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## Tasman District Council's Long Term Plan decisions reduce rates increases

**At its meeting on Thursday 24 May, Tasman District Council considered what projects and activities would be included in its final Long Term Plan 2012-2022.**

The decisions were made following consideration of the over 900 submissions it received.

"The Council's final Long Term Plan will include projects and activities designed to maintain the existing core infrastructure in our communities, meet our legislative responsibilities and to meet the needs of our growing communities, businesses and industries," says Tasman Mayor Richard Kempthorne.

"The submissions have provided valuable input into Council's decision making processes. We have listened to all of the community views and considered the vast amount of information provided to us, prior to making our decisions on what should be included in the final Plan. Unfortunately a lot of requests for further funding and new projects have been rejected because of the Council's desire to keep rates down but we did swap some priorities and projects around."

The changes made by Council will mean that the general rate increase for 2012/2013 is likely to come down from the 4.75 percent increase proposed in the Draft Plan to about 4 percent (including an allowance for inflation).

"The Council has instructed staff to prepare the final Long Term Plan based on the decisions it made at the meeting. The Plan is programmed to come back to the Council for adoption on 21 June 2012, at which time appropriate resolutions will be passed to strike the rates," says Mayor Kempthorne.

Some of the key changes the Council has asked staff to make include:

- Agreeing to retain the Lee Valley Dam project in the Long Term Plan, but noting that Council will work with the Waimea Water Augmentation Committee, and consult with other interested parties, to refine the funding model and costs of the project. The Dam project was the most submitted on topic with lots of submitters commenting on the funding model, and with some submitters supporting the Dam, while others opposed

it largely due to concerns about the cost of paying for it.

- Providing funding towards the completion of the Tasman's Great Taste Trail loop over the years from 2012 – 2019. This was the second most submitted on item requesting that Council add funding into the final Plan. To offset this project Council has deleted a number of projects previously planned for Saxton Field. Council has also signalled that the stages of the project are dependent on contributions from the Government and the community.

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## Message from the CEO

**As I write, it is the end of day two of week two in my new role as Tasman District Council's CEO.**

My family and I have been in the District a bit longer than that settling into our temporary home pending a purchase in or near Richmond. Over that time I've been privileged to reacquaint myself with the District and to meet most of the people who are elected to represent the community or who work for you at the Council. A few people have asked why the move from Gisborne with its self-proclaimed Mediterranean climate and 60+ days annually when the temperature is more than 24degrees? Well – it's because I actually missed the odd frost, and here the mountains are higher, the rocks are harder – except for Separation Point granite I hasten to add – and the water is demonstrably clearer. Gisborne and Tasman are both great places to live and work and have much more in common than you might think.

**Lindsay McKenzie, CEO**

# Pukekoiko (Turners Bluff) – Significant Find Delays Work

**The realignment of Riwaka-Kaiteriteri Road at Pukekoiko (Turners Bluff) has been delayed after the discovery of the remains of an early Maori pa on the top of the bluff. Work has been suspended as the Council, iwi, NZ Historic Places Trust (NZHPT) and the landowner work together to find a solution.**

The NZHPT says the pa tuwatawata (or fortified pa) is a significant discovery and it's rare to find one in such good condition.

Ann Neill, Central Region General Manager for NZHPT says "While delays are regrettable, the search is on for an alignment that best delivers retention of the pa's integrity and private property rights".

Iwi have requested the preservation of this area because in the past so many similar areas have been destroyed and/or affected by land development and road works.

Gary Clark, the Council's Transportation Manager says "Unfortunately with the road being located between the bluff and Maori pa and situated on a steep cliff bordering the sea there are limited options for realigning the road. Council staff have been developing alternatives to address the road safety and route security to this important area.

"Before any options can be progressed, alternative funding streams need to be explored and changes to existing resource consents applied for. Even then we need the buy-in of all parties involved before altering

designs, drawings and progressing with construction. Understandably this process takes time.

"We are hopeful that a solution is close to being finalised involving a route that provides for the safe and efficient movement of traffic past this special site," said Mr Clark.



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## Tasman District Council's Long Term Plan decisions reduce rates increases (cont.)

