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CONNECTING TASMAN THE TASMAN REGIONAL LAND TRANSPORT STRATEGY

A strategy outlining the Tasman District's roading priorities for the next 30 years has just been released. 'Connecting Tasman' is the Tasman Regional Land Transport Strategy which is reviewed every six years. The strategy covers issues such as roading, pedestrian, cycling and passenger transport. It plays a crucial role in the planning and funding of land transport in Tasman. It also assists Central Government in preparing the National Land Transport Programme which is then used to provide funding for New Zealand's land transport infrastructure.

THE MAIN TRANSPORT ISSUES IN TASMAN INCLUDE:

- Rising demand for personal mobility and freight movement placing the transportation network under increasing strain.
- The high number of single occupancy cars having an effect both on the efficiency and sustainability of the transport network.
- The unacceptably high number of crashes occurring on the road network.
- The lack of alternative transport modes which results in people without access to a private motor vehicle being limited in their ability to participate in social and economic activities in the district.

TASMAN REGIONAL LAND TRANSPORT STRATEGY

TASMAN REGIONAL CYCLING STRATEGY

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OPPORTUNITIES INCLUDE:

- Improving public health by helping change the way people travel, especially further encouragement of active modes such as walking or cycling.
- Reducing the need for travel by planning and controlling future land use activities.

Connecting Tasman covers four key areas: Pedestrians, Cycling, Travel Demand Management and Passenger Transport.

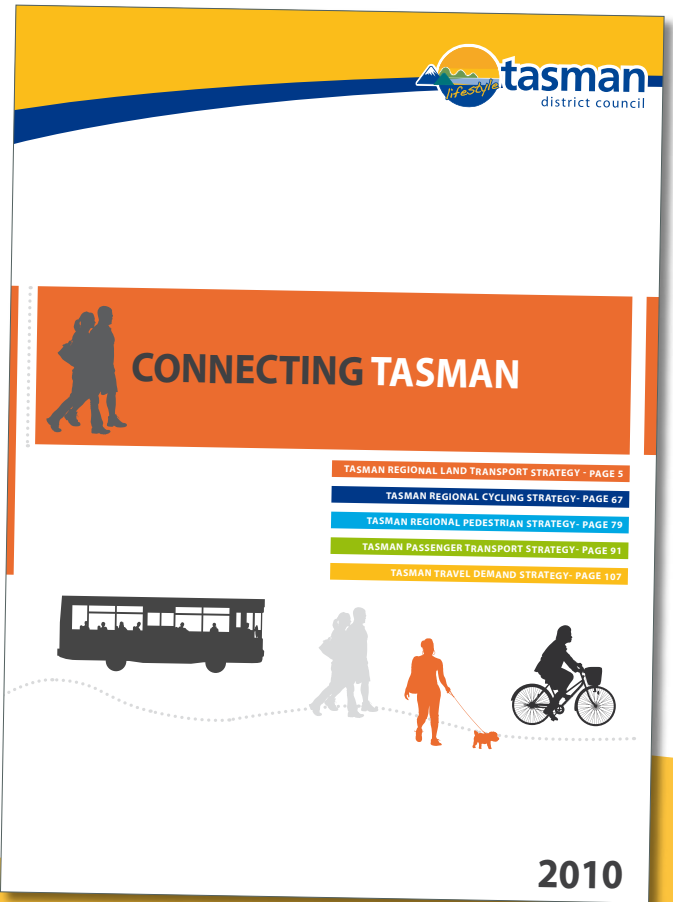
SOME OF THE KEY FACTS AND PREDICTIONS INCLUDED IN THE STRATEGY ARE:

- Traffic volumes are tipped to grow 1.7% a year. Council aims to ensure that journey times remain constant, while improving their safety.
- The number of crashes on the region's roads is 'unacceptably high', says the strategy. Tasman represents 1% of the nation's population, but accounts for 3% of the number of crashes.
- The use of private vehicles to commute to work is increasing, from 51% to 55% in a decade. Two-vehicle households jumped from 6,000 to 7,000 in the five years to 2006, with three-vehicle dwellings up from about 2,400 to more than 3,000 over the same period.
- Walking and cycling figures are static or declining. However, Tasman's 3.9% of commuters who cycle is double the national average.
- Bus patronage is also fading. Council will work with the Nelson City Council to improve the quality and quantity of passenger transport, but the region as a whole is hindered by low population density.



