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Like building Lego with a spoon

During last July's raging floods, a vast 120-metre section of the Motueka River riverbank was scoured out and washed away leaving the road above at risk of being undermined by other floods.

Contractor Graham Ferguson, better known as "Ferg", from Graham Ferguson Earthmoving, a specialist in rock wall and flood repairs was called in to tackle the job which began just after Easter.

Around 5000 tonnes of backfill material was first used to secure the riverbank before Ferg and his digger got to work placing approximately 4000 tonnes of rock "armour" over the top.

Each massive rock, quarried from the Tākaka Hill, was assessed by eye and then skillfully and delicately wedged into position by Ferg using just the bucket of his digger as opposed to a hydraulic "grab" which is typically used, a bit like trying to build Lego with a spoon.

Piece by piece, like a giant jigsaw puzzle, the wall was created. Due to a good spell of fine weather, the

entire project was completed in around six weeks and came in on budget at around \$400,000.

The work was very timely as a significant section of the Motueka Valley Highway would've almost certainly been lost in the recent heavy rainfall events if it hadn't been done, costing well in excess of \$1.2 million to reinstate and causing major disruption.

The riverbank is now fully protected, with a safe new section of cycleway and Ngātīmoti residents have retained their treasured swimming hole to use in summer.

It's nomination time!

The clock is ticking if you plan to stand for Tasman in this year's local body elections.

Arguably, there has never been a more important time in our history to get involved by standing for Council.

Our Council and two community boards play a critical role in supporting the resilience and prosperity of Tasman.

In the face of societal change, disruption from Covid-19, the impact of climate change and radical reform in the sector, delivering positive local outcomes matters now more than ever.

The role of a Tasman District Councillor is two-fold, encompassing governance and representation.

Through effective governance, our Council always acts in the best interest of our community, both for today and future generations, balancing both short and long-term responsibilities.

Representation means space for everyone to have a voice, be considered and thrive. All ages and stages, all cultures and genders, all abilities and ambitions.

It's hard work but extremely rewarding. You'll be responsible for enhancing the wellbeing of the Tasman community and all that it entails – a healthy natural

environment, thriving businesses, safe spaces for all and a place that supports every individual's sense of belonging.

We need candidates with vision, empathy and commitment – collaborators who can listen to all viewpoints before reaching a considered conclusion.

A candidates guide is available on our website, tasman.govt.nz/elections.

Nominations close at noon on Friday 12 August.

Logging our appreciation for wild weather response

When the going gets tough, the tough get going. Once again, the combined resources of our staff and external contractors have put in an outstanding effort in the face of a recent weather event.

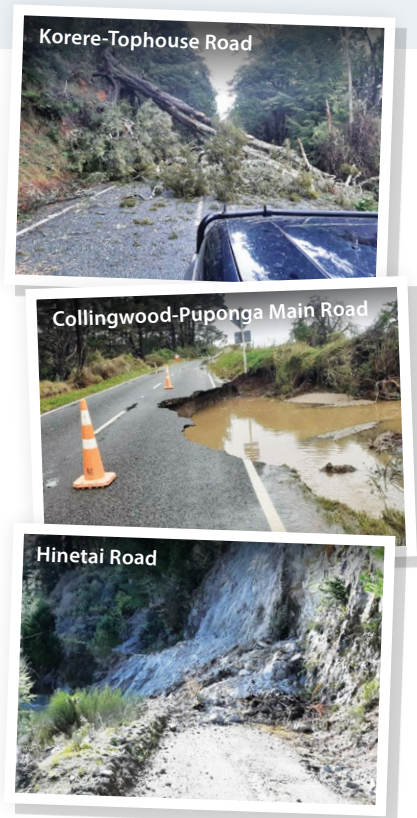
Strong gusts of wind and up to 200mm of rain fell across the District during a 24-hour period on 11 and 12 July.

This resulted in slips, fallen trees, flooding, wastewater overflows and damage to roads between Golden Bay and St Arnaud. A number of road closures also caused disruption to residents.

Our response network was kept busy around the clock as the situation evolved, from monitoring forecasts, planning, providing regular updates to residents, traffic management and clearing debris at the locations worst hit.

Photos from the many incidents that our teams attended demonstrated the size of the job they were tasked with.

Weather events such as these are challenging for all involved. As well as acknowledging the work of our own team, we'd also like to thank you for your patience and resilience when these situations emerge.



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Tasman bids 'Vaarwel' to Dutch Ambassador

We recently had the opportunity to farewell The Netherlands Ambassador to New Zealand, Her Excellency Mira Woldberg, as she comes to the end of her time as the kingdom's diplomatic representative.

