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Brightwater's centre complete for Christmas

The upgrade of Brightwater's village centre, Ellis Street, has been completed in time for a busy and festive summer season.

While the project, like many others, was delayed earlier in the year due to the Covid-19 response, it has been completed within budget and to a high standard.

The project included adding a shared path, traffic calming islands to manage vehicle speeds and create

safer places for people to cross, moving power lines underground and some new kerb and channel to better handle stormwater.

The most popular aspects of the upgrade are the new landscaping, planting, street furniture and lighting. Parts of the town's history are reflected in design elements throughout the street. For instance, you'll notice a chicken theme – the story of how roosting chickens once regulated the village's supply of streetlight electricity is shared on one of the heritage information panels that were installed as part of the project.

Please be aware that the blue markings at the narrow traffic calming areas do not represent a pedestrian crossing location – they are a design feature to help control traffic speeds.

Brightwater residents, thanks for your patience while we carried out the work. We hope you enjoy the benefits of the finished product for many years to come.

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Te Kaunihera o te tai o Aorere

Meni Kirihimete - Menry Christmas!

MAYOR'S MESSAGE

What a year it's been! Looking back now, none of us would have guessed what 2020 had in store for us. But as usual, no matter what is thrown at Tasman, we come together. I am incredibly proud of how our communities worked together to support each other, and especially our most vulnerable, to get through a difficult few months. I would also like to say a huge thank you to all the essential workers who kept everything running smoothly so we could stay home and stay safe.

Covid-19 threw many challenges at us, but let's not have that be the main thing we remember from this year. Instead, let's remember the community spirit that brought everyone together because that, to me, is remarkable!

Because we all went hard and did the work early on, we are now one of the luckiest places in the world. Tasman has bounced back to be the fastest growing New Zealand economy following Covid-19, thanks to our growing population and construction sector. This is great news for our region, however we still have a lot more work to do. We will continue to experience the side effects of 2020 for a while yet, but if we focus on the positive, support our local businesses and aim to make changes for the better, we have the potential to come out of this stronger.

We can now celebrate the festive season and enjoy our summer nearly the same as we would any other year. We have so much to experience here in Tasman, but whether you stay local or head off exploring another beautiful part of the country, please take it easy on the roads so we can all get to our destinations safely.

So go on, get out there, enjoy your summer with friends and family, and look forward to a fresh new year ahead. Happy holidays and best wishes from the team at Tasman District Council.

Mayor Tim King

Register to speak in Public Forum

The Public Forum in Council meetings is a popular avenue for residents to discuss issues, make suggestions or ensure their councillors are aware of important points of interest.

As the forum is very popular as an effective channel to meet with elected members,

we need to manage the number of people wishing to speak.

To ensure everyone has the best opportunity to speak at the meetings, please register your intention to speak with us before the meeting.

To register, please give us a call on 03 543 8400 at least a day before the meeting.

Planting the seeds for Tasman's future – housing affordability

Over the next several issues of Newsline, we'll be examining some of the big choices we face as a Council as we develop our Long Term Plan 2021 – 2031. What are the seeds we need to plant and nurture for Tasman to flourish in the future?

One of the big choices we need to make in 2021 is how we can best be part of the solution to the high cost of homes in our District.

Homes for our community

We know that housing availability and affordability are a real concern for our community. Unfortunately, we have some of the least affordable housing in the country, as do our neighbours in Nelson.

The Council can't solve the affordability problem alone but we can be part of the solution. Over the next decade, a key focus for us will be making sure we have enough land zoned and serviced to meet anticipated demand for housing and businesses.

Our estimates for future demand are based on a medium-growth scenario in line with recent population trends within Tasman. We will continue to monitor the situation to make sure our information on the growth our District is likely to experience is up to date.

We're proposing to carry out a large programme of infrastructure development (drinking water, wastewater, stormwater and transport networks) to service residential land, allowing more homes to be built.

The new Tasman Environment Plan – Aorere ki uta, Aorere ki tai, will play a key role in making sure our planning rules enable affordable housing development, making it easier to build smaller homes at higher densities. More information about that work is on page 4.

