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8.57% rates rise on the cards

Following deliberations on the draft Annual Plan 2023/2024, the Council has landed on a draft average rates rise of 8.57%.

At a hearing to consider public submissions received during consultation, the planned rates increase of 9.06% was reduced further, thanks to recommendations guided by public feedback as well as reallocating funding avenues.

The decision will help us meet community concerns about increased costs while ensuring the Council's position remains sustainable.

We can now move ahead in delivering efficient services and initiatives that support the lifestyles of those living in or visiting Tasman.

The Annual Plan outlines what services and projects we intend to deliver in 2023/2024, what it will cost, and how it will be funded.

We received 97 submissions on the Annual Plan during consultation, with

33 submitters presenting in person at the subsequent public hearing in May.

A recommendation to use a combination of Emissions Trading Scheme (ETS) credits and forestry surpluses to the value of \$500,000 was opted to lower the rates increase.

While this decision will raise net debt, it will still allow us to remain within the cap of \$250 million at the end of the 2023/2024 financial year.

We also reallocated \$395,000 of Better Off Funding from the Government to help offset rates and use more reserve financial contributions to help fund the development of Kingsland Forest Park and recreation and cultural facilities on Moturoa / Rabbit Island.

The Annual Plan will be adopted at a Full Council meeting on 22 June 2023.

WONDERFUL WATER



Major work underway at Port Tarakohe

Work has begun on a major upgrade of Golden Bay's Port Tarakohe.

The inner eastern breakwater is being extended, new concrete floating berths on the northern pontoon system are being installed and new fendering is being added around the existing concrete wharf.

During the work, there will be significant movement of heavy machinery and trucks, and the gangway to the northern pontoon system will be closed. Access to the eastern breakwater will also be temporarily restricted while rock transportation takes place.

To allow pedestrian access to vessels, the northern pontoon will be connected to the eastern pontoon.

Car parking will be limited throughout the upgrade, so people should use Talley's compound for parking.

As part of the upgrade, the current eastern swing gates will be replaced with an electric slide gate, and parking will not be allowed in the area in front of it. Illegally parked vehicles will be towed away at the owner's expense.

We've also called in Dr John Cockrem, an expert on penguins from Massey University, to monitor the little blue penguin population as we do the rock work at the end of the breakwater – that phase of the job should be done by August.

The overall upgrade project is expected to be finished by February next year.

Action plan addresses Waimea nitrates

We recently presented our findings from the latest groundwater quality survey in the Waimea Plains, which took place in late 2021. For more information, visit tasman.govt.nz/nitrate.

Monitoring of water taken from bores across the Waimea Plains throughout the years has long shown elevated levels of nitrate-nitrogen which are above the maximum acceptable limit in the Drinking Water Standards, especially in the Ranzau Road West, Blackbyre and Bartlett Road areas in recent years.

We have made ongoing efforts to monitor and address nitrates since the 1970s and have undertaken synoptic surveys (lots of bores over a wider area) about every five years since 1986, alongside our long-term State of the Environment monitoring programme.

Issues around nitrates are complex and groundwater systems that are already contaminated with nitrates can be very slow to respond to changes in overlying land uses.

Just as this is an issue that has developed over decades, it may take decades for us to see the effects of changes being made now.

Other parts of New Zealand also experience similar issues. However, we are moving forward on ways to remedy this situation through our existing work as well as the initiation of an action plan.

This process will expand on both our monitoring work and the Waimea Plains Nitrate Project that staff have worked on since 2019 in conjunction with Horticulture New Zealand and local growers.



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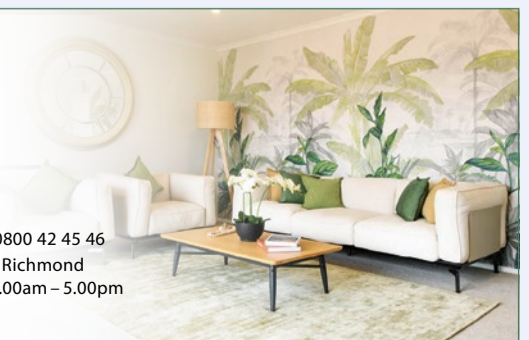
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Māpua milestone marked

We've reached the exciting point where we're ready to hit the road with the initial pilot Streets for People layout on Aranui Road.

The Streets for People programme is about flexibility and agility, although we are using concrete for some aspects of the work, nothing is set in stone. If there are features that don't appear to be working as well as we'd like them to, we can change them.

