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Tasman District Council Summary Annual Report Special Edition

## BAY SHINES IN ENVIRONMENT AWARDS

Golden Bay reaped gold in the Tasman Nelson Environment Awards, scooping up four main prizes.

Wainui holiday accommodation Golden Bay Hideaway took the Commercial/Emerging category for one of the most energy-efficient houses in the country.

Golden Kids Early Learning Centre in Takaka won the Schools/Early Childhood section for its recycling philosophy. The Rocklands Road Weedbuster group at Clifton shared the Community and Neighbourhood Groups prize for clearing vines from 14 properties, and Tukurua writer Gerard Hindmarsh's book "Kahurangi Calling – Stories from the backcountry of Northwest Nelson" shared the Heritage/Events and Culture honours with Karen Warren's homage to the Boulder Bank, "Rolling Stones".

Elsewhere in Tasman, Stonefly Lodge in the Motueka Valley took Best Use of Renewable Energy, Salisbury School in Richmond won the Primary/Secondary schools prize (see separate story on page 4), and Spinyback Tuatara Education and Conservation Trust, based at the vineyard on the Waimea Plains, shared the Community and Neighbourhood Groups award.

Category winners each received (or share of) \$1000, Golden Bay Hideaway wins a \$1000 radio-advertising package and the two Heritage section winners received \$500 each. Golden Kids also receives \$500.

Hideaway's Little Greenie house is "one of the best examples of sustainable building design and construction in New Zealand", says the citation. "Little Greenie demonstrates an ongoing ultra-low impact on its surroundings, use of resources, operating costs and maintenance requirements."



The award judges said Golden Kids "is a wonderful place, vibrant and interesting, full of good things to do, and see. They recently joined the Enviroschools programme. The adult staff commented that the children have become experts in their own right about reducing, reusing and recycling. Composting and no-waste lunches are just part of what they do."

The Rocklands Road group "addressed the key issue of cross-boundary contamination from neighbouring properties that is often the undoing of weed eradication projects. With a high level of relationship-building, selling the vision and developing the plan for each property, even the most sceptical landowners came on board."

Another 24 properties in the next stage will ensure that the Clifton area is vine pest-free from sea to mountain.

Co-winner Spinyback Tuatara Education and Conservation Trust earned judges' praise for "the delivery of seminars to schools and community groups alongside the opportunity to see a live tuatara".

Gerard Hindmarsh's book "includes stories of the battle to retain historic huts, the asbestos mining in the Cobb Valley and the day-to-day lives of some of the characters who have lived in this remote part of region," said the judges.

Stonefly Lodge, with less than half the total energy consumption of an average New Zealand household, "demonstrates the clever use of a range of renewable energy sources (micro-hydro, wind, solar and biomass – wood) that meet the requirements of a totally off-the-grid system, while still providing all the comfort and amenity expected by guests of an upmarket luxury lodge."

### THIS WEEK:

06. Water – our precious resource

03. Speak Out on racism  
15. Big Beach Cleanup

04. School wins gold  
16. Road Safety

# MAYOR'S COMMENT

As we begin to enjoy the climate the region is famous for we need to acknowledge it comes at a cost and this cost is coming a little early this year.

The first water restriction notice has been issued by this Council with a particular emphasis on the Waimea plains. Stage one, in force from Monday 6 December 2010, is a cut in use by 20 per cent of consented water take levels in the Upper Catchment, Reservoir, Waimea West, Delta, Golden Hills, and both the Lower and Upper Confined Aquifer zones on the Waimea Plains.

This may not seem a great deal, but it is of concern as it is very early in what is going to be a long hot summer to have such restrictions put in place. There is no doubt, if the current trend continues, further restrictions will be initiated before Christmas, and these restrictions

will affect other settlements within the region.

This is not just an issue for the horticulture and agricultural sectors, it will affect many of us throughout Tasman. As a result we need to think about we can conserve water now, not when the restrictions are put in place.

Last week I attended the memorial service in Greymouth for the 29 people who lost their lives in the Pike River tragedy. It was an opportunity for me as Mayor to pass on the heartfelt condolences from Tasman to a community not dissimilar to ours.

– Mayor Richard Kempthorne



## BAY SHINES IN ENVIRONMENT AWARDS CONT.

### Winners:

**Rural** – Pepin Island Sheep Station, Cable Bay

**Urban Design** – Marsden Park subdivision, Nelson

**Best Use of Renewable Energy** – Stonefly Lodge

**Commercial/Emerging** – Golden Bay Hideaway

**Schools/Primary and Secondary** – Salisbury School

**Schools/Early Childhood** – Golden Kids Early Learning Centre

**Environmental Leadership** – Dave Butler (Brook Sanctuary)

**Community and Neighbourhood Groups** – Spinyback Tuatara Education and Conservation Trust; Rocklands Road Weedbuster Group

**Heritage/Events and Culture** – Karen Warren: “Rolling Stones – Nelson’s Boulder Bank”; Gerard Hindmarsh: “Kahurangi Calling – Stories from the backcountry of Northwest Nelson”

**Heritage/Built** – Nelson Historic Theatre Trust: Theatre Royal Restoration

### Highly Commended:

**Rural** – Amberglen Farm

**Best Use of Renewable Energy** – Nelson College for Girls

**Commercial/Leadership** – Richmond Mall; Living Legacies

**Commercial/Emerging** – Nelson Nursing Service; Greenwood Health Centre

**Schools/Primary and Secondary** – Nelson College; Clifton Terrace School

**Schools/Early Childhood** – First Year Richmond

**Environmental Leadership** – Janet Taylor; Robyn Jones

**Community and Neighbourhood Groups** – Keep Golden Bay Beautiful

**Heritage/Events and Culture** – Mike Elkington: “Ka Mate”; Motueka Arts Council: “Welcome to the Godwits”

**Heritage/Built** – Baptist Union of NZ: Nelson Baptist Church

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## SPEAK OUT ON RACISM

A reporting system for racist incidents in Tasman and Nelson was officially launched on Monday 29 November 2010 with a procession along Trafalgar Street, Nelson, and a celebration at the 1903 site.

Speak Out Nelson Tasman is an initiative of the Nelson Multicultural Council with the support of government agencies, the Nelson Safer Community Council and the Human Rights Commission.

Project coordinator Alistair Webber says the user friendly system allows racism to be reported confidentially on the Speak Out website, to a call free number or face to face at several community centres, with reporting done by victims, witnesses or support people.

"We'll be logging all reports and referring victims to the appropriate agency for action, depending on how they want to handle it," he said. "Victims decide whether they provide their personal details for follow up or they can remain anonymous."

A racist incident is defined as 'any incident that is perceived by the victim to be racist'. It ranges from incidents involving racist insults,

through to serious assaults.

"The intention is to make Nelson Tasman safer for people of all cultures," Mr Webber said. "We've got fantastic support from the community – from the police, councils, NMIT and numerous other groups."

Speak Out Nelson Tasman is the first regional reporting system in New Zealand to operate across the whole of the community. Mr Webber said this is really something to celebrate.

The website address is [www.speakout.org.nz](http://www.speakout.org.nz), the call free number is 0508 773 256, and the list of community agencies where reports can be found is on the website. The project was made possible with support from the Canterbury Community Trust.



Associate Education Minister Rodney Hide, centre, and Tasman Mayor Richard Kempthorne with the flag-bearing party.

## SCHOOL WINS GOLD WITH GREEN PROJECTS

A new flag flies proudly over Salisbury School, the only secondary and special needs school in the country to achieve Green Gold Enviroschool status.

