



# NEWSLINE

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## Lord Rutherford statue back at birthplace after swift recovery

The statue of Brightwater's most famous son will soon return to its rightful spot after being taken on an unexpected weekend excursion recently.

For 30 years, the figure of a young Ernest Rutherford had been the centrepiece of the Lord Rutherford Memorial, located on the site of his 1871 birthplace.

However, in the early hours of Friday 5 August, it was removed from the site, with only the statue's feet and a steel pole left behind.

The theft was captured on CCTV camera and with the assistance of the public, a 35-year-old man was identified and arrested by Police two days after it went missing.

Constable Jamie White of Wakefield Police played a key role in recovering the statue and was on hand to return the young Baron to our Reserves Officers Richard Hilton and Jane Park.

Jamie said he was pleased that the community was able to have the statue of the Nobel Prize winning scientist back so swiftly.

We will now undertake remedial work to re-braze the figure back to its original form.

Richard said a replacement statue would have been extremely

expensive so it was a relief that the memorial could retain the original which was first installed in 1991.

"It's a unique mould and trying to rebuild it would have been very difficult."

Given the damage to the statue from where it was broken off, the repair work was expected to take several weeks before being reinstalled at the top of the Memorial.

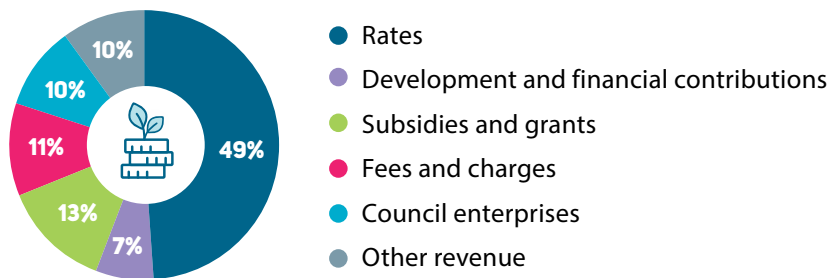
*Pictured: Reserves Officers Richard Hilton and Jane Park and Constable Jamie White.*

# Where does the money come from to keep Tasman running?

Like any large enterprise, we need funds to operate.

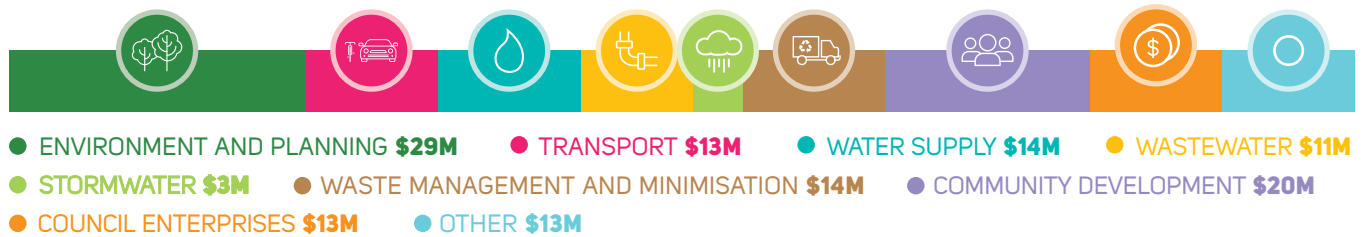
We are responsible for an immense variety of business operations ranging from maintaining roads, managing stormwater, and operating waste management, to supplying water, looking after parks, reserves and community facilities as well as a myriad of other things in between. But exactly where does that money come from and where does it go? Here's a breakdown of what goes where.

## WHERE THE MONEY COMES FROM



## WHERE THE MONEY GOES

### OPERATIONAL EXPENDITURE (THE COSTS OF PROVIDING ONGOING SERVICES)



### CAPITAL EXPENDITURE (TO PURCHASE, CREATE OR RENEW ASSETS)




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## Jimmy Lee Creek has the blues

An issue of unwanted colour in the creek has emerged in Richmond, with potentially toxic substances in one waterway reported to us recently.

A bright blue substance was seen flowing through Jimmy Lee Creek and we understand that white and grey-coloured discharges have occurred recently too.

Investigations are ongoing into the origin of the discharge, although it appears to have come from a stormwater drain discharging between Washbourn Drive and Bill Wilkes Reserve.

It is possibly paint from the cleaning of brushes or leftover paint in an outside drain.

This has been an ongoing issue for a number of years with contaminated stormwater discharges to Jimmy Lee Creek. We'd like to put an end to this happening and urge residents to

consider the impacts of what they might be tipping down the drain.

In the first instance, we are concerned about the effects this may have on wildlife in the creek as well as dogs who play in the water.