There's been a lot of work done so far by a dedicated group of people from the Māpua community who have weighed up the pros and cons of a variety of design options for improving the safety of the street for walking and cycling.

Some of the themes that came through are that Aranui Road needs slower vehicle speeds, safe places to cross the road, and reduced congestion on the footpaths while keeping car parking for businesses. All this must fit funding

constraints, engineering requirements and the geometry of the existing road corridor.

Students from Māpua School are on board too and are working on special Māpua themed artwork to enhance the project area.

We've spoken to numerous community groups including the local volunteer fire brigade who raised a few points about the layout as it was first proposed. So, modifications have been made to consider their needs when responding to emergencies.

There are allowances in the project budget for making tweaks and building upon the initial pilot.

Once the layout has been down for a while, we'll look for more feedback with surveys and pop-up events where people can share their thoughts.

All going well, the new safer Aranui Road should be ready by spring.



After considering several options, we've decided to trial new locally-made concrete lane separators on either side of the raised crossings before rolling them out further along the road.

These separators are far more economical than the rubber ones we're using in the pilot layout, and by having them made locally we're supporting the local economy ... and because they are local their carbon footprint is much lower than importing manufactured products from overseas.

Another upside is that these separators can potentially be broken down and recycled at the end of their natural lives, so what we do is test them to see if they can handle the job we need them to do.

New separators trialled on Salisbury

Our project to offer better, safer choices for people to get around Richmond is progressing well.

Feedback from our pilot layout of separated cycle lanes on Salisbury Road has been positive. Comments in a survey of users said they appreciate the buffer it provides between cars and pedestrians, the slower traffic, and raised features that increase awareness of crossing sites.

The key theme of Streets for People projects is flexibility and adaptability, and by using the input from our survey respondents we're now ready to make some tweaks and consider extending the lanes further along Salisbury Road.

The use of the white upright lane markers outside Waimea Intermediate School has not been successful, so these are going to be removed.

Stafford Drive changes help traffic flow

We have installed a priority give way system on Stafford Drive, which will mean reduced waiting times and allow traffic to flow more freely through the area.

Regular users should take the time to familiarise themselves with the new road layout and the rule regarding priority give ways, namely that the red arrow (indicating the direction of travel) always gives way.

In simple terms, all traffic heading down the hill must give way to all traffic heading up the hill.

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

Initial clearance of debris was carried out in late 2022, with two lanes opened under a traffic light management system.

As the slip areas will continue to fret stones and small boulders, road users should continue to be vigilant for falling rock, particularly during rainy periods.

In the event of severe or prolonged wet weather, Stafford Drive will likely be closed as a safety precaution, and road users should factor this into their journey plans when travelling through the area. We will always try to give as much notice as possible of an impending closure through our digital channels.

We thank everyone for their patience.



Tākaka innovation becomes permanent

Someone once said the best things in life take time!

After a couple of years of trials, the project to permanently improve a Golden Bay intersection is underway.

The Innovating Streets Project came up with a trial layout for the intersections of Rototai Road and Meihana Street to see if we could improve safety for pedestrians and address vehicle speeds at the complex intersection where primary and high school students cross.

The trial layout and two other suggested options for the intersections sparked a lot of community comment, with

the green light initially given to an alternative to the one being trialled.

However, the Golden Bay High School Board voiced further concerns about the suggested alternative and instead encouraged us to stick with the temporary measures being tried on-site.

As a result, it was agreed that the existing trial layout will be made permanent.

We are now installing lighting on the zebra crossing, removing the temporary yellow plastic pedestrian ramps and making the pedestrian ramp permanent. We will also remove the unused road area and backfill it with topsoil which will be planted with grass.

PARKS AND PLACES



Introducing Sabine Drive Reserve

In the second stop of our virtual tour of new playgrounds and recreational spaces around Tasman, we visit Sabine Drive Reserve.

Sabine Drive off Hart Road in Richmond, which has undergone considerable development over the past decade, was originally part of Fawsley Farm, owned by the Malcolm family and farmed by descendants for over 160 years.

The Malcolm family donated the area for the reserve.

In 1842 Andrew and Margaret Malcolm arrived in Nelson with their two-year-old son John, and a few years after their arrival, 57 hectares (140 acres) of land was bought in the Richmond South area.

Over the following decades, additional land was acquired in the general area of Wensley Road, Paton Road, Hart Road, Bateup Road and Hill Street.

There are eight former Malcolm houses still standing on this land.

As the decades went by, the land was divided up between later generations. It was used for farming stock, town milk supply and fruit growing.

