

So, you've been thinking about it for a while? Maybe someone's suggested it would be a good idea and you'd be good at it! Now's the time to put those thoughts and suggestions into action – Stand for Tasman in this year's Local Body Election.

We're encouraging people to step up and stand for Council, the Golden Bay Community Board or Motueka Community Board and continue to help shape this fantastic place that we call home.

Every one of us has at least one reason why we chose Tasman as our special place and now outstanding people are needed to join us to keep the District moving forward.

Councillors and Board members play a unique role in standing for the needs of residents, coming together to tackle important local issues, and working with businesses and communities to improve the quality of life of all Tasman people. You can stand for Council if you are a New Zealand citizen, aged over 18, and enrolled to vote.

All you need to do is complete and submit a nomination form. Forms will be available at our service centres and libraries during the nomination period between 15 July 2022 and 12.00 pm 12 August 2022.

You'll need to be nominated by two people whose names appear on the electoral roll within Tasman.

There's a deposit of \$200 including GST to lodge a nomination for each position you are standing for. The funds must be paid at the same time your nomination is lodged.

If you receive more than 25% of the votes of the lowest polling successful candidate in your election, then you will get this deposit back.

Our pre-election report, covering all the opportunities and issues we're facing, will be released early next month to supply critical information for candidates.

We're also running a candidate information evening at 5.30 pm on Thursday 21 July.

Tasman is your home and your District, so join us and stand for your Council.



MEET YOUR REPRESENTATIVES + 11

Councillor Barry Dowler – Motueka Ward

Here we are nearly halfway through the year and just passing the shortest day. Thankfully, those with water tanks would have enjoyed the recent rain and hopefully, the tanks are all nearly full.



A lot is happening with Council at present. The Council's major assets being half shares in the Nelson Airport and Port Nelson, the Waimea Community Dam, Motueka Airport, Tākaka Airport, Port Motueka and Port Tarakohe are all being worked on one way or another for the future, plus numerous other Council projects.

Then there are the other things outside the Council's hands. New water regulations from Taumata Arowai, how many rural properties will this affect? What will happen with Three Waters? We're told it will happen and we don't get a choice. Will we be told to add fluoride to the Council water supplies? The list goes on.

Then there is the daily maintenance of all the current assets, water supply, wastewater, stormwater, roading, parks and reserves, sports fields, buildings, and more. The Council, one way or another, is never idle and normally short of hours each day.

The Future Development Strategy and the Tasman Environment Plan are huge tasks both staff and Councillors are involved in at present. Council planners, compliance officers, building consents and resource consents are all very busy.

I have told you what we are doing. Now it is your turn in a couple of months. Please tick the boxes to register your votes. It is important. The Local Body Elections. Have your say.

We're setting out the welcome mat

Settling into a new area can be a bit of an emotional rollercoaster, especially if you've recently arrived from overseas. Finding your feet and making meaningful connections in a new community can be challenging.

But we can all contribute to making things easier for newcomers by providing welcoming activities, some guidance and support. Often a friendly smile and chat are a straightforward way to make others feel welcome!

As a Council, we're doing our bit too. Te Tai o Aorere / Tasman District has been an attractive and popular area to move to and live in for a long time. Our population of nearly 60,000 people comes from more than 100 different ethnic backgrounds.

We value the diverse skills, experiences and talents newcomers add to the workforce and communities in our District. They bring vibrancy, different viewpoints, and innovation.

Our new Welcoming Communities Officer is planning a range of hui and gatherings before the end of the year, enabling community members to get involved, share feedback and suggest ideas on how to make Tasman more welcoming.

Watch this space for details of events in the coming months.



Subsidised backyard traps now available in Golden Bay

For those of you in Golden Bay keen to carry out pest animal control work on your own property, you can now do so at a reduced cost by purchasing a subsidised trap through our backyard trapping programme.

We have partnered with Nelson City Council's Nelson Nature project and the Department of Conservation on this project.

Traps are now able to be purchased on Wednesdays and Thursdays at our Tākaka Service Centre at 78 Commercial Street. Traps include Victor snap traps for rats (\$15), Trapinator traps for possums (\$30) and DOC200 traps for stoats, weasels and rats (\$60).

