

# Reduced speed limit for Appleby Highway

We're working with the New Zealand Transport Agency on proposals to lower the speed limit on the Appleby Highway and some adjoining local roads to improve safety.

The section of State Highway 60 (SH60) from Three Brothers Corner to Maisey Road is considered a high-risk route due to its crash rate, roadside hazards and challenging intersections and driveways. There have been calls from the community and police to reduce the speed limit.

As well as a lower limit on SH60, we're also proposing reduced speed limits on several connecting local roads.

The proposed changes are designed to improve safety for all road users, and will not greatly affect travel times. For example, it will only take one minute and 11 seconds of additional travel time to drive SH60 from Three Brothers to Maisey Road at the proposed limit of 80kmh compared with travelling at 100 kmh.

#### Proposed new speed limits:

Road	Current Limit (kmh)	Proposed Limit (kmh)
SH60 – Three Brothers Corner to Maisey Road	Mostly 100, 80 in sections	80
Lower Queen Street – current 80kmh zone to Waimea River	100	80
Lansdowne Road	100	80
Best Island Road	100	80
Barnett Avenue	100	60
Blackbyre Road	100	80
River Road (Appleby)	100	60
Redwood Road	100	80
Research Orchard Road	100	80
Pukeko Lane	100	80

#### Find out more

Come along to have a chat about the proposed changes:

• Tuesday 7 August, Richmond Mall. 10.30 am – 12.30 pm or 2.00 pm – 4.00 pm.

You can also visit www.tasman.govt.nz/feedback for more information. Consultation on the reduced speed limits is open until 28 August 2018.



## Mayor's Message

At any given time there is a wide breadth of projects, initiatives and business-asusual work going on at the Council. From the amount of attention they receive, you could be forgiven for thinking the Waimea Community Dam and the Golden Bay grandstand fill our plate completely.

Although the issues that become high-profile, or are controversial, do take a significant amount of time, in reality they are a drop in the ocean of the vast amount of work which the Council undertakes on a daily basis on behalf of our community.

You may be aware that Tasman has been enjoying some significant growth in many areas over the past year or more, including population and residential building growth, and vibrant forestry, horticulture, aquaculture and fishing and farming sectors. There has also been significant growth in tourism even after the disruption that occurred with Cyclones Fehi and Gita earlier in the year. These cyclones had a significant impact on the northern reaches of our District, which is still being felt. Despite this, the growth continues and was a major consideration in our recent Long Term Plan decision-making.

Fundamental to our ability to maintain the lifestyle we all choose to live here for, is strategic investment in the Council's assets. The assets are those that provide our basic needs such as water, wastewater, waste management, and roading, and this infrastructure forms the foundation of the work we have committed to deliver over the next 10 years.

The Council is a very busy place in many areas. You can be assured there is always a desire and intention to serve our community well and support the vibrant place we live in, so that we continue to enjoy the Tasman region from the mountains to the sea, as a beautiful place to live.

**Mayor Richard Kempthorne** 

## In case you missed it ...

A summary of recent Council meetings and the decisions made.

# Environment and Planning Committee - 26 July 2018

- The 2017/18 dairy farm survey showed high compliance (94%)
  with effluent management and disposal requirements by the
  District's dairy farms. Just six farms showed evidence of minor
  non-compliance, mostly due to ponding. Formal warnings were
  issued and all six had fixed the problems when next checked.
- The resource consent processing team processed 1003 consents in the 2017 – 2018 financial year. There were 54 discounts to processing fees for applications that took longer than the allowable timeframe.
- Overall compliance with water take requirements is good, with about 41 instances where water abstracted exceeded allocation limits over the year.
- Working with Nelson City Council, staff reported on monitoring of housing and business market activity from January to March 2018.

The main findings were:

- Increased house prices and rents, combined with poorer housing affordability, are a feature of both the Nelson and Tasman markets:
- Numbers on the Social Housing Register waiting list have increased from 43 to 58 in Tasman District;
- There was a marked increase in the number of building consents issued in Tasman after the release of a significant number of new lots in the December 2017 and March 2018 quarters;
- The latest price-cost ratio indicates land costs are just above the acceptable level, as a proportion of the cost of new houses meaning land supply is not quite keeping up with demand.