The Sabine Drive Reserve has been designed as a family-friendly area with picnic tables, a space net climbing structure, a large basket swing and plenty of space to kick a ball.

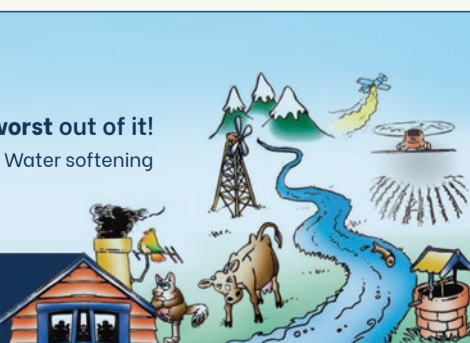


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Candid camera has come to Tasman

Covert wildlife cameras are being used by a group of people trying to record sightings of the rare Banded Rail around the Waimea Inlet.

With tens of thousands of new native plantings and upwards of 9,600 predators trapped during the past eight years or so, the Battle for the Banded Rail appears to be going well.

The Banded Rail or Moho Pererū are related to Weka, but smaller. They have now disappeared from almost all of the South Island and now only occur in the saltmarshes from Golden Bay to Marlborough.

Battle for the Banded Rail is a Tasman Environmental Trust community conservation project supported by the Department of Conservation Community Fund, Te Uru Rākau, Trees that Count and Jasmine Social Investments.

The group works with volunteers, us at Council, DOC and landowners to restore birdlife to the Waimea Inlet by trapping

introduced predators and restoring habitat around the estuary margin.

Now, thanks to one of our Community Grants, the group has been able to buy and set up trail cameras around the inlet to monitor their little endangered feathered friends.

We were able to help meet a shortfall for the project with a grant of \$2,105.

... And remember if your organisation is looking for financial help, we may be able to help with a Community Grant. The criteria are broad and cover a range of categories including but not limited to service groups, festivals, and sports clubs through to welfare groups, arts, culture, heritage, and environmental organisations. Visit tasman.govt.nz/grants.



Teapot Valley restoration project well underway

We're continuing to improve the health of the native forest communities and learning plenty as we restore areas burnt in the Pigeon Valley fire.

Last winter, contractors planted 14,000 native trees, shrubs and wetland plants at our Teapot Valley sites. These plants are healthy and flourishing, with 96% of them surviving this first growing season.

The 2023 planting season is already underway, with another 13,000 trees and shrubs being planted. We are planting a more diverse mix of species this year to reconnect patches of forest that provide additional and more resilient habitats for native birds and fauna.

Direct seeding is another revegetation technique that can be more cost-effective than planting and can be done on a larger scale. We are experimenting with direct seeding in Teapot Valley, testing



the effectiveness of directly sowing seed of pioneer shrub species into plots later this winter.

Given that New Zealand forest species are not well-adapted to fire, an interesting component of this project is understanding how well native vegetation has responded after the fire.

To monitor natural regeneration after fire, we've set up a number of plots across the most fire-affected parts of the site.

Assessing the plots in summer 2023, four years after the fire, we found high levels of natural regeneration across a diversity of native tree and shrub species, from tiny seedlings to plants more than two metres tall.

This project is supported by MPI's One Billion Trees programme and Tasman Pine Forests Ltd.

Outstanding Tasman buildings awarded

A pair of Tasman buildings have been recognised in the Te Kāhui Whaihangā New Zealand Institute of Architecture 2023 Local Awards.

Motueka Public Library Te Nōinga Kumu was named winner of the Public Architecture category.

The judges said the building responds effectively to its suburban setting. The exposed laminated timber structure activates the street edge, while the response to the public domain is more intimate. Punched window openings give glimpses through to the adjacent Japanese Gardens and bi-fold doors lead to exterior reading decks.

Toi Māori throughout brings visibility to mana whenua and enhances a sense of place and community connection. Robust external detailing, cladding and roofing reflect the nature of the community's agricultural roots. Photovoltaic panels and natural ventilation are used effectively to manage operational efficiencies, and the judicious choice of materials has contributed to an uncomplicated interior finish.

... And the Pōhara Hall in Golden Bay designed by Alex Bowman in 1971 took out an Enduring Architecture Award.

This iconic landmark is recognised and loved by many in Golden Bay and

beyond. With raised eyebrows to the road between Tarakohe and Pōhara, it represents an era now passed.

Funded by Golden Bay Cement Company, the hall was built for community functions, dances and theatre events.

