

REVIVED WINEMAKER TOASTS SUCCESS

Tasman District businesses took out the lion's share of honours at the Westpac Nelson Tasman Chamber of Commerce awards recently, with Redwood Cellars winning the Supreme Award.

The Redwood Valley winemaker has boosted staffing by a third, to 20, since being bought by former Zespri executives Justin Hall and Scott Chapman in 2006.

Redwood Cellars produces cider, fruit wines (blackcurrant, feijoa, boysenberry and kiwifruit), mulled wine, cask wine and cream liqueurs.

Administration manager Katrina Bailey says the bulk of their business is through New Zealand supermarkets, thanks to a good distribution network, but the exports "are just about ready to fly".

Redwood Cellars also won the Port Nelson Large Business Award and the Wakatu Innovation Award.

Motueka firm The Soy Works, which makes tofu from soybeans, won the Radio Network Small Business Award. Its products, including soy sausages, are in supermarkets from Kerikeri to Invercargill.

The Grape Escape Café and Bar, in Appleby, took the Media Works

Medium Business Award, and Jennian Homes, in Champion Road, Richmond, won the Nelson Centre of Service Excellence Award.

Nelson-area winners were Zumo Coffee House (Nelson Mail Emerging Business Award) and Opus International Consultants (NMIT Investing in People and Skills Award). Former NZ King Salmon head Paul Steere, who now chairs the Nelson Airport Board, among other roles, was inducted into the Chamber Hall of Fame.

A total of 19 entries were received for this year's awards, presented before an audience of about 400 at the Trafalgar Centre.

Below: Westpac Nelson Tasman Chamber of Commerce Supreme Award Winners Redwood Cellars.

