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Community brainstorms improvements for Ellis Street

Brightwater residents have taken an active interest in plans to make improvements to the main street through the village – letting us know their main priorities for Ellis Street during a feedback round in September.

Brightwater School students got involved, brainstorming ideas before creating model streetscapes using Lego. Residents came along to a public meeting to share ideas, and a working group of representatives from local business, the school, residents' association, police, heavy haulage companies and others also had input.

Thank you to everyone who contributed for your time and interest.

Brightwater is a rapidly-growing community and with that comes some pressures on the main route through the village. We want to make sure Ellis Street – which is home to Brightwater School, the village shopping precinct, and forms part of Tasman's Great Taste Trail – is safe for all users, as well as being an attractive public space.

To achieve that, we are looking at options for streetscaping and other improvements.

Next steps

Between now and Christmas, Council staff and consultants will work on a draft design, which we hope to share with the community in early 2018. There will be

another opportunity for feedback before the design is finalised. Work is expected to start in July 2018.

Find out more:

More information is available on our website, www.tasman.govt.nz/link/ellis-street, or email Project Manager Graham Rimmer at graham.rimmer@tasman.govt.nz.



Mayor's Message

In this edition of Newslines there are several stories relating to growth and work the Council is doing on behalf of our community.

The cover story is about Brightwater residents meeting to discuss how to improve Ellis Street, making it a more liveable and community friendly place. Work on the Queen Street Upgrade in Richmond continues. I would encourage you to visit the local businesses and I think you will be pleasantly surprised to see how well the street is looking as work in some sections is concluded.

There is also a story about re-zoning land in Wakefield to increase residential options, following previous feedback from the Wakefield community. These projects have some common drivers – population growth, allowing for greater choice in housing options and helping develop nice places for our community

to live in. The Council's aim is to achieve this and keep the character of our towns that make Tasman District the outstanding place that we know it to be.

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.

Community Development Committee – 21 September 2017

- Adopted a revised Policy on Housing for Older Adults 2017, which guides the management of 101 Council cottages, including tenant eligibility, rents and funding. The policy and cottage application forms are available on our website, www.tasman.govt.nz.
- Agreed to carry out a feasibility study on an extension to the Motueka Library.
- Heard work to complete the Motueka Museum earthquake strengthening was due for completion in late September.
- Heard an application was made to the Tourism Infrastructure Fund for a contribution towards projects at eight popular tourism locations. The projects include new toilets, rubbish compactors, showers and a caravan/motorhome dump.

Full Council – 28 September 2017

- Adopted the Annual Report 2016 – 2017, recording a \$12.9 million underlying operating surplus and reduced net debt of \$122m. The full report will be on our website later this month once minor amendments have been made.
- Approved the Regional Pest Management Strategy for public consultation. The strategy will be open for submissions from late October.
- Agreed to an equal funding split with Nelson City Council for future work at Saxton Field. Tasman's population is now larger than Nelson's, and users of the facilities at Saxton Field come from throughout the region.
- Activated residential zoning for land between Iwa Street and Aranui Road in Mapua, and industrial zoning for land in the Richmond West Development Area. These areas now have infrastructure in place to support housing development, so their "deferred zone" status can be lifted.



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Another round of land rezoning for Wakefield

We are proposing a second round of zoning changes for Wakefield in response to community feedback.

The proposals are:

- Re-zone some land on Bird Lane from rural to residential (deferred until infrastructure is in place)
- Re-zone some land at Totara View Road from rural residential to rural
- Re-zone some land at Higgins Road from rural to rural residential (deferred)
- Specify the location for an indicative walkway between Genia Drive and Kilkenny Place.

These ideas were suggested in submissions on an earlier round of rezoning and rule changes

for Wakefield, which were designed to manage likely population growth over the next 20 years. After carrying out more research and talking to those likely to be affected, we are ready to formally propose extra changes to the Tasman Resource Management Plan and invite your submissions.

Find out more

Come along to the monthly meeting of the Wakefield Community Council to learn more and ask questions of Council staff.

Monday 16 October, 7.30 pm, St John's Anglican Worship Centre, Edward Street.

Or contact Planning Consultant Shelagh Noble, email Shelagh.Noble@tasman.govt.nz or phone 021 150 2391.

More information and submission forms will also be available on our website after Saturday 14 October. Visit www.tasman.govt.nz/feedback. Submissions will close on Tuesday 14 November.

Making Tasman a great place for older people

We want Tasman to be a great place to live for people of all ages.

As part of our planning for the next 10 years, we're asking our older residents how we can make it easier for them to get out and about, participate in social activities or employment, access housing and achieve good health.

The feedback will be used to inform the drafting of our Long Term Plan for 2018 – 2028, and to develop an Age-

Friendly Policy.

You can either fill in a survey or come to the drop in session in Murchison to get involved.

