



### Future-proofing Richmond South

Plans for a major upgrade of stormwater infrastructure in Richmond South are taking shape.

We are planning to develop the stormwater system by re-establishing former waterways and enhancing old, degraded farm drains.

After the heavy rain events of this year, flood mitigation is at the forefront of many people's minds and this work will go a long way to help future-proof the area by providing a stormwater system that will cope with a one-in-100-year flood.

The Richmond South Stormwater Project involves the development of a multi-use, greenway corridor from the foothills which will link with Borck Creek and the corridor already constructed in Richmond West's Berryfields sub-division.

These corridors will also provide direct safer off-road active transport connections with pathways linking Richmond South, central Richmond and the schools on Salisbury Road.

The work will also significantly improve aquatic habitats by restoring more naturalised stream alignments, removing restrictions to fish passage, and reducing sediment in the waterways with appropriately designed stream banks, combined with increasing planting in and around the channel.

This is to meet the requirements of relevant national policy such as the National Policy Statement for Freshwater Management 2020 and the obligations hierarchy of Te Mana o te Wai which prioritises the lifesupporting capacity of freshwater.

The stormwater development will also handle volumes that could be generated by climate change over the next 80 years.

The new channel will be designed to cope with the added stormwater runoff generated by development planned in Richmond South at the densities highlighted in our recently approved Future Development Strategy.



### Councillor Brent Maru, Motueka Ward

It has been a whirlwind since the elections with various inductions, training programmes and just recently the start of the Council's regular meetings.



The reforms facing Local Government mean that all elected members throughout New Zealand are facing significant new changes in a programme of unprecedented reforms, so as a new Councillor, it is reassuring to have some very experienced colleagues around the table.

One of the most transformational reforms is the repealing of the Resource Management Act (RMA). Council has started consulting on the new Tasman Environment Plan which

will supersede the Tasman Resource Management Plan. This is a once in a 30-year opportunity to start with a clean slate to redefine what rules apply. Now is your opportunity to help write the rule book.

In addition to the RMA, the Future of Local Government reform is before us, and it seems that the Government remains steadfast on Three Waters.

What this means, is that we need you, the residents of Tasman more than ever. We need to hear your



voice and we need to hear your aspirations for our amazing region that we get to call home.

We should never lose focus of what is important. He aha te mea nui o te ao? He tāngata, he tāngata, he tāngata. It is people, it is people, it is people. You, your family, friends and neighbours are what make Tasman so special, let us never forget that and never stop hearing your voice.

With that in mind, wishing you all an upcoming safe and prosperous holiday period.

### History repeats with help from a community grant

A snapshot of the history of Motueka has been reprinted thanks to support from one of our community grants, and the backing of the Motueka Community Board.

The first edition of the book Going to Town: High Street Motueka was a sellout success, so now, in time for Christmas, a reprint is available.

In the 1850s, it was a cart track with stumps that needed dodging, but it soon looked like a settlement, defined at each end by hotels and gradually filling with homes, shops and service industries.

There were stables and sawmills, bakeries and bootmakers, and as the wider District was cleared and developed, the town of Motueka

became a business hub for hop and tobacco farmers, orchardists and agriculturalists.

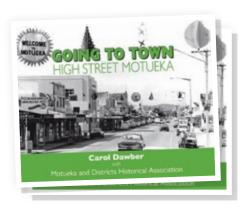
Today High Street is more intensely concentrated, with three or four businesses where one used to be. but it is as vibrant as ever.

Going to Town: High Street Motueka records old family names and businesses, fires, floods and parades and the development of industry, services and tourism.

It tracks along High Street's 'golden mile' from Fearon to Whakarewa Street, from the Motueka Hotel to the Swan Hotel. It explains how the Post Office Hotel burned down and who rebuilt it, and traces the business ventures of the Goodman. Manoy, Coppins, Stilwell, Steffensen, Staples, Knapp and McNabb families among many others.



Going to Town: High Street Motueka is \$45 available from the Motueka Museum and Paper Plus in Motueka and Richmond or order online at motuekahistorical@gmail.com.



