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Broadgreen Intermediate students learn about plastic recycling at the Materials Recovery Facility.

Plastic recycling – one year on from changes

It has been a year since Tasman District Council and Nelson City Council changed the policies on plastic recycling. We now collect only types 1, 2, and 5, with the goal of ensuring our plastic can continue to be recycled within New Zealand.

We collect about 3kg of plastic per person each year, and while the best way to avoid plastic waste is to not buy plastic in the first place, our community-wide effort has ensured that sorting at the Materials Recovery Facility (MRF) at Richmond continues to run very smoothly.

In fact, New Zealand may have done a little too well, with our domestic recyclers gradually reaching saturation, however whether New Zealand reaches capacity or not, it is vital that the community keep up their recycling efforts.

Our Stormwater and Waste Management Team Leader

David Stephenson says the advantage with the changes we made locally to what we collect is that we can now send away high value, superior quality bales which we are confident will be properly recycled.

“However, we hear a lot about how complicated recycling has become, but if you get the basics right, you’ll be doing just fine.”

David says if you’ve got a plastic bottle marked 1, 2 or 5, just chuck the lid in the bin then give the bottle a quick rinse, and its ready to go in your yellow recycling bin.

Smart Environmental Upper South Island area manager Yuri Schokking, who runs the Beach Road MRF, says his team appreciates the work Tasman and Nelson residents put in to reduce contamination.

“We take a lot of pride in being able to sort plastic waste accurately and efficiently, and that job is made much

easier when the recycling material coming into the MRF has clearly had a bit of effort put into it from residents.”

Yuri shared a few of the most frequent questions he gets about recycling.

Can I recycle pizza boxes? Yes, just clean off the food waste including cheese and put them in your yellow bin. A bit of grease is no issue.

What about mixed materials – things like Pringles containers or juice cartons? No these are not recyclable as they cannot easily be separated into their component parts.

Spray bottles? Yellow bin or rubbish bin? Take off the nozzle, put that in the rubbish bin, and the rest can go straight in the yellow bin to be recycled.

Egg cartons? These can be recycled, just put them in with your paper and cardboard in the yellow recycling bin.

MAYOR'S MESSAGE



Three Waters Reform decision still a fluid issue

The Three Waters Reform signals a significant change in how the community will receive its core services and from whom.

As with the impending Resource Management Act and Local Government reforms, there are significant implications for both the Council and the community. Not only about who provides the services but how the Council and the community input to or influence the future investment decisions and costs.

Merging the Three Waters functions of 67 councils into four statutory, publicly-owned water services entities to provide safe, reliable and efficient water services presents significant financial, governance and time implications.

Since July's announcement we have been working through the information provided by central

government to gain a clearer understanding of what Three Waters means for Tasman.

Staff will continue to assess the implications of the Three Waters Reform in more detail. A report was presented to the Council on 12 August 2021 (available online) and a second report will be presented in September 2021.

It's important that we make a fully-informed decision as to whether we will remain in or opt-out of the proposed reforms should the choice be available. We will need to seriously consider the risks and benefits.

At this stage, the Council has agreed to continue engagement with the Department of Internal Affairs to assess our options.

These include the ability to meet the new service levels and regulatory requirements set and enforced by Taumata Arowai, central government's new drinking water regulator.

The key issues that are being raised locally are around loss of ownership and the decisions that will be made outside the region without local knowledge or ownership. There are also concerns around whether the forecast efficiencies and cost-savings will be realised.

The reforms will be implemented by legislation. The Government has indicated that this process will involve some form of consultation with the community. However, at this stage it is unclear exactly what that consultation will entail. The Council will also consider what consultation it will need to do with the community over any future transfer of assets.

There will be some unique conversations to ensure we are advocating strongly for the Tasman community's best interest while considering the potential benefits offered by the reforms.

Mayor Tim King

New roundabout award winner

The construction industry has formally recognised the work done by Fulton Hogan on the recently completed Champion / Salisbury Road roundabout upgrade project.

The upgrade of the roundabout was completed well ahead of schedule. The quicker timeframe was a result of efficiencies being made throughout the construction process by our contractor, Fulton Hogan, including the use of specialised equipment.

The Civil Contractors NZ Nelson Marlborough Branch Awards were held in Nelson earlier this month where the project won the Hynds Projects over \$1.5 million award before being announced as winner of the Hirepool Supreme award for best overall project.



Tasman youth look to the future

Insightful, engaging and inspirational is just some of the feedback from Tasman's representatives who attended a major conference, Festival for the Future, in Wellington earlier this month.

Waimea Youth Council Chair Alice Hatton was one of our representatives and says an address by keynote speaker Sir Ian Taylor of Animation Research was outstanding.

