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What's your vision for Richmond South and Hope?

Our population is growing. People are coming here for the great lifestyle, to take up work opportunities or start a new venture, and to return home.

As a council, it's our job to work with communities, iwi and stakeholders to plan for quality sustainable housing and infrastructure for all who want to live here.

The Reimagining Richmond South project kicked off in October with info sessions at Hope Hall. Council Project Lead Jeremy Butler is grateful to everyone who took the time to drop in and share their views.

"Last year, we introduced the process to create a structure plan

for the area south of Richmond. The structure plan will be a guide for how Richmond South could develop, looking at things like housing type and density, areas for business, transport options, where's best for community spaces, as well as the natural environment.

"In the first round of engagement, we received feedback from around 250 people through events, letters and online. We've taken what we've learned and combined it with known constraints to create four early potential ideas for Richmond South growth.

"We'll be sharing these through live webinars, our website, and Council service centres as we launch

the second round of Reimagining Richmond South engagement on 5 April.

"Over this month, we want to further understand views on how Richmond and/or Hope should grow so we can develop a vision for the area and refine options."

This round of engagement includes lunchtime and evening webinars, community and topic-focused sessions, and website and phone feedback gathering until 26 April.

Learn more about this project and how to get involved:
environmentplan.tasman.govt.nz/reimagining-richmond-south

MEET YOUR REPRESENTATIVES

Councillor David Ogilvie – Motueka Ward



Currently, there's a lot happening for our District as Council moves towards the last quarter of 2021/2022 and into 2022/2023.

For Motueka, the new Library opening was a historic occasion. The concerns of building size and service of 20 years have been resolved. It is an impressive facility, more than a library, becoming a modern cultural and community resource centre to be widely enjoyed.

Residents are responding to the Future Development Strategy – where to locate 29,000 additional dwellings over the next 30 years. Earlier, the draft Walking and Cycling Strategy and plan for Motueka's Stormwater management closed for submissions.

Public engagement for the Annual Plan 2022/2023 begins on 4 April.

These activities are set against a background of central Government proposals more inclusive of Māori and climate change matters. A new Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change report has emphasised the impact global temperature increases are having on ecosystems, human society and health, as well as the need to reduce carbon emissions and work to avoid droughts, wildfires, floods and sea level rise.

Of strong immediate interest is the nation-wide discussion from all councils on the future for Local Government – a comprehensive consideration of the future activities and direction for councils.

For Councils, this is election year. Nominations for our Mayor and Councillors open in July, close in August with elections on 8 October.

Could this be the last election for the Tasman District Council in its present structure?

Have your say on the Annual Plan

At this time every year we review the plans we made for the next 12 months in our 10-Year Plan.

The environment we are working in has changed. That means we're proposing some changes to what we had planned for the coming year starting 1 July 2022. We are seeking your views on these changes through our Annual Plan consultation.

We have reconsidered the plans for the services we provide our Tasman community, ranging from water supply and environmental management to things like reserves and community facilities. This reconsideration has led to some changing priorities, which are outlined in the Annual Plan consultation document.

Projects and programmes planned for the next 12 months include reservoirs, stormwater upgrades, further development of playgrounds and reserves, tree planting and environmental enhancements, to name but a few. We have assets to maintain which provide important services which contribute to the health and wellbeing of everyone who lives in and visits our wonderful Tasman District. These things all come at a cost.

Once approved by councillors, a consultation document will be released publicly and you will have the opportunity to look at our plan and priorities, comment on what is important to you and contribute to the priority setting that must occur.

We are also consulting on our fees and charges for the coming year.

Visit our website or come into a Council office or library to pick up a copy of the Annual Plan consultation document and the Schedule of Fees and Charges.

There will be a month from Monday 4 April for you to give us feedback.

This year we can't get your feedback in person, but there are still ways that you can share your thoughts verbally by either recording your view in a video directly on our website or by attending an online forum and making a written submission.

More details will be available at tasman.govt.nz/annual-plan.

Settle in – our new Motueka Library is open

To read, to learn, to acknowledge our heritage – Motueka’s new library now stands as a place where stories from our community take pride of place among the pages of bestsellers.

A dawn ceremony on 19 March heralded the opening of *Te Noninga Kumu* – a place where one can settle in – with local iwi leading the welcome to community members and those who have played key roles in the development of the project.