However, there is the wider problem that Jimmy Lee Creek runs out into the Waimea Estuary, causing further environmental harm.

Drains inside the house run to the sewerage system, while outside drains, roofs and road gutters are directly connected to waterways, estuaries and the beach.

Because of this, only rain and clean tap water should go down your outside drains.



**If you'd like more information, check out the stormwater section on our website. We also have a great pamphlet available from our service centres which shows the toxicity of various liquids and where they should go.**

## Home insulation subsidies make a difference

We contributed \$60,000 to the Warmer Healthier Homes Te Tau Ihu Charitable Trust, for use over the first three years of our current 10-Year Plan 2021 – 2031. The Trust provides grants to retrofit insulation into qualifying owner-occupied homes across Te Tau Ihu (top of the South).

The Trust works alongside the Energy Efficiency Conservation Authority's Warmer Kiwi Homes grant scheme. The grant we made enables the Trust to leverage a further \$240,000 from central Government.

Within Tasman, the programme has helped to insulate 116 homes over

the past year from July 2021 to June 2022. The Trust has also insulated a number of homes in Nelson and Marlborough.

Heating and insulation can make a massive difference to your health. Having adequate home insulation can also mean that you use less wood in your wood burner, which in turn helps reduce air pollution in winter.

To be eligible for a grant, you will need to be the homeowner (owner-occupied):

- Of a home built before 2008, and
- Have a Community Services Card or SuperGold Card with CSC endorsement, or live in an area identified as low income, or are families referred through the Ministry of Health's Healthy Homes Initiative.

Low-income areas are defined as being a New Zealand Deprivation Index 8, 9 or 10 area. In Tasman, this includes some areas of Richmond, Motueka, Brightwater and Tapawera in particular.

**Homeowners can find out if they qualify for a grant (80 – 100% subsidy) by contacting the project contractor, Absolute Energy. Visit [absoluteenergy.co.nz](http://absoluteenergy.co.nz).**



# Join us and Step into Spring

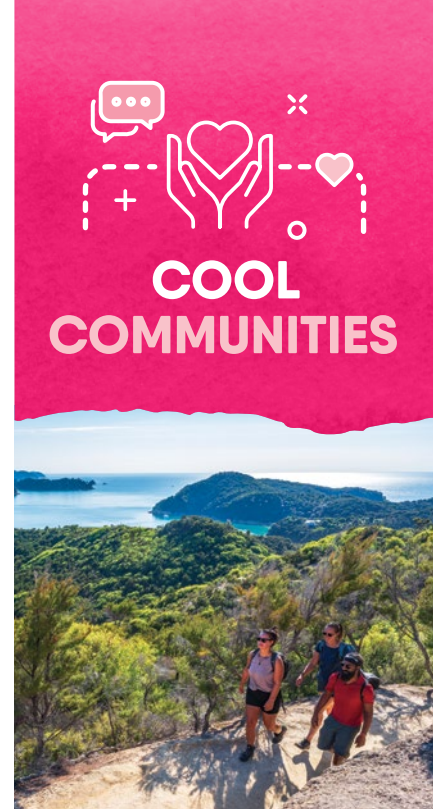
Be part of a new initiative that promotes the benefits of walking for wellbeing and provides an opportunity for people to connect with each other and the environment, called Step into Spring.

We're joining Health Action Trust, Top of the South Neighbourhood Support, Te Whatu Ora Nelson Marlborough, and Nelson City Council to put together a festival of safe, guided walks that will be hosted across Nelson Tasman throughout October. They will cover a range of themes and purposes catering for different abilities and interests.

We are calling all community groups and passionate individuals to organise a walk or two for the festival in an area they feel passionate about.

Why not put together a tour of historical sites in a neighbourhood, a nature ramble, or walks especially for children or families? Walks can range from casual strolls around the streets to adventurous hill climbs and hikes.

**If you would like your walk to be included in the festival programme, visit [tasman.govt.nz/events](https://tasman.govt.nz/events) to fill out an expression of interest form.**



# Calling all artists – get your designs in now!

Our Chorus Cabinet Art Programme is back and submissions are open for designs to beautify communications cabinets around the District.

Five cabinets, three in Richmond, one in Motueka and one in Wakefield, have been chosen for beautification and artists are encouraged to get their designs in before Wednesday 31 August.

The project so far has been very successful, so Chorus has again partnered with us to extend its reach further.

These cabinets become works of street art, often telling stories about the communities in which they are located – the art also discourages tagging.

Our Community Partnerships Officer Yulia Panfylova is coordinating this year's designs and artists. She says we're looking forward to receiving

submissions from ethnically diverse artists highlighting important aspects of community life. 'He aha te mea nui o te ao? He tangata, he tangata, he tangata!'

