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Word of art: Richmond Library's Book Art competition invited participants to transform a discarded library book into a work of art. The winners were Sarah Haycock (Best use of paper crafts), Josephine Tucker (Best entry relating to the story in the book used) and Penny Sturrock (Best use of 3D elements). You can check out all the extraordinary Book Art competition entries at Richmond Library's glass display cabinets before Tuesday 6 June.

Housing Accord aims to provide 1100 new homes

Tasman Mayor Richard Kempthorne has signed an updated Housing Accord with Building and Construction Minister Nick Smith, signalling a continued commitment to facilitating housing development in Tasman District.

The accord sets new annual targets for the Council for consenting new residential dwellings and gives us the ability to recommend the establishment of Special Housing Areas to the minister.

The new targets will see us working to provide 1100 new houses over the next three years.

Mayor Kempthorne says the accord sets out the Council's commitment to

supporting an adequate supply of land and a healthy mix of residential living options for housing.

The accord recognises the infrastructure servicing challenges of freeing up new areas of land for residential development.

The accord also gives the Council the ability to develop a policy for considering requests for Special Housing Areas (SHAs).

"It's useful to have the ability to streamline consenting processes to enable good-quality, appropriate development in the most suitable areas," Mayor Kempthorne says.

"We've received a strong indication from several developers that they wish to use the SHA process in the near future. Having an accord retains local oversight in the decision-making process, which is important to our communities".

Mayor's message

It is clear that we need to provide good career pathways for the young people in our district, in the key economic industries in our region.

Recently I met with representatives from the horticulture, forestry, fishing and aquaculture and pastoral farming sectors and secondary school principals. We all agreed that it is vital to attract and retain talent among the young people in our region. The outcome of the meeting was to create a better connection between our industries and school leaders, ensuring the opportunities we have for our young people are well understood.

I also recently joined with Councillors to experience accessibility issues of people with mobility, vision or hearing disabilities in our communities. The experience gave us a greater understanding of the way urban design can help or hinder some residents. It also gave me a fresh appreciation of how important it is to be considerate of others. For example, some drivers stopped to let us cross the street. Staff at the mall went

out of their way to be helpful. Small gestures like that made our trip around Richmond that little bit easier and we should all be looking out for our fellow residents as much as we can.

Lastly, can I encourage everyone who normally frequents retailers and businesses in Richmond to continue to visit these businesses. The very necessary upgrade to infrastructure in Queen Street is also very disruptive to these businesses and your continued patronage is vitally important to them at this stage. I know from first-hand experience they would love to see you as usual during this time.

Mayor Richard Kempthorne



In case you missed it...

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

Engineering Services Committee – 25 May 2017

- Heard work to address flooding from Ned's Creek in Murchison will be carried out by early June.
- Agreed to extend Fulton Hogan's contract to manage the Murchison Resource Recovery Centre to 30 September 2018 while the Council considers options for future recycling and waste disposal in Murchison.
- Engineering Services manager Richard Kirby reported a rise in contaminated material being put in recycling bins. Smart

Environmental has contacted property owners and tenants of the small number of properties with significant recycling contamination to encourage clean recycling.

- Heard structural repairs are underway or planned for 24 bridges throughout the District, including replacement of the old timber deck with a new concrete deck at Roses Bridge on Roses Road, Upper Moutere.

Full Council – 25 May 2017

- Adopted the Annual Plan 2017/2018, including an overall rates income increase of 0.63%. More information on page 3.
- Received the quarterly financial update, outlining a forecast year-end operating surplus of \$8.9 million and year-end net debt of \$134.5 million. Staff advised increased forestry revenue meant the operating surplus was likely to be higher than forecast.

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Rates and spending for 2017/2018 confirmed

We have confirmed our Annual Plan for 2017/2018, including an overall rate rise of 0.63% and progress on projects worth \$34.5 million in the coming year.

Our Annual Plan once again provides even better value for ratepayers than forecast in our Long Term Plan 2015 – 2025 (LTP), while still delivering a broad range of infrastructure improvements, community development opportunities, planning for future growth and sustainable

management of our natural resources.

The 0.63% overall rates increase follows a 0.97% increase in the 2016/2017 year.

Thank you to those of you who came along to one of our community engagement sessions to learn more about what we have planned and provide feedback on what our future priorities should be. We received 114 written submissions in response to our invitation to have early input into the development of our next 10-year plan – the Long Term Plan 2018 – 2028. It's great to get insight into your hopes and vision for the District as we work on the plan that will guide us in years to come.

Key numbers

- 0.63% overall rate increase – down on the 2.16% forecast in LTP
- \$158.7 million debt – down on \$193.8 m forecast
- \$107.9 million operating expenditure – down on \$110.7 m forecast
- \$34.5 million capital expenditure – up slightly on \$34.3 m forecast

Find out more

Learn more about the Annual Plan 2017/2018 by visiting www.tasman.govt.nz/annual-plan.