- Putting \$3 million of the special dividend from Port Nelson into Council's disaster fund and using the remaining \$1 million to reduce debt.
- Introducing a Tourism Activity Targeted Rate to be charged as a flat rate across all the District's rateable properties. Council has also agreed to undertake a review of its ongoing involvement in and funding of tourism activities prior to 2015.
- Including funding for a joint study of the three roundabouts near Champion Road with the New Zealand Transport Agency and Nelson City Council.
- Council's share of funding for roading and other transportation projects has been retained at much the same levels as provided for in the Draft Long Term Plan, even though the New Zealand Transport Agency has reduced the Government funding for local roads in Tasman District.
- Funding has been provided in the Long Term Plan for erosion control work at Jackett Island.
- Changing the solid waste budget to amend the costs of the Emissions Trading Scheme and to delay some of the capital works projects.
- Amending the areas and properties where the refuse and recycling rate is payable.
- Delaying and deleting some of the projects proposed in the Draft Long Term Plan at Saxton Field to align Council's work programme with the changes proposed by Nelson City Council but at the same time still providing for major new developments to meet community needs.
- Increasing the water rate due to the dispute with the Industrial Water Users not being resolved at this stage.
- Amending some fees and charges.

The final Long Term Plan will be available on Council's website at the end of June.



Go to [www.tasman.govt.nz](http://www.tasman.govt.nz) for more information.

## Happy birthday to Aquatic Centre gym

**An Open Day and special offers are planned for first-birthday celebrations on 10 June 2012 at the ASB Health and Fitness Centre in Richmond.**

The open day will run from 10.00 am to 4.00 pm on the Sunday, giving the public a chance to try out the fitness centre's resistance and cardio equipment and its Les Mills group fitness classes, which will run from 10.00 am onwards, all for free.

The gym, run by pool manager CLM in a profit-sharing deal with the Tasman District Council, has been very well received, especially by Richmond residents, says Facility Manager Vaughan Hope. CLM part-funded the gym, and paid for the fit-out. The Council uses its gym profits to offset the costs of running the Aquatic Centre.

The gym has a staff of five who assist members using equipment such as treadmills, weights, cycles and rowing machines. Twelve instructors run group fitness classes, says Vaughan. Programmes include a suite of eight different Les Mills workout classes, a weight loss challenge, aqua-fitness classes, "Boot Camps" and Green

Prescription exercises. There are plans for an aquatic version of Boot Camp, plus programmes targeted at teens – either tailored for their sport or to motivate those less inclined towards exercise.

The Fitness Centre is open seven days a week, with an early start at 5.30 am Monday to Friday and closing at 9.00 pm, and on weekends from 8.00 am to 5.00 pm.

Membership of the gym also gives access to the pools, sauna and spas of the complex.

The Aquatic Centre is the Council's biggest recreational facility and has been a success since the doors opened in 2004. It now encompasses the 25 metre main pool, a wave pool, tots pool, learners pool, Lazy River, spa and hydrotherapy pools. The millionth visitor was recorded in June 2010.

To find out more about the ASB Aquatic and Fitness Centre go to [www.clmnz.co.nz/asb](http://www.clmnz.co.nz/asb)



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# Climbing Spindleberry

**Climbing Spindleberry (*Celastrus orbiculatus*) is a vine that was first planted in gardens for its small round orange-yellow berries that display scarlet arils (the flesh around the seed) after opening. The berries and arils were popular with floral arrangers for use in dry arrangements. The vine is spread by birds and by human activity through dumping.**

Climbing Spindleberry has heart/oval shaped serrated leaves with a tiny bur located at the base of each leaf petiole. The vines often twist themselves around the trunk of host trees and smother plant canopies. It is a very difficult plant to kill due to a persistent root system which has the ability to put up sucker vines. It requires a methodical and ongoing annual treatment to destroy it.

The Tasman-Nelson Regional Pest Management Strategy classifies Climbing Spindleberry as a Total Control plant – a classification that aims for its eventual eradication through the Tasman-Nelson region. Plants have been found in Nelson City, Atawhai, Wakefield, Motueka, the Motueka Valley, Murchison, Spring Grove, Mapua, Marahau, Ligar Bay, Takaka, Upper Takaka and Bainham and all have been treated.

Climbing Spindleberry leaves turn yellow in autumn before falling, so the yellow dash of a vine in evergreen canopies is noticeable during autumn. Occupiers who think they have this vine are advised to contact a Tasman District Biosecurity Officer on Ph. 03 543 8400 who can offer advice and assistance.



Occupiers who think they may have this vine can contact a Tasman District Biosecurity Officer on Ph. 03 543 8400 for advice and assistance.



