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Council commits to cycle trail

Council funding of \$4 million for Tasman's Great Taste Trail "brings a level of certainty" that will enable the completion of the 175km loop to a better standard and in quicker time, says David Bonnett, chairman of the Nelson Tasman Cycle Trails Trust (NTCTT).

A total of 93 submissions in support of the cycle trail during Draft Long Term Plan consultations identified the widespread community support for the project and the economic benefits of it for the region.

The cycleway from Richmond to Tapawera, Motueka and back to Richmond, with extensions to Kaiteriteri and Nelson, will be completed by 2019. David says the Council funding will be used to lay a basic cycle/walk track, and private fundraising by the NTCTT will improve sections to Grade 1 or 2, making them more accessible to families and novice riders.

The Ministry of Economic Development has pledged \$150,000 for a connection from Riwaka to the Kaiteriteri Mountainbike Park. This extension should be finished by the end of the 2013 financial year. The Ministry has already given \$2.146 million for the first stage of Tasman's Great Taste Trail, plus another \$29,000 for signage for a connecting route through Pigeon Valley to Woodstock.

David says the NTCTT aims to raise "several million dollars". Projects underway include the 800k Group in Motueka, which is overseeing fundraising for the path from Mapua to Riwaka, and a "virtual trail" adoption scheme where donors "buy" a section of the trail – starting at 2 metres for \$40. Some businesses are snapping up 1km sections, worth \$20,000, and on-selling it in short pieces, he says. Future fundraising plans include a Heart of Biking membership programme, where members will receive access to special events and merchandise, amongst other benefits.

The Council has found the funding by reallocating money earmarked for Saxton Field facilities. Nelson City had already removed its share of the funding for these projects.

Meanwhile, the trail pushes on towards Brightwater. An 80 metre suspension bridge spanning the Wairoa River will have its official opening on 8 July 2012. The Council's Development Engineer Dugald Ley says tenders will soon be called for a sister bridge over the Waimea River on the coastal route from Richmond to Mapua. Estuary paths and boardwalks are already taking shape.

The completed trail will also tantalise tourists and locals alike with a ride through the old Spooners railway tunnel – New Zealand's longest at 1.3km. It should be open in 2015.

The number of overseas cycle tourists coming to New Zealand has doubled since 2008. Tasman's Great Taste Trail will tap into the economic benefits of this trend, enhancing the pulling power of Tasman District's renowned natural assets. David says the financial spinoffs of the trail can already be seen in Mapua where the cycle ferry connects it with the Rabbit Island sections of track.

The expanded trail will join the existing Great Rides, the national cycle path network. David thanked the Council for its continued support. He was "chuffed" at the recognition of the trail's importance, given the competing demands on Council funding.

"Now let's get to work."

More information on the trail can be found on Council's website: www.tasman.govt.nz

Message from the Mayor

The severe weather that hit our region on Tuesday 6 June 2012 reinforced to me the importance of the Council concentrating our efforts on ensuring we deliver the core services expected by ratepayers and don't get distracted by the 'extras' that Councils sometimes do.

Tasman District has approximately 1700km of roads – and it's vital that these are maintained to a high standard and are safe to drive on. In an emergency situation they form the necessary link between our communities. It's not over dramatic to say that they can sometimes be the difference between life and death.

Water, our most precious resource, is another thing that the Council is responsible for – be it drinking water, wastewater or stormwater. To ensure we have the capacity to be able to manage the District's water properly we have to be proactive, plan well into the future and invest in infrastructure that is mostly hidden underground, out of sight and out of mind until something goes wrong. It's a very costly exercise but vital to the long term health and prosperity of Tasman's individuals, communities and businesses.

During the Council's recent deliberations regarding the Long Term Plan we focused on maintaining and delivering the core services at an affordable price. When the pressure goes on our infrastructure, as it did on the 6 June 2012, I know that focus was the correct one.

Mayor Richard Kempthorne



Motueka Aerodrome: have your say

The future of Motueka Aerodrome has been provisionally mapped out and the Council now wants to hear your views.

