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Help us make Richmond's roads safer

Waka Kotahi NZ Transport Agency and Tasman District Council are working together on a business case to address Richmond transport needs over the next 30 years.

Our focus is on making Richmond a safer and more reliable place to travel around by offering everyone improved transport choices, whether you are driving, walking, cycling or taking a bus.

To do this we are using a business case approach to ensure we develop solutions that deliver the right outcomes. We are calling this project the Richmond Programme Business Case (PBC).

The PBC covers State Highways which are administered by Waka Kotahi NZ Transport Agency, and local roads which are administered by Tasman District Council.

The work completed on the PBC to date has identified an emerging programme of transport options that could be delivered over the

short, medium and long-term to deliver the following outcomes:

- Make Richmond's roads safer for everyone.
- Improve connections between streets and build safe and attractive walking and cycling paths, helping make Richmond an even nicer place to live.
- Help ensure journey times are more reliable for both people and freight, particularly during busy times of the day.
- Make it easier for people to walk, bike or take different transport options to get to work and school.

The emerging programme aims to address Richmond's transport issues both now and into the future, to ensure we meet the needs of everyone as Richmond continues to grow.

Have your say

Your feedback will help us understand your needs and if you think we have appropriately considered the transport needs for Richmond.

Share your feedback online, in person at one of our drop-in sessions or pick up a feedback form from the Richmond Council Office or Library and post it back through the Freepost address.

Feedback closes 13 August 2021.

To find out more and have your say visit nzta.govt.nz/richmondpbc or email richmondpbc@nzta.govt.nz

Attend a drop-in community event:

HAVE YOUR SAY

- Thursday 29 July, 4.00 pm – 8.00 pm, Waimea College
- Saturday 31 July, 9.00 am – 2.00 pm, Richmond Mall
- Tuesday 3 August, 9.30 am – 4.00 pm, Richmond Library
- Saturday 7 August, 9.00 am – 2.00 pm, Connings Food Market

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MEET YOUR REPRESENTATIVES

Abbie Langford – Golden Bay Community Board Chair

Kia ora, this is my second term as a community board member. I have learned a lot throughout my time on the community board and will continue to do so.

Being on the community board means a lot to me, it gives me the opportunity to support the people of Golden Bay and to advocate on their behalf.

In Golden Bay, we have been working with the Local Government Commission, Tasman District Council and Manawhenua ki Mohua to strengthen relationships and improve communication.

This has been an interesting and valuable process, with lots of

opportunity for the community to comment. We are in the process of drawing up a Charter which will guide the Council and the Board in the future.

Once the Charter is drafted, it will be released for public consultation so the community can tell us their thoughts on the document before it's finalised.

The Charter will provide a strong foundation for the Board, the Council and Manawhenua ki Mohua,

enabling them to work strongly together for positive outcomes for Golden Bay.

The Golden Bay Community Board is always keen to hear from members of the community, so if you think we can help, please get in touch.

Ngā mihi nui

Abbie Langford
Golden Bay
Community
Board Chair



Local Māori carving takes pride of place in Dutch museum

A richly carved wooden mounting pedestal created in Tasman District now proudly stands in the Abel Tasman Museum in Lutjegast, the Netherlands.

Since September 2018, the museum has treasured a koha from New Zealand, a stunning nine-kilogram polished piece of pounamu.

When Abel Tasman, who was born in Lutjegast, anchored in 1642 in Golden Bay, a cultural misunderstanding arose. There was a physical conflict with Māori and four of Tasman's crew were killed.

Three-hundred and seventy-five years after the event, the Abel Tasman Museum received the taonga named Ruamiki as a gift of reconciliation, which brought Māori-Dutch relations into a new phase.

For the taonga to take on its full meaning in the museum, the three Māori tribes of Golden Bay (Ngāti Tama, Ngāti Rarua and Te Ātiawa) who were represented by Manawhenua ki Mohua, were asked to make a wooden container for it to sit in.

The manufacture of the pedestal was made possible with financial support from the Municipality of Westerkwartier and the New Zealand Embassy in The Hague. Fonterra generously shipped it to the Netherlands at no cost.