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CHANGING THE FACE OF CENTRAL RICHMOND

How would you shape the future of central Richmond?

Do you picture Queen Street as being more "pedestrianised", with wide pavements and outdoor cafes?

Could we build up, rather than out? High-rises could feature retail shops on the ground floor, with offices and apartments above.

The design of Sundial Square gives an idea of how the centre of Richmond could look style-wise. It gives the town a strong sense of place with its water theme. Should we continue to develop the water theme as something that is fun and interactive for the soul of Richmond?

Tasman District Council is embarking on a landmark project to revitalise central Richmond, which is the rectangle bordered by Salisbury, Talbot, Gladstone and Oxford Streets. This project has been given the go-ahead in response to requests from businesses, residents and the Council.

"We're trying to make central Richmond a place that people want to come to," says Tasman District Council's transportation planning officer, Sarah Downs. Many travellers, for instance, just pass through on the way to Nelson, Abel Tasman National Park, Golden Bay, the vineyards and so on. Council's Project Team hopes to create a "successful, vibrant and

enduring" hub that will make central Richmond a destination in its own right for visitors to the region, and more importantly, a pleasant place for the people who live and work here.

The team driving the project has found that European towns and cities often have a central gathering place for events. Would this be right for Richmond?

A glance at an aerial map shows that a large amount of central Richmond is swallowed up in car parking. Multi-storey car parks might free up land for other uses. Is this what people want?

These are just initial ideas being kicked around in a project that will literally change the face of Richmond. No-one has a bigger stake in that vision than its residents and business owners. So, the Council aims to harness your creativity. We want to hear how you would like your home patch to look and feel, and to draw your vision for central Richmond.

On Monday 23 and Tuesday 24 August 2010 members of the redevelopment team will be in the Richmond Mall to outline the process, float a few concepts and listen to ideas.

The Mall display will later be on show in the foyer of the Council offices.

The project team welcomes your ideas, so come along to make your mark and have your say. You can also comment on the project through the Council website www.tasman.govt.nz



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CELEBRATING OUR GREEN CHAMPIONS

With Ecofest on our minds, it's a great time for schools, businesses and organisations to think about celebrating their achievements with the Tasman Nelson Environment Awards 2010.

Entries open on Friday 20 August and close on 8 October 2010. The awards are a joint Tasman District Council and Nelson City Council project and last year attracted a record 87 entries. This is our chance to recognise and celebrate people and organisations in our community who have demonstrated good environmental practice, enhancement and sustainability. It's also a great way to spread the word, share knowledge and environmental experiences.

Prizes of \$1000 each are up for grabs in the categories of Urban Design, Best Use of Renewable Energy, Schools (primary and secondary), Rural, Environmental Leadership, Community/Neighbourhood groups and

Families. The winner of the two commercial sections, Emerging and Leadership, each receive a \$1000 radio-advertising package, and the two Heritage section winners (Site/build and Culture/events) receive \$500 apiece, as does a new category this year, Schools/Early Childhood Centres.

Full details, including criteria and entry forms, are available from the Tasman and Nelson Council websites (www.tasman.govt.nz and www.nelsoncitycouncil.co.nz), Council offices and libraries from Friday 20 August 2010. Give it some thought and be part of this year's Tasman Nelson Environment Awards.

Last year's winners included the Aorere Catchment Group of farmers who reduced bacterial contamination in streams in Golden Bay, and Waimea Sawmillers and Gibbons Joinery, who use wood framing to replace steel in large building construction.



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PROFILE: ANNIE BROWN

REGULATORY ADMINISTRATION OFFICER

What is your main role?

Carrying out administration within the Regulatory Services Team, focusing primarily on dog control. I provide the administration for parking enforcement and liaison with Council's contractors.

What are the common challenges you encounter?

