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## Hear the call of nature – help us develop your Tasman Environment Plan

We are about to begin our next round of community engagement in developing a new environmental blueprint to shape the future of our District for generations to come.

We are in the process of replacing our current resource management plans with a single, modern version – Aorere ki uta, Aorere ki tai – Tasman Environment Plan (TEP).

Like the rest of New Zealand, Tasman has some big environmental challenges and must plan for future growth.

Despite the proposed reform of the Resource Management Act, the needs and challenges facing the people of Tasman remain the same.

Through quality policies, we can build greater resilience in the face of a changing climate and natural hazards, turn around biodiversity

loss, retain productive rural land, protect and restore waterways, and plan for sustainable development.

Over the coming years, we will be working closely with Tasman communities to ensure the new TEP provides necessary environmental protection, restoration and community resilience.

This includes quality and appropriate development of Tasman's towns, local centres, rural areas, and coastal places, protecting and restoring our land and air, and applying a ki uta ki tai (from the mountains to the sea) approach to water management.

Our upcoming round of engagement will involve staff and councillors having conversations with you about Tasman's issues and opportunities and getting your feedback on how we should address them through the TEP. What we learn will make a difference in how the TEP is shaped.

Numerous community events and consultation opportunities are planned between November and December 2022. These will be listed on our website and various other channels soon.

[environmentplan.tasman.govt.nz](https://environmentplan.tasman.govt.nz)

## Mayor's Taskforce graduates celebrate achievements

Some of this region's best and brightest vocational graduates were celebrated at the Mayor's Taskforce for Jobs graduation event last month.

Twenty-seven students received certificates of recognition for their achievements across a broad range of industry-based training opportunities.

Graduates gained qualifications in a vast range of industries including outdoor education, retail, fishing, horticulture, community work, health care, food and beverage service, and engineering.

In his speech, Mayor Tim King says the Mayor's Taskforce for Jobs programme further highlights the benefits of 'earn and learn' employment pathways over

traditional tertiary qualifications.

He recognised the tenacity and true grit it had taken for students to get to this point, especially with the added curveball of Covid being thrown into the mix.

"Juggling full-time work, study and family commitments isn't an easy task, so those who have qualified must be extremely proud of their achievements."

Mayor Tim also thanked the businesses and companies who have joined the programme.

"By committing to and supporting the Mayor's Taskforce for Jobs, local businesses and companies are helping ensure our region maintains and reinforces itself as a strategically important part of this country's economy."



Krystal Alsop-Coleman, NZ Certificate in Primary Industry Production Management Level 5 with Strands in Livestock Production and Crop Production, with Nelson City Councillor Gaile Noonan and Tasman Mayor Tim King.

## Tasman's first ever Welcoming Week highly successful

Twelve events were organised over eight days last month, attracting a diverse range of attendees.

The focus was on bringing people new to our community together to feel included, but also for them to share a slice of their culture with others.

There were facilitated conversations around Tūrangawaewae and belonging which were presented in association with the Inclusive Aotearoa Collective, Tāhono.

DiversiTea events enabled people to meet others and try different international teas, along with potluck meals that provided great opportunities for people to share kai and connect with a range of different community members.

Our Welcoming Communities Officer Birte Becker-Steel says many conversations were held focusing on what makes us feel like we belong, what we love about living in Tasman and what people would like to see happen in the future.

She says settling into a new area, if not a new country, has always been challenging and finding out about local opportunities, making new friends, and becoming part of the community takes time, but events like these really help.

Birte says now is the time to reach out, build bridges and relationships and improve the links across the Tasman community.

### So, what's next?

If you have ideas for other community events, contact Birte who can help you to organise welcoming activities in your group or community, share information and start new initiatives. Get in touch by email: [birte.becker-steel@tasman.govt.nz](mailto:birte.becker-steel@tasman.govt.nz).



# Cleaner, greener and more frequent buses coming

More frequent, more environmentally friendly, and more widespread services are coming with a new contract awarded to local operator Nelson Coachlines SBL to deliver Nelson Tasman's bus service for the next nine years.

