



## New Motueka Library set to open soon

The brand new Motueka Library is just days away from its grand opening, with the Wallace Street facility set to welcome the public from 9.30am on Saturday 19 March.

The handover of the 1,100 square metre building – a \$5 million project – at Deck's Reserve took place in December and final touches and fitout have been taking place in recent weeks.

The library features a community room catering for up to 50 people.

The space is equipped with presentation and video conferencing technology for community meetings, events and workshops.

Solar panels have been installed to create sustainable power.

"The team are so excited about the new library, and we can't wait to deliver our services here and welcome the community," Motueka Branch Librarian Janine Gillions said.

Please note that under the Covid Protection Framework Red setting, we'll need to limit the number of people who can be in the library at the same time.

People may need to wait to come into the library. However, we'll be celebrating the library's opening all week, so there'll be plenty of opportunities to see the new setup in its first few days.

### Pah Street Library

Our former library premises on Pah Street will be closed from 1.00 pm on Saturday 5 March. The after-hours returns bin will close at this time, so no returns can be accepted until the new library opens. However, no books will fall due during this time, so you may want to take out some extra books to cover you for the two-week closure.

# MEET YOUR REPRESENTATIVES



## Brent Maru – Motueka Community Board

The past two years have certainly tested our community as it has throughout the world, but I remain heartened by the community spirit that continues throughout Motueka.

I do wish to acknowledge our healthcare workers in particular for the enormity of hours they have undertaken and simply say thank you.

In High Street, we now see stage two of the SH60 upgrade, with work on traffic signals being undertaken at High and Tudor Street corners. The improvements already completed on SH60 have proved their worth and I could only imagine a time when turning right at either

King Edward Street / Old Wharf Road or Greenwood Street / Pah Street corners would be so easy and safe.

Our community will also soon be celebrating the completion and opening of Motueka's new library.

The Motueka Community Board is in the early stages of exploring an upgrade to the Motueka skatepark and the development of a dog exercise park. We have recently

become aware of the safety concerns with traffic along Martin Farm Road in Kaiteriteri too.

Finally, let's remember it is people who make our community, Motueka is a special place to live because of our people. We have been through and continue to navigate challenging times, but let's continue to show respect and look out for each other.

**Brent Maru**  
**Motueka Community Board**

## Wetland being rebuilt for endangered birds

The first stage of a wetland creation project designed to enhance the ecological value of Waimea Delta is about to begin.

The multi-stage project will encompass the creation of freshwater wetland areas in a low-lying arm of the Waimea River, just east of Pearl Creek. The site is adjacent to salt marsh and downstream from the cycle bridge along Tasman's Great Taste Trail.



Over the next three weeks, work will focus on creating small ponds alongside the existing channel to increase the area of open water.

The work will be undertaken by experienced operators from both Downer and the Council.

The Delta project is part of the Waimea Inlet Enhancement Project, funded by the Ministry for the Environment and Tasman District Council.

Project manager George Daly said the site has been selected as having huge potential for restoring habitat for marsh birds such as Matuku (Australasian Bittern).

It will also provide a beneficial habitat for other species, including

īnanga, kōkopu, eels and everything that feeds on them.

"There are limited freshwater wetland sites left that are adjacent to salt marsh, particularly in Tasman Bay. This makes this site an important opportunity for building ecological linkages. River delta systems are known worldwide to have some of the richest biodiversity," George says.

Terrestrial planting around the area is planned over winter, followed by further wetland planting in spring.

Phase two will take place in early 2023.

The broader work plan includes widening channels and creating new swamps and marsh to create diverse wildlife habitats and enhance habitat connectivity.

# Future Development Strategy consultation goes online

Tasman District Council and Nelson City Council are working on a joint 2022 Future Development Strategy (FDS).

The FDS is a strategic plan that covers residential and business potential sites within the Nelson and Tasman regions over the next 30 years.

The strategy looks at how and where we can create more capacity for development (for housing and business) and identifies the infrastructure required to support it.

The FDS does not rezone the land, but it informs our Resource Management Plans. Before the FDS is adopted by both councils, we are

going out for consultation so you can have your say.

This consultation will run from 14 March 2022 to 14 April 2022. Hearings are scheduled for April and May and following deliberations the FDS may be adopted by both councils in July 2022.

To ensure any business or residential growth occurs in a way that best benefits those who live here now and over the next 30 years we need your input.