Ensuring that we meet all our statutory obligations relating to dog control. This means keeping the community well informed concerning dog care and control, and communicating to dog owners what they need to do to comply with the Dog Control Act. Council also carries out enforcement procedures that can result in the need to clearly explain this process to the dog owners concerned, which can sometimes be quite demanding.

Are there any misconceptions getting in the way?

The biggest issue I face is that people often buy a puppy or re-home a dog without knowing what they legally have to do for the rest of the dog's life, and that it is a huge responsibility.

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

Each time I pick up the phone or am called to the counter to speak to someone, I don't know what to expect. Moving from a conversation about nuisance barking to one where I have to find the right words to say to someone who has lost their companion of 15 years is all part of my job and I do my best to treat each situation as sympathetically as I can.

What's the most satisfying part of your job?

I love the customer contact – it is never boring and always challenging. Knowing that I have the support of my Team Leader and other team members is great. They are there to offer advice, listen, laugh and sometimes cry with me.



DEDICATION REWARDED WITH REGIONAL AWARD

Richmond resident Will Rickerby may describe himself as "just a broken-down old hunter" but that's not how others see him.

Earlier this month, Will received acknowledgement for his work in weed and pest control around the Tasman District when he received a "Regional Weedbusters Award" and vouchers from CRT, PGG Wrightsons and Tasman District Council. Will takes care of a patch of native bush in a valley in the Richmond ranges close to his home. Over the past 10-12 years, he has planted over 880 native plants, cleared weeds and been involved in pest trapping.

The Weedbusters programme celebrates the efforts of individuals, communities and organisations involved in weed control. It's a weeds awareness and education programme that aims to protect New Zealand's environment from the increasing weed problem.

Rudy Tetteroo from the Department of Conservation said weeds were an everyday issue that had economic as well as environmental costs. Pest animals and weeds are the greatest threat to New Zealand's biodiversity.

Tasman District Council Biosecurity Coordinator Lindsay Vaughan said weed control cost the country an estimated \$3 billion a year. Local councils and the Department of Conservation had limited resources and were not able to control weeds in all areas.

He described the work of Will and fellow 'weedbusters' as "invaluable". "What makes this work so special is that effectively, he is making areas of native bush more accessible – improving the quality of life for local residents as well as birds and native wildlife."

Will started his weeding work about ten years ago after discovering a patch of native bush that was overcome with weeds. He began by cutting vines. "I then thought I'd better get permission from the

Council and after meeting with them, I found them only too willing to let me have a free rein. Council has also supplied me with native plants and sprays and put me through a 'Grow Safe' course," he says.

Will's vision is to clear the weeds, restore the native bush, to rid or control the pests and encourage the return of native birds and other wildlife. He works closely with Keep Richmond Beautiful and Native Birds Recovery Richmond. Will says he is just one of hundreds of volunteers involved in weed and pest control around Nelson-Tasman, each looking after their own patch.

Weedbusters is administered nationally by a committee made up of representatives from organisations such as the Department of Conservation, Regional Council Biosecurity managers, Biosecurity New Zealand, New Zealand Biosecurity Institute, Nursery and Garden Association and Federated Farmers.

Rudy Tetteroo (DOC), Robin Van Zoelen (Tasman District Council Biosecurity Officer), Will Rickerby, Bill Sinclair (Forest and Bird)



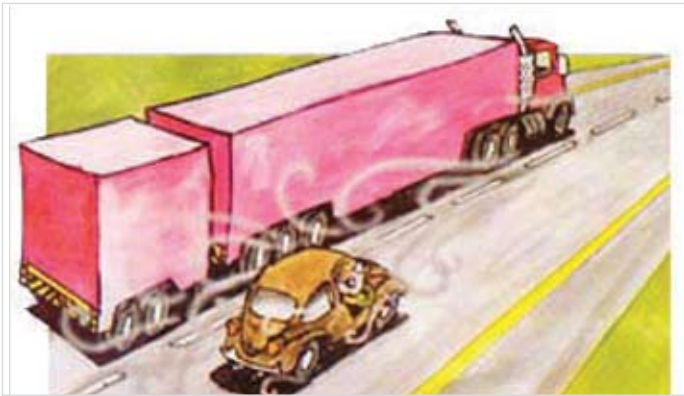
SHARING THE ROAD WITH TRUCKS

We have many trucks on our local roads... The length and width of large trucks can create special driving conditions for both small and large vehicle drivers. Here are some tips that could save your life.



