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Urgent water savings needed in Waimea



The extremely dry, hot and windy conditions we are experiencing across the district means the amount of water available for public supply is dropping fast.

As you know, we are in Stage 3 restrictions in Waimea and further restrictions may be introduced next week.

Conditions are continuing to get worse with very low soil moisture, dropping river and groundwater levels, and no meaningful rain in sight.

Many residents are affected – Richmond, Brightwater and Wakefield, Mapua, Ruby Bay – all of these supplies are connected. Rural schemes, such as Dovedale, Redwood and 88 Valley, where neighbours share the water supply, are also running low.

Given these levels have been reached a lot earlier than in past years, and we are still only part way through the critical water demand period, the situation is serious.

River water temperatures might be good for swimmers but not for fish and with the heat, water evaporation levels are high.

The Council, growers and residents all need to seriously consider what the likely position will be in two to four weeks' time without any rain – water conservation is absolutely essential.

If together we can not save enough water, more drastic cuts, and even water bans (where only essential use is allowed) will be necessary.

Demand for water by tankers is also exceeding supply. Businesses with tanker permits need to fill up in Motueka, where there are no current water restrictions.

Full details of water restrictions and water saving tips are available at tasman.govt.nz.

TOTAL FIRE BAN



There is a total fire ban in the Tasman District, and all council-owned forest areas are closed due to a very high fire risk. These areas include Tunncliffe, Kingsland and the Richmond Hills.

Motorua/Rabbit Island's tracks are closed too, as well as all of Rough Island. Ken Beck Drive will remain open to the public for beach access and Tasman's Great Taste Trail is open too.

Please avoid driving through long grass, to avoid a spark from your vehicle causing a fire. If you need to mow lawns, do it in the morning to reduce the risk of starting a fire.

Mayor's message

As I prepare my message for this copy of Newsline, we are all sweltering in very warm temperatures, which will be a challenge for many people.

We are experiencing hot summer temperatures which are affecting our region and much of New Zealand. Conditions are continuing to get worse with very low soil moisture, dropping river and groundwater levels and no meaningful rain in sight. River water temperatures might be good for swimmers but not for fish and with the heat, evapotranspiration levels are high. Given these levels have been reached a lot earlier than in past years, the situation is serious and the Council, growers and residents need to seriously consider what the likely position will be in three to four weeks' time without any rain. We are entering very challenging rationing restrictions for rural and urban communities alike. This highlights for me the need to ensure where possible we have secure water supplies and that we all do everything we can to conserve water, while being aware that we all need to drink plenty to avoid heat stress and stay healthy. Water conservation is essential but even that may not avoid having to face up to more drastic cuts, and even prohibitions against using water except under strict conditions. As I drive through our towns I am

particularly encouraged to see that people aren't watering their lawns, an indication for me that water conservation is being taken seriously.

With the dry conditions, I would encourage everybody to be very conscious of the extreme fire risk we are now experiencing. We cannot use a lot of the hill areas that we would normally use for recreational purposes as it is not safe to enter in the event of fire. Please look out for any evidence of fire and report it straight away, anywhere in the district.

I would also like to encourage everyone to be aware that schools are now starting. For those of us driving past a school, let's be particularly aware and keep speeds below 40kph when there are children about. We want to keep our youngsters safe as they head back to the first days of their school year.

Look out for each other to ensure that you, your friends and neighbours stay safe and healthy.



Richard Kempthorne
Mayor



Bateup Road construction to finish in April

The widening of Richmond's Bateup Road is progressing well with new fibre-optic cables, a new water pipe, an improved stormwater system and undergrounding of overhead power lines completed.

We've been working with the developers of subdivisions in the area to ensure the construction of infrastructure such as footpaths and utilities are coordinated and reduces the need for additional roadworks in future.

As a result, we have added some work into the project to construct road access, footpaths, power, water and drainage to service the Paton Rise subdivision, which will add 48 new sections in its first stage due for title in late 2019.