The school in Richmond is one of just 37 Enviroschools to make the top grade, out of 735 nationwide. Ngatimoti is the only other Gold school in Tasman District.

Associate Education Minister Rodney Hide presented Salisbury with its new ensign. Salisbury recently won the NZ Plant Conservation Award for its reforestation project, which began in 2004 after students discovered that there was very little native bush left on the Richmond/Hope plains – so they created a harakeke, or flax, grove at the back of

the school. The students collect seed from their native plantings and weed the grove.

Salisbury also propagates trees, plus has a large vegetable garden and a pumpkin patch.

Students are involved in restoring an urban stream and they do volunteer work for a natural wetland enhancement project.

Kate Cobb, of Enviroschools, says Salisbury reached Gold status because of the whole eco-culture of the school. Students and teachers take an enthusiastic part in Conservation Week, Sea Week and in-house

recycling initiatives.

At the flag handover, Tasman Mayor Richard Kempthorne praised the students' "environmental stewardship", and Enviroschools Foundation director Heidi Mardon said such achievements couldn't be done without partnerships, "The Tasman District Council has done a fantastic job of co-ordination and facilitation."

The Enviroschools movement is mainly funded by local councils, with some Government support.

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Doris	Jan 10 - Jan 20
Rich Lady	Jan 11 - Jan 25
*Flamecrest	Jan 15 - Jan 31

#### Apricots

*Sundrop	Jan 01 - Jan 20
*Trevatt	Jan 01 - Jan 20
* = freestone	
<b>Plums</b>	
Early Jewel	early Jan
*Satsuma	mid Jan
Billingtons	mid Jan

#### Nectarines

Armredark	ready now
*Rose Diamond	Dec 30 - Jan 10
Maylis (white flesh)	Dec 30 - Jan 10
*Queen Giant (white flesh)	Jan 05 - Jan 20
Diamond Bright	Jan 05 - Jan 20
Spring Red	Jan 10 - Jan 20

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# PROFILE: PETE FREW – GIS CO-ORDINATOR



## What is your role?

I am GIS Co-ordinator, responsible for a team of two GIS analysts. GIS stands for Geographic Information Systems so I look after Council's electronic maps and spatial data.

## How is your work used?

The job of the GIS team is to make this spatial data available to staff and customers through paper and electronic maps and GIS

applications, giving them the ability to view information alongside data and imagery such as map contours and aerial photography, so they can more easily complete their council functions.

## What are the common challenges you encounter?

GIS is a fast-moving technology, and we are constantly challenged

to look at and assess new ideas and ways of doing things. Keeping up-to-date involves training as well as many hours spent using and understanding all the technology involved.

## Are there any misconceptions getting in the way?

With access to Google Maps (hiss), Google Earth and Bing Maps (boo) people have high expectations that Council can replicate these websites and supply up-to-date data to the wider community.

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

Using these technologies to create new applications that will prove really useful for council customers and staff, such as the joint Regional GIS Application that we have developed in conjunction with Nelson City Council staff to create a single, seamless application for the Tasman and Nelson region.

To view Council's electronic maps go to [www.topofthesouthmaps.co.nz](http://www.topofthesouthmaps.co.nz)

## RUBBISH AND RECYCLING COLLECTIONS

This year, because Christmas and New Year fall on a Saturday, there will be no changes to any collection days. Please make sure that your rubbish and recycling is on the kerbside by 8.00am.

Put paper and cardboard into a supermarket shopping bag or bundled with tape or string and put next to the bin. If you have two bins please separate your recyclables: glass in one bin and plastics and cans in the other.

Please don't put your recyclables into cardboard boxes as they can break and drop the contents on the road. If you need a replacement or second recycling bin you can collect one from any one of Council's four Resource Recovery Centres. If you have a large quantity of recycling please deliver it to a Resource Recovery Centre.

### Kaiteriteri and Stephens Bay

Kaiteriteri and Stephens Bay will have a daily rubbish collection from Monday 20 December 2010 through to Monday 7 February 2011. Recycling will be collected twice a week, on Tuesdays and Fridays. Please have your bags and bins out by 7.00 am.

### Resource Recovery Centres

Most Resource Recovery Centres are open seven days over the busy holiday period (13 December 2010 to 8 February 2011). All sites will be closed on Christmas Day and New Year's Day when staff will be taking a well-earned break.

**Richmond (Beach Road)** – 8.00 am to 5.00 pm, seven days a week

**Mariri (Robinson Road)** – 9.00 am to 4.00 pm Monday to Saturday, 1.00 pm to 4.00 pm Sunday

**Takaka (Scotts Road)** – 8.30 am to 4.00 pm Monday to Friday, 9.00 am to 4.00 pm Saturday, Sunday 1.00pm to 4.00 pm

**Collingwood (Bainham-Collingwood Road)** – 1.00 pm to 4.00 pm, Monday to Sunday

**Murchison (Matakitaki West Bank Road)** – 2.00 pm to 6.00 pm Monday, Wednesday and Saturday.

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# WATER – OUR PRECIOUS RESOURCE

Water is one of our most precious resources and you have the ability to manage what you use. With your water meter running, every drop is costing you. However you can keep tabs on your water consumption, saving energy and reducing your costs.

With summer on its way, it's time to check that you are only using the water you need. A water meter puts the monitoring and control of water usage in your hands. Water meters are usually located below ground in a meter box near your road boundary. Our Customer Services staff, Ph. 03 543 8400 can help if you have trouble locating the meter.

The **RED** numbers (see picture below) are the ones you need to read when checking for a leak. If they are moving when you have everything shut off, you may have a leak. Note – this picture is an example only. Not all water meters look exactly like this.

If your water invoice shows consumption that seems higher than usual, you may have a water leak. To check, shut off all household appliances that use water and any outside taps. Take a note of the meter reading and record the time. Leave the water shut off for as long as possible, then read the meter again. If the reading has changed you have a leak. To try and locate the leak, trace the water pipe from the meter to the house. Can you locate any wet areas e.g., water pooling on concrete/lawn or any damp areas. If you can't find the leak, call your registered plumber as soon as possible.



## Handy water saving tips:

- Water your garden during the cool of morning or evening to minimise evaporation.
- Do not leave sprinklers or hoses unattended.
- Repair leaky taps, hoses or fittings.
- Make sure every load in the washing machine is a full one.
- Turn the tap off when brushing your teeth.
- Install a dual flush toilet. By using the half flush, you can save up to 5 litres of water per flush.
- Never put water down the drain when there could be another use for it, such as watering plants or cleaning.
- Create a compost bin rather than putting your food scraps down a waste disposal unit.

## If you live in a rural water area, you will be supplied water from a rural scheme. To help manage your water usage:

- Please ensure you keep your storage tank clean and in good condition.
- Please maintain your property reticulation, stock troughs for example, and repair any leaks promptly.
- It is recommended that you fit your tank with a water level indicator, which gives you an early warning when your water level is running low.

For both rural and urban water users, please report any leaks promptly to Tasman District Council Customer Services Ph. 03 543 8400

For more handy water saving tips visit the Tasman District Council website:

[www.tasman.govt.nz/services/water-and-wastewater/water-supply](http://www.tasman.govt.nz/services/water-and-wastewater/water-supply)

## Water Shortage Direction under Section 329 of the Resource Management Act 1991

The Tasman District Council considers there is a serious temporary shortage of water in the following zones and the taking/use of water is to be restricted. Restricted use is necessary to help prevent further reductions in river flow and reduce the risk of seawater intrusion into the aquifer.

