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A look back at how the recent weather event played out

The forecast was for heavy rain coming from the north and it was going to rain for days. While the forecast gave some large numbers in terms of rainfall, initial concerns were about possible landslip issues. Crews were activated with the focus on preparation for the event to arrive.

What was not clear, either through radar or the lack of thunderstorm activity, was that rain was going to be delivered in hours of intense bursts.

Intense rain bursts hours in length falling on already sodden ground was what created the historic floods recorded predominantly in Nelson. Paradise in Golden Bay may have seen the most rain, but the rainfall of greatest significance occurred in the hills behind Nelson.

By Wednesday morning the State of Emergency was declared as the effects of the storm were becoming viciously apparent. In the end, it looked like there were three super-events inside the long five days of

rain delivered by what has become known as the Atmospheric River.

The Wairoa and Waimea Rivers remained relatively low until Friday night when rain spread further South causing the Waimea River to rise to a 15-year annual recurrence interval (ARI). The Waimea Plains responded as the water table reached the ground surface, flowing across old channels, affecting properties on the Plains before accumulating near the coast.

Support from around the country arrived at the Emergency Operation Centres in Richmond and Golden Bay. This was only rivalled by the influx of media to the region.

Experienced emergency operations experts supported the staff from both Nelson and Tasman Councils as well as other agencies Police, FENZ, Defence Force, Waka Kotahi as well as the fundamental role our Te Taihū iwi played in the centres.

The weather has turned, and the clean-up is in full swing. However, it is recognised the damage caused by four days of record-breaking rain is going to take years with lifeline roads and other infrastructure going to take months, if not longer to restore. The damage this event has done to properties, homes and the way people live is the hidden cost for many, and may still be yet to surface for some.

Keep up with the latest information

A lot has happened in the Nelson Tasman region over the past few weeks, and one question you may find yourself asking is where can I find the latest information?

We have three key channels that we keep up to date with information when we have a weather event or other emergency – our website, our Facebook page and Antenno.

- Visit our website, tasman.govt.nz.
- Follow our Facebook page, facebook.com/TasmanDistrictCouncil.
- Download the Antenno app from the app store on your mobile phone.

Antenno is free and an easy way to get notifications straight to your phone about things affecting areas you are concerned about. You can save multiple areas such as your home, work and school.

Nelson City and Marlborough District Councils also use Antenno, so you can get notified about different areas across Te Taihū (top of the South).

You can also use Antenno to send us a quick and easy report of any issues you spot around the District.



Road closures

Are you looking for specific information such as road closures? Visit tasman.govt.nz/road-conditions for two interactive maps. The first one is a Council map which shows the road closures and conditions of all our local roads, and the second is a Waka Kotahi map showing the conditions and closures of the state highways.

Applications are open for the Mayoral Relief Fund

The fund is open to Tasman District and Nelson City residents, ratepayers or business owners, and not-for-profit organisations who have suffered personal financial hardship because of the flood event that began on 17 August 2022.

To apply, fill in the form on our website at tasman.govt.nz/mayoral-relief-fund and return it either

- By email to MayoralRelief@ncc.govt.nz
- By dropping it into any of our service centres
- By mail to Nelson City Council, PO Box 645, Nelson 7040. Freepost 76919

Hard copies are also available at all our service centres.

To be eligible for the grant:

- You must be experiencing hardship as a result of the weather event that started in the Tasman Nelson area on 17 August 2022 at the time of your application.
- Priority will be given to those who are/were a permanent resident (owner/occupier or occupier), ratepayer, or owner of a business located in Tasman or Nelson at the time of the August 2022 weather event.
- You must not be eligible for funding assistance from any other source/government organisation for the same item/s.

The fund helps on a one-off basis for extraordinary circumstances, where real need can be shown and is a last resort measure when people have exhausted other appropriate sources such as Work and Income New Zealand (WINZ), the Rural Support Trust, EQC and other government agencies.

Donations are welcome too

If you wish to donate money to the Relief Fund, please use the Nelson City Council bank account: **03-0703-0325055-00** with the reference 'Mayoral Relief Fund'.

All donations are eligible for a donation tax credit.



