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Keeping you informed about news and events in Tasman District



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Free dog microchipping

“Microchipping is the best tool we have for reuniting lost, stolen or stray dogs, with their owners. We encourage all dog owners to microchip their dogs as early as possible” said John Bergman Tasman District Council Animal Control Officer.

Tasman District Council is reminding dog owners to microchip their dogs. From October Council will be taking a more proactive approach



to ensuring that the requirements for microchipping, under Section 36A of the Dog Control Act 1996, are met.

Microchips:

- are the size of a grain of rice and implanted under the skin just forward of the shoulder blades going up the neckline
- carry a number unique to your dog
- are a transponder which responds to a scanner
- are not a transmitter, there is no power source
- details are kept on the National Dog Database, managed by the Department of Internal Affairs.

Those dogs required by Law to be microchipped are:

- Dogs classified as dangerous or menacing
- Dogs impounded as unregistered or dogs impounded more than once.
- Dogs registered for the first time after July 1, 2006.

Farm working dogs (defined as those that are kept solely or principally for herding or droving stock) are exempt. No other working dogs are exempt.

Microchips can be implanted by a veterinarian, the SPCA or in some instances by Council Animal Control Staff. Charges for the implanting process vary, however there is no charge for

adding your dogs microchip details to the National Dog Database.

Failing to have a microchip implanted in a dog is an offence the penalty for which ranges from an Infringement Notice and associated fine of \$300.00 to prosecution and fine not exceeding \$3000.00. Dog owners are given a warning and opportunity to microchip their dogs prior to the issuing of any infringement Notices.

Council has sourced 500 microchips which it will implant free of charge over the month of October. This offer will only be available to dogs currently registered in the Tasman area. See the table below for times and places where the Tasman District Council will be offering free microchipping.

Free dog microchipping dates:

Richmond: Dog Pound 121 Beach Road (175 chips)
09 October 11.00 am – 1.00 pm
23 October 11.00 am – 1.00 pm

Motueka: Council Service Centre (150 chips)
09 October 3.00 pm – 5.00 pm
23 October 3.00 pm – 5.00 pm

Takaka: Golden Bay Recreation Park (100 chips)
11 October 11.00 am – 1.00 pm
18 October 11.00 am – 1.00 pm

Murchison: Council Service Centre (75 chips)
16 October 11.00 am – 1.00 pm
25 October 11.00 am – 1.00 pm

Message from the Mayor

Recently I presented the Council's submission on the proposed local government reforms to the Government's Local Government and Environment Select Committee.

A key amendment proposed by the Government is directed at changing the purpose of local government currently contained in the Local Government Act 2002. At the heart of the current purpose are the four well-beings – environmental, social, cultural and economic. The Government believes local government's focus should be on meeting the current and future needs of communities for good-quality local infrastructure, local public services, and performance of regulatory functions.

It is the social, cultural and environmental well-beings that allow the Council and the community to recognise and cater for the unique differences that exist within Tasman. The proposed reforms pose a very real danger to how people can determine the growth and development in their settlements.

The Government believes the need to cater for community focused well-beings has created a confusion regarding the role of councils. They believe this has resulted in councils undertaking a new range of activities causing rates to increase at unprecedented levels.

There is no sound data, robust analysis or evidence to support that view. In fact, there is a far greater weight of evidence showing it is

Government imposed legislative demands and requirements that have far greater impact.

It is important the Select Committee listen to the submissions and look carefully at the implications of the proposed Bill. While we all strive for economic growth it is not the defining factor of a community. The growth and development of settlements, large and small, are to a large degree determined by the values of those who choose to live there. These values are given weight by the four well-beings. Focusing on one economic driver is fine if we all have the same view of the world, however, it is obvious this is not the case in Tasman.

All councils have a focus on delivering services at an affordable cost to their ratepayers and already the bulk of our costs are focused on infrastructure. It would be very wrong, however, to limit further the small amount of investment we make to support the differences in our unique communities.

Mayor Richard Kempthorne



Mapua waterfront park nears completion

The 18 month development of the Mapua Waterside Park is drawing to a conclusion with the 3rd stage on track for completion before Christmas.

