



The buses are coming!

Our fleet of 17 new Foton electric buses is on its way.

To prepare for their arrival, there is a lot of work being done behind the scenes including the installation of 30 new bus stops across Tasman.

The new Tasman eBus routes include services to Motueka, Māpua, Tasman Village, Wakefield, Brightwater and Hope, offering an alternative to commuters who make the long drive regularly.

Buses to Motueka will make four round trips a day, Monday – Friday, between 7.00 am and 7.00 pm while the Wakefield route will run six times a day. These buses become an express service once they reach the Richmond interchange. From here they will only stop at Nelson Hospital and then Nelson City Centre.

All other services between Richmond and Nelson will be half-hourly on the usual routes ... and there's even a new route from Nelson City to the airport.

Our new eBuses reflect smart technology that bus users can look forward to benefiting from, including the continuation of free Wi-Fi on buses and new e-readers supplying real-time information at some key stops.

The new service is all about convenience, which we think is the main driver behind whether a person opts to use the bus.

We're very excited about launching the new bus service in August as it will be a considerable step up for regional public transport – a convenient, affordable, quality, sustainable bus service that improves transport choices.



Planning pays off in Richmond

It was a wild and woolly few days across the region as we were drenched by a prolonged spell of wet weather.

Civil Defence was on standby should the worst happen, while our contractors battled the elements to ensure people, property and our council services didn't suffer too badly at the hands of Mother Nature.

In preparation for the bad weather, our contractors moved machinery to places we identified as potential risk areas across Tasman, which meant we could deal with problems quickly.

An example of quick work was early morning on Saturday 6 May in Easby Park in Richmond.

Over the past few months, we'd done flood prevention work in the area and installed water level monitoring equipment, so when the water rose that morning, contractors were able to quickly mobilise and address the problem.

We have a number of these monitoring systems around the District which we keep a close eye on, as well as physical checks in key locations.

But remember, if you become aware of a situation that needs sorting out at any time, 24 hours a day, please phone us on 03 543 8400, or if it's an emergency don't hesitate to call 111 immediately.



WONDERFUL WATER



Tasman's lakes, rivers, aquifers, wetlands and coast need our help!

The health of our waterbodies and coastal areas is a hot topic around the country and here in the Tasman region.

A third of our region's monitored waterways are in decline, and eight of our smaller rivers are in a particularly poor state.

How are we dealing with this? We are developing a new plan that will protect our freshwater and marine resources for decades to come, and we want your input.

With the current uncertainty around resource management reforms, it's not clear at this stage whether it will be a stand-alone plan or part of a comprehensive plan.

We have identified eight draft Freshwater Management Units (FMU) in the Tasman region: Waimea, Moutere, Motueka – Riuwaka, Abel Tasman – Kaiteriteri, Tākaka, Aorere – West Coast, Buller – Kawatiri and Deep Moutere Groundwater.

We think these FMU are a practical approach to managing freshwater across a region the size of Tasman and will allow rules and regulations to be applied to waterbodies in an integrated way 'from the mountains to the sea'.

We have created draft visions and value sets for each FMU based on what we have heard so far working with local communities and from feedback in 2022. Getting these right is a crucial first step in protecting our waterbodies.

We would now like to know your thoughts on whether the draft visions reflect your long-term wishes and aspirations for how you want our waterbodies to be in the future.

[Visit \[shape.tasman.govt.nz/mountains-to-the-sea/freshwater-management-units\]\(https://shape.tasman.govt.nz/mountains-to-the-sea/freshwater-management-units\).](https://shape.tasman.govt.nz/mountains-to-the-sea/freshwater-management-units)





Join us in shaping the future of Port Motueka and the surrounding land

We are looking at ways to support the future of Port Motueka by developing a Structure Plan for the port and adjacent areas.

The Structure Plan will provide a high-level planning framework that sets out intended uses, guides and planning provisions for the new resource management plan and will influence wider Council decision making.

