

# Ngatimoti children have a message for drivers

A series of road safety signs designed by Ngatimoti School pupils have a strong message for drivers – you're not alone on country roads.

In late 2018 teacher Lauren Milnes contacted us with an idea for raising awareness about the different users on country roads after a school parent was injured while cycling.

Many of the local roads around Ngatimoti are narrow and winding. Drivers need to be aware there could be a cyclist around the corner, someone walking their dog or riding a horse

Council road safety liaison officer Megan Bell headed out to the school to meet the children, who said they wanted to create colourful signs with a point of difference. Working with local sign-writer Peter Laufftoker, the students designed signs to help keep their roads safer.

Megan helped them identify good locations for the signs, and organised their installation.

Lauren says: "The students led this project and were grateful to see that their voices were heard. We really hope these signs make a difference to those that live on and use the roads in the Motueka Valley. We hope no one else gets hurt!" We think they're a great reminder we all need to 'share the road'.

#### Speed limits survey

We want to know what you think safe speeds are on different types of roads in our region – read more about our speed limits survey on page 3.



# Mayor's message

On the first day of May the winners of the "Beat the Mayor" competition managed to hit the target and dunk me with water outside the Richmond Aquatic Centre.



It was the first week of mild frosts and cold temperatures and a tad chilly that's for sure. Well done to everyone in our community for the water savings that were achieved during the severe drought we experienced. I must say it is still very dry for this time of year but as I write this column there is the promise of rain over the next few days. Now that we are well into autumn, it's good to remember good practice for rural burning to avoid smoke affecting people.

Applications to the Mayoral Disaster Relief Fund have now closed. If you have made an application please ensure you send in your supporting documentation as soon as possible so your application can be assessed. We have received more than 100 applications from those affected by the Pigeon Valley fire, as well as close to 20 applications for drought assistance. It has been a challenge processing the applications. Our apologies for the delays applicants are experiencing.

I would encourage patience as we gather the information required to complete the allocation of funding available.

International Firefighters' Day was on Saturday 4 May and it was a pleasure to join members of Fire and Emergency NZ (FENZ) at the Richmond Fire Station. We acknowledged the contribution Fire and Emergency personnel make in our communities. We specifically recognised the tremendous contribution made by our Fire and Emergency members during the Pigeon Valley fire. There has been widespread appreciation shown by our community and I join with everyone in thanking all involved.



## In case you missed it...

A summary of recent Council meetings and the decisions made.

#### Full Council Meeting – 9 May 2019

- Approved the appointment of a Kaihautū to support the Council
  to meet its obligations under the Te Tau Ihu and Ngai Tahu
  Settlement Acts and the Treaty of Waitangi in addition to the
  current legislative and statutory obligations including those set
  out in the RMA and the Local Government Act.
- The Motueka Ward Reserve Management Plan was adopted, providing for the management of Motueka reserves for the next 10 years. Copies of the final management plan will be available in Council offices and libraries and on the website shortly.
- Adopted the Nelson Tasman Land Development Manual 2019 replacing the Council's Engineering Standards 2013, with effect from 1 July 2019, subject to Nelson City Council also adopting the manual. The jointly owned manual provides a unified set of

- engineering standards across the Nelson Tasman region. Nelson City Council is discussing their response to the manual on 28 June.
- A number of changes were made to the District's Traffic Devices register after requests from local residents, including changes to parking locations and times, a bus-stop relocation and extending mobility parking time limits in Richmond.
- The 2019-20 business plan for the Nelson Tasman Regional Landfill Business was approved by the Council, awaiting similar approval from NCC at its next meeting. The Business Plan recommends the landfill charges for the coming year.



# Speed limits – tell us what you think

The Government has placed a focus on reducing serious injuries and deaths associated with crashes on our roads, not only by investing in road safety improvements but also by ensuring 'safe and appropriate' travel speeds.

The 'safe and appropriate' speed will vary for different types of roads, depending on their main use and characteristics.

The Nelson City and Tasman District councils are reviewing the current speed limits in place across our region.

For speed limits to be effective, they need to be underpinned by community support and understanding – so we need your feedback.

#### Fill in the survey

An online survey is open now until Friday 14 June 2019. This is your chance to let us know the speeds you think are safe and appropriate on our different road types.

