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## How should we respond to higher sea levels?

Join our climate change community consultation, beginning 22 July.

Tasman is experiencing stormier weather as climate change hits harder, and we're preparing our communities for new weather patterns, rising sea levels and changing coastal hazards. We've been working on a project to prepare Tasman to adapt to this new normal.

While the rate and magnitude of future sea level rise is uncertain, we do know that it will happen. This will have increasingly urgent implications for coastal development and infrastructure, such as roads, housing, and boating. There will also be environmental, cultural and social effects.

As a starting point for the conversation, we've mapped land that may be affected

by sea level rise. The maps show a range of scenarios, as well as the effect of higher tides caused by storms, areas of historic coastal erosion (sediment loss) and accretion (sediment gain), and the presence of coastal structures such as stopbanks, walls and rock revetments.

These maps will be available on our website from 22 July, when we begin the first round of talking to our community about how to manage this issue. We need to hear about what is important to you and what we should do as sea levels rise and we experience more severe weather.

The engagement programme will run from 22 July to 13 September. It is the first

opportunity to talk about the effect of sea level rise for our communities, but it won't be the last; this long term planning will take several years to complete. From 1 – 8 August, we'll be holding informal community drop-in sessions where you can see the coastal hazards map, find out how to provide feedback, and ask questions of council staff and NIWA's leading New Zealand coastal scientist Dr Rob Bell.

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# Mayoral Disaster Relief Fund final panel meeting

The Mayoral Disaster Relief Fund Panel had its final meeting on Monday July 15 to allocate the balance of the fund.

Donations to the fund totalled \$479,622, including \$2200 in late donations, which was distributed over fourteen panel meetings. In total 87 applications for assistance were received.

Grants of \$356,801 were given for business or asset loss and burnt fencing, \$93,018 for personal expenses, \$6,500 for welfare and \$23,303 for reseeding.

Mayor Richard Kempthorne said: "Thank you for bearing with us as we worked through applications to assess the varying needs of the community. The funds were paid into

respective bank accounts at the end of last week.

"We recognise that there were more applications of merit than there were funds available for. The Mayoral Disaster Relief Fund panel has approved payments for a portion of the personal, fencing and business interruption applications, up to a maximum of \$40k per application where appropriate.

"We are in the process of preparing information to apply to the Government for further funds, as requests for funding

exceeded \$1,500,000. If granted, the funds will be distributed between existing applicants."

Assessment and payments for land remediation, seeding, sowing and polymer application are ongoing and are not likely to be completed until September. The Lotteries Grants Board are funding the land remediation (\$840,000) and the seeding and polymer application (\$754,000).

## Pre-loved sculptures for Tasman

Nelson Airport's sculptures will be familiar to all who've flown in and out of the city in the last 40 years, and now three of them will find new homes in Tasman.

The airport's recent redevelopment has left no room for 16 of its sculptures, so the airport offered nine of them to Nelson and Tasman councils (Tasman District Council is a joint shareholder in the airport company with Nelson City Council).

Tasman District Council accepted three of the sculptures - the Oamaru stone Stone Stack, by Nikki Jiminez; Daryl Frost's Rivers of the Region, the stainless steel and stone fencing surrounding the former airport's cafe garden; and the Oamaru stone Pacific Angel, by Bodhi Vincent.

Stone Stack will take pride of place at Takaka's Village Green. Made at the Wellington Stone Symposium in the

late 1990s, it is inspired by Japanese calligraphy as well as the idea of choice, since the blocks can be stacked in many different ways. It previously sat next to the former airport's car park. Two of Nikki's pieces are in the Green already, so the new addition suits its existing aesthetic well.

Pacific Angel is yet to be relocated to Golden Bay. This large, carved figure used to recline in splendour near the cafe's courtyard, and will be moved to near the airport cafe. A new home is still being sought for Rivers of the Region.



Stone Stack, by Nikki Jiminez

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**Nominations are now open for the upcoming elections for the Tasman District Council, Nelson City Council and Nelson Marlborough Health – now is the time for people to stand in the place they love.**

If you are up to the challenge, or know someone who is, now is the time to step forward. The future of the region is shaped by the decisions its elected representatives make – it's not easy, it's challenging, but it is rewarding delivering to your environment and community now and creating a future for our children.