New 'line in the sand' for measuring heights

Did you know that an invisible "point zero" in the landscape provides the starting point for every height measurement made in Tasman District?

It's not literally a line in the sand, but this "point zero" (measured from a vertical datum) determines a whole range of other measurements – from minimum ground and floor levels for building, to the location of underground pipes and services.

In the past, councils around the country had a different "point zero". For builders, surveyors, engineers and other industry professionals in Nelson and Tasman, that meant different calculations to work out heights depending on whether they were working north or south of Champion Road.

That's about to change. A new national standard for Vertical Datum has been set by Land Information New Zealand and, from 1 July 2017, both the Nelson and Tasman councils will adopt the new standard.

That should make calculating height measurements a lot simpler from now on.

For those who use vertical datums in their work, you will be asked to use the New Zealand Vertical Datum 2016 (NZVD2016) as your reference. From 1 July you will also see that all heights on the 'Top of the South' maps (www.topofthesouthmaps.co.nz) have been updated to NZVD2016. If you are submitting height information to the Council, the key thing to remember is to accurately record the datum you have used to avoid any confusion during this transition period.

If you have questions about Vertical Datum or the switch to a new national standard, you can contact Land Information New Zealand, or Development Engineering Officer Alex Grigg on (03) 543 8463 or email alex.grigg@tasman.govt.nz.



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Councillors experience accessibility challenges first-hand

Tasman District councillors took a walk in someone else's shoes this month to gain insight into the challenges faced by those in our community with limited sight, hearing or mobility.



Councillors used wheelchairs, mobility scooters or crutches, and donned vision-dimming goggles or ear muffs while representatives of A4A (Accessibility for All) and Blind Citizens New Zealand led them on a tour of Queen Street and Oxford Street in central Richmond.

The experience gave them a taste of the difficulties that some members of the community face each time they visit Richmond's town centre.

Mayor Richard Kempthorne said the experience gave councillors a greater understanding of the way urban design could help or hinder some residents from accessing public spaces.

"Small things can make a very big difference to those with mobility or sight

challenges, and we need to be aware of that when considering new public spaces or upgrades of existing facilities.

"It also gave me a fresh appreciation of how important it is to be considerate of others. For example, some drivers stopped to let us cross the street. Staff at the mall went out of their way to be helpful. Small gestures like that made our trip around Richmond that little bit easier and we should all be looking out for our fellow residents as much as we can."

The Queen Street Upgrade currently underway was designed to address some of the access challenges posed by the current street configuration, Mayor Kempthorne said.

Information sessions for online building consent applications

Nelson City and Tasman District Councils have been working together for some time to provide an easy-to-use online building consent application process called GoShift.

As well as providing a single process for companies who work with multiple councils, GoShift also automatically tailors itself to the application – meaning you only have to provide the information required for the project.

In addition, people using the new service can:

- View records and previous applications
- Copy applications for a similar project
- Receive automatic notifications if more information is required.

After testing, we will open up the service to all our building consent applicants on 1 July 2017.

Public Information Sessions

We will be offering public presentations to give you the opportunity to become more familiar with the GoShift portal prior to launch. Everyone is welcome to attend.

- 13 June 2017 – Golden Bay Community Board meeting – Collingwood Fire Station from 9.00 am

- 20 June 2017 – Motueka Community Board meeting – Motueka Service Centre from 4.00 pm
- 27 June 2017 – GoShift presentation evening – Richmond Council Chambers from 4.00 pm

About GoShift

GoShift is a shared undertaking by the Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment and a group of 20 councils around New Zealand, with the aim of making applying for building consents easier, quicker, and more consistent from council to council. You can read more about it at goshift.co.nz.

Be safe and be seen on your bike

Did you know that the rules for bike lights have changed?

As of December, bike lights must be visible from 200 metres, and must be used from sunset to dawn. We've partnered with local police and Neighbourhood Support to help ensure the safety of cyclists.

As part of this initiative, we have a limited number of bike lights available for anyone who needs them – you can pick up a set from Tasman District Council service centres.

Consumer has carried out a comprehensive review of a wide range of front and rear bike lights. Be sure to check this out if you are looking to upgrade or replace your lights.

Read the Consumer review:

www.consumer.org.nz/products/bike-lights/overview

Safety tips

- Wear bright clothing during the day and reflective clothing after dark
- Use reflectors on the front and rear of each pedal
- Check your light batteries regularly.

QUEEN STREET UPGRADE



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What you need to know

The upgrade has moved into Stage 2, from Noel Leeming to Cambridge Street. The first step in each stage is to lay the new 1200 mm stormwater pipe.

This pipe can carry about double the flow of the existing 900 mm pipe and is an important part of providing greater flood resilience to central Richmond. It will serve central Richmond for the next 80-odd years.