### Horses Helping Humans

There are countless tales from history of how horses have helped humans, from the battlefields to the transport industry and on many farms up and down the country.

But now horses are offering unique and special help to people.

One of the successful recipients of just over \$2,000 from our community grants this year is the Mārahau based Equine Inspired Trust which delivers the Horses Helping Humans programme.

Spokesperson Lenna Dickson says the highly successful programme has been developed internationally.

She says research shows that people experience many physiological benefits while interacting with horses, including lowered blood pressure and heart rate, increased

levels of beta-endorphins, decreased stress levels, and reduced feelings of anger, hostility, tension and anxiety.

Lenna says horses also help improve social functioning and increase feelings of empowerment, trust, patience and self-efficacy.

"Equine Inspired works with a range of groups and individuals from abuse and violence victims to youngsters struggling with school or socially, through to corporate team building."

Lenna says horses rely 100% on body language and energy levels to communicate, they can pick up the slightest cues in our body language, even something as subtle as a facial expression, a tense jaw or tight shoulders.

As horses are prey animals, their life depends on reading situations and people very carefully.



She says their reaction to us reflects our own actions and emotions, so these equine companions make outstanding teachers, providing immediate, honest and nonjudgmental feedback.

Within this environment, we can teach participants vital communication and body language skills in order to aid them to engage more effectively in their home, school, work and community environments.

### Be in the know with Antenno

We're using a free mobile app called Antenno to send you alerts and notifications about places and topics you care about, like reminders about recycling or road closures.

There are two ways you can use Antenno: receive notifications from us about the places you have marked as important to you or report back to us on issues or feedback.

Antenno lets you choose the places you want to be alerted about, so you're not being alerted about things that don't affect you. You can have multiple "places" which could be the area you live in, work or where your holiday home is for example. You can expect to see updates from Council on a wide range of things.



For reporting issues, the app conveniently adds the location to a photo and so we can log the problem, including a description of it and your contact details. It's an easy way to get in touch with us.

Antenno is simple and easy to use and no personal information or log on details are required. Download it for free from your relevant app store today.



### New Motueka water plant open day

The inner workings of Motueka's brand new freshwater treatment plant are going to be opened to the community this weekend in a public open day.

The new \$3.5-million plant at the western end of Parker Street guarantees that those connected to our supply will receive the best quality drinking water available.

It uses multiple water treatment barriers and follows the NZ Drinking Water Standards and Water Services Act requirements for the treatment/ removal of protozoa and bacteria. It includes UV treatment, cartridge filtration, and residual chlorine disinfection.

We're opening the doors of the plant on Saturday 10 December from 9.00 am until noon.

... And what would an open day be without a good old kiwi barbie?

So, grab a sausage, come in, look around and have any questions answered by our team on site.



### Floating flamingos should stay in the pool!

Enjoy your day at the beach but leave the inflatable toys at home – that's the message from our Harbourmaster as he prepares for a busy holiday season on the water.

Small blow-up boats, large plastic swans, super-sized floating flamingos and colourful donut rings are great fun in the pool but can pose a real danger at the beach.

Harbourmaster Dan Cairney says they may look like fun, but when you're on them the wind can easily blow you out to sea.

Before buying inflatable toys as Christmas presents, people should stop and think about where they will be used.

Dan says they are not ideal for the beach, it only takes a little bit of a breeze and things can quickly turn sour.

He says a couple of summers ago during a regular patrol he came across a pair of foreign tourists who had picked up a couple of cheap small blow-up boats and set off out to sea from Kaiteriteri on a fishing expedition.

"They were having fun, but neither had a lifejacket – they were

extremely fortunate the weather was good, or it would have been a vastly different story."

Dan says they were more than half a kilometre offshore and had just caught a big spiky barracouta, so he lent them lifejackets and escorted them back to safety.

Another popular but dangerous spot is when the tide is flooding out of the Kaiteriteri lagoon.