### Holders of consents to take water from the following zones in the Waimea Plains:

Upper Catchments, Reservoir, Waimea West, Golden Hills, Delta, Upper Confined Aquifer, and Lower Confined Aquifer.

The Tasman District Council advises everyone in the above mentioned zones that Stage 1 rationing which is a 20% cut from authorised weekly usage is introduced as of Monday 6 December 2010. Consent holders are being advised by letter.

Hosing restrictions in the urban areas of Richmond, Mapua-Ruby Bay, Brightwater, Hope, are also imposed. Hand-held hosing is only permitted on odd and even calendar days corresponding to the house street number.

Owners of private wells in the areas subject to rationing and all users connected to the Council's Redwood Valley and Dovedale rural water supply schemes, are also directed to only water every second day.

The position will be reviewed at the next meeting of the Dry Weather Taskforce on 7 December 2010.

Issued under delegated authority by Dennis Bush-King, Environment and Planning Manager.



### Mayor's Introduction

Welcome to the summary of the Council's 2009/2010 Annual Report. As this report reflects the performance of the last Council term, on behalf of my fellow councillors and myself, I would like to thank you for the privilege of representing you and the support we received over the last three years. We enjoyed our role and appreciated the willingness of the community to work with us.

The Summary Annual Report is an important part of our accountability back to Tasman residents and ratepayers. I encourage you to read it.

The 2009/2010 year, like last year, has been extremely busy for Council. **The key projects we have undertaken have included:**

- Starting the Waimea Estuary Management Strategy
- Preparing the Mapua draft Tasman Resource Management Plan change
- Establishing the Urban Design Panel and successful outcomes being achieved from its work
- Constructed the Pohara seawall cycleway
- Built the Old Mill Walkway seawall at Ruby Bay
- Completed the water supply reservoir in Wakefield
- Worked with the Waimea Water Augmentation Committee to complete the feasibility study for the proposed Lee Valley Dam
- Sewerage main upgrades in High Street and stormwater upgrade along Old Wharf Road in Motueka
- Completed the Two Mile Walkway along Hotham and Chalgrave Streets in Murchison
- Completed the Railway Reserve cycle/walkway in Richmond
- Worked with the Nelson Cycle Trails Trust to successfully bid for central government funding for the Tasman section of the New Zealand Cycleway
- Completed the Motueka Recreation Centre redevelopment
- Completed the Takaka Library Sculpture project
- Completed the redevelopment of the District Library in Richmond
- Constructed the Learners Pool at the ASB Aquatic Centre
- Completed further developments at Saxton Field and the Saxton Stadium, in conjunction with Nelson City Council
- Eighty-Eight Valley Road Seal Extension
- McCullum and Baxter bridges replacements
- Three new cycleway/walkway connections at Dominion Road, Gardner Valley Road, and Harley Road across the new SH60 Ruby Bay Bypass
- Notification of Rivers and Lakes Part of the TRMP
- 275 new houses approved - cf 277 previous year

Many of you in the community have had input into or contributed to these projects during the year. I wish to thank you all for your various contributions.

All the above projects have been completed alongside Council's ongoing maintenance and renewal programmes, providing other Council services and activities and undertaking Council's regulatory responsibilities. For example, Council has dealt with 2131 complaints about compliance or environmental nuisances – up from 1969 in the previous year.

In financial terms, we have come through the year with a surplus of \$1.622 million. Council has net assets (or equity) of \$1,075 million. In other words, your community-owned Council is now worth over \$1 billion, in terms of its assets across the whole District.

Meeting the infrastructure needs of our communities continues to be an ongoing challenge for Council. We have 17 settlement areas spread throughout our District, all of which have infrastructure needs, such as basic services including roading, water and sewerage, and community infrastructure like sporting facilities and community halls. These services consume a large amount of Council's funding and time. Provision of these services in a manner that meets community needs at an affordable price is one of our biggest challenges. Keeping those services up to standard ensures we maintain the vibrancy of our communities across the District.

Again this year Council contracted the National Research Bureau to undertake a survey of residents satisfaction with the services and activities we provide. Overall good levels of satisfaction were achieved, which were either equal to or above the national average for councils across New Zealand in all activities except one. The survey is also useful to highlight areas where the Council can improve to ensure the levels of services our ratepayers and residents want are delivered. Thank you to those who participated in the survey.

Tasman District Council continues to work collaboratively with Nelson City Council and other councils to achieve good outcomes for our communities. Currently there are over 30 activities or services currently managed in partnership with Nelson City Council to the benefit of the wider region.

Council staff worked hard to deliver services and activities in the region for the benefit of ratepayers and residents. They are a team of enthusiastic professionals who are committed to doing a good job and should be thanked for their efforts.

Also worthy of thanks are the numerous members of our community and businesses who have contributed to the work of Council through submissions on our various planning documents, contributions on working groups, voluntary work, sponsorship and in a variety of other ways. The Council could not achieve what we have within the wonderful region we live in without the contributions made by these people.

Richard Kempthorne  
Mayor

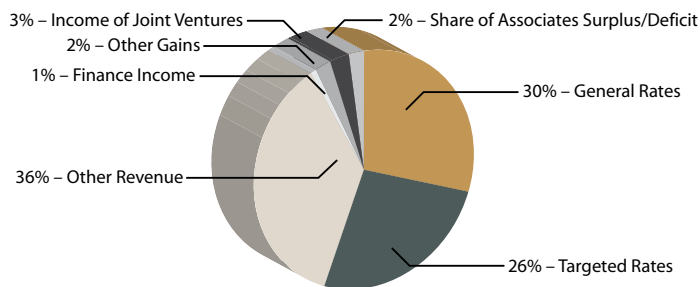


This Summary Annual Report has been extracted from the full Annual Report dated 30 June 2010 and covers the year ended 30 June 2010. This Summary Annual Report was authorised for issue on 26 November 2010 by the Corporate Services Manager, Chief Executive Officer and Mayor of the Council. The Council's full Annual Report has been audited by Audit New Zealand and an unqualified opinion was issued on 28 October 2010. This report can not be expected to provide as complete an understanding as provided by the full Annual Report of the financial and service performance, financial position and cashflows of the Council. This full Annual Report was authorised for issue on 28 October 2010 by the Corporate Services Manager, Chief Executive Officer and Mayor of the Council. The full Annual Report can be obtained from Council Offices in Richmond, Motueka, Takaka and Murchison, and the Council's website ([www.tasman.govt.nz](http://www.tasman.govt.nz)).

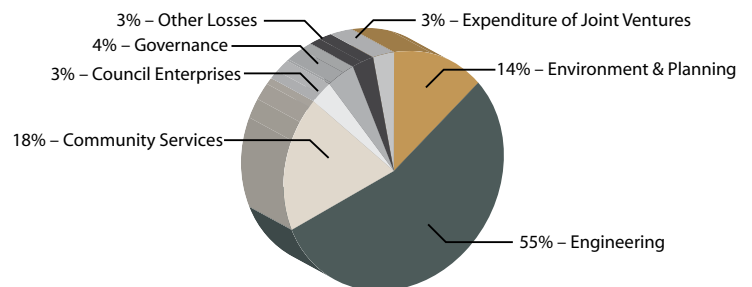
Financial Highlights	2010 \$(000's)	2009 \$(000's)	2008 \$(000's)	2007 \$(000's)	2006 \$(000's)
District General Rates	26,421	25,082	23,698	22,339	20,767
Net Surplus/Deficit	1,622	6,331	7,591	11,536	6,083
Working Capital	-67,372	-7,634	-10,088	4,986	-14,900
Public Debt	115,953	96,074	77,263	77,985	69,368
Current Ratio	0.20	0.71	0.57	1.24	0.42

Under NZ IFRS Council must disclose the actual loans repayable during the above periods even if the loans may be 'rolled over'. However, if the entity expects, and has the discretion, to refinance and roll over these loans, then it can classify the obligation as non-current. TDC currently has two facility agreements in place (with sufficient limits) which we believe allow us to roll over those loans for those banks, at our discretion. However, we do not have a current facility in place with two other banks that we lend from and, therefore, any loans due for "roll over" next year under these two facilities must be shown as the current portion of term loans. This is the reason why our working capital for the 2010 financial year is significantly different to previous years.