Head to tasman.govt.nz/feedback to complete the survey.

Paper copies are available at Tasman District Council offices and libraries.

# A local board for Golden Bay? Elsewhere in Tasman District? What do you think?

The Local Government Commission is seeking proposals from Tasman residents and organisations in response to an application it has received for the establishment of a local board in Golden Bay.

The application is for a local board to cover the area of the present Golden Bay Ward of Tasman District. If it is approved, the new board would replace the existing Golden Bay Community Board.

Anyone else who would like to propose an alternative for local government arrangements in Tasman District is invited to do so before Monday, 10 June 2019.

#### What is a local board?

#### Role and powers

A local board is different from a community board. A local board has more guaranteed decision-making powers than a community board. It also negotiates an annual agreement with the Council on services to be provided in the local area and how these are to be funded.

A local board shares decision-making with the Council and is democratically accountable to the community for particular decisions.

This is in contrast to a community board, which only has a decision-making role if the Council has agreed to delegate some of its decision-making powers. Any delegated decision-making powers may be reviewed by a new Council following the next elections.

#### Type of decision-making powers

Decision-making powers for the Council's "non-regulatory" activities are required to be allocated to a local board unless there are particular reasons why the decision-making should be carried out by the Council. These reasons include the impact of the decision is wider than the local board area and the need for alignment with other Council decisions.

"Non-regulatory" activities cover a wide range of Council services and facilities but exclude matters like bylaw-making, building and planning controls, and licensing for community health and safety.

#### Membership of local boards

Members of local boards are elected by the local community at the same time as the Council elections. Local boards comprise between five and 12 elected members and may include appointed members (the local ward Councillor(s)).

#### What is an alternative application?

In this case, an alternative application could relate to local government arrangements in Golden Bay, other parts of Tasman District or the district as a whole. It may not, however, propose the abolition of Tasman District or its union with another district, or propose any changes to the boundaries of Tasman District or the functions of Tasman District Council.

#### What happens next?

The Commission will consider the application for a Golden Bay local board along with any alternative proposals it receives, as well as any other options the Commission may consider appropriate.

The Commission must then identify the reasonably practicable options (as defined by legislation) and its preferred option. If its preferred option is not the status quo, the Commission will then produce a draft reorganisation proposal for consultation with the Tasman District community. The process is unlikely to be complete before the 2019 local council elections.

#### Further information

Further information can be received from and alternative applications must be delivered to:

- Email: info@lgc.govt.nz
- Postal address: Chief Executive Officer, Local Government Commission, PO Box 5362, Wellington 6140
- Phone: (04) 460-2228
- Website: www.lgc.govt.nz



## Hydrant use in Tasman District

Who can use a fire hydrant?

Only Fire and Emergency New Zealand (FENZ), the Council's contractor Downer and approved permit holders may take water from the Council's water supply network.

FENZ and contractors working for FENZ can take water from any hydrant to fight a fire at any time. Typically, they use a metallic grey hydrant upstand. Downer also use a grey metallic hydrant upstand when doing maintenance work.

All other permit holders are issued with a yellow hydrant upstand to enable them to safely take water from the network. This has a permanent backflow prevention device to minimise risk to the water supply and a meter to accurately record the water taken.

#### Report suspected illegal use

If you think that someone is taking water illegally, then contact us on info@tasman. govt.nz or (03) 543 8400. We would rather check the details to find out whether it is legal than not hear about potential risks to the supply. To help us with our investigations a photo of the alleged offence is useful in addition to the following:

- · Location/time
- · Name on vehicle or truck
- · License plate number
- The type of upstand being used (yellow/ metallic grey)



# Mayor Richard gets dunked!

The children of Hope School made do without their swimming pool in the heat of summer, while Richmond resident Ruth Bagnall bathed in milk to save water. Their drought efforts were rewarded when they got to douse Mayor Richard Kempthorne in cold water on a chilly autumn morning.

On Wednesday 1 May, Ruth, one of the winners of the Beat the Mayor water conservation competition, and Hope School pupils Tillie Young, Seraphina Barker and Thomas Whittle, who helped conserve water during our schools challenge, had their chance to dunk Richard at the Richmond Aquatic Centre.