Lutjegast Mayor Ard van der Tuuk and Lyndal Walker, New Zealand Ambassador to the Netherlands, unveil the work.

Housing preferences survey results released



The importance Nelson and Tasman residents place on various aspects of homes and locations have been discovered in the results of a regional housing preference survey.

It's important we understand these factors so we can zone land and shape our planning rules to better enable the types of homes people want to live in.

Tasman District and Nelson City Councils procured the survey from Market Economics and Research First in May 2021. The survey canvassed 600 residents with at least 80 percent from within the urban environment of Nelson, Hira, Richmond, Brightwater, Wakefield, Motueka and Māpua.

These responses are then tied to demographic characteristics to understand how people choose their homes and locations where prices played no part in choices. Respondents' financial constraints were also considered.

The survey gains a detailed understanding of factors important in choosing types of housing in an unconstrained manner as well as in a situation where they must make trade-offs.

- **71 percent** of residents prefer standalone homes
- **62 percent** of older residents prefer standalone homes
- **31 percent** of older residents prefer attached homes
- **66 percent** of residents could afford to buy a home in Nelson Tasman
- **34 percent** of residents could not afford to buy a home in Nelson Tasman
- **5 percent** of those who could not afford to buy could afford to rent

Those survey respondents that could not afford to purchase a house in the Nelson Tasman urban environment were asked about preferences for renting.

The location was ranked as most important by 46 percent of rental respondents – almost twice as high as the next category (house type). Least important in their choice is the dwelling's value.

The findings indicate that some of the urban demand may be driven to more rural areas of Tasman or even back into residential parts of Nelson, given they are constrained in terms of their first choices by affordability issues.

The highest-rated features for Tasman were the proximity to a GP/healthcare provider and the coast or beach.

Local environment features had some of the highest regarded features. Also, 78 percent consider that being safe from crime is very important, while 64 percent chose to be away from industrial areas and 62 percent safe from natural hazards.

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New Nelson Tasman Future Development Strategy underway

A new Nelson Tasman Future Development Strategy (FDS) will look at how Tasman District Council and Nelson City Council can help meet housing and commercial property demand over the next 30 years.

Both Councils committed to building on the current 2019 FDS, at a joint committee meeting held on 6 July, 2021.

Future development strategies are based on requirements set out by central government in its National Policy Statement on Urban Development (NPS UD), the latest of which came into effect in 2020.

The NPS UD sets out the Government's guidelines and rules for development in cities across New Zealand. The 2020 version includes new rules that match many of both Council's housing and sustainability goals.

The 2019 FDS will form a starting point for the draft, but all the sites currently identified for future growth will need to be reassessed under the new requirements of the NPS UD. Both Councils will now work on the strategy with the aim of releasing it to the public for consultation in 2022.

The new strategy will also help inform Tasman's 2024 10-Year Plan and Nelson's 2024 Long Term Plan.

Tasman District Council Growth Coordinator Jacqui Deans said the objective was to create a new strategy consistent with any new requirements under the NPS UD.

"We've got a fast-growing District and so we need to stay on top of things – actively monitoring this growth to keep up with ongoing demands is key."

Having a solid, up to date document would also put councils in a good place to bid for central government funding, she said.

Jacqui said Tasman's 10-Year Plan 2021 – 2031 showed how Tasman District Council was following through with planning for expected growth.

Combined infrastructure investment in our recently adopted 10-Year Plan included some of the future development sites from the last strategy period, which offered a starting point for the upcoming strategy.

Stay safe on icy roads this winter

The Tasman region has shivered through some of the coldest overnight temperatures for several years leading to very icy roads and dangerous driving conditions.

There have been numerous reports of ice related crashes already this winter.

Our contractors are out in the early hours every freezing morning spreading grit on the worst affected roads to improve surface conditions; however, motorists still need to drive to the conditions.

Grit only adds about 15 percent extra traction, so people still must take extra care on our roads.

The cabin of a car can be 20 degrees on a sub-zero morning, but the car being comfortable doesn't mean the road is free of ice and drivers can be lulled into a false sense of safety.

Our Road Safety Co-ordinator Megan Bell has some suggestions for safer winter driving.