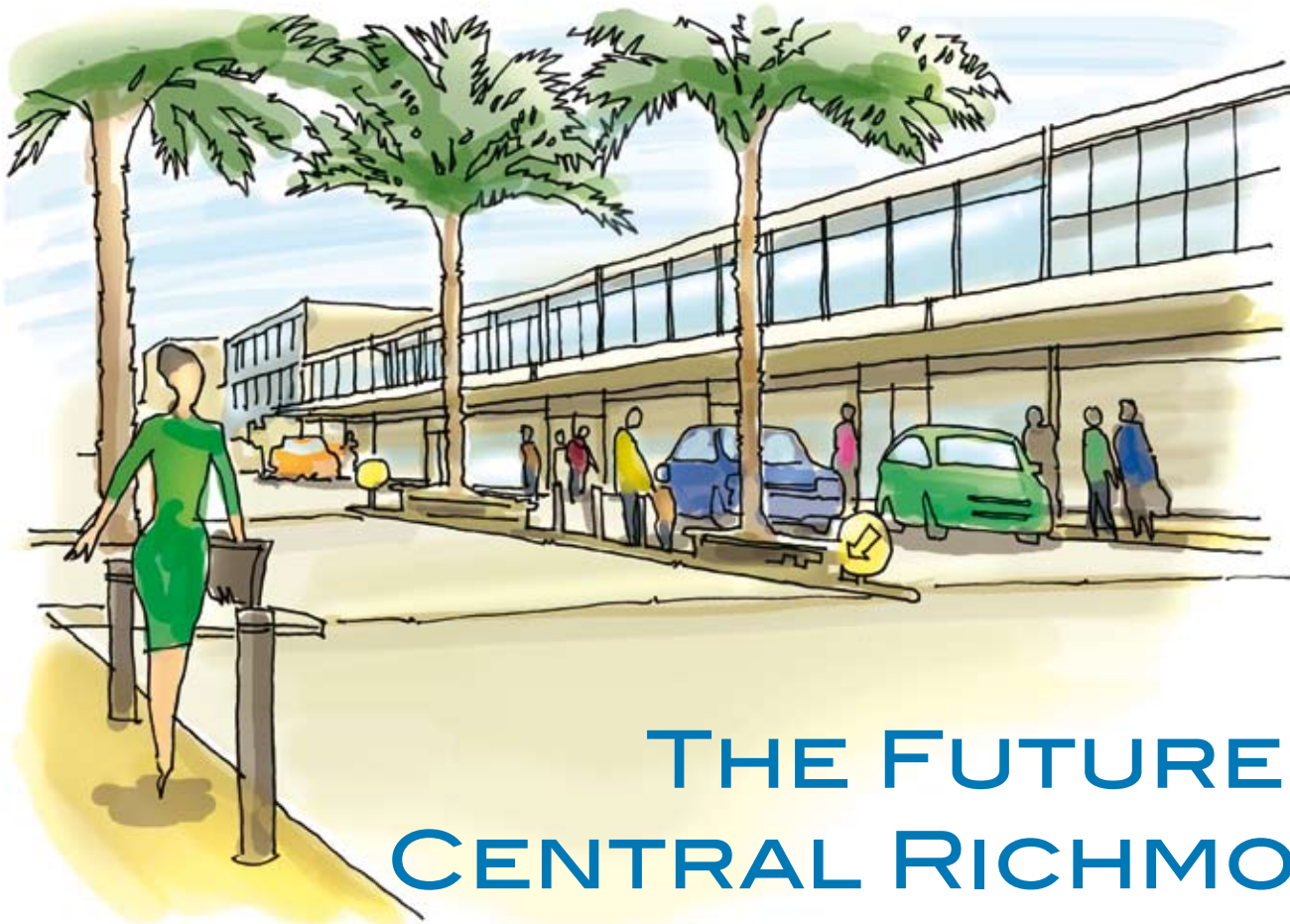


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THIS WEEK:
04. Pakawau Hall

02. Richmond CBD
06. Waka Te Tasman

03. Old Mill Walkway
08. Spring Challenge



THE FUTURE OF CENTRAL RICHMOND

The Richmond CBD project team would like to thank all those who took time to complete our questionnaires either at the Richmond Mall or through Newsline. It is encouraging to learn how passionate residents and businesses are about their town centre. We also appreciate the comments people have added to our display regarding what they do or don't like. The display was at the Richmond Mall for a couple of days and has since been in the Richmond library and in the foyer of the Richmond Council office.

The majority of the public feedback has been very receptive to change in central Richmond and what form that change may take. All the information has now been collated and is being analysed by the project team so that some concepts can be developed. The information provided will be used in the next stages of the project. As the project progresses we will keep residents, business owners and landlords informed of what is happening.

Meanwhile, if you still wish to make a suggestion, it is possible to do so online at Tasman District Council's website. The link is www.tasman.govt.nz/policy/projects/central-richmond-project

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CELEBRATIONS AT THE OLD MILL WALKWAY

Two hundred and twenty Mapua School children and around 40 locals, plus consultants, contractors and Council staff recently joined Mayor Kempthorne to celebrate the opening of the Old Mill Walkway. The walkway was developed as part of a project to build a new seawall along the foreshore at Ruby Bay.

The party kicked off with a sausage sizzle, with food donated by the project consultants, Tonkin & Taylor, and contractors Taylors Contractors. Members of the Mapua & Districts Community Association "manned" the barbecues.

Local identity Netta Perry, and Jacinta Caron, the youngest pupil at Mapua School, helped Mayor Kempthorne cut the ribbon while the schoolchildren showed off their singing skills

with a wonderful performance of Mapua E.

The new seawall is 520 metres long with 24,000 tonnes of rock being used in its construction. It will provide surety of protection for the walkway, a popular recreation area for both locals and visitors to Mapua. Along with the new walkway a significant number of native trees and shrubs have been planted to complement the area.



Netta Perry (in red) and Jacinta Caron help Mayor Kempthorne cut the ribbon while some of the Mapua schoolchildren look on.

COUNCIL FILLS THE AMALGAMATION INFORMATION GAP

On Wednesday 6 October 2010 Tasman residents received the first of two newsletters detailing what the Tasman District Council believes is the basic information many people have been asking for regarding the possible amalgamation of the Tasman District and Nelson City.

When the amalgamation petition was launched many of those who signed it believed it would result in an in-depth investigation managed by the Local Government Commission into the ramifications of a possible amalgamation.

The Commission has made it quite clear that such an investigation is not going to occur before the current submission process.

The first 'Amalgamation Newsletter' focuses on the process, current shared services and answers the claims made in the material supporting the petition. The second, to be received prior to the 8 November 2010 closing of submissions, will focus on representation.

The newsletter can be picked up from Council service centres, libraries or downloaded from www.tasman.govt.nz



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HALL WITH A COLOURFUL HISTORY

The Pakawau Hall opened its doors in 1935 without luxuries such as power or even a useful kitchen. Catering in the early days consisted of boiling a copper outside, says longtime committee member Edna Campbell-Heath. Teacups were carried into the hall in an old tin tub.