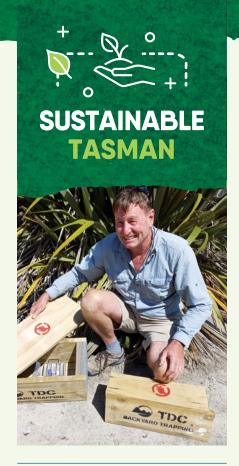
The rat and DOC 200 trap mechanisms are housed in strong wooden boxes, and the trap subsidy represents a 50 percent saving on the cost of manufacturing and materials.

These traps will provide their owners with many years of service.

Based on initial feedback, we expect an encouraging uptake from residents. There is a limit of one of each trap type per property.

Nelson Nature and DOC initiated the project and subsidised traps are already available for purchase at the DOC Visitor Centre at Millers Acre in Nelson.

We are also working to have these traps available for sale at more locations around Tasman District in the coming months.



For more information or to purchase a trap, get in touch with the Tākaka Service Centre on 03 525 0020.

New bus stops and shelters

During the next 12 months, you'll see new bus shelters and seats popping up around the District and new bus stops being constructed as we prepare for the planned expansion of our public transport services.

We are working jointly with Nelson City Council to extend regular bus services to Wakefield and Motueka. The new routes will be running by the middle of 2023 as planned.

New stops and shelters will be constructed at numerous places including next to the Māpua Community Hall and outside Te Noninga Kumu/Motueka Library. We will also build cycle racks alongside some of the stops.

But in the meantime, we're focusing on upgrades of bus stops on the current Richmond routes.

The Wensley Road bus stop outside Richmond Cemetery has had a major facelift and a new shelter has been installed.

There's also a new bus shelter outside the movie theatre on Berryfield Drive so you'll be protected from the elements after seeing the latest blockbuster.

Get your Bee Card from our Richmond Service Centre, Richmond Library or online at beecard.co.nz to make your bus trips easy and cheap. And remember – public transport fares are half-price until 31 August.



Meanwhile the Tasman Regional Transport Committee has appointed Yachal Upson to fill a vacancy as a non-voting member in an advisory position.

With experience in the socioenvironmental sector he will fill the role representing the environmental/sustainability portfolio on the committee.

Tap turned on to new water treatment plants

Four communities across our District are now enjoying the flow-on benefits of significant upgrades to water treatment plants which have recently been completed.

In our Brightwater and Wakefield plants, we've spent \$1.3 million installing the latest filtration technology and ultra-violet treatment systems to make drinking water fully compliant with new quality standards.

At Dovedale, we're in the testing and proving phase of work before the new \$2.3-million-dollar upgrade goes permanently online.

The Dovedale supply is still a rural scheme, but the installation of a clarifier and an inline filtration



system means any organic material that gets into the supply can be removed more effectively.

The intake structure is also being upgraded. This new structure improves the quality of the water intake and reduces the need for maintenance and service personnel to attend the site. It also means water can be diverted away from the system when severe weather reduces the quality.

The new Pohara treatment plant in Golden Bay with its new microtreatment ultra-filtration system is also running through its final testing phase before the commissioning of this \$1.6-million-dollar project.

We've doubled the onsite water storage capacity by installing a further six large tanks which will give greater security of supply, especially over the peak summer period when the population swells with holidaymakers and demand for water increases significantly.

Funding assistance for the Dovedale and Pōhara projects has come from the Government's Stimulus Programme.

New Wastewater Bylaw to become active

The Council adopted the new Tasman District Council Wastewater Bylaw 2022 at its full Council meeting on 19 May 2022. The bylaw has been signed and sealed and comes into force on 30 June 2022.

Copies are available to view at all our service centres and libraries and on our website, tasman.govt.nz search 'wastewater bylaw'.

It is essential that we can manage and control the type and volume of discharges to our wastewater system. The unpredictable nature of trade waste can have a significant impact on the operation of the wastewater system and treatment processes.

A wastewater bylaw sets out the requirements around wastewater connections, the trade waste registration/permit application

process, including what discharges are allowed or require a permit, and sets up the statutory authority for the recovery of fees and charges.

The new Tasman Wastewater
Bylaw also aims to ensure that it
is aligned with the intentions of
Nelson City Council's bylaw and the
requirements of the Nelson Regional
Sewerage Business Unit.



Make your views known on the Government's Water Services Entities Bill

The first of several pieces of legislation giving effect to the Government's intention to establish a new model of three waters service delivery is being considered by Parliament.

The Water Services Entities Bill provides for the setting up of four Water Services Entities to manage the delivery of drinking water, stormwater and wastewater services currently managed by 67 local authorities throughout the country.