Murchison – Monday 9 October, 10.30 am – 12.30 pm, Murchison Sport, Recreation and Cultural Centre, Hampden Street.

Fill in the survey:

Available at all Tasman District Libraries and online at www.tasman.govt.nz/feedback.



The First Taste

Saturday 14 October, 11.00 am – 2.00 pm. Queen Street, between McIndoe Place and Cambridge Street.

Enjoy a delicious range of food from around the globe and check out the fresh face of Queen Street. Live music, entertainment and cultural activities.



Get Ready Week

Get Ready Week starts on Monday 9 October and this year's theme is Stay Safe, Stay Informed.

Emergencies can happen anywhere, any time, and without warning. Make sure you and the people you care about are ready to get through by knowing the different ways to stay informed.

You need to be ready at home, at work and at school, so make your plan at www.happens.nz.

Radio

If the power goes out, a solar or battery powered radio (or your car radio) can help you keep up

to date with the latest news, In an emergency, tune to these stations:

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- The Hits
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- Radio Live

Online

For local updates, check neltontasmancivildefence.co.nz as well as your council website.

For national updates, follow Civil Defence on Facebook and Twitter.



Biosecurity in the garden

The home garden is one of the greatest sources of weed infestation in New Zealand.

It is from our gardens that all kinds of introduced weed species have become established and spread out into the wider environment. People who live near areas of native vegetation and conservation areas need to be particularly vigilant.

Spring is the perfect time of year to get planting, but it's important to take care with plant purchases made online, at markets or galas, or gifted by a friend. Make sure you're familiar with the plant variety you're buying to ensure it's not a biosecurity nasty.

If you're not sure, call into your local Service Centre and ask for a free copy of the National Pest Plant Accord.

Plants at retail outlets should be tagged so you know what you are buying. We inspect these outlets annually.

There are ongoing biosecurity threats at New Zealand's borders and the public's help is essential if any new threats make it into the country. If identified early enough and tackled promptly, new incursions can be eradicated – the Great White Butterfly here in Nelson-Tasman is a great example.

Report a problem

If you notice any strange plants, insects, or disease symptoms on plants on your property, call the Ministry for Primary Industries on 0800 809 966.

For more information visit www.weedbusters.co.nz.



Climbing Asparagus is a garden escapee

Make Motueka disposable cup free

An innovative new campaign aims to cut the number of disposable coffee cups thrown away and reduce the waste ending up in our landfill.

We're supporting the initiative to Make Motueka Disposable Cup Free and CupCycling™, led by local business IdealCup, because it ties in perfectly with our focus on waste minimisation.

Even compostable cups often end up in landfill – they need to be processed in commercial composting facilities, which adds cost and complexity.

How it works

Pay a \$10 bond at any participating café and receive your hot drink in a reusable CupCycling™ cup. Return the used cup at

any participating CupCycling™ café for a fresh one when you need your next caffeine fix.

Every hot drink purchased will receive a discount.

Initially, Celcius Coffee, Mot Bike Co, Kai Waka Café and Muses Café in Motueka will participate, and IdealCup plans to roll the CupCycling™ programme out to the rest of Motueka over the next few months.

Celcius Coffee estimates its participation alone will prevent 10,400 disposable

cups going to landfill each year. With four cafés on board, that number grows to an estimated 41,600 fewer cups making their way to landfill every year. We hope you will join us in the push to Make Motueka disposable cup free!



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QUEEN STREET UPGRADE



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New-look street takes shape

Another section of the new-look Queen Street has opened, giving a feel for how the street will look, feel and function once the full upgrade is complete.

Most of Stage 2 (from Noel Leeming to the Cambridge Street closure) is now open, so head on down and take a look – it's looking great.

The new design

While the huge amount of work that has gone on underground to replace ageing and undersized water and stormwater pipes can't be seen, you may notice the new road profile. The centre of the street

has been lowered, which creates a channel for stormwater to better protect the businesses on Queen Street from flooding.

As well as serving a stormwater function, the street surface has been designed to create a far more pedestrian-friendly, accessible and pleasant public space.

There is no kerb and channel, which makes navigating the street easier for a wide range of pedestrians – including those with limited sight, in wheelchairs, with canes or walkers or pushing prams.

Wider footpaths prioritise pedestrians, and combine with the new 30kmh speed limit to calm traffic speeds.

New plantings and seating add to the attractiveness of the street as a place to meet, mingle and spend time.

Pool inspections set to start

An inspection of swimming pools will begin soon, making sure all pools in our District are safely fenced and meet regulations.

This is required by the Building Act, which was amended at the start of this year to include pool barrier audits.

That means if you have a swimming pool on your property, an officer will be visiting. There is a fee of \$150 per inspection.