A Draft Management Plan and Development Plan are available on the Council website, www.tasman.govt.nz/policy/public-consultation, or from Council's Richmond Office, Service Centres and libraries at Motueka and Richmond.

The plans aim to coordinate the operation, maintenance and development of the airfield. The management plan addresses issues such as permitted and discretionary uses, management objectives, conditions for running businesses, the types of aircraft that can operate, plus environmental, health and safety matters. The development plan sets out the parameters of growth for the aerodrome, including proposed development areas, future buildings etc.

Council Manager of Property Services Jim Frater says it has been a long time since the operation of the aerodrome was addressed, with current plans "well out of date". That makes the input of airport users and the public all the more important.

Submissions are written only – no hearing will be held. Once the Council has considered written submissions, the plans will be finalised and placed on the Council website around the end of August 2012.

Submissions close at 4.00 pm on Friday 13 July 2012, and should be addressed to:

Submission on Motueka Aerodrome Management and Development Plans
Tasman District Council
Private Bag 4
Richmond 7050

Or may be emailed to mamds submission@tasman.govt.nz

An open day will be held on Tuesday 26 June 2012, from 2.00 pm - 4.30 pm, at the Council's Motueka offices in Hickmott Place to give you a chance to share your views or ask questions about the plans.

The number of aircraft over Motueka may increase in future, but the use of the airspace outside the aerodrome boundaries is not addressed in these plans as the Council, as owner and operator of the airfield, does not control this airspace. Submissions should focus on the information provided (or not provided) in the plans and while the Council may take account of some consequential matters, issues such as flight paths, flying areas or pilot behaviour, which are outside the Council's control, are unlikely to be considered.

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Port Motueka Groyne removal and Jackett Island erosion project

The issues arising from this project stem from the Environment Court Interim Decision issued in March 2011.

The Court found that the placement of the Port Motueka geotextile groyne on the Motueka sand spit by the Council in 1996 led to the formation of the spit in its present form which in turn, has brought about the erosion on Jackett Island.

Since this decision Council has been involved in interim works on the seaward side of a Jackett Island property. This has been done using geotextile sand bags. In the storm on 6 June 2012 there was considerable damage to the wall and as a result the Council has completed remedial works to it. It is now progressing with a plan to rebuild the wall so it is able to withstand any future extreme weather events. The aim of the sand bag wall is to protect the property from further erosion while further investigations are carried out by the Council to develop a long term solution to the erosion.

The Council was also ordered by the Court to remove the full length of the groyne on the spit. Resource consent was issued in March 2012, which stipulated that the groyne had to be removed between May and August 2012. This work is expected to begin soon and should take approximately six weeks. Members of the public are asked to please keep the work site clear.



Further information relating to this project can be found on the Council website at www.tasman.govt.nz/link/jackett-island

Listened to the Lowdown lately?

Each week the Council produces a 15-minute radio show that delves into the huge variety of work it is carrying out around the District.

The Tasman District Council Lowdown is presented by Richard Liddicoat, Council's online communications officer. The show interviews experts to get a better understanding of specific projects and issues, highlights community achievements, and gives listeners the opportunity to hear direct from their elected representatives and the staff who make great things happen across our District.

The show airs on Fresh FM on Mondays at 11.40 am and Wednesdays at 3.40 pm (repeat). Fresh FM is a community access radio station partially funded by NZ on Air. It broadcasts

across the Top of the South region on the following frequencies:

- Nelson-Tasman 104.8 FM
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Zero tolerance on illegal dumping

Council is getting tough on the few individuals who use our beautiful natural environment as a rubbish tip, discarding household waste, TVs, cars, even rotting animal carcasses beside rivers and streams.

Illegal dumping is ugly, a health hazard, and ratepayers foot the bill to clean it up – nearly \$6000 a year for riversides alone. Disposal is also an unpleasant task for workers.