More information can be found on Chorus' website: [chorus.co.nz/community/cabinet-art-programme](https://chorus.co.nz/community/cabinet-art-programme).

Meanwhile, the latest round of completed cabinet art can be seen on the streets.



Artist Julie Davies has called her work on Pah Street in Motueka 'Whio', featuring two Whio spotted near Flora Hut in Kahurangi National Park.



On Abel Tasman Drive in Clifton, Golden Bay artist Lorraine Polglase has titled her work 'Clifton Medley', which is a celebration of the local natural environment.



The classic kiwi one-lane bridge has been captured in this work in Aniseed Valley by artist Thijs De Koning titled 'Two Bridges, One Way'.

# Student art rocks!

Nine Trades Academy students have created rock art dedicated to Matariki which are being sold to raise funds for a local organisation that teaches Te Reo.

The student's works of creativity are being sold in an online auction on our Facebook page to raise money for Te Ataarangi ki te Taihu o te Waka-a-Māui.

Everyone is welcome to bid on their favourite rock art, simply comment the dollar amount you want to bid on the individual photo of the rock art you are interested in.

The highest bid on each photo at the end of the auction will win the rock. All details about each rock and the artist can be found on each individual photo.

The winners of each auction will need to make a bank transfer to Te Ataarangi ki te Taihu o te Waka-a-Māui account number 03-0693-0124507-00, reference MR Auction.

To collect your rock art, you will need to send confirmation of payment to [yulia.panfylova@tasman.govt.nz](mailto:yulia.panfylova@tasman.govt.nz) and then arrange to collect the rock from one of our service centres.

The rock art is on display in our Richmond Service Centre reception area for the duration of the auction.



The auction is underway now and closes at noon on Wednesday 31 August. Time to get bidding!

**Find the post pinned to the top of our Facebook page at [facebook.com/TasmanDistrictCouncil](https://facebook.com/TasmanDistrictCouncil).**

# Seeking expressions of interest for Sundial Square site

We have a vacant cart site available now at Sundial Square on Queen Street Richmond and are calling for expressions of interest.

Previously this site had a coffee cart, and another coffee cart is preferred, but all ideas are welcome. The main focus is to ensure it adds to the positive experience at Sundial Square.

The successful proposer will be given a six-month trial licence to occupy. A \$300 documentation fee will be required from the successful applicant.

Written proposals should be sent to [margot.wilson@tasman.govt.nz](mailto:margot.wilson@tasman.govt.nz) by 4.00 pm Friday 9 September.

Proposals should outline:

- What service will you offer? Preference will be given to experienced coffee services and other services not available in the immediate vicinity.

- Do you have an existing cart, or do you intend to acquire one? Please provide a photo of your cart. Preference will be given to submitters with an existing cart.
- When would the service be available? Weekdays only? Seven days? What hours? Preference will be given to those who can start as soon as possible and operate for the greatest number of days and hours per week.
- What weekly rental are you willing to pay?
- Confirm you understand your cart will need appropriate certification (i.e. electrical, food) and you will take out appropriate insurance cover.
- Confirm you understand that all mobile cart businesses in Tasman must lock and secure their power outlet and remove their cart at the end of each day.

Proposals will be considered by an assessment committee and the successful candidate will be notified by 4.00 pm Friday 16 September. We reserve the right to not accept any of the proposals.



# Planting is underway at Kingsland Forest Park

Kingsland Forest, on the flanks of the Barnicoat Range that forms the backdrop to Richmond, used to be a Council-owned plantation forestry block which has now become a popular recreation destination for bikers and walkers.

Public input was sought on the future of the area in 2020 to change it from a commercial forestry block to a recreational area and following feedback a plan was established which we're now putting in place.

The Kingsland name acknowledges the efforts of Henry and Tom Kingsland, father and son, who were involved in the pine industry in Richmond from the 1920s.

We are replanting a mix of native and permanent exotic trees, which will allow us to progressively improve recreational tracks and facilities over time.

So far around 7,000 of close to 10,000 native trees have been planted in the reservoir creek catchment of the recreation area.

In spring, the focus will switch to widescale weed control ahead of



a big planting season next winter which will see around 36,000 natives and 15,000 exotic trees planted.

The picture above is where we're focusing on this planting season.

# Despite a wet July, summer could still be dry

None of us need to be told that July across Tasman was wet, very wet.

Figures from our network of rainfall gauges dotted all around Tasman show rainfall for the month was on average 30 percent higher than normal.

The wettest parts were the hills surrounding Golden Bay where in one gauge we recorded 950 millimetres for the month.