With the sewerage pumping station upgrade complete this stage of the park development can begin.

The development will include public conveniences, a fence around the water pump shed and shade shelter, along with a concrete path to connect the car park on Tahiti Street with Aranui Road and the estuary channel. Further tree planting is planned for the site in autumn next year providing additional areas for people to enjoy the park's features and the estuary it borders.





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Dispose of unwanted medicines

Old medicines are a risk to yourself, your family and your visitors. Like food, medicines can go off if kept for any length of time. Plus, you should only use recently prescribed medicines as that prescription from last year might not be appropriate now.

During November 2012, another DUMP campaign (Disposal of Unwanted Medicines through Pharmacies) will be held. In the last campaign, 9,882 items were returned to pharmacies for disposal. These medicines and packaging weighed 346kg (imagine a pile of 346 pineapples for an equivalent amount of medicines). The cost of these medicines was about \$55,000 – equivalent to three hip replacement operations or 13 cataract removals.

The 2009 and 2010 campaigns, funded by Nelson Bays Primary Health, also provided information on the type of medicines returned, which helps to target medicines more effectively and reduce waste. There are many reasons why medicines are not taken, such as “the symptoms got better” or “the doctor changed the medicine” or “it made me feel worse”.

So this November is the perfect time to spring-clean that bathroom cupboard. For more information please contact your local pharmacy or Caroline Allen on Ph. 03 539 1651 or 0800 731 317 or Email caroline.allen@nbph.org.nz

Grow your own to cut food bills

A solution to high grocery bills lies in your own backyard. Pricey salad vegetables such as cucumber and radishes can be grown at a fraction of the cost of the supermarket product.

The next Create Your Own Eden workshop will focus on crops that are high-value. Tutor Adrian Myers will also cover how to grow food and what to plant when, plus the basics such as home composting and creating healthy soils. Adrian, who is a trustee of the Waimarama Community Gardens, and very green-fingered, will also be available to answer questions.

The workshop is at the Nelson Environment Centre on Saturday 13 October 2012, from 2.00 pm - 4.00 pm. The centre is in Braemar Place, Nelson off upper Franklyn Street, opposite the hospital.

To register for the workshop, contact Elizabeth Hovell, Ph 03 545 9176, or Email info@nec.org.nz



Enviroschools teachers re-energise

Top of the South teachers received a tune-up in Enviroschools at a hui in St Arnaud recently. The two-day gathering of about 50 people heard from the Enviroschools national director Heidi Mardon, plus a couple of teenagers enthused by the programme to promote sustainability and love of the natural environment, from preschool to college level.

Workshops covered ecological principles, how to energise lessons, sustainability issues, and “upcycling”, or reusing “junk”. The hard work was sprinkled with fun activities such as Canadian canoeing and “Claire Grylls’ Bush Skills”, led by a toughened outdoorswoman with an uncanny resemblance to Tasman District Council Environmental Educator Claire Webster.

The hui, based at Rotoiti Lodge Outdoor Centre, was co-funded by Tasman District, Marlborough District and Nelson City Councils, plus the Enviroschools Foundation and Mother Earth foodstuffs. Feedback from teachers was very positive and they have asked for more such hui in the future.

Nelson-Tasman has one of the highest Enviroschools rates in the country, with 43% signed up.

Get acquainted with your toby

Some people don't know what a toby is, others don't know where their toby is, and a few people, even if they find it, can't turn it off in an emergency. A toby is the tap that controls all water flow to the house from the water main and it may need to be shut off in a hurry if a pipe bursts or natural disaster strikes. Routine maintenance such as replacing a leaky tap washer also means the toby must be closed.

Because they are not used very often, tobies can stiffen or rust up, and the problem is made worse by opening them until they jam at their maximum limit.

Tobies only require a few turns to release full flow. Please check that yours works – better now than adding to your woes during a natural disaster.

Tobies are usually located on the boundary at the front of your property, under the black plastic lid. If you can't find it, give the Council a ring and customer service staff will direct you to the precise location.