## Murchison library hours fine-tuned

**From 1 July 2012 the Murchison Library and Council Service Centre opening hours will be reduced to better suit the usage patterns. The facility will be open Tuesday to Friday, 10.30 am to 12.30 pm and 1.10 pm to 4.00 pm.**

Suzanne Westley, Council Customer Services Manager, says library issues have dropped 35% over the last eight years, and much of the foot traffic is now tourists using the free Wi-fi internet access. "The volume of use isn't there to justify longer opening hours" says Suzanne.

The Council approached the Murchison Area School to see if the town library could be merged into its library, but it was deemed to be an unsuitable solution that offered as many new challenges as it did solutions.

Suzanne says Service Centre and library transactions were analysed to find peak times, and the new hours were tailored accordingly. In all, the facility will open 10 hours less a week. A survey of users last year indicated most were comfortable with the prospect of reduced hours.



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**The Tasman Band Tour (TBT) is set to return to the region, with three all ages music gigs scheduled to take place in Richmond, Motueka and Golden Bay on consecutive weekends in June 2012.**

**Saturday 2 June, 8.00 pm – 11.00 pm, Richmond Town Hall**

**Friday 8 June, 8.00 pm – 11.00 pm, Motueka Memorial Hall**

**Saturday 16 June, 8.00 pm – 11.00 pm, Pohara Hall, Golden Bay**

Back again to headline the tour will be Nelson punk rock outfit 'Recommended by your Mom', who were part of the original TBT in 2010, and have since gone on to release multiple singles and sign a record deal to send their music global. They will be supported by the all-female pop rock group 'The Black Spots' from Golden Bay High School, mosh metal band 'Buried In Blood' from Motueka High School, young rockers 'Fire Without Permit' from Waimea and Nelson Colleges, and 'Black Water' from Nelson.

The Tasman Band Tour is a free community event and is smoke, alcohol, drug and trouble free. For more information contact Paul McConachie or check out [www.jamonline.co.nz](http://www.jamonline.co.nz) and follow the tour on [facebook.com/jam.tasman](https://www.facebook.com/jam.tasman)

## Singling out our unsung heroes

**There are a host of people throughout our District who work quietly away, without pay and often with little recognition, to make our communities better places to live.**

Without fuss or fanfare they undertake all manner of good work on behalf of neighbours, friends, schools, clubs, churches and service organisations. They display commitment, generosity and dedication.

Tasman District Council's Outstanding Community Service Awards are a way of giving some well-deserved recognition to these unsung heroes. It gives us an opportunity to make sure they are rewarded with the thanks they deserve for the long-term outstanding service they have given.

These awards are an annual affair and they allow us to formally acknowledge individuals who have worked unselfishly on behalf of their communities in a variety of activities for 20 years or more.

So how do we find out about these wonderful people? Through you. If you know of individuals or groups that you think deserve recognition for all their hard work, you can nominate them for an Outstanding Community Service Award.

### Nominations

In May each year Tasman District Council calls for nominations from the public for the community awards. Nominees must be residents of Tasman District to qualify.

Nomination forms are available from Council's Richmond office, Service Centres and Libraries and give an outline of the type of information you need to include. Please use them when nominating someone for an award and be sure to post or deliver them to:

Tara Cater, Executive Assistant, Tasman District Council, Private Bag 4 Richmond 7050

Nominations must be received by the last working day of June each year.

For more information contact Volunteer Nelson on Ph. 03 546 7681 or Email: [nvc@ts.co.nz](mailto:nvc@ts.co.nz)

## Youth Volunteer Recognition Returns

**The voluntary input young people contribute towards making our communities better places is to be acknowledged and celebrated once again as the 2012 Nelson Tasman Youth Volunteer Recognition scheme calls for nominations.**

Volunteers are the glue that make our communities tick – and we want to hear about it. There are a lot of young, unsung heroes' out there, working away behind the scenes, making things happen, and they deserve special attention.

A special celebration evening will take place on Thursday 21 June 2012, at the New Hub Nelson, bringing together our remarkable young volunteers where they will be presented with a certificate and officially thanked for their outstanding service. Complementing the evening will be a selection of local youth performances, exhibitions and guest speakers.

All young people nominated will go in the draw to win an 8gb ipod touch, with those making the nomination going into a draw to win dinner for two at Stefano's and a movie at State Cinema's Nelson. Winners will be announced at the annual Youth Volunteer Recognition Celebration evening.

