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More ultra-fast broadband for Tasman

Ultra-fast broadband is coming to an additional seven areas in our District – giving 15,000 Tasman residents access to faster internet between now and 2023.

The Government has announced the results of the 2015 UFB2 funding round, which will roll out ultra-fast broadband to the following towns in our District:

- Ruby Bay (2018)
- Motueka (2019)
- Kaiteriteri (2020)
- Takaka (2021)
- Brightwater (2022)
- Wakefield (2022)
- Murchison (2023)

If your town or area is not included, remember there is another round to come – we are currently taking part in another process for rural broadband to find out what help is in store for our more remote communities. The results should be announced later this year.

We were heavily involved in helping put together a bid for funding for our region, and it's great to see our communities' need for better internet access has been recognised by the Government in this funding round. The preparation of our bid was a community-driven process supported by the Nelson Regional Development Agency. A series of community events helped identify where services are missing and more than 1300 people, organisations and businesses completed an online survey and provided supporting information.

The upgraded service will be delivered through contracts between Crown Fibre Holdings and Chorus.

Find out more:
Check out www.broadband.govt.nz for more information.



Mayor's message

The major upgrade of the water infrastructure beneath Queen Street is underway. This year-long project is essential to provide a solution to flooding that was experienced in 2011 and 2013. While this work is necessary, the Council and contractors will keep the inevitable disruption to Queen St businesses to a minimum. As a result, Richmond will be more resilient and, due to the reinstatement work, safer, more accessible and will meet the needs of our community.

There will be change and the benefits will be long standing, however the journey will be disruptive for some. If anyone has any questions or would like clarification regarding the work please contact Chris Forman on 0800 000 413 at 272 Queen St or contact the Council. Direct contact is more effective

than social media, which can be a forum for misinformation, myth and rumour. We are always managing many projects on behalf of the community. I and, Councilors, Community Board members and staff are very clear in our duty and obligations to serve the whole of Tasman District fairly and equitably and make decisions that are in the best interests of our residents. Our decisions will rarely please everyone – and we know this will bring criticism at times. We are not in a position to meet the personal needs of every individual but we will listen at the outset in an effort to meet the needs of the majority now and in the future. Just give us a call.

Mayor Richard Kempthorne



In case you missed it...

Stay up to date with what we have been doing with this round-up of recent Council meetings and the decisions made.

Full Council (to be confirmed after meeting) 2 February 2017

- Adopted an amended Delegations Register setting out the powers and functions the Council delegates to committees, councillors and staff.
- Approved the sale of the Council's shares in the NZ Local Government Insurance Corporation and noted its earlier decision to sell shares in the Local Government Funding Authority.
- Agreed to a submission opposing the Health (Fluoridation of Drinking Water) Bill, which gives District Health Boards the power to make decisions about the fluoridation of water supplies in their area. The Council opposes the bill because it separates the decision-making (which will sit with the DHB) from the costs of the decision (which will sit with the Council) and because we believe

decisions about fluoridation should sit at a national level (with the Director-General of Health). The submission also seeks changes to ensure the body making the decision must inform and consult with councils and communities.

- Agreed to invest \$100,000 returned by the Waimea Rural Fire Authority (which is to be replaced by Fire and Emergency New Zealand in July) in new fire sheds for the Marahau and Appleby rural fire brigades.
- Instructed staff to carry out a review of the Development Contributions Policy to tie with the Long Term Plan for 2018 – 2028.
- Approved \$50,000 of unbudgeted capital spending on temporary toilets in St Arnaud needed because of extra traffic generated by the Kaikoura earthquake.
- Appointed Crs Bryant, Tuffnell and Sangster to the working group for the Transportation Business Case, which is a requirement of NZTA funding for road maintenance.
- Heard the Council is forecast to have an accounting surplus of \$8.6 million at the end of June 2017.

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Rates to remain steady in 2017/18

Our initial estimates are that rates income will rise by less than 1% in 2017/18 as we continue to see the benefits of a financial strategy focused on reducing debt and limiting spending.

That means most of you should again see little increase in your rates bill. More information will be available in March, after the Council finalises its plans and projects for the upcoming period.

At that time we will also be seeking your feedback to help inform our next draft Long Term Plan, which is our comprehensive action plan for the 10-year period from 2018–2028.

Keep an eye on future issues of Newsline for more details about rates, Council debt, our upcoming major projects and what's planned for your neighbourhood – as well as how to have a say.