# Eco-friendly guards to protect plantings

We're trialling the use of eco-friendly cardboard plant guards as part of the restoration of a wetland at the Motueka Wastewater Treatment Plant.

The 30,000 plantings will be protected by the cardboard guards while they become established. Previously we have used plastic sleeves to protect young plants.

The cardboard sleeves break down naturally over time, providing a more environmentally-friendly option. They are recyclable and biodegradable, and are coated in a food-safe water resistant coating.

They also require less maintenance and labour than the plastic versions, which our contractors often have to head out and recover after storms as they do get washed away in heavy rain sometimes – in the past we have had to send teams out in kayaks to find the stray plastic versions!

The cardboard guards are provided by a local company, and we're proud to support this great initiative. If the trial at the

Motueka plant proves successful, we hope to use eco-friendly guards in more Council planting projects in future.



### Better access to Riuwaka River

People will have better access to the south branch of the Riuwaka River thanks to a joint initiative by Tasman District Council, Fish and Game and the New Zealand Walking Access Commission.

The deal sees a public right-of-way opened along nearly a kilometre of riverbank off Riwaka Valley Left Branch Road to where the river leaves Kahurangi National Park.

When a subdivision was proposed on the south branch of the Riuwaka, Fish & Game Nelson-Marlborough Regional manager Rhys Barrier saw the opportunity to legalise access to a highly valued brown trout fishing river. He approached the NZ Walking Access Commission, which agreed to support longterm access.

"The present landowner is very good about letting anglers onto the riverbank to fish," Rhys says. "But we were worried this could easily change. Unfortunately, there is a stretch of the Riuwaka River where a landholder has claimed exclusive rights where there are gaps in legal access."

Walking Access Commission regional field advisor Penny Wardle said it was satisfying people would no longer require landowner permission to walk along or fish in this stretch of the Riuwaka south branch. The co-operative approach set a great example, she said.

"Access to their outdoors is a major concern for New Zealanders and it is great to see the Tasman District Council recognising this and being proactive in ensuring the public's rights are not only recognised but enhanced."

The south branch of the Riuwaka flows off the Arthur Range in Kahurangi National Park then across bush-lined banks and open farmland to the sea near Motueka. Te Puna o Riuwaka where the north branch emerges from a limestone cave beneath Takaka Hill is a wahi tapu (sacred place) for Te Atiawa and Ngāti Rarua iwi.



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# Rates bills go out

Your rates bill for 2018 is in the post, and you may notice some changes from last year.

There are a couple of new elements influencing rates bills this year, including the District-wide property revaluation that took place in late 2017, and the adoption of the Council's Long Term Plan 2018 – 2028, which sets out which projects and services we intend to deliver and the total amount of rates we need to collect to provide these services to you.

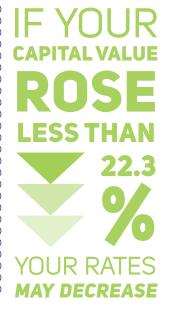
#### **Revaluation 2017**

A revaluation does not change the total amount of rates we collect, but it does change the way we distribute rates across the District's property owners.

Your rates may increase if your capital value has gone up by more than the average. Your rates might go down if your capital value has increased by less than average.

More information about the revaluation can be found at www.tasman.govt.nz/link/2017-revaluation.

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#### New rates in 2018

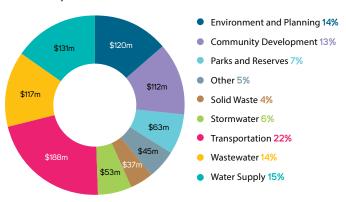
There are new rates in 2018 to pay for improved water supply infrastructure for the District.

