

Taskforce meets early to prepare for summer

The Dry Weather Taskforce had its first meeting of the season last week and its message is clear – a dry summer is forecast and water conservation must start now.

Rob Smith, Environmental Information Manager, says, "The first taskforce meeting was held much earlier than in previous years. We took on board from last year that we need to be well prepared for the predicted dry season to come. This is even more important in light of the fact rainfall in most parts of the District is well below the yearly average."

Everyone needs to do their bit to care for our limited water resources. By conserving water now, we can hopefully delay the start of mandatory restrictions for urban users and resource consent holders.

There are lots of easy ways to save water every day. Check out our website, tasman.govt.nz/link/water-tips.

Changes to restrictions

If we face a summer water shortage, everyone connected to the reticulated public water supply across the District will experience phased restrictions. These are clearly laid out on our website.

If you have a private water supply, such as a well or a river take, you will also need to reduce water use in the event of a water shortage.

When restrictions are introduced, this will be publicised in Newsline, local newspapers, radio and signage.

For water resource consent holders, the situation will also change this summer.

In the Waimea Plains area, rationing may be staged differently than in the past, so it's really important to pay attention to what your responsibilities are.

We will write to every resource consent holder to let you know when restrictions are in effect and what reductions you need to make. However you are also encouraged to check the terms of your resource consent and keep an eye on water flows via our website to stay up to date with the situation.



Representing Tasman

I've put a fair few kilometres on the speedo in the past 20 years of representing the Lakes-Murchison ward – it's the largest geographic ward area in Tasman District.

I'm proud to represent my community as a ward councillor and now as deputy mayor. My responsibilities also include chair of the newly-formed Operations Committee, and I serve on the Tasman Regional Transport Committee and the Review of Housing for the Elderly Committee.

My wife and I have recently moved from Tapawera to Spring Grove.

I believe our new Council is shaping up to be a good one, with a diverse mix of skills and knowledge. I'm particularly happy to see the even gender balance among councillors, which is not something we have seen in the past 20 years that I have been on Council.

A key issue for Tasman this term will be better funding for roading, and I will be lobbying hard for more New Zealand Transport Agency attention to state highways and rural roads.

I don't believe the current government's emphasis on cycling and walking is the highest priority for this area, where we have a large rural hinterland that is the productive region for the whole District.

The other thing I would really like to see are some improvements to the congestion and

accessibility in Motueka – all year round, but especially in summer.

Other growing issues are increasing compliance costs for business and farming, water issues, reducing landfill created by the building industry, and better communication and connection with rural communities.

Stuart Bryant, Deputy Mayor



In case you missed it ...

A summary of recent Council meetings and the decisions made.

Full Council - 7 November 2019

- Agreed to build a raised pedestrian and cycle crossing on Champion and Salisbury roads as part of a project to increase the capacity of the intersection and improved pedestrian and cyclist access and safety.
- Decided to build a bridge over Borck Creek, Richmond, in 2021-2022 – three years earlier than originally planned. Developers in the area have offered to pay half the cost of the bridge and build it as part of their housing development.
- Approved extra funding of \$400,000 for the Brightwater town centre upgrade to cover changes sought by the community during consultation. Preliminary works are expected to start this year, while the main construction will get underway in 2020.
- Approved additional funding of \$200,000 for an upgrade of the Pohara Valley Road wastewater pump station.

- Granted a new five year lease to the Tapawera Men's Shed for its base at the Tapawera Memorial Park.
- Decided to begin reviewing the management plans for parks and reserves in the Moutere-Waimea area. Public feedback will be sought to help with drafting the plans between 29 November 2019 and 24 February 2020.
- Agreed to make a submission to the New Zealand Transport
 Agency on its proposal to lower the speed limit from Nelson
 to Blenheim. The submission outlines some concerns with the
 proposal, including that trying to implement blanket changes will
 undermine the credibility of speed management.
- Approved a range of changes to parking controls in locations throughout the District to improve mobility parking, respond to community requests and improve traffic movement at intersections.





Work underway to cater for Richmond growth

Richmond is going through a growth spurt. There are large developments underway to both the south and west of Richmond, which will help cater for some of the forecast population increase in our District.

We're working alongside private developers to ensure the infrastructure will be in place to cope with this growth as it happens.

Our Long Term Plan (LTP) 2018-28 outlines many projects - both building new infrastructure and renewing or upgrading what is in place now, to make it fit for purpose in the coming years.

Some of the projects will be tackled in stages and all will be phased at different times over the 10 year life span of the current LTP.

In the wider Richmond area – growth related projects will include major stormwater, transport and water supply projects (excluding the Waimea Community Dam).

