

# TASMAN BENEFITS FROM INDEPTH STUDY

The landmark Motueka River catchment study will benefit the District for a long time to come, say environmental scientists with the Tasman District Council.

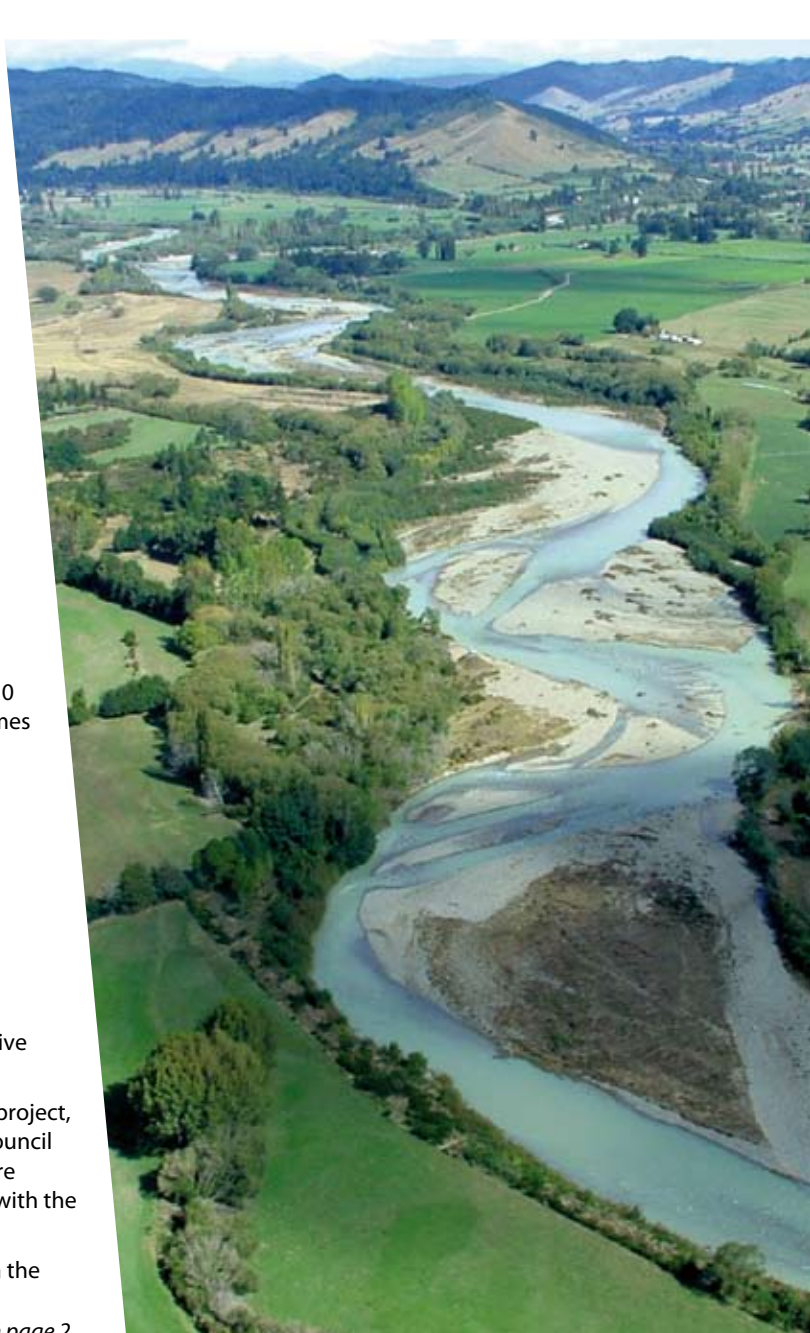
A conference held in Nelson last month wrapped up the public component of the 10-year programme – which ends in September 2010 – and showcased what has been achieved. Council scientist Trevor James says the long list includes:

- Defining better ways to allocate scarce water resources
- Defining the economic value of various water uses (e.g. recreation versus commercial uses)
- Determining more sustainable limits on river gravel takes
- Where and how should we focus our streamside planting efforts
- Sediment and faecal impacts on coastal waters
- Insights into why scallops are not thriving
- Predicting how the riverway and bay would fare under more intensive land use scenarios.

The Landcare Research-led Integrated Catchment Management (ICM) project, which was mostly Government funded, brought together scientists, Council staff from both Tasman and Nelson, farmers, river users and aquaculture interests, compiling a huge amount of data on how the river interacts with the wider environment.

Council scientist Rob Smith says Tasman staff have been involved from the word go, aligning their monitoring work with the ICM science.

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## MAYOR'S COMMENT

The Draft Annual Plan submission period drew to a close last week with the receipt of approximately 250 submissions on a variety of subjects throughout the District. I can assure you these will all be read and deliberated on by me, your Councillors and the management of Council. The Annual Planning process is probably one of the most important functions a council and the residents and ratepayers of a district can undertake and I sincerely thank those who took the time and contributed.

