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Focus on Mapua's future

Mapua has been one of the fastest-growing areas in the District over the past few years and has a bright future – both as a great place to live and as an attractive destination for visitors.

The rapid growth has however led to some challenges. We want to make sure Mapua continues to flourish, so some significant pieces of work are underway to meet those challenges.

Water and wastewater infrastructure

Mapua's infrastructure is groaning under the demands being placed on it. We're responding to that, with design for the first phase of a \$17 million programme of water and wastewater upgrades set to begin this year.

The upgrades will reduce supply disruptions, cater for population growth and increase the resilience of the system. The first phase will include:

- Replacement of water pipe on Aranui Road and Stafford Drive

- Replacement of the water trunk main from the Waimea Treatment Plant to Mapua, between Best Island and the Mapua Channel
- A new wastewater pump station and rising main at Stafford Drive

Further improvements will be carried out from 2021 onwards, and include increased water storage capacity and extra wastewater storage.

The waterfront

Development of Mapua's beautiful waterfront area has been carried out in response to demands arising over time. It's time to develop a comprehensive strategic vision for the area that will help guide its development and management for years to come.

We have been canvassing community opinion for the past six months on the best way to manage the area long-term. This was done through a public survey attracting more than 700 responses, followed by meetings and forums with a wide range of Mapua community groups, clubs and organisations, as well as discussions with iwi.

Now it's time for you to have a say. Check out the options and make a submission by visiting our website, www.tasman.govt.nz/feedback, or visit any Council service centre. Copies are also available at Council libraries and the Mapua Community Library.

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 – 29 June 2017

- Decided to recommend to Full Council that infrastructure upgrades for Mapua be brought forward, with design and land acquisition beginning in the 2017 – 2018 financial year. More information on front page.
- Agreed to recommend to Full Council that stormwater upgrades for Poole Street, Motueka, be brought forward to the 2017 – 2018 financial year. More on page 3.
- Received a six-weekly update of the Engineering Services department's work, which has included long-term growth and infrastructure planning, urban water supply modelling, maintenance and repairs on water, wastewater and stormwater networks, work to reduce flooding at Ned's Creek in Murchison, and work on the transition to a regional landfill with Nelson City Council.

Community Development Committee – 6 July 2017

- Received a presentation by the Tasman Youth Council's Waimea cluster, outlining the Youth Council's recent activities.

- Agreed to terms of reference for a group to co-ordinate efforts to preserve and enhance the Waimea Inlet.
- Approved the Mapua Waterfront Area: Options for the Future document for public consultation. More information on front page.
- Heard that seismic upgrades had been completed for the Richmond Town Hall, Motueka Memorial Hall, Bainham Hall, Riwaka Hall and Hope Hall. Agreed to limit numbers in the Wakefield Hall to 300 to comply with its current seismic strength rating.
- Agreed to establish a working party to look into the future of the Motueka Library, including consideration of the Laura Ingram Kindergarten premises.
- Received a report on the representation review that must be carried out this year to determine the voting system for the next local body election, whether to establish Māori wards and review current representation arrangements.

New entrance to Motueka Cemetery opened

The new entrance to the Motueka Cemetery, off Memorial Drive, was opened to the public early this week.

Strong community interest in the new cemetery entrance and the fate of treasured rhododendrons lining the existing driveway contributed to the thoughtful landscaping plan for the new entry point.

The old entrance needed to be relocated as part of a residential development next to the cemetery. Council staff worked closely with the developer and community groups, including Keep Motueka Beautiful, to ensure the change retained the most cherished elements of the existing cemetery.

Preparations began in 2014, when 32 treasured rhododendrons were transplanted into the cemetery from the old driveway on Cemetery Road.



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Changes at Mariri Resource Recovery Centre

Changes are afoot at the Mariri Resource Recovery Centre as we begin work on improvements that will make the centre more efficient, safer and easier for people to use.

The construction will see drop-off points change and there may be minor delays at times over the next three months. We ask that you bear with us, keep an eye on the signs and follow the directions of staff when dropping off rubbish and recycling.