The Paton Rise developers are contributing to the cost of the works.

The extra work means the Bateup Road project will take a few weeks longer than initially planned and is now due for completion in April, rather than March 2019. All the major construction will be completed in March, with road sealing due to be done in April.

We appreciate the patience of residents and road users. We understand the roadworks are disruptive, but by doing the additional work now we can avoid the need for another round of roadworks later.

About the project

Housing growth and a new supermarket planned for Richmond West will make Bateup Road an increasingly busy route. To cater for this growth, and make sure the road is safe for all users, we're widening the road from Three Brothers Corner to Wensley Road and creating a shared pathway for cyclists and pedestrians. Other services such as water, stormwater, power and fibre are being upgraded at the same time.

Read more at www.tasman.govt.nz/link/bateup.



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Schools are back: slow down!

School is back and that means there will be more children out and about, especially in the mornings and afternoon. The basic message around schools is: **slow down and look out for kids.**

Reducing your speed to 40km/h provides for a much increased reaction time for a driver, meaning you can identify potential hazards and react much more quickly. The faster you go – the more damage you do, so please slow down around schools!

School crossings

Pedestrian crossings are places where pedestrians should be able to cross the road safely. Drivers need to slow down as they approach them and be prepared to stop. Students and families need to remember to use the correct place to safely cross the road outside the school.

20 km/h past a stationary school bus!

Remember – the speed limit for passing a stationary school bus when children are getting on and off is 20 km/h. This speed limit applies no matter which direction you are travelling in.

Drivers – school bus incidents can happen on both high and low speed roads. However, the faster your vehicle is travelling, the more likely it is that a child will be killed if they are hit.

Parents – when dropping off or collecting your child from the school bus, try to do it so that you are on the same side as the bus. This will cut out the need for your child to cross the road. Park your car well away from the bus

stop or other children so you don't block other drivers, children's or the bus driver's visibility. Get out of your car and meet your child or walk with them to the designated bus stop.

Students – wait at the nominated bus stop area and stand well back from the road edge. Bus stops have usually been chosen as a safer place to stop. After you have got off the bus, wait as far away from the road edge as possible, until the bus has moved away. If you need to cross the road, wait until the bus has driven off and you can see clearly up and down the road.

Find out more at www.nzta.govt.nz/safety/safety-for-children/road-safety-tips-to-teach-your-children.

What does the future hold for Kingsland Forest?

That's a question Council is considering this year and will be included in a development plan for this important asset on Richmond's back door.

We are preparing a plan for the future use of Kingsland Forest, taking into account its current mix of recreation, commercial forestry and biodiversity restoration functions and the best mix of these into the future. Many of us enjoy that morning, evening or weekend stroll or mountain bike through the forest located on our doorstep. As a first step in stakeholder and community engagement, we are asking for users of the forest to tell us their thoughts through our survey at tasman.govt.nz/feedback.

The survey is also available in hardcopy from Council's Richmond office. It will be open from 8 February and will close on 28 February. We look forward to hearing your opinions and suggestions to ensure that

the forest best provides for the needs of our community into the future.

Kingsland Forest is one of a number of forests owned by the Council to raise revenue to reduce the demand on rates. Many of these forests, such as Moturoa/ Rabbit Island and Kingsland, are also key destinations for recreation.

Kingsland Forest covers an area of approximately 100 hectares of which the majority is planted with pinus radiata. A significant proportion of these trees are due to be harvested in the next few years. There are also pockets of native species within the forest that are being restored through additional planting and pest

control by active and keen volunteers. The forest also contains the 'Barrington Gum', a Eucalyptus regnans or mountain ash, which is reputed to be one of the tallest trees in New Zealand.

Stormwater from the forest flows through the Richmond urban area before reaching the sea. Any decisions on future land use will need to consider the impacts on these stormwater flows.