From the consultation we've done so far with the Tasman Coastal Group and the local community, we received strong feedback that Port Motueka and surrounding areas are not working as well as they potentially could and are missing important infrastructure and amenities.

So, we want to hear from you about what's working well at the port, what doesn't work for you, and most importantly what you would like to change.

This is an important opportunity to tell us how you think the port can be developed to enable greater community and recreational use.

Visit shape.tasman.govt.nz/port-motueka-structure-plan-to-have-your-say by Thursday 1 June 2023.



Wakefield's pipe problems probed

We have recently been experiencing water pipe breaks on our supply network in Wakefield.

The pipes, laid in the early 1970s, had a life expectancy of around 80 years so haven't been considered or budgeted for renewal, but it's become clear that the lifespan of these mains is closer to 50 years.

We are now in the process of quantifying the extent of renewals required in Wakefield so they can be prioritised in our next Long-Term Plan.

In the interim, we will be replacing 100 metres of the water main in Edward Street. We have also optimised pumping pressures in the network to reduce pressure fluctuations.

But this has generated a lot of talk about asbestos in pipes. Asbestos cement pipes were commonly used in the past for water supply and distribution systems due to their strength, durability, and ability to resist corrosion. Asbestos is only hazardous when it is airborne, not when it is in a damp state.

There has been considerable research into asbestos in water, wastewater and stormwater Asbestos Cement (AC) pipes. It is inert unless it becomes airborne.

Overall, these pipes can be considered safe for water users if they are properly installed, maintained, not disturbed, and handled and disposed of according to regulations and guidelines.



Help us plant trees at Borck Creek

We're looking for any green-fingered community members to join us in an environmental enhancement project along the banks of Borck Creek in Richmond.

Our Welcoming Communities Tasman team is inviting you to join us as we aim to plant 250 native plants and shrubs into the ground in an area next to the Waimea Plains retirement village.

This is an ideal opportunity to get to know your neighbours, meet new people and get your hands dirty for a good cause. We'll even supply afternoon tea snacks for after the planting.

Once these plants are in the ground, our contractors will come through in

July and do further planting along Borck Creek, and they'll also do follow-up maintenance of the trees that are planted.

So, pack up the family, grab a spade or use one of ours and join us on Sunday 21 May from 1.00 pm – 3.00 pm.

There's no rain postponement date, so fingers crossed the sun will be shining for us, otherwise throw on a coat and pull on the gumboots.

Parking will be available on Borck Ave and Carmine Crescent.

For further information contact birte.becker-steel@tasman.govt.nz or prashanti.lovegrove@tasman.govt.nz.

Silver birch battle to help restore St Arnaud wetland

The Parker wetland, just a stone's throw from Lake Rotoiti, has been drained, was once farmed and is now afflicted with an infestation of silver birch. By plugging the drains, the current landowners hope to enhance the hydrology within the wetland, reduce rabbit populations and encourage the natural regeneration of native plants.

Through our combined efforts with the landowners, Department of Conservation, Ministry for the Environment, contractor FuturEcology and the support of Ngāti Apa ki te Rā Tō and Ngāti Kuia Trusts, we've been busy turning a Northern European boreal landscape into a taonga or treasure for us all to be proud of.

Silver birch can be very invasive and have a huge ecological impact on ecosystem functionality.



Twelve years ago, there were five silver birches in this wetland, now there are estimated to be over 50,000 which will cost around \$20,000 to eradicate over three hard years and no doubt a few wasp stings too.

So, we really need your help! If you live in the St Arnaud area and you have silver birch trees on your property, we ask that you consider their removal. For those that need help or have purchased silver birch as an amenity tree, we can also assist with replacement trees up to a set value.

The St Arnaud project is one of the first natural wetlands as part of Jobs for Nature-funded efforts to protect and enhance native wetlands in our District.

Time to tame our wild kiwifruit

Here's a quick public service announcement to be aware of a rampant fruity friend – and it may just protect our horticulture crops from another kind of PSA – *Pseudomonas syringae* pv. *Actinidiae*, or Kiwifruit Vine Canker.