The improvements include a new waste compactor to allow more material to fit into the bins, ultimately resulting in fewer truck trips from the resource recovery

centre to landfill. There will be safety improvements to the refuse drop-off areas, as well as improved signage to make the centre easier for people to use.

You can find more information about the Mariri Resource Recovery Centre improvements at www.tasman.govt.nz/link/mariri-rrc



Motueka stormwater improvements given priority

An upgrade of the stormwater system in Motueka's Poole Street will be carried out this financial year, after being re-prioritised by the Engineering Committee.

The work, which is needed to reduce flooding in the area around Poole Street, is designed to cope with one-in-20 year rainfall. It is expected to take up to seven months to complete.

Engineering Services Committee chairman Stuart Bryant said: "Motueka residents and their representatives – both ward councillors and Community Board members – have been passionate advocates of the urgency of this project and the Council has taken their message on board. The Engineering Committee will recommend to the Full Council that we complete the work this year.

"The upgrade will reduce the frequency of floods in the area. We do need to be clear that extremely heavy rainfall – greater than a one-in-20 year scenario – will still result in some flooding, however."

The Full Council will be asked to confirm the Engineering Committee's recommendation at a meeting on 27 July.

Funding boost for Motueka Kai Fest

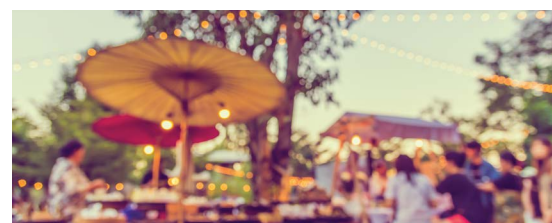
The Motueka Kai Fest is one of the first beneficiaries of our new Special Grants Fund for outstanding new events.

The Council has granted \$20,000 to the 2018 Kai Fest event. The Special Grants Fund was established in 2016 to support significant new events or projects within Tasman District. It is available in years the Council has a surplus, when there is a total of \$50,000 available.

Community Partnerships Co-ordinator Mike Tasman-Jones said Kai Fest would use the grant for co-ordination, promotion, equipment and performers.

"Kai Fest event was first run in 2017 and demonstrated considerable community support with 4000 people attending. The funding from the Special Grants Fund, along with the experience gained from the first event, will enable organisers to develop a fantastic community event."

Other Special Grants Fund recipients are the Project De-Vine Trust and the Abel Tasman Cycle Challenge.



Help prevent spread of wild kiwifruit

Wild kiwifruit can germinate wherever birds deposit kiwifruit seeds or wherever discarded fruit has been thrown or dumped. Birds love to feed on kiwifruit that's left out on vines, in reject bins or on paddocks for stock feed. They then spread the seed that grows into wild kiwifruit vines in areas of native bush, forestry blocks and near orchards or farms.

Wild kiwifruit is a real biosecurity risk to New Zealand's kiwifruit industry as wild vines can harbor Psa and other kiwifruit pests and diseases. It can also smother areas of New Zealand's native bush and forest.

Prevention tips

Growers – Remove unpicked fruit from vines and mulch as soon as possible. This prevents

mass feeding by birds and allows the fruit to compost as quickly as possible.

Postharvest operators – Cover bins of reject fruit to prevent birds feeding on ripening fruit.

Farmers – Cover stockpiles of fruit with shade cloth, windbreak netting or something similar, to prevent birds from getting to any fruit. Feed out only what will be eaten by stock at one time to prevent birds from eating leftovers.

Members of the public – Be very careful with the disposal of kiwifruit, particularly while out in the bush.

If you know the location of any unrecorded wild kiwifruit infestations, contact our Biosecurity staff on Ph. 03 543 8400.

Possum control in urban areas

Tasman and Nelson residents are less likely to see possums these days thanks to the efforts of the Animal Health Board (now OSPIRI) to prevent the transmission of bovine TB to cattle and deer by possums. The Department of Conservation has also been working hard to reduce possum damage to native flora and fauna.



Possums are still around, but because they are nocturnal they can be difficult to spot. They usually make their presence felt by the damage they do. Householders report damage to prized roses and shrubs, peeled lemons, or the fruit devoured and bark stripped off fruit trees. Others are woken at night by the clatter of possums on their roof.