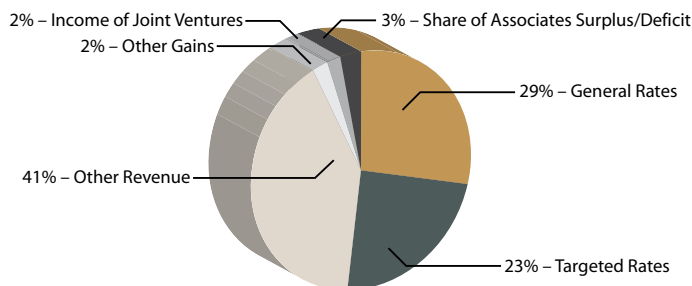
**Source of Revenue 2009/2010**



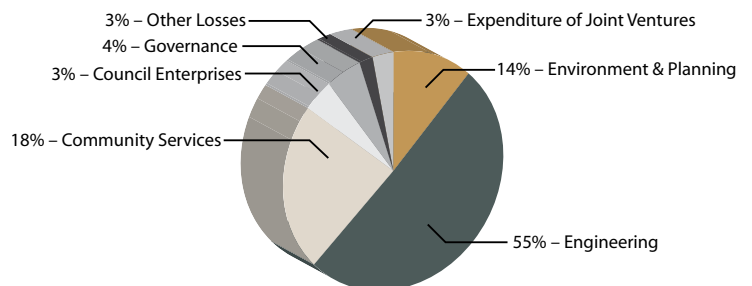
**Operating Expenditure by Activity 2009/2010**



**Source of Revenue 2008/2009**



**Operating Expenditure by Activity 2008/2009**





## Summary Statement of Comprehensive Income – For the year ended 30 June 2010

The information included in the Summary Financial Statements has been extracted from the audited full Annual Report which was authorised for issue by the Tasman District Council on 28 October 2010.

June 09 Actual \$(000's)		June 10 Actual \$(000's)	June 10 Budget \$(000's)	% of Budget
	<b>INCOME</b>			
25,082	General Rates	26,421	26,300	100%
19,689	Targeted Rates	22,524	22,953	98%
35,349	Other revenue	31,674	30,376	104%
426	Finance Income	541	343	158%
1,915	Other gains	1,976	536	369%
2,145	Income of joint ventures	2,424	800	303%
2,339	Share of associates surplus/deficit	1,881	2,207	85%
<b>86,945</b>	<b>Total Operating Income</b>	<b>87,441</b>	<b>83,515</b>	<b>105%</b>
	<b>EXPENDITURE</b>			
	Operating Costs of Activities			
10,105	Environment & planning	11,769	12,049	98%
41,728	Engineering	47,582	47,679	100%
18,439	Community Services	15,186	15,585	97%
2,968	Council enterprises	2,405	1,700	141%
4,030	Governance	3,463	3,598	96%
1,521	Other losses	2,756	-	-
2,356	Expenditure of joint ventures	2,658	-	-
<b>81,147</b>	<b>Total Expenditure</b>	<b>85,819</b>	<b>80,611</b>	<b>106%</b>
<b>5,798</b>	<b>Surplus before Taxation</b>	<b>1,622</b>	<b>2,904</b>	<b>56%</b>
(533)	Tax expense	-	-	-
<b>6,331</b>	<b>Net Surplus</b>	<b>1,622</b>	<b>2,904</b>	<b>56%</b>
	<b>OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME</b>			
59,590	Gain on asset revaluations	15,615	28,906	54%
(533)	Deferred Tax on asset revaluations	-	-	-
<b>59,057</b>	<b>Total other comprehensive Income</b>	<b>15,615</b>	<b>28,906</b>	<b>54%</b>
<b>65,388</b>	<b>Total comprehensive Income</b>	<b>17,237</b>	<b>31,810</b>	<b>54%</b>

\* Total Expenditure includes finance costs of \$6.496m (2008/2009: \$5.807m)

## Summary Statement of Financial Position – As at 30 June 2010

June 09 Actual \$(000's)		June 10 Actual \$(000's)	June 10 Budget \$(000's)
18,855	CURRENT ASSETS	16,608	18,074
(26,489)	CURRENT LIABILITIES	(83,980)	(22,249)
(7,634)	WORKING CAPITAL	(67,372)	(4,175)
1,152,118	NON CURRENT ASSETS	1,192,360	1,162,951
(86,331)	NON CURRENT LIABILITIES	(49,598)	(116,652)
1,058,153	TOTAL NET ASSETS	1,075,390	1,042,124
1,058,153	TOTAL EQUITY	1,075,390	1,042,124

Under NZ IFRS Council must disclose the actual loans repayable during the above periods even if the loans may be 'rolled over'. However, if the entity expects, and has the discretion, to refinance and roll over these loans, then it can classify the obligation as non-current. TDC currently has two facility agreements in place (with sufficient

limits) which allows the Council to roll over those loans for those banks, at our discretion. However, the Council does not have a current facility in place with two other banks that we lend from and, therefore, any loans due for "roll over" next year under these two facilities must be shown as the current portion of term loans.

Summary Statement of Cashflows – For the year ended 30 June 2010

June 09 Actual \$(000's)		June 10 Actual \$(000's)	June 10 Budget \$(000's)
	CASHFLOW FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES		
44,519	Rates revenue	48,886	49,253
32,700	Other Income	32,645	33,571
77,219	Total operating cash provided	81,531	82,824
(62,840)	Total operating cash applied	(65,877)	(62,203)
<b>14,379</b>	<b>Net Cashflow From Operating</b>	<b>15,654</b>	<b>20,621</b>
	CASHFLOW FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES		
213	Total investing cash provided	160	-
(33,471)	Total investing cash applied	(36,568)	(37,296)
<b>(33,258)</b>	<b>Net Cashflow From Investing</b>	<b>(36,408)</b>	<b>(37,296)</b>
	CASHFLOW FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES		
22,836	Total financing cash provided	25,621	27,374
(4,025)	Total financing cash applied	(5,742)	(6,797)
<b>18,811</b>	<b>Net Cashflow From Financing</b>	<b>19,879</b>	<b>20,577</b>
(68)	Total Net Cashflows	(875)	3,902
1,674	Opening Cash Held	1,606	3,885
<b>1,606</b>	<b>CLOSING CASH BALANCE</b>	<b>731</b>	<b>7,787</b>
	REPRESENTED BY:		
1,606	Cash and cash equivalents	731	7,787
<b>1,606</b>		<b>731</b>	<b>7,787</b>

Summary Statement of Cashflows – For the year ended 30 June 2010

June 09 Actual \$(000's)		June 10 Actual \$(000's)	June 10 Budget \$(000's)
992,765	Equity at the start of the year	1,058,153	1,010,314
65,388	Total comprehensive income	17,237	31,810
<b>1,058,153</b>	<b>Equity at the end of the year</b>	<b>1,075,390</b>	<b>1,042,124</b>



## Significant Variances compared to the Annual Plan

The Council made a net surplus of \$1.622 million (budgeted surplus of \$2.904 million).