In 2019, two girls close to drowning were dragged to shore by other swimmers in a dramatic rescue.

Dan says these currents are especially bad during king and spring flood tides and younger inexperienced swimmers or those using inflatable devices can end up being swept out into Kaiteriteri Bay.



# Questions answered about plastics recycling

We often get questions about plastic recycling, so to get answers we went to Yuri Schokking, National Resource Recovery Manager for Smart Environmental, and boss of the Materials Recovery Facility (MRF) in Richmond.

The MRF serves Nelson and Tasman and is one of the largest in the country, processing about 5.5kg of plastic per person per year in our region. Plastics are sorted and baled and then sent to New Zealand recyclers such as Flight Plastics and used to make new plastic containers.

## Q: How clean does recycling need to be – does it matter if there's a bit of food left in containers?

**A:** Food waste can lead to recyclers rejecting plastics so it's important people rinse plastic containers clean. And no, we don't wash them as we don't have that equipment, so if food is left in, it gets smelly!

#### Q: What about lids?

**A:** Lids and spray tops should be removed and binned because they fall off and jam the sorting equipment.

#### Q: So, can any plastic be recycled?

**A:** If it's a rigid plastic container and it's got 1, 2 or 5 stamped on it, then yes, but if you can't see a number, or it has numbers 3, 4, 6 or 7 on it – unless you can reuse it, it goes in the rubbish bin.

#### Q: What are soft plastics?

**A:** If you can scrunch a piece of plastic in your hand, then it's soft plastic and can't be sorted at the MRF,





'uri Schokking explains the recycling process

but you can buy pre-paid courier bags for soft plastics at NZ Post shops.

To wrap up (pun intended), the best and first choice is packaging that can be reused. But if you can't reuse it, recycling is the next best thing.

### Good grazing efforts across Tasman District

Our staff undertook their annual winter grazing flights during July and August to check on high-risk areas throughout the region.

This has been followed up with farm visits to ensure farmers understand the new intensive grazing regulations and how it will affect them with paddock selection, sowing and crop grazing next winter.

More on the regulations can be found on our website, tasman.govt.nz, search 'Intensive Winter Grazing'.

Intensive winter grazing is where livestock (cattle, sheep, deer) are fed high-yielding annual forage crops such as swedes, kale and fodder beet in situ during winter. This can result in high stocking densities as the animals are confined to a small feeding area while grazing the crop.

Intensive winter grazing is considered one of the higher-risk farming activities and requires good wintering practices to ensure that animal welfare and the natural environment are protected.

We saw a lot of positive engagement and increasing awareness from landowners and industry groups about these winter grazing rules which came into effect on 1 November.

The Tasman region doesn't have a large number of farms that winter graze crops, and on the whole, we noted farmers generally followed good management practices and mitigated environmental risks well.

We will continue to work with farmers to ensure they are prepared

and understand their obligations for next season.

If you believe you may not meet the permitted activity conditions for your winter grazing, please contact our freshwater team who can advise options and whether a resource consent may be required in the interim before the rollout of Freshwater Farm Plans.

He tino pai te mahi – great work all round!



### Large discounts for Tasman e-bikers

The e-bike craze is taking the world by storm and to ensure that Tasman riders stay safe and enjoy their pastime, we've connected with a new coaching initiative and are offering to pay some of the cost.

We're putting up a \$50 subsidy to those who sign up for the 'Charge On' programme.

Charge On is run by the team behind the Wheel Woman and Krankin' Kids bike coaching programmes.

The workshops normally cost \$95 and cater for all abilities, from new to experienced e-bikers.

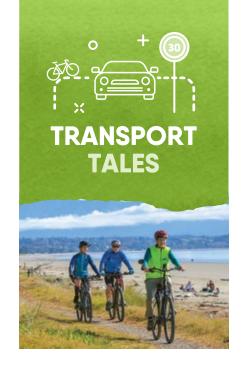
The 'E-ssentials' class caters for beginners while the 'PoweredUp' class, is aimed at the more experienced riders.