She says he provided an amazing insight into how he began in an industry he had no prior knowledge of and how his company was able to excel internationally while remaining based in Dunedin.

Alice says the breakout workshops were also a highlight.

"I attended a 'Growth Mindset' workshop hosted by Xero and found this to be really impactful, significantly more so than the run of the mill discussions on looking after mental health."

Alice says the way this workshop was held encouraged participants to reassess their mindsets and how they deal with stress and other pressures.

"I found this particularly helpful in dealing with academic stress and pressure."

Other activities enjoyed by the group included a meeting at Parliament with the Deputy Prime Minister Hon Grant Robertson as well as other civic and business leaders.

The key message from many of the speakers at the festival was young people can create their own future even if they don't really know what shape it will take.

There were inspiring examples of young people with disabilities, some who grew up in families with a criminal past, those who were not doing well at school or who faced multiple failures – they all demonstrated that if you have passion and a team of supporters (whānau and friends), anything is possible.



Left to right: Piper Hung, Murchison Youth Councillor, Hazel Molloy, The Jam radio host on Fresh FM from Tākaka, Alice Hatton, the chair of the Waimea Youth Council and Britney Heal, the chair of the Motueka Youth Council.

Youth Hub to be established in Motueka

In a bid to create a central gateway and information point for our youth, the Motueka 2030 Group applied for and received a significant grant that will assist our young people.

The aim now is to use the grant to create and manage a physical and virtual hub for 16–25 year olds who are seen as the most disconnected and at-risk in the new Covid-19 world.

Motueka Ward Councillor Trindi Walker says many in this demographic feel particularly derailed by Covid-19 as dreams became physically unattainable and eventually lost relevance.

"We know through strengthening connections and access for this group we will build more resilience."

The group's next steps include securing a suitable venue and staff

and establishing partnerships with other groups and organisations who are working with and for the youth of Motueka.

The group cites the importance of connectedness between individuals but also agencies, which Motueka has a variety of.

The experience of Covid-19 has shown that for many, including our rangatahi, it can be more difficult to form and maintain these important connections. It is more challenging to ensure that those who need access to services and support are actually getting them.

"A common frustration is that there is no central gateway or information point. This can lead to a failure to reach those who need it most."

"This is particularly so for young people as they do not know what support is out there for them or where to start looking," Trindi says.

Please contact any of the Motueka 2030 members Trindi Walker, Ann Martin, Linda Glew, Joni Tomsett, Maluz Moreno or John Prestidge if this initiative could help you or you want to be involved.

Cabinet art spreads across Tasman

Chorus is once again working with Tasman District Council to extend its cabinet art programme in the District and is calling for input from local artists.

One cabinet each in St Arnaud, Motueka, Clifton, Richmond and Aniseed Valley has been chosen for beautification and artists are encouraged to get their designs in.

The project has been so successful previously that Chorus and Tasman District Council have extended it further.

These cabinets become works of art in the street, often telling stories about the community and helping to discourage tagging.

Our Road Safety Coordinator Megan Bell will again be coordinating the project and says it is a fantastic

opportunity for artists to highlight their talents, to not only the local community but also the wider world.

“This is a win-win for our communities. Not only do we get fantastic art works in our streetscape, but it also provides a public platform for our local artists to promote themselves.”

Requests for designs are now open and the winning design for each cabinet will be chosen from entries received. Submissions close 1 September 2021.

All finished art will be included on the Chorus website and will be considered for the 2022 Chorus Cabinet Art calendar, copies of which are sent around the world.

You can find more information on Chorus’ dedicated web page: chorus.co.nz/community/cabinet-art-programme



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Grants for event waste minimisation

If you are holding a public event anywhere in Tasman, we may be able to help with some of the costs of dealing with waste through a wide range of waste minimisation initiatives.

We have Waste Minimisation Grants of up to \$500 available to help organisers reduce the amount of waste at an event, with the aim of raising awareness of recycling, recovery, and composting.

Applications are open year-round, but you must use the funding within six months of receiving it.

The criteria for the grants are:

- The event takes place in Tasman or will benefit Tasman residents.

- It must be for a specific event or activity.
- It is for not for profit, schools, charitable and voluntary community groups or organisations – it is not available for individuals.
- You must identify benefits to the community that will result from our funding support.
- It needs to align with our Waste Minimisation Plan which is our blueprint for achieving waste reduction across the region. This has a target of reducing waste to landfill by 10% per person by 2030. The plan provides common goals, objectives and policies across the region to reduce waste and increase recycling.



The grants can be used for one-off projects or events, service delivery costs, material and equipment hire and monitoring and evaluation.

If you are successful in obtaining a grant, you will need to complete an accountability report to show how the money was used.

You can find more information on our website, tasman.govt.nz, search 'Waste Minimisation Grants'.