Cheaper recycling of children's car seats

Car seats are an essential safety item for children and need to be recycled when they reach their expiry date or are damaged.

Recycling costs increased last year to \$25 per seat, so this year Tasman District Council is introducing a subsidy to reduce the cost to \$10. The discount applies from 1 February.

Engineer David Stephenson says the seats are widely used in our community and that they cannot be safely used after their expiry date.

"We want to help families recycle their car seats easily, so a \$15 subsidy is now available. Different parts of the seat can be re-used and this saves landfill space and makes a much better use of valuable resources."

"All people have to do is drop the seat at Baby on the Move in Nelson and pay \$10. We'll pay the rest."

Nelson City Council will also be providing the same subsidy for their residents.

How to recycle expired car seats

- Take expired car seats to Baby on the Move, 4 Akersten Street, Nelson.
- Pay the reduced fee of \$10.00

Replanting Marahau with native forest

A partnership between iwi and the Tasman District Council will drive the replacement of 114 hectares of pine forest at Marahau with permanent native forest cover in an effort to manage sediment and land disturbance.

Ngati Tama ki Te Waipounamu Trust, Ngati Rarua Settlement Trust and the Tasman District Council have successfully attracted \$144,000 in grant funding, as well funding for a full-time person to oversee this and other projects in the Top of the South, from the Ministry for Primary Industries' Hill Country Erosion Fund.

The MPI grant will be topped up by \$140,000 each from the Council and iwi towards the project. The land to be replanted was returned to iwi in 2014 as part of a Treaty settlement.

Tasman District Council Environment and Planning Committee chair Tim King said the project was proposed in an effort to mitigate the impact of adverse weather events in Separation Point Granite areas.

"This project will see land preparation for native planting begin in late summer 2019 on some of the most slip-prone land in the Marahau area to reduce the risk during future storms."

Tim said national changes to forestry regulation through the National Environmental Standard for Plantation Forestry had given the Council the ability to introduce rules appropriate to the areas on Separation Point Granites.

"We'll work in partnership with iwi landowners and forest managers to convert 114 hectares of highly-erodible Separation Point Granite land from radiata pine forestry into permanent native cover to restore the natural resilience of the landscape."

In total 114,000 manuka trees will be planted.

Iwi agree that the change in land use is in the best interests of the community, he said.

As well as improving the land's resilience to slips and erosion, the project would improve the area's natural values and increase the Council's understanding of how to minimise land disturbance risk on the challenging Separation Point Granite geology.

"Although it's a relatively small area being converted, the knowledge we gain from this project will enable the Council, landowners and forest managers to consider alternative land management options for Separation Point Granites and provide valuable input to future land use rule reviews."

Stormwater grate vandalism could cause serious injury

Over the past two months a spate of vandalism of stormwater grates has put the safety of pedestrians, cyclists and motorists at risk of serious injury.

Since 4 December, we're aware of at least 10 incidents where the grates that cover stormwater drains have been removed and dumped down the drain, leaving a large open hole in the roadside.

In one instance a passing car was damaged, with the bottom and front bumper being ripped and the wheel getting stuck in the drain. The biggest risk is to cyclists

riding over the open hole and pedestrians who may step off the kerb directly into the uncovered drain. This is particularly dangerous at night when people are less likely to see the open drain ahead.

The incidents have happened across the District, the six most recent examples were all within walking distance in central Richmond.

If you see an open stormwater drain please contact us straight away so we can replace the grate immediately and reduce the risk of someone being hurt. We'd also appreciate anyone who sees people removing a stormwater grate to report it to us so we can have a word with those responsible.

Phone (03) 543 8400 immediately if you see anything we need to know about.

Correction:

In a previous story we mentioned that Ken Smale, who has been appointed to the board of Waimea Water Ltd, had been the deputy chairman of dam safety company DamWatch for 15 years. This is incorrect. Ken has been the deputy chairman of DamWatch for 10 years, from 1999 to 2009.

