the summer holiday period fast approaching it is time to ensure that all vessels cruising Tasman and Golden Bays have clean bottoms.

The most recent arrival detected in the top of the South is *Bonamia ostreae*, an oyster disease carried by shellfish. This protozoan has caused widespread mortality in European oyster populations and could pose a serious threat to oysters here.

For more information, go to www.biosecurity.govt.nz/pests/bonamia

Building inspections available until 22 December

Our Building Assurance team will be available to conduct building inspections up until 22 December.

Inspections will not be available over the Christmas and New Year period, but will resume on 5 January 2017. The official processing

“clock” for applications will stop on 20 December and start again on 10 January 2017. Please be aware that we have offered assistance to Kaikoura following the earthquake, and have two inspectors on standby to help out. If they are called on, inspection bookings will be limited for a time.

Tasman’s Street Ambassadors are back

The Tasman Street Ambassadors are back again this summer, helping keep our streets safe for everyone after dark.

Skilled youth workers will be out on the street in the Motueka and Richmond areas from early December to early February, between 8.30 pm – 2.30 am on Fridays and Saturdays. The Street Ambassadors team will patrol public places, delivering safety messages, offering

advice and assistance when needed and intervening with the aim of stopping trouble before it starts. They work in partnership with local police, community patrols and Maori wardens to keep our communities safe. They also engage with the public and provide information on Council bylaws and regulations, facilities and services, as well as events taking place across the district. The Street Ambassadors service is provided by Tasman District Council and delivered by Youth and Community Works.

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PUBLIC NOTICES

Upcoming maritime events

Navigation Safety Bylaw: Temporary reservations and speed limit uplifting for maritime events between 11 November 2016 and 2 April 2017.

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 |
|------------------|--------------|---|
| 11 & 12 November | Kaiteriteri | Waka Ama Racing |
| 11 December | Waimea River | Jet Boating Slalom and Christmas Picnic |
| 31 December | Kaiteriteri | Fireworks |
| 31 December | Torrent Bay | Fireworks |
| 14 January | Tata Beach | Annual Tata Swim |
| 15 January | Lake Rotoiti | Lakes Rally |
| 29 January | Tata Beach | Tata Titanic Cardboard Boat Race |
| 10 & 11 February | Lake Rotoiti | Waka Ama Event |
| 4 & 5 March | Lake Rotoiti | Classic Boat Show |
| 1 & 2 April | Lake Rotoiti | Power Boat Regatta |

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/.

Community patrollers wanted

The Motueka Community Patrol is looking for volunteers to assist local police in keeping our area a safer place in which to live. The Community Patrol provides extra eyes and ears for the Police mainly during weekends. Contact: Byron on Ph. 03 528 9592 / 021 119 6344 or Chris on Ph. 03 528 7007 / 027 241 9888. You can also call at the Motueka Police Station for an application form to join the patrol.

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Sundial Sounds

Need a break from your Christmas shopping or want to simply hang out in the sun and listen to great music? Then head down to Sundial Square and listen to the George FM DJ. The bean bags will be out, so bring a picnic and relax on the grass. Alcohol-free event.

Event details: Thursday 1 December, 4.30 – 6.30 pm and Thursday 8 December, 4.30 – 6.30 pm.

Carols by Candlelight

Washbourn Gardens, Richmond, pre-entertainment starts 6.30 pm, carols begin 8.00 pm, Sunday 18 December.

Join us for Richmond's Carols by Candlelight where all your favourite Christmas tunes will be sung and celebrated in true festive spirit. Pack a picnic, bring some warm clothing and come along to share in the Christmas tradition.

Notice of By-election – Motueka Community Board

Notice is given that on Friday 17 February 2017 a by-election will be held to fill one extraordinary vacancy on the Motueka Community Board.