Wild kiwifruit vines are listed as an Eradication Pest Plant in our Tasman-Nelson Regional Pest Management Plan.

Kiwifruit can be spread into forests by birds carrying seeds from unmanaged or abandoned orchards, or wild (self-propagated) vines. Vines can smother native trees and shrubs and degrade plantation forests.

Currently in the North Island, vines have become a reservoir for organisms that are a threat to kiwifruit production, such as PSA, a disease of kiwifruit, that has resulted in devastating losses for growers.

We currently have one variety of PSA present in New Zealand. However, there are other strains that we're trying to keep out.

If PSA ever arrives in the South Island, we will need to know where all unmanaged or wild kiwifruit vines are located.

During autumn, large, rounded kiwifruit leaves will turn yellow, making them obvious in the canopy. They also have prominent vine sprouts, sticking out of tree canopies, and fruit may be evident.

If you have seen any wild kiwifruit vines, please help us by calling 03 543 8400 and letting us know where you have seen them. We will then add these sites to our database, for future destruction.



Pest traps now available in Murchison

If you are keen to carry out pest animal control on your property, you can purchase a subsidised pest trap through our backyard trapping programme.

Our subsidised traps can be purchased by Tasman residents at our Council Service Centres in Murchison, Richmond, Motueka and Tākaka, and at the Nelson DOC Visitor Centre, Millers Acre Carpark.

Available traps are: Victor snap trap in a wooden tunnel for rats (\$15); Trapinator traps for possums (\$20); and DOC200

traps in a wooden box for stoats, weasels and rats (\$50). There is a limit of one trap type per property.

These traps will provide their owners with many years of service. The rat and DOC200 trap mechanisms are housed in strong wooden boxes, and a Council subsidy gives a 50 percent saving on the cost of manufacturing and materials.

We would like to thank the great team at the Waimea Menzshed for building the trap boxes for us.



Understanding an Alpine Fault earthquake



It was standing room only in Motueka for the recent AF8 Roadshow when nearly 200 people met to hear a presentation from Professor Jamie Howath of Victoria University in Wellington about earthquakes.

The roadshow, hosted by the Nelson Tasman Emergency Management Group, looked at the potential impacts of a large Alpine Fault earthquake on our region.

While earthquakes can't be predicted, scientific research shows a 75% probability of an Alpine Fault earthquake occurring in the next 50 years, and there is a 4 out of 5 chance that it will be a magnitude 8-plus event. This is likely to have major short and long-term impacts.

There was also a presentation at St Arnaud which close to 70 people attended.

Professor Howath and his colleagues had just finished some field work out on Lake Rotoiti and Rotoroa, collecting evidence of past Alpine Fault earthquakes and looking at the potential for lake tsunami following these events.

St Arnaud attendees were interested in the implications of the fieldwork findings for the village, particularly around the lakes, and how to stay safe in these locations following earthquakes.

In Motueka, the questions were about the potential for liquefaction in the area, and how prepared the community and council are.

For further information go to af8.org.nz.

Better Off Funding brings more for Motorua / Rabbit Island

There are so many reasons that Motorua / Rabbit Island is considered one of Tasman's favourite recreational spots.

Soon there'll be even more to enjoy with some important recreational and cultural additions planned for this special beach reserve.

Last year, we received \$5.64 million to benefit the wider community and iwi outcomes through tranche one of the Government's Three Waters Better Off Support Package.

Among the 21 projects identified in the Better Off Funding programme is the delivery of recreation and cultural priorities from the Motorua / Rabbit Island Management Plan.

Funding of \$435,000 has been allocated, with an aim to have the wider project completed by the end of 2025.

This work will include a grade two mountain bike track west of Conifer Park, an equestrian link track from Rough Island to the front beach, an 18-hole disc golf course, and a self-contained toilet at the Māpua end of Motorua / Rabbit Island.

The design and installation of Pou and interpretation boards by mana whenua will also provide greater awareness of iwi's cultural association with the island.