Avoid Blind Spots – stay well back

- If you cannot see the truck's mirrors, they cannot see you!
- Trucks have a long blind spot directly behind them and on each side. If you tailgate, the truck driver cannot see you and your own view of the road ahead is obstructed.



Passing Safely

- Be patient when waiting to overtake a truck. It takes longer and you will need more distance to pass it so make absolutely sure there is enough room to safely complete the manoeuvre.
- Pass from where the driver can see you – not from tucked in right behind the truck.
- Indicate well in advance of pulling out.
- Don't cut in front! It is possible to get rear-ended by a truck if you cut in too soon after passing. A truck cannot stop quickly.
- During bad weather is a poor time to pass a large truck. The combination of splash and spray, air turbulence, poor control of both vehicles on slick surfaces and reduced visibility increases the chances of a collision. **DRIVE TO THE CONDITIONS!**
- Truck drivers need to be aware that in wet conditions they affect other driver's visibility. It is important that trucks slow down, pull over and let traffic pass.



Wide Turns

- Trucks often need to cross the centre line or leave their lane when turning a corner – particularly when they are making a left turn.
- Trucks cannot see cars squeezing in between them and the kerb so watch for their signals and give them time and space to turn.

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SHARING THE ROAD WITH CHILDREN & CYCLISTS

THE LAW: You must give way to people using the footpath when you are entering or leaving a driveway.

What children would like motorists to know:

- Children are not little adults, so don't expect them to act as adults do.
- Children, especially those under the age of nine, simply don't have the skills and abilities needed to be safe in traffic. Be very careful when driving near them.
- Traffic crashes are the biggest killer of school-age children. Please don't add to these sad statistics.
- Young children have narrow vision (a bit like looking through a tunnel). This means they may not see vehicles out of the corner of their eyes as easily as adults do.
- Children have trouble judging the speed of moving vehicles. They may let a slow vehicle pass or try to cross in front of a fast one.
- Children often don't understand that it takes time for a moving vehicle to stop.
- Children have problems working out where sounds are coming from.
- Children are small and often can't see over bushes and parked vehicles. This also means they can't be easily seen by drivers.
- Children tend to think about one thing at a time and ignore other things happening around them.
- Children can have trouble stopping at a kerb because they are always on the move. They may dart out into traffic.
- Children can freeze when they find themselves in danger, instead of taking quick action as an adult might.
- Keep a lookout for children at all times. Take special care when driving between 8-9am and 3-4pm.

What cyclists would like motorists to know:

- It is illegal for motorised vehicles to travel or park in cycle lanes.
- Take special care when driving near a cyclist – slow down when passing them. Be prepared for them to move without warning.
- Indicate clearly and in plenty of time when turning and stopping.
- Cycles are vehicles and have as much right to be on the road as you.
- Know your blind spots, especially when driving vans, trucks or buses. Check again for cyclists.
- Take another look at intersections. Cycles are smaller than other vehicles and many drivers who hit them claim not to have seen them.
- Avoid overtaking a cyclist just before you turn at an intersection.
- Take care when passing cyclists on the open road. Slow down and ideally, leave at least 1.5 metres of space between you and the cyclist.
- Check rear-view mirrors and look over your shoulder before you open a car door at the road side.
- Don't insist on your right of way, even when the cyclist is wrong.
- Slow down and be alert when visibility is reduced. Cyclists are often hard to see and even more so in the rain or in low-light conditions.
- Remember to give way to cyclists on roundabouts as you would any other vehicle.





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Takaka Memorial Library Winter Series

Come and listen to the last of our speakers in a very well supported event.

Friday 20 August 2010, 1.00pm

"From Stone Age until Today – Man's Relationship with Bees" – with John Smith

Friday 27 August 2010, 1.00pm

"Stick with your Lifelong Dream – it can happen!" – with Robbie Robilliard

Meet the Author - "My Pilgrim's Heart"

A journey through marriage and other foreign lands" by Stephanie Dale. Wednesday 23 August 2010, 1.00pm.