Nominations: Nominations for the above position open on Wednesday 23 November 2016 and must be made on the appropriate nomination form available from:

- Tasman District Council main office at 189 Queen Street, Richmond
- Motueka Service Centre at 7 Hickmott Place, Motueka
- Motueka Library, 12 Pah Street, Motueka
- www.tasman.govt.nz/link/byelection

Completed nomination documents must be received by the Electoral Officer no later than 12 noon on Thursday 22 December 2016. Each nomination must be accompanied by a deposit of \$200 including GST, payable by eftpos, cash or cheque. Candidates are encouraged to submit a candidate profile statement and recent photograph for sending out with voting documents to electors if an election is required. Candidate information booklets are also available from the locations listed above.

Sandra Hartley, Electoral Officer – Tasman District Council

MORE GLASS TO RECYCLE?

With the holiday season approaching now is the time to get that extra blue crate for glass recycling.

Drop into your local Resource Recovery Centre or your local Council Office and pick up another crate for \$20.00.



PUBLIC NOTICES

Free dog microchipping

We're offering free microchipping for all dogs registered in Tasman District. Microchipping is a legal requirement for most dogs and is the best way to reunite lost, injured or stolen pets with their owners.

| When and where: | | |
|-----------------|--|--|
| Richmond | Each Friday morning (unless arranged otherwise) plus 10 December 8.00 am – 10.00 am | Richmond Dog Pound, 121 Beach Road. Appointments: Ph. 03 543 7012 |
| Tapawera | 3 December 9.00 am – 10.00 am | Recreation Reserve, Matai Street |
| Murchison | 3 December 11.00 am – 12.00 am | Carpark behind the Library |

Motueka projects survey

The Motueka Community Board needs your help to prioritise which local projects to fund. Head to www.tasman.govt.nz/feedback to fill in the survey. **Closes 16 December 2016.**

Get Moving mountain bike fun in Kaiteriteri

Kaiteriteri Mountain Bike Park, 11.00 am, Sunday 11 December.
Discover and explore the beautiful Kaiteriteri Mountain Bike Park. Guided mountain biking tours for beginners, plus other fun activities including the bike skills course.



On deployment in Marlborough November 2016



RESCUE TEAM SEEKS NEW VOLUNTEERS

The Nelson Tasman Civil Defence Emergency Response Team, NZ-RT2 is seeking new recruits and is running an overview evening for those interested in joining the team. The team has previously deployed to assist with local weather events, as well as the Canterbury and more recent Kaikoura earthquakes.

We are looking for people who:

- Want to make a real and positive difference to their community
- Are enthusiastic, committed with a can-do attitude
- Have a desire to learn new skills
- Smile when the going gets tough

We are seeking both frontline and team support roles. If this is you, come along and see what it's all about, 6 December, 6.00 pm, at the Emergency Management offices, 28 Oxford St, Richmond. Ph. 03 543 7290

The team operates under the umbrella of the Nelson Civil Defence Emergency Management Group

PUBLIC NOTICES

Second Hand Sunday returns

Second Hand Sunday is returning for the final time in 2016 – it's a chance to clear out some clutter before Christmas or grab a treasure or two.

When: Sunday 11 December 2016, 10.00 am – 1.00 pm.

How do I participate? To offer items, complete a registration form online before 9.00 am on Thursday 8 December. Visit www.tasman.govt.nz and use the search phrase "second hand sunday". Alternatively, register at one of our Council service centres. On the day, put your items out on your driveway or front lawn and attach the downloadable poster (also available at Council service centres) to your letterbox so people can easily identify your address. Responsible removal of any uncollected items is required at the end of the day. To collect items, find a list of the households offering free stuff on our website from midday on Friday 9 December.