The old pipe is about 70 years old and is encased in a thick layer of concrete. Breaking through the concrete is a challenge, and the stormwater replacement is one of the most difficult and time-consuming elements of the upgrade.



The new stormwater pipe is already “live” in Stage 1 (Gladstone Road to McIndoe Place), and the remaining Stage 1 works are continuing – including the construction of a roundabout at the intersection of Queen Street and McIndoe Place.

Remember:

- The road is closed to vehicles between Gladstone Road and Noel Leeming
- All shops are open for business
- The footpath is always open during the day
- Parking is available along most of Queen Street and in the many carparks accessible from the ring road

What’s on the box?

Part of the Stage 2 works are enclosed by a construction “box” to keep noise and dust to a minimum for pedestrians. The “box”, made up of white panels, is now home to colourful chalkboards, information about the upgrade and reality-altering mirrors – and there’s more to come. There are also windows into the construction zone if you’re interested in what’s happening within the box. Head down and take a look, let the kids doodle on the chalkboards and check out their reflection in the stretchy mirrors while you visit the shops.

FOR MORE INFORMATION ON THE QUEEN STREET UPGRADE VISIT WWW.TASMAN.GOV.TZ/QUEEN-STREET.

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Use Good Wood for winter burning

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- Seasoned firewood, suitable for immediate use during the winter months, or
- Green (unseasoned) firewood delivered far enough in advance, that if properly stored by the user, it will be ready to burn in winter.



Remember, green wood will not burn efficiently, leaving you with a cold house and smoky fire. A Good Wood supplier will have a moisture meter to measure the moisture content of wood if you wish to confirm that wood being delivered is dry enough to use. Find a Good Wood supplier: Head to www.tasman.govt.nz/link/good-wood.

Subsidised neutering for menacing dogs

We're working with the Nelson SPCA to deliver subsidised neutering and microchipping for menacing dogs. The subsidy is funded by the Department of Internal Affairs. Eligible dogs will be neutered and microchipped at a nominated vet clinic for \$25. Dog owners who wish to take advantage of this offer should contact the Nelson SPCA on 03 547 7171 to confirm whether your dog is eligible.

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Access to eastern half of Moturoa / Rabbit Island restricted

Public access to the eastern half of Moturoa/Rabbit Island will be closed on three days this winter while an organised game bird hunt takes place. Please note the closure includes all beach front at eastern end.

Fish and Game organise the hunts, which are permitted on a trial basis under the Moturoa/Rabbit Island Reserve Management Plan. The plan was consulted on and adopted in 2016. The hunts are timed to coincide with low tide to avoid any effect on shore birds. No hunting is allowed within 100 metres of the high tide mark.

Closure dates 2017:

The hunts will take place on the following dates:

- Saturday 3 June, 8.30 am – 3.00 pm
- 1 or 2 July (to be confirmed – weather dependent)
- 29 or 30 July (to be confirmed – weather dependent)

Map of area closed for hunting:



Reserve and Hall Committee Elections

Three-yearly elections to elect volunteers to help look after their local hall/reserve. The following hall/reserve management committee elections are due to take place across the district:

- Lower Moutere Memorial Hall Committee: Tuesday 13 June 2017 at 7.00 pm at the Lower Moutere Memorial Hall.
- Tapawera Recreation Reserve Memorial Management Committee: Wednesday 21 June 2017 at 7.30 pm at the Tapawera Memorial Hall.

Banded Rail planting dates



Please come and join us at a community planting day from 9.00 am – 1.00 pm on the Waimea Inlet:

- Manuka Island: Sunday 11 June. Follow sign to Manuka Island from Redwood Road
- Research Orchard Road: Sunday 18 June.
- Maisey Embayment: Sunday 25 June. Cnr Coastal Highway/Westdale Road. Turn in at 'Fable Cottage' sign.
- Hoddy Estuary Park: Sunday 2 July. Off Coastal Highway near Research Orchard Road
- Dominion Embayment: Saturday 8 July. Parking at 43 Apple Valley Rd (between Bronte Rd & Mapua Dr).
- Stringer Creek: Sunday 23 July. Westdale Road opposite The Playhouse Café.
- Trafalgar Embayment: Saturday 29 July. Park in small layby off Coastal Highway opposite Trafalgar Rd.

Please bring gloves, spade and drinking water. Wear solid footwear and clothes suitable for the weather conditions. Coffee (courtesy of Pomeroy's) and tea will be provided.

For more information email bandedrail@gmail.com or phone Kathryn, 03 544 4537.

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.