The options for urban resident to rid themselves of this pest are somewhat limited. It is illegal to use firearms and most toxins in urban areas and leg-hold traps are banned within 150m of a dwelling or where there is a risk of catching a pet animal. Gin traps are completely banned.

However if used carefully, kill traps and cage traps can be used to control possums, even in urban areas. Kill traps such as the Timms possum trap are reasonably easy to use and can, with minor modifications, be set in trees out of the reach of children and most pets. Curious cats are less likely to be attracted to these traps if only fruit or

vegetables are used as bait. Curry powder mixed with flour can be used to actively discourage cats.

Cage traps provide a more risk-free option as they catch but do not hurt an animal. The drawback is that by law, this type of trap must be checked every day and if a possum has been caught it must be safely and humanely destroyed.

More detailed advice and instruction on traps and sets is available from a Tasman District Council Biosecurity Officer, Ph. 03 543 8400.

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QUEEN STREET UPGRADE



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What you need to know

From 1 August the speed limit on Queen Street will drop to 30km/h. The lower speed limit will complement the new pedestrian-friendly street design, and discourage use of Queen Street as a through route to other destinations.

The street surface is being replaced in Stage 1 (Gladstone Road to Noel Leeming) to cover the underground pipes and services, which are all now in place in this section of the upgrade. Contractors will soon begin installing street-top elements such as trees and street furniture. The McIndoe Place intersection is the transition point from the existing street design to the new so you will start to get an indication of the look and feel of the wider footpaths and lack of kerb and channel.

Key things to remember:

- All shops are open for business as usual
- The road is closed to vehicles between Gladstone Road and Cambridge Street.

- You could win a \$20 shopping voucher – just take a 'selfie' at the Love Richmond chalkboard outside the Richmond Library, post it to the Love Richmond Facebook page with a message telling us what you love about Richmond.



Lower Queen Street water upgrades set to begin

In early August work will begin to upgrade water infrastructure on Lower Queen Street to service a growing population.

The work will include the replacement of an old water pipe on the southern side of Lower Queen Street, between McDonald's and Headingly Lane, as well as a new sewer pipe from Dr Diesel to Headingly Lane.

Fibre and phone connections may need to be moved to create space for the new pipes,

and we are co-ordinating with Chorus and Network Tasman to install future service ducts at the same time. We are working with Chorus to make sure existing connections are maintained while the work takes place.

Parking on Lower Queen Street will be limited in some places while work takes place. Two-way traffic flows will be maintained, although 'stop-go' controls may be needed at one or two pinch points. The work will take about four months to complete.

Downer will be in touch with affected residents and businesses before the work

begins to outline the details, and is happy to work through any specific access or service needs.

The project is the first in a series of infrastructure upgrades to support residential development in Richmond West, and will be followed by the installation of additional sewerage and stormwater infrastructure in late 2017 and early 2018.

Find out more:

Visit www.tasman.govt.nz/link/lower-queen-upgrades for more information.

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Banded Rail planting dates

Join us at a community planting day,
9.00 am – 1.00 pm on the Waimea Inlet:

- Hoddy Estuary Park: Sunday 16 July.
- 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.

Use Good Wood for winter burning

Look for the Good Wood tick when you stock up on winter firewood to be sure of dry firewood that will burn cleanly. Suppliers in the Good Wood scheme can be trusted to provide either:

- 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 online at www.tasman.govt.nz/link/good-wood.



Register your dog by 30 July

It's time to register Rover. You can register your dog in person or by mail to any Council service centre, or pay online. Remember to register by 30 July to avoid an extra fee.

Register in person: Use the form mailed to you or download a form from www.tasman.govt.nz/link/dogs. Bring it to any Council service centre to make payment.

Register by mail: Post your completed form and payment to:
Tasman District Council, Private Bag 4,
Richmond 7050

Pay online: You can pay your registration fee online with a credit card – you will need your owner number. www.tasman.govt.nz/services/make-a-payment.

You must still provide us with your completed registration form to receive your new tag. If any of your details have changed, such as your address or the number of dogs you own, you need to let us know. Fill in the Dog Registration Update Notification form found on our website and drop it in or post it to us. Alternatively, you can scan it and email to dogcontrol@tasman.govt.nz.