Lack of money meant the hall in the small Golden Bay settlement was only lined to the windows, and toilet facilities for men consisted of the nearest bush. The building also had a troubled start in that a community rift over its size and siting caused a few families to boycott it for decades.

Edna has been on the hall committee for nearly 40 years. Her grandfather Charlie Flowers donated the land for the hall, and fellow committee stalwart John Davis says the Rhodes family gave much of the timber (matai, rimu and kahikatea), which was milled by Donnelly's and finished in tongue-and-groove by Herbie Grant of Rockville. Volunteers built the hall under the guidance of carpenter Royd Duncan.

John says the matai dance floor had a reputation as one of the best around. He can remember longtime caretaker Hope Harvey using a sheepskin as a polisher and sitting children on it to drag them across the floor. The result was a surface so slippery "you could hardly stand up on it".

John says "a fellow from England" toured New Zealand before World War 2 inspecting dance floors. He was so impressed with Pakawau that he arranged to have Golden Bay matai sent to London. A letter of thanks was received later but the committee has been unable to

pin down whether that building in England survived the Blitz and still exists.

Tilley lamps lit the hall until the power lines reached Pakawau in 1951. Soon after, the Government offered a subsidy for memorial halls and Pakawau assumed the status, using the funds and volunteer labour (under Royd Duncan again) to add a proper kitchen, a meeting room, decent toilets, and extending the porch along the front to house a small library.

A concrete ramp has since been provided and the building repiled. The hall, licensed to hold 150, is still a well-used asset in the seaside community, hosting dances, weddings, funerals, 21sts, yoga classes, card evenings and Rural Women meetings.

The 75th celebration on Saturday 16 October 2010 has an appropriate Thirties theme, with "Ladies a plate". That was also the request on opening night, when tickets were two shillings and sixpence for women, 3s for men, and couples 4/6.

Edna and John carry on a tradition of long service on the committee. John's father Ashley was a mainstay, and foundation members Len Riley and Gerry Filleul held office for decades.

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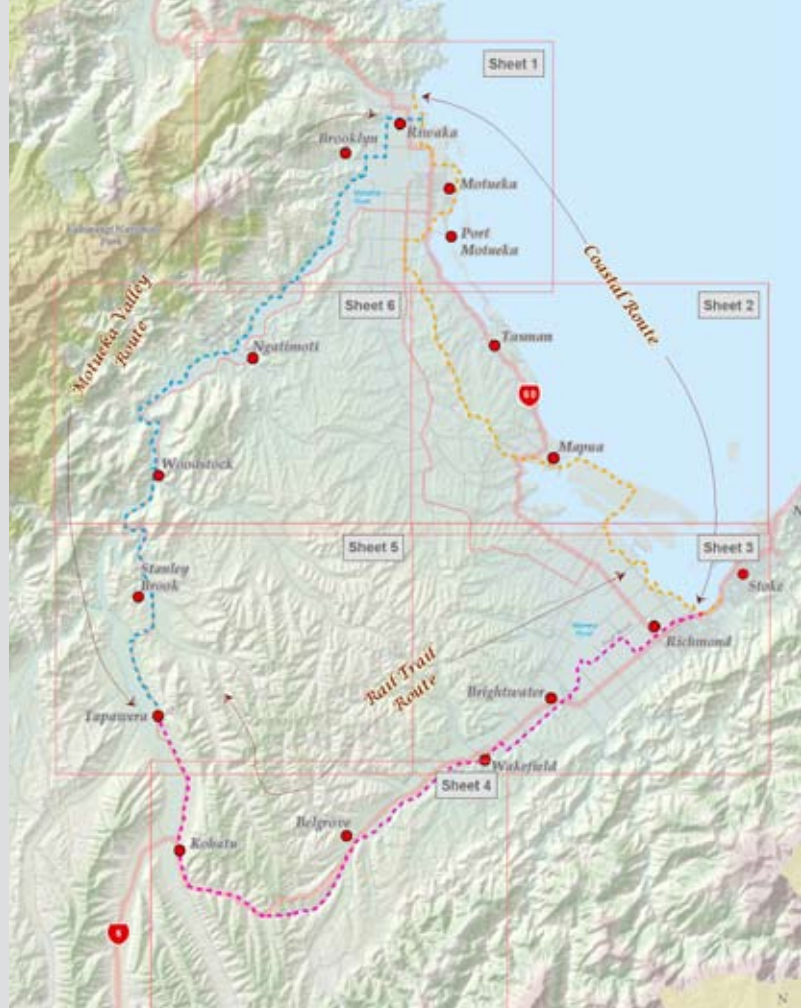
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TASMAN LOOP UPDATE

The Tasman District Council has recently signed a contract with the Ministry of Economic Development, officially securing funding for the new cycleways.