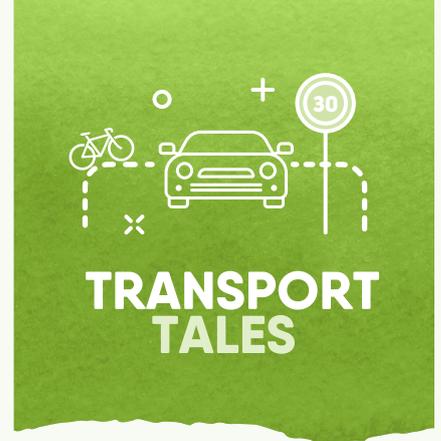
The contract will replace the existing bus fleet with one where 80 percent of the buses used are electric. The Late Late Bus and overflow buses, which make up the rest of the fleet, will be at the highest European standard for environmentally friendly diesel buses. This will be the first mostly electric bus service outside of major urban centres in Aotearoa.

The new bus service, made possible by a Waka Kotahi subsidy, will not only be greener but there will also be more buses going to more places. The service will include new routes from Motueka and Wakefield, as well as an airport service.

"These new routes will provide public transport options for people from places like Brightwater, Māpua,

Hope and Tasman, giving them the opportunity to leave the car at home and commute to work by bus," says Chair of the Tasman Regional Transport Committee Stuart Bryant.

"With the services from Motueka and Wakefield going express from Richmond to Nelson they will be a pretty efficient way to get into our urban centres, and a good way to save money on petrol!"



Services on routes 1 and 2 will also become more frequent, with buses every half hour from 7.00 am to 7.00 pm and extending services to Richmond West and Richmond South.

The new bus service will start 1 July 2023.

Pictured below from left to right: SBL's Tony Cumming and Tim Cumming, Stuart Bryant, Brian McGurk, Judene Edgar and Tim King.



# A new Council and a new council term

The voting's over, the papers have been counted and election results are now available at [tasman.govt.nz/elections](http://tasman.govt.nz/elections), but to get to this point it has taken a detailed and thorough process.

The first step was progressive results. These were the votes counted by the deadline of noon last Saturday and were released a few hours after polls closed.

The second count yields the preliminary results – this is the count including those cast on the final day but counted after closing time, not including special votes.

The third count yields the final results and includes all votes received. Usually released in the week following the polls closing and

these are now on our website. Final results were not available at the time Newsline was printed.

So, what's happening now for the members of the new Tasman District Council and Community Boards?

For those who were successful in being re-elected, it will feel like business as usual, but for newcomers to the Council Chambers, there will be a whirlwind of training and introductions to systems and processes as well as the establishment of various committees.

The inaugural meeting and swearing in ceremony is on Thursday 27 October at Te Āwhina Marae in Motueka with the first formal Council meeting scheduled for Thursday 3 November.



# Seasons of soil sampling return

Our next round of soil mapping work is underway and with around 80,000 ha to map between now and June 2023, we certainly have a lot of ground to cover across the Tasman District.

It's all worth the effort – the work we're undertaking, and the information gained will be used to complement the national soil map of New Zealand.

For the last week, our field team has been out and about in Motueka and surrounding areas.

Soil mapping will then continue through spring, summer, autumn and winter as we plan to sample some of the soils at Wai-iti, Brightwater and Tapawera.

If soils get a little dry in summer, we will take a breather while we wait for some rain.

We want to keep things sweet with property owners – if your land is of interest, you will be contacted by members of the field team in advance.

It's also important to mention that soil mapping is a largely non-invasive procedure.

It differs from soil testing in that samples are not generally taken from the sites visited, but rather involves a visual assessment of the soil.

A soil auger (pictured) is our preferred tool of choice to drill a one-metre-deep hole into the ground and lay the soil material out in a half pipe to describe the colour, texture and other properties.



The hole will be backfilled after the visual examination. Often, a cut in the road or riverbank provides exactly what we need without having to make a hole.