The FDS will influence all of our futures, where we will be able to live, the availability of housing and the types of housing we, our children and grandchildren will be able to live in.

To keep everyone safe while we are at Red on the Covid Protection Framework, in-person community consultation events will not take place. Instead, we have a comprehensive online consultation programme.

**For details on these online events, go to [tasman.govt.nz/fds](https://tasman.govt.nz/fds).**



## Engagement on the way for growth plan changes

We are also working on a plan change to rezone land for housing in Murchison, Brightwater and Wakefield and to enable higher densities on residentially zoned land in Māpua and Motueka.

A plan change is normally the next step in the process following the adoption of the FDS. However, in this case the FDS and the plan change to

rezone land are working concurrently to enable Tasman to meet its growing demand for housing.

We expect Tasman to remain a desirable area to live in the future.

As we prepare to meet this potential demand, we want to have your input into how we can best accommodate the expected growth in our region and the proposed plan change areas and rules.

The plan change will go through a formal process of notification, submissions, hearings and decision making.

This consultation will run at the same time as the FDS consultation, from 14 March 2022 through to 14 April 2022.

**Visit our website for more information, [tasman.govt.nz](https://tasman.govt.nz), search 'growth plan changes'.**

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Breathing in these fine traces of pollution can lead to coughing and breathing difficulties. They can aggravate asthma and harm our cardiovascular systems.

The particles come from numerous sources, but here in Tasman they mostly come from wood burning

from home heating and outdoor burning, industrial emissions, exhaust fumes from vehicles and wind-blown dust, pollen and even sea salt.

Like it or not, winter is just around the corner and that's when our air quality is at its worst in Tasman.

To highlight the issue this month we're running a special awareness campaign, including a competition, to encourage our community to investigate what we can do to improve air quality both at home and in the workplace.

We've also released a new air quality information booklet that includes extremely useful tips on how you can help our air stay healthy.



You can learn more about the competition and find the information booklet on our website or pick up a competition pack and hard copy information booklet from one of our service centres or libraries from Monday 7 March.

Visit [tasman.govt.nz/air-aware](http://tasman.govt.nz/air-aware).

**If we work together, we can all breathe a little easier this winter. Join us and become 'Air Aware.'**

## Fish Passage project starts swimmingly

We are excited to be progressing our Jobs for Nature project to improve fish diversity and abundance in the Tasman region.

The focus of this fish passage work is to support private landowners by assessing any in-stream structures (such as culverts) and completing remediation when required and within the scope of the project funding.

This work is happening as part of the Government's Jobs for Nature Freshwater Improvement Fund projects, made possible with funding provided by the Ministry for the Environment and Tasman District Council.

Currently work is being completed in Sherry River / Tadmor and beginning in Riwaka, Aorere Valley and selected areas of the Moutere as part of the start-up phase.

While only just the start, 200 assessments, 34 remediations and one fish survey have already been completed.

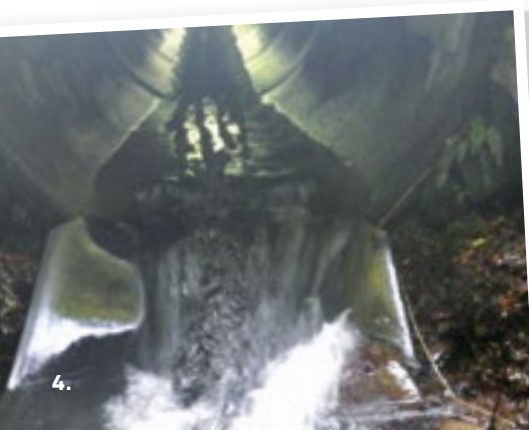
Once the initial start-up phase is complete, work will focus on the Golden Bay region, moving

systematically by catchment. Over the five-year project, additional areas will be added.

Landowners with in-stream structures in waterways can expect to hear directly from the dedicated, trained team from Kūmānu Environmental (a division of Nelmac), who have been contracted to carry out the work.

The team will arrange a scheduled day to assess any in-structures and if possible, will remediate on the same visit or schedule a subsequent visit to complete.

**For more information go to [tasman.govt.nz](http://tasman.govt.nz) and search 'fish passage project updates.'**



# Recognising Roger Tait

Over the next few months, Newsline will profile the winners of 2021'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 Tākaka's Roger Tait.