The Waimea Community Dam District-wide and Zone of Benefit rates will be levied for the first time this year. These rates will pay for work associated with the dam to provide a secure water supply to communities in Richmond, Brightwater, Mapua and rural areas of the Plains. If the dam does not proceed, the money raised by these rates will be used to pay for the costs of the project work needed to get to the final decision point – such as investigation, design and consulting fees, legal costs and so on. This year the District-wide dam rate is \$14.33. The Zone of Benefit rate is based on capital value. As an example, the owner of a property worth \$500,000 would pay \$10 this year.

Motueka ratepayers connected to the reticulated network will also be charged a fixed service fee for the first time this year. This fee contributes to \$5.9 million of water quality improvements needed to make sure Motueka's water supply meets compulsory national drinking water standards.

#### Where your rates go

The Council provides a wide range of services. The following graph shows the proportion of rates to be collected for these services over the next 10 years.



# Changes to your water supply – find out more

We're consulting on changes to the Public Water Supply Bylaw, which outlines how we plan to manage and protect Tasman District's reticulated water supply.

One of the main proposed changes in the updated bylaw has the potential to affect everyone on a public water supply – a new framework for imposing water restrictions during times of drought or emergency water shortage.

#### **Drop-in sessions**

Come have a chat about the proposed changes. We'll be at the Richmond Mall on:

- Thursday 2 August, 3:30-5:30
- Thursday 9 August, 10:30-12:30

#### Find out more

More information about the revised bylaw and how to have your say is available on our website. Head to www.tasman.govt.nz/feedback. You can also pop in to any Council service centre for copies of the consultation document.





# NEWSLINE UPDATES





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# Public sessions for digital building consents

Tasman District Council and Nelson City
Council are going live on 1 October 2018
with the AlphaOne building consent
system. It will allow you to submit and track
applications, including building consents,
certificates of acceptance, exemptions and
code compliance certificates. We will also be
streamlining inspection bookings using the
AlphaOne booking app.

We will be offering two information evenings which will give you the opportunity to see how AlphaOne works and set up your customer login.

When: 11 September and 12 September

What time: 5.00 pm – 7.30 pm

Where: Sports House Board Room - Saxton Field. Food and refreshment supplied.

RSVP Monday 3 September to bcadmin@tasman.govt.nz.

If you are planning a building project in the next 12 months, make sure you come along and see the demonstration.

#### Air Quality Exceedance

We're required to publicly notify exceedances of the National Environmental Standards relating to Air Quality.

The Richmond Airshed PM10 concentrations exceeded an average 24-hour concentration of 50 micrograms per cubic metre ( $\mu g/m^3$ ) on the following dates:

Day (2018)	PM10 Concentration measured (µg/ m³)	Extent of PM10 exceedance (µg/m³)
9 June	63	13
23 June	60	10
27 June	54	4
28 June	61	11
2 July	59	9
4 July	60	10
5 July	76	26
6 July	59	9
11 July	56	6
19 July	53	3
20 July	51	1

The results are the 24 hour values measured using the continuous Beta Attention Monitor (equivalent method). The total number of exceedances to date this season is 11.

More information is available online:

www.tasman.govt.nz/environment/air/air-quality

#### Community Planting at Puketutu Reserve, Motueka

Come along and lend a hand at a community planting at Puketutu Esplanade Reserve, Motueka.

 Saturday 11 August, 10.00 am – 2.00 pm, Between the Inlet walkway and Memorial Drive (off Old Wharf Road). Access to the planting site is via the Motueka Cemetery.

A free sausage sizzle and refreshments will be available for planters. There will be some spades available but if you can bring your own spade that will help. Please bring gloves and drinking water. Wear solid footwear and clothes suitable for the weather conditions. This is a combined planting hosted by Keep Motueka Beautiful and the Tasman District Council to provide habitat around the inlet and further beautify Motueka. Postponement date if the weather is wet is Saturday 18 August. For more information please contact lynne.hall@tasman.govt.nz or phone Lynne on 03 543 8492.

#### Take a sneak peek at the future

You are invited to take a sneak peek at the new Tasman District Council website – new.tasman.govt.nz.

Online services architect Richard Liddicoat says while the site isn't finished, it's time to get it out to the world.