The gifted te reo name was unveiled under the light of a full moon, as was a petrified tōtara, donated by Te Atiawa at the entrance to the library.

The \$5 million project has yielded an 1100-square metre building which has allowed for an additional 5000 items to go on the shelves.

The library’s design has incorporated sustainability features, accessible design principles and opportunities to reflect and celebrate the rich culture and heritage of Motueka.

The library is also home to 24 art works from artists who live in or claim a connection to the Motueka area.

Each artwork tells a story of its own – just as libraries should.

Tasman Mayor Tim King said the artworks added “a huge amount to what was already a fantastic facility.”

“Libraries provide an opportunity to look into the past but also to imagine the future, to research the real world – or more importantly in today’s world – to escape it altogether.

“To everyone who has been involved in the development of the library project, they can have a huge sense of satisfaction that they are leaving a great asset for their community.”

We’re extremely grateful for the support of iwi throughout this journey – from allowing us to build this facility on their land, conversations and input into the project’s development.

Thanks also to our project team, Coman Construction for their work in building the library and architects Jerram Tocker Barron.



Reduced hours for Murchison Service Centre

Until Monday 25 April our Murchison Customer Service Centre will be operating at a significantly reduced capacity.

Due to available staffing resources over this period, our Fairfax Street premises will be **closed on Tuesdays and Fridays**. However, we will still be

open to help with customer enquiries on Wednesdays and Thursdays during the usual hours of 10.30 am – 12.30 pm and 1.10 pm – 4.00 pm.

You can still access council services online at tasman.govt.nz. You can also access library services online at tasmanlibraries.govt.nz.

Calls to the Murchison Service Centre on 03 523 1013 will still be answered outside of opening hours. For emergency issues, call 03 543 8400 any time.

We apologise for the inconvenience. We will continue to assist you as best we can.



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Backyard battery burning beyond dangerous

Lately we have been emphasising the importance of keeping batteries out of rubbish and recycling bins and this photo shows why it is so important!

Batteries can be extremely flammable when they are compressed, cracked or damaged. As they burn, they release toxic smoke, so you definitely do not want to dispose of batteries in your backyard!

Batteries also must not go in your rubbish or recycling bin, because they can cause dangerous fires at our resource recovery centres and landfill. Instead, we've set up a range of free battery collection points.

You can take your household batteries (up to the size of a power tool battery pack) to our Richmond, Motueka or Tākaka Service Centres. You can take all household batteries, as well as vehicle batteries, to all of our Resource Recovery Centres, and to Weka Peckers Recycling on Robinson Road, Lower Moutere.

Find out more about our free battery drop off locations on our website, tasman.govt.nz, and search 'more recycling options'.



Stream ecological rehabilitation workshop

As New Zealand's freshwater legislation is changing to prioritise river health and wairua above human use of freshwater resources, how can we all work together to achieve better ecological outcomes?

This was a question that our staff, contractors and community representatives considered during a well-received workshop about improving the ecological health of rivers, managing river hazards and protecting infrastructure associated with it.

Senior Resource Scientist, Freshwater and Estuarine Ecology, Trevor James ran Council's first Stream Ecological Rehabilitation Workshop in late-2021 with members of our Environmental Information, Community Infrastructure and Environmental Policy teams.

The workshop began with an online presentation which discussed biodiversity and habitat in the Tasman District, in-stream ecological

engineering for freshwater habitat improvement, fluvial geomorphology considerations for freshwater improvement projects, and the new Essential Freshwater legislation and its future implementation.

A recording of the online presentation can be found on the 'Enhancing Life In Our Waterways' page on our website – visit tasman.govt.nz.

Great discussions were had regarding the challenges to balance engineering constraints and ecological goals within the project.

A stream walk through the various habitats designed into the river plan highlighted successes and lessons that can be applied to future projects.



FDS public consultation continues

There's still plenty of time to make your submission on the Nelson Tasman 2022 – 2052 Future Development Strategy (FDS).

Tasman District Council and Nelson City Council are currently working on the joint 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.

You can still join us at one of the webinars scheduled for the coming days;

General webinar hosted by both councils:

- Tuesday 5 April, 7.30 pm

Community webinars focusing on specific areas:

- Monday 4 April, 7.45 pm Brightwater
- Wednesday 6 April, 7.15 pm Rotoiti
- Monday 11 April, 1.30 pm Murchison

Our consultation document is now available for you to read at your local library, customer service centre and on our website.