Roger and the Tait family have been part of the Golden Bay Recreation Park and wider sporting scene for more than fifty years.

Following in his father Ian's footsteps, he became voluntary caretaker of the park in 2000.

For the past 20-years, until last year, Roger was the President of the Golden Bay Recreation Park committee, working with the clubs using the fields, the volunteers who

set out signage and seating for home games and the locals who mowed the fields.

He's an honorary life member of the Tākaka Rugby Club and has served ten years on the Golden Bay Shared Recreation Facility Inc. He was part of the committee that worked through the planning and development of the new council-community facility and has been on the governance board since 2016.



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In nominating him for the award, Sara Chapman says Roger Tait is a man of deeds not of words, never seeking reward or recognition but richly deserves this acknowledgement for his past and present community service.

# Sandeman Reserve barrier arms to be installed

To ensure public safety in the unlikely event of an emergency, we recently approved an easement for the installation and ongoing operation of barrier arms over two sections of Tasman's Great Taste Trail within Sandeman Reserve, Richmond.

AICA New Zealand Limited operate a manufacturing plant at 35 Sandeman Road, Richmond, making glue for Nelson Pine and other wood processing operators. The facility adjoins Sandeman Reserve, where a section of Tasman's Great Taste Trail passes through.

Under WorkSafe legislation, AICA's facility has been classified as a Major Hazardous Facility. As such, they are required to be able to shut off access along the trail that runs through the Reserve in the event of an accidental toxic gas release.

At our recent Regulatory Committee meeting, an easement was granted over two very small sections of Sandeman Reserve to install two solar powered, remote controlled barrier arms that would only be lowered in an emergency event

where there is a potential danger posed to the public.

The barrier arms will provide a warning system with flashing lights and restrict access until the site is made safe.

AICA will meet all costs associated with obtaining the easement and installing and maintaining the barrier arms, so there will be no cost to the Council.

Installation of the barrier arms will begin in the coming weeks.

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# Salisbury Road watermain works are about to begin

We're about to start work upgrading the water supply network along Salisbury Road. The existing pipework is old and fragile, so the new network will minimise the risk of pipes breaking and water supply disruptions.

This involves installing two new watermains on Salisbury Road (one between William Street and Templemore Drive and the other between William Street and Arbor-Lea Avenue) and installing new water connections to all properties between William Street and Holdaway Grove.

To minimise disruption, work will be done in sections, starting at the corner of William Street and Salisbury Road on Monday 7 March and continuing down Salisbury Road towards Champion Road. We expect all work to be finished in July 2022.

These works will cause some congestion, so please be patient, expect delays and use an alternative route if you can.

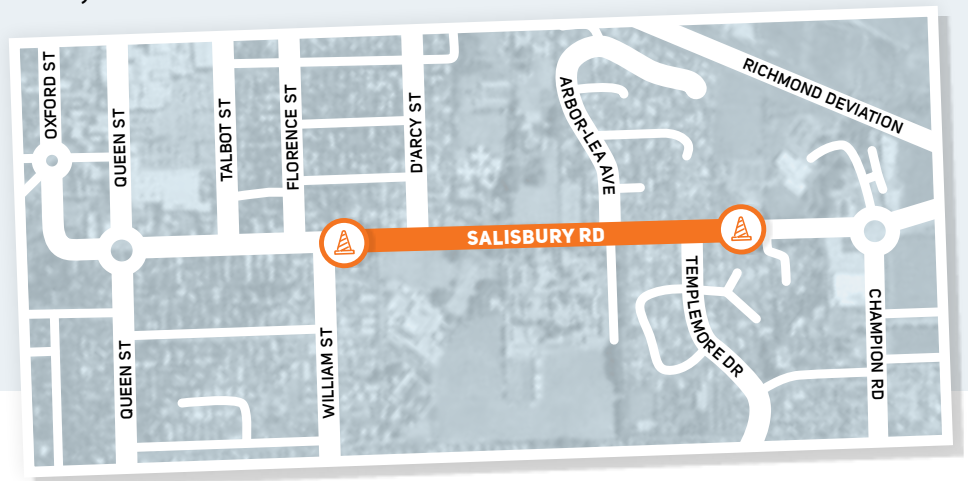
We plan to maintain two-way traffic for all works during the day, but there will be sections of the road where restricted lane sizes and reduced speeds are in place. Works that cross or are in the middle of Salisbury Road will be done at night with stop/go traffic management in place.

