



# NEWSLINE

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## Iwi and Councils – Growing the understanding of our roles in local government

On Wednesday 9 November, iwi from Te Taihū and the councils of Nelson City, Tasman and Marlborough Districts came together for the first time at Whakatū marae.

The unprecedented hui came about at the start of the new Council triennium to build meaningful relationships through an increased understanding of the opportunities much of the country's recent legislation has provided.

Inviting the Councils to Whakatū marae, the eight iwi Ngāti Apa Kite-Rā To, Ngāti Kuia, Rangitane o Wairau, Ngāti Toa Rangatira, Ngāti Kōata, Ngāti Rārua, Te Ātiawa o Te Waka-a-Māui, Ngāti Tama ki

Te Tau Ihu; with the support of Ngāti Rārua Ātiawa Iwi Trust, and Wakatū Incorporation, were looking to explore the relationships, the expectations and the possible range of benefits that can be realised from such a regional partnership.

This coming together builds on the work we have already achieved as a group with the recent creation of the Te Taihū inter-generational strategy. Now that we have more tools and a shared vision, it is only

natural that we look to further opportunities for collaboration and building upon these relationships.

Tasman Mayor Tim King said the inaugural hui had created a good foundation to promote positive collaboration between councils and tangata whenua.

"We hope this will become a regular occurrence to discuss how we can work together to help grow and develop the region into the future."

## Councillor Barry Dowler, Motueka Ward



I wish to thank the voters who ticked the boxes and returned their papers. Hopefully, there will be more next time.

What has been happening? The new and returning Councillors have been sworn in, and have gone to induction courses, training courses and an LGNZ guidance course.

What's next? Now the real work starts. We are waiting on the Three Waters decisions from the Government, the Local Government Reform and the RMA Reform.

We are revising the Tasman Resource Management Plan which will be named the Tasman Environment Plan. Feedback on this is invited now.

We are also about to start the revision of the Long Term Plan, next year's annual plan and lots more. Quite exciting really!

Let's hope the work at the clock tower corner roundabout in Motueka improves the safety aspect for both motorists and pedestrians. Have Waka Kotahi got it right? Only time will tell. Hopefully, the heavy transport will return to this route once the centre surface is smoothed over.

Our roading contractors are working on the storm-damaged roads as well



as doing the programmed summer maintenance. There is lots to do. Let's hope Mother Nature gives us a better year next year as these events are expensive.

Another milestone for Motueka was the commissioning of the new water treatment plant. This brings safer drinking water for everyone connected to the Council supply.

Before we know it, the Christmas parades will have been and gone. I wish you all the best for the festive season and travel safely.

## Wilding work restarts with more project growth predicted

We are set to restart our schedule of wilding pine control operations for the 2022/23 season with our Jobs for Nature team undertaking drill and fill work and aerial work shortly.

Since 2020, we have teamed up with independent forestry management providers PF Olsen to conduct wilding pine control in the Mount Richmond Management Unit.

To date, close to 12,000 ha of the park have been surveyed or had wilding conifer control work carried out as part of the Ministry for Primary Industries (MPI) funded activities.

The first year of the project saw five full-time employees carry out 8,707 hours of groundwork, controlling wildings across 200 ha of the park.

The team also gained valuable skills in forestry and restoration work, while navigating often challenging terrain and multi-day excursions into the hills.

Jobs for Nature funding of \$620,000 aims to cover 12,480 employment hours over three years.

We are also grateful for further funding of \$729,524 for the Mount Richmond project in 2022/23, with \$613k coming from MPI and the balance provided by the Department of Conservation.

We've also been pleased to support efforts to eradicate wilding conifers from sections of the Tākaka Hill by our partners Tākaka Hill Biodiversity Group Trust.

The Tākaka Hill project is independent from our work around Mount Richmond.



However, it is still an important part of wider eradication efforts and recent funding of \$125,000 from MPI for 2022/23 will enable further control work on private and public conservation land within the Abel Tasman and Kahurangi National Parks.

# The drain is only for the rain

Now is the time of year when many of us want to give the place a bit of a spruce up before the holiday period.

Water blasting and power washing may bring your house, paths, decks and patios up to a sparkling finish, but the process isn't always the best for the environment.