Nomination forms, information packs and Council pre-election reports can be picked up from Council offices, libraries or online at [tasman.govt.nz/elections](http://tasman.govt.nz/elections).

Friday  
19 July

**NOMINATIONS  
OPEN**

12pm  
Friday 16  
August

**NOMINATIONS  
CLOSE**

## Archaeon Andy Joseph retires from Kaumātua role

After eight years of service to Tasman District Council as Kaumātua, Andy Joseph is retiring from his role.

"Tasman District Council and I personally have been served in an outstanding manner by Andy Joseph, with the support of his wife Ramari," said Mayor Richard Kempthorne.

"We have appreciated his assistance greatly. We have also come to appreciate

the role of Kaumātua."

Archdeacon Emeritus Andy Joseph QSM was acknowledged as a honorary Manukura, a trusted, esteemed and respected friend, of Tasman District Council who will always be held in high esteem.



## CHANGE OF HOURS TO RESOURCE RECOVERY CENTRES

From August there will be a change to the Sunday Resource Recovery Centre hours at both Motueka and Richmond only. Motueka Resource Recovery Centre hours have been extended, while Richmond Resource Recovery Centre hours have been slightly shortened. From 4 August:

- Motueka Recovery Centre open Monday to Saturday - 9.00am – 4.00pm, Sunday 11.00 am - 4.00 pm; and
- Richmond Recovery Centre open 10.00 am to 5.00 pm, seven days a week

Other centres remain the same.



# WATER MATTERS

## Waimea Community Dam Project well on the road

Work on the Waimea Community Dam is progressing well with the upgrade of the 6.5km Lee Valley access road, haulage roads to the construction area, sediment retention ponds and the construction and amenities compound all now nearing completion.



Vegetation clearance is also well advanced across both the dam and reservoir footprints.

A group of key stakeholders, including Tasman District Council Mayor Richard Kempthorne, Nelson MP Nick Smith and representatives from Ngāti Koata, Waimea Irrigators, the Waimea Water Ltd Board and joint venture construction partners visited the construction site on 16 July to view progress.

Keeping our stakeholders informed throughout the build of this vital infrastructure for the region is important said Waimea Water Ltd CEO Mike Scott. "The visit enabled us to demonstrate some of the steps we're taking to minimise our operating impact on the environment and describe how the dam will be built," says Scott.

More than 160 people, who are mostly local to the region, from construction partners Fulton Hogan and Taylors Contracting Ltd have been working at the dam site at various times since construction began in March.

"This number is expected to ramp up as the build progresses and specialist tasks are undertaken in line with the work programme," says Scott. The next steps are to commence excavation and divert the river to allow the construction of the 160m long, 5 metre by 4 metre diversion culvert later this year.

Scott also briefed stakeholders on the design of the dam which meets the highest standards under NZ and international guidelines and has been reviewed by numerous professional specialist dam engineers.

### Key facts about the dam at a glance:

- Concrete-face rock filled dam - approximately 53m high, 220m long, 6m wide at the crest
- Constructed from approximately 430,000m<sup>3</sup> of rock
- Lake created by the dam will contain approximately 13 million m<sup>3</sup> of water
- Up to 2.2 m<sup>3</sup>/s flow into the Lee and Waimea River Systems during drought
- Dam expected to be finished by late 2021
- Filling of reservoir and final commissioning by early 2022.
- Economic benefit of \$55 million in the first 2 years and between \$600 - \$900 million over 25 years (ref: NZIER Report 2017)

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## Port Tarakohe consultation

If you want to have a say on the future of Golden Bay’s Port Tarakohe, get your submissions in now – the consultation window closes on 30 July.



Port Tarakohe, which the Council owns and operates, is a special part of the Tasman community and is valuable to many; people regularly use the marina, boat ramp, boat club building, and the recreational and green spaces. Walking and fishing off the breakwater is also popular, and the area is valuable for its cultural significance to iwi and as an important habitat for little blue penguins.

But there are some problems to solve to ensure the port continues to be an asset to all communities. The main issue is the

planned increase in aquaculture in Golden Bay and Tasman Bay. Current projections are that by 2029, mussel tonnage landing at the Port will increase by 300 per cent. The current Port won’t be able to handle this, so it needs to be upgraded if this economic potential is to be realised.