If we can make sure we have the right zoning and infrastructure in place to meet forecast demand, this should help with the affordability of homes for our residents and allow for new businesses to provide more employment and increased economic activity.

The choice we face

Where, when and how much land we service is a key decision we need to make.

Providing infrastructure is expensive, and keeping rates at a reasonable level is going to be challenging over the next 10 years. However, not providing infrastructure for growth and



development would unquestionably worsen housing affordability in Tasman as the gap between supply and demand would steadily grow.

In March and April next year we will seek your input on how we propose to service new areas for development, upgrade existing services, and how much of the forecast demand that plan will cater for. Keep an eye out for the Long Term Plan consultation – we need your feedback to make the best decisions for the future of our District.

FORECAST DEMAND

We expect our population to keep growing over the next 10 years, meaning we need to make sure there is serviced land available for:





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Youth leadership grants open up opportunities

We offer grants of up to \$500 each to students in Tasman District to participate in youth leadership opportunities, such as The Spirit of New Zealand, Outward Bound, Festival for the Future and other experiences, conferences and workshops.

Some students also take advantage of other funding sources. Recently, with a grant from the national Mayors Taskforce for Jobs and added support from the Council, Hemi Wilson from Murchison Area School attended an Outward Bound course.

Hemi recently wrote to thank us for our support and outlined what the course had meant to him. He said it was an experience he would recommend for everyone and something he would remember for a lifetime. Sailing in stormy conditions, spending a full day alone in the bush "along with a cheeky weka or two" and a hike taking in four peaks were among the challenges the young people faced.

Hemi's group finished the hike a day earlier than expected and his compass reading skills, learned at Murchison Area School, landed him the role of navigator. There was great excitement in the group when they finished the hike early and got





to enjoy a massive celebration with the leftover kai.

If 2021 is the year to challenge yourself, you can find out more about the grants and how to apply on our website, tasman.govt.nz, search "youth leadership".

Salisbury Road trial to improve student safety

Following discussions with police and the schools located on Salisbury Road, a trial will begin at the end of January 2021 for at least the first school term with the aim of improving safety for students walking and cycling to and from school.

Police and the surrounding schools have had concerns about driver behaviour, especially around the pedestrian crossings on Salisbury Road, with some drivers failing to stop even when children are present on the crossing.

We're going to trial measures that will make drivers more aware of the crossing and also limit certain traffic movements to make this area less congested and complex at the beginning and end of the school day. This includes the following measures:

- The use of "speed cushions" on the approaches to the zebra crossings – these are intended to make drivers more aware they are approaching the crossing so they don't drive through on "auto pilot", putting pedestrians at risk.
- Stopping the right turn movement out of the St Paul's School entrance – this change is being trialled at the school's request as they feel it will help to improve safety and reduce congestion.
- Right turn out of Waimea College entrance for buses only – this trial change will also help to reduce congestion and risk to pedestrians but also allow the school buses the access they need.
- Raised plastic separators at the edge of the cycle lane – these will make drivers more aware of the cycle lane and prevent them from turning across or straying into it.

There have been 19 crashes recorded in the area over the past 10 years. This data doesn't capture all the near misses with pedestrians, which are being reported anecdotally.

Most people have the perception that zebra crossings are safe but that is completely dependent on how they are used by both drivers and pedestrians. In this area it's often children using these crossings and we know they can be unpredictable at times so we need drivers to be extra vigilant.

At the end of the trial we will seek feedback from the public, schools and police to assess if the changes are proving effective.

Thank you for your patience and understanding as we carry out this trial. We know you'll appreciate the importance of making our roads safer, especially where so many children are present.



Tasman Mission creating future leaders

More than 100 Tasman primary school pupils learned about nutrition, culture, sustainability and more at the second annual Tasman Mission in early December.

The educational day out, held at outdoor recreation centre Whenua Iti, brings together school Envirogroups to compete in a fun range of challenges as they move around more than a dozen different stations. It grew out of the Moturoa Mission, a sustainability challenge event that ran for several years at Moturoa / Rabbit Island.

Activities this year included learning about oil spills, guessing how much sugar is in various foods, challenges to eat unusual raw food from the garden such as nasturtium flowers, learning Māori games, weaving harakeke, and identifying native birds, eggs and predators.