Going through the Annual Plan process has highlighted to me that there are a wide variety of interests and many people who wish

to make a difference in their community. The planning process is one of the more formal interactions we have with the communities we represent and serve, however, I recognise it occurs only once a year and may not coincide with your issue. It may be a cliché but if you want or need to discuss an issue or idea with me, or your Councillors, the door is always open and the phone will always be answered throughout the year. Your Councillors and I are your representatives and we are here to listen and help where we can.

– Mayor Richard Kempthorne

## ICE-BREAKER FOR NEW POOL

SwimMagic instructors took a chilly first dip in their new pool at the ASB Aquatic Centre in Richmond recently.

The learners pool will be roofed and completed by August 2010. A first fill to check for leaks gave staff the opportunity to test the waters, so to speak, on a May morning that was officially “bloody cold”, according to SwimMagic manager Lisa Stove.

She says the new pool will alleviate congestion, “especially when we get school groups coming through” in winter.

Lisa says the number of youngsters wanting to learn to swim is growing. When she started in the job five years ago she had three instructors. Now, with part-timers, she has about 20.

The ASB complex, which is owned by the Tasman District Council and run by CLM, could also be complemented by a gym annex soon.



Swimming instructors and pool manager Robert Kennedy walk the plank.

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## TASMAN BENEFITS FROM HUGE STUDY

“We’ve leveraged off each other.”

The ICM data “is coming to the point where it is mature, resulting in practical benefits,” he says.

“Some of the marine work is paying off quite well.” For instance, Council staff can track bacteria in the Bay to its source, whether human or animal. Knowledge of fish migration will be useful in determining Motueka River flows, and how much water can be drawn for irrigation. Monitoring of gravel and sediment has tightened up the link between extraction and a 30 centimetre drop in the riverbed.

One of the early gains from the ICM data was a 50 percent improvement in water quality in the Sherry River. Council officers and farmers worked together to steer stock over bridges

rather than tramping through stream beds.

Rob says Council staff and ICM scientists have also lifted their skills by working together.

Trevor says that while the research highlighted issues the Council needed to act on, several issues were found to be beyond its control. For example, the trout story.

When the project kicked off in 1999 the highly valued trout fishery was in a poor state. Fingers were pointed at the forestry industry for sediment discharge but the reason turned out to be entirely natural – if a medium or large flood occurs in October or November when the fry are just emerging, it can almost wipe out the whole season’s reproduction. When there are several years of big floods at this time

of year, as happened between 1994-2000, the fishery takes a hammering.

ICM project director Andrew Fenemor told the Nelson Mail that “one of the main highlights of this programme has been a much better understanding that catchments extend offshore – it doesn’t stop at the rivermouth. This catchment has an influence over hundreds of square kilometres of both the seabed and the water column of Tasman Bay.”

Many of the monitoring programmes set up as part of the project will continue to be run by Council as they are aligned with its State of the Environment sampling programme.

For more information on the ICM project go to: <http://icm.landcareresearch.co.nz>





# COUNCIL RECEIVES QUALITY DRAFT ANNUAL PLAN SUBMISSIONS

Public submissions on the Tasman District Council Draft Annual Plan have now closed.

"The level of interest shown by the community in the Tasman District on Council's Draft Annual Plan is good, particularly given that it is the second year of our Ten Year Plan," says Susan Edwards, Council's Strategic Development Manager. "People have put a lot of effort into their submissions. It is great to see people in our community taking an interest in what Council is doing and keen to have their opinions heard. The submissions will

provide valuable input into the Council's decision making processes," says Ms Edwards. Around 250 submissions have been received. The main issues identified in the submissions were the tourism targeted rate, roading matters, more community facilities, the Tata Beach stormwater urban drainage area review, and rating matters.

"We have actively encouraged people to submit on our Draft Annual Plan, as the Council wants input. Our consultation process had included sending every resident and ratepayer in Tasman District a copy of the Summary of the Draft Plan through Newsline and in the subsequent edition providing information on what is proposed

for each of the District's 17 settlements. We made copies of the Draft Plan available at Council offices and libraries and on the website. We held a mix of informal open days and formal meetings around the District, created radio advertising and placed public notices," says Ms Edwards.

Council will now hold a series of hearings for those who indicated they wish to speak to their submissions. These hearings take place from 12-21 May 2010. Following that, Council will discuss the submissions and what changes are needed to the Draft Annual Plan at a series of workshops and meetings, before adopting the amended Plan on or before 30 June 2010.

## PUBLIC RECYCLING CATCHES ON

"LoveNZ" public place recycling bins have spread quickly throughout the District, jointly funded by the Ministry for the Environment and Tasman District Council.



The distinctive three and five-bin clusters, with separate bins for recyclable plastics, cans and glass, are now outside i-Site information

centres and key tourist locations. In addition, a smaller number of single recycling bins have been placed in popular shopping areas in Sundial Square, High Street in Motueka and Commercial Street in Takaka.

Nelson Airport is delighted with the response to its bins. Five cubic metres of paper, plastics and aluminium are being recycled each month. The airport company, with assistance from Council, applied to the Ministry for funding, and four recycling stations were installed eight months ago.