The list is even longer for renewal, upgrade and improvement projects.

What is happening in Richmond right now?

- · A multi year project to install a new water main through Richmond south and
- Intersection changes to improves safety at Lower Queen Street and McShane Road
- Stormwater channel improvements at Poutama Drain and Borck Creek, serving the Berryfields area

It's an exciting time for Tasman District as a whole. We have a clear and comprehensive plan in place to cope with growth and continue to make this an amazing place to live and work

We adopted the Future Development Strategy (FDS) jointly with Nelson City Council in July this year. This high level plan identifies potential growth locations for housing and business to provide for our growing population over the next 30 years.

If you'd like more detail about the future plans, visit tasman.govt.nz and search on FDS.

You can also keep an eye on the Projects page which gives an outline of work that is underway or starting soon.

Motueka hosts Clued Up Kids

A safety skills event for 9 – 11 year olds arrived in Motueka this month, building on its work to create a generation of Clued Up Kids in Nelson-Tasman.

Clued Up Kids is a multi-agency programme teaching primary school-aged children confidence and life skills to help them stay safe in a range of real-life scenarios.

From 4 - 7 November, more than 300 children from St Peter Chanel, Tasman Home Educators, Tasman School, Riwaka School, Motueka South, Brooklyn, Ngatimoti School, Parklands and Upper Moutere took part in the event, which is in its third year in this region.

Clued Up Kids coordinator Jo Perrett explained: "The children are of an age where they're becoming increasingly independent and therefore more likely to encounter situations where there may not be an adult around to tell them what to do. Clued Up Kids gives them the tools to keep themselves safe."



The hands-on activities include a 'shaky house' for practising what to do in an earthquake, a smoky fire simulation teaching children how to react during a house fire, as well as demonstrations on water safety, interacting with dogs, road safety, quad bikes, truck and cycle safety, as well as first aid.

The agencies involved include the Tasman District Council, Nelson-Marlborough District Health Board, Nelson Bays Primary Health, Police, Fire and Emergency NZ, Civil Defence, New Zealand Red Cross, CET Landskills and Neltech.

Our thanks to the Motueka, Richmond and Nelson Rotary, along with the Motueka Lions Club who provided volunteers through the week. Thanks also to Golden Bay Fruit for providing fresh fruit to the children as they moved around the two-hour interactive programme.



How we make things happen in Tasman District

It's natural to be curious when you see our contractors starting road works or construction in your neighbourhood. You may wonder how and why the work we do is decided.

It's the result of a very structured process which aims to meet the needs of the community while sticking to Council budgets.

Here's a quick overview of how it works.

There's a team of planners within the Council who look at what work needs to be done to cater for the future growth of the region. They consider which old assets and infrastructure needs to be updated or replaced and what new things need to be built – from roads to playgrounds, footpaths to pump stations.

The planners then put forward lists of projects to Council for inclusion in the draft Long Term Plan. Often these projects start as a result of requests from the community.

All the projects then need to go through the Long Term Plan (every three years) or Annual Plan (every other year) process. This gives everyone the chance to have their say on the draft plan and often the plan will change as a result of that feedback. Once the plan is adopted, including the final list of projects and the budgets allocated to them, our project delivery team pick up the reins.

They manage the process for engaging and managing the contractors who will build the new asset. This includes putting the work out to tender to find the best people for the job within the allocated budget. The delivery team stays closely involved throughout to ensure the work is carried out to the right standard and stays on schedule as much as possible.

Once construction is complete, the shiny new asset - playground, footpath, water pipeline - whatever it may be, passes on to our operations teams who will continue to maintain and look after it for the rest of its useful life.

When the asset is showing signs of reaching the end of its life span, the process starts again.

This is how we're working constantly to meet the needs of your community and improve services in a value-for-money way now and into the future.







New roles help us better serve iwi

Te Waari Carkeek is our new full-time kaihautū, a new senior advisory role that will help the Council strengthen its relationships with our region's eight Te Tau Ihu iwi and Ngāi Tahu.

Te Waari (Ngāti Toa Rangatira and Ngāti Raukawa) joined us last month, and is bringing a wealth of experience and knowledge. His other roles have included kaiārahi (guide) for Ngā Hapū o Ōtaki Charitable Trust; kaumātua at Te Papa; and co-chair of the Greater Wellington Regional Council's natural resource management committee Te Upoko Taiao. He has also taught skills in tikanga Māori (protocol) and waiata moteatea, an ancient form of chanted song-poetry.