- Grit itself can be very slippery and can be a big risk to a vehicles traction, especially motorcycles.
- The best way to navigate wet roads where ice could form is to slow down, drive to the conditions and not rely on grit to provide traction.
- Avoid sudden braking or turning movements that could cause you to skid.
- For vehicles without anti-skid braking systems, to avoid skidding or sliding, pump the brake pedal in short rapid bursts rather than pressing long and hard.
- Drive at a safe travelling distance because it takes longer to stop on slippery roads. In winter, especially in poor weather, double the two-second rule and leave a safe distance between you and the car you are following.

Megan says ice can remain on roads all day especially in areas shaded by high banks and tall trees. "These roads freeze sooner and may not thaw during the day."



Recycle your old car seats

Did you know your child's old car seat can be repurposed?

Every year thousands of old or out of date children's car seats are dumped in New Zealand, but in Tasman we have come up with a solution to divert them away from landfill.

We are part of the SeatSmart programme and subsidise the cost of recycling unwanted children's car seats. The usual price for getting rid of a seat is \$25, but with our Council subsidy people pay only \$10 when the seats are returned to our recycling partner Baby on the Move Nelson. Simply complete the application form on site, with your name and address, and a \$15 discount will be applied to the disposal fee.

Metal and most plastics from the dismantled seats are recycled, while straps are repurposed for handmade bags, like those from The Green Collective in Nelson.

There are lots of positive environmental and social outcomes from recycling car seats:

- Diverting tonnes of plastic and metal from landfill each year
- Providing dismantling work for people who have a disability, or are disadvantaged or marginalised
- Improving child safety by raising awareness of seat expiry dates
- Lowering the use of virgin materials to make new plastic and metal items
- Providing used materials to be repurposed into new items.

And did you know that car seats have expiry dates?

Manufacturers set an expiry date because during a car seat's lifetime 'Safe Use' labels fade and become hard to read. Frequent use and exposure to sunlight can damage and weaken plastic. Food, drinks, cleaners, and other materials that may have been spilled or used on webbing may also prevent them from working safely.



Safety regulations and standards also change, and safer products come on the market over time.

Contact Baby on the Move Nelson, our car seat recycling partner, for more information. You can find them on Facebook at facebook.com/babyonthemoveNelson, or email nelson@babyonthemove.co.nz.

Safe disposal of batteries urged after fire

A fire at the Tākaka Resource Recovery Centre earlier this month has highlighted the need for people to carefully consider how they dispose of batteries from electronic appliances.

The contents of a refuse compaction container caught alight while it was being filled prior to transportation to the landfill.

The incident sparked a full emergency response with fire crews from Tākaka responding. The specialist Hazardous Materials Unit was also called in from Nelson because the fire was in waste material. Heavy machinery was used to pull burning material from the container so fire fighters could fully extinguish it.

The fire forced the closure of the centre for several hours. While the source of the fire could not be determined, it is suspected it was caused by discarded batteries from electronic equipment or a cellphone.

Lithium-ion batteries supply power to many kinds of devices, including smart phones, laptops, e-bikes, scooters, e-cigarettes, smoke alarms, toys and even cars, but if they are not disposed of correctly they can overheat, catch fire, or explode.

Our Stormwater and Waste Management Team Leader David Stephenson says dumping old batteries is an increasing problem across the region. He says all Tasman Resource Recovery Centres are

equipped to receive batteries for correct disposal, while old cellphones can be returned to retailers.

David says it is vital that people think about how they get rid of electronic waste and keep batteries out of bins.



Library funding boosts community services

From building on bookshelf information to creating valuable resources for generations to come, the services provided by our libraries have increased thanks to some much-appreciated government stimulus funding.

Our two-year Library Secondment Funding Project is funded by the Government's Covid-19 relief and recovery fund. It is administered by the National Library's New Zealand libraries partnership programme to support librarians and library services nationwide.

This has enabled our library staff to play a key role in supporting their communities and people seeking jobs as part of the recovery from Covid-19.

Through this funding, two new staff members have been recruited for 18-month contracts to bolster reading, digital literacy and learning activity, while additional hours have been afforded to existing employees to further local history projects.