The four took turns throwing a ball at the target. When they hit it, a stream of cold water was dumped on Richard.

It was a light-hearted way to farewell the summer drought, which has broken thanks to rain over the past two months.

Richard said: "The efforts of everyone who reduced their water use at home, at work and at school were crucial to seeing us through the drought this summer.

A dunking was well worth it for any motivation it may have given people to save water when we needed it most – and it turned out to be a lot of fun even for me!"



#### Rating information is publicly available

Our rating information database includes information such as the property location, valuation number, capital and land value as at 1 July 2018, and current year's rates. Rating information is available for you to view at any service centre during office hours.

You can also search online at tasman.govt.nz/link/rates-search. Notice given under section 28, Local Government (Rating) Act 2002.



# Take the Newsline survey to be in to win!

We're always looking for ways to improve Newsline. Help us by filling in the survey and you'll go in the draw to win one of five family passes to the Richmond Aquatic Centre.

Return your completed survey to any Council service centre or library, or pop it in the post addressed to: Newsline survey 2019, Tasman District Councill, Private Bag 4, Richmond 7050. You can also complete the survey online at tasman.govt.nz/feedback. Survey closes on 14 June 2019.

If you'd like to go in the prize draw please provide your name and a phone number, email or postal address.

Where do you live?	Projects and initiatives happening in my area	What other sources of information do you read about Tasman District Council?
How old are you?	Council services; grants Other (please specify).	Online Printed newspaper Radio
What is your gender?  How long have you lived in Tasman District?  Less than a year;  1 - 3 years;  3 - 10 years;  More than 10 years.  Do you receive a copy of Newsline every fortnight?  Yes  No  How regularly do you read Newsline?  Always  Sometimes;  Frequently;  Never	Which information do you find least useful in Newsline?  Council decisions  Mayor's Message  Current roadworks and closures  Upcoming events, workshops and activities  Libraries programme  Water Matters column  Projects and initiatives happening in my area  Council services; grants  Other (please specify).  What would you like to see more of in Newsline?	Would you read an online version of Newsline?  Yes No  How would you prefer to receive news and information from Tasman District Council?  Regular printed newspaper (eg. Newsline)  Regular online newsletter sent by email  On Council website  Social media (eg. Facebook)  Advertising in traditional newspapers (eg. Waimea Weekly/ Motueka Guardian/GB Weekly);  Other (please specify)  Do you find Newsline easy to read?  Yes No  If no, why not?
Which information do you find useful in Newsline? Tick as many as you like.  Council decisions  Mayor's Message  Current roadworks and closures  Upcoming events, workshops and activities  Libraries programme  Water Matters column	What would you like to see less of in Newsline?  Would you like to see/read Newsline:  More often (eg. weekly)  The same (eg. fortnightly)  Less often (eg. monthly)	Are there any changes we could make to the design of Newsline to make it easier for you to read (eg. Print size, colour, layout etc)? Please specify.

# NEWSLINE UPDATES





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#### Battle for the Banded Rail community plantings

Please come and join us at a community planting day on the Waimea Inlet.

- Sunday 26 May, 9.00 am 1.00 pm, Bronte Peninsula on Stringer Embayment (Access from 92 Bronte Road East. Park on Bronte Road).
- Sunday 9 June, 9.00 am 1.00 pm, Manuka Island. Follow sign to Manuka Island from Redwood Road.

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

Battle for the Banded Rail is a Waimea Inlet Forum project working with local communities. For more information, email us at bandedrail@gmail.com or phone Kathryn on 544 4537.

# Collingwood Holiday Park closed until mid-August

Collingwood is a great place to stop and stay with cafes and shops, art galleries, museum, motels, a great little tavern and of course Farewell Spit Tours – who will all be open and operating over winter. The Collingwood Holiday Park is closed until mid-August 2019 while maintenance is carried out but other accommodation options are available - head to goldenbaynz.co.nz.

#### Community funders roadshow

Find out how your community organisation can apply for local funding. Join us at an information session:

- Friday 24 May, 10.00 am 12.30 pm at Greenmeadows Centre, Stoke
- Wednesday 5 June, 1.00 pm 2.30 pm at Community House, Motueka
- Thursday 6 June, 10.00 am 12.00 pm at Rec Park Centre clubrooms, Takaka

RSVP to sara.greenwood@ncc.govt.nz by 20 May.