A proposal to create new disc golf facilities was put forward by Nelson Tasman Disc Golf Inc. A well-balanced course consists of both 'wooded' and 'open' holes, so it's an ideal spot to construct a course.

The club's primary purpose is to create safe and inclusive disc golf facilities for the public to use, while also building a positive sense of community for disc golf players across Nelson Tasman.



Motueka West Plan Change open for feedback

We have re-started work on the Motueka West Plan Change. The area has been reduced to reflect the Government's Infrastructure Acceleration Funding area. The plan change area is shown in red.

Motueka and the wider region have a growing population. The Plan Change land has been identified in the Nelson Tasman Future Development Strategy 2022 – 2052 for residential intensification to support the District's future growth.

The intention is to change the residential rules to enable higher housing densities in the Plan Change area. This will make for more efficient use of land.

As part of the plan change process, we are engaging with the community to gain an understanding of their views on the

reduced area and the proposed approach to enable higher residential densities.

Please contact Anna McKenzie at anna.mckenzie@tasman.govt.nz or on 03 543 7613 before Friday 2 June 2023 if you have any feedback to provide.



Weighing and paying changes at Mariri

We've made some changes to the way you pay, or maybe that should be the weigh you pay at our Mariri Resource Recovery Centre at Motueka.

To make things fairer for everyone getting rid of waste at the centre, we've introduced a new system for working out how much you need to pay, based on the weight of the load you're dumping.

The new way of doing things means your load is weighed as you enter the site, then you offload your waste then return to the weighbridge and kiosk to pay – this creates a more accurate way of charging for what's being dumped.

If you have a mixed load which includes recyclables, you'll need to leave the recycling until the end and then take those items over to the recycling area after you've finally weighed and paid – this means you won't get charged for them.

These changes to the weighing and paying system mean there will be more traffic movements around the site, and it will take a little getting used to, so please be patient and follow the directions of staff.



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Mayor Tim King

It is certainly a busy time of year for us all, both in and out of Council.

We have a number of projects and plans which require some thorough discussion and contributions from our residents in the coming weeks to prepare for the long-term future of Tasman.

The value of offering feedback on the various consultation/engagement opportunities can't be overestimated.

Our staff have been busy putting together reports and meetings to summarise the things you deem important for our District.

The pace of the engagement and sheer number of issues currently up for consideration may seem immense – but they are important and require your input.

Plenty of consultation means plenty of opportunities to make your voices heard.

What is up for discussion now will help create foundations for the infrastructure

and community outcomes and help us understand where the priorities lie.

Having heard from residents in conversation or through their submissions already – there are some strong ideas coming to the fore.

It's inevitable that not all the things brought forward to the table will resonate with everyone.

Your opinions and suggestions are acknowledged as being vital to the decision-making process and whether or not they align with what is eventually implemented, they are considered.

Thanks so much to everyone who has attended meetings, webinars and submitted their feedback already.

I encourage you to take the time to make a submission. Your support is greatly appreciated.



Motueka Community Board

A presenter at the Motueka Community Board public forum provided the Board with some insight into her role as a Census collector and wanted to highlight the number of households visited that did not have access to online platforms.

The Library, Council Service Centre and contacting one of your elected Board Members are other options available to the community for providing feedback or seeking information.

An update was provided by the Transport Choices project team for enhanced cycling and walking paths throughout Motueka. This project is a result of the Walking and Cycling

Strategy adopted in the last term of Council. Funding has since been provided by the Government.

Following the presentation, the Board has requested that the Council extend the consultation period to allow impacted residents and businesses throughout the High Street portion of this project (Wharf Road to Whakarewa Street) to have the opportunity to provide feedback.

The Motueka Swimming Pool Committee had a strong presence at the public forum, advocating strongly on behalf of the community for investment from the Council for an indoor heated pool. Their request was strongly endorsed by representatives from Motueka Rotary and Lions' clubs. This will be a key project for the community to consider through the Long Term Plan process.

WHAT'S ON IN TASMAN



Taki Rua play

Monday 22 May 6.00 pm – 7.00 pm, Te Noninga Kumu Motueka Library, Koha.

