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## ABEL TASMAN NOMINATED IN WORLD TRAVEL AWARDS

The Abel Tasman National Park has been nominated as the Leading Beach Destination in Australasia in the World Travel Awards.

Known as “the Oscars of the travel industry” the World Travel Awards were launched in 1993 to acknowledge and recognise excellence in the world's travel and tourism industry. Votes are cast by 217,000 travel professionals including travel agencies, tour and transport companies and tourism organisations in over 160 countries across the globe. Members of the public are also invited to vote at [www.worldtravelawards.com/vote](http://www.worldtravelawards.com/vote)

The Abel Tasman National Park competes for the title of Leading Beach Destination in Australasia against such icons as the Far North's Ninety Mile Beach, Aitutaki in the Cook Islands and Bondi Beach in Sydney. If selected as the winner, the Abel Tasman will then compete for the title of Leading Beach Destination in the World, at the Grand Final in New Delhi in December 2012.

Nelson Tasman Tourism International Marketing Manager Loren Heaphy says “It's a great privilege to be nominated for a World Travel Award and I strongly encourage everyone to log in and vote.”

“We are fortunate to have such a beautiful natural paradise in our backyard and it is fantastic to see it being recognised on a global stage. The work that the Department of Conservation, local tourism operators and the Abel Tasman Birdsong Trust all do to maintain the pristine environment of the park while also welcoming a quarter of a million visitors a year, is to be applauded and this is a credit to their work”.

The Abel Tasman National Park is no stranger to awards, having been voted the Number One Destination in New Zealand in the AA 101 'Must Dos' for Kiwis. Images of its golden beaches are used internationally to promote New Zealand, and it is widely recognised as one of the key reasons international tourists visit the Nelson Tasman region.

Other New Zealand tourism businesses and destinations feature in the World Travel Awards including: Air New Zealand for Leading Australasian Airline; Wellington International Airport for Leading Australasian Airport, and Tourism New Zealand for Leading Tourist Board. Tourism New Zealand picked up the award for Australasia's Leading Tourist Board in 2011 and is hoping for a repeat performance again this year. A full list of nominations is available on the website at [www.worldtravelawards.com/nominees](http://www.worldtravelawards.com/nominees)

### THIS WEEK:

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# MAYOR'S COMMENT

By the time you receive this edition of Newsline the Council will have heard the majority of the verbal submissions to the District's Long Term Plan.

In hearing and reading the nearly 900 submissions to the Plan I am heartened by the level of engagement this community has in its future. As a Council it has been reinforced that we should be looking at the most critical issues such as maintenance of existing assets, the needs of our growing communities and meeting Government requirements.

Throughout these hearings we have had requests for commitments to projects that would add tens of millions to the Council's draft budget. Even with some reprioritisation of projects or necessities we will not be able to deliver the desired outcome to a number of submitters.

We understand these desires and the passion displayed in the many submissions, however, we must acknowledge that we cannot deliver everything in an affordable manner. At best we can deliver

the projects that deliver the most to the majority, which is not ideal for those passionate about focused outcomes, but necessary.

This is one of the most difficult jobs we have as elected representatives but it is what we signed up for and as such we have a responsibility to deliver the best service at an affordable price as well as recognising projects that enhance the choice of people to live in Tasman.

While we will not please everyone we are committed to this goal.

**Mayor Richard Kempthorne**



## DATABASE IMPROVEMENTS SAVE TIME AND MONEY

Ratepayers can look forward to a more efficient relationship with Tasman District Council as it streamlines its databases into a single package based on the customer rather than the property. This will mean a change of address, for instance, can be actioned through the rating database, dog registration or debtor register in one go.

The new file-sharing capability will allow Council staff to view all the dealings that a customer has with the Council, says Mandy Tomlinson, Corporate Services Computer Systems Administrator. She reassures ratepayers that the Council will not be gathering any extra information on them, just sorting the existing data into a more efficient package, saving everyone time and effort.

Each customer will have a unique identifier number, and will still be able to retain separate addresses for various functions if they wish.

The rating database is ready for the new set-up, with dog registrations to follow later this month and the debtor and creditor listings within two months.

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# JOINT REGIONAL WASTE PLAN RELEASED BY COUNCILS

The region's joint waste management and minimisation plan (JWMMP) has been given the go-ahead by both Tasman District and Nelson City Councils.