Riders can advance their skillset even further through an 'E-xtend' session available on demand, with e-bike maintenance workshops hosted by local bike retailers. Spokesperson Emma Bawtree says powered bikes have seen a particular resurgence in biking amongst older people who may have given up on traditional biking due to health limitations.

She says for many it has been years since they last rode a bike, and the speed of an e-bike is a totally new experience.

"Riders may need to adjust their riding style and learn new safety and maintenance skills in order to look after themselves and their new bikes, particularly if they intend to ride in groups."

Charge-On workshops take participants through several steps, starting with bike set-up tips, body



positioning and balance, before exploring the best techniques for braking and cornering.

More advanced sessions focus on gear use, narrow trail riding, and climbing and ascending with confidence.

To get your \$50 discount go to chargeon.co.nz, book a course and enter the code NCOUNCIL22.

### Motueka South School has the motivation

The challenge has been set and the students and families of Motueka South School are ready to meet it.

Next Wednesday, 14 December, is Walk to School Wednesday for Motueka South.

This is the culmination of months of work by a group of student leaders, school staff and our School Travel Advisor Nic Brydon.

The project began in August when a workshop was held to investigate the issue of how kids get to school following a survey that showed 77% of pupils are taken by car, leading to all sorts of congestion and problems at the school gate.

Nic says Travel Champions were appointed, and these students led the team investigating travel options and probing potential barriers to active travel at Motueka South and out of it came 'Mot South Motivation.'

"Problems like other road users not being aware of students, families feeling they are not organised or don't have enough time to walk or bike to school, or concerns about the busyness of High Street were all identified."

She says the team has brainstormed barriers, benefits and solutions for active travel with posters created and distributed by students offering tips and simple solutions to hurdles identified.

A safe route to school audit was also done by the Travel Champions which highlighted potential long-term traffic solutions.

Nic says the first step in changing habits is often the most difficult to take but she hopes Walk to School Wednesday will help the process.



### Help us create Streets for People

Our Streets for People programme is beginning to take shape, but before we can get into the full planning process, we need to hear from you.

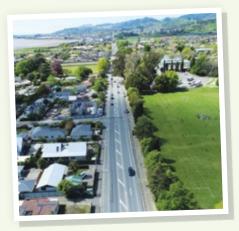
As you've probably heard, our Richmond Streets for People project received government funding of \$2.4 million while \$840,000 has been earmarked for Māpua, to shape the beginnings of a network of safe walking and cycling spaces in our streets.

We currently have two community working groups looking at ideas and concepts for how these projects may look on the ground, but to help us get a bigger picture of what's needed on the streets we're encouraging everyone to take our survey.

In Richmond, phase one of Streets for People focuses on Salisbury Road, while in Māpua it's Aranui Road.

Over the next few months, you'll see members of our team out on the streets gathering feedback about specific areas that we'll be focusing on over the next 18 months.

But if you're not approached in person, you can have your voice heard too by filling out our survey on our website. Visit shape.tasman.govt.nz, click on Streets for People then follow the link.



The key point of this programme and the way we're funded by our backers Waka Kotahi is flexibility.

This means if any one of the various phases of our project finally hits the ground and then doesn't quite work for any reason, we have the scope and ability to modify, change and improve it.

### Work to clear the slip blocking Stafford Drive is expected to be completed shortly

Access to the section of road, which provides a main thoroughfare connecting Māpua, Ruby Bay and Tasman Village has been closed since a major slip brought a large amount of material across the road during the August 2022 weather event.

The situation prompted safety concerns about the stability of the cliff face above. Our staff have spent the last three months undertaking investigations and consulting geotechnical experts in order to gather the best information and advice in the decision-making process.



Community Infrastructure Group Manager Richard Kirby said while a long-term management solution would be required to address the stability issues of the cliff face, potential risks associated with clearing slip material off Stafford Drive could be safely minimised to allow the reopening of the road.

"The slip occurred in August 2022. It is now three months later, and the road remains closed - with summer almost upon us and the likelihood of more traffic on our region's roads, extending this time any further is not tenable."