Council education and partnerships officer Claire Webster says, "Whenua Iti is the perfect location for this



event, and every kid who's there wants to be there. It's so much fun for them and leaves them wanting more."

Claire says the more aware students are of environmental and social problems and the effect they have on us all, the more likely it is that they'll grow up into knowledgeable, caring adults who are inspired to make positive changes in their community.

Freedom Camping Bylaw changes now in place

Following community consultation, we have confirmed some changes to designated freedom camping areas in the District, which are now in effect.

We received more than 120 submissions, and 21 people spoke to the Hearings Committee in support of their submission.

In light of the feedback, we have made the following changes to the Freedom Camping Bylaw:

- The permitted freedom camping site at Waitapu Bridge has been removed from the bylaw. This site is now under the control of Waka Kotahi NZ Transport Agency and will be managed by the agency with input from Manawhenua Ki Mohua. The Council no longer has jurisdiction in this area.
- The permitted freedom camping site at Taupata Point has been removed from the bylaw. This site will no longer be serviced with toilets and bins.

- The use of Decks Reserve in Motueka by non-self-contained vehicles has been removed from the bylaw. Only self-contained vehicles meeting the applicable standard may camp there in the allocated spaces.
- The freedom camping site at Alexander Bluff will be modified to create a specific area for freedom camping with marked spaces. There will be a limit of 40 vehicles allowed at the site.

These amendments mean that there are no non-self-contained freedom camping sites on Council-controlled land in Golden Bay.

Self-contained vans meeting the applicable standard may still camp in the allocated spaces at Motupipi car park. Mayor Tim King says, "We appreciate the high level of input from our community as we strive to find the right balance between welcoming visitors and protecting our important natural and cultural areas for everyone to enjoy.

"This will be a big change as it will be the first season that there won't be a Council-provided camping area for non-self-contained vehicles in Golden Bay. We'll have a team of Freedom Camping Ambassadors offering education and directing visitors to the other camping options available. They'll be backed up by our enforcement team when needed but we hope our visitors will embrace the change and enjoy a great holiday in the Tasman District."



Hundreds have a say on Tasman Environment Plan

Hundreds of locals have shared their views on how we care for our District into the future through 21 drop-in community events and a new feedback website.

The feedback we have received will help inform a new resource management plan, known as Aorere ki uta, Aorere ki tai – Tasman Environment Plan. The new plan will cover big topics such as freshwater, housing, biodiversity, air quality, the marine environment, natural hazards, strategic infrastructure, land disturbance, climate change and how we live and work in our region.

Tasman District Council Mayor Tim King is pleased so many have shared their views. "The new Tasman Environment Plan covers the built and natural environment; it's about the places we work, the places we live, and the places we visit. "Over October and November, councillors and policy staff heard from more than 850 people across our 21 community-based events. Common concerns and opportunities raised have been around freshwater management, affordable housing, sustainable growth, biodiversity and transport options.

"Thank you to everyone who came to a drop-in or visited the Tasman District Council tent at markets and the Richmond A&P Show. I've also been very impressed by the school children who have told us what they think makes Tasman special through art, stories and poems," said Mayor King. Council staff will begin processing all the issues and opportunities we've heard and continue working with councillors and iwi, before coming back next year with round two of engagement on some of our options.

The Tasman Environment Plan will be created by Tasman District Council in partnership with iwi and our communities over the next few years. It will be an important document that will eventually replace current council resource management plans as the blueprint for how we grow as a District, and use and care for our land, air, and water ki uta ki tai (from the mountains to the sea).



Help stop the spread of "lake snow" algae

Tasman District's alpine lakes have some of the cleanest and clearest water in New Zealand and we would like to keep it that way.

Tasman District Council, the Department of Conservation, Ministry for Primary Industries and Fish & Game New Zealand are working to combat the spread of the microscopic algae (*Lindavia intermedia*) that causes lake snow. Please help us to limit the spread of this algae in our lakes.

Lindavia intermedia is present in many of New Zealand's low nutrient lakes, including lakes Rotoiti and Rotoroa, in Nelson Lakes National Park. Much like the infamous Didymo (rock snot), this organism produces submerged clouds of mucus-like algae called lake snow. Luckily, it is not toxic to humans or animals nor is it likely to affect lake ecology. It's a nuisance because it sticks to fishing gear, boats, motors and people. It also clogs boat and watersupply filters.

