

Waimea Community Dam flows on

Construction is steadily progressing on the Waimea Community Dam, despite Covid-19 slowing the supply of materials and temporarily taking people away from the project – more than 7,000 worker hours were lost due to Covid in the last quarter.

Construction is more than 70% complete, with a number of milestones achieved over recent months.

The rockfill embankment, which is 53m high and made up of almost 480,000m³ of rock, was completed in December 2021. The 12,000m² concrete face was finished in May,

and the parapet walls are now being installed on top of the embankment.

The spillway is nearing completion, and the dam face pipes will be installed this month.

As you may have read recently, the project has continued to face challenges. The team is working very hard to help the contractor mitigate programme slip and cost increases.

The most recent cost increase of \$10 million is due to a delay in the work programme and additional mechanical and river diversion costs.

Waimea Water Ltd now forecasts the dam to be completed in February 2023 to begin filling the reservoir and providing service. The permanent pipework will be commissioned in early 2024, two years later than originally planned. The dam will operate on temporary facilities, while the permanent pipework is being installed.

Meanwhile, the environmental offset programme on Rough Island has seen 40,000 natives planted over three years.

When completed, the dam will provide water security and benefits for many generations to come.

To keep up with the progress of the Waimea Community Dam, and to take a virtual tour of the site, you can go to waimeawater.nz or facebook.com/waimeawater.



STAND FOR TASMAN



Nominations for those wanting to stand for Council in this year's local body elections open next Friday 15 July and we're running an information session so you can get more information about what it takes to be a Councillor.

Our special candidate's information evening is at 5.30 pm on Thursday 21 July in the Council Chambers on Queen Street, Richmond.

If you are keen to stand for Tasman, pick up a candidate nomination form from one of our service centres or libraries or download one from our website, tasman.govt.nz, then return it before midday Friday 12 August.





Ensure you're ready to vote

If you want to have your voice heard in October's election, you need to be enrolled to vote. You can check your electoral details or sign up by going to the website vote.nz.

If you are not able to enrol online, you can enrol or update your details by calling 0800 36 76 56 to arrange for forms to be sent to you directly.

Voters who live in one area and pay rates on a property in another area may qualify to vote in both areas. To do this, you need to be registered on the Ratepayer Roll. Check your eligibility at votelocal.co.nz.

Pedallers and pedestrians pleased with new paths

The project to make it easier and safer for cyclists, pedestrians and other mobility device users to connect between the Berryfield subdivision and Richmond town centre, has been fully completed.

The finishing touches have been made with concreting and landscaping now finished on this extremely popular thoroughfare which links Oakdale Grove and the Railway Reserve via the new 11-metre long and three-metre wide bridge, over Poutama stream.





Street art gets a home

Street art is a fabulous form of creativity, but it is extremely difficult to find places where artists can practice their skills. That's why we now have dedicated graffiti walls in Tasman where artists can tastefully share their talents.

The newest free graffiti wall is next to the Appleby Overbridge on Tasman's Great Taste Trail. It was opened during Youth Week in May by local artist Nerys Ngaruhe.

Nerys has been advocating for a free graffiti wall for several years and that vision is now a reality.

Nerys has joined us to monitor the wall, ensuring that no offensive or inappropriate tagging appears.

All artists, from beginners to professionals are invited to try it out, so grab your paint can and creativity and have a go.

Artists need to be mindful that several times a year the wall will be painted over for a fresh start.



Our second free graffiti wall in Tasman is located by the Motueka Skatepark at the basketball court.

You could say the writings on the wall for graffiti, from now on it's all about art.

Council adopts Annual Plan for 2022/2023

We have adopted our Annual Plan for the 2022/2023 year, enabling rates to be set and outlining our projects and services for the next 12 months.

Several changes have occurred following feedback from public submissions and new information emerging since we consulted on the draft Annual Plan.

The final rates income increase is 5.05%. This is lower than the 5.51% increase signalled in Option 2 in the consultation document.

This reduction is the result of our decision to assume funding \$500,000 of the additional costs of implementing the Water Services Act 2021 through the Government's 'Better Off Funding'.