Introducing the Plan, Chair of the Joint Working Party Tasman Councillor Judene Edgar said, we are becoming increasingly aware of the harm our waste can do to the environment, if not well managed.

"Nelson City and Tasman District Councils have a responsibility to look after current and future generations by minimising our impact upon the environment. We cannot, however, do this alone."

An assessment of the region's waste management current and future demands were presented to both Councils in 2010 along with a number of proposals to meet those demands. In response a working party comprising of Councillors and staff from both Councils as well as representatives of the District Health Board was set up to guide the development of what was to become the JWMMP.

With a vision of 'Valuing Resources and Eliminating Waste' the plan has identified a number of goals, guiding principles, objectives, policies and methods.

"We are heading in the direction of our goals - avoiding waste, promoting efficient resource use, and minimising harm from waste - but there is still much work to do. These three goals reflect that as a community, we need to work together, take individual and collective responsibility, and make changes to our behaviour."

"This joint plan builds on the Joint Waste Assessment undertaken in 2010 and is a key starting point for what we expect to be an enduring commitment by our councils and community".

The working party received a number of submissions to the draft released late 2011 and we look forward to furthering the relationship with the community in the delivery of the plan", concluded Councillor Edgar.

The vision is:

Valuing resources and eliminating waste

The goals are:

Goal 1: Avoiding the creation of waste

Goal 2: Improving the efficiency of resource use

Goal 3: Reducing the harmful effects of waste

The hierarchy of methods for waste management and minimisation is:



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# CREATIVE COMMUNITY GRANTS RECIPIENTS

One of the objectives listed in the Council's mission statement is to enhance community development and the natural, cultural and recreational assets relating to Tasman District.

One of the ways that the Council sets out to achieve part of this objective is to administer a number of community grants schemes, scholarships and awards. Some of these are administered on the Council's own account. Others are funds administered on behalf of Creative New Zealand and SPARC ( Sport and Recreation NZ).

Below is a list of the Creative Community Grant recipients over the last 12 months.

July 2011	
Patches of Tasman Inc	\$500
Richmond Spinning & Weaving Group	\$750
Motueka Arts Council	\$500
Moutere Hills Community Centre	\$500
Mapua Art Group	\$450
Golden Bay Community Workers Inc	\$1,000
Young @ Art	\$849
The Golden Bay Pottery Club c/- Golden Bay Workcentre	\$488
Choirs Aotearoa NZ Trust	\$1,000
Golden Bay Community Arts Council	\$1,000
Arts Council Nelson Inc	\$1,000
Cabaret in the Cave	\$500
November 2011	
Destination Nelson Lakes	\$1,500
Golden Bay Community Arts Council	\$400

The Stage Challenge Foundation	\$1,000
The Golden Bay Pottery Club	\$577.50
SGCNZ University of Otago - Tasman/West Coast Regional Shakespeare Festival	\$647
Moutere Hills Community Centre	\$1,000
Mapua Community Library	\$750
Sam Hopley	\$750
New Zealand Society of Authors	\$1,000
Golden Bay Community Workers Inc	\$500
Sport Tasman - Motueka Recreation Centre	\$500
March 2012	
Golden Bay Workcentre Trust	\$1,000
Motueka District Brass Inc	\$750
Motueka Pottery Workshop	\$450
Nelson Embroiderer's Guild	\$750
Richard Liddicoat	\$204
Women in Nelson Inc	\$250
Alan Bilham	\$200
Emily Tait - Vast Dance Festival	\$2,000
Golden Bay Community Arts Council	\$350
Motueka Arts Council	\$1,000
Te Awhina Marae	\$1,500
Moana Lee Robertson	\$2,982.94
Tasman Visual Arts Group	\$4,000
Te Awhi Rito	\$1,450
Moutere Hills Community Centre	\$1,200
Murchison Community Resource Inc	\$500
Te Awhina Marae on behalf of Te Oro Ha	\$1,650

## POHARA VALLEY WATER SUPPLY TO BE REPAIRED AND UPGRADED

The tender for the \$175,000 repair to the Pohara Valley Water Supply has been awarded to Fulton Hogan. The company will begin the work in mid May 2012.

The repair – part of the flood recovery effort following the December 2011 rain event - is also being used as an opportunity to upgrade several aspects of the water supply infrastructure.