A poroaki (farewell) ceremony was held in our Council Chambers to acknowledge Mira's contribution to strengthening the relationship between The Netherlands and the people of Te Tau Ihu, especially Manawhenua ki Mohua – Golden Bay iwi of Ngāti Rārua, Ngāti Tama and Te Ātiawa.

Her Excellency Mira is the second Dutch ambassador to be farewelled in this way.

Chair of Manawhenua ki Mohua Iwi Barney Thomas said such an occasion was "indicative of the relationship we hold with The Netherlands which goes back a long way – bridges have been built and relationships have been founded – we will continue that together."

"The bow of your waka is headed towards your home and your family but please remember us here in this part of the world."

Mira said she "felt so welcomed and warmly received" during her visits to the region throughout her three-year term – be it at Onetahua Marae or accompanying delegations from her home country to Golden Bay / Mohua, where Dutch explorer

Abel Tasman and his crew encountered local Māori in 1642.

The ambassador will now take up a new role in Germany.

However, hopes are high that the Dutch-Kiwi friendship will continue, with an invitation to visit extended to Mira's successor Ard Van der Vorst by Tasman District Council and Manawhenua ki Mohua.

As a final koha, Mira was also given a Pakohe taonga, presented by Kaumātua Harvey Ruru and Manawhenua ki Mohua representative Whaea Mairangi Reiher.



The road ahead for Best Island

Best Island residents will soon have the long-standing issue of official road access addressed, with the process of legalising access around the existing recreation reserve moving ahead.

We recently decided to proceed with the purchase of a 9-metre-wide road as well as legalisation, fencing and consultation costs and minimal physical works up to \$370,000.

Funding will come from the Richmond Ward Reserve Financial and Rooding Development Contributions.

The lack of legal road access to the residential properties on Best Island has been an ongoing problem for many years. Although landowners have physical access, it is across private freehold land.

To remedy this situation, a portion of land within the Best Island Recreation Reserve will be revoked to enable it to instead be vested as legal road.

This proposal involves realigning physical access away from its current location to reduce the amount of reserve that needs to be revoked.

While we will not fund road upgrades, safety was identified as a key need by residents, and we would attend to any safety issues where necessary.

Residents do not have an obligation to pay anything at this time but may choose to fund a road upgrade in the future.

Next steps involve public notification under the Reserves Act (1977).

This is subject to consultation and approval from the Minister of Conservation. Consultation is likely to occur after the local government elections in October.

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Get involved with the Te Mamaku Drive planting project

Some local Tasman residents have an ambitious project ahead, a 10km long green corridor between Tasman Village and Māpua, known as Te Mamaku Drive, or formerly the Ruby Bay Bypass.

It's a stretch of mostly public land on the eastern side of SH60, overgrown with gorse, broom, wattles and wilding pines.

The Te Mamaku Drive Corridor Project, driven by the Tasman Area Community Association, wants to connect the Waimea Estuary and Moutere Inlet with a native bush



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corridor. This will beautify the area by the highway, reduce the fire risk and provide a corridor for birds to move between the estuaries and nearby wetlands.

A plan drawn up for the length of the corridor has identified priority blocks to start seeking appropriate funding. This long-term project will run over years, possibly decades.

The first planting of 2000 trees covering 500 metres at the Tasman end has just been completed. Thanks to the great support of Tasman Environmental Trust and Restoring the Moutere through the

One Billion Trees Programme, people can now envisage the direction of this great project.

A group of enthusiastic people is facing the challenge of removing overgrown pine trees, applying for funding to clear about eight hectares of land, securing about 35,000 plants and continuing with planting over the winter of 2023.

If you would like to get involved with this project, contact Michael at michamarkertnz@gmail.com, or you can make a donation via their Givealittle page: bit.ly/3btbsmg.

Working around our streams? Keep it clean

Just by looking around our region – it's clear that we are a busy bunch in Tasman.

However, we should never be too busy to make sure the leftovers from our hard work aren't ending up where they don't belong.

Whether you're busy on the work site or it looks like a windy day outside wherever you are – please take the time to ensure any rubbish, wrapping, packaging or other material is disposed of appropriately.

Staff carrying out water quality sampling in Borck Creek recently have reported finding a lot of polystyrene and other plastic rubbish in the culverts that flow into the creek and the riparian zones.

This has also extended to polystyrene and plastic signs blowing down the street in the high winds, towards Borck Creek, as well as rubbish stacked high in open-topped skips on or near building sites.

Borck Creek and its tributaries carry stormwater from the southern and western fringes of Richmond to the sea at Headingly Lane.

Some sections of the stream are adjacent to and downstream of current subdivision construction activity.

We want to ensure the stream is kept free of things that might have a negative environmental impact. So, when it comes to keeping our streets and streams clean – don't drop the ball, pick up your rubbish.