The contract grants Nelson City and Tasman District Councils a total of \$2.6 million to build the Dun Mountain Cycle Trail and the Tasman Loop. Work on the first stage of the Tasman Loop, consisting of trails from Richmond to Mapua and from Richmond to Wakefield, is due to commence in two months' time. It is estimated that this stage will take two years to complete. Meanwhile, the question of how cyclists will navigate the Rabbit Island to Mapua section of the Tasman Loop is starting to be solved. A private individual has started construction of a boat specifically for this purpose. When finished, the Tasman Loop will be a 170km round trip. It is expected that most cyclists will complete it in a 3 – 5 day tour.



BRENT MARU: TASMAN DISTRICT COUNCIL OUTSTANDING COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD WINNER

"I'm 38 now," says Brent. "Looking around the awards ceremony, I was certainly honoured to be one of the young ones. It was also really special getting the award at the same time as Mrs Ruby Aberhart. She's a local resident and a local hero as far as volunteering goes, especially in terms of sport and recreation."

Brent's life had a community focus from a young age. "I grew up with a mother who was very involved in community work. She got her Tasman District Council Community Service Award in the 90s. She was involved in the local roller skating club, which brought her into being involved in the Recreation Centre, where I've worked for 17 years. Back then, volunteer work was how small town New Zealand communities survived."

Brent himself has been doing volunteer work for community organisations since before he finished school. "The first committee I joined was the Skating Club at 16 or 17, but I'd been fundraising for them before that. I was president by 20."

Over the years Brent has volunteered time and energy for a plethora of community organisations, building a huge range of networks in Motueka and across the country. "It's all about being part of the wider network, the wider community," he says. "Volunteering

in Motueka got me working on committees which in turn opened up more networks. Now I get to sit at a table with MPs, which is great. It all came from being interested in local community organisations."

Currently, Brent is on the Nelson Bays Community Organisation Grants Scheme (COGS) committee and the National COGS committee. He has just finished chairing the Lottery Grants Committee for two terms. He is also on his children's school board and the committee for Motueka St. John, Community Panel member for Nelson Restorative Justice, Community Response Fund Community Panel Member and the National OSCAR Funding Committee. "I'll join more things when I can drop something else," Brent says. "But I've had to draw a line in the sand. I have to ask 'Is this something our children are involved in?'"

All of this hard work comes on top of working full time for the very understanding Sport Tasman at Motueka Recreation Centre. "Sport

Tasman as my employer have been fantastic over the years. When I have to go on trips to Auckland and Wellington that flexibility has always been there. They understand that it's not always about sitting in a seat and holding the fort 9-5." Brent is thrilled to be part of such a vibrant industry. "Sport and recreation is a key means of engaging positive and interactive communities," he says, "and many of our key long-term staff start off as volunteers. There's a lot to be said about people wanting to be involved in the community."

As for what the future holds, Brent laughs. "I suppose the good news is that hopefully I've got another 30 years of volunteering in me."





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WAKA TE TASMAN

This November, Kaiteriteri will host the 10th anniversary of Waka Te Tasman. The competition, which features two days of races, is one of the premier waka events in New Zealand.

Waka Ama teams from across the country will journey to the Top of the South to compete in the singles, doubles and six-person waka races. "It's a national event," says Race Director Todd Jago. "Definitely something that all paddlers have on their To Do list in their lifetime." As well as hosting teams from all over the South Island, there will also be teams from Napier, Rotorua and Wellington. "This year we'll get over 200 competitors – many of whom will stay in the area, so it's good for businesses as well."

In addition to being Race Director, Todd is also Steerer for the Motueka Waka Ama Club's men's team, and as such will be competing in the ever-popular men's event. This is split into three races: a 1km sprint, an 8km race and a 12km race. "It's a real teamwork affair," says Todd, "a physical challenge and a mental focus. Everyone has a job to do and if everyone does it properly it becomes effortless. The waka ama, or outrigger canoe, is designed to go fast. A men's team will go 15km an hour."