Nominations can be completed online at [www.jamonline.co.nz](http://www.jamonline.co.nz), or printed forms can be picked up from Tasman District Council, The New Hub, Nelson City Council or Volunteer Nelson. Nominations close 1 June 2012.

For more information go to [www.tasman.govt.nz/link/ocs-awards](http://www.tasman.govt.nz/link/ocs-awards)

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### Effective Committee Member – Workshops

25 June 2012, 6.30 pm - 8.30pm at Sports House, Saxton Field, Stoke. Registrations essential, Email [julie.p@sporttasman.org.nz](mailto:julie.p@sporttasman.org.nz) Cost \$6.00

### Sport Volunteer Awards 2012

Know a sport volunteer doing a great job? Why not nominate them for the 2012 Sport NZ Sport Volunteer Awards? The awards will run from 18 June – 27 August 2012. For further details Email [julie.p@sporttasman.org.nz](mailto:julie.p@sporttasman.org.nz)

### Sport Tasman E-News

If you want to keep up with what's happening in Sport and Recreation across the top of the south then send your name, organisation/business, and Email address to [admin@sporttasman.org.nz](mailto:admin@sporttasman.org.nz)

### What's On

**Motueka Recreation Centre – Club 50's**  
Join our social interactive programme for older adults. Every Tuesday between 9.30 am – 1.30 pm. Pick up and drop off transport is provided. For further info contact Laura on Ph. 03 528 8228.

#### Keeping Active:

Sport Tasman offers the Silver Sneakers and Sit'n'Be Fit classes at the Motueka Recreation Centre for those wanting to improve balance, joint mobility and have a laugh amongst friends. Cost \$4.00. For information contact Wendy on Ph. 03 528 8228.

#### Saxton Stadium – Super Saxton Circuit

To provide parents with the opportunity to increase fitness with children close by in a safe and active environment. Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays 9.30 am – 10.30 am, Cost \$6.00 per session or \$45.00 for 10 sessions. For more info Ph. 03 538 0072.

#### Mums and Bubs –

##### NEW Classes start 6 June 2012

To provide mums with the opportunity to regain strength and movement with their new born. Tuesdays 11.00 am – 11.45 am at Saxton Stadium, Cost \$6 per session or \$45.00 for ten sessions. For more info Ph. 03 538 0072.

### Richmond Boredom Busters After School and Holiday Programme Care

New revitalised program and new staff. For more information contact Mary-Ann on Ph. 03 544 3955.



### Richmond Recreation Centre – Sit'n'Be Fit (Level 1)

Easy seated exercise with balance options included followed by a cuppa and food. Fridays 11.15 am – 12 noon, Cost \$4.00.

### London 2012 Olympic Samsung Experience Truck visit

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

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## Public Notices

### Current Dog Registration expires 30 June 2012

The Dog Control Act 1996 requires that all dogs over the age of three months be registered for the current Registration Year. The Registration Year runs from 1 July to 30 June.

Registration forms for all dogs currently on Councils database will be posted mid June 2012. If you own a dog and do not receive a registration form, please immediately contact your nearest Council office.

The Registration Fee structure for 2012/2013 remains unchanged from 2011/2012:

- Urban Dog \$50.00
- Rural Dog \$30.00

Whether a dog is Urban or Rural is determined by the size of the property on which they reside. Dogs on properties less than one hectare are deemed Urban, dogs on properties of one hectare or more are deemed Rural.

A penalty equating to 50% of relevant urban/rural fees will be imposed on owners of dogs that have not been registered by 1 August 2012.

The cost of dog control and administration is funded by dog owners, accordingly all revenue received and retained by Council in relation to dogs is expended solely on dog related activities, these include:

- Compliance with Dog Control Legislation
  - Registration, microchipping requirements
  - Maintenance of local and National Dog databases
- Enforcement of Dog Control Legislation
  - Providing designated Dog Control Officers
  - Providing a system for the lodging and recording of complaints
  - Providing a physical response to incidents and complaints
  - Providing a physical response in relation to animal welfare
  - Classifying dangerous and menacing dogs
  - Issuing infringement notices for offences
  - Prosecuting offences under the Dog Control Act 1996
- Providing Dog pound facilities
- Education of the general public and local interest groups in regards to; owner obligations, safety around dogs, and other dog related topics.