"We started off small, just recycling paper," says airport Operations Support Officer Alasdair Macdonald. Over the last six-eight months,

the range expanded, and the airport company is now considering introducing glass recycling and increasing the number of stations.

Alasdair says airport staff were initially wary that the extra bins would add to their workload, but are now enthusiastic supporters of the scheme. The recycling stations have also been a hit with visitors. "We've received a lot of positive feedback saying that it's a good introduction to the region."

However, there have been teething problems with public-place recycling. "Some recycling stations are tending to be treated as general rubbish bins," says David Stephenson, Tasman District Council's Utilities Asset Engineer.

A few households are even feeding their recyclables into the bins, rather than having them collected from the kerbside or dropping them free of charge at a Resource Recovery Centre.

"It's great that everyone is looking to recycle more," says David, "but if households have additional material we'd be grateful if they could drop it at the transfer station."

Council staff will evaluate the effectiveness of the bins over the coming months and assess the potential to expand the scheme.



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# MOTUEKA TRANSPORT STUDY

High Street, or as it is known in roading parlance, SH60, in Motueka has been the subject of intensive study.

The study, jointly commissioned by The New Zealand Transport Agency (NZTA) and Tasman District Council, investigated options for improving the north-south connectivity through Motueka so that the safety and efficiency of movements along SH60 (High Street) are improved, particularly for pedestrians in the town centre.

As High Street is owned by the NZTA, the study is to inform their future decision-making processes and management within the country's highway system.

The report is now available on [www.tasman.govt.nz](http://www.tasman.govt.nz).

## Key Issues

- Pedestrians and Cyclists on SH60
  - The location and number of pedestrian crossings are not ideal resulting in pedestrians choosing not to use the formal facilities. There is also an apparent demand around The Warehouse.
  - There have been a number of crashes involving pedestrians, particularly at the Pah Street intersection with High Street.
  - Pedestrian provisions at intersections are not consistent around the town centre.
  - Need to ensure good pedestrian and cycle connectivity between the existing town centre and the future development proposed between Whakarewa Street and King Edward Street.
  - Lack of on-road cycle provisions.
- Traffic Capacity
  - While congestion is common during the two weeks over Christmas and New Years, it is not economic to design for such a short period of time. Nevertheless, the traffic volumes of the entire summer period result in significant delays on High Street and these need to be addressed.
  - The capacity of High Street is restricted by existing priority intersection designs, pedestrian movements and on-street parking provisions.
  - There is concern about whether the priority controlled intersections adequately cater for side road traffic during peak morning and evening hours, particularly during the peak months.

- The additional traffic that would be generated by the proposed residential and commercial plan changes to the west of Motueka would place additional demand on the network.
- Routes through Motueka
  - SH60 is seen to sever the town centre and the competing use of High Street for through traffic and local traffic affects efficiency and vitality.
  - On-street parking on SH60 may exacerbate the interference between through and local traffic.
  - There is a limited number of routes through Motueka and lack of efficient alternative routes around the town centre.
  - Due to the current legislative and funding environment, a full bypass of Motueka including a new bridge over the Motueka River is not likely to be progressed within the next 10-20 years. Accordingly there is a need to focus on what can be undertaken before such a bypass is constructed.

## Conclusions and Recommendations

The competing uses of Motueka's High Street as both a through route and a town centre have resulted in a road that serves neither function particularly well. This study investigated the issues currently in Motueka in relation to traffic movements through the town centre and has proposed a number of options to alleviate both the current concerns and also the issues which will be created in relation to development that will increase traffic volumes in the town centre. The recommendations from this report have been divided into four categories in relation to when the measures should be implemented, immediately or over the short, medium or long term.

### Immediate (Years 0-2)

#### Temporary Traffic Management

Implement a temporary traffic management solution to cater for through traffic within the summer peak periods. This could involve a northbound route via Queen Victoria Street and a southbound route via Thorp Street.

#### Minor High Street Improvements

These include:

- Installing a right turn bay and narrowing the entrance or installation of a median island on Tudor Street.
- Narrowing the entrance or installation of a median island on Wallace Street.



- Relocation of the three pedestrian crossings closer to the pedestrian desire lines. This will also involve an assessment of the streetscaping elements on High Street to ensure that the pedestrian crossing locations are not shaded or hidden by street furniture or trees.
- Marking of the parallel parking bays on High Street.
- Provision of kerb build-outs to cater for the existing cycle stands.
- Improving the signage of off-street car parking facilities.

### Short Term (Years 2-10)

#### Alternative Through Route

This should initially involve the results of the temporary traffic management solutions above, as this will assist in understanding how the other alternative through route options would perform. At the same time, investigation could continue into the options of providing a permanent alternative route and this should be implemented within the short-term.

Queen Victoria Street is seen as being the preferred option for an alternative through route. It is recommended that due to the safety and capacity issues at the SH60/Pah Street/Greenwood Street intersection and the narrow unsuitable nature of Parker Street, that the alternative through route include a northern extension that ties into SH60 north of Parker Street. In the short term, King Edward Street is considered to be the most appropriate connection at the southern end of the scheme.