Tree House teachers walk the talk

Eleven teachers from the Tree House Early Learning Centre in Richmond signed up to FutureFit in May this year.

The owner of the centre, Jenna, was interested in measuring her carbon footprint and engaged her fellow teachers by hosting a FutureFit session at a staff meeting.

The session covered the teachers measuring their carbon footprint online, followed by a quick discussion to reflect on their results in comparison to the NZ and world average.

The rest of the session focused on what actions individuals can take to reduce their carbon footprint and what resonated with their individual lifestyles.



Each teacher was invited to pledge one individual action to implement in their household for a month.

Since signing up to FutureFit, the Tree House teachers have investigated how they can reduce their carbon footprint further and one popular option was exploring native tree planting.

They have also started to look at how they can reduce their waste. They already compost food scraps, so opted to trial reusable cups for their Matariki soup night, instead of disposables.

With the support of a waste minimisation grant from Tasman District Council, they are replacing single-use paper towels with reusable hand towels and will continue to buy more second-hand and nature-based resources.

Jenna says FutureFit actions have been embedded and blended in with the ethos of the centre's values – sustainability, respect and caring for the environment.

Sign up to FutureFit and measure your carbon footprint at futurefit.nz.

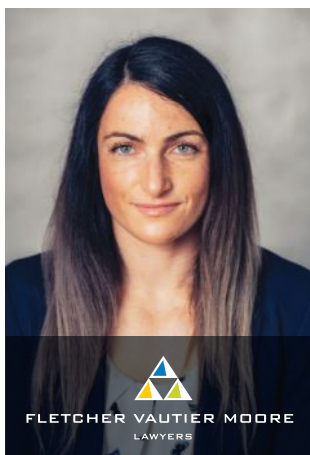


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Please slow down and drive to the conditions!

A car recently skidded off the road on the Motueka Valley Highway where the team had already gritted the road twice that day, and it wasn't the first time this season.

Our grit truck drivers are out in the early hours every freezing morning spreading grit on the worst affected roads to improve surface conditions so we can drive around safely in winter. However, motorists still need to drive to the conditions.

The cabin of a car can be 20 degrees on a sub-zero morning, but the car being comfortable doesn't mean the road is free of ice and drivers can be lulled into a false sense of safety. Ice can remain on roads all day, especially in areas shaded by high banks and tall trees. These roads freeze sooner and may not thaw during the day.

Grit only adds about 15 percent extra traction, which isn't much when you're driving on ice.

Grit itself can be very slippery and can be a big risk to a vehicles traction, especially motorcycles. So, here are some tips for safer winter driving:

- The best way to navigate wet roads where ice could form is to slow down, drive to the conditions and not rely on grit to provide traction.
- Avoid sudden braking or turning movements that could cause you to skid.
- Drive at a safe travelling distance because it takes longer to stop on slippery roads. In winter, especially in poor weather, double the two-second rule and leave a safe distance between you and the car you are following.



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.

Community leasing and licensing policy set to begin

We are about to begin the process of developing a Community Leasing and Licensing Policy.

This policy is an exciting opportunity to guide how community groups can access Council land or facilities for the benefit of communities through the provision of leases and licences.

We want to hear about the issues facing community groups and aim to create a policy that makes the process of providing leases and licenses to community groups fairer and more consistent.

We want to hear about the aspects of the leasing and licensing process

that work well, do not work well, and that you think need to change.

We are interested in hearing from groups who currently hold leases or licences and any groups who want to enter into one.

We will be holding an informal one-hour Zoom discussion on Wednesday, 31 August at 7.00 pm for any groups interested in sharing their thoughts.

If you or your group is interested in providing feedback or joining the Zoom, please contact Neil Lindsay at neil.lindsay@tasman.govt.nz for more information.

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NEWSLINE UPDATES



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, Terbutylazine 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.

Register your dogs now!

There's one week left to register your dogs before penalty fees are applied. Any dogs that are still unregistered and unpaid on 1 August will incur a 50% penalty fee. If you haven't received a registration form yet, you can download one from our website. 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. For more information visit tasman.govt.nz/dog-registration.

Last chance to apply for Community Grants

Community Grants help get some of our most valuable community projects off the ground and the funding for 2022 closes on 31 July 2022. Funding is available for projects that are either Tasman-based 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.

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 last of these hunts will take place on Saturday 23 July, 7.00 am – 1.00 pm (Sunday 24 July reserve day). For more details contact Jacob Lucas at Nelson Marlborough Fish & Game: jlucas@fishandgame.org.nz.