Explanations for major variations from the budget are as follows:	
Revenue and expenditure	\$(000's)
<b>2009/2010 LTCCP surplus</b>	<b>2,904</b>
Increases/(reductions)	
Targeted Rates	(429)
Other Revenue	1,298
Other Gains	1,440
Share of Associates surplus/deficit	(326)
Other increases in revenue	319
Environment and planning	280
Engineering	97
Community services	399
Council Enterprises	(705)
Other Expense variances	135
Other Losses	(2,756)
Joint ventures (Net)	(1,034)
	(1,282)
<b>2010 Annual Report Surplus</b>	<b>1,622</b>

### The major reasons for the variance between actual and estimated net surplus were:

Targeted rates are down on budget due to a decrease in water rates received. This is due to a water refund of \$163,000 given during the year due to overcharging over a number of years, as well as water rates being down on budget due to a daily charge being incorrectly incorporated into the budget for Motueka.

Other revenue is up on budget due to the following reasons:

- Assets vested in Council being \$730,000 higher than expected due to the timing of subdivisions;
- Reserve Financial Contributions being \$531,000 higher than expected due to an increase in building consents issued;
- A \$90,000 recovery from the Ministry for the Environment towards Mapua rehabilitation costs;
- Regulatory income being \$307,000 higher than expected due to increased work performed in the Building Control activity (with a corresponding increase in building control expenditure) as well as Council receiving concession fees, which were not budgeted for, for the Abel Tasman Foreshore Reserve;
- Community facilities income being \$340,000 higher than expected due to community contributions towards the Murchison Sport Recreation and Cultural Centre and the Motueka Recreation Centre;
- Forestry income being \$612,000 higher than budgeted due to the budget netting of forestry harvesting income against harvesting cost.

Other gains are up on budget due to an increase in the forestry revaluation of \$1,723,000 which had not been budgeted for. Other losses are up on budget due to a loss on the revaluation of the interest rate swaps of \$2,581,000 which had not been budgeted for. TDC does not budget for gains and losses due to the inherent difficulties in forecasting market conditions.

The share of associate's income is down on budget mainly due to an accounting adjustment for deferred tax on buildings. This resulted from the Government announcing that the ability to claim tax depreciation deductions on buildings with an estimated useful life of 50 years or more will be removed from the start of the 2011/2012 income tax year.

Engineering expenditure increased due to emergency works undertaken being \$1m more than budgeted. (These have been partially offset by an increase in New Zealand Transport Agency subsidies). There has also been an increase in depreciation expense over budget resulting from revaluations.

Council enterprises expenditure is over budget due to the budget netting of harvesting cost against forestry harvesting income.

Joint Ventures net surplus is below budget. The budget had not allowed for the 50% elimination required on accounting for the joint venture.

Explanations for major variations from the budget are as follows:			
Statement of Financial Position	Actual \$(000's)	LTCCP \$(000's)	Variance \$(000's)
The carrying values of the following items vary significantly from those forecast in the LTCCP			
Cash and cash equivalents	731	7,787	(7,056)
Trade and other receivables	11,169	4,723	6,446
Working Capital	(67,372)	(4,175)	(63,197)
Investment in Associates	81,400	69,077	12,323
Property, plant and equipment	1,088,440	1,071,272	17,168
Term Borrowings	(48,428)	(116,014)	67,586
Accumulated equity	(477,433)	(481,118)	3,685
Reserve funds	(12,450)	(6,714)	(5,736)
Revaluation reserves	(585,507)	(554,292)	(31,215)

**The major reasons for the variance between actual and estimated Statement of Financial Position values were:**

Cash and cash equivalents have decreased due to the timing of payments. This has affected Council's working capital position.

Trade and other receivables have increased due to the timing of Council's invoicing of debtors as well as an increase in overdue accounts which are being actively followed up by Council. This has affected Council's working capital position.

The main reason for the decrease in the working capital position is due to the current portion of term loans. This is due to the IFRS requirement to show term loans as current if a banking facility is not in place for those loans for the next 12 months.

Investment in Associates has increased due to the share of surplus and movements in revaluation reserves being higher than budgeted in the 2008/2009 financial year. This resulted in a higher opening balance in the current year which was not taken into account as it was unknown until after the 2009/2010 budgets had been set.

The property, plant and equipment asset increase is due to the actual opening balance at the beginning of the 2009/2010 year being higher than that estimated at the time of preparing the 2009/2010 Long Term Council Community Plan due to the utilities revaluations undertaken last year. These revaluation gains were higher than those projected.

Term borrowings are down on budget mainly due to the reclassification of term debt to current portion of term debt.

The Accumulated Equity increase is primarily due to the actual opening balance at the beginning of the 2009/2010 year being lower than that estimated at the time of preparing the 2009/2010 Long Term Council Community Plan.

Reserve funds have increased primarily due to actual opening balance at the beginning of the 2009/2010 year being \$2.5m higher than that estimated at the time of preparing the 2009/2010 Long Term Council Community Plan. There was also an increase in the amount transferred to reserves during the year due to more reserve financial contributions being received than budgeted. The timing of engineering projects can also affect the balance of the reserve funds at year end.

Revaluation reserves are up due to the actual opening balance at the beginning of the 2009/2010 year being higher than that estimated at the time of preparing the 2009/2010 Long Term Council Community Plan due to the utilities revaluations undertaken last year. These revaluation gains were higher than those projected.



# Tasman District Council

## Annual Residents Survey 2010

In addition to the Annual Report, which identifies how the Council has managed its financial responsibilities, the Council conducts an annual survey of residents to measure the community's satisfaction with the services delivered. A summary of the survey's findings are below. The full survey results can be found at [www.tasman.govt.nz/policy/reports/resident-survey](http://www.tasman.govt.nz/policy/reports/resident-survey)

### Rates Issues

Overall, 76% of Tasman District residents are satisfied with the way rates are spent on services/facilities provided by Council (72% in 2009), while 19% are not very satisfied (23% in 2009).

The percent not very satisfied is below the Peer Group Average and slightly below the National Average.

### Contact with Council

Residents are likely to contact Council offices or staff (85%) first if they have a matter to raise with Council. 7% of residents would make contact with a Councillor. These readings are similar to the 2009 reading.

Of the 62% of residents who have contacted Council in the last 12 months, 86% are satisfied with the service they received (88% in 2009).