#### High Street Improvements

These include:

- Installation of a roundabout at the intersection of SH60 with King Edward Street and Old Wharf Road.
- Installation of a roundabout at the intersection of SH60 with Whakarewa Street along with restriction of turning movements at the New World and The Warehouse accessways.
- Installation of traffic signals at the intersection of SH60 with Pah Street and Greenwood Street.
- Creation of off-street parking areas on the western side of SH60 to help manage turning flows at intersections.

### Medium Term (Years 10-20)

#### Alternative Through Route

In the medium term, the Queen Victoria Street route should be extended to the south to Wildman Avenue and a new link provided

from Wildman to SH60 to provide a more complete alternative through route for Motueka.

It is also recommended that the Talbot Street-Manoy Street link be progressed at this stage to provide additional internal circulation around Motueka. This would also need to provide for servicing of the rear of the businesses on the western side of High Street and also access to Whitwells car park to remove traffic from High Street.

#### High Street Improvements

Monitoring of High Street and its intersections with the side roads in particular should continue throughout this period as the true nature of the developments are realised. Additional capacity improvements are likely to be required at the intersection of SH60 and Tudor Street (such as traffic signals) as turning vehicles become subject to longer delays.

### Long Term (Years 20+)

#### Motueka Bypass

As a result of the current funding environment, it is unlikely that construction of a full Motueka bypass, including a new bridge over the Motueka River, would attract central government funding in the short or medium term. However, it is noted that the timing of the bypass is also dependant on the condition of the current bridge. The remaining structural life of the bridge has been assessed as being approximately 25 years and it has no freeboard in the event of a 1% annual exceedance probability flood. Accordingly, these issues may result in the need for a new bridge at an earlier date.

Previous studies recommended that the location of the new bridge be in line with either Queen Victoria Street or Chamberlain Street. Whilst this study has not investigated bypass options, the Queen Victoria Street bridge would be consistent with this study's recommendation to providing an alternative through route via Queen Victoria Street.

#### High Street Improvements

Once the full bypass of Motueka has been constructed, no further capacity improvements would likely be needed on High Street. However, the removal of through traffic from High Street does present an excellent opportunity to traffic calm the town centre and further improve the visual and social amenity of the area.

Improvements are within the state highway route and these are typically funded by the New Zealand Transport Agency.

For more information contact Gary Clark, Transportation Manager – Ph. 03 543 8437 or email [gary.clark@tasman.govt.nz](mailto:gary.clark@tasman.govt.nz)

## ON A ROLL YEAR-ROUND

Wakefield bowlers can now play year-round thanks to a state-of-the-art synthetic green.

The \$350,000 facility was christened on Saturday 17 April 2010. Mike Stewart, of the Wakefield Bowling Club, says the new green is "a carpet on concrete, basically", and a step up from older synthetic surfaces elsewhere in the District.

"It's the latest technology and is world-class."

Tasman District Council contributed \$100,000 to the project, and the 85-member club raised the balance. Mike says much of the work was done by volunteers, and the club had great support from local firms who offered materials and services free or at cheap rates.



The new green sits alongside a traditional grass green but is more robust, which Mike says will allow the club to extend its invitation to schoolchildren and residents to try their hand at bowls.



# NEW ROAD NAMES

Once the new Ruby Bay Bypass is opened, Tasman District Council will take over responsibility for the roads that were previously part of the state highway network (see map). Also because the new bypass bisects Old Coach Road, sections of this road have been renamed. Recently Council's Engineering Services Committee approved the following names for these roads:

B-C	Mapua Drive
C-D	Stafford Drive
D-E	Aporo Road
G-H	Old Coach Road
I-J	Stagecoach Road
K-L-M	Tasman View Road
A-B-H-I-E-F	The Coastal Highway

**Please note**

- J-K is not linked.
- Access from Old Coach Road to Mapua is via Stagecoach Road into Seaton Valley Road.
- Nile Road is now accessed off Dominion Road.

New road name blade signs for these roads will be installed shortly and before the Ruby Bay Bypass is opened and RAPID (rural property address) numbers will be issued soon after.

Residents will be contacted by the Council very shortly.



## KEEPING ON TOP OF REGIONAL SEWAGE

No one really wants to talk about sewage, do they?

We'd rather not think too much about what happens after we flush, but it's a really important service provided by both Tasman District and Nelson City Councils to ensure that waste is managed properly for everyone, including our environment.

To do the job, both Councils are joint owners of the Nelson Regional Sewerage Business Unit, which is hard at work making sure that our regional wastewater system is up to the challenge of managing existing

levels of waste disposal as well as planning for future growth.

To help residents keep up with this critical service, on which NRSBU is budgeted to spend \$6.6 million in 2010/11, NRSBU recently launched a new website full of information on recent news about the wastewater system, what NRSBU does, targets for performance, and annual evaluations of its service. You can also learn about the organisation's structure and read the history of how both Councils joined forces to create the NRSBU.