"We've made a number of base-level improvements that we really want you to see. As well as being designed to work on any device, the new site features improved security protocols and expanded payment options. We've also carried over our integrated document management and environmental graphs."

Some of the technical changes may not be that visible, but Richard said one change visitors would notice is how information is organised

"In the past we arranged services around our organisational structure, and it didn't always make sense. So we've made fundamental change – the new site is organised around you and what you need to get done.

"We want to make interactions with us as easy as possible, so it made sense to provide direct links to applications and payments. Over time, more services will become available online." So grab your device of choice and visit new.tasman.govt.nz – once you've had a look around, fill out the feedback survey.

## Coastal hazards and sea level rise

Hear about the latest science and how we prepare for change.

In February we all saw the powerful forces of nature in action. Two large storms came in quick succession. Climate change is now a business as usual factor. We will also have more high intensity storm events more frequently. The Government agrees and has provided guidance for related Council decision-making. Dr Rob Bell (NIWA), Dr Dan Zwartz (Ministry for the Environment) and Sylvia Allan (Allan Planning and Research Ltd) will present the key information from the Ministry for the Environment's updated Coastal Hazards and Climate Change guidance document.

There are two public events next month, sponsored by the New Zealand Coastal Society and supported by the Nelson and Tasman councils.

- Motueka: 7.00 8.30 pm, 7 August, Memorial Hall, 8 Pah Street, Motueka
- Nelson: 7.00 8.30 pm, 8 August, St Joseph's Parish Hall, 1/18 Manuka Street, Nelson

Please RSVP to Eric Verstappen: eric.verstappen@tasman.govt.nz or phone 543 8417

# Total Mobility "Ridewise" cards now active

Just a reminder to all those using the Total Mobility Scheme, that you now need to be using your "Ridewise" personalised photo ID swipe card to receive a discount on the transport fare. This was previously done by way of Total Mobility vouchers.

If you are a member of the Total Mobility scheme and you haven't heard from the Council or received your new personalised card, please contact your Total Mobility agency immediately. The Total Mobility scheme provides 50% discounts on fares (up to \$10 per trip) and is available to people with a disability which impairs their mobility to a level that stops them from using a public bus service, or requires the constant assistance of another person. All applicants are assessed for eligibility by an agency approved by the Council. If you think you might be eligible or want more information on the scheme, visit tasman.govt.nz/link//total-mobility or call Nelson City Council on 546 0200. Nelson City Council administers the scheme on behalf of the Tasman District Council.

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# Tasman Resource Management Plan changes

We're proposing a range of changes to planning rules in the Tasman Resource Management Plan.

The Proposed Plan Changes are open for submissions until 4.00 pm, Monday 13 August 2018.

Change 67: Waimea Water Management Technical Amendments

This change proposes to make mainly technical amendments to a number of existing provisions concerning Waimea Plains water management. These amendments affect provisions for managing the transitional decisions concerning the proposed Waimea Community Dam.

#### **Change 68: Omnibus Amendments**

This change carries out a number of minor amendments to outdated text, the correction of errors or anomalies, or simple adjustments to improve clarity of jurisdiction, interpretation or enforcement. Others relate to zoning and overlay changes that correct errors or anomalies that have generally been created through other changes to the TRMP; or through sale, subdivision, or development of the affected land. The change also includes a proposal to rezone part of the Conservation zone at Brightwater.

Variation 1 to Change 60: Rural 1 and 2 Zone Subdivision Amendments

This Variation corrects an inconsistency in the subdivision activity cascade in the Rural 1.7 one.

Variation 2 to Change 60: Rural Land Use Amendments

This Variation adjusts and clarifies the use of one or more buildings for residential activity and the management of business activity in the Rural Residential zone. Following Environment Court consent orders that settle appeals, it also provides for subsequential amendments to other rural zones for intensive poultry farming setbacks and management of heavy vehicles in rural zones. Find out more: Head to tasman.govt.nz/

feedback for more information and how to

make a submission.