Through this Annual Plan, we have also made efforts to minimise rate increases through;

 Reductions in the budgets for consultancy

- Lower budgets for maintenance and operations
- Higher forecast revenue from fees and charges
- Deferral of projects in the capital programme
- Deferral of \$2 million of the digital innovation work

As well as continuing to provide essential services and infrastructure, the Annual Plan budget has included a number of new social and environmental projects for 2022/2023. These include;

- Taking advantage of Waka Kotahi funding to improve walking and cycling infrastructure
- Making improvements to Port Tarakohe

- Early efforts to start work on delivering the Motueka Stormwater Catchment Management Plan
- Additional funding for community organisations

Changes to the schedule of fees and charges from July 1 2022, were also adopted.

The Annual Plan 2022/2023 includes provision for the cost overruns in the Waimea Community Dam project that we were informed about earlier in the year. Recent information regarding further cost increases and project delays did not impact the adoption of the Annual Plan. Instead, they will be considered in the 2023/2024 Annual Plan.

Community champions tackle litter in Tasman

Litter comes from many sources. It isn't always dropped deliberately; it can come from things like blown-over rubbish or recycling bins. Windblown items make their way into stormwater systems and end up in streams or on beaches.

We all have a responsibility to do what we can to prevent litter and clean it up when we see it.

Some awesome individuals take this responsibility seriously and take it upon themselves to complete community litter clean-ups.

Since September last year, 20 groups have organised community clean-ups to keep our beautiful Tasman environments free from litter. Together these groups have collected an estimated 12,000 litres of litter, the equivalent of 25 wool bags full!

Clean-ups have focused on Motueka sandspit, Moturoa / Rabbit Island, Awaroa, Paturau Beach, Kina Beach, Jackett Island, Riwaka and many places in between.

The most common items collected are food wrappers and soft plastics,



followed closely by plastic bags, plastic and glass bottles, aluminium cans, bottle caps, shoes and clothing.

One group leading the way in community clean-ups is the Triple E (Exercise and Environmental Experiences) programme participants from Pinnacle House in Richmond.

Each week when the weather is fine, this motivated group heads out to clean up a local park or reserve, making the most of time in the sunshine, getting a chance to stretch their legs and leave the environment in a better state.

Any groups or individuals completing a community clean-up in Tasman can dispose of their collected litter for free at any Tasman Resource Recovery Centre.

Complete a short survey to let us know where you cleaned up and

what you found, then show the completed survey to the staff at the Resource Recovery Centre to dispose of the litter for free.

Access the survey on our website tasman.govt.nz and search 'community clean up' or scan the QR code below using your phone.

Ka pai to all our community champions doing their bit to keep Tasman tidy!



Burning of prohibited items fanning the flames of environmental harm

We've recently taken action against individuals or companies for continually breaching environmental rules by burning prohibited items outdoors. Prosecution is seen as a last resort, however, the action underlines our commitment to reducing environmental harm in our region and promoting good burning practices.

A Lower Moutere man was sentenced to 150 hours of community service in May, in relation to charges laid against him and his company for burning contaminated material and contravention of an abatement notice at his property.

The offences took place in 2020 and 2021, and were in breach of Tasman Resource Management Plan rules and the Resource Management Act.

Although the defendant had undertaken outdoor burn-offs for which he had a permit, the addition of prohibited items led to action from us.

Prohibited materials found alight included household waste, treated timber, tyres and plastics, causing noxious smoke effects in the local area.

Charges have also been laid against two companies and an individual as director for outdoor burning offences in Motueka. They are scheduled to appear in court this month.

The primary driver of any action taken is a need to prevent environmental harm as well as create a deterrent to those thinking of burning non-permitted material outdoors.

We expect people to show due consideration when carrying out burn-offs.

When people see smoke, it's not necessarily going to be a breach but as a land or property owner, you have a responsibility to ensure that you only burn green waste and not other contaminants.

More tips are available at tasman.govt.nz/outdoor-burning.

New weighbridge for Murchison Resource Recovery Centre

Work is underway on the construction of a new weighbridge at the Resource Recovery Centre in Murchison.

Earthworks have begun on site and the equipment for the new 12-metrelong above-ground structure has arrived and is ready to be installed once all the preparation work is done.

Once the weighbridge is commissioned, all vehicles and waste will be weighed to ensure a fairer share of costs across all

users. It will also supply improved data about the types and sizes of waste being handled at the centre. The kiosk at the station will also be upgraded with a new larger building fitted out with improved facilities for staff. There will be some temporary changes for vehicles on site as construction takes place.