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Road closures

Applicant: Tasman District Council

Event: Bridge repairs (Roses Bridge)

Location of road closure: Roses Bridge on Rose Road, Upper Moutere (there will be no through traffic on this road)

Date of closure: Monday 19 June 2017 to Friday 30 June 2017, 24 hours

Applicant: Nelson Car Club

Event: Redwood Road event

Location: Redwood Road (200m from the state highway and 200m from the Moutere Highway)

Date of closure: Sunday 1 October 2017, 9.00 am to 5.00 pm

Date objections close: Sunday 3 September 2017

How to make an objection:

If you would like to object, just write to us. Please include the applicant name and the date of the event and your reasons for objecting.

- 189 Queen Street, Private Bag 4, Richmond, Nelson 7050
- Phone 03 543 8400 / Fax 03 543 9524
- Email: info@tasman.govt.nz

Resource consents

The Council has received an application for resource consent, which has been publicly notified in The Nelson Mail. The application and supporting information may be examined in the main office of the Tasman District Council (Richmond) and the Motueka Office. The full public notice may be found online at Council's website (www.tasman.govt.nz). Any person may make a submission on the application in accordance with Section 96 of the Resource Management Act 1991. Submission forms are available from Council offices and on Council's website. Please note that the following is an abridged advisory notice only.

Applicant: New Zealand Motor Caravan Association Incorporated

Location: 33 Old Wharf Road, Motueka (Behind the community gardens and next to Motueka Cold Storage Ltd)

Consent Type, Application Number and Proposal: Land Use Consent (Application RM161086)

To establish and operate a park for self-contained motorhomes and caravans, accommodating up to 70 vehicles, on a 0.56 hectare site; to erect two small service buildings in the coastal environment area; and to carry out associated earthworks to level the proposed site. The site is zoned Rural 1 in the Tasman Resource Management Plan. **Submissions due: 4.30 pm on Friday 9 June 2017**

Council Meetings

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

Golden Bay Community Board

Golden Bay Service Centre, 78 Commercial Street.
Tuesday 13 June 2017, 9.00 am. Public forum

Saxton Field Committee

Saxton Field Netball Pavilion. Wednesday 14 June 2017, 2.00 pm. Public forum

Nelson-Tasman Regional Landfill Business Unit

Council Chambers, 189 Queen Street, Richmond.
Thursday 15 June 2017, 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 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.

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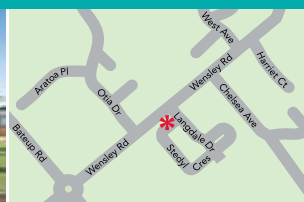
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Annual round of community grants now open

Are you planning a great community event or project – but need a little help to make it happen? We may be able to help.

Applications for our Community Grants are open, and there is funding available for Tasman-based projects that meet a community need, join communities together and have community support. Priority is given to projects that can show financial support from other sources as well.

To help you get started, we will be running

sessions at our local libraries in June and July to show you how to fill in the online form. Details of these will be posted on our website and publicised in future editions of Newsline.

Applications close on 31 July 2016.

Grants are available for projects that fit into the following categories:

- Arts/culture/heritage/museums
- Festivals and events
- Youth and children
- Social services
- Environment
- Emergency services
- Sports and recreation facilities.

Apply online: This year we've shortened the time you'll need to spend online. Visit tasman.govt.nz/link/grants to download the Community Grants from Rates Application Form. Work on the application at your own pace – and save as you go. Send the completed application back to us using a simple online form. For more information: Visit our website, www.tasman.govt.nz/link/grants or email Community Partnerships Coordinator Mike Tasman-Jones, mike.tasman-jones@tasman.govt.nz.

Special grants available

Are you planning a great community event or project, but need a little help to make it happen? We may be able to help. Applications for our Special Grants Fund are open. This fund is for significant new events in the District, and allows us to provide a larger financial contribution (upwards of \$10,000) to special events that will benefit our community, providing a range of opportunities and experiences to residents and visitors.

Find out more: You can read more about the criteria and application process for Special Grants on our website – visit www.tasman.govt.nz, search term "Special Grants", or contact Community Partnerships Coordinator Mike Tasman Jones on mike.tasman-jones@tasman.govt.nz. Ph. 03 543 8400.

Outstanding Community Service Awards

There are a host of people throughout our District who work quietly away without pay and with precious little recognition to make our communities better places to live. These awards aim to give some well-deserved recognition to these unsung heroes of our communities. It gives us an opportunity to make sure they are rewarded with the thanks they deserve for the long-term outstanding service they have given over the years.

Nominations close on 30 June 2017.

Head to www.tasman.govt.nz/link/ocs-awards for more information and nomination forms.

Classic Hits Dance – Free Event

Saturday 17 June 7.00 pm at the Richmond Town Hall. Let the good times of the 60s, 70s and 80s roll! Spinning the best of classic rock, so get your dancing shoes on and let's boogie on down. Live band, featuring Paradime. Bring a plate of finger food to share. Visit www.itson.co.nz/2017/15011-disco-dance for more information.



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