

# Newsline



Keeping you informed about news and events in Tasman District



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## Sport Fishing Trust hooks Supreme Award

**The Sport Fishing for Youth Charitable Trust has won the Supreme Award at the 2013 TrustPower Nelson Tasman Community Awards.**

The awards were announced and presented on Monday 29 July 2013 at a function at Seifried Estate and Winery.

For winning the Supreme Award the Sport Fishing for Youth Charitable Trust received a framed certificate, a trophy and \$1,500 prize money. The Trust now has the opportunity to represent the District at the 2013 TrustPower National Community Awards, which are being held in March 2014.

TrustPower Community Relations Representative Jess Somerville agrees that's the Trust is doing a great job for local youth.

"Thanks to the dedication of this volunteer trust and the support of the Nelson Trout Fishing Club volunteers more than 360 children have had the opportunity to try their luck at catching a trout or salmon in this pristine part of the country.

Volunteers teach the youth the correct technique on how to catch a rainbow trout or salmon and once they land a fish it is weighed, cleaned and placed in a bag with a recipe on how to cook it correctly. Each youth also receives a certificate to celebrate their catch.

This Trust is currently working to establish three strong platforms at the river edge to ensure this site is accessible for people with disabilities," says Miss Somerville.

One hundred and thirteen groups were entered into this year's TrustPower Nelson Tasman Community Awards.

### Other winners at the event were:

#### Heritage and Environment

Dramatix Theatre Development Trust

#### Health and Well Being

Joint winner: Golden Bay Community Health

Joint Winner: Men's Shed Waimea

#### Arts and Culture

Golden Bay Community Arts Council

#### Sport and Leisure

Lioness Club of Nelson

#### Education and Child/Youth Development

Joint Winner: Adult learning Support Nelson

Joint Winner: Business Mentors Nelson

#### Nelson Winner

Kenbe La Foundation Charitable Trust

#### Tasman Winner

Keep Richmond Beautiful

#### Supreme Winner

Sport Fishing for Youth Charitable Trust

#### Youth Spirit

Katie Talbot

# Plan Change progress

Eight plan changes to the Tasman Resource Management Plan were notified for submissions between April and June this year – six were proposed by the Council and two were private plan changes.

Of those proposed by the Council two were focused on changes to residential, mixed business and light industrial zones within Motueka West and Motueka Central with the rest focused on changes to the water management regime for the Waimea Plains. The submissions received on the proposed changes are currently being summarised. Once the summaries are complete submitters will be notified, and the proposed changes will then be subject to further submissions. Hearings will then be held later in the year by independent commissioners and the Council for the water plan changes and Motueka zone changes respectively.

The commissioners will make a recommendation to either adopt the proposed changes, amend them slightly or recommend further changes prior to adoption. After the decisions are released there is a 30 day appeal period. If there are no appeals the Council is in a position to make the proposed plan operative, i.e. it comes into force. If there are appeals they will be resolved either through mediation or by the Environment Court.

It is unlikely any of the proposed plan changes, Council or private, will be seen in their final form until the end of the year at the earliest.

The summaries are available for viewing at Tasman District Council's Office, Service Centres, Libraries and at [www.tasman.govt.nz](http://www.tasman.govt.nz)

## Elections 2013 – information for candidates

Local Elections 2013  
**YOUR VOTE  
YOUR COMMUNITY**

Standing as a candidate in the 2013 elections is an opportunity to become involved in Tasman District's future in the most direct way possible.

Nominations opened on Friday 19 July 2013 and close at 12 noon on Friday 16 August 2013.

Each nomination must be made on the official nomination paper for that issue.

Nomination documents (nomination papers, Candidate Information Handbook) are available from Council's Office and Service Centres, or by telephoning 03 543 8400 to request they be posted to you.

Prospective candidates are encouraged to read the Candidate Information Handbook.