The Council is taking a zero tolerance approach to illegal dumpers. Hotspots will be patrolled more often, and security cameras may be used. The public are also asked to keep an eye out. Take a photo of offenders if possible, or note vehicle numberplate details. You can phone the Council's environmental investigation and control team with any information in confidence on Ph. 03 543 8400.

Illegal dumpers face a \$400 fine under the Litter Act. Failure to pay may result in higher fines and court costs. Those who dump toxic materials near a waterway can also be prosecuted under the Resource Management Act.

Council staff find illegal dumping particularly frustrating because many unwanted items can be recycled at no cost, for instance at the Richmond Resource Recovery Centre in Fittal Street (at the end of Beach Rd), Richmond, or through opshops.



Community news briefs

Nelson Tasman TrustPower Community Awards

Nominations for Nelson Tasman TrustPower Community Awards close 29 June 2012. For more information go to www.communityconnect.co.nz

Tasman District Council grants from rates available for community projects

Tasman District Council allocates approximately \$164,000 for grants to community organisations. These grants are made to organisations whose services and projects provide wide community benefit and wellbeing.

Applications close the 31 August 2012.

Tasman Creative Communities Scheme

Creative Communities is a local arts funding scheme to support projects that increase access and participation in arts activity.

There are two more funding rounds in 2012 closing on 10 July and 10 November.

How to apply

Application forms available from Tasman District Council offices or by going to www.tasman.govt.nz/council/grants-funding/

Home straight for Three Brothers upgrade

Finishing touches are being completed for the Three Brothers Intersection upgrade.

- Until 30 June 2012 roadmarking, sign installation, painting of islands and other minor jobs will take place during the day.
- Surfacing repairs in both lanes (started week commencing Monday 11 June 2012, weather permitting). This work will be done at night for up to two consecutive nights.

The night work will directly affect residents on Appleby Straight (outside properties 3, 5, 7, 9, 11, and 13). The NZ Transport Agency says residents will be kept informed about any times of restricted access to individual driveways. Dust, noise and light nuisances will be kept to a minimum.

Residents and the public are asked to comply with temporary parking closures on the Appleby Straight so that the work can be done as quickly as possible.

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Youth Week review

An action packed week of youth events, workshops and activities took place across the District recently, as part of the 2012 Youth Week celebrations.

The Tasman Youth Council took a proactive role in 'making things happen for young people' with both the Waimea and Motueka clusters planning, organising and delivering events for their peers and community to enjoy.

The Waimea Cluster attempted an unusual challenge, vying for the world record for 'most people doing the robot dance'. They had 500 people turn up to attempt the record, and had great fun learning the required dance moves. Unfortunately they fell just short of the number of individuals required to set a new record. The event however was deemed a success with everyone having fun and plans are being hatched for another world record attempt in the near future.

The Motueka Cluster organised a 'Mad Mish Through Mot' amazing race, which had competitors solving cryptic clues and completing crazy challenges along the way.

Youth Week is celebrated worldwide, and highlights the positive contributions young people play in making our communities better, vibrant places.

For more information on the Tasman Youth Council and videos and pictures from the Youth Week 2012 events go to www.jamonline.co.nz



Mapua park name official

The Council has put the official seal on the Mapua Waterfront Park, confirming the name for its part of the former Fruitgrowers Chemical Company site.

The Environment Ministry spent \$12 million sanitising soil at the 3.3ha chemical factory site near the township's upmarket wharf area. With an agreement that 40% of the site should remain in public ownership, the Council then earmarked up to \$450,000 to create a 1.5ha park, with grassed amphitheatre, a boardwalk along the water's edge and concrete

benches sandblasted with verse by Ngatimoti poet Cliff Fell.

The park was co-designed by local landscape architect Robin Simpson, with input from Mapua residents. A shade structure and toilet block will be added once work is finished on upgrading the nearby pumpstation, says Lloyd Kennedy, Council's Community Services Manager.