"So, on that basis, I have asked for the slip to be cleared away and opened to two lanes by Christmas.

Richard said if the long-term risks associated with reopening both lanes are considered too high, measures can be implemented. As part of the decision-making process, we have developed a safety management plan which could enable the road to be reduced to one lane if necessary, based on observations as slip clearance work proceeds.

Work was scheduled to begin on 6 December, subject to weather conditions.

### Joint Nelson Tasman Regional Transport Committee established

The establishment of a Joint Nelson Tasman Regional Transport Committee offers a united approach to transport across the Top of the South, while also increasing efficiencies and simplifying future decision making.

Tasman District Council voted unanimously to establish the committee at a full council meeting on November 17, following an earlier resolution by Nelson City Council on November 10.

The Committee will be responsible for the preparation of the following, which will then be presented for adoption by the partner councils;

- · A joint Regional Land Transport Plan
- A joint Regional Passenger Transport Plan
- A joint Speed Management Plan

These will be developed over the coming 18 months and will involve public consultation.

The committee will consist of two members from each of the two councils as well as one representative from Waka Kotahi. Each council can also nominate two further members to act as alternates.

Deputy Mayor Stuart Bryant and Cr Barry Dowler were nominated as Tasman's members of the Joint Committee, with Crs Celia Butler and Jo Ellis named as alternate members.

Representatives from iwi, partner organisations or community groups may be invited to attend the quarterly meetings as stakeholders when required.



Stuart said having a joint committee would help ensure transport planning across both regions is linked up.

"Road users don't often consider our respective boundaries when making their journey but still expect the same standards to be evident wherever they are - we need to make sure our transport infrastructure and services consider people's trips from beginning to end."

"We are looking forward to working alongside Nelson in progressing roading outcomes across the region."



### Drive up, plug in, then power off down the road

A new electric vehicle charging station is on the cards for St Arnaud.

Meridian Energy has approached us with the proposal to install two chargers capable of charging four cars at a time at the Lake Rotoiti Community Hall.

The equipment will be two 25kW DC fast chargers, with each charger being able to charge two cars simultaneously.

Meridian says these will be part of their 'Zero' EV charging network and fill a network charging gap in St Arnaud, between Lake Rotoiti and Blenheim. The power company will foot the bill for equipment installation in an area outside the hall in the car park or in front of the hall next to the main road.

Meridian expects the chargers will be popular with the growing number of businesses, tourists and holiday travellers who are converting to electric vehicles and will need top-up charges.

Users will pay using Meridian's Zero app. Drivers will simply plug in and activate charging through the app.

It's hoped the chargers will be up and running early next year.



### Call goes out for first in the field response volunteers

The team you'll often see on the frontline during emergency events is now seeking a different kind of swift response – tracking down some skilled and motivated volunteers.

Expressions of interest are being taken to fill a number of operational and support roles in our Nelson Tasman Emergency Response Team (NZ-RT2).

NZ-RT2 are a crucial cog in the Nelson Tasman Civil Defence **Emergency Management (CDEM)** machine.

They are the men and women who are hands-on in the field during local and national emergency events - from surveying situations and reporting back to CDEM, to finding and rescuing those in need.

The team have been deployed to assist with numerous events from the Christchurch and Kaikoura earthquakes, Tasman wildfires and extreme weather events such as August's 'river of rain' that caused extensive damage and disruption to the region.

In joining the team, your skills will find a valuable place within our operation.

We are looking for team players and those with leadership abilities.

Attitude is your greatest strength - especially when the going gets tough - as is a desire to make a positive difference in the community. Ideally, you'll live close enough to ensure you can respond quickly in the event of a call-out across our region and have the flexibility to get time off work in an emergency.

You'll also take part in regular training sessions to make sure you are the best version of yourself when responding to an incident.