The judges said the generous use of concrete speaks of its benefactor's business interests.

The precast panels with exposed aggregate, externally expressed columns and open-ended rainwater outlets between the softly curved roofs speak of the architect's influence.



A vine to get rid of

This issue's pest to ponder – and hopefully remove – is the Madeira vine, AKA the mignonette vine.

Madreia vine (*Anredera cordifolia*) is an attractive, hairless, woody climbing vine, with fleshy, succulent heart-shaped leaves, arranged alternately on the stem.

It's also an eradication species under the Tasman Nelson Regional Pest Management Plan.

The distinguishing feature of Madeira vine is small, irregular tubers which grow along the length of the vine and can accumulate into lumpy clusters.

Madreia vine produces long, slender, drooping flowerheads of small, fragrant cream flowers from January to April.

However, no seed is produced in New Zealand – it is spread solely by fragments and tubers.

Madreia vine tubers are incredibly hardy and drop off the vine to sprout into new vines. Even small fragments of tubers can sprout into new plants.

This plant's nuisance value lies in its ability to smother plants, preventing the establishment of native plant seedlings.



The combined weight of the tubers along aerial vines can topple small trees. The plant has fleshy rhizomes in the ground that easily break off to sprout new plants.

Digging the rhizomes out is a good approach to removal, but several visits are required over many years to maintain control.

Our Biosecurity Officers are working hard to eradicate Madeira vines from our region. If you have one growing at home or have seen it around our region, please get in touch with our Biosecurity Team on 03 543 8400, or at biosecurity@tasman.govt.nz.

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Councillor Brent Maru, Motueka Ward

Looking back over the past months since being elected to Council, I wanted to reflect on the work that happens across our District by those quietly working within the many community organisations and groups throughout Tasman.

As elected members, we are often privileged to be invited to meetings and celebrations that highlight the valuable work of many unsung heroes amongst us. I want to dedicate this column to their work, commitment to community and helping others.

In the Motueka Ward, recent celebrations have acknowledged our local Attendance Officer, Carol Fowler, the rebranding of The Hub, (previously Motueka Senior Citizens) and 15-year service awards for Byron Le Vavasour and Bruce McIver of the Motueka Community Patrol.

Whilst these are just three recent examples within the Motueka Ward, this level of service happens daily throughout the region, and I take this opportunity to both acknowledge it and say thank you for your service.

There are lots of people who work away quietly with little recognition to make our communities better places to live. At Council, we recognise such valuable contributions through the Outstanding Community Service Awards.

I encourage you to give some thought over the coming months to people in your community who have dedicated years of service and nominate them for one of our Outstanding Community Service Awards. Nominations close 31 August.



Motueka Community Board

Through this month's column, the Board wanted to focus on acknowledging the recent AF8 public meeting held in Motueka and reinforce the need for us all to have a plan.

Alpine Fault Magnitude 8 is a coordinated response planning and community engagement project that is designed to build resilience in preparation for the next Alpine Fault earthquake.

Whilst no one can predict when earthquakes will occur, scientific research indicates there is a 75% probability of an Alpine Fault earthquake occurring in the next 50 years, and that there is a 4 out of 5 chance that it will be magnitude 8+.

The presentation gave an overview of the science including historical events underlying the prediction, but of

most importance was the message for communities to prepare. Preparation means preparing personally, having plans with family and friends, and linking within neighbourhoods to build a strong sense of community.

It is important to recognise in the worst-case scenarios, roading and power networks cannot be relied on and whilst help will be rallied, it is important that we all have plans to look after ourselves and others for a time.

There is a positive in having a plan in place should a significant earthquake occur, and that is this planning can be used for any other weather event or natural disaster.

For more information on AF8, visit af8.org.nz or for Civil Defence nelsontasmancivildefence.co.nz.

WHAT'S ON IN TASMAN



Community planting days

- **Sunday 18 June, 9.00 am – 1.00 pm, Hody Estuary Park.**
- **Sunday 25 June, 9.00 am – 1.00 pm, Research Orchard Road Reserve.**

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.

Body Balance 100

Sunday 18 June, 11.00 am – 12.00 pm, Sundial Square, Richmond.

Come and enjoy an hour of modern yoga in the heart of Richmond. Hosted by Fitness by CLM. All you need is your yoga mat and water bottle. Free.

NBS Volunteer Expo 2023

Saturday 24 June, 10.00 am – 2.00 pm, Annesbrook Community Church, Stoke.