Follow simple guidelines for courteous cycling

Cycling is a wonderful way to commute or enjoy time in the outdoors for exercise or leisure – and following simple guidelines for sharing roads and paths with pedestrians will help make the journey safer for you and others.

Pedestrian-cyclist tips for shared paths

Cyclists

- keep left and signal
- acknowledge others
- pedestrians have right of way
- ride at a safe and considerate speed
- ring your bell
- wear a helmet

- follow legal lighting requirements when riding at night

Pedestrians

- keep left
- be predictable
- be seen
- acknowledge others
- leave headphones at home
- control your dog
- move off the path when stationary



Check out our summer bike events on page 7.

Free firewood for non-profit groups

The recent storm damage to trees at Rabbit Island has left a large amount of firewood available.

We are offering non-profit groups wishing to sell firewood for fundraising the opportunity to have access to the windfall – literally. Interested groups are asked to register with Council's

forestry managers PF Olsen who will then arrange delivery to the requesting organisation.

There is no access to the island for wood collection as the clean-up is continuing. You must register your interest with forestry manager PF Olsen.

To register interest: Phone PF Olsens on (03) 544 0066.



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Students brush up with work experience

Engineering students Alice Burrell and Emma Johnstone, who have joined us for work experience over the summer holidays, have prompted a fair bit of interest over the past few weeks as they steadily work their way down Queen Street with brushes and paint.

The pair have been painting the kerb as part of preparations for the Queen Street Upgrade, with the different colours showing the six construction stages for the project.

The paint is intended to give businesses and the public a clear idea of the work

staging, which begins at the Gladstone Road end of the street and works its way up to Salisbury Road. Alice and Emma say their painting sparked a lot of questions from people walking past, including, "are you part of a protest movement?"; "are you taking part in a treasure hunt?" and "did you mean to spill the small can of yellow paint on the footpath?" Minor accident aside, the painting went smoothly and the pair were happy to share some information about the upcoming work.

What do the colours mean?

- Yellow: Stage 1, 7 February – mid-May
- Blue: Stage 2, Mid-April – mid-July
- Green: Stage 3, Mid-June – end of September
- Dark pink: Stage 4, End of August – mid-November

- Orange: Stage 5, Mid-October – 1 December 2017
- Light pink: Stage 6, 6 February 2018 – 30 April 2018

Read more about the Queen Street Upgrade at

www.tasman.govt.nz/queen-street



I'm a Dad. See me.

"Hi, I'm Dale, a married father of a 14-year-old boy".



"I've been riding since I was 16 and didn't even get a car until I was 25. I ride a BMW R1150GS (and I also own a wee Honda XR200). I ride as a commuter, but I also like to take it out on the local gravel roads whenever I can."

Dale is one of the many keen motorcyclists who ride our region's roads on a regular basis. He's one of several local riders taking part in a new road safety campaign that encourages other motorists to be aware of motorcyclists on our roads. They're real people, with real families to get home to each day.

In Dale's case, all he asks is: "I'm a Dad. See me."

Rec Park Centre Golden Bay blessed

A dawn blessing of Rec Park Centre Golden Bay was held in early January – the first step towards the opening of the new Council-community building that brings clubs, groups and supporters into one multi-use facility.

A crowd gathered outside at the main entrance and then walked in procession around the internal walls to bless each room. Local kaumatua John Ward-Holmes and Archdeacon Andy Joseph led the ceremony, with Manawhenua ki Mohua, accompanied

by Barney Thomas (Ngati Rarua) and Shane Graham (Te Puni Kokiri).

Mayor Richard Kempthorne recounted the seven-year journey behind the project. "By 2014, the Council decided to cut costs and removed this facility from the Long Term Plan. It was the strong, passionate submissions from the clubs that saw this project reinstated," he said. "Golden Bay is the final shared facility to be built in Tasman District".

The Golden Bay A&P Association was the first to use Rec Park Centre at its 120th show on 21 January. This was made possible by a temporary certificate of public use. Clubrooms on the park and the community

room have been available since 1 February, however, the construction site remains under the principal contractor Gibbons until the building consent is completed and a code compliance certificate is issued.

A celebration gala event in the stadium is planned for Saturday 4 March.