Te Waari's role provides cultural support to Council, ensures Māori perspective informs our decision-making, and helps foster an internal culture which is welcoming, inclusive, and acknowledges te ao Māori (Māori world view). It will also help us, iwi, and our community realise the partnership embodied by Te Tiriti o Waitangi.

In addition to this new position, we also have two new kaumātua, Archdeacon Emeritus Harvey Ruru QSM and Jane du Feu MNZM,

who replace recently retired Archdeacon Emeritus Andy Joseph QSM in the role. Jane and Harvey are recognised as taonga and highly respected elders by Council and iwi and provide the Mayor and elected members with support around tikanga Māori at civic events, and help us understanding iwi and Māori priorities.

New Council governance structure adopted

We've adopted a new governance structure aimed at promoting a more cohesive way of working and greater collaboration across our many and varied activities.

The new structure sees the traditional **Engineering Services, Community** Development and Environment and Planning committees replaced by Regulatory, Strategy and Policy and Operations committees.

Mayor Tim King says the change is intended to reflect the functions the Council performs, rather than the departments from which work originates.

"That's going to allow councillors to focus on what's important and enable staff to work together to further improve the way we serve our communities.

"It will give councillors a better overview of our strategic direction and of our functions as the regulator of various

pieces of Government legislation, as well as of our day to day work serving our communities. That day to day work ranges from maintaining parks and facilities, to building and maintaining our transport networks, our water, wastewater and storm water infrastructure, monitoring swimming water quality, processing resource consents, supporting community and volunteer groups - to name just a small number of our work streams."

Tim said the new structure would promote greater collaboration between Council departments, which currently all report to separate committees.

"Our staff are committed to working together and they recognise that the diverse nature of their work and the current committee structure makes that challenging sometimes. The new reporting structure will give them even more opportunities to collaborate and improve the links between departments that are needed to ensure we provide a more cohesive service to our communities."

Leading the new committees are:

- Cr Dana Wensley as chair and Cr David Ogilvie as deputy chair of the Regulatory
- Cr Kit Maling as chair and Cr Chris Hill as deputy chair of the Strategy and Policy Committee
- Cr Stuart Bryant as chair and Cr Christeen Mackenzie as deputy chair of the **Operations Committee**



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Upcoming maritime events

The Harbourmaster has (or may soon) grant authorisations for the following events. These events may affect public use of the maritime area for a certain period of time.

Event activity: Waka Ama event **Date and location:** 15 and 16 November, Kaiteriteri

Event activity: Giant Slalom and Christmas Picnic

Date and location: 15 December 2019, Waimea River

Event activity: New Year's Eve public fireworks display

Date and location: 31 December 2019 to 1 January 2020, Torrent Bay

Event activity: Tata Islands swimming race Date and location: 11 January 2020, between Ngawhiti Island and Tata Beach Tata Islands swimming races

Event activity: Cardboard boat race **Date and location:** 25 January 2020, Tata Beach/Ligar Inlet

More information about the Harbourmaster's directions for events is available at tasman.govt.nz/link/maritime-events.

Governance Chats and Korero.

Want to know more about community governance and share and learn from others supporting local organisations too? Governance Chats is a new bimonthly networking and opportunity to do just that!

At this first network gathering, you'll:

- meet others who are part of local not for profit committees, organisations and boards to share thinking on the good, the bad and the hard issues
- hear from Helen Watson on her three biggest community governance learnings
- help shape future 2020 networking sessions so they add most value for you and others wanting/offering community governance ideas and support

Date: Tuesday 19 November 2019

Time: 5.30 pm to 7.00 pm

Venue: Trafalgar Pavilion (access off of Trafalgar Street or via Hathaway Terrace)

RSVP for catering purposes by 15 November to admin@volunteernelson.org.nz

The Nelson Wine & Food Festival 2020

Sunday 16 February 2020, 11.00 am – 5.00 pm, Richmond A & P Showgrounds, Lower Queen Street, Richmond.

The Rotary Club of Richmond is pleased to confirm the return of this popular smokefree fundraising festival, which will now be held at a new venue in Richmond.

Under the shade of the "olde" oak trees, taste renowned Nelson wines, local craft beers, local ciders, juices and an exciting selection of Nelson food specialties. Be entertained by popular well-known local bands and stage performances. Dance to the beat of the music or just chill out.

This is a family-friendly day with free entry for those 12 and under. Plenty of parking on site for cars and motorhomes or ride your bikes out. Overnight parking for motorhomes is available (fees apply).

Tickets now on sale from www.ticketdirect. co.nz. Tickets \$20 plus booking fees.

Don't miss this day of entertainment and showcase of Nelson's fun and fare. Join Richmond Rotary in raising funds for your community.