**More information can be found on our website, [tasman.govt.nz](https://tasman.govt.nz), search 'valuing our soils'.**

# Tasman residents pay their respects to Queen Elizabeth

Hundreds of Tasman residents took the time to send their condolences to the Royal Family following the death of Queen Elizabeth. Condolence books were placed at each of our service centres and online for those who wanted to pay their respects to the late Queen.

Many people wrote of their deep sadness and reflected on her life of public service while others reflected upon special occasions and personal interactions with her Majesty, there was even a sealed private note addressed to Prince George.



The five Tasman condolence books are being sent to Buckingham Palace where they will be held in the Royal Archives.

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## Clued Up Kids are safer kids

A safety skills event for 9 to 11 year olds building on earlier work to create a generation of Clued Up Kids in Nelson Tasman is being run next week at the Richmond Showgrounds.

The multi-agency programme teaches primary school-aged children confidence and life skills to help them stay safe in a range of real-life scenarios.

More than 600 children from schools throughout the region will take part in the event, which is in its sixth year.

Clued Up Kids coordinator Jo Perrett says the children are at an age where they're becoming increasingly independent and are more likely to meet situations where there may not be an adult around to tell them what to do.

She says Clued Up Kids gives them the tools to help keep themselves

safe. Since the programme began, there have been several instances where children have put their new skills to use.

Jo says one called 111 when a parent collapsed at home, and thanks to Clued Up Kids they knew what to do, like go and meet the ambulance at the gate.

"When a parent panicked after a child injured themselves at home and was busy looking for the doctor's name and number to call, an older child that had been to Clued Up Kids stayed calm and called an ambulance."

She says one former participant was in a house fire and called 111 while another went home and noticed a lack of smoke alarms so organised for the fire service to install some!



The hands-on activities include a smoky fire simulation to teach children how to react during a house fire, as well as demonstrations on water safety, interacting with dogs, road safety, quad bikes, truck and cycle safety, as well as first aid.

## Do it online with us

There is a range of things you can do online at our website, [tasman.govt.nz](http://tasman.govt.nz). It can be a quick and easy way to get things done.

You can pay your bills using online banking or a credit card, covering everything from rates, dog registration, building consent fees to (Heaven forbid!) parking infringements. To make life even easier, why not sign up to get your

rates bill via email and set up a direct debit? Find out how in our "do it online" website section.

If you want to request a LIM report, apply for a job or one of the many grants we offer – we've got you covered.

There are features that allow you to track progress on your building or resource consent processing and the cemetery records search function is

ideal for anyone looking into their family history.

We have a section dedicated to receiving your feedback too. Whether you want to report an issue that needs fixing, contact a staff member, give a compliment, or make a complaint, you can do it all online.

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## Growing concern for Aussie pest plant on the prowl

Queensland poplar is a small tree that grows up to five metres tall and is native to Australia and New Guinea. It is also known as the bleeding heart tree, owing to its smooth, heart-shaped leaves (3 – 20 cm long) that turn red with age.

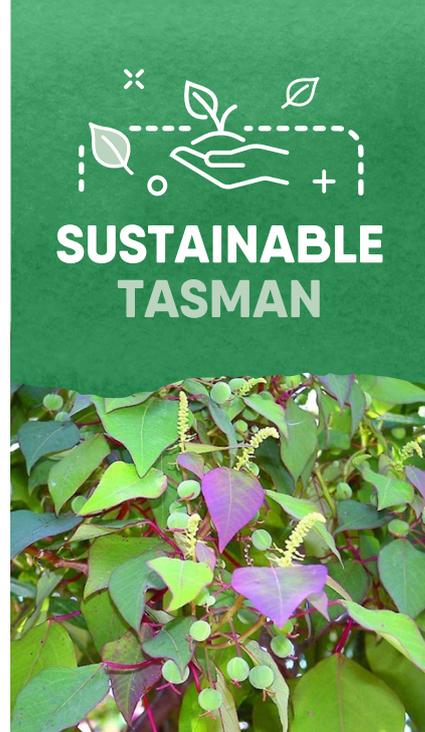
From September through to November, small and inconspicuous individual flowers occur in long clusters (known as spikes) that are up to 17 cm long. These produce smooth fruits (<8 – 10 mm in diameter) made up of two sections with a groove in between them, and two small 'antennae' that stick out from the top.