If the toby proves stubborn to release, don't try brute force because it may break. Again, give the Council a ring and a service-person will be dispatched to free the tap up or replace it.



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Kiyosato Mayor returns to Tasman

Mayor Kushibiki last visited Tasman from Kiyosato in 1990 and returned last week with a group of 23 students and six adults, staying in Motueka for five nights. Delegations from Kiyosato and Motueka visit each other regularly as part of the Friendly Town Partnership, enhancing cross-cultural understanding.

Motueka and Kiyosato's relationship is supported and promoted through the Friendly Town Committee, which operates independently

of Council. Richmond has a similar partnership with the Japanese settlement of Fuji Machi and has its own Committee.

During his visit Mayor Kushibiki visited Tasman District Council's office in Richmond where he observed a citizenship ceremony then met with the Mayor and Councillors informally over morning tea.

Outstanding Community Service Awards

Half a dozen tireless volunteers were honoured by the Tasman District Council recently with Outstanding Community Service Awards. This issue we profile Kaye Halkett and Barry Cashman.



Richmond resident **Kaye Halkett**, who is partially sighted, served on the Board of Trustees for Waimea College for four years. She has also been on kindergarten committees, and volunteered for reading recovery work at Henley and Nelson Intermediate schools.

Kaye is a member of Blind Citizens, helping to organise outings for members, including to the museum and Suter gallery. "Just because you are blind doesn't mean you aren't interested in the visual arts," she told Mudcakes and Roses magazine. The latest outing involves a personal talk at the Suter from carver Tim Wraight, and the Spectrum radio crew came along to do a programme on how you don't need 20/20 vision to appreciate art.

Kaye is part of the Council's Accessibility for All group, raising awareness of the difficulties faced by impaired people in their daily lives. She recently did a survey of the sandwich boards, flags and shop wares waiting to trip up the sight-impaired in Richmond's Queen Street.

She is not easily daunted in her own life, going on long tandem-cycle tours with husband Lawrie. Kaye also rows in a "blind" foursome that

includes one fully sighted member. This month she walked the Heaphy Track with family.

"I try to find a way to achieve something rather than let it be a problem."

In their younger days, Kaye and Lawrie did a "life-changing" 21 months of Volunteer Service Abroad in Nepal, helping to plant out the Mount Everest National Park.

She says she felt like a beginner amongst the other Community Service Award recipients, but announced, "Oh well, I'll just have to keep going..."



Barry Cashman has clocked up half a century of service to the Golden Bay community. He continues a long family history of involvement with the Takaka Citizens Band – although he doesn't play – and recently took responsibility for ensuring the historic band rotunda at Pohara was reroofed, repainted and well-maintained.

His other community service included: Takaka Primary School committee, founding member of the Golden Bay Promotion Association, on the Pohara Beach Domain Board for 24 years,

Takaka Rugby Club, Golden Bay Recreation Park, the Bay Museum Committee, Heritage Golden Bay, the High School reunion committee, giving assistance to the Pupu Hydro Society, and sitting on the Golden Bay Community Board for six years, followed by two terms as a Tasman District Councillor.

Barry says a friend recently went through that list and they totted up 266 years of service.

"You say you're going to pull back but it's damned difficult to do," he says with a laugh.

Present involvements include the historic plaques in Takaka, the band and the Masonic Lodge. Barry is also involved with the Takaka wastewater treatment plant working group as a resident member.

The retired plumber has also not retired as a plumber, running a workshop to make flashings etc. (He began his working life in 1956.)

Barry says giving back to the community is also a family tradition. His grandfather Jim Page was a councillor on the Takaka County Council – his name is on the 1928 foundation stone of its headquarters, which is now the Tasman District Council Service Centre. Barry's dad Jim and mum Rona also gave their time generously to many groups in Golden Bay.

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Labour Weekend hours

All Tasman libraries will be closed on Monday 22 October 2012.

Catalogue Search Tip #2

How can I find out if the library owns an item?

On the library website homepage, www.tasmanlibraries.govt.nz, click on the 'Search' button beside 'Search the catalogue'. You'll find this in the top right hand area of the page.

This takes you to a new window. Now you're inside the catalogue.