The Bill had its first reading on Thursday 9 June and was referred to the Finance and Expenditure Select Committee for the next stage of the legislative process. This stage is where the committee, made up of

MPs will consider submissions and make recommendations back to Parliament.

The Select Committee process is the main opportunity for people to have their say on the Bill. The Select Committee has called for submissions, closing on 22 July. You can make a submission by going to www.parliament.nz/en/pb/billsand-laws/bills-proposed-laws.

We are also making a submission and would like to hear your views on the Bill before developing our submission.

To support this, we have provided a space for you to share your views on the Bill online at tasman.govt.nz. If you have already provided your views to councillors previously, please note these will be considered.

We are also intending to hold two public webinars and two drop-in sessions between 24 June and 6 July. The webinars will provide a highlevel summary of the Government's proposals and how you can make a submission to the Government, and provide a forum for you to share your views or concerns with us.

Dates for the webinars and drop-in sessions will be on our website shortly.

Our geological natural hazards webinar rocked!

Recently staff hosted an interactive community webinar to present new technical information on our geological natural hazards - slope instability, active earthquake faults and seismic liquefaction.

Senior Policy Planner Diana Worthy thanks all those who tuned in to the webinar and got involved.

"We're appreciative of the 60+ people who participated in the webinar and asked a range of guestions about the new technical information," she said.

"Of particular interest to our audience was the new slope instability susceptibility mapping for the Richmond foothills, Clifton - Pōhara - Ligar Bay area, and Collingwood. The potential for slope instability is a well-known hazard affecting parts of our District and can cause significant damage."

The geological hazards webinar forms part of a package of work to share this new natural hazards information with the wider community. It's important that residents and landowners are aware of their local geological hazards so they can be better prepared if an event occurs, or if they are thinking about potential future development on a site.

The next steps will be to consider how to manage these hazards through the development of our new resource management plan, known as Aorere ki uta, Aorere ki tai – Tasman Environment Plan. The wider community will have opportunities to provide input into the development of the plan as we progress through the drafting stages. A recording of the webinar, along with the supporting technical reports and maps, and frequently asked questions is available on our website, visit tasman.govt.nz/natural-hazards.



FDS recommendations refine Nelson Tasman growth objectives

Deliberation hearings on the Nelson Tasman Future Development Strategy 2022-2052 (FDS) have now concluded.

The FDS Subcommittee, consisting of six elected members from Tasman District and Nelson City Councils and an iwi representative, considered the submissions at meetings on 31 May, 1 June and 2 June.

A report to the Subcommittee commented on the submissions under 14 main themes, outlining officers' analysis, responses to questions and recommendations for changes to the final FDS.

Key recommendations included retaining the draft FDS core spatial proposal of consolidating growth largely along State Highway 6 between Atawhai and Wakefield, but also including Māpua and Motueka and meeting the needs of Tasman's rural towns. The recommendations also include retaining the high growth population projections.

When making its decisions, the Subcommittee also considered modelling of vehicle GHG emissions from the various areas being proposed for residential development.

Due to a high number of submissions on the split between intensification and greenfield development and some reworking of the capacity provided for housing, an increase in the amount of intensification, infill and development of vacant greenfield zoned residential sites is recommended.



In response to submissions, a number of new, amended and excluded sites were also recommended during deliberations.

Sites relating to the secondary part of the proposal – a new community near Tasman Village – have been recommended to be removed from the final FDS.

Recommendations will now go to the Joint Committee of the Tasman District and Nelson City Councils on 27 July to consider adopting the Subcommittee's recommendations. The FDS is then proposed to be adopted by the end of August.

Read more at tasman.govt.nz/fds.

Golden Bay road trial to become permanent

The project to permanently improve a Golden Bay intersection is moving into the detailed final design phase before construction.

The Golden Bay High School innovating streets project implemented a trial layout to see if we could better cater for pedestrians and address vehicle speeds at a complex intersection where primary and high school students cross.

The trial layout and two other suggested options for the intersections of Rototai Road and Meihana Street sparked a lot of community comment, with the green light initially given to an alternative to the one being trialled.

However, the board from Golden Bay High School voiced further concerns about the suggested alternative and instead encouraged the Council to stick with the temporary measures being tried on site.

As a result, it was agreed that the existing trial layout will be made permanent.

Once the detailed designs are completed, the permanent layout will be installed during the next financial year.