Corner of Selbourne Avenue, Richmond

Celebrating Welcoming Week

Tasman's first ever Welcoming Week is taking shape with a variety of events being organised right across the District.

Welcoming Week starts on Saturday 10 September.

You can register to join a Belonging and Inclusion Workshop for newcomers and migrants facilitated by the Inclusive Aotearoa Network. Saturday 10 September, 10.00 am – 12.00 pm, Māpua Hall, and Saturday 10 September, 2.00 pm – 4.00 pm, Richmond Library.

There's also a Tūrangawaewae workshop on Friday 9 September, 10.00 am – 12.00 pm, at the Tapawera Memorial Hall.

How about sharing kai and kōrero – food and conversations. Come and join us for DiversiTEA at the Richmond and Motueka libraries. Try a range of international teas and meet and greet other community members. Motueka, Tuesday 13 September, 3.30 pm – 5.30 pm, and Richmond, Thursday 15 September, 3.30 pm – 5.30 pm.

There's also a Multicultural Community Potluck Dinner at the Motueka Memorial Hall on Friday 16 September at 6.00 pm.

Or take the opportunity to learn Te Reo Māori. An introductory course for newcomers and migrants is happening at Richmond Library on Wednesday 14 September from 4.00 pm – 5.00 pm, but you'll need to book because space is limited.



There are also several other events being planned so keep an eye on our Facebook page and website – tasman.govt.nz/events for updates.

For further information or to make bookings contact birte.becker-steel@tasman.govt.nz.

Name Nelson Airport's fire truck and win!

Nelson Airport's new Panther Rosenbauer fire truck is arriving in September 2022.



The emergency vehicle is equipped with a 700-horsepower Volvo engine, a cannon that can throw water up to 80 metres and can blast 7000 litres of water per minute. Its arrival will provide Nelson Airport's Rescue Fire Service with state-of-the-art firefighting capability.

Now all it needs is a name that's worthy of it! Do you have a great suggestion? Let us know at nelsonairport.co.nz/name-the-truck,

and you could be in with a chance to win a ride on Nelson Airport's Panther Rosenbauer fire truck, a framed photograph of the experience, a \$100 Prezzy Card and a voucher to spend at Sublime Coffee at Nelson Airport.

The winning name will be selected by a panel of invited judges.

Entries close on Wednesday 7 September.

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More improvements for Motueka

Our next project to improve wastewater and water supply infrastructure in Motueka is underway.

This time we're focusing on Motueka west, installing a new rising main to deliver wastewater across town to the wastewater treatment plant in Thorp Street in a project worth around \$2.1 million.

At the same time, we're putting in a new water main pipe to supply the growing development on the western side of Motueka.

We'll be digging one hole to install both pipelines.

The wastewater rider main runs along Grey Street from the Green Lane intersection North to Pah Street, while the water main will follow the same alignment with an additional branch east along Whakarewa Street past Motueka High School.



The project has just started and is scheduled to be finished in January next year.

Peace through the eyes of our youth

As a member of the international Mayors for Peace network, Tasman Mayor Tim King is inviting you to celebrate the winners of the Peaceful Towns Art competition at Motueka Library.

Selected artworks from across Tasman will be on display on Wednesday 21 September from 4.00 pm to 6.00 pm.

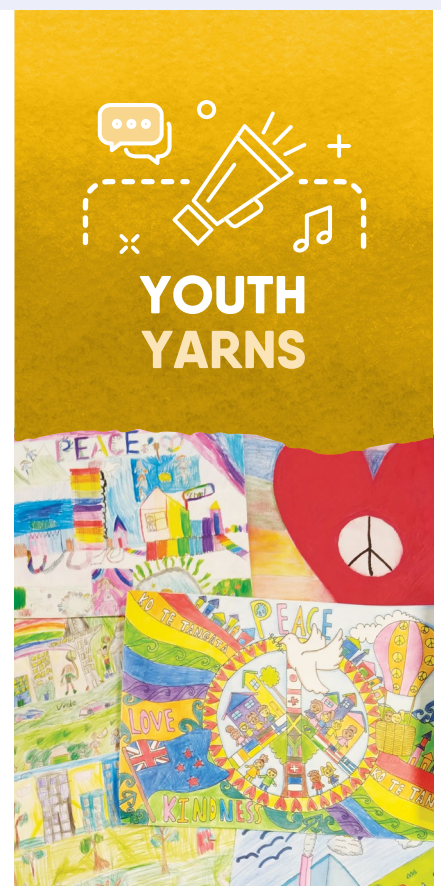
Our competition is part of the international event organised by the Mayors for Peace network. It's an opportunity for our young people to show the rest of the world how through our community values, we support peace in Aotearoa.