If you have any comments on the park name, you are welcome to contact the Council at info@tasman.govt.nz



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- Check our website for details of your library's Storytime sessions – www.taslib.govt.nz

- Hands On : Bike Maintenance for 10-15 year olds.

Join Marty Clark and the Ride-On team and learn some basic bike maintenance skills. Bring your own bike!

Wednesday 4 July 2012, 11.00 am–12.30 pm at Takaka Library

Cost: \$5. Pre-payment is required to confirm booking. Book at the library.

- Hands On : Bike Workshop for 10-14 year olds.

Join Marty Clark for some do-it-yourself bike maintenance. Learn about your bike and how to deal with a puncture. Bring your own bike!

Tuesday 10 July 2012, 10.30 am - noon at Richmond Library. Bookings are essential.

Cost: \$5. Pre-payment is required to confirm booking.

- Hands On : Pen on the Page for 12-15 year olds.

Journal to your heart's content! A creative journal writing workshop for teens exploring different techniques for putting pen (or paintbrush) to paper! Materials supplied. Wednesday 11 July 2012, 10.30 am – noon at Richmond Library.

Cost: \$2. Pre-payment is required to confirm booking. Book at the library.

Interested in the building of the Abel Tasman Memorial?

Then come along to Takaka Library on Thursday 28 June 2012 at 11.00 am to hear Tony Richardson talk about the Austrian architect who designed the Memorial and the challenges of wartime construction. John Mason will also speak about the Department of Conservation's role in caring for the Memorial. Bring photos and memories to share.

More e-books for you

If you've been using our Overdrive e-books you'll be pleased to know that you now have access to even more titles.

We now subscribe to Advantage – an extra collection of e-books just for Tasman library members.

To see what's there for you, scroll down the Overdrive login page until you see the Advantage icon at the bottom left side of your screen. Click on that and you're in.

Homework crisis at your place?

Ask about our "Homework Help for Parents" class to be held at Richmond Library on Thursday 21 June 2012, 10.00 am - 12.00 noon. To find out more Ph. 03 543 8500.

Library book groups

Are you a keen reader? Would you like to meet with other like-minded booklovers to share your love of reading? Check out the book group at your local library.

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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 which include:

- Compliance with Dog Control Legislation
- Enforcement of Dog Control Legislation
- 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.

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 www.tasman.govt.nz, or by contacting Tasman District Council Dog Control at dogcontrol@tasman.govt.nz or Ph. 03 5438407.

Meet the Motueka Ward Councillors

Friday 22 June 2012, 11.30 am to 1.00 pm, Motueka Service Centre.

Notice of Meeting - Mapua Public Hall Society Inc

AGM - Monday 18 June 2012, 7.30 pm at the Mapua Hall, 72 Aranui Road, Mapua. New members welcome.

Notice of Meeting - Richmond Residents Association

Tuesday 26 June 7.30pm, Small Meeting Room Richmond Town Hall.

24 Hour Assistance – Phone your local office

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Motueka 03 528 2022
Takaka 03 525 0020



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Resource Consent Applications

The Council has received applications for resource consent which have been publicly notified in The Nelson Mail. 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

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's Richmond Office, Service Centres and on Council's website. Please note that the following is an abridged advisory notice only.

Applicant: Boomerang Farms Ltd.

Location: Awa Awa Road, Ruby Bay.

Consent Type, Application Number and Proposal:

Subdivision Consent (Application RM120280)

To develop the 80 hectare application site in eight stages of subdivision to create 45 allotments with areas of between 0.4860 hectares and 11.93 hectares.

Also to waive some standards for roads and right of way formation.

Land Use Consent (Application RM120281)

To erect a dwelling on each of Lots 1-43, 49 and 50.

Land Disturbance Consent (Application RM120282)

To carry out earthworks to form the building sites, access and installing culverts.

Discharge Wastewater Consent (Application RM120283)

To discharge domestic wastewater to land within each of Lots 1-43, 49 and 50.

Discharge Stormwater Consent (Application RM120284)

To discharge stormwater during and post-construction of the subdivision and from house sites in the development.