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Making a submission to the Council – how does it work?

The 'local' in local Government is about the decision-making being made closer to home, with the participation of the residents and ratepayers affected. We all want to make the district an even better place for future generations. We need your help to do that successfully.

Feedback is critically important

One of the most important roles of any council is getting and considering feedback from the community. This can be anything from a new or revised bylaw, a proposed change to the Tasman Resource Management Plan, a specific draft plan such as the Joint Waste Management & Minimisation Plan or the three-yearly Long Term Plan.

We know it takes time to participate, and we hugely value your input.

Often consultation is carried out through a prescribed process under the Local Government Act or the Resource Management Act. For some processes, such as resource management changes, three or four rounds of consultation take place before a final decision is made. Often there are public meetings and conversations – sometimes consultation is much less formal.

How to make a submission

Consultations are open for a set time – usually a month to six weeks, sometimes longer.

Less formal consultations may be for a shorter period.

Submissions usually need to be in a written format, and there are several options for this: through the Council's website (tasman.govt.nz), an online survey, by email or on a paper form delivered to either a Council office or library. Sometimes we may gather feedback and comments through an online or telephone survey.

Hearings

More formal consultations have hearings – a chance to personally present your submission to a panel made up of councillors and invited experts, depending on the topic.

If you tell us you wish to speak at a hearing, we will acknowledge receipt of your submission, seek confirmation from you and then provide a specific time for you to speak to the panel. You will usually have 5 or 10 minutes to present your submission. You can then reinforce and support your submission with further evidence or information.

Hearings are open to the public to attend, but only people who have been allocated speaking time can present. All written submissions received are considered, not just those presented to the Council or panel by speakers.

Deliberations – where the councillors decide

There will always be deliberation by the councillors, whether there was a hearing or not, to reach a final decision on the proposal in question. Deliberations are generally open to the public to view.

What happens next?

Once a decision has been made, a Council meeting will formally adopt the proposal and we'll let the public know through our usual communication channels – media outlets, Newsline, our website and social media.

If you have any questions about making a submission to the Council, please contact us on 03 543 8400. To see current consultations, head to tasman.govt.nz/feedback.

Basketball area new addition to Motueka's outdoor space

Motueka can now enjoy a new basketball area alongside the skate park and BMX track.

The basketball area is part of a range of projects completed with help from the Motueka Community Board's discretionary fund and the Tasman District Council.

In late 2017, our What's Your Tasman survey of young people across the District highlighted the need for more youth spaces.

Late last year, Paul Johnson and a group of youth volunteers made repairs and changes to the Motueka BMX track with a couple of working bees. There was a great turnout with lots of young people wielding shovels and wheelbarrows alongside the contractor.

New jumps have been added and improvements made to the layout of the track. Drainage problems at the skate park have also been addressed with the installation of new sumps and drainage lines.

MUDCAKES AND ROSES

Copies available at:

- All Tasman District Council and Nelson City Council offices and libraries
- Richmond Night 'n Day
- Richmond Aquatic Centre
- Wakefield IGA
- Super Liquor Richmond
- Summerset Sales Richmond Mall



SUMMER EVENTS

There's still heaps of events to check out this summer. Head online for all the details of upcoming events or grab a copy of the Summer Events Guide at your local library or Council Office.

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Fire risk closes forestry areas and reserves

All council-owned forestry areas and reserves are closed due to extreme fire risk. These areas include Tunnicliff Forest, Kingsland Forest and Richmond Hills. Please check with the rural fire service for other non-council owned forest areas. Stay safe. Motorua/Rabbit Island and Rough Island tracks are closed, but Ken Beck Drive is open to the public for beach access. Tasman's Great Taste Trail is also open. All wood-fired BBQs in reserves are closed, but some gas BBQs still remain open.