While brainstorming ideas for their art pieces, kids talked about how the vast Pacific Ocean protects our country to maintain peace, how our

unique environment made us kaitiaki, and how our Māori culture made us more welcoming and connected.

Co-ordinator Yulia Panfylova says, "The example of the war in my home country of Ukraine shows us that it can start anytime and anywhere, but what can stop it is compassion. To be compassionate we've got to learn to listen and observe."

"Through their artwork, these youngsters show us we've got to support peace on all levels, be at peace with ourselves, with our family, community and the environment."



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We hear you, and appreciate your feedback

Our annual Residents Satisfaction Survey measures satisfaction with our services and facilities. Your feedback shows there are areas where we are doing well and some areas for more focus and improvement.

The survey was carried out by market research company Research First, from 400 phone interviews in May 2022.

So, how did we do? Of the 23 services or facilities, 12 achieved the service target while 11 other areas received useful feedback to shape our future service levels.

The results showed 64% were satisfied with our performance overall (65% in 2021), and 66% felt our reputation was good (69% in 2021).

Satisfaction was high (above 80%) for those using our libraries, recreation facilities, Aquatic Centre, water supply, wastewater, stormwater, kerbside recycling, and resource recovery centres. And 80% reported they saw, read, or heard Council information in the past 12 months.

Your feedback also highlighted areas where we need to improve. The percentage change from last year is in brackets. This included the way we consult the public in the decisions we make (-6%), pre-paid rubbish bags (-5%), community

programmes and events (-6%) and the services received when contacting our offices (-7%).

Positive improvement included satisfaction with roads (+9%), the Council's Emergency Management (+2%), and the information the Council provides is enough (+2%).

Information from the survey and targets will be reported in the Annual Report 2021/2022.

“A great result considering the events and facilities we have had to close due to Covid-19 and staff illness. We can and want to improve on these results,” said Chief Executive Officer Leonie Rae.

Have your say on the Māpua Structure Plan 2023

We want to understand your views on how Māpua should grow, while making sure new development and redevelopment is done in a way that maintains and adds to the character of the area. To do this, we're running a community survey from 5 – 26 September.

What we learn from the survey will help to shape the Māpua Structure Plan 2023, and therefore, the future of Māpua. It's important to us that we hear from a broad range of interested people.

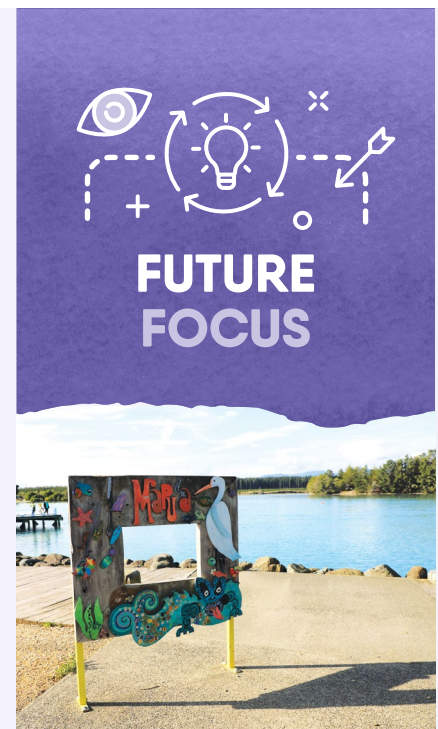
Whether you are new to the area, considering moving to or setting up shop in Māpua, or a long-term resident – we want your views.

The first step in the process is to review our current Structure Plan for the area, which was created in 2010. Through the survey, we'll explore whether the 2010 document is fit for purpose in guiding development that benefits the whole community, such as

appropriate housing, access to nature, and facilities.