Chemicals are often used in the washing process, but even biodegradable detergents pollute the environment and are not allowed to enter the stormwater system.

Contaminants can also be disturbed during the washing process and

these too can be extremely harmful to the environment because the runoff tends to be far more concentrated than when it rains.

The problem is that when this dirty water enters the system it can end up in creeks and waterways and become a threat to wildlife.

As a landowner you are responsible for any work on your property, so even if you are using a contractor, you must ensure they know how to do the job properly.

You need to ensure that no contaminants enter the stormwater system through downpipes or drains by disconnecting downpipes and

diverting water to unsealed ground, or by blocking drains with some sort of bung and then removing the wash-water once the work is done.

Block catchpit outfalls and use a pump or bucket to remove wash-water to unsealed ground or a container or drum. Alternatively, a vacuum truck can be called in to remove the wastewater.

The law is strict when protecting the environment, and there are hefty fines for breaching the Resource Management Act.

To put it simply, the drain is for rain!

# Know your noxious weeds

Do you know the difference between Bomarea and Boxthorn? What about Queensland Poplar, Cathedral Bells or Gunnera?

No? Well, they're all weeds, nasty invasive types that can be identified by cross-checking our website under the Tasman-Nelson Regional Pest Management Plan and you can find out all about them.

As an incentive, members of our Biosecurity team will be at A&P shows around the District running a 'Weed Swap'.

All you need to do is check our website for pest weed species, then hunt them down and take them to

the team at the show and they may swap it for a native plant.

Now they don't want your old common variety gorse, broom or old man's beard. Our Biosecurity experts are looking for the more unusual ones that are on our list, how 'bout a Variegated Thistle or Purple Loosestrife?

It's all about identifying these pest invader plants and hunting down where they have made themselves at home, then they can be dealt with!



Our team will be at the Motueka A&P Show on 3 and 4 December, in Golden Bay on 21 January and at the Murchison Show on 18 February.

The team only has a limited number of native plants to swap at each event, so it's first in first served. Be in quick and impress the team!

Visit [tasman.govt.nz/tasman-nelson-regional-pest-management-plan](http://tasman.govt.nz/tasman-nelson-regional-pest-management-plan).

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# Green corridor along Te Mamaku Drive starting to take shape

The Tasman Area Community Association (TACA) has an ambitious plan to create a green corridor along Te Mamaku Drive (SH60), linking the Moutere Inlet and Waimea Estuary between Tasman Village and Māpua. Currently, it is overgrown by gorse, wattles and wilding pines.

The popular Dicker Ridge Loop Track runs through the area and is frequently used by walkers, cyclists and horse riders.

The area has been divided into 11 sections. Thanks to the generous support of Tasman Environment Trust and Restoring the Moutere, they finished clearing and planting 500 metres of Block 0 at the northern end in August.

Funding from the Rātā Foundation and a Tasman District Council Community Grant then allowed for around 1.5 hectares of land to be cleared in Block 1 recently. Weed spraying in this block will happen at the end of autumn and planting will take place in May/June next year.

The first visible results of this project can be seen now.

As they have no current funding for Block 2, they are now seeking support from additional local sponsors for:

- Clearing the land (approximately \$8,000).
- Spraying of re-growth of seed (approximately \$3,000).
- Purchasing about 6,000 plants and plant guards, to be planted by a contractor (approximately \$20,000).

TACA is encouraging everyone to be part of their ambitious project. They say your support would be very much appreciated by them and the wider community.



**For more information on this project or if you would like to contribute, visit: [tinyurl.com/ytdvdtpe](https://tinyurl.com/ytdvdtpe)**



## Take a peek at Reservoir Creek

Tracks and features on the hills above Richmond have received a good old-fashioned spruce up thanks to the hard work of volunteers from the Keep Richmond Beautiful group.

The group has used its 2021 \$3000 Tasman District Community Grant and funding from NZ Walking Access Commission for work to further develop the Reservoir Creek Walkway.

Hours of work have been put into completing tracks, installing marker posts, building two picnic tables and installing an interpretation panel at Boar's Nest Corner.