Scholarships for youth leaders available

Are you aged between 15 – 20, live in the Tasman District and keen to attend a youth leadership opportunity this year? Then we can help. Tasman \$200ships are available any time of year to support young people in our district attend courses like Outward Bound or Spirit of Adventure.

The application process is simple – just visit www.tasman.govt.nz/link/200.

Tasman parks become magical playgrounds

After the success of Magical Park during Parks Week earlier this year, we've decided to offer the virtual reality playground in parks throughout the District until mid-2018.

From 1 July, children and families can play Magical Park at six parks around the District.

Where can I play?

Magical Park is aimed at 6 – 11 year olds and will be available at the following parks:

- Ben Cooper Park, Richmond: July – October 2017
- Bill Wilkes Reserve, Richmond: July – October 2017
- Decks Reserve, Motueka: November 2017 – February 2018
- Mapua Recreation Reserve: November 2017 – February 2018
- Faulkners Bush, Wakefield: March – June 2018
- Lord Rutherford Park, Brightwater: March – June 2018

Visit www.tasman.govt.nz to find out more.

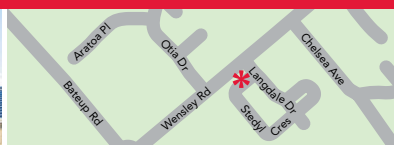
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Roadside spraying

Contractors employed by the New Zealand Transport Agency undertake an ongoing vegetation control programme to ensure that roadside vegetation does not affect the safety or operation of the region's state highway network.



This programme includes the spraying of chemical herbicides including the following active ingredients: Glyphosate, Metsulfuron, Terbutylazine and Triclopyr. Persons wishing to register their property as a 'no-spray' zone, which requires a commitment to maintain a property's highways frontage to specifications provided by NZTA, may do so by contacting Lea O'Sullivan or Nicole White on Ph. 03 548 1099 or at Opus International Consultants, Private Bag 36, Nelson.

Access to eastern half of Moturoa/Rabbit Island restricted

Public access to the eastern half of Moturoa/Rabbit Island will be closed on Saturday 29 July while an organised game bird hunting event takes place.

Fish and Game organise the hunts, which are permitted on a trial basis under the Moturoa/Rabbit Island Reserve Management Plan.

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:

- 8.00 am – 2.00 pm, Saturday 29 July

Map of Area Closed for Hunting:



Rivercare meetings 2017

The Council is holding its annual Rivercare meetings throughout the District. All interested members of the public are invited to discuss river management issues and works. Topics will include flood protection, riparian maintenance and erosion control which may be significant to the area you live.

If you are planning to attend one of these meetings and have a specific question or topic you would like discussed, please contact Rivers and Coastal Engineer Giles Griffith on 03 543 7244 or Email: giles.griffith@tasman.govt.nz. More information such as previous meeting records can be found on the Council website www.tasman.govt.nz (search phrase: 'rivercare').

Upper Motueka Catchment

Tuesday 18 July 2017, 3.00 pm, Tapawera Community Rooms (Upper Motueka, Motupiko, Tadmor and Sherry Rivers)

Dove River

Tuesday 18 July 2017, 7.00 pm, Dovedale Hall

Waimea Catchment

Thursday 20 July 2017, 10.00 am, Richmond Council Chambers (Waimea, Wai-iti and Wairoa Rivers)

Lower Motueka Catchment

Thursday 20 July 2017, 4.00 pm, Motueka Service Centre (Lower Motueka, Riwaka, Brooklyn, Little Sydney, Hamiltons and Scotts Drains, Pauley Creek, Company Ditches and Moutere Rivers)

Takaka Catchment

Friday 21 July 2017, 10.00 am, Takaka Service Centre (Takaka, Waingarō and Anatoki Rivers)

Aorere Catchment

Friday 21 July 2017, 1.30 pm, Collingwood Tavern (Aorere and Kaituna Rivers).

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.

Draft Freedom Camping Bylaw 2017

Feedback closes 4.00 pm on 11 August 2017.