The application site is zoned Rural 3 as defined by the Tasman Resource Management Plan.

Submissions due: 4.30 pm on Monday 25 June 2012.

Council Meetings

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

Tasman District Council

Tasman Council Chambers, 189 Queen Street, Richmond
Thursday, 21 June 2012, 10.15 am. Public forum

Communications Subcommittee

Motueka Office, 7 Hickmott Place, Motueka
Tuesday, 26 June 2012, 9.30 am. No public forum

Tasman District Council

Tasman Council Chambers, 189 Queen Street, Richmond
Wednesday, 27 June 2012, 9.30 am. Public forum

Corporate Services Committee

Tasman Council Chambers, 189 Queen Street, Richmond
Wednesday, 27 June 2012, 11.30 am, or at the conclusion of Full Council meeting. No public forum

Audit Subcommittee

Tasman Council Chambers, 189 Queen Street, Richmond
Wednesday, 27 June 2012, 3.00 pm or at conclusion of Corporate Services Committee. No public forum

Matariki, the Māori New Year, celebrated across New Zealand



Matariki can be translated in two ways – Mata Riki (Tiny Eyes) and Mata Ariki (Eyes of God). Some say Matariki is a mother surrounded by her six daughters while others suggest Matariki is a male star.

However, the Matariki cluster can be seen from all parts of the world, and is most commonly known as Pleiades. Other names it is known as include Subaru, the Seven Sisters and Messier 45. It appears in the sky around the shortest day of the year, and is thought to determine how good the harvest will be in the coming season. The brighter the stars, the more productive the crop.

The first rising of Matariki occurs just prior to sunrise in late May or early June each year and symbolises the coming of the Māori New Year. Some iwi start celebrations as soon as the constellation is seen, however, it is the first new moon after the stars are first seen that officially signals the Māori New Year. This year Matariki is on the 21 June 2012.

Matariki was a time to celebrate and to prepare the ground for the coming year. It was also a time to instruct young people in the ways of the land and the forest through stories, games and music to ensure traditions were passed on. Matariki was, and still is, a time to foster unity and the importance of whānau. It is still seen as an important time to celebrate the earth, and show respect for the land and water.

Matariki is a good time to reflect on your place in the world, to reawaken old skills or try out new ones and to set new goals. There are a number of fun, educational and cultural events happening throughout Tasman to celebrate Matariki this year. To find out more go to www.tasman.govt.nz/recreation/events/matariki-events/

Road safety when the weather turns bad

No matter how good a driver you are, winter presents its own set of driving hazards. It's important that you know how to spot them and react to them. This may mean it takes a few minutes longer to get prepared for a trip, or to get to your destination, but the safety of you, your family and other road users is far more important.

Bad weather is a contributing factor in a number of fatal crashes every year.

The good news is that with a bit of knowledge you can greatly reduce your chances of being caught out. There is loads of great information on www.aa.co.nz and here are some tips to get you started:

Stay out of trouble

- Slow down and take your time – it only takes a split-second to lose control in wet or icy conditions.
- Avoid sudden movements. Accelerate smoothly and brake gently.
- When travelling uphill, use a higher gear than normal. When going downhill use a lower gear.

Plan your journey

- When conditions are bad, postpone your trip if possible.
- Check road conditions (call 0800 44 44 49 for state highways, visit www.highwayinfo.govt.nz, or listen to local radio stations).
- Carry warm clothes in case you get stuck or break down. On a long trip, take food and something to drink.

See and be seen

- Clear windows before driving. De-ice and wipe windows.
- In fog, rain or snow, turn your lights on.
- Switch headlights on earlier in the day.

Watch for danger spots

- Ice lingers in shaded areas such as high banks, tall trees and road cuttings.
- Bridges can stay slippery longer than other road surfaces.
- Expect a dawn frost. If it is not frosty at 6.00 am, it could be an hour later.
- Slow down in glare from low winter sun.

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