

# Celebrate Children's Day

Let's celebrate the young people in our life with an event dedicated to them, full of exciting activities for families. Join the fun at the Richmond Aquatic Centre on Sunday 1 March between 10.00 am – 2.00 pm.

For national Children's Day, the Tasman District Council has partnered with the Richmond Aquatic Centre to bring a big day of free family fun to the community.

Enjoy that great kiwi favourite – a sausage sizzle, or pack a picnic and then sit back and relax to some great local entertainment. There will be some fabulous volunteers dressing

up as Star Wars characters, and we even have a fairy too. If you feel like a swim, bring your togs as the Richmond Aquatic Centre will be open with a gold coin donation entry.

Talented children's singer Kath Bee, will be performing; and so will Levity Beet, a musician who creates his own unique musical instruments. Steve the Magician will also be performing tricks, and Henley School's national champion Jump Jam team will show off their skills.

The fun-packed event includes face painting, balloon twisting, giant bubbles, pony rides, bouncy castles, library storytelling, tug of war, sack races, and a bicycle obstacle course (so bring your bike along). There'll be the chance for kids to learn some

exciting new skills with the archery and circus workshops.

If you love animals, there will also be a group from Greyhounds as Pets bringing their dogs. They want to show everyone how these retired racing dogs can be the perfect family pet, and encourage others to adopt.

Keep an eye on the Tasman District Council Facebook page for any changes.



# Councillor David Ogilvie – Motueka Ward

My focus this term will be the Long-Term Plan and making sure all the interests of the Motueka Ward are properly represented and included, constrained though we always are by funding, government legislation and time.



Though the Motueka town has a population of 8000, outside of that we have a further population of 6000 people extending to the top of the Takaka Hill, the Motueka Valley, Mariri and Marahau. It's a big area, and each has its own special concerns.

When people stop to talk to me on the street, the problems they often raise about Motueka are the dayto-day items: walkways, cycleways, footpath maintenance, High Street congestion and potholes. But there is an increasing number of groups with larger concerns such as climate change, housing and management of bush areas. An important issue this term will be the impact of climate change on Motueka, including stormwater, mitigating flood potential in the Riuwaka and

Motueka Rivers and what effect sea level rise may have.

Our new Council is refreshing and interesting; the new Councillors have fresh ideas and are asking perceptive questions. Mayor Tim King has a pragmatic attitude and is very supportive. I'm looking forward to the next three years.

Councillor David Ogilvie Motueka Ward

# Calling all Kingsland Forest users!

## Consultation closes 6 March 2020.

If you have been in the habit of walking the dog (or yourself), running or riding in Kingsland Forest, we'd love to hear from you.

Tasman District Council is proposing to gradually retire Kingsland Forest from commercial forestry as trees mature and are harvested over the next 20 years. We're thinking of replanting in a mix of native and permanent exotic trees, allowing us to progressively improve recreational tracks and facilities over time.

We'd like to hear what the individuals who usually use the area think about this plan.

Have your say: We want to know what you think of the draft Kingsland Forest Development Plan. More information is available online at tasman.govt. nz/feedback and at Council offices and libraries.



# Meet the police and nab yourself a copcake!

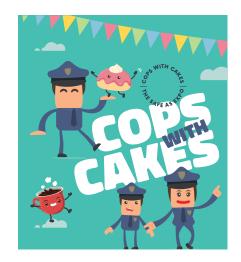
11.00 am – 3.00 pm, Saturday 29 February at Saxton Field.

Come along to meet some of our friendly local police officers at the Cops with Cakes road safety expo.

The cops will be handing out delicious 'copcakes' and combining road and community safety information with family-friendly activities and entertainment, including rides, games, prizes and a free barbecue for the kids.

All our local emergency services will be on site and many of Nelson Tasman's community organisations will be there too, giving demonstrations, driver training, and community advice and support.

It's a chance to get to know and ask questions of those with specialist knowledge in a relaxed environment. We're supporting the event in partnership with the New Zealand Police, the New Zealand Transport Agency and Nelson City Council.



# Motueka Ward by-election – nominations now open

The recent resignation of Tasman District Councillor Claire Hutt means a byelection will be held for one of the three Motueka Ward positions on Council.

Nominations are now open until 12 noon on Monday 16 March, and nomination packs are available at the Motueka and Richmond Council offices and libraries. Nomination forms and further information can also be found on tasman.govt.nz

Preliminary electoral rolls are available for inspection at the Motueka and Richmond Council offices and libraries. You can enrol or amend your enrolment details by:

- · Calling 0800 ENROL NOW (0800 36 76 56)
- · Visit www.vote.nz
- · Complete and enrolment form at any NZ Post Shop.