The cost is around \$130,000 for the entire project which is being shared in a partnership agreement with the Ministry for the Environment.





The Positive Ageing Expo returns

Discover recreational, health and social services that can help you live life to the full and possibly pick up a new hobby, try a new activity or get some advice.

Our Positive Ageing Expo is back for 2022 on Friday 30 September at the Headingly Centre in Richmond.

The expo will showcase the recreational, health and social services available in Nelson Tasman to make ageing a positive experience.

Our Positive Ageing Expo has been running since 2008 and attracts about 2,000 people each year and offers

the chance for you to connect with groups, organisations and service providers. In the past, we've had more than 70 stallholders in one place.

The overall aim is for everyone to improve their personal well-being and enjoyment.

Throughout the day there will also be opportunities to try your hand at new activities.



Stallholder registrations are now open and close on Wednesday 31 August 2022.

Full details are available on our website, tasman.govt.nz.

Library overdue fines written off

Is your library book keeping your interest beyond the usual borrowing period? From 1 July, fines for overdue items won't become a villain to your reading enjoyment.

As part of the adoption of our Annual Plan 2022/23, overdue fines on adult memberships have been removed from all Tasman District Libraries.

Previously, overdue charges were put in place to encourage the return of library materials, however there is no evidence that these charges are effective in ensuring the prompt return of borrowed materials.

Overdue charges for children's material were removed from 1 July 2021.

Despite Covid-19 lockdowns and other restrictions, indications are that issues of children's materials and the number of new and renewed children's memberships have increased.

Public Libraries of New Zealand and the Library and Information Association of New Zealand Aotearoa support the removal of overdue charges to ensure that all residents have equitable access to the information, learning and reading resources held in libraries.

Tasman Libraries Manager Glennis Coote says it's expected that removing overdue charges will increase positive interactions with library staff, remove barriers to the use of the library, and increase membership and use of library materials while encouraging long-term use of the library by our community.

"We know that fines can create a barrier for some people. Library fines particularly affect those who cannot afford to pay, and they prevent their use of libraries."

"We're looking forward to seeing customers who have been put off from using the library due to having library fines return and enjoy our facilities and resources."

All existing overdue fines will be written off, but we will retain lost and damaged books charges.



Moutere-Waimea Ward Reserve Management Plan adopted

Of the many parks and reserves areas we administer throughout our District, 140 are located within the Moutere-Waimea Ward

We have now finalised our Reserve Management Plan (RMP) which sets out the vision, objectives, policies, implementation and priorities for parks and reserves located within Moutere-Waimea Ward for the next ten years.

Priorities for management are set carefully against our role as guardian of these reserves and our commitment to ensuring the unique environmental and cultural heritage and natural attributes of the reserves are preserved and celebrated into the future.

We really appreciate the input of the 77 submitters who commented on the draft plan and the suggestions

and ideas received from 138 individuals and groups during the initial consultation round.

The Hearing Panel considered these submissions and recommended to the Council that a number of changes be made to the RMP in response to the submissions. We adopted the amended RMP on 16 June 2022.

The final version reflected agreed improvements and changes to the management regime for the parks and reserves.

This revolves around improving environmental wellbeing, responding to climate change impacts, building partnerships, and maximising the benefits of parks and reserves.

We also acknowledged the work of volunteers in various spaces while taking into consideration Māori environmental and cultural values.

Any budget requirements for specific projects such as upgraded or new facilities and restoration projects will be considered via our annual plan and long term plan processes.

The final Moutere-Waimea Ward Reserve Management Plan is now available at tasman.govt.nz/rmp. Hard copies can be viewed at the Richmond and Motueka libraries and service centres.



Building Assurance team nailing its targets

Our Building Assurance team has reported some positive progress in their efforts to meet timeframes and demand for inspections and consents across the District.

In the six months to 31 May 2022, building consent applications remain steady with an increase in consent applications for multiple dwellings on the one consent.

The BCA team has maintained its statutory timeframes for issuing both building consents and code compliance certificates (CCCs). The average days for issuing these are 10 days for consents and six days for CCCs.

Service delivery has been maintained at 98% within statutory timeframes for building consents, and 99% within statutory timeframes for CCCs.

The previous three 12-month periods between 1 June to 31 May have seen an increase in building consents issued from 555 in 2019/2020 to 724 in 2021/2022.