We're consulting on a Draft Freedom Camping Bylaw intended to allow for freedom camping in suitable locations, while safeguarding the environment and the wider community's ability to enjoy their local parks, swimming holes and neighbourhoods.

Now is your opportunity to have a look at what is proposed, and let us know if you would like to see anything included or changed in the draft bylaw.

The draft bylaw proposes to permit freedom camping in several areas. It also sets out a range of locations where freedom camping is not permitted.

The draft bylaw would provide greater enforcement powers than the Council has had in the past.

All the details are on our website – head to www.tasman.govt.nz/feedback.

Make A Submission

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Council Meetings

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

Motueka Community Board

Motueka Service Centre, Hickmott Place. Tuesday 18 July 2017, 4.00 pm. Public forum

Full Council

Council Chambers, 189 Queen Street, Richmond. Thursday 27 July 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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FROM THE TASMAN DISTRICT LIBRARIES



Read around the world

Are you reading around the world this winter? Read Around the World is our winter reading programme for adults running at all Tasman libraries until 4 August.

We're thrilled with how many of you have picked up passports and are getting them stamped as you read each of your four books by authors from different countries.

If you haven't yet embarked on this reading adventure you still have time.

All you have to do is pick up a reading passport from your local library and read a minimum of one book from four different countries. As you return each book to the library, your passport will be stamped by our Border Control librarians.

Once you've collected your four stamps your passport goes into the draw to win a great range of prizes, including travel vouchers generously sponsored by House of Travel Richmond and House of Travel Motueka.

Stuck for ideas of what to read? Head into your local library to pick up some reading suggestions bookmarks. Or visit the library website and check out our interactive world reading map.

Pick up your reading passport today and be in to win. Terms and conditions apply.

School holiday programmes

There's still one week left of the school holidays and plenty to do at your local library. There are storytimes and a scavenger hunt with a twist at all our libraries plus other activities.

For a full list of what's on when and where check out the School Holidays Featured Events page on the library website.

And of course there's nothing like spending a few hours browsing in the library finding great reads or taking home a couple of DVDs for that special holiday movie treat.

Family History Month at Richmond Library

August is Family History Month at Richmond Library and with the Queen Street Upgrade in mind our theme this year is Queen Street through the years.

There's lots happening including our popular Family History courses, a Caring for your Photos workshop with guest speaker Darryl Gallagher (manager of the photographic collection at Nelson Provincial Museum), a children's craft session constructing a 3D model of Queen Street and a Richmond memories get together. Find the full programme of events on the library website Featured Events page.

Queen Street Richmond heritage photos

Do you have original photos of Queen Street that you would be happy for us to scan and publish online? We're looking for photographs from the 1800s through to the 1980s. Photos can be of shops, businesses, houses and farms in upper, central and lower Queen Street. Please contact Richmond Library for more information.

Author Fiona Kidman at Motueka Library

We're thrilled to have renowned NZ author Dame Fiona Kidman at Motueka Library as part of our 160th birthday celebrations. Dame Fiona will talk about her latest book "All day at the movies" which is set in Motueka's tobacco fields in 1952.

Join us with our special guest for a Q&A session on Wednesday 19 July 6.00 – 7.30 pm. Books will be available for sale.

Get Well bags at Richmond Library

We've been trialling a new service at Richmond Library – personalised Get Well Bags for children aged 5 – 10. And due to your interest we're extending the trial until 31 August.

With winter well and truly here the season of coughs, colds and flu has arrived. And we know how tricky it can be keeping kids occupied as they recover from illness.

Complete the Get Well Bag request form on the library website and your bag will be ready for you to pick up within 24 hours.

Your customised bag can include books, magazines, CDs and graphic novels all chosen to suit your child's age and interests.

Art classes at Motueka Library

Would you like to tap into your inner artist, learn some new art skills or re-inspire your creative side? Motueka Library's series of three art classes could be just what you're looking for. Local artist Marian Painter will explore drawing, composition and the fun of illuminated lettering in this art workshop series. Each class costs \$15.00. Bookings are essential. To find out more, visit the Upcoming Events page on the library website or phone 03 528 1047.

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