QUEEN STREET UPGRADE

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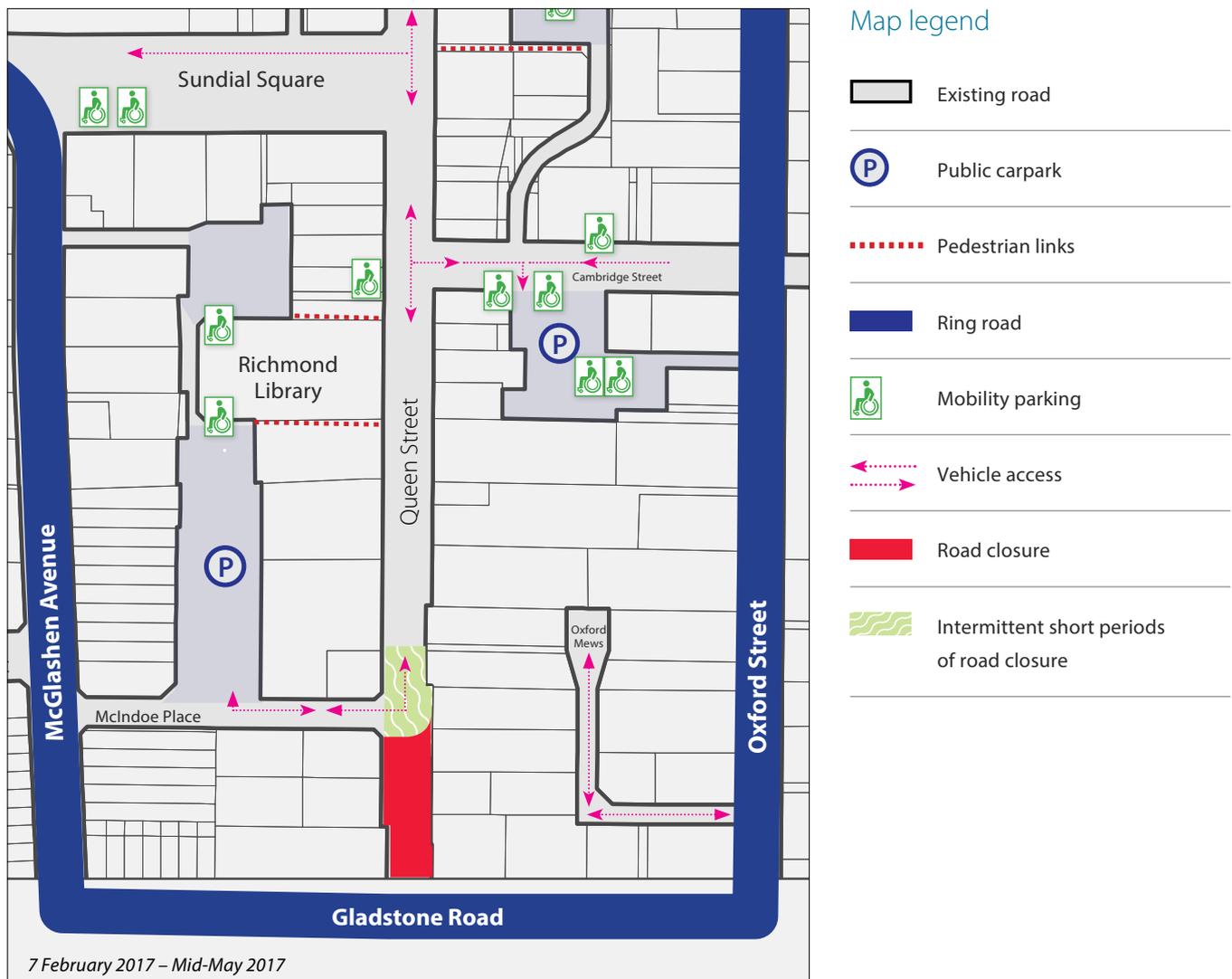
What you need to know

Work began this week on the major infrastructure upgrades along Richmond's Queen Street. Contractor Hawkins Infrastructure is replacing the 50-year-old cement water pipe that runs the length of the street, while simultaneously beginning the installation of a 1200-millimetre new stormwater pipe in the section of street from Gladstone Road to Noel Leeming.

Vehicle access and parking

The street is closed to traffic from Gladstone Road up to the McIndoe Place intersection. The intersection is still open to traffic approaching from McIndoe Place, and from the east along Queen Street most of the time. Hawkins will need to close the road to traffic occasionally for short periods of time between the intersection and Noel Leeming. Please use the ring road and park and walk to Queen Street wherever possible.