**Road closures** 

**Applicant: Richmond Unlimited** 

**Event:** Netball Super Club Community Day **Location:** Croucher Street, Richmond. For the length of Sundial Square.

Date: Wednesday 22 August 2018, 9.30 am to 3.00 pm

**Date objections close:** Monday 20 August 2018

Applicant: Our Town Motueka

**Event:** Welcome for the Argentina Pumas Rugby Team

**Location:** Wallace Street, Motueka. From the High Street intersection to the Wilkinson Street intersection.

Date: Friday 7 September 2018, 11.00 am to 4.00 pm

**Date objections close:** Monday 3 September 2018

**Applicant:** National Advanced Drivers School Limited

**Event:** Defensive Driver Training

**Location:** Marchwood Park Road, Motueka. Full length of road.

**Date:** Monday 8 October, Tuesday 9 October and Wednesday 10 October 2018, 10.00 am

**Date objections close:** Friday 14 September 2018

Applicant: Lift Off Abel Tasman

**Event:** Lift Off Abel Tasman - Motueka Event **Location:** Queen Victoria Street, Motueka. From Queen Victoria Street and College Street intersection to Queen Victoria Street and Green Lane intersection.

**Date:** Saturday 20 October 2018, 2.00 pm to 12.00 am

Date objections close: Friday 14 September 2018

#### Proposals to classify reserves in Motueka Ward

We're proposing to classify reserves located within the Motueka Ward (76 separate parcels of land in total), to give them a specified purpose. Submissions close on 7 August 2018. Find out more at www.tasman.govt.nz/feedback.

Applicant: Lift Off Abel Tasman

Event: Lift Off Abel Tasman - Kaiteriteri

Event

**Location:** There will be three closures in place for this event. Resident access only when the closure is in place. The beachfront road area in Kaiteriteri will be closed for the duration of the event.

- Riwaka-Kaiteriteri Road. From the monument pull off area (approximately 2.3 km from the SH60 intersection) to the event area at Kaiteriteri Boat Ramp.
- Kaiteriteri-Sandy Bay Road. From the intersection of Riwaka-Sandy Bay Road and Kaiteriteri-Sandy Bay Road for approximately 6.02 km to the Kaiteriteri township.
- · Inlet Road (full length).

**Date:** Sunday 21 October 2018, 3.00 pm to 12.00 am

**Date objections close:** Friday 14 September 2018

#### **Council Meetings**

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

Unless otherwise stated, all meetings will be held at Council Chambers, 189 Queen Street, Richmond.

#### **Saxton Field Joint Committee**

Saxton Netball Pavilion. Wednesday, 8 August, 9.30 am. Public forum

#### **Full Council**

Thursday 9 August, 9.30 am. Public forum

#### **Golden Bay Community Board**

Golden Bay Service Centre, 78 Commercial Street, Takaka. Tuesday, 14 August, 9.00 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 Founding 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 you't mawhen involved 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.

# COMMUNITY RELATIONS RELATIONS





# Scholarships for Tasman's youth leaders

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, 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.

# Special Grants Fund open for applications

The Special Grants Fund, designed to encourage and support significant new events or projects within Tasman District, is now open for applications. The fund 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. Up to \$50,000 is available each year, providing we make a surplus as a result of extra growth throughout the District. In years where there is no surplus, Special Grants funding will not be offered.

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.

# Keep up with the Tasman District Council Lowdown

Hear news 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, Tuesday 6.40 am or Wednesday 3.40 pm. Nelson-Tasman 104.8, Golden Bay 95.0.

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# Out with the old – Secondhand Sunday returns!

Secondhand Sunday is a garage sale where everything is free! This regular event is a great way to clear out some clutter or find hidden treasures.

The next Secondhand Sunday is on 2 September – head online to register if you'd like to offer your unwanted household items for free. You can offer anything from chairs, books, clothing or leftover bits and pieces from building projects.

Visit www.tasman.govt.nz (search phrase: SecondHand Sunday) to register. Your address will be added to the list of those participating and you can download a poster to print and attach to your mailbox on the day.

Treasure hunters can view the list of those offering free gear online and head out fossicking on the day.

Secondhand Sunday runs across Nelson and Tasman.