We are delighted to welcome Stephanie Dale, a former resident and reporter from Golden Bay. Stephanie walked through Italy, the Balkans, Turkey and the Middle East with her son Ben. Her physical journey reflects an inner one of finding her place in her own world as a woman, a wife and a mother.

It's Debatable

September 2010 is Wordfest month in Takaka and on 8 September at 7.30pm there will be a debate in the library. For more information contact the library Ph. 03 525 0059.

Richmond Library

Meeting rooms for hire

Did you know that you can hire rooms at Richmond Library for meetings, seminars, training sessions and study groups?

For more information pick up a brochure next time you're in the library or call us on Ph. 03 543 8500.

Art display spaces

Hundreds of visitors pass through Richmond Library every day, making it a high-profile space for exhibiting your art work. With a gallery wall for paintings and prints and glass display cabinets for 3-dimensional work such as sculpture, jewellery and ceramics, there are a number of exhibition options available to you. For more information contact the Collections Services Librarian on Ph. 03 543 8540.

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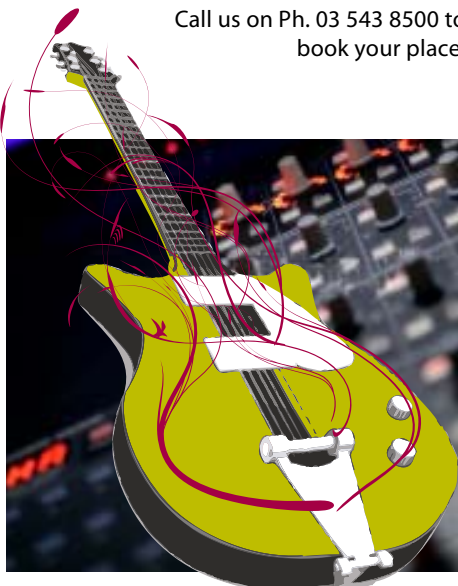
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Just visit the library's homepage www.taslib.govt.nz – and click on the link to see the range of knowledge on offer.

Calling all young aspiring musicians and singers!

The Richmond Library is holding free Audio Production Workshops in The Imaginarium for students 10 - 14 years old. The workshops are an introduction to recording music and audio and will run for six weeks starting on Wednesday 11 August 2010, 3:30pm - 5.00pm. Places are limited to six per session so bookings are essential.

Call us on Ph. 03 543 8500 to book your place.



Tasman Young Adult Book Club

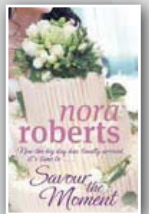
Inaugural meeting 9 September 2010 - 3:30pm - 4:30pm! Our Tasman Young Adult group meets twice a term at Richmond Library (weeks two and six of term) to chat about books and participate in other fun library related activities. For further details contact Heather on Ph. 03 543 8394.

NEW at the Library

Savour the moment

by Nora Roberts

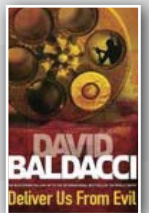
Childhood friends Mackensie, Parker, Laurel and Emmaline have formed a very successful wedding-planning business together but all four women are unlucky in love. But a slowly simmering chemistry between Laurel and Parker's brother Del has suddenly become too hot to ignore.



Deliver us from evil

by David Baldacci

This is the heart-racing follow up to "The Whole Truth". Katie and Shaw are reunited in a deadly dual of nerve and wits against a surprising, secretive enemy. The most explosive thriller of the year.



Really wild tea cosies

by Loani Prior

From Loani Prior comes this entertaining, inspiring and easy-to-follow book featuring 20 wild designs for knitted tea cosies. Even if you're not a knitter you'll enjoy Loani's funky designs.



PEST OF THE MONTH: WILD GINGER

The Tasman-Nelson region has two species of wild ginger, Kahili Ginger (*Hedychium gardnerianum*) and Yellow Ginger (*Hedychium flavescens*), with very similar features. Both are natives of India and Nepal, and were introduced for their strong-scented attractive flowers.