Footpaths and cycle lanes may also be affected in some areas, with diversions in place for pedestrians and cyclists.

Bus services, including school pick-ups and drop-offs, will continue as normal but there may be some delays. If you are a parent dropping your child at a school or early childcare centre along Salisbury Road, please consider using an alternative drop-off point during the works.

If you have any questions, please phone Fulton Hogan Public Liaison Manager Jared Todd on 03 547 9789 or email [projects@tasman.govt.nz](mailto:projects@tasman.govt.nz).

**For more information visit [tasman.govt.nz/projects](https://tasman.govt.nz/projects).**



## Vote 2022

Local government elections are happening throughout Aotearoa this year. Postal voting opens in late September and closes on election day, 8 October. If you want to have a say in the future direction of Tasman District, either by standing for election or voting, you must first be enrolled to vote.

You are eligible if you are 18 years or older, a New Zealand citizen or permanent resident, and you've lived in New Zealand continuously for 12 months or more at some time in your life.

You can enrol to vote by visiting [vote.nz](https://vote.nz) or by calling the 24-hour freephone number 0800 36 76 56 or texting your name and address to 3676 to have an enrolment form sent via mail.

Tasman District is a vast geographical area covering 9,786 square kilometres. It is divided into five wards, Golden Bay, Lakes-Murchison, Motueka, Moutere-Waimea and Richmond. There are also two Community Boards in Golden Bay and Motueka.

Over the next few months, we'll explain the local electoral process in more detail and speak to former councillors and mayors who have left their mark in some way on Tasman.

People have many varied reasons for wanting to stand for council or mayor, but most have a powerful desire to represent and serve their community and leave a positive legacy for future Tasman residents.

Now is the time to think about enrolling or putting your hand up as a local body candidate.

## Key dates

- **15 July 2022:** Candidate nominations open and roll opens for public inspection
- **12 August 2022:** Candidate nominations close and roll closes
- **16 – 21 September 2022:** Voting documents delivered
- **16 September – 8 October 2022:** Progressive roll scrutiny, special voting period, early processing
- **8 October 2022 at 12pm:** Election Day – voting closes midday
- **October/November 2022:** Elected members' swearing in ceremonies



# NEWSLINE UPDATES



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## Communication survey now closed

Thank you to everyone who took part in our recent communication channel survey. The winners of the five \$50 Prezzy Cards will be announced in the next issue, and we will provide a summary of the feedback later in the month.

## Maritime event

The Harbourmaster has granted authorisation for this event under the provisions of the Navigation Safety Bylaw 2015.

**Event activity:** Rotoiti Power Boat Club Regatta  
**Date and location:** Saturday 12 March and Sunday 13 March, Lake Rotoiti, Kerr Bay

Further details and any new events can be viewed at [tasman.govt.nz/maritime-events](https://tasman.govt.nz/maritime-events).

## COUNCIL HUI



Under Covid-19 restrictions, meetings will take place via Zoom video conferencing. Public forum presenters are required to present via Zoom. Visit [tasman.govt.nz/meetings-calendar](https://tasman.govt.nz/meetings-calendar) for the Zoom link.

**Submissions Hearing (Moutere/Waimea Reserves Management Plan deliberations)**  
Wednesday 9 March, 9.30 am

**Full Council**  
Thursday 10 March, 9.30 am

**Nelson Regional Sewerage Business Unit**  
Friday 11 March, 9.30 am

**Golden Bay Community Board**  
Tuesday 15 March, 9.30 am

**Motueka Community Board**  
Tuesday 15 March, 4.00 pm

**Audit and Risk Committee**  
Thursday 17 March, 1.30 pm. No public forum

## PROPOSED TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURES



**Applicant:** Motueka RSA  
**Event:** ANZAC Day Parade  
**Location:** Pah Street, Motueka – from number 45 to number 7 Pah Street.  
**Date and time:** Monday 25 April 2022, 6.00 am – 7.30 am

**Applicant:** Motueka RSA  
**Event:** ANZAC Day Parade  
**Location:** School Road, Riwaka – from the intersection School Road.  
**Date and time:** Monday 25 April 2022, 8.45 am – 9.30 am