You can search by keyword, title or author. Just click on the little button beside your preferred option and type in whatever information you have.

If the library owns the item you're looking for, you'll see it displayed at the top of the list of search results.

To find out if the item is on the shelf and which branches have a copy, click on the title. This takes you to the full record and tells you where you'll find it if you're browsing in the library, if it's out on loan and when it's due back or if it's on hold for someone else.

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Search Hint – if you're not quite sure that you've got the right title or author, google it first so you

can be certain you have the correct information before you start your catalogue search.

Happy searching!

October is Greats and Grands month

Grandparents, do your grandchildren live far away from you? Do you want to keep in closer touch with them? Join one of our courses at Richmond Library, learn how to use email and Facebook and keep those relationships growing.

Creating a Gmail account – Richmond Library Thursday 18 October 2012, 10.00 am-12.00 noon.

Introduction to Facebook – Richmond Library, Wednesday 31 October 2012, 10.00 am to 12.00 noon. (You need an email account to use Facebook)

Numbers are limited and bookings are essential. Phone 03 543 8500 to book your place.

Inspiration to Creation at Motueka Library

We all know that our region is the home of wearable art. And a fair number of prize-winning entries have come from creative people in Tasman District.

Now's your chance to meet and talk with some local entrants of past Brancott Estate World of Wearable Art Award shows. Head into Motueka Library on Friday 12 October 2012 at 6.00 pm and enjoy an informal discussion about just how they translated an idea into a magical, innovative piece of work.

Get started with e-books and e-readers

Are you planning to buy an e-reader but you're not sure which one's right for you?

Come to our introductory session on e-readers at Richmond Library on Friday 19 October 2012, 10.00 am – 11.00 am.

Check out some of the models that are available in New Zealand and learn how to use Overdrive to borrow library e-books.

Numbers are limited – phone 03 543 8500 to book your place.

Become an e-book reader today!

New children's book club at Takaka Library

There's a new children's book club for 9-12 year olds starting at Takaka Library.

If you're into talking about books, sharing your favourite authors, playing games, tackling quizzes and generally having a good time with other kids at the library, this is for you! Plus you get to have first pick of some of the new children's books that have come into the library in the last month.

The next Book Club meeting is Friday 19 October 2012, 3.30 pm– 4.30 pm. See you there!

Bob's best books of 2012

Bob Docherty, well-known New Zealand reading and literacy consultant, is visiting Tasman libraries in October.

Bob will be talking about his picks of the best kids' and teens' reads for 2012.

Catch Bob at Motueka Library on Wednesday 24 October 2012 at 5.15 pm where he'll be talking about his favourite reads of 2012 for 8-12 year olds.

Or head into Richmond Library on Thursday 25 October 2012, 3.30 pm – 5.00 pm to hear Bob's picks of 2012's best teen reads for 12-17 year olds.

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Public Notices

Tasman District Council Consolidated Bylaw Chapter 11

Tasman's Great Taste Trail 2012

Tasman District Council's proposed bylaw to maintain health and safety and enable users to be free from nuisance on Tasman's Great Taste trail is now available for public consultation.

Your views will help guide Council's decision making on whether to proceed with developing and adopting a Bylaw.

The proposal is contained in two documents:

A Summary of Information which outlines the detail of the proposal, the reason for a proposal and the period for submissions. This summary is available in this edition of Newsline on page 4.

A Statement of Proposal which provides detail on the proposal, options, financial and other considerations.

The full Statement of Proposal and Summary of Information including the draft Bylaw may be inspected during ordinary office hours at the following 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.

A copy of the full Statement of Proposal is available on the Tasman District Council website at www.tasman.govt.nz/link/bylaw

All submissions on the proposal are to be in writing and posted or delivered to: Robyn Scherer, Executive Assistant, Engineering Services, Tasman District Council, Private Bag 4, 189 Queen Street, Richmond 7050; emailed to info@tasman.govt.nz or faxed to 03 543 9524. Forms for making an electronic submission are available on the Tasman District Council website at: www.tasman.govt.nz/link/bylaw

Submissions close at 4.30 pm on Friday 26 October 2012.