"Waka Te Tasman is well supported by the community," says Todd. "Our main sponsors are Kaiteriteri Reserve Board, Wakatu Incorporation and Abel Tasman Aqua Taxis, who provide free support boats. This allows us to keep the registration fee quite low so teams can afford to attend." The Tasman District Council also has a long history of supporting local waka ama groups. When the Motueka club started they didn't own a waka for two years. "The Council helped fund our first waka," says Todd. "They gave us an interest-free loan. Then they sponsored us for the long distance nationals in 2007. The support they've given us still exists."

Waka Te Tasman will be held on 12 and 13 November 2010. To see the best parts of the races, the times to turn up are Friday: 5pm and 6.20pm, and Saturday: 8:30am, with the men's racing from 1pm. Any time is a good time to turn up for the party. "There'll be a cool atmosphere going on at the same time, with marquee on the beach, music and lots of spectators and supporters," says Todd.

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PROFILE: EDNA BROWNLEE

SENIOR CUSTOMER SERVICE OFFICER



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Land Information Memorandums or issuing burial warrants.

What are the common challenges you encounter?

Keeping up with the changes and information about the myriad of functions that Council carries out.

Are there any misconceptions getting in the way?

Council processes can be complicated. In Customer Services we endeavour to give correct information about these processes, or find a staff member who can help either then or by appointment. We hope that we can make our customers' interaction with Council a positive one.

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

Curly questions happen every day in this job but they are always interesting and often thought-provoking!

What's the most satisfying part of your job?

Besides working with a great team, when you have helped someone and they are happy when they leave.

VARIEGATED THISTLE (SILYBUM MARIANUM)

Variegated thistle is a conspicuous, robust and spiny annual or biennial thistle.

The stems can be up to 2 metres high and 100 millimetres thick. The leaves have white veins and blotches that give a variegated look to the leaves. The plants can be found in pasture and wasteland and can form dense stands. Large solitary red/purple flowers can be found in November through to January, producing a large number of dark and heavy seeds. The seed is spread by animals and machinery and can remain viable for over 20 years. Eradication is a long-term task requiring both patience and persistence.

It is a pest for farmers as:

- desirable pasture grasses are suppressed

- high nitrate levels in plants growing on nitrogen-rich soils can be toxic to livestock, especially cattle
- spines on the leaves and stems can cause injury to humans and animals
- dense clumps will impede stock movement and provide habitat for pest animals

The Tasman-Nelson region has a number of pockets of variegated thistle but due to the efforts of the farming community over the last 30 years, the number of active sites is limited. It is classified as a Progressive Control Pest in the Regional Pest Management Strategy. Land occupiers

with variegated thistle on their land are required to destroy all adult and juvenile plants. Advice on methods of controlling this pest plant is available from the Biosecurity Officers at Tasman District Council.





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SPRING CHALLENGE 2010

This year's Spring Challenge in Tasman District was well met by all 516 participants.

The Challenge, an all-women triathlon race based around Tapawera, included rafting down the Lower Wangapeka and Motueka rivers, bush trekking and orienteering to Price's Clearing and mountain biking to Clark Valley. Race Director Nathan Fa'avae made the race even more challenging this year, with more difficult navigation and technical mountain biking sections.

First place in the 12-hour open race was tied between Team Tineli and R&R Sport Atenah, who raced hard against each other for eight hours before joining forces to pool their skills when they both became lost in the navigation section. Both teams finished first with a time of 11 hours, 34 minutes. The 6-hour open race was won by the A Team.

Tasman District Council employee Pamela White took part in the race, with Team Tui. "It was certainly very challenging," she said, "and by the sound of it perhaps slightly harder than previous years – particularly with the navigation. I'm just really pleased to have been able to take part in the event. It was an amazing experience. You learn that you can push yourself more than you thought possible. Now it's time to get ready for the next one."



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NEWS FROM THE TASMAN DISTRICT LIBRARIES

Coming soon to Murchison Library

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From mid-November 2010 Murchison library members will be able to browse a small collection of DVDs in their local library.

And as always you can access all of our DVDs by searching the library catalogue at www.taslib.co.nz and requesting the particular movie, TV series, music performance or documentary that takes your fancy.