A brand new plane table which points out various geographical

features that can be seen from that spot has been constructed and placed at the top of the hill, close to the fire lookout.

But the work's not quite over yet. There will soon be three more information panels showing a map of the walkway and exit options from the summit.

*Pictured: Top – Plane table. Bottom – Sign at Boar's Nest Corner flanked by Keep Richmond Beautiful volunteers Greg Pickford and David Burt.*

# Motueka mural brightens a once boring wall

An artwork representing crashing waves now brightens a Motueka wall that once attracted repeated graffiti from taggers.

The front wall of the wastewater pump station in Ledger-Goodman Reserve has undergone a transformation thanks to artist Dani Hedges.

Dani has worked on other community projects with us in the past, so we commissioned her to bring her creativity to the wall and improve the building.

She says the mural is inspired by the beauty and power of water.



# New twin lane wastewater dump for Tākaka

A new and improved motorhome and caravan waste dump site is being built in Golden Bay thanks to help from the Government's Tourism Infrastructure Fund.



The car park layout and traffic congestion at the existing dump station next to the Tākaka Information Centre make it difficult for larger mobile homes and caravans to use.

A facility like a dump station needs to be able to provide unlimited access for caravans and mobile homes without the need for unnecessary manoeuvres.

The project has a budget of \$180,000, with \$107,000 of that coming from the Infrastructure Fund for construction and the cost of the first year's operation.

A long-term lease has been agreed with Fonterra for a site on Motupipi Street next to the existing wastewater pumping station.

This land will accommodate both the new dump station and added wastewater storage for the pumping station.

The new dump station will have twin lanes, twin disposal units and potable water in compliance with the new drinking water standards for campervans and caravans to replenish their water tanks.

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# Thanks to those who are keeping the big wheels rolling

Ensuring our local roading network is up to scratch is a major undertaking and sometimes when Mother Nature throws a curve ball it can be a nightmare.

With the regular route between Nelson and Blenheim, over the Whangamoia Saddle closed until the week before Christmas for major storm damage repairs, other roads have had to pick up the load of detoured traffic.

However, some of our smaller roads were never designed or built to handle the loads they've faced.

We all want to get where we're going the quickest way, but that's not always the best way and that's become clear over the past few weeks.

At one stage, the Korere-Tophouse Road was handling an estimated 10 times more heavy trucks a day than usual.

The road structure and surface couldn't cope and was breaking

up at a faster rate than contractors could patch it.

The problem is, broken road surfaces can lead to serious crashes, so we had to act and introduce a restriction on heavy vehicles using the Korere-Tophouse route.

We want to make it clear that this isn't a war on trucks, just a fact that this road couldn't cope, and the bigger stronger state highway network that was designed for heavier loads, is a better option for trucks.

We maintain 1,681 kilometres of roads throughout Tasman, and we need to balance the needs of all of them. Unfortunately, it's not practical or affordable to build all of our roads to cater to the traffic levels of a state highway.



## TRANSPORT TALES



**We'd like to thank the transport industry for their support and understanding during this difficult time and look forward to getting back to business as usual soon.**

# Raising a question about new raised crossings

People have asked why there are no longer any pedestrian refuge islands in the centre of the new and improved pedestrian crossings on Salisbury Road in Richmond.

The new crossings don't have islands for two reasons.

The first is to ensure a consistent design with all other crossings around Richmond.

Secondly, a safety audit of crossings with refuges found potential confusion and conflict for drivers and pedestrians.

In the past, the inclusion of the islands meant drivers only had to give way to those crossing on their side of the road, leading to potential uncertainty about who gives way to whom and when.

Research also shows not all children have the same judgement skills and ability as adults to be safe in traffic, therefore a simple layout is better for the many school-aged users of the crossings.

The new layout now means traffic must give way to users no matter which side of the road they are crossing from.



The new crossings also have shared zones for cyclists and pedestrians, so walkers and riders need to be courteous to each other when using them.

# NEWSLINE UPDATES



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## Flush your taps, check your roof

Some plumbing fittings have the potential to allow minute traces of metals to accumulate in water standing in the fittings for several hours.

Although the health risk is small, the Ministry of Health recommends that you flush a mugful of water from your drinking water tap each morning before use to remove any metals that may have dissolved from the plumbing fittings.