Recently, a steering group involving iwi, key stakeholders, and Council put together a proposed development plan and business case that attempts to balance the Port’s economic and operational use with its social, cultural, recreational, and

environmental values. The proposals involve upgrading and reconfiguring the recreational and commercial areas of the Port, and mean Council will be regularly spending more money on it than previously.

We want to hear your thoughts about what we’ve put together. Anyone who provides feedback by the closing date and wants to present their views to Council can do so at a hearing in Takaka on Wednesday 7 August.

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## Positive Ombudsman’s report for Council

Earlier this year the Chief Ombudsman initiated an investigation, using his powers under the Ombudsmen Act, as part of the Government’s expectation he regularly review the LGOIMA practices and capabilities of councils. This year he visited four Council’s, one of which was Tasman.

According to the report, Tasman District Council has a “positive and open culture” that is “driven by its leadership at both the governance and operational level”.

Tasman District Council was pleased to see positive comments from the Ombudsman’s recent review into how we handle public requests for official council information. This means Tasman residents can be confident their local government has a good level of transparency.

Anyone can access information the council holds under the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act (LGOIMA).

The Ombudsman is an independent, government-appointed overseer who checks this important pillar of democracy is operating the way it should.

The Ombudsman’s report looked at how we deal with requests for official information; how it produces Land Information Memorandum (LIM) reports; and how it administers Council meetings in accordance with the Act. Happily, the report says the Council has good policies and resources to support these.

The Ombudsman did not make any recommendations for correction of existing

policies, but there are some ways we can improve.

“We understand the importance of providing access to the information we hold and use to make decisions,” Tasman District Council chief executive Janine Dowding says. “However, we need to acknowledge we hold some information that should remain confidential, for example due to commercial sensitivity, to protect the privacy of individuals and for legal reasons. Overall though, we endeavour to be transparent and open in what we do.”

# NEWSLINE UPDATES



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## Rivercare meetings get underway

Join us at one of our annual rivercare meetings throughout the District to discuss river management issues and works. Topics will include flood protection, riparian maintenance and erosion control, which may be significant to the area you live in.

If you are planning to attend and have a specific question or topic you would like to discuss, please contact Rivers and Coastal Engineer Giles Griffith on 03 543 7244 or Email: [giles.griffith@tasman.govt.nz](mailto:giles.griffith@tasman.govt.nz).

### Upper Motueka Catchment:

Monday 5 August 2019, 3.00 pm, Tapawera Community Rooms. (Upper Motueka, Motupiko, Tadmor and Sherry Rivers.)

### Dove River:

Monday 5 August 2019, 7.00 pm, Dovedale Hall.

### Waimea Catchment:

Tuesday 6 August 2019, 10.00 am, Council Chambers, Richmond. (Waimea, Wai-iti and Wairoa Rivers.)

### Lower Motueka Catchment:

Wednesday 7 August 2019, 4.00 pm, Motueka Service Centre. (Lower Motueka, Riwaka, Brooklyn, Little Sydney, Hamiltons and Scotts Drains, Pauley Creek, Company Ditches and Moutere Rivers.)

### Takaka Catchment:

Thursday 8 August 2019, 3.00 pm, Golden Bay Shared Recreation Facility. (Takaka, Waingaro and Anatoki Rivers.)

### Aorere Catchment:

Thursday 8 August 2019, 11.00 am, Collingwood Tavern. (Aorere and Kaituna Rivers.)

## Expression of interest for Tasman Bio-Strategy Working Group

You are invited to express your interest for Tasman Bio-Strategy Working Group.

The purpose of the Working Group is to develop a draft Bio-Strategy meeting the needs of the Tasman community by 31 December 2020.

The Working Group will have between 8 and 16 members, including iwi members. We seek to engage a diverse team from around the district. We are seeking people who:

- Are well respected and connected in the broader community;
- Have connections with one or more major sectors relevant to biodiversity and biosecurity;
- Hold deep knowledge and understanding of matters relevant to forming the Strategy;
- Can work collaboratively towards consensus decisions; and
- Can contribute at least 150 hours to this work over the next 18 months.