- Water reservoir storage is increased from one day's storage to five day's storage

- The intake will be able to be switched off in a rain event – meaning water in the system stays clean
- Additional storage in Haile Lane and improvements to associated pipework will take place
- At the same time, the system will be automated.

The repair work is separate to the current discussions around stormwater system in the area, and is expected to be completed by the end of June 2012.

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### Motueka Recreation Centre is celebrating 25 years!

We would love you to join us on Saturday 19 May 2012 at 6.30 pm to midnight for a great party and night of live music. Doors open 6.30 pm Happy Hour, 7.30 pm seated for Awards, 8.30 pm to midnight Paul Madsen performing live. Tickets only \$20pp or \$30 double, available from Motueka Recreation Centre, Old Wharf Road.

### London 2012 Olympic Samsung Truck to visit

Sport Tasman is delighted to be working alongside the NZ Olympic Committee (NZOC) to help bring the Olympic experience to our region. A special programme involving the official Samsung Experience Truck is to visit Marlborough (August 3-4), Nelson (August 5-6) and Westport (August 7). More details will be available on [www.sporttasman.org.nz](http://www.sporttasman.org.nz) as plans are finalised.

### Sport Tasman News

If you want to keep up with what's happening in Sport & Recreation across the

Top of the South then contact us now. You will get monthly updates from us on key activities in our region. Send your name, organisation/business, and email address to [admin@sporttasman.org.nz](mailto:admin@sporttasman.org.nz)

### What's On at Motueka Recreation Centre

#### Drop in Futsal (indoor football)

When: Every Tuesday 6.00 pm – 9.00 pm  
Cost: \$2.00 per person. For more information contact Hana Ph. 03 528 8228 or [hana.c@sporttasman.org.nz](mailto:hana.c@sporttasman.org.nz)

#### Casual Gym Visits

When: Open Monday to Saturday  
Cost: Std \$8.00, 60+ \$6.50  
Membership also available.  
24 hour access available.

Contact our friendly Sport Tasman staff at MRC on Ph. 03 528 8228

### What's On at Richmond Recreation Centre

#### Sit and Be Fit (Level 1)

Easy seated exercise with balance options included. Social time afterwards with cuppa tea and food.  
When: Fridays 11.15 am – 12 noon  
Cost: \$4.00 casual

#### Ease in2 Cycling

Come and join our new cycling group that explores the Richmond, Stoke and Nelson's cycle ways. Gain confidence and brush up on your cycling skills, you will even learn how to maintain your bike.  
Come and join us on a Monday or Wednesday from 1.00 pm – 3.00 pm.  
Call Sarah or Mary-Ann at Sport Tasman on Ph. 03 544 3955.

### What's On at Saxton Stadium

#### Tai Chi – new class starting

Tai Chi for health is a modified style of Tai Chi where you attend once a week for 15 weeks. Beginners: 10.00 am – 11.00 am Thursday  
Intermediate: 11.30 am – 12.30 pm Thursday  
Cost: \$6 per session or \$75 for 15 week concession card  
New 15 week class starting on 7 June 2012.

#### Mums and Bubs

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- Suitable for parents with babies six weeks and older
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### Teaching Physical Education with Confidence



Re-vitalise and re-energise your teaching of physical education! This practical workshop aims to support primary teachers to develop confidence and competence in delivering physical education to their students. Check out [www.sporttasman.org.nz/primary\\_intermediate](http://www.sporttasman.org.nz/primary_intermediate) to find a workshop near you.  
Blenheim: 13 June 2012 4.00 pm – 7.00 pm.  
Nelson: 14 June 2012 4.00 pm – 7.00 pm.

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## PUBLIC NOTICES

### Notice of Intention to Change of Reserve Classifications

Pursuant to Section 24 of the Reserves Act 1977, the Tasman District Council gives notice of its intention to change the classification of portions of the Tapawera and Brightwater Recreation Reserves. The affected portions of the respective reserves are utilised for the following activities:

**Tapawera Recreation Reserve – Toy Library, and Playcentre**

**Brightwater Recreation Reserve – Pinegrove Kindergarten**

It is considered desirable to change the classifications of the relevant portions of the reserves from Recreation Reserve to Local Purpose (Community Buildings) Reserves. This will more correctly align the current uses of the reserves to a more appropriate reserve classification.