Take tops off empty bottles before recycling

Please remove your bottle tops before placing empties into the yellow recycling bin. All lids go into the general rubbish, as in most cases the material used for a plastic bottle is not the same as the lid.

If we take a shampoo bottle as an example, the bottle itself may be HDPE or PET and the lid Polypropylene (PP). With the lid still attached, it's harder to compress the bottle as the air is prevented from escaping. Also, before the bottle can be recycled, the lid needs to be removed. It's also important to remove lids from glass bottles.

Bring your expired EPIRBs to the police

A reminder that if you've got expired flares or EPIRBs, to please ring the police to discuss disposal (Nelson, Richmond and Motueka police stations accept these, but ring first) as it's unsafe to throw them in general rubbish.

PROPOSED ROAD CLOSURES



Applicant: Golden Bay RSA
Event: ANZAC Day Parade
Location of road closure: Commercial Street, Takaka (from number 19 to number 81 Commercial Street). Alternate route: Motupipi Street, Junction Street and Reilly Street.
Date/time: Thursday 25 April 2019, 8.30am to 10.30am

Applicant: Richmond/Waimea RSA
Event: ANZAC Day Parade
Location of road closure: Queen Street, Richmond. From Sundial Square to Cambridge Street. Oxford Street, Richmond. From Wensley Road to Gladstone Road (SH6)
Date/time: Thursday 25 April 2019, 10.00am to 12.30pm

Applicant: Nelson RSA
Event: ANZAC Day Parade
Location of road closure: Aranui Road, Mapua. From Higgs Road to the tennis courts.
Date/time: Thursday 25 April 2019, 10.00am to 12.00pm

Applicant: Richmond/Waimea RSA
Event: ANZAC Day Parade
Location of road closure: Whitby Way, Wakefield. From Edward Street to Wakefield car park entrance.
Date/time: Thursday 25 April 2019, 9.00am to 12.00pm

Applicant: The Nelson Trolley Club
Event: Trolley Derby
Location of road closure: Queen Street, between Churchill Avenue and Oxford Street.
Date and time: Saturday 13 April, 7.00am to 7.00pm

Applicant: Downer Limited
Event: Manhole replacement
Location of road closure: Ledger Avenue, Motueka. From number 7 and 11 Goodman Drive to number 1 Ledger Avenue. Residents will have vehicular access.
Date/time: Week of 25 – 29 March 2019, 8.00am to 6.00pm. Alternative dates: Week of 1 – 5 April 2019, 8.00am to 6.00pm

Applicant: John McIntyre Promotions Limited
Event: K2M – Kaiteiteri to Mapua Trail
Location of road closure: Aranui Road, Mapua. From Iwa Street to the wharf end of Aranui Road.
Date/time: Saturday 25 May 2019, 8.00am to 6.00pm.

Date objections close for all above proposed closures: Friday 1 March 2019

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Free help to stop smoking

A free service for anyone in Motueka who needs support and advice to stop smoking will be available at the Warehouse over the next few months. The team from the District Health Board will be at the Warehouse Motueka from 10am to 1pm on February 13, March 6, April 3, May 29 and June 12.

Maritime events

Temporary reservations and speed limit uplifting for maritime events between 25 January and 31 March 2019.

Tasman District Council Harbourmaster has/may soon grant authorisations for the following events. Due to navigation safety requirements, water users not involved in these events may be excluded from defined areas during these activities. Notices will be placed at nearby access points during these events.

Further details for these and any new events may be viewed at tasman.govt.nz/link/maritime-events.

Event Date	Location	Activity
8 / 9 February	Lake Rotoiti	Waka Ama Event
23 / 24 February*	Lake Rotoiti	Power Boat Regatta
2 / 3 March*	Lake Rotoiti	Classic Boat Show
31 March	Mapua	Mapua Boat Club Regatta

*Event date still to be confirmed

Intention to dispose of abandoned vessels

Tasman District Council intends to dispose of apparently abandoned vessels (pursuant to Section 33L of the Maritime Transport Act 1994). Three vessels located in the Otuwhero Inlet (Marahau) have had notices affixed. These vessels are:

- 18ft wooden yacht named 'Annabelle'.
- 14ft red fibreglass unnamed powerboat.
- 20ft wooden yacht named 'Twostep'.