Tasman Resource Management Plan (TRMP) Update

The following Plan Changes have become operative in the TRMP. Plan Change 71 – Coastal Occupational Charges, Plan Change 72 – Moorings and Coastal Structures and Plan Change 73 – Omnibus 2 Amendments. All information can be found on our website, tasman.govt.nz, under My Council / News and Notices.

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.

Joint Committee of Nelson City and Tasman District Councils
Wednesday 27 July, 1.30 pm

Regulatory Committee
Thursday 28 July, 9.30 am

Tasman Creative Communities Subcommittee
Tuesday 2 August, 10.00 am.
No public forum

Saxton Field Committee
Wednesday 3 August, 9.30 am

Operations Committee
Thursday 4 August, 9.30 am

PROPOSED 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 Nelson Car Club 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: Dovedale Road from Dove Creek Bridge to end at Pigeon Valley Road (RP 16.5 to 19.99) (unsealed section)
Date/time: 29 October 2022, 8.00 am – 5.00 pm

Location: Pigeon Valley Road from Sharp Road to end at Dovedale Road (RP5.28 to 10.73) (unsealed section)
Date/time: 29 October 2022, 8.00 am – 5.00 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 5 August 2022. Please send any objections through to nikki.shepherd@tasman.govt.nz.

WHAT'S ON IN TASMAN



Golden Bay Matariki community celebration

Friday 22 July, 4.00 pm – 8.00 pm
(if wet, Saturday 23 July).

Celebrate Matariki with the Golden Bay Arts Council at this free family friendly event. Please bring a lantern to light up the evening. There will be interactive art installations including 'The Fool' and window art with Aralyn at 24 Commercial Street and wishing tree at Soma from 4.00 pm. At 5.30 pm join DramaLAB at Soma to be led on a special interactive experience. Performances on the Village Green from 6.00 pm include waiata, kapa haka, physical theatre performance, and a wonderful young women's fire show. Contact Claire French for more information: gbartsnz@gmail.com.

Winter chill-out concerts

28 July, 4 and 11 August, 5.00 pm – 6.00 pm, Sundial Square, Richmond.

Come and chill out after a long day at work to upbeat music and fun games for the kids. This will be cancelled if wet. Free.

Community planting days

Sunday 24 July, 10.00 am – 2.00 pm, Moturoa/Rabbit Island ferry landing. Free ferry from Māpua Wharf.

Sunday 31 July, 9.00 am – 1.00 pm, Hoddly Estuary Park. Access and parking at 232 The Coastal Highway.

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.



Tuesday 26 July, 10.00 am, Upper Stanley Brook Road.

The Motueka Catchment Collective is 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 so we can provide you with more information including the physical address and contact you if there are any changes: survey.monkey.com/r/K9V6BH6.

Yarns for winter smiles

Friday 29 July from 7.00 pm, Te Noninga Kumu Motueka Library.

Our fabulous local bard, John Crick, will be presenting mesmerising yarns at this free family event. Storytelling at its best, with history passed on through songs and verse. Come in out of the cold and spend an evening in the warmth of the library listening to great stories.

Sarau winter sale

Saturday 30 and Sunday 31 July, 11.00 am – 3.00 pm, Moutere Hills Community Centre.

The Moutere's annual winter fundraiser is coming up. This is an opportunity to stock up on your winter reading with their huge book sale. Books you want to sell can be brought to Moutere Hills Community Centre during the weekend and they will absorb them into their stocks. There will also be sales of pre-loved quality clothing and a pop-up cafe. This is fundraising for Sarau Trust.

Meet the locals – the dry and wet kind

Sunday 31 July, 2.00 pm – 4.00 pm, Borck Creek Berryfield Bridge/footpath crossing.

Tasman District Council in partnership with Whenua Iti Outdoors would love to help you meet your neighbours and learn about the awesome eels/tuna living in Borck Creek. This is a free and kid-friendly event. Come along and meet some new neighbours, talk with an engineer who will explain the Borck Creek developments, do some fun activities in the creek and learn a bit about what lives in there, play some games for all ages and enjoy a sausage from the BBQ.

Art workshop for Peaceful Towns art competition

Monday 1 August, 4.00 pm, Richmond Library.

Young people of Tasman (aged 6 – 15) are invited to participate in the Peaceful Towns art competition! To help brainstorm ideas for artwork, we are hosting a workshop with a peace promoter and professional illustrator. This workshop is best suited for 10 – 15 year-olds and art supplies will be provided. To find out more about the competition go to bit.ly/3yZoP7f

Courageous conversations

Watch a four-part mini-series at Richmond Library featuring migrants discussing the challenges of moving to New Zealand with curious, empathetic well known Nelsonians. Parts one and two will be screening on Thursday 4 August, and Parts three and four will be screening on Thursday 11 August. Phone Richmond Library 03 543 8500 for more information and to book your spot. Free.