### Seen, Read or Heard Information from Council

95% of residents say they have seen, read or heard information from the Council, specifically for the community, in the last 12 months in the form of:

Newsline – The Mag	92% of these residents*
Council advertisements in newspapers	75% (81% in 2009)
Information sent with the rates demand	59% (64% in 2009)
'10 Year Plan' or Long-Term Council Community Plan	56%
The Annual Plan	49%
Council advertisements on the radio	43%
Information available from the Council offices or libraries	38% (44% in 2009)
The Council's website	26%

\*Base = 374 (residents who have seen, read or heard information from the Council)

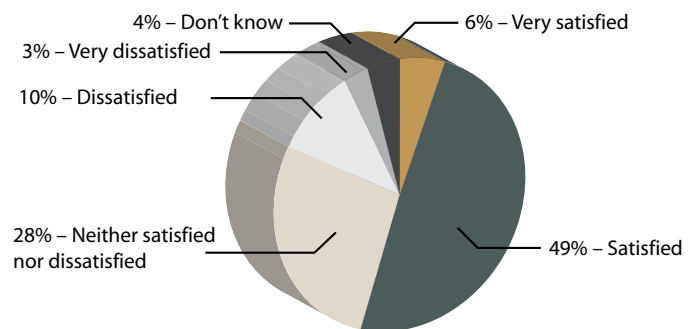
### Sufficiency of Information Supplied by Council

More than enough	9% of all residents
Enough	72%
Not enough	13%
Nowhere near enough	1%
Don't know/not sure	6%

(does not add to 100% due to rounding)

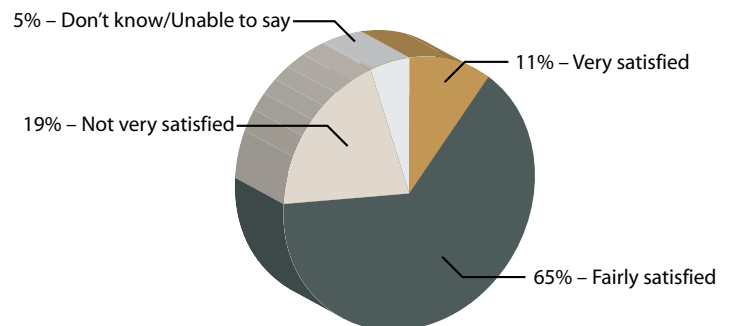
### Council Consultation and Community Involvement

#### Satisfaction with the way Council involves the public in the decisions it makes, overall...



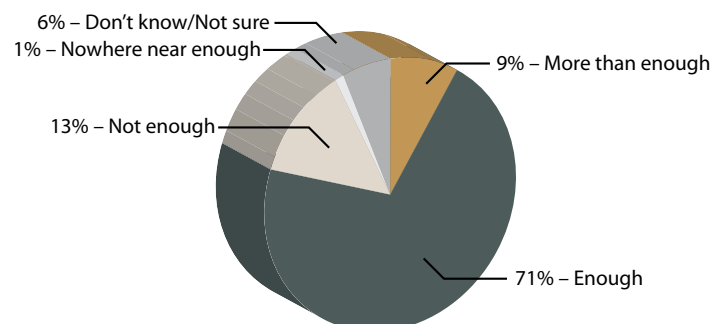
### Rates Issues

#### Satisfaction with the way Rates are Spent on Services and Facilities Provided by Council, overall...



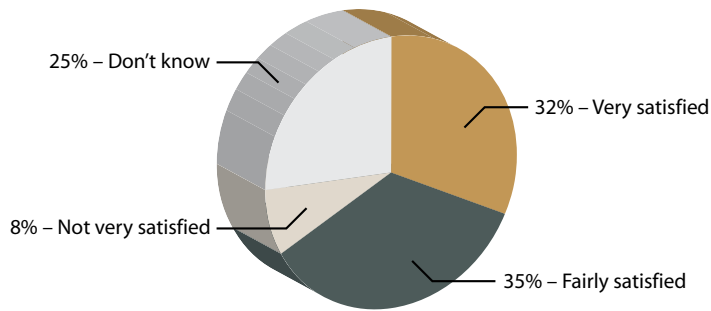
### Information Supplied

#### All residents were asked whether they considered the information supplied by Council to be sufficient. The Sufficiency of the Information Supplied, overall...



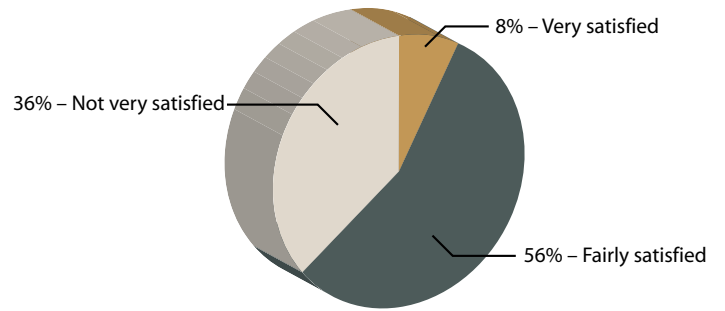
**Satisfaction with Council Services/Facilities**

**Water Supply, overall...**



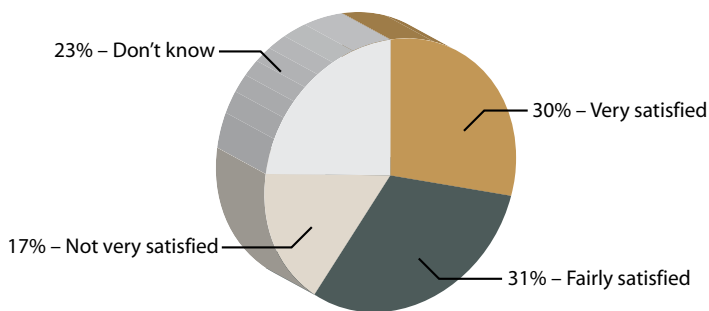
67% of residents are satisfied with the Water Supply, including 32% who are very satisfied (27% in 2009). 8% are not very satisfied and 25% are unable to comment.

**Roads, overall...**



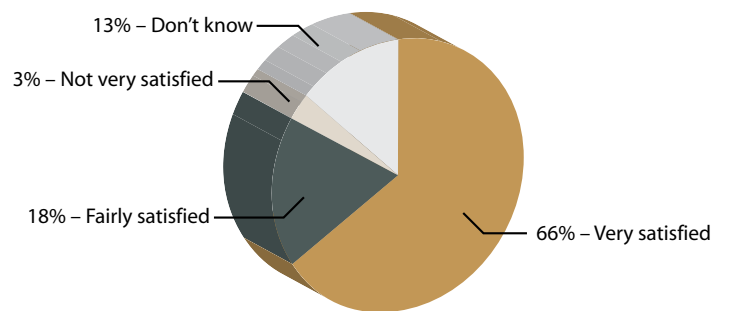
64% of residents are satisfied with the roading in the District (73% in 2009), while 36% are not very satisfied with this aspect of the District.

**Stormwater Services, overall...**



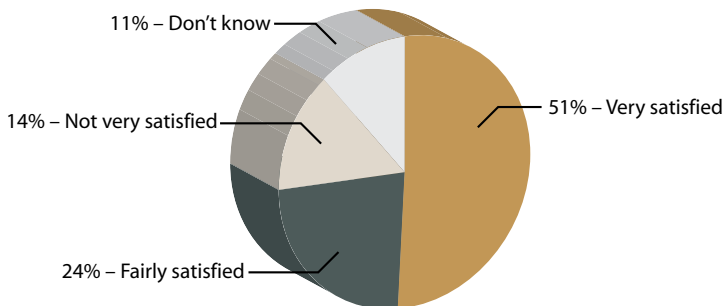
61% of residents are satisfied with Stormwater Services (67% in 2009), including 30% who are very satisfied (26% in 2009). 17% are not very satisfied and 23% are unable to comment (19% in 2009).

**Public Libraries, overall...**



84% of residents are satisfied with the District's Public Libraries, including 66% who are very satisfied (60% in 2009). 3% are not very satisfied and 13% are unable to comment.