All three boats are in various states of disrepair and neglect.

If you own any of these vessels please contact the Tasman District Council Harbourmaster by phone: 03 543 8400 or by email: harbourmaster@tasman.govt.nz within 14 days of this notice.

HAVE YOUR SAY:

Find out more and have your say on any of these topics at tasman.govt.nz/feedback.

Where should we grow from here?

Nelson and Tasman are growing fast and soon we will need more houses for people to live in, places for people to work and earn a living, and spaces for relaxation, exercise and community events.

In 30 years there will need to be an extra 6300 houses in Tasman. We also need to find space for the expected 500 new businesses that will want to start up in our area.

That's a lot of new properties, so we need to start planning where they should go.

The Future Development Strategy

From 23 January to 11 February 2019, we'll be consulting on the Future Development Strategy in partnership with Nelson City Council. The strategy is a joint Nelson-Tasman overview of where development of future homes and businesses should take place.

This is an important conversation for our community, and we want to hear your views. Please take the opportunity to play a part in planning for the future of Nelson-Tasman.

Look for the Good Wood tick

Summer is the best time to buy and store your firewood, so you have dry, seasoned wood ready for next winter.

When you choose a Good Wood supplier, you're opting for a trusted source of dry firewood that will burn well, helping to keep your home warmer and our air cleaner.

Head to tasman.govt.nz/link/good-wood to find a list of local suppliers.

Enter the Best Little Woodshed competition

Is your woodshed a thing of beauty? Or are you considering building a new one? Enter the Best Little Woodshed competition and be in to win prizes including vouchers for firewood, chimney cleans and woodburner safety checks. More info and to enter, see our website tasman.govt.nz/feedback.

Proposed Dangerous, Insanitary and Affected Buildings Policy

Consultation closes 22 February 2019

Buildings may become dangerous or insanitary, or be affected by other buildings, over their lifetime. This could be caused by natural disaster or extreme weather, because of illegal building work or lack of maintenance.

We want your feedback on our proposed Dangerous, Insanitary and Affected Buildings Policy, which outlines how we will identify and take action to address any dangerous, insanitary or affected buildings in Tasman District.

The future of Motueka's parks and reserves

Consultation closes 25 February 2019

We're reviewing the way we manage the 107 reserves in the wider Motueka area – and we need your feedback.

The public reserve land in Motueka ranges from small neighbourhood green pocket parks, to large community parks such as Decks Reserve, sportsfields and corridors of land next to beaches and rivers. Memorial Park is not included, as it has its own separate management plan.

Using public feedback gathered over the summer of 2016–2017, we've drafted a management plan that will guide the way we look after these important green spaces for the next decade.

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COMMUNITY RELATIONS



CHECK OUT THE SUMMER EVENTS LINEUP

Flash Electrical Beach Fun Day

Friday 8 February, 6pm, Kaiteriteri Beach. FREE

Come on down to the lagoon-end at Kaiteriteri Beach for some family fun, including beach sprints, a big dig, sandcastle competition and free BBQ sausage. Meet the fabulous team from Kaiteri Kayaks and Abel Tasman Sea Shuttles who are supplying kayaks and paddle boards free for use throughout this event!

Tasman's Asian Night Food Fair

Saturday 9 February, 4.00 pm – 9.00 pm, Washbourn Gardens, Richmond. FREE.

Celebrating cultural diversity with Asian food and entertainment – a wonderful opportunity to learn about other cultures. Unity in diversity! If wet, the event will be rescheduled to the next weekend, Saturday 16 February.