### Candidate Qualifications

To qualify as a candidate for election to the District Council or a Community Board you must be:

- enrolled as a parliamentary elector anywhere in New Zealand.
- a New Zealand citizen.

Restrictions for elections of District Councils, and of Community Boards:

- You cannot, at the same time, be a candidate for election for more than one ward or community of the same local authority.
- No person can be elected to a local authority if he/she is concerned or interested in contracts over \$25,000 in any financial year with that authority. This restriction is waived if approval from the Office of the Controller and Auditor-General is obtained. (Section 3(1) of the Local Authorities (Members Interests) Act 1968).
- If you are employed by a local authority and are elected as mayor or councillor of that local authority, you must resign as an employee before taking up the position as an elected member. However, this may not apply if you're employed by a territorial authority and are elected to a community board in that authority's district.

Persons considering nominating candidates, and potential candidates should also be aware of the following:

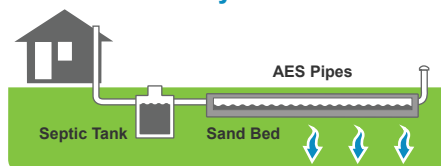
- Candidates cannot nominate themselves for office.
- Candidates must consent to their nomination.
- A deposit (\$200 including GST) must be paid per issue when the nomination is lodged.



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# Elections 2013 – information for candidates (cont.)

- To help voters identify candidates, a recent photo and a 150-word profile statement can be sent with the nomination form. The profile and photo will be published in a booklet sent out with the voting documents.
- Candidates may, before the close of nominations, withdraw their nomination (on or before 12 noon on Friday 16 August 2013). Notification must be in writing to the Electoral Officer.
- No candidate can be employed or assist with the conduct of the election, nor be appointed as a scrutineer of any election conducted in the District.
- Deposits will be refunded to candidates, except where they poll less than 25% of the vote of the lowest polling successful candidate for First Past the Post elections.

## Nominations

Candidates must be nominated by two people, both of whom need to sign the nomination form. The nominees must be on the electoral roll for the District or subdivision of the District (for example, ward, community board or constituency) in which the candidate is standing.

Candidates cannot nominate themselves for office. They can stand independently or under a party grouping or affiliation – similar to the process that political parties use in parliamentary elections.

Please do not leave your nomination until the last minute.

## Nominators

Nominators for candidates on district councils or for community boards can be residential or ratepayer electors.

## Campaigning

Candidates standing for election to a local body or community board can start campaigning at any time and can continue up to and including Election Day, provided the rules set out in Local Electoral Act 2001 and the Local Electoral Regulations are complied with.

## Campaign Advertising

Campaign advertising is subject to the following rules:

- Advertisements are defined as anything published in a newspaper, periodical, notice, poster, pamphlet, handbill, billboard or card, or broadcast over radio or television.
- Advertisements must be authorised in writing by the candidate or the candidate's agent.
- Advertisements must contain a statement setting out the true name and address of the person or persons for whom or at whose direction they are published.
- Campaign expenses incurred by, or on behalf of, candidates during the three months before polling day (the applicable period) must be included in the candidate's electoral expenses return.

## Expenditure Limits

Candidate campaigns are subject to the following expenditure limits:

	Ward/ Community Board Area	Population (June 2012 estimate*)	\$ expenditure limit (incl GST)
Mayoral Candidate		48,370	\$30,000
District Council Candidate	Golden Bay Ward	4,970	\$3,500
	Motueka Ward	11,500	\$14,000
	Moutere/Waimea Ward	12,900	\$14,000
	Lakes/Murchison Ward	3,500	\$3,500
	Richmond Ward	15,500	\$14,000
Community Board Candidate	Golden Bay Community	4,970	\$3,500
Community Board Candidate	Motueka Community	11,500	\$14,000

If you are standing for more than one position then the higher limit applies (not both combined).

Full details of the election campaigning rules are included in the Candidate Information Handbook.

## Election Hoardings

Councils and government agencies have guidelines regarding putting up election hoardings in the district.