ROADING

Road closures

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

Applicant: Westland Car Club

Location of road closure: Matakita Road – 500m before property 933 to 500m past Mailman Creek Bridge

Date of road closure: Saturday 3 December, 10.00 am – 7.00 pm

COUNCIL MEETINGS

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

Regional Transport Committee

Tasman Council Chambers, 189 Queen Street, Richmond.
Monday 5 December 2016, 9.30 am. No public forum

Creative Communities Subcommittee

Motueka Service Centre, 7 Hickmott Place, Motueka.
Wednesday 7 December 2016, 10.00 am. No public forum

Community Development Committee

Tasman Council Chambers, 189 Queen Street, Richmond.
Thursday 8 December 2016, 9.30 am. Public forum

Golden Bay Community Board

Takaka Service Centre, Commercial Street.
Tuesday 13 December 2016, 9.00 am. Public forum

Motueka Community Board

Motueka Service Centre, 7 Hickmott Place, Motueka.
Tuesday 13 December 2016, 4.00 pm. Public forum

Engineering Services Committee

Tasman Council Chambers, 189 Queen Street, Richmond.
Thursday 15 December 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

Happy holidays

Another year has flown by and the summer holidays are rapidly approaching. Library hours for all Tasman District Libraries over the festive season are:

- Monday 26 and Tuesday 27 December – closed
- Monday 2 and Tuesday 3 January – closed

Stock up now with all your holiday reading and entertainment from your local library. We look forward to seeing you over the summer and in 2017. Happy holidays from everyone at Tasman District Libraries.

Dare to Read – Tasman’s summer reading experience

Not long to go now until registrations open for this year’s kids’ summer reading challenge. To take part kids must be 5–12 years old and have a current Tasman District Library card. There are no restrictions on the number of participants. Registrations open on the library website on Monday 12 December and remain open until Friday 6 January 2016.

All the kids have to do is read a minimum of three books, complete at least three tasks and report in three times between Monday 19 December and Friday 27 January 2016. You can even complete some check ins online. Dare to Read is running at all Tasman libraries.

Today’s readers are tomorrow’s succeeders

Kiwiana scavenger hunt

If you’re looking for things to do with your kids during the school holidays make sure the kiwiana scavenger hunt is on your list. Visit any of our four libraries between 19 December and 27 January, pick up an entry form and see if you can find all the kiwiana hidden around the library. Completed entries go into a draw to win a lucky prize. For 5-12 year olds. One entry per child.

Christmas makerspace at Motueka Library

Motueka Library is holding a festive makerspace on Tuesday 20 December 11.00 am-12.00 noon. Get into the spirit of Christmas with stories and songs and create some awesome Christmas craft to take home. Numbers are limited to 25. Pre-schoolers are welcome with an adult helper.

Check our website out for yourself at www.tasmanlibraries.govt.nz

Christmas storytime at Takaka Library

If you’re in Takaka grab the kids and head into the library on Tuesday 20 December 10.30–11.30 am for a fun Christmas story-time. Listen to stories, songs and poems and make something ‘Christmassy’ to take home. Enjoy the magic of Christmas at the library.

Outdoor summer events at Takaka Library

For something different this summer check out these two cool outdoor events for kids at Takaka Library. Have some fun on Thursday 12 January with giant outdoor games. The games include Jenga, Connect 4, Twister and other fun old school games. You’ll find the games in the courtyard by Takaka Library from 10.30–11.30 am. And on Thursday 19 January there’s an outdoor story-time from 10.30–11.30 am in the courtyard by the library. Bring a blanket and settle down to listen to some great stories. There will also be chalk art for the kids to play with along the paths.

Your favourite read of 2016 at Richmond Library

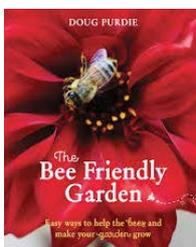
What was the best book you read in 2016? Or maybe it was a movie or TV series that you most enjoyed?

We’d love to know your favourite read of the year. Just write the name of the book and the author or the title of the DVD on a sticky note and add it to the board at Richmond Library. You’ll find the sticky notes and board beside the returns chute inside Richmond Library.

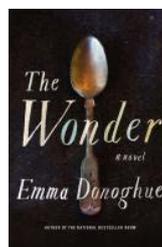
Your favourite read runs from 13 December to 31 January.

Explore the world at your local library.

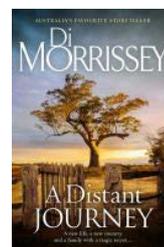
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by Emma Donoghue



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