#### Outstanding Community Awards nominations open

If you know of individuals or groups that you think deserve recognition for all their hard work, you can nominate them for an Outstanding Community Service Award. Without fuss or fanfare, these are the people who undertake good work on behalf of neighbours, friends, schools, clubs, churches and service organisations, and make our community an awesome place to live. The Outstanding Community Service Awards allow us to formally acknowledge individuals who have volunteered on behalf

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Nominees must be residents of Tasman

District.

#### Find out more

Nomination forms and criteria are available at tasman.govt.nz/link/outstanding.
Nominations close on 30 June 2019.

Community Grants are open tasman.govt.nz/link/grants

Submissions open: Lease for Wanderers Gymnasium Brightwater Recreation Reserve

#### Submissions close on 18 June 2019.

We intend to grant a new five-year lease to the Wanderers Sport Club for their Wanderers Gymnasium, located in the former Bowling Club building on Brightwater Recreation Reserve – 10 Charlotte Lane, Brightwater.

While this is not a new occupation or activity, the Wanderers Gymnasium group plan to start using the entire building during this new lease. This would expand the work-out space and activities available within the building. They may also create a multi-use outdoor sports court within the new five-year lease period.

You're invited to make a submission on the lease and the potential expanded use of this Council building and public land. We are obliged to publish a public notice for leases that are not covered by an existing reserve management plan.

Have your say: if you would like to send feedback regarding this proposed offer of lease, please email info@tasman.govt. nz with the subject line: Wanderers Gymnasium Brightwater Recreation Reserve. You may post hard-copy submissions to Margot Wilson, Tasman District Council, Private Bag 4, Richmond 7050.

If any objections are received, we will hold a formal hearing. Please advise whether you would like to appear if there is a hearing. All feedback becomes public information.

#### Find out more

Contact Margot Wilson on 03 543 8400.

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#### Ground tests planned for Decks Reserve

From mid-May we will be checking the ground conditions on a site at Decks Reserve, to test how suitable it might be for a proposed new library building.

The investigations require our contractor to drill a series of bore holes in the area being considered for the library. The site is between the iSite and the Japanese gardens. This site has not been confirmed for the library, and there are other options also being looked at, including an area of the carpark for Decks Reserve. The ground conditions are one consideration the Council will take into account when it makes a final decision in a few months.

The work is expected to take about three days. There will be a small area cordoned off to ensure public safety, but the paths and plantings won't be affected. An iwi monitor and archaeologist will be on-site in case anything of historical or cultural interest is found.

We will either reinstate the turf or reseed the grass in the excavated areas once the work is complete.

Find out more: For more information on the Motueka Library Redevelopment, head to tasman.govt.nz/link/motueka-library.

#### Dominion Flats reserve public planting days

26 May and 9 June. 9.00 am -12.00 pm -rain or shine. Meet at the Mapua Drive entrance. Wear suitable clothes and gumboots, gardening gloves. Morning tea provided. Contact Helen Bibby on 0274593989.

#### **ROAD CLOSURES**

#### Proposed closure

**Applicant:** Golden Bay Community Arts Council

**Event:** Golden Bay Light Festival

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 and time: Friday 28 June 2019 - 5.00 pm to 9.00 pm. (Alternate dates of 29 and 30 June

\*Objections must be made to andrew.mcallister@wsp-opus.co.nz by 5.00 pm Friday 31 May 2019.

#### Approved closure

**Applicant: Nelson Car Club** 

Event: Car Rally - Sandy Bay Hill Climb

Location of road closure: Riwaka-Sandy Bay Road - From its intersection with State Highway (SH60) to just over the crest of the

Date and time: Sunday 19 May 2019 -8.00 am to 5.00 pm

#### Get composting with \$30 voucher

For the month of May, you can get an increased subsidy of \$30 (usually \$20) on compost bins, worm farms, worms or a Bokashi bucket. Visit tasman.govt.nz/link/ compost to find out more.