Public Notices

Kids Wheelie Fun Day

Tuesday 9 October 2012, 10.00 am – 2.00 pm, Saxton Field.

Trail rides, bike skills course, urban bike circuit, Police road safety, fun trikes, skateboarding, scooters, unicycles, crazy bikes, BMX, mountain biking.

FREE entry – bring your bike, scooter, skateboard, lunch and safety gear.

For more information go to www.sporttasman.org.nz/cycle_festival

Traffic delays

The National Road Relay is taking place on 6 October 2012 beginning from the Moutere Hills Community Centre, on a circuit including Neudorf Road, Rosedale Road, Thorpe-Orinoco Road, Dovedale Road, Thorn Road, Blackbird Valley Road and Kelling Road. Although there will be no road closures, it is expected that there will be delays between 9.00 am and 3.30 pm on the day of the event particularly at lap change points on the Rosedale Saddle, Jacobs Ladder Saddle, Thorn Road and Blackbird Valley Road.

Full details of the course are available through the event link on Athletics Nelson website www.athletics.nelson.co.nz

If you have any concerns or questions, please call Ian Morrison on Ph. 03 545 0687.

Customer Service Notice

The customer service centre in Council's Richmond office will be closing at 1.00 pm on Friday 12 October 2012.

This is to enable the team to undertake the necessary work required to relocate within the new building extension. Richmond customer services will open normal hours from Monday 15 October 2012 (8.00 am – 4.30 pm).

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Public Notices

Resource Management Act 1991 Tasman Resource Management Plan

Proposed Plan Changes 37 Richmond West and South Greenway Renotified

Council has prepared amendments to the Tasman Resource Management Plan, known as Proposed Plan Change 37, which clarifies the appropriate zoning of lands forming the Richmond West and South Greenway which is to be progressively acquired and managed as urban open space to support stormwater drainage, recreation, aquatic ecosystem and active transport values in the future urban setting of the network.

Council publicly notified this Change on 18 August 2012 with a closing date of 15 October 2012. However, in order to allow those not originally notified the same opportunity to lodge a submission, Council has agreed to extend the period for making submissions for a further four weeks.

Submissions

Any person may make a submission on any part of the proposed Change. Submissions can be sent to the Manager Policy, Tasman District Council, Private Bag 4, Richmond 7050 to be accepted by Council for a period closing at **4.00 pm on Tuesday 13 November 2012**. Forms for making submissions are available as indicated below under "Availability of Proposed Changes".

Submissions must be in writing, clearly indicating support or opposition to the provisions, the decision that the submitter wishes the Council to make (with reasons), whether or not the submitter wishes to be heard in support of the submission and an address for service or contact address.

Consideration of Proposed Amendments

After submissions have closed, Council will publish a summary of all decisions requested by submitters. There will be a further period of 10 working days within which further submissions in support of or opposition to those submissions made may be sent to Council. Council will then hold hearings on all submissions and all submitters may be heard. After the Council considers the submissions and makes its decisions, any submitter who is not satisfied with the decision has the right of appeal to the Environment Court.

Availability of Proposed Amendments

The proposed amendments are available to view at Council's Richmond Service Centre or online at www.tasman.govt.nz/link/trmp-proposed-changes Submission forms are also available.

For more information or advice on these amendments, please contact Neil Jackson Ph. 03 543 88485 or Email neil.jackson@tasman.govt.nz or Steve Markham Ph. 03 543 8427 or Email steve.markham@tasman.govt.nz

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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 Service Centre. The full public notice may be found online at Council's website 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 Service Centres and on Council's website. Please note that the following is an abridged advisory notice only.

Applicant: Vodafone NZ Limited.

Location: 259 Takaka-Collingwood Highway, on the ridgeline west of Bird Hill, Waitapu.

Consent Type, Application Number and Proposal:

Land Use Consent (Application RM120569)

To establish and operate a telecommunication facility as part of the Rural Broadband Initiative.

The proposal comprises a 25 metre monopole mast plus lightning rod, which will be sited adjacent to existing power poles on the ridgeline.