In between audits, you can do your own regular checks to ensure your pool is safe and secure and complies with regulations. Check that:

- the pool area is contained within a physical barrier that restricts access to children under 5 years old.
- the pool gates open away from the pool, self-close and have a childproof latch.
- There's nothing climbable outside the pool barrier.

- Only pool-related activities are in the pool area. It's not a good place to plant the vegetable garden or store the kids' toys.

Remember that 'take home and pop up' pools with a water depth of over 400mm must also meet the requirements of the legislation.

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Scholarships for Tasman's youth leaders

Are you aged between 15 – 20, living in Tasman District and keen to attend a youth leadership opportunity this year? Then we can help, with \$200.

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 – visit www.tasman.govt.nz/link/200

How do you want to be represented?

We're about to carry out a representation review, which looks at how many councillors should be elected, if they are to be elected by ward or the District as a whole and, if by ward, the number of wards, their boundaries and names. The review also examines whether to have community boards and how many. Further information can be found here: www.tasman.govt.nz/feedback. Your survey responses will help us formulate an initial proposal for public consultation.

Do your trees hang low?

Now is a good time to check that the vegetation on your property hasn't become a nuisance. If you have a hedge, shrubs or trees that grow alongside a footpath it's up to you to make sure they don't make it hard for people to get past – including those with prams or mobility scooters. So please take a walk around your property and check if any trees, shrubs or bushes need a haircut.

Moturoa/Rabbit Island front beach logging

For the next month there'll be logging activity at Moturoa/Rabbit Island's front beach. There are also some closures on Rough Island.

Visitors to the island are asked to keep to the marked trails and obey signage. Logging is in progress and trucks are in constant use, so please act with caution, particularly at intersections. More details at www.tasman.govt.nz/link/moturoa.

Wheelchairs made available

Several of our local businesses offer wheelchairs for customers with limited mobility to make use of. A big thank you to those who do.

We're putting together a register of businesses offering this courtesy to help publicise their availability. If you would like your business to be included on the register, please contact Megan Bell at megan.bell@tasman.govt.nz or phone 543 8400.

A small reminder, please keep your wheelchair tyres fully inflated to make them easier to use.

Rates and water rates by email

You can now opt to receive your rates assessments/invoices by email. If you sign up for rates by email, you will no longer receive an account via the post. You will need to be an owner of the property to apply. Please have your valuation number(s) handy. To sign up please visit:

www.tasman.govt.nz/link/rates-by-email
Terms and conditions apply.

Not ready for the building inspector? Cancel early, no fee

Cancel by 2.00 pm the day before the booking – no charge

From 1 August 2017 you can cancel an inspection booking if you are not ready, until 2.00 pm the day before, without incurring any fees. Cancellation after 2.00 pm will incur a cancellation fee of \$150. Any inspection we encounter not ready at the time of inspection will result in a failed inspection and will incur the standard \$150 re-inspection fee.

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Adventure Awaits on Tasman's Great Taste Trail

Join the Kiwi Guardians on the hunt for fun and adventure in the great outdoors. The Toyota Kiwi Guardians programme encourages kids to explore and learn about the environment – it is like a big treasure hunt! Check out the DOC website for more information www.doc.govt.nz/kiwiguardians and to download your adventure map. Sunday 15 October, 10.30 am – 12.30 pm at Sandeman Reserve, Sandeman Road, Richmond. Register online at www.tasman.govt.nz/recreation/events/walk-series.

Summer Events Guide

The Summer Events Guide is back again this summer, showcasing events happening across the Nelson-Tasman region. To be considered for inclusion in the guide, event organisers must ensure events are listed on It'sOn no later than Sunday 1 October. To list your event go to www.itson.co.nz/organisers. If you are interested in paying for advertising space in the Guide, contact judy@printhouse.co.nz, Ph 03 543 9480.

Second Hand Sunday is here

Second-Hand Sunday is on this weekend – join the hunt to find hidden treasures.

About Second Hand Sunday

People taking part in Second Hand Sunday leave unwanted items on their driveway for others to take away for free. Goods can include anything from old furniture, books, clothing or leftover bits and pieces from building projects.

You can find a list of the households taking part on our website, just visit www.tasman.govt.nz (search phrase "second-hand Sunday").

The details

Sunday, 8 October, from 10.00 am.

New thinking wanted for website

It's served us well, but the time has come to redesign our website. We're looking to make it work far better on mobile devices, improve the search function and make it a useful and useable resource.

We'd love your help

Websites should be for the people who use them most, so we're asking for your help. Your responses will help us build a site that puts you at the heart of our online services now and in the future. Every answer helps us improve.

Become a website tester

Later, as we build the site we'll need people to help us test the website. We'll need people with a range of devices and different internet speeds. People who use assistive technology such as screen readers or read-aloud systems are also very welcome. You can sign up as part of the survey. Visit tasman.govt.nz/feedback and share your ideas.