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Arts funding closing soon

Our Creative Communities Scheme has funding available to help groups and individuals running arts projects in Tasman. Creative Communities provides funding to support community involvement in the arts – music, theatre, festivals, mural painting, outdoor sculptures, art in public spaces, kapa haka, singing, art workshops and more.

Funded by Creative New Zealand, the Creative Communities Scheme is designed to support opportunities for communities to participate in the arts. There is a focus on art projects that have a broad community involvement, involve young people or support the diverse arts and cultural traditions of local communities.

Applications close 10 July.

For more information and to complete an application form, visit tasman.govt.nz/creative-communities.

Don't forget to register your dogs!

Dogs need to be registered by 1 July each year. Any dogs that are still unregistered and unpaid on 1 August will incur a 50% penalty fee.

In Tasman, it only costs \$53 for an urban dog and \$32 for a rural dog.

If you haven't received a registration form yet, you can download one from our website.

You can return your registration form:

- By email to dogcontrol@tasman.govt.nz
- By post to Dog Control, Private Bag 4, Richmond 7050, or
- In person to any Council Service Centre.

If any of your details have changed, such as your address or the number of dogs you own, you need to let us know on your registration form.

You can pay your registration fee by:

- Bank transfer to account 12-3193-0002048-03
- Online with a credit card (fees apply)

Please use your dog owner number as reference when paying online.

Visit tasman.govt.nz/dog-registration.

Moturoa / Rabbit Island – Nelson Marlborough Fish & Game pheasant hunt

Public access to the eastern half of Moturoa / Rabbit Island will be closed for three organised game bird hunts this winter. The closure will include all of the beach front at the eastern end. The second of these hunts will take place on Saturday 25 June, 7.00 am – 1.00 pm (Sunday 26 June reserve day).

For more details contact Jacob Lucas at Nelson Marlborough Fish & Game: jlucas@fishandgame.org.nz.

COUNCIL HUI



At Orange, meetings will take place in person and via Zoom. Public forum presenters can speak in person if they wear a mask, follow one-metre distancing, and attend one at a time. Visit tasman.govt.nz/meetings-calendar for details and the Zoom link.

Full Council

Thursday 30 June, 9.30 am

Nelson Regional Sewerage Business Unit Friday 1 July, 9.30 am

Strategy and Policy Committee Thursday 7 July, 9.30 am

Community Grants Subcommittee Thursday 7 July, 2.00 pm. No public forum





WHAT'S ON IN TASMAN





Community planting days

Sunday 26 June, 9.00 am – 1.00 pm, Cardno Way, Bronte Peninsular North. Parking on Cardno Way, off Bronte Road East.

Sunday 3 July, 10.00 am – 2.00 pm, Moturoa / Rabbit Island ferry landing. Free ferry from Māpua Wharf.

Join the Battle for the Banded Rail in their community planting efforts. Everyone is invited! Please bring gloves, a spade if you have one and drinking water. Wear solid footwear and clothes suitable for the weather conditions. Morning tea is provided. For more information, email Kathryn at bandedrail@gmail.com.

Saturday 25 June, 10.00 am, Mytton Heights.

Thursday 30 June, 12.30 pm, Tapawera-Baton Road.

Saturday 9 July, 10.00 am, Tadmor Road.

The Motueka Catchment Collective will be planting 5,000 trees across the catchment to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. All are welcome. Come prepared for planting and bring your own spade.

Pre-register your interest in attending: surveymonkey.com/r/K9V6BH6 so we can provide you with more information including the physical address and contact you if there are any changes.

Motueka winter art workshops

The Motueka Arts Council is running art workshops in Motueka for all ages and experience levels this July and August, bookings essential. The workshops include painting, storytelling, printmaking, woodwork, life drawing, marimba, flax weaving, mosaics, animation, floral arrangements and stone carving. Prices range from free to \$110. Visit bit.ly/motuekaart to register.

Tiny art in Tākaka

Tākaka Library invites you to pick up a tiny art take and make kit from the library, create an amazing piece of tiny art and then return it to the library by 25 July for the tiny art exhibition which will run from 1–14 August. It's free and everyone is welcome to take part.



Dementia-friendly library group

Our dementia-friendly library group is an opportunity for people of all ages living with dementia to connect with others in a familiar library environment. The sessions are run by Debbie and Karyn who both have significant experience working with people living with dementia. The group meets every Tuesday in the Constance Barnicoat Room at Richmond Library from 10.30 am – 11.30 am. For more information, contact Debbie (03 543 8547) or Karyn (03 543 7227). Free.

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