New dwelling consents issued (excluding amendments) have gone from 433 in 2019/2020 to 585 in 2020/2021 before dropping to 520 in 2021/2022.

Failed inspections have increased from 43% in 2019/2020 to 67% in 2021/2022.

Building Inspections have dropped from 8,610 in 2021 to 7,639, maintaining the two working days' notice for bookings in most cases.

Following a March 2020 audit, the Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment was satisfied with the work completed on swimming pool audits and our focus has now moved to building warrant of fitness auditing.

A complimentary outcome also resulted from IANZ's biannual Building Consent Authority Accreditation audit in November 2021. This audit is required to measure the performance and compliance of the BCA functions against the Building Regulations 2006.

Auditors noted our statutory timeframes were achieved despite considerable constraints imposed with technical staff undergoing Diploma training, the loss of some key staff and consistently high consent application numbers.

Tap turns on to new water treatment plant

Motueka's new water treatment plant is currently being commissioned with final testing phases underway.

We are very excited to be this close to the completion of our new \$3.5 million plant which is going to guarantee that those connected to our supply will receive the best quality drinking water available.

The new plant uses multiple water treatment barriers and follows the NZ Drinking Water Standards and Water Services Act requirements

for the treatment/removal of protozoa and bacteria. It includes UV treatment, cartridge filtration, and residual chlorine disinfection.

The treated drinking water is perfectly safe for human consumption, however if you have fish in outdoor ponds, you should turn down incoming water to an absolute trickle which dilutes any chlorine levels to a safe amount for fish.

For fish tanks inside, fill a container of water and let it sit for at least 24 hours, then replace water one-third at a time. If you are still concerned, you can buy water treatment products at pet shops.



You may experience some changes in how your water tastes initially. In time, this will become less noticeable as more water is pumped throughout the piped network during the next few weeks.

For more information, visit our website, tasman.govt.nz/drinking-water-quality.

Get where you're going in one piece

Jack frost has certainly made his presence felt across the region recently, not to mention those miserable wet days that seemed to go on forever last month.

There's no denying it, winter is here, and with it comes a whole new set of rules to live by, not the least of which is on our roads.

Over winter we all need to take extra care on our roads and that goes for everyone – drivers, cyclists, motorbike riders and pedestrians too. Keeping safe is pretty straightforward common sense.

See and be seen

 Drive with lights on dip in rain, snow or fog

- Use your vehicle's demister or air conditioning to keep windows clear
- Watch out for sun strike in the winter sunlight
- Cover your windscreen on frosty nights or use an ice scraper or cold water to totally clear your screen of ice
- Wear bright lights and colours when walking or riding

Slow down

- Take your time it only takes a split second to lose control in wet or icy conditions
- Increase your following distance stopping distances can increase by up to ten times on ice



- Watch out for ice in shaded areas and on bridges
- Plan your trip and allow more time for your journey
- Check road conditions by calling 0800 4 Highways or visiting nzta.govt.nz/traffic

The safest way to get where you need to go this winter is to slow down and drive to the conditions.

Don't dump dead animals

We were recently called to carry out the unpleasant task of removing a number of dead sheep that were dumped on the roadside around the Moutere Hills area.

These sheep appeared to be hoggets - or lambs from 2021 which appeared partially starved but showed no clear sign of how they were killed. Ear tags had been removed so there was no means of identifying the owner.

The dumping of animals is a regular occurrence, however usually with pig/

deer carcasses from hunters dumping the remains on the roadside.

Not only is this showing a lack of respect for the animals, but it is also not a sight that should be in full view of the public.

Any owner who cannot dispose of dead stock on their own property can call us for advice but should not dump carcasses on road reserves or any public space.

The obvious solution when dealing with dead livestock is to dispose of them on your own property burving is the most effective method, or in an on-farm offal pit.



Such illegal dumping comes at a cost to ratepayers if we have to dispose of someone else's waste, rubbish or animals that have been illegally dumped.

The SPCA was advised of the find and we recommend that anyone with concerns around the health of stock make contact with the organisation.

Views sought on a refresh of the Māpua Structural Plan

We are about to embark on a refresh of the 2010 structure plan for Māpua and we want to hear from current and future residents and anyone with an interest in the village and its surrounds.

Over the coming months, we will work with the Māpua community to listen and join with them in developing a new structure plan that creates a clear vision and identity and builds on all the work that has already been done.