We recommend this simple precaution for all households, including those on public and private water supplies.

Everybody should try to save water whenever they can so you could collect the small amount you flush from the taps and use it for something else like watering plants (but not the veggie garden).

If you have a rainwater supply, flushing taps won't help. You need to check your roof and guttering for materials that may contain metals that could contaminate the water: lead flashing, lead-headed nails and lead paint, for example. These should be replaced if you find them.

## Leadership grants for Tasman youth

Did you know we offer grants of up to \$500 for Tasman youth to participate in youth leadership opportunities?

This can be used for activities such as The Spirit of New Zealand, Outward Bound, Festival for the Future, Whenua Iti Outdoors and other experiences, conferences and workshops.

The grant is provided to support the personal development of young people living in Tasman. Applications are accepted all year round.

Don't miss the chance to enjoy a potentially life-changing opportunity. Get all the details and apply now at [tasman.govt.nz/grants](https://tasman.govt.nz/grants).

## Maritime event

**Event activity:** Jet boating event  
**Date and location:** Saturday 3 and Sunday 4 December 2022, Waimea River

The Harbourmaster has granted authorisation for this event under the provisions of the Navigation Safety Bylaw 2015. Further details and any new events may be viewed at [tasman.govt.nz/maritime-events](https://tasman.govt.nz/maritime-events).

## COUNCIL HUI



Meetings will take place in person and via Zoom. For details and the Zoom link visit [tasman.govt.nz/meetings-calendar](https://tasman.govt.nz/meetings-calendar). Unless otherwise stated, all meetings will be held at Council Chambers, 189 Queen Street, Richmond.

### Joint Shareholders Committee

Tuesday 29 November, 11.00 am.  
Nelson City Council, 110 Trafalgar Street, Nelson. No public forum

### Joint Committee

Tuesday 29 November, 1.00 pm.  
Nelson City Council, 110 Trafalgar Street, Nelson

### Tasman Creative Communities Subcommittee


Tuesday 6 December, 10.00 am.  
No public forum

### Audit and Risk Committee

Tuesday 6 December, 1.30 pm.  
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## Sundial Social

**Every Wednesday, 4.30 pm,  
Sundial Square Richmond.**

Come along and check out the Sundial Social – a gathering of local food carts/stands and other local entertainment to help family and friends regularly enjoy a place to meet, eat, relax, laugh and chill. This event is about bringing people together and creating a destination for all to enjoy! So, bring the kids and family down to the Sundial Social!

## Age positive series

Make the most of your golden years with Motueka Public Library Te Noninga Kumu's excellent series of free workshops taking place between 28 and 30 November. There's everything from qigong to advance care planning. For more information visit [tasmanlibraries.govt.nz](http://tasmanlibraries.govt.nz).

## Summer Book Bingo

Pick up your Summer Book Bingo card from 1 December onwards at Motueka, Murchison, Richmond or Tākaka Library and take part in our summer reading challenge for adults. Simply read one book in each of nine categories, fill in the necessary details on the card, then return it to the library to go in the draw for a prize! For more information visit [tasmanlibraries.govt.nz](http://tasmanlibraries.govt.nz).

## Questions for Santa

Got a burning question for Santa? Post your questions in our express to the North Pole mailbox at Richmond or Motueka libraries between 1 and 23 December. The questions and their replies will be displayed in the children's area for everyone to enjoy over the festive season.



## FOUND directory adds new feature

In the old days, it was a book that was delivered to letterboxes, nowadays the FOUND directory is a fabulous online tool which continues to grow in popularity, and now a new feature has been added to make it even more user-friendly.

The FOUND directory offers searchable listings of community groups and organisations by region or interest and a free profile page for every member group.

Whether you're looking for culture, art, sport, recreation, education or welfare, you'll discover it on FOUND.

But now you can use it to not only find facilities like halls and meeting places but also find out how to book them, in many cases online, for your next event or function.

The list of venues is extensive and ranges from small meeting rooms at libraries to halls and sporting facilities.

The FOUND directory is supported by Tasman District and Nelson City Councils and administered by Volunteer Nelson.

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