Wastewater under pressure

Over the past month our wastewater systems have been put under pressure by heavy rainfalls.

The Motueka Wastewater Treatment plant was probably the hardest hit by the heavy rain. The water level in the main oxidation ponds rose so high that our engineers were forced to pump partially treated water to the wetland area which resulted in some overflowing to the coast. However, there were other parts of Tasman where the wastewater system didn't cope either.

Why does this happen?

Rainwater and groundwater enter the wastewater system through a variety of defects on public and private property. The systems are not designed to carry all this water which causes them to overflow.

How can property owners help?

Property owners play a vital role in reducing the risk of overflows. The best thing to do is a quick check of downpipes, gully traps and sumps.

Downpipes

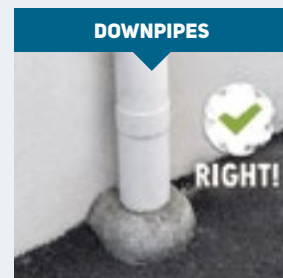
Where do your downpipes go? They should connect to the stormwater system. If the downpipes from your roof connect into a gully trap, then you need to re-direct it into the stormwater system.

What is a gully trap?

A gully trap is a plumbing feature that should only receive wastewater from your kitchen, bathroom and laundry. The gully trap connects to the sewer network which takes wastewater to the treatment plant. The top or surround of the gully trap should be above ground level and partially covered to stop stormwater/rainwater and other foreign matter entering it. The surrounds of the gully trap must be 50mm above a paved surface or 100mm above an unpaved surface.

What about sumps?

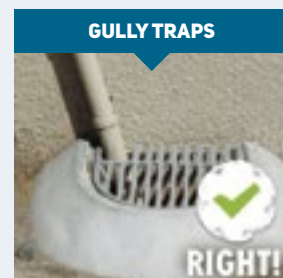
A sump is a stormwater feature that collects rainwater from external surfaces such as driveways and patios. The sump must connect to the stormwater system, not the wastewater system. The best way to test for a cross connection without calling a plumber or drain layer is to check for a strong foul odour.



Correctly installed above ground



Downpipe going into gully trap



Correct height above ground



Gully trap at ground level

Nelson Tasman CDEM looking for volunteers

Nelson Tasman Civil Defence is looking for local volunteers in Murchison and Golden Bay to help their communities in an emergency.

If you want to make a real and positive difference in your community, are enthusiastic, committed with a can-do attitude, have a desire to learn new skills and volunteer in the community, and can smile when the going gets tough, then this is for you!

To be able to have a role within a Civil Defence Centre (CDC) you need to have an understanding employer or home situation that allows you to go and help others at short notice, be over the age of 18 and have a satisfactory NZ Police check.

Come along and attend a free half day workshop to become an effective volunteer within a CDC, providing a hub for welfare and information services in an emergency. These workshops will be:

- Sunday 5 September, 1.00 pm – 5.00 pm, Murchison Sports and Recreation Centre
- Saturday 18 September, 9.00 am – 1.00 pm, Collingwood Area School Hall

Registrations required. If you are interested or would like more information please contact Nelson Tasman Emergency Management on em.admin@ncc.govt.nz or 03 543 7290.



Seek and destroy Woolly Nightshade

Originally from South America, Woolly Nightshade, *Solanum mauritanium*, is a pest plant that can grow up to 10 metres high and live for more than 20 years. It forms dense colonies that prevent native plant regeneration. The dust from the leaves and stem can irritate the skin, eyes, nose and throat. It seeds prolifically and the berries are poisonous to humans, cattle and pigs.

Woolly Nightshade grows in many parts of the region but in Golden Bay infestations of the pest plant are sparsely spread which makes its complete destruction worthwhile and achievable.

As part of the Tasman-Nelson Regional Pest Management Plan, residents in Golden Bay are now legally obliged to destroy all Woolly Nightshade plants on their properties.

For information on how to eradicate Woolly Nightshade, get a copy of a "Controlling Shrub Invaders" brochure at your local service centre or on our website, tasman.govt.nz, search 'controlling shrub invaders'.

Financial assistance available for heritage building owners

In Tasman we value our history and our heritage buildings. But as anyone who owns an older building will tell you, they're not always cheap to restore or maintain and that's why we have a special programme to help cover some of the cost.

Well maintained heritage buildings, structures and sites are a sign that the community cares about its heritage.

Our Heritage Building Restoration Initiatives offers a financial helping hand for repainting of \$200 toward the cost.

If you are planning to repile, reroof, replace guttering or do earthquake strengthening we can contribute up to \$500 for projects less than \$100,000, or up to \$1,000 for works costing more than \$100,000.

To be considered to receive funding, you will need to complete an application form and send it through to us. You must apply before work begins then payment will be made on completion of approved work, once receipts have been received.