The project also received funding for a website transition to a new software platform, additional e-content and staff professional development.

Community Engagement and Outreach Specialist Lucy Carver comes from an education and

events background and says her role offers a great opportunity to "develop and implement initiatives that promote the library services within the community."

She can be found running the fortnightly pop-up library service at various spots around the District.

Lucy's other mahi (work) includes coordinating the Kapa Kōrero informal te reo conversation spaces, which take place each Monday in Richmond and Motueka on Friday.

Digital Learning and Digitisation Specialist Teresa Besley comes from an educational background and most recently worked for the New Zealand Defence Force.

Since starting in January, she has been running the Digi Drop-Ins and participating in Book a Librarian programmes through weekly sessions in Richmond and Motueka as well as twice-monthly sessions in Tākaka and Murchison.

Teresa said it was satisfying to see people increase their confidence and knowledge in using technology,

with some able to connect with friends and family overseas.

Her role has also assisted local job seekers in upskilling workshops to prepare them for potential employment.

Marketing and Events Coordinator Pania Walton has worked at the Richmond Library for the last six years. This funding has allowed her an extra 10 hours a week to develop an oral history collection that will eventually become available in perpetuity on the library's online platform.

"It's a real privilege being given access to people's stories. It's also an empowering process for our community members to take part in, and exciting for them to know their voices will be heard by future generations of family members." Pania says.



Community Engagement and Outreach Specialist Lucy Carver (left) and Marketing and Events Coordinator Pania Walton



Digital Learning and Digitisation Specialist Teresa Besley

Work pauses on Significant Natural Areas

In recognition of the successful Native Habitats Tasman Programme, we have decided not to begin work on desktop assessments of potential Significant Natural Areas (SNA) as we await the new National Policy Statement for Indigenous Biodiversity.

Tasman Mayor Tim King said the Council has decided not to pursue a District-wide SNA mapping project as has been carried out in other parts of New Zealand. This is in response to growing landowner concerns around the way we go about achieving our goal to reverse declining biodiversity.

"Conversations at recent landowner feedback events have highlighted the pressure that many rural landowners and businesses are facing," Tim said.

"We have heard from locals that uncertainty around what it will mean to have land classified as a SNA under the anticipated National Policy Statement for Indigenous Biodiversity (NPS-IB) is adding to their concerns."

"As a Council, we know that to achieve good long-term outcomes for biodiversity we need to all work together. In many places across the District, there are pockets of thriving biodiversity thanks to the good work of landowners who have nurtured their properties and restored native habitats."

"We are committed to working with our iwi partners, communities, and stakeholders to help support biodiversity restoration and have therefore taken the pragmatic decision to not begin desktop and aerial assessments of potential SNA while we await the NPS-IB."

We will continue to work with communities on other important resource management projects as part of the Tasman Environment Plan programme. This includes

progressing the Outstanding Natural Landscapes and Features and Coastal Environment Projects, natural hazards work, freshwater management, and preparing coastal communities for climate change.

Our pause on SNA work does not affect the District's long-standing voluntary survey programme. We have been working to survey land on a non-compulsory basis through the Native Habitats Tasman and wetlands programmes for years and this work is continuing.



Learn conservation skills with Project Moturoa

Enrolments are still open for Kaitiaki Whenua Project Moturoa – New Zealand Certificate in Conservation.

Taught through Nelson Marlborough Institute of Technology, Project Moturoa offers the chance to learn conservation skills from a Māori worldview. This programme is a great starting point for rangatahi (youth) and all that are interested would benefit from this one-year job training course.

Graduate students are equipped with the skills and knowledge to embark on a variety of conservation work opportunities throughout Aotearoa.

Just like Kaitiaki Whenua Trainee Ranger students, you will work alongside the Department of Conservation and regional Council staff to complete a mixture of practical and theory skills geared towards entry into a career in conservation.

We have lent support to Project Moturoa in previous years and continue to liaise with the programme through re-vegetation work on Moturoa.

You don't need to be fluent in te reo to enrol for Kaitiaki Whenua Project Moturoa.