But what does all this rainfall mean for the District as we look ahead to spring and summer? Actually, not a lot!

Our Senior Resource Scientist Joseph Thomas says our aquifers and rivers are relatively small so don't hold a lot of long-term storage capacity.

He says by the time we get to summer all the water that's been collected during winter will have flowed through and out of the system.

Joseph says with just a couple of weeks of fine weather and drying winds we will be back to square one again.



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# NEWSLINE UPDATES



## Community leasing and licensing policy set to begin

We are about to begin the process of developing a Community Leasing and Licensing Policy. The aim of this is to make the process of providing leases and licenses to community groups fairer and more consistent.

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 on Wednesday 31 August at 7.00 pm to discuss this further and answer any questions.

Contact [neil.lindsay@tasman.govt.nz](mailto:neil.lindsay@tasman.govt.nz) for more information.

## Apply for rural sports funding now

Applications are now invited for the Sport NZ Rural Travel Fund. The Sport NZ Rural Travel Fund offers help with travel costs for rural sports clubs and rural school teams. The fund is to help young people aged 5 – 19 participate in local sports competitions.

Sport NZ fully funds the Rural Travel Fund, which we administer locally on their behalf. This round of funding closes on Monday 31 October. Head to [tasman.govt.nz/grants](http://tasman.govt.nz/grants) to check out the funding guidelines and complete an application form.

## Last chance to nominate your local community hero

Nominations for this year's Outstanding Community Service Awards close on 31 August.

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

There are so many local heroes helping in our Tasman communities, assisting at sports clubs, volunteering in environmental groups or helping with the administration of community organisations. If you know one of these unsung heroes who works away with little recognition, 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. Visit [tasman.govt.nz/community-awards](http://tasman.govt.nz/community-awards).

## 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](http://tasman.govt.nz/meetings-calendar) for details and the Zoom link.

### Submissions Hearing:

#### Stock Control and Droving Bylaw

Monday 22 August, 9.30 am

#### Joint Shareholders Committee

Tuesday 23 August, 9.30 am.

No public forum

#### Joint Committee of Nelson City and Tasman District Councils

Monday 29 August, 9.30 am

#### Nelson Regional Sewerage Business Unit

Friday 2 September, 9.30 am

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# WHAT'S ON IN TASMAN



## Community planting days

**Sunday 21 August, 9.00 am – 1.00 pm,**  
Greenslade Park Rough Island.  
Turn right after the gatekeeper's house, 6 Ken Beck Drive.

**Sunday 28 August, 9.00 am – 1.00 pm,**  
Moturoa / Rabbit Island, Boat Ramp Bay. Turn right after 98 Ken Beck Drive depot, park at the end of Boat Ramp Road.

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](mailto:bandedrail@gmail.com).

## Saturday 27 August, Herring Stream 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 they can provide you with more information including the physical address and contact you if there are any changes: [surveyMonkey.com/r/K9V6BH6](https://surveyMonkey.com/r/K9V6BH6).

## 50+ group

**Tuesdays, 1.30 pm onwards,**  
Murchison Sport Recreation and Cultural Centre Function Room.

50+ is a free group get together. Drinks and snacks provided. All welcome, but please note that sessions are age appropriate. For any questions or to join, contact Jacqui on 03 523 9360.

## Music for minis and kindy gym

**Mondays, 10.00 am – 12.00 pm,**  
Murchison Sport Recreation and Cultural Centre Function Room.

Music followed by kindy gym for the kids and a cuppa for the adults. Free and all are welcome. Contact Rebecca Hockey on 03 523 9005 with any queries.

## Stitch together

Are you working on a quilt piece for our Origins Whakapapa Quilt? Or maybe you want to take part but would prefer company and guidance? Come along to our cosy stitch together sessions in the Constance Barnicoat room at Richmond Library from 10.00 am – 12.00 pm, Saturdays 27 August, 10 and 24 September.

All ages welcome. Fabric will be provided but bring your own needles and thread, fabric pens or other materials you'd like to use.

## Museum talks

Tākaka Library and the Golden Bay Museum have teamed up to present two fascinating talks at the Tākaka Library. Paul Kilgour will be speaking at 12.00 pm on Friday 2 September about his epic hut-bagging exploits, and Janet Huddleston will be speaking at 12.00 pm on Friday 9 September about her eleven seasons working in Antarctica. Free. All welcome.

## Author talk

**Saturday 27 August, 2.00 pm,**  
Motueka Library Te Noninga Kumu.

Come along for an author talk with Chris Stuart about her novel *For Reasons Of Their Own* – can the past ever be left behind? Ask a flawed detective, a former refugee and a government desperate to misuse a dead body to reshape Australia's security policy. Free. All welcome.

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