Birds readily eat the fruit and disperse the seed widely, and the resulting seedlings are very shade tolerant. Newly established Queensland poplar saplings can form a sub-canopy and displace native species by competing for

light, water, nutrients and space. Young trees and saplings can typically be found along road margins, the bush edge and in amongst shrublands.

This tree is listed in the National Pest Plant Accord, meaning that it is unable to be sold, distributed, or propagated in New Zealand. It is also classified as a "sustained control" species in the Tasman-Nelson Regional Pest Management Plan.

Wilding Queensland poplars are currently being discovered in and around the Richmond foothills, parts of Nelson City, the Port Hills and Atawhai/Dodson Valley.



If you see this pest tree on your property, you can control it by either hand-pulling or grubbing out seedlings or cutting and stump treating larger plants with a picloram gel. For larger infestations, spraying smaller plants using metsulfuron-methyl 600 at a rate of 5g per 10L is also an option.

## Lesley lowers her carbon footprint

Lesley from Lake Rotoiti is a busy working mum and hockey player.

She initially thought that her carbon footprint would be relatively high considering the amount of commuter car travel she does for work and sporting commitments.

"We live super rurally, so some of the options to alter our lifestyle don't quite fit. I'd like to bike to mahi in Nelson, I would love to, but it's just not realistic."

However, after finding the FutureFit tool extremely easy to use, she was surprised that her carbon footprint wasn't as big as she expected.

She felt she was up for the challenge to make some small adjustments to make it better.

Lesley selected a range of actions from the FutureFit tool under the topic areas shop, eat, move, power and grow, and instantly focused on creating one new habit which seemed easy and beneficial to her whānau. She introduced one or two meat-free nights per week.

She says the vegetarian recipes are delicious. Buying locally grown in-season produce has the added benefit of being fresher, more nutritious and often cheaper, as well as supporting hard-working local growers.

Lesley says on top of all that, local produce usually has a lower carbon footprint than imported fruits and vegetables, so it's a no-brainer!



**You can sign up to FutureFit and measure your carbon footprint at [futurefit.nz](https://futurefit.nz).**

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# NEWSLINE UPDATES



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## Annual Dog Control Act Report

The annual Dog Control Act Section 10A Report is now available on our website. The report covers dog control policies and practices for the year 1 July 2021 to 30 June 2022. Visit [tasman.govt.nz](http://tasman.govt.nz) and search 'dog control policy' to read the full report.



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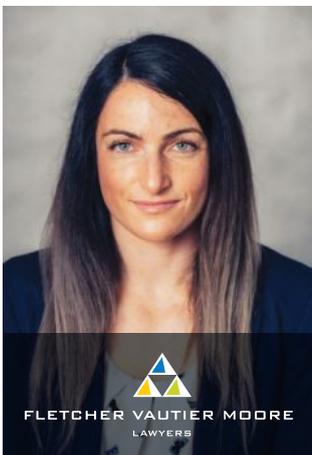
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## Stock Control Bylaw

We approved the new Stock Control & Droving Bylaw 2022 at the Full Council meeting on 22 September 2022. This comes into force on 1 November 2022. The bylaw is pursuant to the Local Government Act 2002 and the Land Transport Act 1998. Copies are available to view at all our service centres and on our website, [tasman.govt.nz](http://tasman.govt.nz).

## Rural sports funding closing soon

This round of funding for the Sport NZ Rural Travel Fund closes on Monday 31 October. The fund offers help with travel costs for rural sports clubs and rural school teams. It helps 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. Visit [tasman.govt.nz/grants](http://tasman.govt.nz/grants) to apply.