The content and interactions with your tutors and iwi will offer you the opportunity to learn your mihi, karakia, waiata, and more.

It is based at the Richmond Campus and Moturoa (Rabbit Island).

With regular stays at a noho marae, you will develop an understanding of the history and teachings of iwi and work on a related iwi or marae-based project.

Skills taught include pest control, whakapapa of animals, the effect of humans on the ecosystem, understanding New Zealand's ecology, using conservation technology and how to build and maintain hiking tracks.

Register now at nmit.ac.nz, search 'Kaitiaki Whenua – Project Moturoa', or contact Pene Gieger on 027 250 9837.

Managing nitrates in Richmond's drinking water supplies

The issue of nitrate levels in ground water throughout New Zealand has been gaining headlines recently with people left questioning what is deemed safe and what is not.

The World Health Organisation measures nitrates in micrograms per litre (mg/L). It sets the limit for allowable nitrate-nitrogen levels in drinking water at 11.3mg/L and this has been adopted as the New Zealand Drinking Water Standards Maximum Acceptable Value.

Nitrates come from nitrogen which helps plants grow when added to farms as fertiliser. It also comes from discharges in paddocks used by livestock. These nitrates can leach from the soil into underground water systems.

Constant monitoring and management of the Richmond reticulated water supply shows nitrate (nitrogen) levels are below half the acceptable international

standard of 11.3mg/L at close to 5.0mg/L of water.

The Richmond urban water supply is drawn from aquifers under the Waimea Plains. These sources are the Waimea River bores and the Lower Queen Street bores. This dual supply system provides us with flexibility to blend the intake ratios to control nitrate levels.

Our monitoring shows localised, elevated nitrates in some ground water sites and with the nature of flow through the aquifers it will be an issue for some time to come. However, work is underway to identify targets for nitrate levels, ensuring all growers are using good practice, and defining what rules are needed in the new Tasman Environment Plan.

We are working collaboratively on farm management planning to help reduce nitrates over time, while understanding the implications of management changes on resident's access to fresh fruit and vegetables – the predominant land use on the plains.

We are also working with the Nelson Marlborough District Health Board and Ministry of Health to better understand any potential health implications for our residents, particularly what it may mean for rural residents taking drinking water directly from their private wells and bores.

All these workstreams will be the basis of an ongoing action plan to address the nitrate situation on the Waimea Plains into the future.

Draft maps changing following landowner feedback

Following feedback from landowners and stakeholders, the draft maps of the Tasman District Outstanding Natural Landscapes and Features, and the revised Coastal Environment area, have been changed to reflect local knowledge.

The Landscapes and Coastal Environment Projects are about safeguarding our valued landscapes and coast from specific future activities that would impact what makes them so special.

Senior Principal Planner Stephanie Styles is working closely on both projects and she attended all 13 community feedback events across the District. "Our Autumn engagement period closed at the end of June and we received feedback online and over the phone from more than 300 landowners.

"Hundreds more dropped in to our face-to-face events to talk about their specific property issues. Where appropriate, we digitally changed the proposed boundaries in response to their knowledge of the land.

"Having an extended feedback period on the draft maps has been hugely valuable. The changes we've made as a result of what we've learned from locals shows the process is working well.

"At some of our rural meetings we heard concerns from some feeling under pressure from increasing

regulation and we want to reassure people that these projects are not about stopping existing activities or removing ownership.

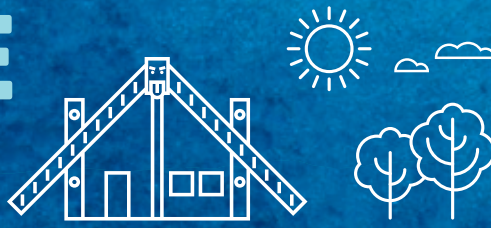
"We're grateful to have heard a range of perspectives through this engagement and recognise the hard work and passion in our communities," said Stephanie.

Further work with some landowners is required before we release revised maps later this year.

You can find more information on the Tasman Environment Plan website: environmentplan.tasman.govt.nz.



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Summer student internships

We're asking for expressions of interest from students who are interested in working for us over the summer period, from mid-November to mid-February.