The work will include half-day and full-day meetings, work between meetings, and meetings with sectors and communities.

Tasman District Council will provide meeting spaces and catering and may pay contribution towards travel costs of members to support attendance but will not pay meeting fees to Working Group members.

More information and the working group terms of reference can be found on our website at [tasman.govt.nz/link/bio-strategy](http://tasman.govt.nz/link/bio-strategy).

## Battle for the Banded Rail community plantings

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

- Sunday 28 July, 9.00 am – 1.00 pm. Mapua Embayment/Seaton Valley Stream. Access and parking at 126 Aranui Road.
- Sunday 11 August, 9.00 am – 1.00 pm. Research Orchard 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). For more information, phone Kathryn on 03 544 4537 or email [bandedrail@gmail.com](mailto:bandedrail@gmail.com).

## Safety improvements for McShane Road

We are adding a turning bay on Lower Queen Street for Richmond-bound traffic to turn right into McShane Road.

### Why are we doing it?

It is important that we upgrade this intersection to cope with increasing amounts of traffic, so that motorists can navigate the intersection safely.

### How will it affect me?

Disruption to traffic will be minimal. There will be short periods (3-4 days) when traffic will be reduced to single lane flow during installation of the hole (early August) and road marking/sealing (mid-November).



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## ROAD CLOSURES

### Proposed Closures

**Applicant:** Richmond Unlimited

**Event:** Richmond Market Day

**Location:** Queen Street – from the Night 'n Day dairy to McIndoe Place

**Date and time:** Monday 30 December 2019, 5.30 am to 5.30 pm

**Objections close:** Friday 23 August 2019

**Applicant:** Motueka Events Charitable Trust

**Event:** NBS Starlight Christmas Parade

**Location:** Pah Street – from Atkin Street to High Street. High Street – from Poole Street to Whakarewa Street

**Date and time:** Friday 6 December 2019, 6.00 pm to 9.00 pm

**Objections close:** Friday 23 August 2019

**Applicant:** Richmond Unlimited

**Event:** Pak'n'Save Santa Parade

**Location:** Edward Street, McIndoe Place and Queen Street from Edward Street to McIndoe Place and the Pietre/Harness carpark

**Date and time:** Tuesday 24 December 2019, 6.30 am to 4.00 pm

**Objections close:** Friday 23 August 2019

### Closure of roads to ordinary vehicular traffic

Pursuant to the Transport (Vehicular Traffic Road Closure) Regulations 1965, notice is hereby given that for the purpose of a Nelson Car Club Car Rally the following road will be closed to ordinary vehicular traffic for the period(s) indicated hereunder.

During the period of closure the following provision will be made for ordinary

vehicular traffic which would otherwise use the roads: Pigeon Valley Road from Sharp Road intersection to 409 Dovedale Road (1km east of Dovedale Road/Brandy Creek Road intersection)

**Period or periods of closure:** Saturday 2 November 2019, 8.00 am to 5.00 pm

**Alternative provision for ordinary vehicular traffic:** NIL

It will be an offence under the above regulations for any person otherwise than under authority of an authorised period to use the roads for ordinary vehicular traffic during the period of closure.

**Objections close:** Friday 23 August 2019

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During the period of closure the following provision will be made for ordinary vehicular traffic which would otherwise use the road: Valley Road – From the Kerr Hill Road intersection to 300 metres before the Golf Course at Golden Downs

**Period or periods of closure:** Sunday 6 October 2019, 8.00 am to 5.00 pm

**Alternative provision for ordinary vehicular traffic:** NIL

It will be an offence under the above regulations for any person otherwise than under authority of an authorised period to use the road for ordinary vehicular traffic during the period of closure.

**Objections close:** Friday 23 August 2019



A series of community conversations called Te Taihu Talks will be held across Marlborough, Nelson and Tasman throughout July and August to feed into the development of the Te Taihu Intergenerational Strategy.

The initiative is led by Wakatū Incorporation in partnership with Nelson City Council, Tasman District Council and Marlborough District Council, the business community, NMIT and whānau, hapū, and iwi across Te Taihu.