They grow prolifically in dense clumps, with persistent rhizomes and broad shiny leaves up to 2m high. They are shade-tolerant plants that have invaded regenerating shrublands and indigenous coastal forest.

Kahili Ginger has yellow flowers with central red stamens in late summer to early autumn, producing bright red seeds that birds eat and distribute. Yellow ginger has cream-coloured flowers in late autumn, but these do not produce seed. These plants have also been spread by gardeners who, realising it is taking over their garden, remove the rhizomes and dump them on remote roadsides where they start a new infestation. Collingwood and Kaiteriteri communities are two examples

of where Kahili ginger infestations have spread.

Both species of wild ginger are included on the National Plant Pest Accord list and are banned from sale and propagation. The Tasman-Nelson Regional Pest Management Strategy requires occupiers in Golden Bay and through to Kaiteriteri to control all adult and juvenile ginger plants on land they occupy. If you live outside these areas and have a few plants in your area, it is worth controlling them before they become well-established.

Small seedlings can be grubbed out. If clumps of plants are dug out, dispose of the rhizomes in your domestic rubbish or arrange disposal at your local rubbish transfer site. The rhizomes will continue to grow if composted. The best control method is to spray the leaves with metsulfuron. If you would like further information on control methods and herbicide types, please contact a Biosecurity Officer on Ph. 03 543 8400.



NEW PATH MAKES POHARA SAFER

The new Pohara seawall and shared walk-cycleway was opened with the snip of a bicycle inner-tube on Sunday, 8 August 2010.

The path, which connects the campground with the Pohara Hall, caused a stir earlier this year when residents felt the landmark band rotunda on the foreshore would be at risk. A public meeting in March resulted in those concerns being heeded. The path was narrowed to 1.4m, from its usual 2.7m, where it passes the 1935 rotunda.

About 100 local residents gathered to christen the \$340,000 Tasman District Council project, completed by contractor Fulton Hogan. The ceremony, attended by Tasman Mayor Richard Kempthorne and Golden Bay Community Board chairman Joe Bell, was timed for low tide to avoid any possible upstaging by rogue waves.

After a waiata and speeches, the official ribbon was cut by Peter Woods, a strong champion of the walkway, and Jane Baird, who has historic family links with Golden Bay and is also a member of the Wednesday Walkers group. The inner-tube addition came from local cycling advocacy group BLIP (Bike Lanes In Paradise). Attendees then walked, cycled and mobility-scooter to the hall for afternoon tea.

Calls for improvements to the section of road go back a decade. The speed limit has also been reduced in the meantime.

Joe Bell says the two main drivers of the project were always safety and not disturbing the natural environment, such as trees.

The work was also scheduled to finish before penguins began crossing the road in July-August to nest in crevices among the Pohara cliffs.

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Applicant: Barbara & Thelma Dunn.

Location: 710 The Coastal Highway (State Highway 60).

Consent Type, Application Number and Proposal:

Land Use Consent (Application RM100443)

To retain a cottage as a fourth dwelling on the site to be used later as a workers cottage. This cottage is subject to resource consent RM050664 which authorised a new dwelling on the site in exchange for the removal of the subject cottage.

Land Use Consent (Application RM100238)

Retrospective consent for cottage extensions within the Coastal Environment Area. The extensions are greater than 50% of the Gross Floor Area and potentially reduce the current setback to Mean High Water Springs (MHWS). This is a second cottage on the property located less than 20 metres from MHWS.

Discharge Consent (Application RM100239)

To discharge domestic wastewater in the Wastewater Management Area for the extended cottage that is the subject of RM100238.

Submissions due: 4.30 pm on Friday 3 September 2010.

Applicant: Carter Holt Harvey HBU Ltd.

Location: 311 Kina Peninsula Road, Tasman.

Consent Type, Application Number and Proposal:

Subdivision Consent (Application RM100173)

To subdivide an existing 10.7 hectare title to create eight residential allotments, three esplanade reserve allotments, and an allotment for a Council Recreation Reserve.