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# LABYRINTH MORE MAGICAL THAN EVER

Ross McDonald made a promise to Labyrinth Rocks Park developer Dave Whittaker – that he would do his best to reopen the unique destination near Takaka.

After Dave died last year, the future of the Labyrinth looked dire.

A small group of supporters formed the Friends of the Labyrinth, and with backing from Tasman District Council, the maze of sculpted rock walls, limestone formations, caves and tunnels has been brought up to a standard that Dave would be proud of.

There is now a carpark with space for ten vehicles, the track is resurfaced with dolomite chip – thanks to volunteers and Community Service workers – and 16 cubic metres of prunings and weeds have been carted away with the help of the Weed Busters group and the Forest and Bird Society.

The Labyrinth was re-opened just before Christmas, says Council Horticultural Officer Kathy Tohill-Curnow, who praised local contractors for pulling out all the stops.

The area is a great tourist attraction for the Bay – plus a unique venue for wedding photos. Entry is free. One visitor walked



through and promptly made a \$500 donation to the project.

Local children are giving their stamp of approval to the magical landscape by placing figurines and other characters among the rocks.

Kathy says the Labyrinth has cast its spell on her too. Council funded the carpark and signage. A toilet is also planned for the site.

Contributions are accruing towards the last item on the Friends' wishlist – a shelter and display area at the entrance to the park.

Ross says he has a brace of local carpenters waiting to offer their skills.

That kind of support has been typical. When resurfacing the track he asked around for a digger to borrow – and ended up with four.

Throughout the restoration "Council has backed us up," Ross says, and he hopes the park will remain under the Council's wing.

"We just wish a lot more of the locals would take the effort to go through there and see the improvements made to this important tourist attraction."

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# COUNCIL RELEASES SITE CONTAMINATION REGISTER

Over the last year the Tasman District Council has been the subject of a number of requests from a small number of media outlets to release a list of contaminated sites within Tasman.

The Council has resisted this request for reasons listed in the article below. While the Ombudsman has accepted the information is readily available in Land Information Memorandums (LIMs) and in a small number of cases the Council has existing confidential arrangements which preclude the wide release of some of the information, he has determined the Council must provide the majority of it to the media. They will still be required to request a Land Information Memorandum to get the details of any particular site.

In sharing the Council's Site Contamination Register with the media the Council is doing so with as much information as possible to place the Register, its contents and purpose in context.

## What is the Site Contamination Register (SCR)?

The Tasman District Council is a Unitary Council that manages the responsibility of a regional council and a district council. Within its responsibilities as a regional council it must identify, manage and plan for the use of the land within its boundaries. To achieve this role it has to identify the previous use, identify any hazards – natural or otherwise, and allocate it responsibly to cater for the demands of growth and change in land use.

The Tasman District has historically been recognised as a horticulture, forestry and agriculture region with a network of settlements and industries supporting those sectors. As the district's population has grown and economic drivers have changed there has been a great deal of land use change. In a number of locations throughout the district there are sites that previously supported industry practices, often driven by export demands of the day, that created a legacy of accumulated pesticides or heavy metals.

Councils throughout New Zealand hold their equivalent of a Site Contamination Register (SCR), to manage the risks to current land use from certain types of previous land use. The SCR is a land use register of sites known to Council that have been used historically or currently, for one or more of the 53 uses listed in the national Hazardous Activity and Industries List (HAIL). The HAIL involve the use or storage of hazardous substances, and in our district this includes timber treatment sites, motor vehicle workshops, scrap yards, fuel storage facilities including service stations, historic orchard land, closed landfills and sheep dips.

The SCR is not a complete list of HAIL sites in the Tasman District because Council does not know where they all are. This is a problem nationwide, and the information councils have on their HAIL databases varies depending on the resources allocated to finding these sites, and what types of historic and current HAIL activities there are in their district. This situation can be expected to change over time but, there will never be perfect knowledge.

It is a working database and information is added to it and changes made weekly.

Council uses the information to manage any actual or potential risk to people and the environment from these HAIL sites. Providing advice to landowners can also ensure any undue risks are avoided and can

also prevent the sites from becoming 'contaminated land' through appropriate on-site management of any risks. However, because of the sensitivity around dealing with contamination risks, the Council appreciates it needs to work constructively with landowners. Council has limited staff and resources for this work, limited access to central government funding and would appreciate any information from the public or landowners. Council can offer advice on how to manage or remediate the land, and under special circumstances can keep the site information confidential ( apart from release via LIMs) as it has already for some landowners.

The purpose of the SCR is to enable Council to manage in-house the potential risk from HAIL sites particularly where they change to residential land use in subdivision, and to provide information requested through the Land Information Memorandum (LIM) process.

When a Land Information Memorandum (LIM) is requested, Council has to provide the information it knows about the "likely presence of hazardous contaminants", and the site-specific information held on the SCR database is used for this. The request is usually from a potential buyer, and the information is released in context and with any relevant reports. Not all HAIL sites have contamination that is of concern for current or intended land uses, but people have the right to access this knowledge. Council encourages people to get LIMs on properties they are interested in, and they will obtain information on flooding risks, planning rules, consents held etc.