We also have partnerships with companies that work in the restoration field who offer discounts for products and services.

Full details are on our website, tasman.govt.nz, search 'Heritage Initiatives'.



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Last chance to nominate your local community hero

Nominations for this year's Outstanding Community Service Awards are closing soon. Often the unsung heroes of Tasman 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. Nominees must be residents of Tasman 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 to nominate someone for an award. Nominations close 31 August. Visit tasman.govt.nz and search 'community awards'.

Input invited on the future management of Motueka Aerodrome

The Motueka Aerodrome Management Plan is being revised and is now open for feedback until the end of this month. The Management Plan enables us to coordinate Motueka Aerodrome's use, operations, maintenance and development safely, efficiently and cooperatively with the aerodrome's users. The plan provides general objectives, standard conditions of use and allowable uses for the aerodrome. The current revision includes updates to personnel, map and chart updates and minor wording changes. We want to hear from you if you have any feedback on these changes.

You can download a copy of the plan from our website and make a submission by either using the online form, via email or by writing to us at Tasman District Council, Private Bag 4, Richmond, 7050. Visit tasman.govt.nz/feedback. The deadline for submissions is 31 August.

Inflation increases for Development Contribution Charges

After being adjusted for inflation, new charges for Development Contributions now apply. Developments with consent applications lodged prior to 1 July 2018 are covered by the 2015 – 2025 Development and Financial Contributions Policy. The Development and Financial Contributions Policy ensures that those people developing properties and who directly benefit pay their share of the growth related costs of that infrastructure. The rationale for the rates in the revised 2021 – 2031 policy is explained in the policy itself. For full information on development contributions, and the changes to the charging schedule please refer to our website, tasman.govt.nz, search 'Development Contribution Charges'.

Where to go when you need to know

In the past month there have been several weather situations that have affected many parts of the Tasman community. Storms forced the closure of many roads which left some people trying to find accurate information about what was happening, where and when.

The quickest and easiest place to look for immediate information about local roads is our website, tasman.govt.nz, or our Facebook page, facebook.com/TasmanDistrictCouncil. Information about state highways can be found on the Waka Kotahi NZ Transport Agency website, nzta.govt.nz.

We can also send a message directly to your phone if there are problems on our roading network with the Antenno app, which is downloadable free from your phone's app store. With Antenno you can also report a problem to us with the click of a button.

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.

Joint Shareholders Committee

Tuesday 24 August, 1.30 pm. Public forum.

Community Grants Committee

Wednesday 25 August, 9.30 am. Public forum.

Nelson Regional Sewerage Business Unit

Friday 27 August, 9.30 am. Rūma Waimārama, Nelson City Council, 210 Trafalgar Street, Nelson. Public forum.

Nelson Tasman Regional Landfill Business Unit

Friday 3 September, 9.30 am. Rūma Waimārama, Nelson City Council, 210 Trafalgar Street, Nelson. Public forum.

Thinking ahead for peace of mind

There is no age limit. No matter what your age, the best time to plan is now. Pre-planning and pre-payment leaves nothing to chance and gives you and your family one less thing to worry about. We are here to help answer your questions

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Community planting days

Sunday 22 August, 9.00 am – 1.00 pm,
Reservoir Creek Embayment.

Park at the Aquatic Centre and walk through the highway underpass to the estuary.

Sunday 29 August, 9.00 am – 1.00 pm,
Moturoa/Rabbit Island South Coast.

Park at 98 Ken Beck Drive, just over the Rough Island to Moturoa/Rabbit Island bridge.

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

Killer cover letters

Wednesday 25 August, 10.00 am – 12.00 pm, Motueka Library.

Looking for a job? You'll want to know how to write a killer cover letter then. Come along to our workshop and we'll show you how to write an impressive cover letter. Phone Motueka Library, 03 528 1047, to book your spot. Free.

Saturday stories and songs

Saturday 28 August, 10.30 am – 11.00 am, Richmond Library.

There's nothing quite like stories and songs on a Saturday morning to get the weekend off to a good start. Bring the little ones in your life along for 30 minutes of fun. This session is best suited for babies and pre-schoolers and their caregivers. Free.

Outdoor movie night – Coco

Friday 3 September, activities from 5.00 pm, movie from 6.00 pm, Washbourn Gardens.

We are hosting a screening of Coco, a family animation film inspired by the Mexican Day of the Dead, along with music, activities, face painting and a taco truck before the movie. If wet, this will be moved to 10 September.

Alphabet soup

Read books by authors with surnames starting with each letter of the alphabet over the course of a year! You'll discover new authors and receive regular motivational prizes. Any adult fiction or non-fiction books read between 1 July 2021 and 30 June 2022 count. Pick up a participation form from your local library.

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