Voting documents will be delivered from Monday 20 April, and must be posted back or dropped off to Council, with polling day closing at 12 noon on Tuesday 12 May 2020. Results will be declared on Saturday 16 May.

We are aware of concerns raised by members of the public regarding the cost of a by-election. To clarify, Council is legally required under the Local Electoral Act 2001 to fill this vacancy by an election.

However, there is currently an inquiry into the 2019 Local Elections, and Council has submitted a request to the Justice Committee for a legislation change that would allow Councils to determine whether a non-Mayoral vacancy be filled by election or appointment of the next highest polling unsuccessful candidate for up to six months after an election.







# Get the best for your community group

Are you involved in a community group or non-profit organisation? Come along to a free workshop demonstrating how to use two useful tools specially designed to help small and medium-sized organisations reach their full potential.

The tools, NZ Navigator and CommunityNet Aotearoa, are an online self-assessment tool and resource bank respectively. Both are free, New Zealand-built, community-owned, and help groups get on with their own development in their own way.

The hands-on workshop will be held at Community House, Motueka on Monday 9 March from 3pm to 6pm and will be facilitated by Sarah Doherty, a trustee of the NZ Navigator Trust. Email lani.evans@tasman.govt.nz by Friday 6 March to register.

## Wakefield Recreation Reserve concept plan

What would you change about Wakefield Recreation Reserve?

The Moutere-Waimea Ward is growing quickly, with more people moving to the region. That means we need to take a close look at all our community facilities such as sports fields and think about how we can cater for more people enjoying them.

What is important to you when it comes to enjoying our shared outdoor spaces? Perhaps it's encouraging and protecting wildlife and biodiversity, sports, gardens, children's play areas, cycling, camping, or open space.

Wakefield Recreation Reserve recently increased in size when Council bought land between the existing sports fields and Edward Baigent Memorial Scenic Reserve. We have created an indicative concept plan for a refreshed Wakefield Recreation Reserve to help give you some ideas. The plan is below and is designed to gather feedback – it's not a final proposal.

For example, this proposal suggests that as well as the existing sports fields and mountain bike dirt jumps, we add native bush restoration, a new bike pump track, (aka McGazzaland, a tribute to the late mountain biker Kelly McGarry),

space for a new community facility building, a cricket oval and soccer fields, a camping area and toilet block and more amenity trees.

"We want to hear what the community think about that, if it's appropriate for the space, if it triggers other ideas or if they have suggested locations for things," policy advisor Anna Gerraty says.

Visit tasman.govt.nz/feedback to find out more about the Moutere-Waimea Ward reserves project, this initial consultation phase, and to complete our survey.







## Please check your water restrictions

At the time of printing, Phase B restrictions are in place for Richmond, Hope, Brightwater, Redwood Valley, Eighty-Eight Valley, Dovedale and Māpua/Ruby Bay.

While Phase A restrictions are in place in Wakefield and Tapawera.

Various restrictions are also in place for water permit holders around the district. If any restriction apply to you, we will have sent you a message letting you what your current restrictions are.

However, the situation can change quickly if we receive rain, so please check the website for the most up to date information, tasman.govt.nz/ link/water-restrictions.

Even if you aren't currently affected by water restrictions, please conserve water as much as possible.

# Treating your drinking water

While water supply is on everyone's mind, it is a good time to think about ensuring your water is safe to drink or use for cooking.

A number of Tasman's residents collect their own water, either through wells, surface take or through rainwater collection. Unless people can absolutely guarantee they or their neighbours have not had any animals, liquid waste or other possible contaminant source near their water takes, it's wise to treat it.

No matter how the water is collected, it is a prudent move for people to treat it prior to drinking to remove the risk of contamination. There are a number of treatment

options, ranging from boiling through to filtering, chemical or UV treatments, available to people.

For further guidance the Ministry of Health provides guidance at healthed.govt.nz/resource/ household-water-supplies

# Popular Ageing Expo shows how to live life to the full

Nelson and Tasman residents are lucky to have many recreational, health and social services available that make ageing a positive experience.

Our annual celebration will showcase some of these at Richmond's Headingly Centre on Friday 3 April from 10am to 3pm. Admission is free with complimentary tea, coffee and biscuits provided.

Come along and check out a wealth of information, hands-on activities, talks, demonstrations, and have-a-go sessions. With more than 80 stallholders, there is plenty on offer, no matter where your interests lie.

The Expo has run every year since 2008, and attracts an average of 2000 people. If you're interested in having a stall, registrations are open now until Sunday 8 March, with applications available on our website.