## Having an entry on the SCR does not necessarily mean the land is contaminated.

Contamination is dependant on the management of the hazardous substances used or stored on the property, and a HAIL site can be correctly managed have no contamination but still be on the SCR because it has the potential to become contaminated in the future.

The Tasman District's SCR contains 761 sites. About half of the sites are old historic orchard land where the pesticide residues such as arsenic can remain in the soil and remediation may be required before it is safe for residential use.

About a quarter of the sites have uses associated with motor vehicles, such as fuel storage -above and below ground tanks, motor vehicle workshops, panel beaters and scrap yards. The other sites are the closed landfills, historic timber treatment sites, sheep dips and concrete manufacturers etc.

The SCR has categories which indicate how much is known about the sites, and whether they are managed, remediated or contaminated. Most of the sites (80%) in the district are "Verified HAIL – not sampled" which means council knows that historic or current HAIL have taken place on the land, but nothing else. Once the property has been investigated the category changes, and any relevant information recorded.

Council is planning more work on the SCR, entering more of the HAIL sites as they are researched such as rifle ranges that used lead shot, more sheep dips, and some industrial sites.

The SCR is not a list of "Toxic Sites". The word toxic means poisonous, and as well as being alarmist and sensational, is incorrect and misleading in the vast majority of cases. The term "toxic" can be used by some as shorthand for "anything nasty" and while grabbing peoples' attention it also makes people afraid and fearful of something that usually doesn't warrant it. The Council chooses not to use this term as it goes against the principle of working with landowners to get a good outcome.





### Why is Tasman District Council only releasing its register now?

The Council received requests from some media sources to release information on the SCR. To maintain the continued co-operation of landowners the Council refused and the Ombudsman became involved. Agreement was reached with the Ombudsman that the SCR details would be released similar to what other Councils have done, except where a specific obligation of confidence exists.

However communicating with people about actual or potential risks needs careful management and the Council will continue to rely on the

co-operation of current and previous land-owners. This relationship has been harmed in the past by unqualified and speculative statements regarding the contamination of land and the possible effects on people. There are vast tracts of land throughout the country where the use has changed, more often than not to become housing, and poses no threat whatsoever. However, this does not mean that risks are non-existent and it these sites that need to be identified.

What this issue does highlight is the need for potential landowners to ensure they get a LIM from the Council so they are fully informed about the site they could be purchasing or developing.

## INTRODUCING OUR ENVIRONMENT AND PLANNING STAFF

Meet some of the Environment and Planning staff you may be dealing with. This issue, Cameron Burton, Compliance Officer:

### What is your main role?

Enforcing regulations to ensure that the things the general population of Tasman District enjoy are kept as great as they are! Things like breathing in clean air; swimming or kayaking in clean, clear water; knowing that people aren't polluting our environment. I'm the Compliance Officer responsible for discharges into the air, and from our industries and workplaces, and I check on hazardous facilities to make sure everything's done right. It's also my job to stop smokey discharges so there's less smog in Richmond – you may have received a letter from me recently.

### What are the common challenges you encounter?

It's always challenging to help people come up with solutions to problems they might not even realise they had. Sometimes it's just the way it's always been done, and people think that should be okay. The reality is that I'm here to look after not only today but the future too, so that other people can enjoy the District for many years to come. Most people realise that they have a significant combined effect upon the world around them, but there's always a few who will try to ignore the problem or get aggressive because they don't like being told what they need to do for the benefit of themselves and others later on.

### Are there any misconceptions making your job difficult?

Most people are reasonably happy to see us, because most know they're doing the right thing. There will always be people out there who think we just turn up to ruin their day!

### What's the most curly question or situation you have encountered recently?

I'm a curly-question magnet!

"Can I burn kapok?",

"I don't know what the discharge coming off my site is – do you?"

"Does my infringement fine include GST?"

"Am I allowed to discharge smoke darker than Ringelmann scale number 3?"

"Can you help me – my goat isn't here and I think it's died?"

### What's the most satisfying part of your job?

When a site manager listens to the requirements, thanks me when I drive off-site, and does what is required to become compliant with the regulations or laws. Then, when you drive past the next day and the changes have been made to ensure that they aren't polluting the environment, it feels good to know what I said worked.



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## COUNCIL NOTICES

### Tasman Resource Management Plan (TRMP)

#### Proposed Change 16: Cultural Heritage Areas

#### Summary of Decisions Requested by Submitters and Opportunity for Further Submissions

Public notice is hereby given pursuant to Clause 7 of the First Schedule to the Resource Management Act 1991 that the Council has prepared a summary of decisions requested by persons who made submissions to the above proposed variation and proposed change to the Tasman Resource Management Plan.

The summaries of decisions requested by submitters are available for public inspection at the Richmond, Motueka and Takaka offices of Council. The summaries are also available on Council's website ([www.tasman.govt.nz](http://www.tasman.govt.nz)) or can be emailed by contacting Pam Meadows (phone 03 543 8581 or email [pam.meadows@tasman.govt.nz](mailto:pam.meadows@tasman.govt.nz)). Copies of all original submissions (including submission point numbers) are also available for public inspection at Council offices.