For updates and information on ticket sales, bus timetable and programme visit nwff.co.nz and the Nelson Wine & Food Festival Facebook page.

Queen Street bus stop closures

Over the next two months several events are taking place on Queen Street that will affect access for buses.

As a result, the bus stops on Queen Street will be closed on the following dates:

- Sunday 24 November 2019 Santa Parade
- Monday 30 December Richmond Market Day

A temporary bus stop will be set up on Talbot Street (opposite PAK'nSAVE) on these days. You can also catch the bus on Salisbury Road, between Talbot and Florence streets. Thanks for your patience with these temporary changes.

Need a special licence for a summer event?

Deadline for applications 22 November 2019

A special licence allows for the sale of alcohol at special occasions or events. They are normally used to licence one-off events where no licence is currently held, such as a food and wine festival or a quiz night. A special licence can also be used to extend the hours or area of a licensed premises for a special occasion or event.

A special licence is a temporary licence.

How to apply:

Visit tasman.govt.nz/link/special-licence for more information and application forms.

Takaka – Pohara cycleway construction begins

Work is now underway on building a new safe cycling and walking path from Pohara to Takaka.

The 7.5 kilometre route linking the two communities will be built by contractor Fulton Hogan, with Sollys as the subcontractor. The cycleway will be a gravel path, similar to much of Tasman's Great Taste Trail cycleway.

Work begins at the Pohara end of the route and is due to be completed in early 2020. Work will stop over the busy Christmas and New Year period.

During construction, there will be heavy machinery working on and around Abel Tasman Drive, so sections of Abel Tasman Drive will be reduced to single-lane traffic to protect the public and provide a safe working area.

Between 7.00 am and 5.30 pm Monday to Friday, and occasionally between 8.00 am and 2.00 pm on Saturdays, manual stop/go signs and/or traffic lights will be in place to direct traffic.

Thanks for your patience while we deliver this new active transport link for Golden Bay.

24 HOUR ASSISTANCE: PHONE YOUR LOCAL SERVICE CENTRE:
RICHMOND 03 543 8400 • MURCHISON 03 523 1013
MOTUEKA 03 528 2022 • TAKAKA 03 525 0020

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Please don't use your toilet as a rubbish bin

People using their toilet like a rubbish bin means lots of unnecessary and expensive repairs both here and all around New Zealand. This is a growing problem that puts a burden on local ratepayers and can damage our beautiful environment.

Please only things the wastewater systems are designed for: poo, pee and (toilet) paper.

Wipes should never be flushed. Although the labels on some products say 'flushable' or 'biodegradable', they can clog sewer pipes and cause damage to pumps and wastewater systems, which can be very expensive to fix.

The problem is that the wipes don't break down as toilet paper is designed to do. They retain their shape and strength so they can become snagged and stuck in pipes and on pumps, or at wastewater treatment plants.

Not only are the repairs expensive, blockages can cause sewage overflows into homes, businesses and local waterways.

Other commonly flushed products (that shouldn't be) include fats, oils and grease, paper hand towels, sanitary pads, tampons and clothing.

Everything we flush finds its way into a wastewater treatment plant and then to oceans, rivers or on to the land.

Remember the toilet is for the three P's -poo, pee and paper and everything else goes in the rubbish bin.

Have you picked up your copy of Mudcakes and Roses? October Issue out now!

Copies available at:

- All Tasman District Council and Nelson City Council offices and libraries
- Richmond Night 'n Day
- Richmond Aquatic Centre
- Wakefield Four Square
- Countdown Stoke/ Motueka
- Fresh Choice Nelson



HAVE YOUR SAY

Responsible camping strategy open for feedback

Consultation closes 18 November 2019

The draft Responsible Camping Strategy is intended to provide direction as we manage budget and freedom camping through regulations and by providing facilities and visitor information.

We've been talking to a wide range of groups and organisations to develop the draft, including Te Tau Ihu iwi. Now we need to hear from you – this strategy will inform the way we manage freedom camping in your community.

Help us plan for the future of Saxton Field

First stage consultation closes 16 December 2019

We're reviewing the way we manage Saxton Field – and we need your help to ensure a bright future for our region's largest sports, recreation and events venue.

Between 4 October and 16 December 2019 we're asking what you enjoy about Saxton Field, how happy you are with the opportunities provided for sport, recreation and play, as well as the natural environment and landscape. Most importantly we want to know: What's your vision for the future of Saxton Field?

Visit tasman.govt.nz/feedback for more information and to fill in the survey.

Alcohol licence applications

Current applications for alcohol licences, including information on how to object, are advertised on our website.