This consultation period will run 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.

For more information, webinar links and how to make a submission, go to tasman.govt.nz/fds.



Growth plan changes

Don't forget we are also working on a plan change which proposes to;

- Rezone land and enable higher residential densities in Māpua, Brightwater and Wakefield.
- Enable higher densities on residentially zoned land in Motueka West; and

- Rezone land to provide more land for housing in Murchison.

A plan change is normally the next step in the process following the adoption of the FDS. In this case the plan change is giving effect to the outcomes of the FDS 2019 while working concurrently with the development of the current FDS 2022. This enables Tasman to meet its growing demand for housing.

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

Your initial thoughts are invited until 14 April 2022.

Visit our website for more information, tasman.govt.nz, search 'growth plan changes'.

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Pomona Road reservoir completion a watershed for works programme

The completion of the Pomona Road reservoir project has signalled the end of a large programme of water and wastewater upgrades for Māpua and Ruby Bay, providing reliable infrastructure while also allowing for future growth in the area.

The completion of the reservoir project was celebrated on Friday 25 March.

The new 2500 cubic metre reservoir saw the creation of a new concrete tank, replacing the previous timber tank which leaked and lacked earthquake resilience.

Additional capacity was included to support residential and business growth.

The total allocated budget for the project is \$4.6 million, which included the Stagecoach reservoir

upgrade completed last year, and the water pump station upgrade as part of the overall project.

It is one of six projects funded under the Crown Infrastructure Partners programme which also included the installation of emergency storage tanks at pump stations, the Richmond West Trunk Watermain and Māpua reticulation.

Other projects to be completed in the broader wastewater and water programme included upgrades of source water bores and the Māpua Water Treatment Plant.



The programme also included replacement water and wastewater trunk main in Māpua and Ruby Bay and wastewater upgrades – also to support growth and prevent overflows – and a new trunk main over Best Island and Rabbit Island/ Moturoa to replace the existing brittle pipe and provide for growth.

Upgrade work also occurred at Aranui and Higgs Road as well as Stafford Drive.

Work on Motueka stopbanks trucking on until June

Don't be surprised if you see a few more trucks travelling through the Motueka District in the coming weeks.

There's some important work getting underway to upgrade flood protection measures in four locations in the lower Motueka River.

We have started Phase 2 construction of our Motueka stop bank project which involves work at River Road, Lyndhurst Drive, Parker Street and Douglas Road.

Currently our contractor is accessing from Parker Street for three of the sites which enables refurbishment of around 2.4km of stopbank. We expect to complete the work in this area by June.

Repair work will involve adding compacted earth-fill to sections of the existing stopbank that need refurbishment. Work will happen in priority areas to resolve two types of issues:

- Raising the crest of the stopbank in areas where it is no longer high enough to provide protection from a 1-in-50 year flood event.
- Repairing the stopbank in areas where it might have weaknesses that could cause it to fail in a large flood event.

Funding of \$10 million has been made available for refurbishment

of the stopbanks to improve their condition and to provide additional climate change resilience.

The project has received \$7.5 million of funding from Kānoa – Regional Economic Development & Investment Unit. This funding contributes towards projects that build more resilient river communities.

The overall work is planned to occur over three years in three phases.

Phase 1 is now complete and included work at the end of Whakarewa Street, at Blue Gums Corner and at Old Mill Road, adjacent to the Brooklyn Stream.

Development of the scope for Phase 3 is underway and includes partnership with iwi to identify opportunities for environmental enhancement.



NEWSLINE UPDATES



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Covid restrictions in Tasman

Get the latest information about Council services and facilities under the Covid-19 Protection Framework (traffic light system) on our website, tasman.govt.nz.

Standard parking requirements change

The Tasman Resource Management Plan (TRMP) has been updated to remove the standard car parking requirements for new development. The removal of minimum car parking requirements is a requirement under section 3.38(2) of the National Policy Statement on Urban Development. Sections of the TRMP updated are:

1. Chapter 6 "Urban Environment Effects" section 6.2.2; and
2. Chapter 11 "Land Transport Effects" section 11.1.20; and
3. Chapter 16 "General Rules" section 16.2.2.3, section 16.2.2.4, section 16.2.20, schedule 16.2A, section 16.3.3.1; and
4. Chapter 17 "Zone Rules" schedule 17.1D and 17.1E, schedule 17.2A, and schedule 17.2B.