We are a great organisation to work for, passionate about what we do, and full of people who want to make a positive difference. Working here, you'll get the opportunity to network and work with nationally and internationally recognised leaders in many different professions. You'll also have the opportunity to gain work experience in the field you're studying in.

This year we have vacancies in Engineering Services, Environmental Policy, Environmental Information (Hydrology, Resource Science and Biosecurity), Regulatory (Compliance Monitoring and Harbourmaster), and Information Technology.

Applications close Sunday 1 August.

Visit careers.tasman.govt.nz for more information and to apply.

Outstanding Community Service Awards

Often the unsung heroes of Tasman District fly under the radar, working tirelessly in the background keeping the wheels of numerous community groups and organisations turning. Now is the time for these fabulous people to be officially recognised in our annual Outstanding Community Service Awards.

Nominations are now open for this year's awards. Nominees must be residents of Tasman District and have been involved in a range of voluntary activities that have benefited their community for 20 years or more.

Nomination forms are available on our website and at all our service centres and libraries – please use them when nominating someone for an award.

Nominations close at the end of August. Visit tasman.govt.nz and search 'community awards'.



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Register your dogs now

It's the last week to register your dogs before penalty fees kick in on 31 July 2021. You can register your dog online, in person or by mail. If any of your details have changed, such as your address or the number of dogs you own, you also need to let us know. Visit tasman.govt.nz/dog-registration.

Last chance for 2021 Community Grant funding

Community Grants help get some of our most valuable community projects off the ground, and this year's funding closes on 31 July 2021.

Funding is available for projects that are either Tasman-based or will benefit Tasman residents, meet a community need and have community support. Priority will be given to projects that align with our community outcomes and can show financial support from other sources as well.

Visit tasman.govt.nz/grants for more information and to apply.



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Roadside spraying in rural areas

Our roading maintenance contractor is responsible for vegetation control within the road reserve and this includes the use of knock-down, residual and brushweed herbicides to remove vegetation growing in the roadway and around street furniture.

Residents can request that their rural property frontage not be chemically sprayed and instead undertake vegetation control themselves.

Rural residents who choose the “no spray” option must control the vegetation growth along their own property frontage to ensure road users are not impeded and all roadside signs and markers are clearly visible.

If you wish to apply for your property to be added to the “no spray” list, please contact Nikki Shepherd, Technical Officer Transportation, Tasman District Council, phone 03 543 7234 or email nikki.shepherd@tasman.govt.nz.

Buildit – online tool for consents

Are you interested in doing or managing the renovation or repairs to your home? To aid your decision-making process, the Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment (MBIE) has released an online resource – Buildit.

Buildit helps you find out if your building work needs a building consent, and what you need to do before starting physical work.

You will still need to check your proposed project meets all other Council requirements including, but not limited to, the need for a resource consent.

Please note that in all cases a building consent is required for pool barriers even if an exemption applies for the pool itself.

Visit buildit.govt.nz.

Roadside spraying on State Highways

Contractors employed by Waka Kotahi NZ Transport Agency, undertake an ongoing vegetation control programme to ensure roadside plants do not affect the safety or operation of the region’s state highway network.

People wishing to register their property as a “no-spray” zone, which requires a commitment to maintain a property’s highways frontage to specifications provided by Waka Kotahi, may do so by contacting Nicole White on 03 548 1100 or at WSP, Private Bag 36, Nelson.

Air quality exceedance

We measure the amount of PM₁₀ (very fine particulate matter smaller than 10 microns) in the air. The monitoring sites are located in Richmond Central (Richmond airshed) and a temporary site is located in Motueka (rest of the region airshed). The National Environmental Standard for Air Quality for PM₁₀ is 50 micrograms per cubic metre (µg/m³).

The PM₁₀ concentrations exceeded the 24-hour concentration of 50 micrograms per cubic metre (µg/m³) on the following dates in Richmond Central:

Day	PM ₁₀ concentration measured (µg/m ³)	Extent of PM ₁₀ exceedance (µg/m ³)
3 June 2021	54	4
4 June 2021	55	5
1 July 2021	52	2
2 July 2021	62	12

The total number of exceedances in Richmond for Winter 2021 is four.