24 HOUR ASSISTANCE: PHONE YOUR LOCAL SERVICE CENTRE:

RICHMOND 03 543 8400 MURCHISON 03 523 1013 MOTUEKA 03 528 2022 TAKAKA 03 525 0020

Kickstart your compost with \$30 subsidy

November is Kickstart Compost Month and, to help you get going, we're offering Tasman households \$30 off a compost bin, worm farm or bokashi set from approved retailers

Free composting workshops will be held in Richmond, Motueka and Golden Bay during November – head to tasman. govt.nz/link/compost for details and to download your \$30 youcher.

COUNCIL MEETINGS:

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



Community Grants Subcommittee

Tuesday 19 November, 9.30 am. No public forum

Motueka Community Board

Motueka Service Centre, 7 Hickmott Place, Motueka. Tuesday 19 November, 4.00 pm. Public forum

Saxton Field Joint Committee

Saxton Netball Pavilion. Wednesday, 20 November, 9.30 am. Public forum

Operations Committee

Thursday 21 November, 9.30 am. Public forum

Positive Ageing Forum

Richmond Library. Monday 25 November 2019, 1.00 pm.

Creative Communities Subcommittee

Motueka Service Centre, 7 Hickmott Place, Motueka. Tuesday 26 November, 10.00 am. No public forum

Strategy and Policy Committee

Thursday 28 November, 9.30 am. Public forum

Regulatory Commitee

Thursday 28 November, 1.30 pm. Public forum

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Build your confidence with a Re-Start Cycling course

We're holding cycling workshops to help you enjoy your bike this summer. The Re-Start Cycling Course is a series of education sessions aimed at adult beginner and intermediate riders who want to get back on their bike and increase their confidence. By the end of the session you'll feel more comfortable on your bike when riding both on and off-road.

There are two workshops available, one for regular bikes and one for electric bikes. Spaces are limited and participants must bring a bike with working brakes and a helmet. Register at tasman.govt.nz/link/walking-cycling.

Workshops

Re-Start Cycling Course for electric bikes:

Date and time: Saturday 18 January (rain date Saturday 25 January), 9.30 am – 12.30 pm.

Location: Richmond (venue TBC).

Date and time: Saturday 15 February (rain date Saturday 22 February), 9.30 am – 12.30 pm.

Location: Motueka (venue TBC).

Re-Start Cycling Course for regular bikes:

Date and time: Saturday 23 November (rain date Saturday 30 November), 9.30 am – 12.30 pm.

Location: Richmond (venue TBC).

Date and time: Saturday 7 December (rain date Saturday 14 December), 9.30 am – 12.30 pm.

Location: Motueka (venue TBC).

Shop your streets on SecondHand Sunday - 8 December 2019

Here's a chance to re-home your surplus household goods and pick yourself up a free bargain as well. SecondHand Sunday, on 8 December, is a joint council event to help you find new homes for useful items –furniture, books and magazines, clothing, tools, baby gear, sporting goods, leftover bits and pieces from building projects.

Simply register your address online, including what you have available, arrange your items on your driveway or front lawn, put up your SecondHand Sunday letterbox poster, and then welcome visitors who will take your goods off your hands. The address list will be posted on our website on the Friday afternoon before the event.

The event will take place rain or shine, and remember you will still be responsible for anything that isn't taken on the day. Register for SecondHand Sunday online at tasman.govt.nz/link/shs to register before Thursday 6 December.

Positive Ageing Expo – registrations open now!

The Positive Ageing Expo will be back in 2020, showcasing the recreational, health and social services available in Nelson-Tasman to make ageing a positive experience.

The next expo is on Friday 3 April 2020 from 10.00 am – 3.00 pm at the Headingly Centre, Richmond.

Stallholder registrations are now open until Sunday 8 March 2020. If you are a community group, agency or organisation that can make a positive impact on our ageing population, make your presence felt at the Positive Ageing Expo.

The Positive Ageing Expo has run annually since 2008 and attracts an average 2000 people.

Register your organisation

Head to tasman.govt.nz/link/positive-ageing to book in for a stall, or contact Community Partnerships Co-ordinator Lani Evans:

- Email Lani.evans@tasman.govt.nz
- Phone 03 543 8980

Carols by Candlelight

6.30 pm, Sunday 22 December

Hundreds of candles will once again light up Washbourn Gardens at the popular Carols by Candlelight Christmas event on 22 December.

Gather with family and friends and sing your favorite carols together with the Take a Chance Singers choir, accompanied by the Soundz of Richmond orchestra.

There will be live music from 6.30pm, so bring a picnic and gather with your family and friends before the event itself begins just before 8.00 pm.