The intention is to have current uses reflected in the reserve classifications. This process is essentially an administrative action and there is no intention to change any current activities on these reserves. Recreation uses on these reserves will continue as they do now, and those portions of the reserves will retain Recreation Reserve status.

Some car parking areas will be included in the change of classification process, but the car parks will remain available for all reserve users, as they are now. The change of classification for the Brightwater Reserve will be slightly larger than the land occupied by the Kindergarten at present. This is partly to minimise survey costs and partly to provide for potential expansion.

For plans of the portions of the reserves intended for changes of classification, and to make further enquiries, please contact Robert Cant at Tasman District Council – robert.cant@tasman.govt.nz, Ph 03 543 8400.

Submissions or objections on the proposed classification changes should be made in writing, to the address below, and must be received no later than 4.00 pm on Monday 28 May 2012.

Tasman District Council, Private Bag 4, Richmond

## PUBLIC NOTICES

### Draft Tasman Regional Land Transport Programme 2012-2015 Released

The Draft Tasman Regional Land Transport Programme 2012-2015 is now available for public consultation.

The document provides a statement of indicative transport priorities for 2012-2015. Your views will help guide the Regional Transport Committee's decision-making prior to the final Regional Land Transport Programme being adopted in June 2012. The consultation is focused on the strategic aspect of the transport activities and the priorities given to these activities in the programme.

The proposals are contained in two documents:

- The summary that was included in the previous edition of Newline.
- The full document which outlines in greater detail the services the Council is intending to provide along with how they will be funded.

The above documents are available for viewing on Council's website at [www.tasman.govt.nz/link/rltp](http://www.tasman.govt.nz/link/rltp) and during normal office hours at the following Tasman District Council offices:

- Richmond Office, 189 Queen Street, Richmond
- Motueka Office, 7 Hickmott Place, Motueka
- Takaka Office, 78 Commercial Street, Takaka
- Murchison Office, 92 Fairfax Street, Murchison

And libraries:

- District Library, Queen Street, Richmond
- Motueka Library, Pah Street, Motueka
- Takaka Memorial Library, Junction Street, Takaka.

**Submissions to the Draft Tasman Regional Land Transport Programme must be received by 4.00 pm on Monday 21 May 2012.** Please post to:

Submissions on Draft Tasman Regional Land Transport Programme 2012-2015  
Tasman District Council

Private Bag 4  
Richmond 7050

Or deliver to your local Tasman District Council office; or email to [info@tasman.govt.nz](mailto:info@tasman.govt.nz).

Submission forms are available on Council's website.

Should submitters wish to also present their submissions to the Regional Transport Committee in person submissions will be heard on Friday 8 June 2012. Please indicate if you wish to present your submission to the Committee.



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## ROAD CLOSURES

### Closure of Road to Ordinary Vehicular Traffic

For the purpose of allowing the Motueka District Brass Band to hold a street march the following roads will be closed to ordinary vehicular traffic for the periods and times below.

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

Greenwood Street – from Mears Haven to Vosper Street

Wilkinson Street – from Greenwood Street to Wallace Street

Wallace Street – from the iSite to Wilkinson Street

From 10.30 am to 12 noon, Saturday 26 May 2012.

Any person objecting to the proposal should lodge notice of the objection before Friday 18 May 2012 to the office of the Tasman District Council, 189 Queen Street, Richmond.

## COMMUNITY NOTICES

### Notice of Meeting – Wakefield Community Council

#### AGM – Tuesday 8 May 2012, 7.30 pm

St Johns Worship Centre, Edward Street, Wakefield.

New members welcome.

### Just Danze – Motueka's newest partner dance with easy footwork

#### Every Tuesday, 7.30 pm – 9.30 pm, Motueka Memorial Hall

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Petra E-Mail [petra@fun4five.com](mailto:petra@fun4five.com)

## 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

Fire Brigade Hall, Collingwood, Tuesday 8 May 2012, 9.00 am. *Public forum*

#### Motueka Community Board

7 Hickmott Place, Motueka, Tuesday 8 May 2012, 4.00 pm. *Public forum*

#### Corporate Services Committee

Tasman Council Chambers, 189 Queen Street, Richmond, Wednesday 16 May 2012, 9.30 am. *Public forum*

#### Environment and Planning Committee

Council Chambers, 189 Queen Street, Richmond, Thursday 17 May 2012, 9.30 am. *Public forum*

#### Joint Shareholders Committee

Council Chambers, 189 Queen Street, Richmond, Friday 18 May 2012, 1.30 pm. *No public forum*

#### Tasman District Council

Council Chambers, 189 Queen Street, Richmond, Thursday 24 May 2012, 9.30 am. *Public forum*

### 24 Hour Assistance – Phone your local office

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# “Sustaining Our Community”

## Saturday 12 May 2012

- 10.00 am – 4.00 pm at Takaka Primary School (Please enter via Wadsworth St).
- Adults – gold coin entry. Kids free.