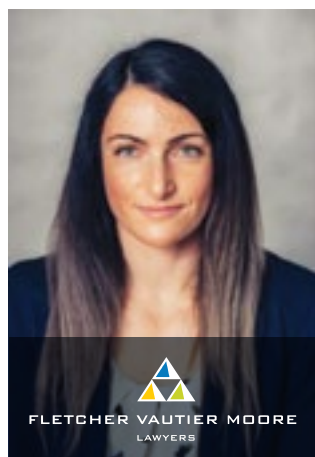
**Applicant:** Golden Bay RSA  
**Event:** ANZAC Day Parade  
**Location:** Commercial Street, Tākaka – from number 19 to number 81 Commercial Street. Alternate route: Motupipi Street, Junction Street and Reilly Street.  
**Date and time:** Monday 25 April 2022, 8.30 am – 10.30 am

**Applicant:** Nelson RSA  
**Event:** ANZAC Day Parade  
**Location:** Aranui Road, Māpua – from Higgs Road to the tennis courts.  
**Date and time:** Monday 25 April 2022, 10.00 am – 12.00 pm

**Applicant:** Richmond/Waimea RSA  
**Event:** ANZAC Day Parade  
**Location:** Queen Street – from Sundial Square to Cambridge Street. Cambridge Street – from Oxford Street to Queen Street. Oxford Street – from Wensley Road to Gladstone Road (SH6). As Queen Street will be closed the bus will have a temporary bus stop set up on Talbot Street outside PAK'nSAVE.  
**Date and time:** Monday 25 April 2022, 10.00 am – 12.30 pm

**Applicant:** Richmond/Waimea RSA  
**Event:** ANZAC Day Parade  
**Location:** Whitby Way, Wakefield – from Edward Street to Wakefield car park entrance.  
**Date and time:** Monday 25 April 2022, 9.00 am – 12.00 pm

**Objections close 5.00 pm, Friday 18 March.** Please send any objections to [megan.bell@tasman.govt.nz](mailto:megan.bell@tasman.govt.nz).



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# WHAT'S ON IN TASMAN



## Celebrate Children's Day

Te Rā o Ngā Tamariki – Children's Day, provides New Zealanders with an opportunity to celebrate and give time to children. It is a day of national awareness, annually recognised on the first Sunday of March and has been running for more than 20 years.

But this year due to Covid-19 restrictions we can't hold large community events to celebrate our youngsters so we've had to rethink how we do things and we've come up with a collection of resources you can access online.

Together with the Richmond Aquatic Centre, Nelson Tasman Kindergarten Association, Enviroschools, Barnardos and Tasman Libraries we've put together a package of resources and activities that include ideas for treasure hunts, colouring, paper dolls, aeroplanes and more.

Discover simple and fun activities to help you celebrate Te Rā o Ngā Tamariki – Children's Day with your whānau/family.

Find out more on our website [tasman.govt.nz](http://tasman.govt.nz), search 'Children's Day'.

## Three Languages Poetry Competition

Richmond, Murchison and Tākaka libraries are running an exciting poetry competition which we want everyone to enter! To enter, you need to write a poem of no more than 50 words which includes the words maunga (mountain), awa (river), moana (ocean), whenua (land) and whānau (family). You can compose your poem in te reo Māori, English, NZ Sign, or a combination of these. Simply drop your poem at a participating library, or email [pania.walton@tasman.govt.nz](mailto:pania.walton@tasman.govt.nz) by 31 March. Terms and conditions apply.

## Get sorted with technology

It's time to get sorted with your computer and phone! Need help understanding apps? Want to figure out online shopping? Ever wondered how people take photos using their phone? We can help. Come along to one of the free workshops at Richmond Library and we'll get you sorted. Phone 03 543 8500, email [teresa.besley@tasman.govt.nz](mailto:teresa.besley@tasman.govt.nz), or drop by for more information.

## English conversation group

Is your first language a language other than English? Join our English conversation group for ESOL speakers via Zoom. Our group meets online every Friday from 11.00 am – 12.00 pm. It's a great opportunity to make new friends, practice your English and have some fun. Contact [karyn.mclintock@tasman.govt.nz](mailto:karyn.mclintock@tasman.govt.nz) for the Zoom access code. Free.

## Last call for arts funding applications

Our Creative Communities Scheme has funding available for groups and individuals to run arts projects in Tasman, but get in quick as applications close on Thursday 10 March. For more information and to complete an application form visit [tasman.govt.nz/creative-communities](http://tasman.govt.nz/creative-communities).



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