Go by Bike Day

Wednesday 13 February, 7.30 am – 9.00 am, Motueka Museum; The Junction, Takaka; Sundial Square, Richmond; 1903 Square, Nelson. FREE.

Free Mapua ferry sailing, departs Mapua 7.15am, departs Rabbit Island 6.00pm. Ditch those cars and buses today as thousands of New Zealanders get on their bikes and cycle to work or school! Free breakfasts are available for cyclists. Anyone out and about on their bike in the morning can stop by for a breakfast snack and spot prizes.

Family Bike Fun

Saturday 16 February, 10.00 am, Golden Bay Recreation Park, Takaka.
Sunday 17 February, 10.00 am, Saltwater Baths, Motueka. FREE.

Celebrating cycling and open to all! Test your skills on the bike ramps and other activities including, orienteering course, slow bike race and decorate your bike.

Sing-a-long in the Park

Thursday 21 February, 10 – 11.30am, Washbourn Gardens, Richmond. Meet at Fuchsia House.

Buller Festival

Friday 22 – Sunday 24 February, Murchison. FREE to watch, cost to participate.

New Zealand's premier whitewater sports event, held in and around beautiful Murchison. A weekend of fun, action and live music based around participation from all ability levels, and an ethos of environmental protection!

Guided Walk

Fri 22 Feb, 10 – 11.30am, Inlet Walkway, Old Wharf Road, Motueka. Meet at Motueka Community Gardens.

Colour Run

Saturday 23 February, 10am, Golden Bay Recreation Park, Takaka. FREE.

A wonderfully colourful 3km walk or run along a course filled with fun activities and colour!

A great day out with family and friends celebrating health, happiness and fun.

Murchison A & P Show

Saturday 16 February, 8.30 am – 4.00 pm. Murchison Sport, Recreation and Cultural Centre and Domain. Adults \$10, children aged 5 – 15 \$5, under 5 FREE.

All the fun of the show – trade, horses, flower show, baking competition plus other entertainment.

Nelson Wine & Food Festival

Sunday 17 February, 11.00 am – 5.00 pm. Middle-Earth Vineyards, Bryant Road, Brightwater. Early bird \$20, gate sales \$25, under 12 FREE.

The Richmond Rotary's major fundraising event has the New Zealand Army Band giving a special performance this year, as well as Nelson bands Kramit, Medicine Woman and Dixie Prix. Renowned Nelson wines, champagne, craft beers, ciders and local cuisine specialties will be available. The Nelson Hospice is the main recipient of the fundraiser this year. Find where to buy your tickets via nwff.co.nz. Early birds are \$20, gate sales \$25 and children under 12 are free.

Do you have a great community arts project that needs some dollars to make it happen?

The Tasman District Council's Creative Communities Scheme has money to help groups and individuals running arts projects in the Tasman District.

Creative Communities provides funding to support community involvement in the arts, whether that's music, theatre, festivals, mural painting, outdoor sculptures, art in public spaces, kapa haka, singing, art workshops or something else.

Funded by Creative New Zealand, the Council's Creative Communities Scheme is designed to support opportunities for communities, urban or rural, to participate in the arts. There is a focus on art projects that have a broad community involvement, involve young people or projects that support the diverse arts and cultural traditions of local communities.

If you have a great community arts project needing some dollars to make it happen the Tasman Creative Communities Scheme maybe just what you're looking for. There are three rounds of applications each year. The next round closes 10th March 2019.

There is \$39,007.80 allocated each year, and average allocations are \$1,000.

For application forms visit tasman.govt.nz/council/grants-funding/available-grants-funding/creative-new-zealand-tasman-creative-communities/ or phone Mike Tasman-Jones on (03) 543 8403 for further information.

Tasman \$200 Scholarship

The Tasman District Council provides scholarships for students living in the Tasman District who are participating in youth development or leadership opportunities. We provide up to \$200 grants for youth aged 15 – 20. Applications are open all year round.