Looking for a volunteering opportunity to help make a difference in your community? Come along to the Expo and have the chance to meet over 40 organisations who need you and would like to share what they do. There is something to suit everyone from sports to environmental issues to heritage protection. There will be an area for kids to play, a coffee cart and some wonderful winter treats to eat. For more information, email Jo at volunteerepo@volunteernelson.org.nz.

Life without a car course

Thursday 29 June, 10.00 am – 11.30 am, Waimea Plains Retirement Village.

Adjusting to life without a car doesn't mean losing independence and freedom. This information session enables you to

stay connected to whānau, friends and places, highlights a range of possibilities to remain mobile, offers alternative ways of getting about in the community and gives valuable insights into adapting your lifestyle. For more information and to book a place, contact Jackie at Age Concern Nelson Tasman on 021 195 8108.

Author talk: Chris Stuart

Tuesday 20 June, 1.00 pm – 2.00 pm, Richmond Library.

New Zealand award-winning author Chris Stuart talks about her second contemporary crime novel, *The Glasgow Smile*. The desire to be a writer began for Chris when she was working in the Sudan as a humanitarian worker. She came to the realisation that an author could transport a reader to another time and place. Book sales available: \$35.

Author talk: Julia Panfylova

Monday 26 June, 1.30 pm – 3.30 pm, Motueka Library.

Julia will speak about her experience of self-publishing her first book and how it reflects her own life journey. *Lada Between Two Worlds* is a beautifully illustrated fantasy book for children and includes challenging topics. Cash only, book sales available: \$16.

Author talk: Stef Harris

• **Book Launch: Monday 26 June, 5.30 pm – 7.00 pm, Motueka Library.**

• **Author Talk: Tuesday 27 June, 5.30 pm, Richmond Library.**

Local Police Officer Stef Harris is launching his recent crime novel *Double Jeopardy*. This book is brimming with surprising twists, tension and intriguing characters. Come and hear the back story of Stef's new book and about his writing process. Then join us for a Q&A session and light refreshments. Books can be purchased on the night for \$37.50, and autographed.

NEWSLINE NOTICES



Moturoa / Rabbit Island pheasant hunt

Public access to the eastern half of Moturoa / Rabbit Island will be closed for three organised game bird hunts this winter. The closure will include all the beach front at the eastern end. The second of these hunts will take place on Saturday 24 June, 7.00 am – 2.00 pm (Sunday 25 June reserve day).

Fish & Game organise the hunts, which are permitted under the Moturoa / Rabbit Island Reserve Management Plan. The hunts are timed to coincide with low tide to avoid any effect on shore birds. For more details contact Jacob Lucas at Nelson Marlborough Fish & Game on 03 544 6382.

Marlborough Sounds Future Access Study

• **Monday 26 June, 5.30 pm – 7.30 pm, Zoom: <https://bit.ly/3oMbw7B>.**

• **Tuesday 27 June, 3.00 pm – 5.00 pm, Trafalgar Centre, Nelson.**

Marlborough District Council is holding a drop-in session in Nelson and an online Zoom for people who have an interest in the future of the Marlborough Sounds transport network. At these sessions, you will be able to view and ask questions about an emerging preferred option and an alternative climate-resilient option for each of the five storm-damaged areas of the Sounds. A survey will also launch on 20 June for public feedback. Find out more at marlborough.govt.nz.

Rural property numbers

All properties must have an address. For safety, we encourage the use of RAPID numbers so emergency services can find rural properties quickly. However, the use of RAPID number plates is not compulsory.

What is my number? If you want to know the correct RAPID number for your rural property, please contact us and we will let you know what it is.

Where can I get a number plate?

You can purchase numbers from most hardware stores, some signage companies, or you can paint your own number. Alternatively, you can purchase a number plaque that meets our recommended style from segno.co.nz.

Make light for Matariki

Create a light lantern, light sculpture or light display which encompasses the essence or a component of Matariki to be in to win a class, business, or household lunch shout! It must be battery-powered and transportable.

To enter, email a photo of your entry to events@tasman.govt.nz before noon on Friday 7 July.

We will then display your photo on our Facebook page and invite people to "like" their preferred entry. The photos with the most "likes" at the end of the competition win. The Facebook competition will open at noon 10 July, and finish at noon 17 July.

Visit tasman.govt.nz/matariki-light-competition/ for more information.

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.

Motueka Community Board

Tuesday 20 June, 4.00 pm. Motueka Library, Wallace Street.

Tasman District Council

Thursday 22 June, 9.30 am.