Find out more: For more information about the Queen Street Upgrade, head to www.tasman.govt.nz/queen-street.



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Tea and Talk in Richmond

Are you interested in meeting new folk, hearing interesting speakers, or just getting out and about a bit more? Join the weekly gathering for people over 65 held in the Richmond Seniors hall at 62 Oxford Street (next to Age Concern offices), every Wednesday morning from 10am. Please note there is a \$3 charge which includes high morning tea of scones, cream and jam plus fun. There is no need to register interest – simply turn up on the day.

For further information call Age Concern Nelson Tasman on 544 7624 or Yvonne at Church on the Hill on 547 9350.

Campground manager relief

We are seeking expressions of interest from couples who have the ability to fulfil the requirements and are available at short notice to be relief campground managers at Council-owned campgrounds.

Any relief work will be on a casual basis with no certainty as to the length and frequency of the work. If you are interested and capable of filling the role so our permanent camp managers can have the occasional break please email flo.sanjose-co@tasman.govt.nz.

To be successful in your application you will have relevant experience and strong references.

Dovedale Country Affair

Sunday 12 February, 11.00 am – 4.00 pm

Live music and entertainment all day, arts and crafts, silent auction, exhibitions, lucky dips, raffles, vintage games, fresh produce, history and art, vintage machinery, sheep shearing, and the famous Dovedale water slide.

Boutique beer great food. Plenty of parking, including accessible parking, and a shuttle bus for those needing assistance between the hall, church and reserve.

Cash EFTPOS facility for a small fee. Entry is \$2 for adults, children free. Please NO DOGS – we won't allow entry if you bring them! All money raised goes back into the Dovedale Community.

Next to the school in the Dovedale Recreational Reserve, just 30 mins from Richmond or Motueka. On rain or shine!

24 HOUR ASSISTANCE: PHONE YOUR LOCAL SERVICE CENTRE

RICHMOND	03 543 8400
MURCHISON	03 523 1013
MOTUEKA	03 528 2022
TAKAKA	03 525 0020

Upcoming maritime events

Waka Ama Event Reservation and speed limit uplift:

The Maitahi Outrigger Canoe Club will be holding a regatta at Lake Rotoiti between 4.00 pm and 8.00 pm on Friday 10 February and between 8.00 am and 5.00 pm on Saturday 11 February 2017.

- Other lake users are encouraged to use the ramp and beaches of West Bay for access during the event.
- People wishing to waterski should perform deep water starts outside the reserved area while the reservation is in force.
- Powered vessel operators are also reminded to give way to Waka Ama and avoid causing unnecessary risk with vessel wakes outside of this area.

Other events

- 4 / 5 March, Classic Boat Show Lake Rotoiti.
- 1 / 2 April, Power Boat Regatta Lake Rotoiti.

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 in advance.

Further details for these and any new events are online tasman.govt.nz/link/maritime-events.

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Public Notice of alcohol licensing applications

Applications for new and renewed alcohol licences are publicly advertised on the Council website. The use of a website for public notices is allowed under the Sale and Supply of Alcohol Act, and is good for the community and for businesses. The public notices remain accessible to everyone online and there are also links and information for people wanting to object to an application. Site notices will still be displayed on the premises to alert the public to an application.

Public notices of applications can be viewed at www.tasman.govt.nz/link/alcohol-licensing-applications.

Summer Events

Tasman Noodle Market

Saturday 11 February, 6.00 pm – 10.00 pm, Washbourn Gardens, Richmond

A fun food event for the whole family with entertainment, music, lanterns and of course mouth-watering food from around the world. An absolute must for food lovers.

Tasman Skatepark Tour

Saturday 18 February, Richmond Skatepark, 3.00 – 5.00 pm

Sunday 19 February, Nelson Neale Park Skatepark, 4.00 – 7.00 pm

Join us for the last two Tasman Skatepark Tour events, showcasing the best talent on skateboards, BMX bikes and scooters.

Sundial Sounds

Thursday 23 February 4.30 – 6.30 pm, Sundial Square, Richmond

Come on down to Sundial Square and hang out in the sun and listen to great music with DJ Ziggidy pumping out the chilled summer sounds.

The beanbags and giant games will be out, so grab some food or bring a picnic and come relax on the grass.