#### Further Submissions

For **Proposed Change 16**, any person may make a further submission to the Council in support of or in opposition to the submissions received. Further submissions will be accepted by Council for a period closing at **4.00 pm on Monday 17 May 2010**.

All submissions can be sent to the following address:

Tasman District Council  
Private Bag 4  
RICHMOND 7050  
Attention: Manager Policy

Further submissions must be in writing and must clearly indicate which parts of the original submissions are supported or opposed, with reasons. Further submissions must state whether or not the submitter wishes to be heard in support of his or her further submission. The further submission shall provide an address of the submitter for service.

All persons who make a further submission to the Council must, within five working days, send a copy of the further submission to the person or persons who made the original submission.

Forms for making further submissions are also available at the specified Council offices, on Council's website or by contacting Pam (contact details above).

#### Hearings

After further submissions have closed, Council will hold hearings into all submissions, and any person who made an original or a further submission may be heard on his or her submission. Council will then consider and make decisions on all submissions and any person who made a submission who is not satisfied with Council's decision will have a right of appeal to the Environment Court.

#### Information on the Further Submission Process

For information on the process of making further submissions, please contact:

Sonya Leusink-Sladen, Ph 03 543 8409 or  
Steve Markham, Ph 03 543 8427

## COUNCIL NOTICES

### Dog Registration about to expire

**Dog registrations will expire on 30 June 2010 and anyone who keeps a dog aged 3 months or older is required to register their dog by 31 July 2010.**

Registration forms for all dogs currently on our database will be posted at the end of May. If you have moved from another area, or have changed address within the Tasman area, and do not receive a registration form, please immediately contact your nearest Council office on 03 543 8400 to update your details so that a form can be sent to you.

The fee for dogs that have not been registered by 1 August 2010 will increase by 50% on top of the standard urban or rural registration fee.

The Registration Fee structure for 2010/2011:

Urban Dog for a dog living on a property of less than one hectare	\$47.00
Urban Dog – Late fee (paid after 31 July 2010)	\$70.50
Rural Dog for a dog living on a property that is one hectare or more	\$29.00
Rural Dog – Late fee (paid after 31 July 2010)	\$43.50

If you have any queries, please call Tasman District Council Dog Control on 03 543 8407.

### Tasman District Council Navigation Safety Bylaw 2005:

#### Reservation of Waimea Inlet between Rabbit Island and Bell Island between Monday 10 May and Thursday 3 June 2010

MWH are undertaking the replacement of the rising sewer main between Rabbit Island and Bell Island on behalf of Tasman District Council. This work will require trenching across the channel between the islands, and at times may require the closure of part of the channel to the public for safety reasons.

Pursuant to powers provided to the Harbourmaster by the TDC Navigation Safety Bylaw, exclusive use of a reserved area is provided for this work. The area exclusively reserved will include all of the water from the Rabbit Island boat ramp eastwards approximately 820m to the line formed by a pair of existing black and white banded posts on Rabbit Island. The reserved area will therefore include part of the water skiing and personal water craft areas.

For the dates and times detailed above, the contractors undertaking the rising main replacement shall have exclusive use of the area defined above. If the site is active, vessels wishing to transit through or enter the reserved area may do so only after consulting with site staff, and then may do so when, and under such conditions that the contractor may choose to specify. Vessels entering or within the reserved area are requested to comply with any direction so given as if it was a direction given by the Harbourmaster.

Other conditions have been imposed and may be viewed by contacting Karli Hopkins at MWH Richmond on 03 546 0572 or Tasman District Council's Harbourmaster at the Richmond office.



# NEWSUPDATE

## RICHMOND LIBRARY UPDATE

### Stock up for the Richmond Library closure and Grand Opening

The construction portion of the Richmond Library building upgrade project, which began last July, is drawing to a close with the Grand Opening scheduled for Saturday 3 July 2010.

To be ready for the opening, once the builders leave, the library staff will need time to fill the shelves, install all the technology, arrange the furniture and make sure everything is working. To achieve this, the Richmond Library will be closed from Monday 21 June 2010 until Friday 2 July 2010.

To make things easy for lenders no items will be due for return in this period, however, items can still be returned through the book drops.

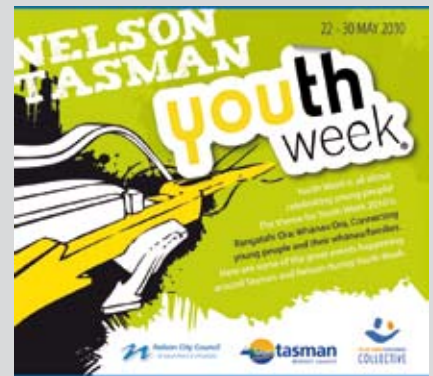
To make sure users can still enjoy reading and listening to the library's material over the two weeks the Richmond librarians are encouraging the community to take out the maximum number of books or CDs etc allowed prior to the shutdown.