#### Approved closure

**Applicant:** Fulton Hogan Limited **Event:** Waimea Dam Road Construction Location of road closure: Lee Valley Road - From the Taylors quarry to the end of Lee Valley Road

Date and time: From 8.00 am to 6.00 pm on the following dates:

- Tuesday 28 Thursday 30 May 2019
- Tuesday 25 Thursday 27 June 2019
- Tuesday 23 Thursday 25 July 2019
- Tuesday 13 Thursday 15 August 2019

#### **COUNCIL MEETINGS:**

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



#### **Motueka Community Board**

Motueka Service Centre, 7 Hickmott Place, Motueka. Tuesday 21 May, 4.00 pm. Public forum

#### Saxton Field Joint Committee

Saxton Netball Pavilion. Wednesday 22 May, 9.30 am. Public forum

#### **Engineering Services Committee**

Thursday 23 May, 9.30 am. Public forum

#### **Commercial Committee**

Friday 24 May, 1.30 pm. No public forum





# WRITE CHOICES





It's all go at Tasman District Libraries this autumn and winter! Here's a selection of events taking place across the District. For more information, visit tasmanlibraries.govt.nz, or phone 03 543 8500.

#### Techy time for adults

Why should kids be the only ones to get to play with our mini robots and other tech toys? Motueka Library is holding a special Techy Time for Adults session on Tuesday 21 May. Drop in between 1.00 pm and 3.00 pm to try your hand at 3D doodling, simple programming and more. It's fun, it's free, and there's no need to book.

There's also a Techy Time for 55s-105s at Richmond Library on Thursday 30 May between 10.00 am - 11.00 am. Phone Richmond Library 03 543 8500 for more information and to book your spot.

# Photobooks for family and friends

Gone are the days of printing out your roll of 24 exposures and putting them straight into a photo album. If you've got hundreds of digital photos clogging up your camera or computer, it's time to find out how to make a photobook. Richmond Library's free Photobook class on Thursday 23 May, from 10.00 am - 12.00 pm, will guide you through the process of making a photobook with your digital photos.

Richmond Library also has computer classes for those wanting to find out more about TradeMe, Facebook and online newspapers. For more information and to book your spot in any of these free computer classes, contact Richmond Library 03 543 8500.

#### Time to make some art

Do you love books? Want to chop one up and turn it into a fabulous piece of art? Now's your chance with Motueka and Takaka libraries' Book Art competition. The competition is open to all ages. Simply pick up a discontinued library book and an entry form from Motueka or Takaka library from Tuesday 4 June, and let your imagination run wild. Prizes to be won.

#### Time to look at art

And for those of you who prefer to look at art rather than make it, Richmond Library is holding a How To Look At Art session with The Suter Art Gallery's Curator Sarah McClintock. Sarah will bring a mystery art work from the Suter's permanent collection to Richmond Library for an in-depth show and tell on Wednesday 29 May, 5.30 pm - 6.30 pm. It's free and anyone is welcome to come. Bookings not required.

#### New Zealand Music Month

May is the month we focus on appreciating our local musical talent. To celebrate NZ Music Month, Motueka Library will hold two special performances by students from Motueka High School. Pop in to Motueka Library on Wednesday 22 May or Wednesday 29 May between 12.30 pm and 1.00 pm for some homegrown talent.

Your libraries also have a fantastic selection of CDs, music DVDs, books which will teach you how to play musical instruments, books about the history of musical instruments, biographies of the musicians you love and more.

#### Law for lunch

Get some free legal expertise with your lunch in Richmond Library's Constance Barnicoat Room. Nelson Bays Community Law solicitors Trevor Irwin and Kaye Lawrence will answer your questions relating to neighbours (such as how to solve boundary disputes) from 12.00 pm - 1.00 pm on Thursday 23 May. On Thursday 30 May from 12.00 pm - 1.00 pm, they'll answer questions relating to health and disability (such as what your rights are under the law if you become sick or disabled). It's free and everyone is welcome – even if you just want to listen. Bookings not required. Feel free to bring your lunch.

#### Your library card

Did you know your library card enables you to access a huge range of online resources for free from our website? Visit www.tasmanlibraries.govt.nz today. Click on My Account in the top right corner to renew library books from home. Or click on e-Library to find a wide variety of resources that you can only access with your library card. For more information, talk to a library staff member.