A play in Te Reo Māori by Motueka-born Willy Craig Fransen. Performed by Taki Rua, a Māori professional theatre company.

Club Expo

Thursday 25 May 11.00 am – 1.00 pm, Tākaka Library. Free.

Ever thought of joining a club? Find your place, find your people at the Tākaka Library's Club Expo. Members of Golden Bay clubs and societies will be in attendance to let you know all about what they have to offer.

More Stable More Able

Tuesday 30 May 1.00 pm – 2.00 pm, Te Noninga Kumu Motueka Library. Free.

Have you felt a bit wobbly on your feet? Concerned about your balance? Have you slipped, tripped or tumbled recently? Learn about the dos and don'ts, the why and why not's associated with 'Falls Prevention'. Ange Baker – Falls Prevention Coordinator at Nelson Bays Primary Health is joining us to provide information and answer any questions you may have about falls.

Second Hand Sunday

Sunday 21 May, 9.00 am – 2.00 pm.

Second Hand Sunday is a fun way for Nelson and Tasman residents to declutter and re-home unwanted household goods for free. A list and map of participating addresses will be available to download from 12.00 pm Friday 19 May. Check out the map to plan your fossicking route and pick up some free second-hand items! For more information and to sign up, go to tasman.govt.nz/shs.

Community Funding Workshop

Monday 22 May, 9.30 am – 3.30 pm, St Thomas Hall, Motueka.

Looking at increasing the resiliency of your community organisation? Have a new project or programme in the works? Come and meet local funders, network with other community organisations and find out about a diverse range of funding opportunities for non-profit organisations. The workshop is free, but registration is required. Register at events.humanitix.com/tasman-funders-expo-2023.



Community planting days

Sunday 28 May, 9.00 am – 1.00 pm, Estuary Place, Richmond. Access from Lower Queen Street or the cycleway.

Join the Battle for the Banded Rail in their community planting efforts. Everyone is invited! Please bring gloves, a spade 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.

Saturday 20 May, 9.30 am – 12.30 pm, Te Maatu / Thorp Bush. Meet at the Woodlands Avenue entrance.

Keep Motueka Beautiful is having a working bee, planting native trees and shrubs to restore the bush and enhance the area behind Imagine Theatre. Wear appropriate clothes, gloves, strong footwear, and bring a spade if you can, though we will have some spades to borrow. Morning tea will be provided.

NEWSLINE NOTICES



Apply now for arts funding!

Our Creative Communities Scheme has funding available to help groups and individuals running arts projects in Tasman. Creative Communities provides funding to support community involvement in the arts – music, theatre, festivals, mural painting, outdoor sculptures, art in public spaces, kapa haka, singing, art workshops and more.

Funded by Creative New Zealand, the Creative Communities Scheme is designed to support opportunities for communities to participate in the arts. There is a focus on art projects that have broad community involvement, involve young people or support the diverse arts and cultural traditions of local communities.

Applications are open until Monday 10 July. For more information and to complete an application form, visit tasman.govt.nz/creative-communities.

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.

Rating information available

Our rating information database includes information such as the property location, valuation number, capital and land value as at 1 July 2022, and current year's rates – remember the names of property owners and ratepayers are not listed in the database.

Rating information is available for you to view at any Council Service Centre during office hours.

You can also view this information online at tasman.govt.nz/rates-search.

Notice given under section 28, Local Government (Rating) Act 2002.

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.

Nelson-Tasman Regional Landfill Business Unit

Friday 19 May, 9.30 am. Nelson City Council, 110 Trafalgar Street.

Joint Shareholders Committee
Monday 22 May, 9.00 am.

Operations Committee
Thursday 25 May, 9.30 am.

Submissions Hearing (Annual Plan)
Tuesday 30 May, 9.30 am.

Strategy and Policy Committee
Thursday 1 June, 9.30 am.

Community Grants Subcommittee
Thursday 1 June, 1.30 pm. No public forum.