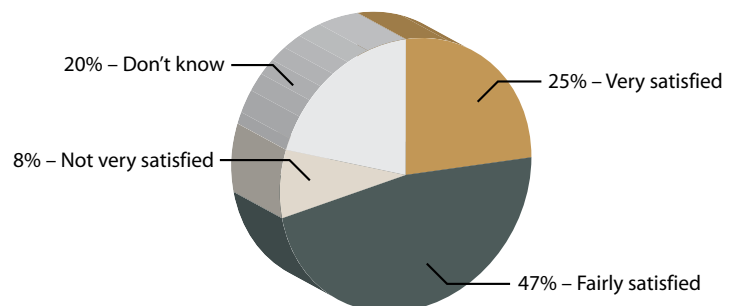
**Rubbish Collection and Kerside Recycling, overall...**



75% of residents are satisfied with Rubbish Collection and Kerbside Recycling, including 51% who are very satisfied (43% in 2009). 14% are not very satisfied and 11% are unable to comment.

**Environmental Information**

**(that includes monitoring and providing information on the state of our natural resources, like water quality)**



72% of Tasman residents are satisfied with the Environmental Information (75% in 2009), including 25% who are very satisfied. 8% are not very satisfied and 20% are unable to comment (16% in 2009).

The full survey results can be found at [www.tasman.govt.nz/policy/reports/resident-survey](http://www.tasman.govt.nz/policy/reports/resident-survey)



# BEACHES RECEIVE A SPRING CLEAN

A sobering 10.4 tonnes of rubbish was collected from the Nelson-Tasman coastline in the Big Beach Clean-up.

More than 770 volunteers turned out on 20 November 2010. Groups and businesses had "adopted" 50 sections of coastline – a total of 291 kilometres. The clean-up teams found everything from food wrappers to bike frames, tyres, mussel buoy, and a half-wrecked car, says Rudy Tetteroo, of the Department of Conservation, which organised the event.

Tasman District Council staff pitched in with a couple of hard sections. The Engineering Eagles team took on Best Island, and the Consents Department spring-cleaned around the sewage works.

Other teams included sea scouts, girl guides, boating clubs, water taxis, banks, trampers, Nelson City Council, Opus, MWH, Fulton Hogan, Rotary and Dry Crust Communications – a "fantastic response", says Rudy.

"Even the seabed at Anchorage received a vacuuming, with a local dive club collecting a swag of bottles discarded by boaties," he says.

One clean-up crew at Lower Queen Street, near Swamp Road, were confronted by "kilos and kilos" of bottles, paper and plastic funnelled in by a combination of wind and tide.

Rudy says the Big Beach Clean-Up is likely to become annual in some form – and hopefully find less rubbish. DOC will liaise with other groups, such as Keep New Zealand Beautiful, and may put together a public-private arrangement with a sponsor, allowing the department to step back.

This event was jointly organised by DOC, Nelson City Council, Nelmac and Tasman District Council.

The Councils also took responsibility for the reception and disposal of the rubbish collected during the event.



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# ROAD SAFETY. WHAT IF...?

As a travel and transportation planner, who is involved in helping promote active transport, it has been dismaying to read about so many cycling crashes over the last few weeks. Heartfelt sympathies go to all concerned. With most of those tragedies, the crash could have been avoided.

We hear many stories of near misses across Tasman and it is often only by sheer luck that we haven't had our own local tragedy, but it makes us stop and think 'What if..?'

It seems appropriate therefore with the onset of summer and more cyclists appearing on the road to address the issue and look at how cyclists and drivers can look after one another responsibly and with respect.

## The Road Code states:

- Drivers should give cyclists at least 1.5 metres of space – this is a recommendation, not a law. This allows for cyclists to avoid potholes, litter and opening car doors. Most roads in Tasman are quite wide. On narrow roads or roads with no yellow passing lines, wait for a clear space before passing a cyclist.
- Cyclists should look ahead and look out for parked cars with people inside who may open doors. Create some space for yourself wherever possible. Pass cars with room for people to open their doors.
- Check behind you before opening car doors. Cyclists can be hard to see.
- In turn, cyclists should make sure they are visible to drivers – wear brightly coloured or reflective clothing when you are cycling. It's better to be safe than being worried about what your mates will say. Cyclists also need lights if they are cycling in the dark or poor light, just like cars.

- At intersections and roundabouts, apply the same rules to cyclists that you would to any other vehicle on the road. Indicate as you would for a car.
- Place yourself in the traffic appropriately. Drivers prefer cyclists who are assertive in their movements. If you are turning right at an intersection or a roundabout approach them as you would in a car. Plan your approach and don't leave your decision making until the last minute.
- Cyclists are also seen as vehicles and need to obey the road rules as well. Cyclists must stop at red lights like cars and other vehicles. It is wrong for cyclists at red lights and other intersections to hop on to the footpath. It is confusing and worrying for drivers. Let drivers know your intentions – use your arms to indicate which direction you are turning. Indicate for three seconds.
- Only drive across cycle lanes when entering or leaving side roads, driveways or parking spaces.
- Give way to cyclists if crossing a cycle lane.
- Do not park in a cycle lane.
- Take extra care around younger cyclists, especially if you are in a school zone. It is a good idea to reduce your speed.

## Cyclists also need to make sure that:

- Their bike is in good working order – you never know when you need to apply your brakes.

- Be prepared and ride defensively.
- Check behind you before manoeuvring.
- Be in control of your bike – have both hands on the handlebars especially when turning corners
- If you want to do tricks, don't do them on a road, go to somewhere where you can do so safely.

Cyclists and drivers have a right to use the roads and to travel safely and enjoyably. We all have to understand and respect everyone's needs.

If you wish to improve your cycling skills, we can put you in touch with groups such as Way2Go who can offer you tuition. To find out more contact [sarah.downs@tasman.govt.nz](mailto:sarah.downs@tasman.govt.nz) or telephone Sarah, Ph. 03 543 8542.

Happy and safe cycling – here's to no "What ifs".



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# WRITE CHOICES

## NEWS FROM THE TASMAN DISTRICT LIBRARIES

### From the Librarian's Desk

#### What a year 2010 has been for Tasman District Libraries!

Rising numbers of books being issued, visitor numbers, and membership numbers have kept us busy. We celebrated the opening of the refurbished Richmond Library and Takaka Library was the place to be during the "Winter Series" and the "Children's Lit Quiz" was a runaway success at the Motueka and Takaka Libraries.

Staff are now preparing for the busy holiday season. We know that for many of you the summer holidays are the only time that you have a chance to do any reading. Look out for holiday reading displays in your local library or ask our staff to help you find the perfect relaxing read. If this is the time for catching up with hobbies or DIY we can find resources to help and inspire.

From all of the staff we wish you a wonderful holiday season. We look forward to seeing you again in 2011.

### Holiday opening hours

Motueka, Takaka and Richmond libraries will all close at 5.00 pm on Friday 24 December 2010 and Friday 31 December 2010. Murchison Library will close at 4.30 pm on the 24 December 2010. All libraries will be closed 25 December 2010 – 28 December 2010, reopening Wednesday 29 December 2010. All libraries will be closed 1 January 2011 – 4 January 2011, reopening Wednesday 5 January 2011. **Normal hours resume on Wednesday 5 January 2011.**

### The Big Bush Read! – 2010 Summer Reading Programme

**This year's summer reading programme is now underway and the first check-ins will be starting next week.**

Just a reminder that there are no check-ins at any of the libraries between Christmas and New Year. Check-ins will resume on Wednesday 5 January 2011.

Happy reading!

### Takaka Christmas Parade

If you'd like to be a hobbit or an elf on our fun library float in the Takaka Christmas Parade, call in at the library and speak to Doris. The Parade is on **Saturday 18 December 2010.**

### Christmas Storytime

**Takaka** - Tuesday 21 December 2010, 10.30 am – 11.30 am. Stories, song and craft for children 4- 8 years old.

**Motueka** – Tuesday 21 December, 11.00 am – 12.00 noon Christmas creations, stories and crafts for children 4 – 11 years old. Limited to the first 40 children.