New housing bottom-line figures

Further to this, the TRMP section 6.2 Land Effects from Urban Growth has been updated, with housing bottom-line figures. This is for housing in the Nelson Tasman urban environment for the period between 2021 to 2051. The Tasman Regional Policy Statement has also been updated with these figures.

Full and updated versions of the Tasman Regional Policy Statement and TRMP can be found on our website, tasman.govt.nz. For the TRMP search for "Volume 1, Text" or search for "Tasman Regional Policy Statement" for that document. Please email narissa.armstrong@tasman.govt.nz if you have any questions.

Changes to kerbside collections for Easter

In order for staff to take a break on Good Friday, the rubbish and recycling collections in central Richmond will be one day later – Saturday 16 April 2021. There will be no change to collections in other areas.

Resource Recovery Centre opening hours

All our Resource Recovery Centres will be closed on Good Friday (15 April), but otherwise open as normal the rest of the long weekend.

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 for the Zoom link.

Joint Shareholders Committee

Tuesday 5 April, 9.30 am. No public forum

Tasman Creative Communities Subcommittee

Tuesday 5 April, 10.00 am. No public forum

Community Grants Subcommittee

Wednesday 6 April, 2.00 pm. No public forum

Full Council

Thursday 7 April, 9.30 am

Golden Bay Community Board

Tuesday 12 April, 9.30 am

Strategy and Policy Committee

Thursday 14 April, 9.30 am

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WHAT'S ON IN TASMAN

Motueka Take & Make

April is the month that just keeps on giving at the new Motueka Library Te Noninga Kumu. Drop in to the new library to pick up a free Take & Make kit. Throughout the month there will be postcard kits, three different Easter themed kits, two different ANZAC Day kits, a daffodil bulb kit, an Earth Day kit, and a fun whimsical paper figures kit. They're all fun, free creative kits for everyone.

Computer classes at Richmond Library

We have two great computer classes taking place at the library this month. Get comfortable using Zoom with family, friends, and others on Monday 4 April, 10.00 am – 12.00 pm. You'll learn how to install the Zoom app, create an account, join or host a meeting. Then, on Monday 11 April, 10.00 am – 12.00 pm, learn how to create a TradeMe account, browse TradeMe to find items to buy, save auction lists to your watchlist, send questions to sellers and more. Phone 03 543 8500 to book your spot or speak to a library staff member. Free.

Tiny Tots and Storytime

Tākaka Library is bringing back Tiny Tots and Storytime. Tiny Tots is for tamariki aged under two with their caregiver. Join us for music and movement on Tuesdays from 10.00 am – 10.30 am. On Wednesdays, tamariki aged two and over are invited along with their caregiver for stories, rhymes and active movement from 10.00 am – 10.30 am. Both events are free but bookings are required. Contact Tākaka Library to book your spot.

Māpua and Tasman Community Associations residential survey

Residents are invited to participate in the Māpua and Districts Community Association (MDCA) – Tasman Area Community Association (TACA) 2022 Residents Survey. People of all ages who live in Māpua and Tasman and the surrounding districts are encouraged to participate.

Why a survey? Feedback from residents helps Community Associations set their priorities. MDCA and TACA have been proactively working with Tasman District Council regarding their residents concerns related to housing development, roading, walking and cycling pathways, reserves management and protecting coastal and wetland habitats.

Why now? Māpua and Tasman are communities that Tasman District Council has identified in their Future Development Strategy for rezoning to allow growth of some of their townships. MDCA and TACA are therefore seeking their residents' input on the very important issues that will help shape their futures as population grows and communities continue to expand.

You can participate in the survey by scanning the QR code, or from this link: surveymonkey.com/r/YG3YYBK



Paper copies of the survey will also be available at the Tasman General Store, Māpua Library, Māpua Four Square and Māpua Community Hall. Completed surveys can be dropped off anonymously at either the Māpua Community Hall or Tasman General Store drop boxes.

The information provided by residents is voluntary and strictly confidential, and results are expected to be collated and reported by the end of May 2022. Look out for this survey and have your say by taking part.



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