## COMMUNITY NOTICES

### Youth Week (22-30 May 2010)

*Rangatahi Ora: Whanau Ora, connecting young people and their whanau/families*

For a complete events listing of all activities scheduled for youth week, pick up your copy of 'Nelson-Tasman Youth Week Celebrations', from libraries, service centres, or download your copy at [www.tyc.co.nz/YW2010](http://www.tyc.co.nz/YW2010)



## 24 Hour Emergency – Phone your local office

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Murchison	03 523 1013
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Takaka	03 525 0020

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## COUNCIL MEETINGS

**Agendas and Minutes for Council Meetings can be viewed on Council's website at [www.tasman.govt.nz](http://www.tasman.govt.nz)**

### Full Council – Annual Plan Submission Hearing

Golden Bay Service Centre, 78 Commercial Street, Takaka, Tuesday, 18 May 2010, 10.00 am. *No public forum*

### Council Enterprises Subcommittee

Tasman Council Chambers, 189 Queen Street, Richmond, Wednesday, 19 May 2010, 9.30 am. *No public forum*

### Full Council – Annual Plan Submission Hearing

Tasman Council Chambers, 189 Queen Street, Richmond, Wednesday, 19 May 2010, 1.30 pm. *No public forum*

### Environment and Planning Committee

Tasman Council Chambers, 189 Queen Street, Richmond, Thursday, 20 May 2010, 9.30 am. *Public forum*

### Communications Subcommittee

Tasman Council Chambers, 189 Queen Street, Richmond, Thursday, 20 May 2010, 3.00 pm or at the conclusion of the Environment and Planning Committee meeting. *No public forum*

### Full Council – Annual Plan Submission Hearing (tentative if needed)

Tasman Council Chambers, 189 Queen Street, Richmond, Friday, 21 May 2010, 1.00 pm. *No public forum*

### Engineering Services Committee

Tasman Council Chambers, 189 Queen Street, Richmond, Thursday, 27 May 2010, 9.30 am. *Public forum*

# ESTUARY'S VULNERABILITY ASSESSED

A report commissioned by Tasman District describing the estuary's health and vulnerability has just been released.

The investigation drew on a reasonable amount of information now available about the estuary, including Tasman District Council's estuary monitoring programme and accepted scientific models estimating the contribution of various contaminants to the waterbody.

The two issues most of concern within the report, muddiness and habitat loss issues are largely legacies from historical landuse i.e. pre 1980s. While we know there was extensive soil loss in horticultural areas in the 1960s and 1970s, further investigation is being carried out to accurately determine current rates of sediment input. On the positive side, habitat loss from reclamation, i.e. infilling of the estuary to make other productive land, or from vegetation clearance, are now seldom undertaken and, if done, are generally in very small areas.

While some mud in estuaries is normal, as it increases its extent of coverage it displaces more highly valued species such as shellfish and sea grass. These high-value species are food or nurseries for many fish important for human consumption. More mud also lowers the water clarity of the estuary and Tasman Bay, reducing plant and animal productivity.

Of note is that the estuary is very susceptible to further loss of saltmarsh and seagrass due to sea level rise, particularly where margin development (e.g. seawalls, roading, housing, industry) restricts the capacity of estuary saltmarsh to retreat inland. While saltmarsh vegetation is now limited in the estuary, what remains is in good condition.

Another issue identified is that of disease risk. While the risk of contracting disease from swimming or water-skiing is limited it is an



issue, particularly during and shortly after rain. The risk from shellfish consumption is higher. The main source of this risk is likely to be run-off from the catchment (particularly livestock farming) which is something the Council is working on across the region.

The report also brings good news with no evidence of potential contamination by toxins and nutrients in the estuary, apart from some very localised areas. While there are still gaps in our knowledge, particularly around fish life in the estuary, this broad and thorough look at the estuary provides information that greatly assists Council in making good decisions about its future management.

The vulnerability assessment carried out by Wriggle Ltd, an independent estuary science consultancy, made some useful recommendations to Council and these will be considered by the Waimea estuary project steering and reference groups. Copies of the report are available on the Council's website (<http://www.tasman.govt.nz/index.php?EstuaryMonitoringProgramme>) and it will be part of the discussion at a public symposium being held on Friday 28 May 2010 at the Greenacres Golf Club between 9.30 am – 4.00 pm.

## HELPING HANDS FOR CYCLEWAY'S SUCCESS

The Tasman cycle pathways project is picking up speed, and more hands are needed. The Nelson Cycle Trails Trust is working with the Tasman District Council to secure \$2 million of Government funding for a Richmond to Kohatu path as part of the national cycleway scheme, Nga Haerenga.

A feasibility study of the proposed route is underway, and Chris Allison, of the trust, says they are now moving beyond the conceptual stage.

As the project grows the list of tasks grows with it, so the trust is looking for volunteers to help in a number of areas. You don't need

to have a particular skill (but that's a bonus), just an interest in cycling or in a project that will enrich our community in many ways, says the trust.

If this sounds interesting, please call: Chris Allison 03 548 6636, Stuart Hughes 03 547 3771 or Steve Waring 03 539 6303.



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