If being part of this critical emergency management crew sounds like you - please register your interest by emailing nzrt2-recruitment@ncc.govt.nz. A candidate selection process will follow, including interviews, and for those shortlisted, culminating in a 24-hour practical exercise running from 5.00 pm, Friday 24 March.







### **HOLIDAY HOURS AND SERVICES 2022/2023**

WE'RE ON CALL THESE HOLIDAYS. FOR URGENT OR EMERGENCY ISSUES, YOU CAN CONTACT US 24 HOURS A DAY ON 03 543 8400, OR VIA YOUR LOCAL SERVICE CENTRE NUMBER:

RICHMOND 03 543 8400 • MURCHISON 03 523 1013 • MOTUEKA 03 528 2022 • TĀKAKA 03 525 0020



All service centres – Richmond, Motueka, Tākaka and Murchison – will close from 3.00 pm Friday 23 December and reopen as usual at 8.00 am on Wednesday 4 January.

#### Library hours

Richmond, Motueka and Tākaka libraries will close at 5.00 pm Friday 23 December and reopen on Wednesday 28 December. They will close again from Sunday 1 to Tuesday 3 January. They will be open again as usual from Wednesday 4 January.

Murchison Library will be closed during the same time/dates as the Murchison Service Centre.

#### Consents and other requests

The statutory clock for LIMs,
Building Consents, Resource
Consents and LGOIMA requests
stops on 20 December and
restarts on 11 January. This means
that processing times for these
applications will be extended
and any working days during this
period are not counted towards the
statutory timeframes.

### Rubbish and recycling over the holiday period

This year, rubbish and recycling collections over the holiday period remain the same across the District due to Christmas and New Year's Day falling on a Sunday.

Our resource recovery centres will be closed on Christmas Day and New Year's Day. Opening hours will otherwise stay the same. Opening hours vary for each centre and you can find details on our website.

Please place your recycling bins and bags on the roadside in a location where our drivers can see them clearly. If you leave the area before collection day or have extra, you can drop your official rubbish bags and recycling at any resource recovery centre free of charge.

# Kaiteriteri and Mārahau rubbish and recycling over summer

We are increasing the frequency of rubbish collection in Kaiteriteri over the busy summer season.

From 19 December until 19 February, we will be picking up refuse daily

on weekdays. Please ensure your bags are ready for collection by 7.00 am each morning.

There will also be weekly kerbside recycling collections in Kaiteriteri and Mārahau this summer. It will be picked up every Monday, starting Monday 27 December.

In Kaiteriteri, recycling can also be taken to the public recycling bin in the car park opposite the beach.

### Do you have more glass recycling than usual?

Please don't overfill your glass recycling crate, if you do, it won't be emptied. The contents can't sit above the top lip of the crate, and it shouldn't weigh more than 12kg. When the crates are overfilled the bottles can fall and break, risking injuries to our collection team and others.

You are welcome to put out more than one crate and you can buy additional crates from any of our service centres or resource recovery centres for \$26.

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# WHAT'S ON IN TASMAN



The Nelson Tasman Summer Events Guide 2022 – 2023 is out now! Keep an eye out for a copy in your letterbox, pick one up from one of our service centres or download a copy from our website.



#### **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!

#### Golden Bay Santa Parade

Saturday 10 December, 10.00 am, Commercial Street Tākaka.

Join the Rec Park Centre and Tākaka community this festive season with a parade that will warm the cockles of your heart. The Santa parade is a well-celebrated town tradition and has been missed the past couple of years but this year it is back! Visit facebook.com/recparkcentre. goldenbay for more information.

#### Art in the Park

Sunday 11 December, 10.00 am – 12.00 pm, Washbourn Gardens, Richmond.

Let the beauty of the surroundings inspire your artistic skills and bring out your creative flair, then top it off with a picnic for the whole family. Rain date: Thursday 15 December.

#### Richmond Santa Parade

Sunday 11 December, 1.00 pm – 3.00 pm, Queen Street Richmond.

Save the date, Santa's coming to town! The iconic Santa Parade is back in central Richmond this year. To find out more, visit facebook.com/loverichmondnz.