# NEWSLINE UPDATES





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# Check access to reserves before you go

Following advice from Fire and Emergency NZ, Tasman District Council has closed access to some reserves during summer when the fire risk has risen to extreme levels. The areas that are affected can change quickly, depending on the weather conditions. Areas are reopened as soon as the fire risk drops and it's deemed safe for everyone to get out and enjoy them again. However, if the risk to human life remains high, the closures stay in place to help keep everyone safe. As this can change very quickly from day to day, please check the latest updates on the website, tasman.govt.nz when planning your outing. Please take note of any closures currently in place and stay out of those areas for your own safety.

### Upcoming maritime events

The Harbourmaster has (or may soon) grant authorisations for the following events. These events may affect public use of the maritime area for a certain period of time.

**Event activity:** Power Boat Regatta **Date and location:** 29 February and 1 March,

Lake Rotoiti

Event activity: Classic Boat Show

Date and location: 7 and 8 March, Lake Rotoiti

**Event activity: Sailing regatta Date and location:** 14 and 15 March (to be confirmed), Lake Rotoiti

More information about the Harbourmaster's directions for events is available at tasman.govt.nz/link/maritime-events.

# Apply now for Creative Communities funding

Tasman District Council's Creative Communities Scheme has funding available to help groups and individuals running arts projects in our area. This could be the help your amazing art idea needs to get it off the ground. Applications are open until 10 March 2020.

Creative Communities provides funding to support community involvement in the arts – whether it's music, theatre, festivals, mural painting, outdoor sculptures, art in public spaces, kapa haka, singing, art workshops or something else. There is a focus on art projects that have a broad community involvement, involve young people or projects that support the diverse arts and cultural traditions of local communities.

Visit tasman.govt.nz/link/creative-communities for more information and to complete an application form.

## Second Hand Sunday 8 March

Everyone's favourite way to re-home household goods for free is just around the corner! Second Hand Sunday returns on Sunday 8 March 2020. Have you registered yet? You can do it online at tasman.govt. nz – search on Second Hand Sunday. Then start thinking about what you're ready to recycle or what you're going to be on the lookout for on the day.





## 2020 Riverworks High Level Programme

- Flood bank maintenance
   Mowing (spring and autumn), outfall inspections, minor repairs.
- Drain Clearing/maintenance
   Scots Drain Riwaka (summer), others as required.
- Rock bank protection
   Year round. Upper and Lower Motueka,
   Takaka and Aorere catchments, groynes
   and rip rap.
- Gravel extraction (removal)
  Upper Motueka, Lower Motueka,
  Waimea, other rivers to be confirmed.
- Weed control
   Until end of April, spraying of woody weeds on gravel bars along various rivers
- Willow maintenance
   April November, Upper Motueka, other rivers to be confirmed. Layering and lopping (pushing willows down or cutting them to rejuvenate them).
- Willow planting
  July September, Dove, Moutere.
- Native planting site maintenance May, September – December, weed eating and release spraying.
- Native planting and site preparation Wai-iti, Lower Motueka, Sherry.
- Removal of fly tipping (illegal dumping and cars)

Ongoing, mostly the Waimea.

For more information and the annual forward works programme please refer to the website, tasman.govt.nz



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## ROAD CLOSURES (S



## Proposed road closures

**Applicant:** Richmond Unlimited

**Event:** Queen Street Quest

**Location:** Queen Street (between McIndoe Place and Night & Day), plus Croucher Street for the length of Sundial Square

**Date and time:** Saturday 18 April, 6am – 2pm

**Objections close:** Thursday 5 March 2020

**Applicant :** The Golden Bay RSA

**Event:** ANZAC Day

**Location:** Commercial Street, Takaka (SH6), between Junction St (adjacent to GB Pharmacy) and Pioneer Park

Date and time: Saturday 25 April 2020, 8.30 am – 10.30 am

Objections close: Thursday 5 March

2020

#### Approved road closures

**Applicant:** Downer

Event: Mission Bridge rebuild

**Location:** Moutere Highway

Date and time: Tuesday 24 March –

Friday 5 June 2020

Applicant: Downer NZ/Tasman School

Event: Muddy Buddy

**Location:** Aporo Road between Dickers Road and Baldwin Road

- vehicles will be detoured via

**Goddard Road** 

**Date and time:** Sunday 15 March 2020, 10.00 am – 2.00 pm

## Ned's Creek Flood Prevention Project

Flood mitigation work on Ned's Creek in Murchison is underway. Rosco Contractors are doing the work on Council's behalf.