A mini-expo for Golden Bay with over 20 different stands offering ideas, information and products to help you live more sustainably. Schools’ fundraising with food and drink stands.

## NBS Seminar Series

Time	Classroom 4	Classroom 3	Classroom 2
11.00 am to 11.45 am	<b>Sustainable Developments in Farming</b> With Federated Farmers. Hear a panel of farmers discuss the latest developments in dairy efficient systems and how sustainability on farms is advanced via research and industry initiatives in consultation with both local authorities and central government.	<b>The Power of Renewable Energy</b> Paul Stocker and Andy Williams share the current trends with solar, wind and hydro, and what the benefits of renewable energy are.	<b>Fashion Fix!</b> Recycled, recreated and upcycled fashion.
12.00 pm to 12.45 pm	<b>Strategies for building resilience</b> How to develop your families ability to remain steadfast during emergency events, With Debbie de Geus, Nelson Tasman Emergency Management.	<b>How to Save money on your power bills</b> Come along to get some great tips on how to save energy in the home, and save money on your power bills.	
1.00 pm to 1.45 pm	<b>The Joys of Natural Soil Practices</b> With Merv Solly. Hear Merv share his passion for natural soil practices and his experiences over the last six years.	<b>Recovering from the Recent Natural Disaster</b> Tasman District Council’s Perspective. With Adrian Humphries, Recovery Manager, Tasman District Council.	
2.00 pm to 3.00 pm +	<b>Eco Business panel</b> How to run a good eco business & why. Charlotte Squires. Happyzine – MC, Sean Weaver - Carbon Partnership, Terry Knight – Schnapp Dragon, David Francis, EDA.	<b>Eco building panel</b> What, how and why to build an eco-friendly home: Jeremy Butler, Tasman District Council – MC, Laurence McIntyre – Little Greenie/Golden Bay Hideaway, Kieron Bryant, Greensaw Construction Ltd, Paul Brockie, Absolute Energy & Paul Brockie Renovations.	

### Garden Corner with Sol Morgan

- **10.30 am:** Compost, make your own
- **11.00 am:** Vegetables, ways to start a garden
- **11.30 am:** Seedlings, how to grow and care for them
- **12.00 pm:** Worm farms & bokashi, ask your questions!
- **12.30 pm:** Fruit trees, how to get the best out of them
- **1.30 pm:** Compost, make your own
- **2.00 pm:** Vegetables, ways to start a garden
- **2.30 pm:** Seedlings, how to grow and care for them
- **3.00 pm:** Worm farms & bokashi, ask your questions!
- **3.30 pm:** Fruit trees, how to get the best out of them

### Councillors’ Lounge in the Library

- **11.00 am to 1.30 pm:** The chance to chat to your elected Councillors in a relaxed setting.

### Kids’ Stuff :

- Way2Go activities & bike skills course.
- **11.00 am to 12.00 pm:** Musical games with Levity Beet.
- **2.00 pm to 3.00 pm:** Stories, Songs & Surprises with Levity Beet in the Library.

### AND... supporting events:

- **Saturday, 5 May:** Ecofest eco-home tour. Bookings closed.
- **Sunday, 13 May:** 2.00 pm onwards: ‘The Sandcastle’, Pohara: Eco Teddy Bears Eco Picnic – music, stories, bubbles. A full afternoon for families. BYO teddies & afternoon tea. Enquiries to Sandcastle on 03 525 9087.
- **Sunday, 27 May:** 1.00 pm – 3.00 pm, visit alternative energy expert Albie Burgers’ home to view a grid-tied solar PV system, and numerous other innovative alternative-powered appliances and gadgets. Address: 386 Long Plain Road, Kotinga. Limited to 12 people. Please book with Albie on 03 525 9138 or albie.fill@esypsy.co.nz or at the Expo with Paul Stocker.