Addressing New Zealand's Biodiversity Challenge: recommendations for change

Our native flora and fauna is a taonga that does much to define us as a nation and the time is right to tackle the big questions around its future management.

Good progress is being made in some areas, aided by effective new technology and greater public, corporate and philanthropic attention to and investment in the environment. But business as usual will not be good enough if we are to maintain our unique indigenous biodiversity. It is under threat, and we are losing ground in many cases.

We have considered how we could better manage our indigenous biodiversity, with a particular focus on the role and work of regional councils.

You can read the full report on our website, www.tasman.govt.nz.

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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 10 October 2017, 9.00 am Public forum

Saxton Field Committee

Saxton Field Netball Pavilion. Tuesday 16 October 2017, 3.00 pm. Public forum

Motueka Community Board

Motueka Service Centre, Hickmott Place. Tuesday 17 October 2017, 4.00 pm. Public Forum

Full Council

Council Chambers, 189 Queen Street, Richmond. Thursday 19 October 2017, 9.30am 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.

WRITE CHOICES

FROM THE TASMAN DISTRICT LIBRARIES



New community information service

This month we're launching a new community information service called Community Matters at Richmond Library. We're inviting community groups and service providers to run regular drop-in sessions in our Community Matters space. These informal sessions provide an opportunity for you to ask questions and receive the information you need for your particular situation. No bookings are required, just drop in. Check our website to find out who's there and when.

Community Matters – connecting library users and community organisations

Elizabeth Smither at Takaka Library

We're delighted to have renowned NZ writer Elizabeth Smither speaking at Takaka Library.

Elizabeth, a poet, novelist and short story writer, is in Golden Bay as part of the Live Poets series. The author of two novels and 12 collections of poetry, Smither has received numerous awards, among them the 2014 Janet Frame Memorial Award for Literature.

Elizabeth will be at Takaka Library at 11.00am on Friday 20 October. A great opportunity to hear a great poet.

Law for Lunch at Richmond Library

Our popular Law for Lunch series is back at Richmond Library. This year the series of three lunchtime sessions covers wills and estates, powers of attorney and setting up family trusts.

Law for Lunch sessions are presented by Julia O'Connor, legal educator with Nelson Bays Community Law. The sessions cover a diverse range of frequently encountered legal situations and are all delivered in easy to understand, user-friendly language.

Law for Lunch runs weekly for three weeks starting on Thursday 19 October, 12.00-1.00pm. Bring your lunch or grab a bite to eat and a coffee from the Library Café. No bookings are required but sessions are limited to 50 people.

Find more information on our Featured Events page on the library website.

School holidays are still here!

You still have time to enjoy some of the fabulous school holiday activities happening at your local library. The kids can have fun at storytime, get involved in rock painting or pom-pom making, watch a family-friendly movie or sit back and listen to Jerri Pirc's latest book. Check out what's on where and when on the Featured Events page of the library website.

And while you're in the library, check out the huge range of books, magazines and DVDs for all the family. There's something for everyone.

Philip Simpson at Richmond Library

Come along to Richmond Library on Wednesday 8 November at 12.30pm and hear local author and renowned ethno-botanist Philip Simpson talking about his new book *Tōtara: A Natural and Cultural History*.

In this stunning book Philip covers every aspect of the Tōtara, from its place in the natural world to the historical, social and cultural importance of this tree for both Pakeha and Māori.

Philip's early interest in plants led to botany, conservation and the writing of two earlier acclaimed publications, *Dancing Leaves on New Zealand's cabbage tree* and *Pohutukawa and Rata, New Zealand's iron-hearted trees*.

Tōtara is a wonderful addition to the literature available on New Zealand native trees. Don't miss what promises to be a fascinating talk. Book signings and sales available. A great gift idea for Christmas.

Fresh Foodies at Motueka Library

Are you interested in cooking and food in general? Maybe you'd like to know more about where to get fantastic produce locally. Or perhaps you're looking for inspiration and ways to make more exciting and tasty food.

Motueka Library's new Fresh Foodies group could be what you're looking for.

Each month the group explores a different topic with guest speakers, recipe exchanges, tastings and demonstrations. Plus you can browse the library's extensive range of cooking and baking books.

Find out what next month's topic is on the Upcoming Events section of the library website. Fresh Foodies' next get together is Friday 27 October, 1.30 – 3.00pm.

I can't log into library e-books

If you use our e-books and other online library services you may have had the experience of being unable to log in successfully. You may have had a message on the screen saying that your membership has expired.

Why does this happen and what should you do?

All library customers' memberships remain valid for a two year period before they need to be updated. To sort this out phone or email us or visit your nearest library. We'll check your details, including your PIN, and update your membership for another two-year period. Then you can successfully download e-books once more.

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