This algae is easily spread between lakes on or in contaminated water crafts, trailers, clothing, boots, animals, tramping equipment, fishing gear etc.



It only takes one droplet of contaminated water or one small piece of the 'slime' to infect a new water body.

How to stop the spread

We can limit the spread by being vigilant. Check, clean and dry any wet or damp items and be especially cautious before entering a different lake or waterway. Spray infected gear with a 5% solution of dishwashing detergent, a 2% bleach solution, or nappy cleaner.

Together, we can stop this algae from spreading to our iconic alpine lakes.

More information is available on the following websites:

- www.doc.govt.nz/stopthespread
- www.mpi.govt.nz. Search "lake snow"
- www.fishandgame.org.nz/news/check-cleanand-dry-to-combat-lake-snow



Holiday hours and services 2020/2021

We're on call these holidays. For urgent or emergency issues you can contact us 24 hours a day on 03 543 8400, or via your local Council Service Centre number, which can be found by visiting tasman.govt.nz.

Christmas office hours

- All offices close from 3.00 pm Thursday 24 December 2020.
- The Murchison office is open on Tuesday 29 to Thursday 31 December 2020, 10.30 am – 12.30 pm and 1.10 pm – 4.00 pm. Other offices remain closed over this period.
- All offices reopen on Tuesday 5 January 2021.

Library hours

 Thursday 24 December 2020 – Murchison Library closes at 4.00 pm, Richmond, Motueka and Tākaka libraries close at 5.00 pm.

- Friday 25, Saturday 26, Sunday 27 and Monday 28 December 2020 – all libraries closed.
- Thursday 31 December 2020 Murchison Library closes at 4.00 pm, Richmond, Motueka and Tākaka libraries close at 5.00 pm.
- Friday 1, Saturday 2, Sunday 3 and Monday 4 January 2021– all libraries closed.

Building inspections

 Inspection services will close on Wednesday 23 December 2020 and resume on Monday 11 January 2021 from 10.00 am.

- The 20 day statutory processing clock will stop Sunday 20 December 2020 and resume on Monday 11 January 2021.
- Building Assurance will close for the Christmas / New Year break from 3.00 pm Thursday 24 December 2020, reopening on Tuesday 5 January 2021 with limited services.



CHANGES TO KERBSIDE COLLECTIONS FOR CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR



COLLECTIONS IN ALL AREAS EXCEPT RICHMOND REMAIN THE SAME THIS HOLIDAY PERIOD. CHRISTMAS DAY AND NEW YEARS DAY FALL ON A FRIDAY THIS YEAR SO SOME RUBBISH AND RECYCLING COLLECTIONS IN CENTRAL RICHMOND WILL BE ONE DAY LATER.

- If your usual collection day is Friday 25 December 2020, then your rubbish will be collected on Saturday 26 December 2020.
- The same changes will apply for New Year's Day with rubbish collected on Saturday 2 January 2021.

COLLECTION DAYAMENDED COLLECTION DAYFriday 25 December 2020Saturday 26 December 2020Friday 1 January 2021Saturday 2 January 2021



Please put all your rubbish and recycling out by 7.00 am

Please place your recycling bins and bags on the roadside in a location where our drivers can see them clearly. If you leave the area prior to collection day or have extra, you can drop your official rubbish bags and recycling at any Resource Recovery Centre free of charge.

Make sure you do not overfill your recycling bin or glass crate, or it will not be collected. If you need a second crate for glass, you can buy one from a Council office or Resource Recovery Centre for \$20.





Because this is a busy time of year our contractor will have extra vehicles on the road and will be starting early. Please remember to have your rubbish and recycling out by 7.00 am and please take care when passing our collection vehicles.

RESOURCE RECOVERY CENTRE OPENING HOURS

Our Resource Recovery Centres will be closed on Christmas Day and New Year's Day, but otherwise open as normal. Richmond RRC opening hours are Monday to Saturday 8.00 am to 5.00 pm, Sunday 10.00 am to 5.00 pm. From 20 December, the Tākaka and Collingwood Resource Recovery Centres will be open extended hours. Check our website for details.