What's on at your library?

Richmond Library

Tiny Tots – Every Tuesday during term time, 10.00am-10.30am.

Motueka Library

Funtime – Every Tuesday during term time, 2.00pm – 2.30pm - stories, music, movement and craft for children under five years old with their caregiver.

Babytime – Every Friday during term time, 10.00am – 10.30am - a fun, hands-on session with songs, movement, rhymes and stories for children two years old and younger with their caregivers.

Friends of the Library AGM and author talk

This year's Friends of the Tasman District Libraries AGM is at 7.30 pm, Tuesday 19 October 2010 at Richmond Library.

At 8.00pm, author Trish McCormack will speak about her book "Assigned to death: a tale of death and revenge on the South Island's West Coast".

Trish has worked as a conservation interpreter in the Westland, Abel Tasman and Paparoa National Parks as well as a journalist in Hokitika. Trish currently works as an archivist in Wellington.

Supper will be provided. Entry from the Queen St end of the library.



Audio Production Workshops @ The Imaginarium, Richmond Library

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PUBLIC NOTICES

Tasman Resource Management Plan (TRMP)

Proposed Changes 20 & 21 and Proposed Variation 71

Public notice is given pursuant to Clause 5 of the First Schedule of the Resource Management Act 1991 that the Tasman District Council has prepared amendments to the Tasman Resource Management Plan, known as Proposed Changes 20 and 21 and Proposed Variation 71.

Proposed Change 20 - Richmond East Development Area

Proposed Change 20 amends Parts I, II and VI of the Tasman Resource Management Plan (the "Plan") to accommodate the Richmond East Development Area with approximately 50 hectares of residential land and 34 hectares of serviced rural-residential land.

Proposed Change 21 - Active Fault Rupture Risk Management

Proposed Change 21 amends Parts I and II of the Tasman Resource Management Plan (the "Plan") to provide a more accurate location of the Wairau Segment of the Alpine Fault and the Waimea-Flaxmore Fault on the planning maps, and to amend the relevant rules accordingly, particularly Section 18.13.

Proposed Variation 71 - Slope Instability Risk Area

Proposed Change 21 amends Parts I and II of the Tasman Resource Management Plan (the "Plan") to provide a more extensive area of the Slope Instability Risk Area adjacent to Richmond on the planning maps, and to amend the relevant rules accordingly, particularly Section 18.12.

Submissions

Any person may make a submission on any part of the proposed changes or variations. Submissions need to be in writing, and must clearly indicate support or opposition to the provisions. They must also state the decision that the submitter wishes the Council to make, with reasons, and whether or not the submitter wishes to be heard in support of his or her submission. The submission must also provide an address for service. Forms for making submissions are available as indicated below under "Availability of Proposed Change/Variations".

Submissions can be sent to the Manager Policy, Tasman District Council, Private Bag 4, Richmond 7050 to be received by 4.00 pm on Monday, 1 November 2010.

Consideration of Proposed Changes/Variation

After submissions have closed, Council will publish a summary of all decisions requested by submitters. There will be a further period of 10 working days within which further submissions in support or opposition to those made may be sent to Council. Council will then hear submissions and make decisions on the Plan Variations and Change. Any submitter who is not satisfied with Council's decisions will have a right of appeal to the Environment Court.

Availability of Proposed Changes/Variation

The proposed amendments are available for public inspection at the Richmond office of Council. They are also available on the Council website www.tasman.govt.nz under 'Changes and Variations' via 'Policy', 'Resource Management Plan', or by contacting Pam Meadows, Ph 03 543 8581 or email pam.meadows@tasman.govt.nz. Submission forms are also available.

For any further information or advice on these amendments, please contact Mary Honey, Ph 03 543 8397 or email mary.honey@tasman.govt.nz with regard to Proposed Change 20, or Steve Markham, Ph 03 543 8427 or email markham@tasman.govt.nz with regard to Proposed Change 21 and Variation 71.

Update Pages to the Plan

Update No. 36 to the Plan, including all amendments to the text as a result of these amendments, will be available or forwarded to Plan holders as soon as possible. For enquiries concerning the update or availability of the Plan, please contact Pam Meadows, Ph 03 543 8581 or email pam.meadows@tasman.govt.nz or contact one of the Customer Services staff.