In winter, most PM₁₀ in Richmond comes from wood burning. Burning only dry wood in a compliant woodburner can reduce PM₁₀.

For more information visit our website tasman.govt.nz and search ‘air quality’.

New financial reporting structure

Changes have been made to which committee we now report our financials to at Council. Going forward these reports will be presented to the Operations Committee instead of Full Council.

Every quarter of the financial year we present a Treasury Update and Quarterly Financial Update. This provides an update of our actual position against the Annual Plan or the Tasman 10-Year Plan 2021 – 2031.

The next update will be around November and will ensure we are tracking along the lines set out in the Tasman 10-Year Plan 2021 – 2031 which was adopted on 30 June this year.

COUNCIL HUI



Unless otherwise stated, all meetings will be held at Council Chambers, 189 Queen Street, Richmond. Access to meetings will continue to be available via Zoom video conferencing for those who are unable to attend in person. See tasman.govt.nz/meetings-calendar for details.

Civil Defence Emergency Management Group Committee

Tuesday 27 July, 9.30 am. No public forum.

Regulatory Committee

Thursday 29 July, 9.30 am. Public forum.

Tasman Creative Communities

Tuesday 3 August, 10.00 am. Motueka Service Centre, 7 Hickmott Place, Motueka. Public forum.

Saxton Field Committee

Wednesday 4 August, 9.30 am. Netball Pavillion, Saxton Field, Stoke. Public forum.

Operations Committee

Thursday 5 August, 9.30 am. Public forum.

WHAT'S ON IN TASMAN



Community planting days

Join in with the Battle for the Banded Rail community planting efforts.

- **Sunday 25 July, 9.00 am – 1.00 pm, Matahura Peninsula.** Access and parking on Apple Valley Road East.
- **Sunday 1 August, 9.00 am – 1.00 pm, Māpua Embayment/ Seaton Valley Stream.** Access and parking at 126 Aranui Road.

Please bring gloves, a spade and drinking water. Wear solid footwear and clothes suitable for the weather conditions. For more information, email bandedrail@gmail.com or phone Kathryn on 03 544 4537.

Sarau winter sale

Saturday 31 July and Sunday 1 August, 11.00 am – 3.00 pm, Moutere Hills Community Centre.

Moutere's annual winter fundraiser is coming up. This is an opportunity to stock up on your winter reading and support a community fundraising event. If you have books

to sell, bring them along to the Moutere Hills Community Centre during the weekend. There will also be a pop-up café.

Seed saving

Tuesday 3 August, 6.00 pm – 7.30 pm, Motueka Library.

When not reading, you may like to look toward the garden. Seeds to spare? Plants to share? Bring them along for a fun seed and plant swap. This free event features a talk with local organic market gardener, Miles Gwynne.

Understanding e-Books

Tuesday 3 August, 11.00 am – 1.00 pm, Richmond Library.

If you don't quite understand how to access e-Books or e-Audio books, you're not the only one. Luckily, we're providing a free session where we'll give you all the information you need to confidently access e-Books or e-Audio books from your own phone, tablet or other device.

Mobility scooter meeting

Friday 6 August, 2.00 pm – 3.30 pm, Richmond Library.

For those who enjoyed the mobility scooter ride through Spooners tunnel,

some are keen to establish a social group to explore other suitable off-road trails. Come to the meeting to discuss this further. Phone Mike if you have any questions, 03 544 5585.

Alphabet Soup

It's the epic reading challenge for adults you've been waiting for! Read 26 authors with surnames A to Z in one year and win nifty motivational prizes and discover new authors! When was the last time you read a book by an author with a surname beginning with X? Simply pick up your Alphabet Soup Reading Challenge card from your local library and get reading. Books read between 1 July 2021 and 30 June 2022 can be included in the challenge.

Staying Safe refresher course for older drivers

Wednesday 8 September, 10.00 am – 12.30 pm, Murchison Sport, Recreation & Cultural Centre Function Room.

This free classroom-based course will help you re-familiarise yourself with traffic rules and safe driving practices, helping you to remain independent for longer.

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