### Wellby Talking Cafés

- Tuesday 13 December,
   10.00 am 11.30 am, Burning
   Edge Café Tapawera.
- Tuesday 13 December, 1.30 pm –
   3.00 pm, Richmond Library.
- Wednesday 21 December, 10.00 am 11.30 am, Motueka Library.

Wellby Talking Cafés welcome everyone for a relaxed cuppa to start your journey connecting 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.

### Tasman Environment Plan Webinar

Thursday 15 December, 7.00 pm.

Come along to our last TEP webinar for the year and tell us your thoughts and have our friendly team answer your questions.

Please register for the webinar at tinyurl.com/bdexkn2z

#### **Treasure Hunt**

Friday 16 December, 10.00 am – 12.00 pm, Bill Wilkes Reserve, Richmond.

Enjoy the chance to explore some of the region's loveliest locations while following a fun treasure hunt the whole family can enjoy. Rain date: Saturday 17 December.

#### **Family Picnic**

Sunday 18 December, 10.00 am – 12.00 pm, Washbourn Gardens, Richmond.

Load up the whānau and a picnic and join us for fun outdoor games and activities to enjoy at your own leisure. Rain date: Saturday 7 January.

#### **Teddy Bears' Picnic**

Sunday 18 December, 10.00 am – 1.00 pm, Motueka Recreation Centre. Free.

Bring your bear, a picnic lunch and enjoy a morning out with family and friends. A colouring in competition will be available for you to collect from mid-November at New World Motueka.



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#### Carols in the Park

Sunday 18 December, 5.00 pm -8.00 pm. Brightwater Domain. Free.

#### Carols by Candlelight and Multicultural Picnic

Sunday 18 December, entertainment from 6.00 pm, carols from 8.00 pm, Washbourn Gardens, Richmond, Free.

A truly international Christmas is coming to Richmond! International Migrants Day and our annual Carols by Candlelight event fall on the same day this year so we're combining both for one big international celebration of Christmas. It will be the first year when the community will hear carols and New Year songs in many languages.

#### Murchison Annual Christmas Gala

Saturday 24 December, 11.00 am -2.00 pm, Murchison Sport, Recreation and Cultural Centre.

Come along for a fun-filled afternoon of Christmas cheer! Stalls, bouncy castles, raffles and of course, our friend Santa Claus will be making a very special appearance. Free entry.

#### Māpua Art Group **Annual Art Exhibition**

Friday 30 December – Sunday 8 January, daily from 10.00 am - 5.00 pm, Māpua Hall.

The Māpua Art Group are presenting their Annual Art Exhibition by local talented members and wellrecognised artists. Entry is free, and all artwork will be for sale.

#### Christmas carols, crafts and stories

Ho! Ho! Get into the Christmas spirit with singing, craft and fun. Join us at Richmond Library on Thursday 15 December for a free and fun Christmas craft session for schoolage children.

Come to Motueka Library Te Noninga Kumu on Tuesday 20 December from 2.00 pm – 2.45 pm for Christmas carols with The Mocking Birds. Live music, singing and festivity for everyone.

Children ages 4+ are invited to enjoy Christmas stories, songs and crafts at Richmond Library on Thursday 22 December, 4.00 pm – 5.00 pm, and at Tākaka Library on Friday 23 December, 10.30 am - 11.30 am.

And there's still time to make handmade Christmas presents for your loved ones. Visit CreativeBug on our website for a huge range of craft videos and tutorials. Free to use with your library card and PIN.

For more information visit tasmanlibraries.govt.nz

### **COUNCIL HUI**



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

**Tasman District Council** Friday 9 December, 12.00 pm

**Golden Bay Community Board** Monday 12 December, 1.00 pm. Golden Bay Service Centre, 78 Commercial Street

**Tasman District Council** Thursday 15 December, 9.30 am

**Motueka Community Board** Tuesday 20 December, 4.00 pm. Motueka Library, 32 Wallace Street

**Tasman District Council** Thursday 22 December, 9.30 am