Summer rides for a wheel good time

Golden Bay Bike Fun

Sunday 12 February, 11.00 am at Golden Bay Recreation Park.

Go By Bike Day Breakfasts

Wednesday 15 February, 7.30 am – 9.00 am.

Go By Bike Day venues:

- Takaka – The Quiet Revolution
- Motueka – Museum
- Nelson – 1903 Square
- Richmond – Sundial Square (includes Bike Check and Tune Up).

Motueka Bike Fun

Sunday 19 February, 11.00 am at Thorp Bush.

Aotearoa Bike Challenge – February 2017

Register at www.aotearoa.bike.

Pakawau Hall Committee Election

The Pakawau Hall Management Committee Triennial Election will be held on Tuesday 14 February 2017 at 7.30 pm at the Pakawau Hall.

Road closures

Notice of road closures

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Applicant: National Advanced Drivers School.

Event: Driver training.

Location of road closure: Marchwood Park Road (from Queen Victoria Street to Marchwood Park gates).

Date of road closure: 20, 21, 22, 29, 30, and 31 March 2017. 10.00 am – 11.00 am, 12.00 pm – 1.00 pm, 2.30 pm – 3.30 pm on each date.

Objections close: Monday 20 February 2017

Applicant: Richmond Unlimited.

Event: Sprig & Fern Summer Harvest Fare 2017.

Location of road closure: Croucher Street and Sundial Square carpark.

Date of road closure: Friday 17 March 2017. 2.00 pm – midnight.

Objections close: Friday 17 February 2017.

Council Meetings

Agendas and Minutes for Council Meetings can be viewed at www.tasman.govt.nz.

Golden Bay Community Board

Takaka Service Centre, Commercial Street. Tuesday 14 February 2017, 9.00 am. Public Forum

Saxton Field Committee

This is a joint committee of Nelson City Council and Tasman District Councils. Saxton Field Netball Pavilion. Tuesday 14 February 2017, 1.30 pm. Public Forum

Motueka Community Board

Motueka Service Centre, Hickmott Place. Tuesday 21 February 2017, 4.00 pm. Public Forum

Community Development Committee

Council Chambers, 189 Queen Street, Richmond. Thursday 23 February 2017, 9.30 am. Public forum

Commercial Committee

Council Chambers, 189 Queen Street, Richmond. Friday 24 February 2017, 1.30pm. No 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 five 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.



Mapua Wharf's popularity grows

Our annual survey of the number of people using the Mapua Wharf over summer shows numbers were up about 15% on last year, as thousands chose to spend time in the shops, cafes and enjoying the waterfront.

We surveyed cyclists and pedestrians entering and leaving the wharf on three days over the holiday period, with peak

numbers ranging from 7985 on 15 January up to 10,224 people on 2 January 2017. Direct comparisons with last year's figures is difficult, because weather and other factors can make a big difference to visitor numbers on any given day. However, with daily numbers up from between 8% to 25% on last year's count, the trend suggests an increasing trend of about 15% on last summer.

Mapua waterfront survey

Feedback on the future development and management of Council-owned land in

the Mapua waterfront area is open until 13 February – let us know your ideas by filling in the survey at www.tasman.govt.nz/ feedback or pick up a hard copy from the purple mailboxes located around Mapua. Council staff will use the survey results to help inform the development of a draft management plan to guide future decision making on use of land, the amount and type of infrastructure, and funding needs in the Mapua waterfront area. There will be another opportunity for public input into developing the draft plan, likely to begin in mid-February.

Cast your vote in the Motueka By-Election

Votes for the Motueka by-election need to be in by midday on Friday, 17 February.

If you haven't cast your vote yet, put it in the post now to make sure it gets to the Electoral Officer on time. You can also return your voting papers in person at the Council's Motueka and Richmond offices.

If you are enrolled to vote in the Motueka Ward and have not yet received your voting papers in the post, you can still cast a special vote. Contact Electoral Officer Sandra Hartley at sandra.hartley@tasman.govt.nz or phone (03) 543 8554.

The candidates.

Candidates are listed in alphabetical order by surname.

- Clark, Maxwell (Refresh Tasman)
- Dowler, Barry
- Galvin, Matthew (Matthew for Motueka)
- Pouri-Lane, Lealofi

Find out more: Everything you need to know about voting in the Motueka by-election, including more information about the candidates, can be found at www.tasman.govt.nz/byelection.

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