For more information visit www.tasman.govt.nz For any collection queries during the holidays call us on 03 543 8400



Summer chlorination for Kaiteriteri water

The Kaiteriteri/Riwaka water supply will be chlorinated again this summer. The consequences of a water-borne illness outbreak in Kaiteriteri over summer would be serious and difficult to contain, especially with large numbers of people camping in close proximity.

The chlorination programme will start from 15 December and continue through to March 2021, covering the peak visitor period.

- Using a filter jug
- Chilling the water in the fridge first before drinking

If you have pet fish, we advise de-chlorinating the water before

topping up tanks. You can get a neutralising agent from pet stores. For more information about why we chlorinate water supplies, visit the website, tasman.govt.nz and search on chlorination.

You can reduce the taste and smell of chlorine simply by:

Community leader for Brightwater

Over the next few months, Newsline will profile the winners of 2020's Outstanding Community Service Awards, paying tribute to those who work so hard to make our District richer for everyone. This week, we're celebrating Brightwater's Patrick Lithgow.

A retired pharmacist, Pat has spent six years on the Brightwater Community Association, including two years as chairperson. One of the projects he has worked on is the Brightwater Village Green. With funding from the Council, Pat and his wife Angela renovated the Village Green gardens, extending the lawn and planting. Pat was also the catalyst for completing the car park behind the Green, as well as building the picnic table with fellow volunteer Charlie Symonds.

He also arranged for a book exchange to be sited on the Green, and for several other public seats to be built in Brightwater, including a seat of remembrance in front of the Anzac Memorial. Pat serves on the local committee of Ulysses New Zealand, as well as the Nelson Motorcycle Safety Group. He served for four years on Road Safe Top of the South, spending two years as a motorcyclist representative and two years as chairperson.

"Pat has always given his best to help the community especially in leading roles," says his nominator, Councillor Anne Turley. "With the support of his wife, Angela, he has been involved in multiple projects that enhance the community's wellbeing and safety."

Pat says he is "embarrassed" to win the award, as he is aware of many



others who worked on the projects with him and who continue to volunteer without recognition. But he believes that if you belong to an organisation, "you can only benefit from it if you help it".

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ROAD CLOSURES

Approved road closure

Applicant: Richmond Unlimited Event: Richmond Market Day Location: Queen Street (between the Richmond Night 'n Day and McIndoe Place) Dates and time: Wednesday 30 December 2020, 6.00 am to 6.00 pm

Queen Street bus stop closure

The Queen Street bus stops will be closed on Wednesday 30 December due to a road closure in place for the Richmond Market Day. A temporary bus stop will be set up on Talbot Street (opposite PAK'n'SAVE). Alternatively, catch the bus on the Salisbury Road bus stop between Talbot and Florence streets. This will also be the temporary bus stop for both the Richmond Loop services for the duration of the day.



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Maritime events

Event activity: NYE Fireworks **Date and location:** Thursday 31 December, Torrent Bay

Event activity: Lake Rotoiti Jetboat Family Fun Day **Date and location:** Saturday 23 January, Lake Rotoiti

Further details and any new events may be viewed at tasman.govt.nz/ maritime-events. The Harbourmaster has granted authorisation for these events under the provisions of the Navigation Safety Bylaw 2015.

Proposals to classify reserves in Moutere-Waimea Ward

We're proposing to classify reserves located within the Moutere-Waimea Ward (207 separate parcels of land in total), to give them a specified purpose. Submissions close on 15 March 2021. Find out more at tasman.govt.nz/feedback.



Survey seeks your views on water

Nelson Tasman water advisory group Water Futures is conducting an online survey to find out more about residents' views and concerns around water issues in our region.

"It's vital that the region's councils and the Government continue to increase understanding about people's views and level of knowledge around water," Water Futures chair Morgan Williams says.

Williams is a local resident and former Parliamentary Commissioner for the Environment.

Water Futures is an independent group of Nelson Tasman residents whose goal is to contribute to thoughtful consideration and decisions about water-related issues in the region.