For more information head to [tetaihu.nz](http://tetaihu.nz) or [facebook.com/tetaiuhu](https://facebook.com/tetaiuhu) to register for a Te Taihu Talk and keep up to date.

### Te Taihu Community Hui - Motueka

Wednesday 14 August, 10.00 am – 12.00 noon. Motueka Top 10 Holiday Park, 10 Fearon Street, Port Motueka.

### Te Taihu Community Hui - Takaka

Wednesday 14 August, 4.00 pm – 6.00 pm. Mohua Social Services Charitable Trust, 88 Commercial Street, Takaka.

### Te Taihu Community Hui - Richmond

Thursday 15 August, at 1.00 pm – 12.00 noon. Tasman District Libraries 280 Queen Street, Richmond.

## COUNCIL MEETINGS:

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



### Full Council Meeting

Thursday 1 August, 9.30 am. Public forum

### Tasman Creative Communities Subcommittee

Motueka Service Centre, 7 Hickmott Place, Motueka. Tuesday 6 August, 10.00 am. No public forum

### Community Development Committee

Thursday 8 August, 9.30 am. No public forum

## Road to Zero - have your say

**Submissions close at 5.00 pm, 14 August 2019.**

There has been a number of local consultations recently regarding speed. The government has launched their road safety strategy 'Road to Zero' within which speed is a component, as is road design and vehicle capability. There will more than likely be nationwide changes as a result of the strategy and this is your opportunity to contribute.

Public consultation on the new road safety strategy Road to Zero has opened, and you can have your say at: [www.transport.govt.nz/zero](http://www.transport.govt.nz/zero). On the site, you'll find the full consultation document, as well as summary documents and a short animation explaining the approach.

# COMMUNITY RELATIONS



## Community Grants applications open

Applications for our Community Grants close on 31 July 2019. Funding is available for Tasman-based projects that meet a community need and have community support. Priority is given to projects that can show financial support from other sources as well.

### Online applications

Visit [tasman.govt.nz/link/grants](http://tasman.govt.nz/link/grants) to download the Community Grants from Rates Application Form. Work on the application at your own pace – and save as you go. Send the completed application back to us using a simple online form.

### Find out more

Email Community Partnerships Coordinator Lani Evans, [lani.evans@tasman.govt.nz](mailto:lani.evans@tasman.govt.nz).

## Richmond and Golden Bay follow Motueka's CupCycling lead

The successful CupCycling campaign that has been running in Motueka for the past two years has inspired Richmond and Golden Bay cafes to join the programme. The goal is to cut the number of disposable coffee cups people throw away and reduce the waste that ends up in our landfill.

Over the past two years since the CupCycling Campaign has been running, Tasman cafes have diverted 21,531 disposable coffee cups from landfill, totalling 258kg!

We're pleased to support the initiative to Make New Zealand 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 also need to be processed in commercial composting facilities, which adds cost and complexity.

### How it works

Pay a \$10 bond at any participating café across Tasman and receive your hot drink in a reusable CupCycling cup. Return the used cup at any participating CupCycling café, for a fresh cup when you need your next caffeine fix.

Every hot drink purchased will receive a discount.

It's simple – so why not get involved? We can all help reduce waste.

## Plastic Free July – Tasman tips

Plastic Free July encourages people to be more aware of their plastic use and making simple changes towards being plastic free this month. Simple examples include not using plastic shopping bags, plastic straws, plastic takeaway containers or coffee cups with plastic lids.

### Why say no to plastic?

A lot of plastics cannot be recycled and therefore are being stock piled or going to landfill. A more sustainable model for the future of our planet is to adopt a mind-set of Refuse, Reduce, Re-use and Re-purpose. It's easier than you think!

### Simple actions:

- Swap a disposable coffee cup for a funky keep cup
- Swap a plastic straw for stainless steel straw or refuse a straw altogether
- Swap plastic shopping/fruit and vege bags for reusable shopping bags/fabric produce bags
- Swap glad wrap for reusable containers or a beeswax wrap
- Many low-waste options for purchasing food/food packaging, cleaning products and bathroom products are available on [therubbishtrip.co.nz](http://therubbishtrip.co.nz) – including a guide for Tasman residents.

For more inspiration visit [plasticfreejuly.org](http://plasticfreejuly.org)



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