One antenna platform at a height of 23 metres will support up to 12 antennas; and one 1.2 metre diameter dish antenna will be attached to the mast at a height of 18 metres.

The site is located on an identified ridgeline in the Tasman Resource Management Plan.

Submissions due: 4.30 pm on Friday 5 October 2012.

Public Notices

Pohara Hall temporary closure

The Pohara Hall is temporarily closed until an earthquake risk assessment has been carried out.

For further information contact the Tasman District Council Service Centre, Takaka, Ph. 03 525 0020.

Council Meetings

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

Golden Bay Community Board

Golden Bay Office, 78 Commercial Street, Takaka, Tuesday 9 October 2012, 9.00 am. Public forum

Motueka Community Board

Motueka Office, 7 Hickmott Place, Motueka, Tuesday 9 October 2012, 4.00 pm. Public forum

Environment and Planning Commissioner Hearing

Tasman Council Chambers, 189 Queen Street, Richmond, Wednesday 10 October 2012, 9.30 am. No Public forum

Engineering Services Committee

Tasman Council Chambers, 189 Queen Street, Richmond, Thursday 11 October 2012, 9.30 am. Public forum

Tasman District Council

Tasman Council Chambers, 189 Queen Street, Richmond, Thursday 18 October 2012, 9.30 am. Public forum

Beach clean-up time again

Volunteers took a staggering 7.5 tonnes of rubbish off our beaches last year, and the annual clean-up for our favourite summer playground is gearing up again for Saturday 10 November 2012.

Clubs, groups and businesses have taken to the spring-clean of about 295km of Tasman Bay coastline. This is the event's third year, and about half of the 50 individual stretches of beach have already been "booked" by returning groups, encompassing hundreds of volunteers. The event is organised by the Department of Conservation in partnership with the Tasman District Council, Nelson City Council and Nelmac Ltd.

The rubbish collection has obvious benefits for summer beach-goers, but also safeguards

marine animals and birds. Plastic bags and bottles washed out to sea can be a killer for whales and seabirds that mistake them for food. A blue whale found dead on Nelson's north-west coast last year had nearly 4m of rope in its gut.

Groups can reserve a section of beach on the DOC website, www.doc.govt.nz. They are ranked easy, medium and difficult in terms of ease of access and terrain, so groups with appropriate skills are required for the harder sites.

With low tide at 12.30 pm on 10 November 2012, all groups are encouraged to make their sweeps early. If the weather is bad the clean-up will be held on the Sunday 11 November 2012.



Horror crash becomes safety lesson

A speeding car spins out, hits an oncoming vehicle, lands the road and lands upside down in the harbour. Two young passengers are killed and three other people in the oncoming car are seriously injured.

The crash at Pauatahanui, near Wellington, in 2009 was devastating for the families involved. It has inspired a road safety initiative called The Ripple Effect, aimed at helping young drivers and passengers to stay safe. Making good choices in life is the theme of a 20-minute DVD based on a crash. That presentation is followed by the father of one of the young men who died speaking about the crash and life afterwards for family and friends.

The resource was prepared with funding from Porirua City Council, and has been taken to almost every school in Tasman and Nelson in conjunction with the councils and ACC. Krista Hobday, Road Safety Coordinator at Tasman District Council, says The Ripple Effect is aimed at helping young people to make good choices about a range of social issues, not just in driving, and speaking out if they feel unsafe or uncomfortable in any situation.

"There is a lot to be gained in speaking out if you think your mates are travelling too fast or driving in an unsafe fashion," she says. "Getting into a car with your mates to go for a night out on the town is not necessarily bad if you do the planning – deciding who is the sober

driver, how you are getting home, and looking out for each other. Getting into a car and doing 140 km/h is just not cool. It is all about making good decisions, and understanding the consequences of those decisions."

The Ripple Effect charts the impact that a single event can have across friends, families and the community. "So many people were affected by that horrendous crash," says Krista. "We need to educate our young drivers to make sure these crashes do not occur, because this truly was a crash which didn't need to happen."

The target age group is 14- to 18-year-olds. For more information, go to www.therippleeffect.org.nz



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