The survey is available now at surveymonkey.com/r/ourwater.

Those who complete the survey go into a draw for one of two \$50 Prezzy cards.

Williams says the survey will close at the end of January and results will be made public on the group's website, as well as being presented directly to local and national Government by Water Futures.



Summer water sampling underway

We monitor a range of sites throughout summer so we can be assured of good water quality for swimming and watersports. However, there can be issues at times, especially following heavy rain when there is a chance of contamination from run-off. To play it safe, you shouldn't swim in discoloured water or for at least the first 24 hours – and preferably 36 hours – after heavy rainfall. See local water quality information on our website, tasman.govt.nz/link/swimming-water.

Toxic algae

We also keep a close eye on rivers for toxic algae (which could be harmful to pets or children if eaten) during the summer months and post results to our website. See tasman.govt.nz/ link/toxic-algae. You can help us keep on top of it by reporting large mats of algae when you see them. Email trevor.james@tasman.govt.nz with a photo of the algae attached, or call us on 03 543 8400.

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Murchison Sport, Recreation and Cultural Centre's Annual Christmas Gala

Saturday 19 December, 2.00 pm – 6.00 pm, Murchison Sport Recreation and Cultural Centre grounds. Free event.

Come along for a fun-filled afternoon of Christmas cheer! Stalls, bouncy castles, waterslide, raffles, vehicle decorating competitions and much much more! Our friend Santa Claus will be making a very special appearance.



Carols by Candlelight

Sunday 20 December, Washbourn Gardens, Richmond. Entertainment from 6.00 pm, carols from 8.00 pm.

Bring a picnic before the carols and listen to live music by Gerry and the Actrix. The kids will be entertained with face painting, giant bubbles, a special set of children's Christmas songs, and a visit from the big man in red himself. Candles will be available for a gold coin donation, with all funds going to New Zealand Riding for the Disabled. If it's wet, the venue will be Motueka Memorial Hall, which seats 450 people. Follow the event Facebook page for weather updates.

New World Motueka Teddy Bears' Picnic

Sunday 20 December, 10.00 am – 1.00 pm, Thorp Bush, Motueka.

Bring your favourite teddy, pack a lunch and enjoy the activities on offer. Face painting, sports equipment, rides and more. Lots of free giveaways!

Sport Tasman Christmas Movie

Wednesday 23 December, 6.00 pm. Upstairs at the Motueka Recreation Centre. Free.

Bring a picnic tea and enjoy a Christmas movie with the whole family.

Carols on the Green

Thursday 24 December, 6.30 pm, Junction Green, Tākaka. Free. A community event to celebrate family, community and Christmas.

Motueka Community Christmas Dinner

11.30 am – 2.00 pm, Friday 25 December, Memorial Hall, Pah Street, Motueka. Free.

A free Christmas dinner is available and everyone in the community living between Māpua and Mārahau is very welcome. Places are limited so please register early, either in person at Community House, Decks Reserve, The Salvation Army Family Store, phone Peter on 03 528 5089 or text Trindi 021 728 035. A special event *for* the community *by* the community.

Richmond Market Day

Wednesday 30 December, 9.00 am – 3.00 pm Sundial Square, Richmond.

Shopping, fun, music and entertainment for all the family at the most diverse market in the top of the south. Join Richmond businesses as they bring their specials out onto Queen Street along with market stallholders from all around New Zealand.

Higgins Heritage Park Community Craft Fair

Sunday 3 January 2021, 9.00 am – 3.00 pm, Higgins Heritage Park, 222 Pigeon Valley Road, Wakefield. Koha entry.

Enjoy the traction engine 'steam-up', the museum sheds and a large array of local and regional crafts, art and food stalls on the 'village green'. Fun for all ages. Plenty of free parking available on site.

Sand Sculpture Extravaganza

Sunday 10 January 2021, 10.00 am – 2.00 pm, Pōhara Beach. Gold coin donation.

The annual Golden Bay sand sculpture returns! This is a fun, non-competitive event to encourage everyone to have a go and let creativity rule.



Check out your Summer Events Guide for more great family activities taking place in Tasman this summer. You can pick one up from Council offices, libraries, or download it from our website: tasman.govt.nz/summer-events.