PUBLIC NOTICES

Tasman Resource Management Plan (TRMP)

Commencement of Plan Changes 5 to 9 and 11 to commence as Operative

Notice is given that the Tasman District Council has, on 23 September 2010, approved the following Plan Changes to Parts I (Introductory) and II (Land), to commence as operative provisions from 9 October 2010 (TRMP Update 37), under Clause 20 of Schedule 1 to the Resource Management Act.

C5, C11	Richmond South Development Area
C6	Coastal Tasman Area Design Guide
C7	Stormwater Management
C8	Eastern Golden Bay Settlement Policies
C9	Rural Landscape

The text and maps of the Plan showing the changes as operative will be viewable on Council's website www.tasman.govt.nz from 9 October 2010.

All holders of the Plan will be forwarded Update 37 or advised of its availability, as applicable. Please contact Pam Meadows for information on purchasing the full Plan, as updated, Ph. 03 543 8581.

WEBSITE UPDATE

Council website feedback requested

The new Council website welcomed 12,500 different people in the first month after its launch. The property and cemetery searches were the most popular activities taking up over a quarter of the traffic between them. In response to feedback from the public we've added a legal description search for property.

Feedback is very valuable to us as we're constantly working on improving the website. If you have anything you'd like to tell us about the new website please visit us online at www.tasman.govt.nz and click the "feedback" link at the top of the page.

COUNCIL MEETINGS

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

Full Council

Tasman Council Chambers, 189 Queen Street, Richmond, Thursday, 21 October 2010, 9.30 am. *No public forum*

Full Council

Tasman Council Chambers, 189 Queen Street, Richmond, Thursday, 28 October 2010, 9.30 am. *Public forum*

Regional Transport Committee

Tasman Council Chambers, 189 Queen Street, Richmond, Friday, 29 October 2010, 9.30 am. *No public forum*

NEWSUPDATE

COMMUNITY NOTICES

Pakawau Memorial Hall – 75th Anniversary

The Pakawau Memorial Hall opened its doors in 1935, so the 75th anniversary has an appropriate Thirties theme. The celebration on **Saturday 16 October 2010** is BYO – or “Ladies, A Plate” in keeping with the times.

Local band Rayzanne (Ray and Anne George) are giving their services for free, other musical offerings are rumoured, a cake is assured, and Paul Sangster is MC. Any profit from the evening will go to the Joan Whiting Rest Home in Collingwood. For further information, contact Joy Warren Ph. 03 524 8241.

Frocks on Bikes in Golden Bay

Sunday 17 October 2010

Takaka to Pohara

Join us with your bike at the Village Green in Takaka at 10.00 am for a leisurely and fun ride to Pohara, Finishing at Totally Roasted.

Free shuttle available from Totally Roasted back to Takaka.

Come on ladies - get out your best Sunday frocks and let's make a day of it.

Notice of Meeting

Richmond Community Forum

Heaphy Room at Tasman District Council on Tuesday 19 October 2010.

Tea and biscuits at 7.00pm and **meeting at 7.30pm.**

Notice of Meeting

Kiyosato AGM

1 November 2010, 7.30 pm, Tasman District Council meeting Rooms, Hickmott Place, Motueka. All very welcome.

Nelson Bays Police Town Hall Meetings

Nelson Bays Police are holding a series of “town hall” meetings across Tasman District over the coming weeks. This is an opportunity to find out what police see as priorities in your area and to share your views on what police could be doing.

Nelson Bays Area Commander, Inspector Brian McGurk will chair each of the meetings, along with members of police from your local station.

Mr McGurk said partnerships with the community are vital to effective policing and he encouraged people to come along and be informed about some of the local policing issues and share ideas about making their communities safer.

Meeting dates:

Takaka – 7.00 p.m. Monday 18 October 2010 – Golden Bay High School

Richmond – 7.00 p.m. Tuesday 19 October 2010 – Town Hall, Cambridge Street

Wakefield – 7.00 p.m. Tuesday 26 October 2010 – Wakefield Fire Station

Motueka – 7.00 p.m. Monday 1 November 2010 – Memorial Hall, Pah Street

Murchison – 7.00 p.m. Wednesday 10 November 2010 – Recreation Centre.

For more information contact Tasman Police District Communications Manager Ph 03 545 9843.