Land Use Consent (Application RM100174)

To erect a single dwelling on each of the proposed residential allotments.

Land Disturbance Consent (Application RM100178)

To carry out earthworks totalling 4530 cubic metres as part of construction of access roads and building platforms.

Submissions due: 4.30 pm on Friday 3 September 2010.

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COUNCIL NOTICES

Tasman District Council Grants Available to Tasman Community Organisations and Residents

Each year, Tasman District Council provides funding for a number of community and arts organisations working on projects that benefit the wider Tasman community.

Each of the grants and scholarships has its own criteria and deadlines. Some details are listed below and additional information is available on Council's website www.tasman.govt.nz/council/grants-funding/available-grants-funding or by contacting the Council's Community and Recreation Team on Ph 03 543 8578.

Tasman District Council Grants from Rates Available for Community Projects

Council allocates approximately \$164,000 for grants to community organisations whose services and projects provide wide community benefit and wellbeing. **Applications close 31 August 2010.**

Tasman Creative Communities Scheme

This scheme provides funding to support community arts and cultural activity. Funding is available to support art activities and events that increase participation in the arts, increase community-wide interest in the arts and enhance and strengthen local arts. There are four rounds per year. **Closing dates are: 10 November 2010, 10 February 2011 and 10 May 2011.**

For further information, contact:

Mike Tasman-Jones, Tasman District Council,
Community and Recreation Advisor
Phone: 03 543 8403.

Penalty Fees

Dog Registration Forms were sent out at the beginning of June to all dog owners on Council's database, with payment due by 1 July 2010. Council then allowed owners until 31 July 2010 to pay the standard registration fee.

All dogs that remained unregistered at the beginning of August have incurred a penalty fee of 50% on top of the standard urban or rural registration fee.

Owners of these dogs have been sent a letter informing them of this and requesting that payment be made as soon as possible.

Owners of dogs that are currently unregistered are advised to register their dog(s) as soon as possible. Outstanding unregistered dogs after 01 September 2010 will be liable for a \$300 Infringement Fine.

COUNCIL MEETINGS

Agendas and Minutes for Council Meetings can be viewed on Council's website at www.tasman.govt.nz

Environment and Planning Consents Subcommittee (P Helms)

Tasman Council Chambers, 189 Queen Street, Richmond, Monday, 23 August 2010, 10.00 am. *No public forum*

Creative Communities Subcommittee

Motueka Office, 7 Hickmott Place, Motueka, Tuesday, 24 August 2010, 10.00 am. *No public forum*

Community Services Committee

Tasman Council Chambers, 189 Queen Street, Richmond, Thursday, 26 August 2010, 9.30 am. *Public forum*

Full Council

Tasman Council Chambers, 189 Queen Street, Richmond, Thursday, 2 September 2010, 9.30 am. *Public forum*

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COMMUNITY NOTICES

'New Zealand – Love it! Conservation Week 2010'

Events

Thursday 2 September 2010 - Illustrated talk by Craig Potton

Senior Citizens Hall Takaka 7.00pm. Supper. All welcome. Gold coin donation to cover costs. Come along to hear renowned photographer and gifted speaker Craig Potton show slides and talk about what Forest and Bird has achieved since it was formed in 1926, and provide a vision of anticipated future concerns.

Sunday 19 September - Conservation Week Walk

Meeting at Takaka Information Centre Carpark. 10.30am. Bring lunch, a drink and good walking shoes. Postponed to Sunday if wet. To follow Craig Potton's talk, a walk is planned, hosted by Mac Harwood, to visit special places on the family property at Upper Takaka. Botanist and totara expert Dr. Phillip Simpson will be present. Book with Jenny on 03 525 7900.