With this information and together with iwi and stakeholder feedback, we will create a refreshed draft Structure Plan to be tested through community round-table workshops in November. Following this, we will refine the draft before further consultation. We aim to have the new plan in place early next year.

We will use the refreshed Māpua Structure Plan 2023 to guide the policies and rules which form part of the Tasman Environment Plan, and Māpua Growth Plan Change, as well as guiding other Council responsibilities such as infrastructure.



The Māpua Community Library has printed surveys available. A Council Planner will be at the library for your questions/support from 2.00 pm – 4.00 pm on Wednesdays 7, 14, and 21 September.

Have your say online:
[environmentplan.tasman.govt.nz/
mapua-structure-plan-2023](https://environmentplan.tasman.govt.nz/mapua-structure-plan-2023)

Tasman Biodiversity Strategy adopted by Council

During the preparation of the Tasman – Nelson Regional Pest Management Plan, the lack of an agreed strategy guiding biosecurity and biodiversity activity became apparent and the preparation of a Biodiversity Strategy started.

Indigenous biodiversity, the native flora and fauna of the region, is in crisis. We are losing species at an accelerating rate. Without guidance to provide integration and prioritisation, it is unlikely that ongoing loss and degradation will be slowed, let alone reversed.

It was recognised early in the process that the breadth of the activity needed to reverse

biodiversity decline would be beyond the Council alone to achieve. For the Strategy to be successful it would need as many individuals, agencies and groups working together as possible. Therefore, a hearts and minds approach was adopted.

Late 2019 saw the Strategy development underway. A governance group comprising Councillors and representatives of iwi chairs was established to oversee the project. The governance group sought nominations and appointed members to an independent working group covering a range of expertise and broadly representative of landowners, relevant agencies and groups, sectors and the broader community.



Supported by an independent facilitator, the working group worked with the community to develop a non-regulatory, high-level strategy through a consensus process.

The next step of this process is to work with all motivated parties to develop plans of action to implement the Strategy, including how and when they plan to contribute to its implementation.

Libraries partnership programme enables top-shelf outcomes

Thanks to the support of the New Zealand Libraries Partnership Programme (NZLPP), our library staff have been able to increase the services and support provided to our communities.

The NZLPP was established in July 2021 as a government stimulus programme to support Covid-19 recovery work across New Zealand's library system.

The programme has now ended. However, the outcomes achieved with the \$412,738 in funding and fee waivers we received during the programme will continue to benefit the community into the future.

We were able to establish two temporary positions to support community engagement, digitisation and digital support initiatives and develop new programmes.

Major initiatives undertaken included a pop-up library at a number of locations and events across the District.

We were able to refine and invest in our digital resources and digitise materials of historic interest, while NZLPP staff designed and delivered a digital drop-in service at each of our library branches to support users needing technology assistance on topics such as installing and using apps, attending Zoom meetings and navigating social media.

We also established a Pasifika-focused digital skills programme alongside the Motueka-based Talanoa Ako Programme.



Another big achievement was the establishment of an oral history programme. The aim of this project is to record and safeguard stories of Tasman, reflecting the diverse lives of our people and providing a record of specific moments in time.

To date, we have completed oral histories related to the library's 2020 Lockdown Quilt and residents at Riverside Community. These are now available online at heritage.tasmanlibraries.govt.nz.

Further recordings are underway, and the project will continue until the end of 2022.

NEWSLINE UPDATES



Publicly notified resource consent application

Proposal to discharge contaminants from backfill associated with gravel extraction at Peach Island, Motueka

CJ Industries Limited has applied for resource consent to discharge contaminants from backfill associated with its proposed gravel extraction at 134 Peach Island Road. The site is located on the berm of the Motueka River and on the landward side of the stopbank at Peach Island. This resource consent application RM220578 is in addition to applications for land use consents that were previously notified in December 2021. This discharge permit application extends the scope of the original application, and so the extra resource consent is subject to this separate public notification. This is a summary notice only. On our website you will find the full public notice, the application, the assessment of environmental effects and supporting information. Visit tasman.govt.nz and search 'CJ discharge'. Any person may make a submission on the applications under section 96 of the Resource Management Act 1991. You will find submission forms and details on how to make a submission on our website and at our service centres. Submissions close 4.30 pm Friday 9 September 2022.