Māpua is growing fast. The time is right to pause, take a step back to look at the whole town and how

this project fits with the longer-term vision for Māpua.

How do we make the most of the land there is and meet the needs of those looking for smaller, accessible or affordable homes in Māpua?

Moreover, how should Mapua grow and what can we do to make sure new development and redevelopment is done in a way that maintains the character and identity of this special part of our region?

A new structure plan, like its predecessor, can guide and be implemented through our resource management plan, long term plan and design guides for development.

With that in mind, keep an eye out for opportunities to have your say on Māpua's future.

Feedback sought on draft Stock Control Bylaw

We are looking for community input on our draft Stock Control and Droving Bylaw.

The bylaw provides guidance and rules around stock crossings and droving on roads and the road reserve to protect stock, road users and the immediate environment.

Public consultation is open until Monday 1 August. Hearings and deliberations will be held in December

with the final bylaw expected to be adopted in early 2023.

Copies of the proposed Stock Control and Droving Bylaw are available at all our service centres, libraries and on our website, tasman.govt.nz/feedback.



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Get funding for your community project

Do you have an exciting community project in the pipeline? Community Grants help get some of our most valuable community projects off the ground.

Funding is available for projects that are either Tasmanbased 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. Applications close 31 July.

Nominate someone for an Outstanding Community Service Award

Some of our local superheroes are unassuming, quietly moving among us but working tirelessly in our Tasman communities, assisting at sports clubs, volunteering in environmental groups or helping with the administration of community organisations.

Every year our Outstanding Community Service Awards officially recognise and celebrate these special people who make our communities a better place to live.

If you know one of these unsung heroes who works away with little recognition, please get in touch and nominate them for one of our Outstanding Community Service Awards.

Please note, nominees must be residents of Tasman District and have been involved in a range of voluntary activities for 20 years or more.

Head to our website or one of our service centres to fill in an application form. Nominations close on 31 August. Visit tasman.govt.nz/community-awards.

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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New email for property file requests

Due to a significant increase in requests for property files, we have created a new inbox so we can manage these requests more efficiently. From now on, please send property file requests through to property.files@tasman.govt.nz.

Roadside spraying in rural areas – registration of non-spray areas

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

The active herbicides authorised under our resource consent are norflurazon, oryzalin, simazine, terbuthylazine, glyphosate, metsulfuron, haloxyfop, triclopyr and picloram/ triclopyr. Methods for treatment are foliar and basal spraying.

Residents can request that their rural property frontage not be chemically sprayed and instead undertake the vegetation control themselves. On approval, we will mark the no spray area with red marker pegs.

Rural residents who choose the "no spray" option must control the vegetation growth along their property frontage to ensure road users are not impeded and all roadside signs and markers are clearly visible. Vegetation height should not exceed 300mm. Any stormwater drainage ditches need to be kept clear of excess vegetation. At intersections, vegetation must be kept well clear to ensure good sight lines for traffic using the intersection.

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.

Roadside spraying on state highways

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

This programme includes the spraying of chemical herbicides including the following active ingredients: glyphosate, metsulfuron, terbuthylazine and triclopyr. Persons 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 Mitch Hutchings on 03 373 2036 or email mitchell.hutchings@wsp.com.

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Increases for Development Contribution Charges due to inflation

Following Section 106 of the Local Government Act, we have applied inflation to the development contribution charges set in our **Development Contribution Policies.**

From 1 July 2022, new inflationadjusted charges for Development Contributions apply.

The revised charges will apply to developments where:

- in the case of a Resource Consent. the Section 88 Check was completed, and
- in the case of a Building Consent when the application was formally received, or
- when an authorisation for service connection is granted,

by us after 1 July 2022 and before 30 June 2023. This will apply to where an invoice for the development has not yet been issued.

Full details including tables of charges are available at, tasman.govt.nz/ development-contributions.

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.

Golden Bay Community Board Tuesday 12 July, 9.30 am

Chief Executive Officer Review Committee

Friday 15 July, 8.30 am

Nelson-Tasman Regional Landfill Business Unit

Friday 15 July, 9.30 am

Motueka Community Board Tuesday 19 July, 4.00 pm

PROPOSED TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURES



Pursuant to the Transport (Vehicular Traffic Road Closure) Regulations 1965, notice is hereby given that the Tasman District Council, for the purpose of staging the Targa Rally, proposes to close the following road(s)/street(s) to ordinary vehicular traffic for the period(s) indicated hereunder.