Ned's Creek has caused flooding issues for a number of residents, so we are doing some work to reduce the frequency and severity of flooding at affected properties. The work involves building a levee (stopbank) between Ned's Creek and some of the properties on Hampden Street. The levee will extend eastwards around the Recreation Centre, to cut-off any overland water flow from further upstream. Work is expected to continue until June 2020.

For more information, visit our website, tasman.govt.nz, search phrase 'Neds Creek'.

### **HAVE YOUR SAY**



For details of our current consultations, head to tasman.govt.nz/feedback.

# What do you love about your local parks?

Consultation closes 31 March 2020.

We're reviewing the way we manage Moutere/Waimea Ward parks and reserves, and we need your help to make sure these public spaces suit locals and visitors now and in the future. Over the next few months, we'll be asking you to tell us which reserves you use regularly, what you love about them, and any changes you would like to see to the way they are used or managed. The most important thing we want to know is: What's your vision for their future?

**Have your say:** Visit tasman.govt.nz/feedback for more information.

# Do you have the best little woodshed?

Entries are open until 9 March for the Best Little Woodshed competition.

We're looking for the people who've come up with the most ingenious ways of storing and drying their firewood so it's ready to burn; dry wood produces the best results in your woodburner and is cleaner for everyone. The best ideas could win firewood, chimney cleans and wood burner checks.

Get your entry in now via our website, tasman.govt.nz – search on Best Little Woodshed competition.

#### **COUNCIL MEETINGS**



Unless otherwise stated, all meetings will be held at Council Chambers, 189 Queen Street, Richmond.

#### Accessibility for All Forum

Friday 6 March, 10.00 am. Community Group

#### **Golden Bay Community Board**

Tuesday 10 March, 9.30am. Collingwood Fire Station, Elizabeth Street, Collingwood. Public forum

### **Joint Committee**

Tuesday 10 March, 1.30 pm. Public forum

### **Regulatory Committee**

Thursday 12 March 2020, 1.00 pm Murchison Sports, Recreation and Cultural Centre. Public forum

#### Nelson Tasman Regional Landfill Business Unit

Friday 13 March, 9.30 am. Nelson City Council, 110 Trafalgar Street, Nelson. Public forum

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# WHAT'S ON IN TASMAN





#### Nelson Tasman Climate Forum Launch

Saturday 29 February 1.00 pm – 4.00 pm, Annesbrook Church, Stoke.

The Nelson Tasman Climate Forum is officially launching on Saturday 29 February. The launch will feature Climate Change Minister, James Shaw, School Strike 4 Climate leader, Raven Maeder, and Nelson City Council's new climate champion, Chris Cameron. RSVP to the launch event and learn more about the Climate Forum at nelsontasmanclimateforum.org

## Lake Rotoiti Power Boat Regatta

Saturday 29 February – Sunday 1 March, racing starts 11am. Kerr Bay, St Arnaud. Adults \$10, children under 12 FREE.

Join in the fun and watch some of New Zealand's fastest boats, reaching speeds of over 250kmh. Please no drones or dogs in the Nelson Lakes National Park.

#### **Buller Festival**

Saturday 29 February – Sunday 1 March, Murchison. FREE to watch, cost to participate.

New Zealand's premier whitewater sports event, held on the beautiful Murchison rivers. A weekend of fun and action, based on participation for all ability levels.

## Seniors Tai Chi

Monday 2 March, 10.00 am – 11.00 am. Park behind Motueka i-SITE (information centre), off Wallace Street.



#### Read Around The World with us

Fly in to Murchison, Motueka, Richmond or Takaka Library to pick up your RATW passport and explore the world while reading books by authors from Afghanistan to Zambia. Take part in Read Around The World between Monday 2 March and Thursday 30 April to discover new authors and maybe even win a prize!

## Writing workshops at Motueka Library

Swedish creative writing tutor Malin Bengtson is running three writing workshops during March. Learn how to make your writing stronger using metaphor on 4 March, play with poetic genres on 11 March, or explore different starting points to writing on 18 March. Phone 03 528 1047 to find out more and to book your spot. Cost: \$10 per workshop.

## Seniors Sing-a Long in the Park

Thursday 12 March, 10.00 am – 11.00 am. Faulkner Bush, Wakefield. Meet at the playground.

#### Computer Classes at Richmond Library

Our specialised staff at Richmond Library can teach you how to research family history online using Ancestry.com on 5 March, learn how to use Google to find information on the internet on 12 March, get started with online banking on 19 March and create and customise a photobook using Vistaprint on 26 March. It's free and everyone is welcome. Phone 03 543 8500 for further information and to book your spot.