Maritime events

Event activity: Jet boating skills/rally

Date and location: Saturday 3 and Sunday 4 September 2022, Waimea River

Event activity: Waka Ama Racing

Date and location: Friday 11 and Saturday 12 November 2022, Kaiteriteri

The Harbourmaster has granted authorisation for these events under the provisions of the Navigation Safety Bylaw 2015. Due to Navigation Safety requirements, water users not involved in these events may be excluded from defined areas during these activities. Further details and any new events may be viewed at tasman.govt.nz/maritime-events.

Situations vacant

Secretary – Wakefield Community Council

This is a paid role of \$29.26 per week and could be held by the same person in the Treasurers role.

Responsibilities include:

- Preparing and circulating the agenda and monthly financials.
- Report before meetings.
- Attendance at monthly meetings.
- Taking minutes during meetings and circulating to membership.
- Managing all correspondence for the WCC including incoming, outgoing, and preparation of grant applications etc.
- Liaising with Hall Booking Officer on village hall matters.
- Liaising with Council staff on various matters.

Treasurer – Wakefield Community Council

This is a paid role of \$29.26 per week and could be held by the same person in the Secretarial role.

Responsibilities include:

- Preparing monthly financial reports before meetings.
- Receiving, tabling and paying monthly bills.
- Raising invoices monthly for hall hire.
- Preparing annual financial report.
- Liaising with an auditor in order to obtain signed off accounts.
- Managing bank accounts for any project-related work.
- Supplying financial information for grant applications.

For more information on both roles please email Julian Eggers: eggerts213@gmail.com

Secretary – Māpua District Community Association

If you have secretarial skills or a desire to learn, there is a vacancy for a Secretary of MDCA.

Tasks include:

- Minutes taking (two meetings per month).
- Setting the agendas correspondence – follow-up and recording.
- Mailchimp member meeting notice and documentation filing and preparation and Coastal News article.

An honorarium of \$2,200 is paid p/a over 11 months at \$200 p/m. Please email info@ourmapua.org for more information.

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.

Community Grants Subcommittee

Tuesday 6 September, 9.30 am.
No public forum.

Regulatory Committee

Thursday 8 September, 9.30am

Full Council

Thursday 8 September, 1.00 pm

Nelson-Tasman Regional Landfill Business Unit

Friday 9 September, 9.30 am

Golden Bay Community Board

Tuesday 13 September, 9.30 am

Golden Bay Rec Park Management Committee

Wednesday 14 September, 9.30 am.
No public forum.

Community Awards Subcommittee

Thursday 15 September, 9.00 am.
No public forum.

Operations Committee

Thursday 15 September, 9.30 am

Audit and Risk Committee

Friday 16 September, 1.30 pm.
No public forum.

WHAT'S ON IN TASMAN



Community planting day

Sunday 4 September, 9.00 am – 1.00 pm, Greenslade Park Rough Island. Turn right at the big no dogs sign. Near 98 Ken Beck Drive.

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 13 September, 1.30 pm – 3.00 pm, Richmond Library.

Everyone is welcome to enjoy a relaxed cuppa and start your journey

connecting with others who enjoy the same things. Pop in for a quick chat or stay for a longer conversation with friendly people. No need to register, just turn up on the day.

Comics Plus

Admit it – you secretly love comics. They're not just for kids, are they? Luckily for you, we agree and have added Comics Plus to the great selection of free e-Resources on our library website. Discover graphic novels, manga, anime and comics for adults.

Teen study space

Does your teenager need a quiet space to study? Motueka and Richmond libraries are providing warm, dry, quiet spaces for high school students to study this exam season. Not only

that but there will be snacks and free wifi. At Motueka Library most Fridays from 1.30 pm – 4.00 pm, starting 26 August; and Richmond Library from 3.00 pm – 5.00 pm every Monday starting 12 September (excluding school holidays).

Conservation Week 2022

Check out our wide range of hands-on workshops, talks, exhibitions and more for adults and children at Richmond, Motueka, Murchison and Tākaka libraries. Play Conservation Bingo, create a landscape embroidery, find out about the lizards in your garden, wrap your head around the translocation of native birds and check out an incredible photography exhibition. Visit tasmanlibraries.govt.nz for further information.



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