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Good Vibes 2010

Wednesday 18–Sunday 22 August 2010
Skydive Abel Tasman
Hangar 1 16 College Street Motueka
Ph. 0800 422 899

Nelson Brewery Showcase

Thursday 19–Sunday 22 August 2010
The Moutere Inn
Upper Moutere
Ph. 02 543 2759

A Gnome Away From Home

Friday 20 August from 7.00pm – 1.00 pm Sunday 22 August 2010
Farewell Spit Eco Tours
6 Tasman Street, Collingwood
Ph. 0800 808 257

Ecofest

Saturday 21–Sunday 22 August 2010
Sat 10.00am - 5.00pm Sun 10.00am - 4.00pm
Trafalgar Centre
Nelson
Free buses all weekend
Ph. 03 543 3663
ecofest@xtra.co.nz

2010 Rally of Nelson

Friday 20 –Sunday 22 August 2010
World of WearableArt & Classic Cars Museum
Cadillac Way off Quarantine Rd, Annesbrook, Nelson
Richmond Park Showgrounds and local forests
Ph. 027 312 0575
rallynelson@ts.co.nz

Spring is Yellow - Live Floral Theatre

Tuesday 24 August 2010
1.30pm and 7.00pm
Imagine Theatre
Woodlands Avenue, Motueka
Tickets from Westrupps Jewellers ph. 03 528 0990 or 03 528 7104.
Ph. 03 528 0990
carol.gowan@xtra.co.nz

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COASTAL WALKWAY OPENS

Another key section of the Richmond coastal walkway has just been completed, adding 0.5 kilometres to the 2.5 kilometre track that runs alongside Waimea Estuary.

The walkway, which within the next two years will link Richmond, Mapua and Brightwater, will one day also become part of the proposed Tasman cycle trail.

The newly opened section completes the walkway from Beach Road in Richmond to Sandeman Reserve on the Waimea Estuary just east of the Nelson Pine Industries MDF plant. The walkway has been built on land adjacent to the estuary, with native vegetation along the sides and a gravelled surface.

The walkway project began 4-5 years ago and sections are

progressively being completed. In time, development work will start on the next section linking Beach Road to the ASB Aquatic Centre, which then will lead to the foothills of Richmond by following the existing walkway network.

Eventually, the walkway will also link up with Nelson walkways at Whakatu Drive.

Tasman District Council Reserves Officer Glenn Thorn says it's always difficult to put a timeframe on when ongoing projects like these will be completed, as they are dependent on negotiations with individual landowners and the resource consent process. However, for local residents Owen Mills, Margaret Weldon, Jenny Beckers and Edith Mills, who are keen walkers and cyclists, completion of the Richmond/Mapua walkway can't come soon enough.

"We've already done the Otago Rail Trail and the Little River Trail, and we'd like to be able to do this one before we're 80!" said Owen.

THE PLOTS THICKEN BESIDE WALKWAY

Adoption is proving fertile for land adjoining the Inlet Walkway in Motueka. Under the Adopt-A-Plot scheme, groups or individuals plant out their area with supplied natives, then keep it weeded.

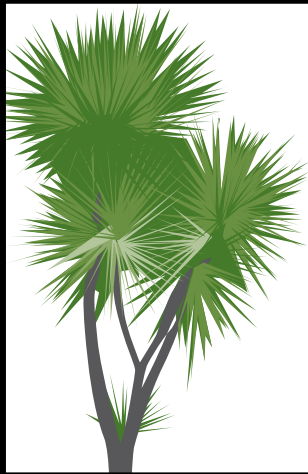
Keep Motueka Beautiful stalwart Bob Cooke says 27 plots, "from very small to very large", have been adopted, with another five or six on the way. Adopters have included Motueka High School, families, The Peace Walkers group and the Corrections Department - which has taken three for its weekend gangs to plant and tend. Nursery Westbank Natives has kindly donated some of the trees.

Tasman District Council Horticultural Officer Kathy Tohill-Curnow advises the Adopt-A-Plot group on plants and orders them from Titoki Nursery.

"It's marvellous to have these people coming on board like this," says Bob.

The high school students went one step further and have helped to pay for, and build, a humpback bridge to a small island beside the walkway. Bob says walkers will eventually be able to skirt the estuary without setting foot on a road. You can access the Inlet Walkway from Old Wharf Road opposite the Recreation Centre.

Council also gives Keep Motueka Beautiful \$11,000-\$12,000 a year for walkway development in Motueka - with 7km of managed walkways throughout the town already.



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