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# WHAT'S ON IN TASMAN



## Sundial Social

**Every Wednesday (starting 19 October) from 4.30 pm, Sundial Square Richmond.**

Enjoy food carts/stalls and local entertainment at this new event to give family and friends a place to regularly meet, eat, relax, laugh and chill. It's all about bringing people together, and creating a destination for the whole family to enjoy!

## Encanto – free movie night

**Friday 14 October, 6.30 pm, Washbourn Gardens, Richmond.**

In association with Multicultural Youth Nelson Tasman, we are presenting the animated Disney movie *Encanto* for a free night at the movies in the park. Grab a bite to eat from one of the food trucks and enjoy some fun games and entertainment.

## Step into Spring

Join a family fun walk in Murchison, explore Abel Tasman's Tinline Trail, discover wild edible plants on the Motueka sandspit or check out Reservoir Creek in Richmond. There are a diverse range of events in the Step into Spring walking festival based on activity level, location and duration. Find out more at [facebook.com/StepOutNelsonTasman](https://facebook.com/StepOutNelsonTasman) and the Its On website, [itson.co.nz](https://itson.co.nz).

## Rapua Te Mārama

**Sunday 16 October, 11.00 am, Motueka Library.**

Te Ārai research team are presenting whānau portraits and stories about life, death, tangihanga and bereavement during the Covid-19 lockdown as experienced by whānau, funeral directors and health professionals. It's free and everyone is welcome.

## Lunch & Learn – the action plan to business success

**Tuesday 18 October, 12.30 pm – 2.00 pm, Māpua Community Hall.**

Do you struggle to understand where your business is at financially? Have you gone through changes recently? Not sure what direction to take? You need an action plan! Leah Keown from Beyond Your Numbers will show you how, together, you can implement and work through an action plan. This event is run by the Nelson Tasman Business Trust. Free. Visit [ntbt.co.nz](https://ntbt.co.nz) for more information.

## Meet your locals – the dry and the wet kind

**Tuesday 18 October, 3.30 pm – 5.00 pm, Borck Creek Berryfield Bridge / Footpath Crossing.**

Meet your neighbours and learn about the awesome eels/tuna living in Borck Creek. Come along and become a citizen scientist for an hour, connect with nature, do some fun activities in the creek and play games suitable for all ages. This event is free and kid-friendly.

## Designs for Diwali

**18 – 25 October, Tākaka Library.**

Diwali – the Festival of Lights – is a major festival celebrated by Hindus, Jains, Sikhs and some Buddhists. Pick up the materials you need to make a Diwali greeting card, or use chalk to draw rangoli in front of the library.

## Wellby Talking Café

**Wednesday 19 October, 10.00 am – 11.30 am, Motueka Library.**

Wellby Talking Cafés welcome everyone for a relaxed cuppa and you 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. During October's Step into Spring festival, there is an option to meet at 9.30 am for a short walk beforehand. Hosts will be there to meet you at the entrance.

## Community seedling swap

**Wednesday 19 October, 3.30 pm – 5.00 pm, Motueka Library.**

All welcome. Bring your spare seeds and seedlings to swap and meet other keen gardeners. Hosted by Tasman District Council, Tasman District Libraries and Welcoming Communities Tasman.

## Ngatimoti Festival

**Sunday 23 October, 10.00 am – 4.00 pm, 1425 Motueka Valley Highway.**

Come along to watch the wood choppers, take a chance with CowPat Bingo, get up close to a range of cute, cuddly or cloven-hooved animals, eat from a range of delicious food stalls, listen to live music, shop at a myriad of great craft stalls, be entertained by the local fire personnel, buy a bargain and let the kids be entertained with lots of activities to choose from. \$2 koha entry.

## Birthday artist

**Tuesday 25 October, 1.00 pm – 2.00 pm, Richmond Library.**

It's Picasso's birthday! Discover Picasso's different colour "periods", Guernica, Cubism and more, in a free session designed with adults in mind. You will also get to create a Picasso-inspired artwork to take home.