During the proposed period(s) of closure the following provision will be made for ordinary vehicular traffic which would otherwise use the road(s)/street(s): Residents traffic will be let through between race events, under the direction of marshals.

Road(s)/street(s) proposed to be closed to ordinary vehicular traffic:

Location: Eighty-Eight Valley Road, from Genia Drive to Wai-iti Valley; Stock Road (full length); Kerr Hill Road (full length); Korere-Tophouse Road from Kerr Hill Road to Rainy River Road

Date/time: Saturday 15 October, 8.05 am to 2.25 pm

Location: Old Coach Road from Petra Way to Mahoe Close (includes sections of Nuttall, Gardner Valley, Best and George Harvey Roads). Date/time: Saturday 15 October, 1.35 pm to 6.05 pm

Location: Neudorf Road from Rosedale/Kelling intersection to Dovedale Road, and Dovedale Road to #1982.

Date/time: Saturday 15 October, 2.00 pm to 6.30 pm

Location: Motueka River West Bank Road from the Woodstock/Baton Valley Road intersection to the Mickell Road intersection. Date/time: Saturday 15 October,

2.50 pm to 7.20 pm

Location: Motueka River West Bank Road from the Mickell Road intersection to the Woodstock/ Baton Valley Road intersection. Date/time: Sunday 16 October, 8.15 am to 12.15 pm

Location: Dovedale Road, from #1982 to Neudorf Road; and Neudorf Road, from Dovedale Road to Rosedale/Kelling intersection. Date/time: Sunday 16 October, 9.10 am to 1.10 pm

Location: Old Coach Road from Mahoe Close to Petra Way (includes sections of Nuttall, Gardner Valley, Best and George Harvey Roads). Date/time: Sunday 16 October, 9.40 am to 1.40 pm

Location: Korere-Tophouse Road from Rainy River Road to Kerr Hill Road, Kerr Hill (full length), Stock Road (full length), Eighty-Eight Valley Road from Wai-iti Valley to Genia Drive.

Date/time: Sunday 16 October, 12.20 pm to 5.55 pm

It will be an offence under the above regulations for any person otherwise than under authority of an authorised period to use the roads for ordinary vehicular traffic during the period of closure.

Objections close 5.00 pm Friday 5 August 2022. Please send any objections through to nikki.shepherd@tasman.govt.nz.

WHAT'S ON IN TASMAN







Winter chill-out concerts

5.00 pm - 6.00 pm, every Thursday in July, Sundial Square, Richmond.

Come and chill out after a long day at work to upbeat music from the Trasandinos, A Little, The Harmony Hunters and youth duo Imani-J and Kahu S-B. There will also be fun games for the kids. This will be cancelled if wet. Free.

Community planting days

Sunday 10 July, 9.00 am – 1.00 pm, Research Orchard Road Reserve. Sunday 17 July, 9.00 am - 1.00 pm,

Bronte Peninsula. Access from 8 Bronte Road East.

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.

Wellby Talking Café

Tuesday 12 July, 1.30 pm - 3.00 pm, Richmond Library.

Wellby Talking Cafés welcome everyone for a relaxed cuppa and can start your journey to connect with others who enjoy the same things. You can pop in for a quick chat or stay for a longer conversation with friendly people. There is no need to register, just turn up on the day. The Talking Café hosts will warmly welcome you when you arrive.

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 the 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 (phone 03 543 8547) or Karyn (phone 03 543 7227). Free.

School holiday fun

Jet off to your local library for exciting flight-themed holiday activities for the young'uns including crafts, films, an I spy activity, storytime and more. We also have Battle of the Books and fun stitch sessions for the teens. Visit tasmanlibraries.govt.nz for further details.

Stitch with us

Stitch a piece for our Origins Whakapapa Community Quilt. Simply pick up a free piece of fabric and your entry form from Murchison, Motueka, Richmond or Tākaka Library, and stitch a word or image relating to your origin or whakapapa. Whether you've lived in Te Tauihu/The Top of The South for 50 years or five, we want to include your story. We'll be accepting contributions until 30 September. If you want to stitch with others, drop into the Richmond Library for a stitch together session on Saturday 16 July, 10.00 am - 12.00 pm.

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