### Dog statistics for 2011/2012

Known dogs in District	10,354
	Rural (5739)
	Urban (4625)
Known owners in District	6,602
	Rural (3018)
	Urban (3584)
Unregistered dogs	6
Dog related call outs	3000(approx)
Infringements issued:	
Failing to Register Dog	59
Failure to keep dog under control	5
Failure to comply with dangerous dog Conditions	1
Failure to implant Microchip Transponder	3
Failure to keep dog controlled or confined	2
Information regarding; legislation, dog control bylaws, fees, owner obligations, is available along with dog associated forms at; Tasman District Council Offices (Richmond, Motueka, Golden Bay and Murchison), Council's website <a href="http://www.tasman.govt.nz">www.tasman.govt.nz</a> , or by contacting Tasman District Council Dog Control at <a href="mailto:dogcontrol@tasman.govt.nz">dogcontrol@tasman.govt.nz</a> or Ph. 03 5438407.	

## Resource Consent Applications

The Council has received an application for resource consent, which has been publicly notified in The Nelson Mail. The application 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 application in accordance with Section 96 of the Resource Management Act 1991. Submission forms are available from Council offices and Service Centres and on Council's website. Please note that the following is an abridged advisory notice only.

**Applicant:** P & H Tilley and M & J Woods.

**Location:** 54 Bell Road, Waimea West.

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

**Subdivision Consent (Application RM110897)**

To undertake a boundary adjustment subdivision to create the following allotments:

- Lot 1 of 12.5 hectares;
- Lot 2 of 1.0 hectares being amalgamated with Lot 3 DP 15134 giving a total amalgamated area of 3.1 hectares.

The land has a Rural 1 zoning as defined by the Tasman Resource Management Plan.

**Submissions due:** 4.30 pm on Monday 18 June 2012.

## 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)**

### Engineering Services Committee

Motueka Memorial Hall, Pah Street, Motueka,  
Thursday 7 June 2012, 9.30 am. Public forum

### Regional Transport Committee

Tasman Council Chambers, 189 Queen Street, Richmond,  
Friday 8 June 2012, 10.00 am. No public forum

### Golden Bay Community Board

Golden Bay Office, 78 Commercial Street, Takaka,  
Tuesday 12 June 2012, 9.00 am. Public forum

### Motueka Community Board

Motueka Office, 7 Hickmott Place, Motueka,  
Tuesday 12 June 2012, 4.00 pm. Public forum

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# Dog-owners earn praise

Tasman dog-owners have received a pat on the head from the man who should know. Aside from the occasional breach, "the vast majority of dog-owners are excellent," says Phil Bergman, of Control Services, which polices dog exercise areas for the Tasman District Council.

The contractor has been keeping a close eye on the Wakefield area after reports of fouling and roaming dogs. Phil says the "blitz" is also a welcome chance to reward good dog-owners, with free packets of dog biscuits, donated by Masterpet, being given to owners with their pets on a leash and doggie-doo bags handy.

"A lot of people only see us when we are telling them off so it's nice to be able to recognise considerate dog owners."

Details of dog exercise areas, on or off the leash, are available at Council's Richmond Office, Service Centres and at [www.tasman.govt.nz](http://www.tasman.govt.nz) (under Services / Dog Control). Please remember that when your dog is off the leash, it must still be under control, i.e. respond to your commands promptly.

The basic good manners of dog ownership apply. All faeces must be picked up and disposed of hygienically. Doggy bag dispensers are sited at popular walking areas around the District, or you can collect bags free of charge from Council's Richmond office and Service Centres.

All Council sportsfields and complexes are off-limits to dogs, and dogs are also banned within 10 metres of playground equipment and picnic tables, for obvious hygiene and safety reasons.



For a full list of areas off-limits to dogs go to [www.tasman.govt.nz](http://www.tasman.govt.nz)



## Mapua pontoon ready to go

The new pontoon at Mapua wharf should be in place in early June 2012.

The 20 metre structure, with a 15 metre gangway, will sit across the front edge of the wharf for pleasure craft to tie up to as they load/unload – or to enable boaties to pop ashore for a cup of coffee, says Selwyn Steedman, Council's Transportation Network Engineer.

The old pontoon was damaged beyond repair by a yacht in 2010. Specialist Auckland firm Anchorage Pontoons Ltd has fabricated the new structure and trucked it down as a kitset. Once new piles are driven, the pontoon will be assembled "like a Meccano set," says Selwyn. Given good weather, the whole job should be completed in about four days.

The entire project will cost about \$150,000, he says. While the pile-driving barge is on-site, the Council will take the opportunity to replace foreshore poles with new navigation beacons.



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