### Most popular fiction of 2010

2010 saw James Patterson lose his place as Tasman's most popular author to Maeve Binchy, whose books "Whitethorn Woods" and "Nights of Rain and Stars" were the highest issuing fiction titles. Lee Child's "Nothing To Lose" was the third most popular fiction title.

The most popular rental fiction title was Lee Child's "Gone Tomorrow". "Assegai" by Wilbur Smith and David Baldacci's "Divine Justice" were the next most popular.

The Captain Underpants series continues to be the favourite with the kids and the Twilight series is still number one with our young adult readers.

If you're visiting Richmond Library over the holiday period, check out our bucket list promotion and let us know what your all-time must-read book is.



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# NEWSUPDATE

## RESOURCE CONSENTS

The Council has received applications for resource consent, which have been publicly notified. The applications and supporting information may be examined in any Council office. The full public notice may be found online at Council's website ([www.tasman.govt.nz](http://www.tasman.govt.nz)). Any person may make a submission on the applications in accordance with Section 96 of the Resource Management Act 1991. Submission forms are available from Council offices and on Council's website. Please note that the following is an abridged advisory notice only.

**Applicant:** Marahau Estates Ltd.

**Location:** Old MacDonald's Farm and Holiday Park, 54 Harvey Road, Marahau.

**Consent Type, Application Number and Proposal:**

**Land Use Consent (Application RM090280):**

To undertake a tourist accommodation activity (holiday park) accommodating up to 500 persons per night reflective of the peak season of 22 December - 31 January, but lower numbers for the remainder of the year. The subject land is in Rural 1 and Rural 2 Zones as defined by the Tasman Resource Management Plan.

**Discharge Permit (Application RM090271):**

To discharge domestic wastewater and greywater on proposed Lot 1, in conjunction with Old MacDonald's Farm and Holiday Park.

**Subdivision Consent (Application RM090272):**

To subdivide the 32 hectare property into two allotments as follows: Lot 1 having an area of 13.53 hectares containing Old MacDonald's Farm and Holiday Park and contingency area for any future upgrades of on-site wastewater disposal for that activity and Lots 2-4 having a total area of 18.36 hectares containing farmland and temporary accommodation.

**Land Use Consent (Application RM090273):**

To construct a dwelling on proposed Lot 4 of Application RM090272 which will replace a temporary dwelling in a converted farm shed.

**Water Permit (Application RM090747):**

To increase the rate of taking of water from Barons Creek, a tributary of Marahau River, from 100 cubic metres per day to 700 cubic metres per day (maximum 2 litres per second) and the use of this water for potable supply to the camping ground.

**Land Use Consent (Application RM090748):**

To construct two stopbanks on the northern side of the Marahau River alongside those areas of the Holiday Park known as the Bull and Cowmans Paddocks, such stopbanks being generally of 1 metre height and designed for a Q50 flood event.

**Submissions due:** 4.30 pm on Monday 17 January 2011.

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**Applicant:** Coastal Vineyards Ltd.

**Location:** 42 & 50 Pukeko Lane, Redwood Valley.

**Consent Type, Application Number and Proposal:**

**RM100330:**

To Subdivide Lots 3 and 5 DP 402449 to create two additional titles to be located east of the existing right of way. The four resulting allotments will be 1.3644 hectares, 1.5177 hectares, 5280 square metres, and 5280 square metres in area, all less than the 2 hectare minimum lot size for this Rural residential Zone.

**RM100331:**

Land Use consent for building in the Coastal Environment Area and seven users on an existing right of way.

**RM100375:**

Land Use consent for earthworks in the Coastal Environment Area.

**RM100376-RM100378:**

Stormwater Discharge consents from proposed Lots 1, 2 and 5.

**RM100379 - RM100381:**

Wastewater Discharge consents from proposed Lots 1, 2 and 5.

The proposal is in a Rural Residential Zone and partially in a Coastal Environment Area as defined in the Tasman Resource Management Plan.

**Submissions due:** 4.30 pm on Friday 10 December 2010.

## 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)**

**Golden Bay Community Board**

Collingwood Fire Station, Collingwood, Tuesday, 14 December 2010, 9.00 am. *Public forum*

**Motueka Community Board**

Motueka Office, 7 Hickmott Place, Motueka, Tuesday, 14 December 2010, 4.00 pm. *Public forum*

**Environment and Planning Committee**

Tasman Council Chambers, 189 Queen Street, Richmond, Thursday, 16 December 2010, 9.30 am. *Public forum*

### 24 Hour Emergency – Phone your local office

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Takaka	03 525 0020

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## ROAD CLOSURES

Pursuant to the Transport (Vehicle Road Closure) Regulations 1965, notice is hereby given that for the purpose of allowing the Nelson Drag Racing Association to carry out drag racing at the Motueka Aerodrome the following road will be closed to ordinary vehicular traffic for the periods and times indicated hereunder.

**Proposed Road to be closed to Ordinary Vehicular Traffic and Period of Closure:**

Queen Victoria Street, from King Edward Street to Green Lane.

**Period of Closure:** 9.00 am to 4.00 pm – Saturday 11 December 2010.

## PUBLIC NOTICES

### Christmas holiday opening hours

All of Council's offices and service centres will be **closed from 3.00 pm on Friday 24 December 2010 until 9.00 am on Wednesday 5 January 2011.**

Please remember that Council can be contacted 24 hrs a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year by phoning 03 543 8400. Council's website is also perfect for finding the information you need quickly and easily [www.tasman.govt.nz](http://www.tasman.govt.nz)

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## HOLIDAY REMINDERS FOR DOG OWNERS

With the weather warming up it is timely to remind all dog owners, and those who will be temporarily looking after dogs for holidaying friends or relatives, of some summertime do's and don'ts.

Ensuring that your dog has adequate shelter, shade and plenty to drink is necessary at any time of year, but especially so in the hot weather. If your dog is kept indoors while you are at work, he or she must remain cool for reasons of health and well-being. Providing adequate ventilation is essential. If your dog is outside, shade and a good supply of water must be readily available.

While it is enjoyable taking your dog for long walks, please do so in the early morning or evening, not in the heat of midday. If the temperature makes you feel uncomfortable when walking your dog, turn around and go home.

There are designated areas in Tasman District where dogs are allowed at all times of the year, however, particular areas are declared dog-free, some only over the summer months. Full details are available on Council's website or by calling any Council office. Hummin' in Tasman, the free summer activities and events guide, also has this information.

All dog walkers need to be especially vigilant about keeping dogs under control at all times. This means that your dog must

immediately respond to commands either by voice, whistle or hand signals. If you know that your dog is easily distracted, use leash control in situations where your commands may be ignored.

This is extremely important if you are in an area containing protected wildlife and birds, either on beaches or in the countryside, you must put your dog on a leash immediately.

Dogs being walked in urban areas must be kept on a leash at all times. Leaving your dog tied up outside a shop or on a footpath is not recommended as all dogs can react out-of-character if they feel threatened, particularly by small children who are the same height as the dog. Remember any dog can bite – they all have teeth – and even the most placid pet will object if it is antagonised.

Always carry a Doggie Doo bag when you take your dog for a walk, and use it. Dog owners are legally responsible for cleaning up after their pets in any public place.

For any advice or questions you may have on the care and control of your dog, call Tasman District Council Dog Control, Ph. 03 543 8400.



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