24 Hour Emergency – Phone your local office

Richmond	03 543 8400
Murchison	03 523 1013
Motueka	03 528 2022
Takaka	03 525 0020

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EVENTS GUIDE

Twilight Spring Fair

Saturday 16 October 2010

Time: 4.00pm-7.00pm

Venue: Mahana School, School Road, Mahana

Contact: kjmiles@xtra.co.nz

Top Team 10 - Motueka Heat

Saturday 16 October 2010

Time: Junior Competition starts 9.00am; Senior Competition starts 12.30pm

Venue: Motueka Recreation Centre, Old Wharf Road, Motueka, Tasman

Contact: Ph. 03 546-7910 email topteam@clear.net.nz

Nelson Arts Festival - Antal Szalai and his Gypsy Band

Sunday 17 October 2010

Venue: Woollaston Estates, 243 Old Coach Rd, Mahana,

Tickets: \$70 includes complimentary platter to share

Tickets from Everyman Records, Ph. 03 548 3083.

Contact: cam.woods@ncc.govt.nz

Nelson Arts Festival - The Bakers Suite

Sunday 17 October 2010

Venue: Neudorf Vineyards, 138 Neudorf Rd, RD2, Upper Moutere

Tickets: \$33, Tickets from Everyman Records, Ph. 03 548 3083.

Contact: cam.woods@ncc.govt.nz

The Dancing Years

Friday 22 October 2010

Time: 2.00pm

Venue: Hope Community Church, Ranzau Road, Hope, Nelson

Tickets: General Admission \$27, Group 10+ \$24

Tickets from Operatunity Entertainment Ltd

Contact: Ph. 0508 266 237 email: bookings@operatunity.co.nz

Frankie and the Bee

Friday 22 October 2010

Time: From 8.00pm

Venue: The Moutere Inn, 1406 Moutere Highway, Upper Moutere, Nelson RD2

Contact: Ph. 03 5432 759 email: info@moutereinn.co.nz

Sealord Fireworks over the Aorere

Saturday 23 October 2010

Time: 9.00pm

Venue: Aorere River Estuary, Collingwood

Fundraiser - be generous!

Contact: Ph. 021 072 6573

email: collingwood520@windowslive.com

For full event listings and details
go to www.itson.co.nz



WALKWAY BENEFITS FROM CARS

The Two Rivers walkway in Brightwater is greening up thanks to the sale of new cars.

Honda New Zealand funds the planting of 10 trees for every new car sold. Individual agents pay for another three trees for every new car they sell.

Chris Bowater, of the Nelson dealership, says the TreeFund has distributed more than \$20,000 to the Tasman District since the scheme began in 2004. A similar amount has gone to Nelson City.

In the last few years Tasman District Council has used the money for plantings on the walkway alongside the Wai-iti River.

Right: Chris Bowater (right) hands Mayor Richard Kempthorne the TreeFund 2010 cheque.



SUPPORT FOR INLET PLEDGED

The fate of the Waimea Inlet propelled more than 80 people to visit Sandeman Reserve in Richmond recently and put their signatures to a special charter.

The public signing ceremony on Monday 27 September 2010 drew "a good turnout of a real cross-section of people," from landowners to ecology groups, Keep Richmond Beautiful and Friends of the Haven, says steering group chair Glenys Glover.

Tasman District Council policy planner Neil Jackson says that on a sparkling day beside the estuary, 84 people signed a register to be part of a forum that will hold an initial meeting before the year's end, and convene perhaps three or four times a year afterwards. Participants will exchange ideas on managing the inlet, report on progress and highlight future priorities.

A management strategy, outlining the general issues, has already been adopted by the Tasman District and Nelson City Councils, Fish and Game and the Department of Conservation, with support from iwi.

Glenys traces nine months of work to get to the point of charter-signing to protect the South Island's largest estuary, encompassing 3455ha and fed by 22 rivers and streams.

Good groundwork was laid by the day-long symposium held in May 2010, where 130 participants heard from environmental experts and later broke into groups for discussions, says Glenys.

"A lot of people were part of the decision-making" as to what went into the strategy, which was also influenced by the study from consultants Wriggle Ltd that highlighted environmental concerns such as vegetation loss and contamination from town, rural and highway runoff.

Glenys describes a general feeling of goodwill among disparate groups to come up with a management plan.

"It's a from-the-ground-up beast", rather than a set of rules imposed by the two Councils.

She says the management process should result in changes immediately, plus "we'll be achieving in 10 or 20 years' time"



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