Temporary signs for Local Government elections shall not be erected more than two months before the event and must be removed by midnight the day before the election. For the 2013 local body elections, this means that signage can be erected from Monday 12 August 2013 and must be removed by midnight on Friday 11 October 2013.

**Full details are available in the Candidate Information Handbook.**

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# Time is running out on TV TakeBack

Have you got an old TV that you want to get rid of?

For a subsidised price of just \$5, as part of the TV TakeBack programme, you can dispose of your old non-digital compatible TV and have it recycled. But hurry, the subsidised price at Council Sites will only apply until 8 August 2013, after which time it will rise to \$25, to cover the true cost of recycling a TV.

There are three places in Tasman that you can take your old TV – Mairiri, Takaka and Richmond Resource Recovery Centres. Noel Leeming (Richmond and Nelson) is continuing to participate in the programme after the 18 August 2013 and the Council congratulates them for their involvement.

For more information on Council's resource recovery centres go to [www.tasman.govt.nz](http://www.tasman.govt.nz) and search 'recycling'



## Brightwater and Wakefield Flood Modelling Key to Strategic Planning

As part of the Strategic Planning projects in Brightwater and Wakefield the Council will soon receive the results of a flood modelling project for part of the Wai-iti and Wairoa river flood plains, which includes both townships.

The Strategic Planning will among other things, review the current land zoning and consider any new areas that might be suitable for development, or not, as the case may be.

The Wai-iti and Wairoa rivers converge just north of Brightwater and have a history of flooding. The flood modelling has been commissioned by the Council to better understand the flood hazard that may affect future development and in some circumstances, existing developed areas. So it is one of the key factors to consider when deciding where new development may occur.

### What happens next?

The flood modelling results will be considered by Council staff and presented to the Council. After that information sessions will be held

for the local communities of Brightwater and Wakefield. Following this, there may be some options to consider as part of the strategic planning projects, which may relate to priorities for Council expenditure in the Annual Plan process. The model results are likely to confirm some areas as good for future development, and show the extent of flood hazard risk in other areas.

### Information Sessions

The Council will hold the information sessions later this year, and you will have the opportunity to ask any questions you may have at that time. The session dates will be advertised in Newsline once they have been finalised. In the meantime your contacts are:

For the Brightwater Strategic Planning Project – Rose Biss, Ph. 03 543 8421.

For the Wakefield Strategic Planning Project – Shelagh Noble, Ph. 03 543 7229.



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# ONGOING 'HOW TO' DEMONSTRATIONS & WORKSHOPS



## Home Talks – Stand 2



### Saturday 17 August 2012

- 10.30am–11.15am:** How to reduce condensation in your home, with Richard Popenhagen, NCC.
- 11.30am–12.15pm:** Top ten tips for saving money on your power bill, with Richard Popenhagen, NCC.
- 1.30pm–2.15pm:** What to consider when building an ecohome, with Peter Olorenshaw, Eco-Architect.
- 2.30pm–3.15pm:** What is grid-tied power? Solar 101 explained.
- 3.30pm–4.15pm:** How to reduce waste in the home & save money, with the Nelson Environment Centre.

### Sunday 18 August 2012

- 10.30am–11.15am:** What is passive solar design, with Mark Feilding, Ecotect.
- 11.30am–12.15pm:** How to renovate your home to save you money, with Peter Olorenshaw, Eco-Architect.
- 1.30pm–2.15pm:** How to reduce condensation in your home, with Richard Popenhagen, NCC.
- 2.30pm–3.15pm:** Top ten tips for saving money on your power bill, with Richard Popenhagen, NCC.



## Garden Talks – Victory Room



### Saturday 17 August 2012

- 10.30am–11.15am:** Growing healthy soil for healthy plants, with Dirt Doctor.
- 11.30am–12.15pm:** What to do with your fruit trees at this time of year, with Waimea Nurseries.
- 1.30pm–2.15pm:** Basic Guide to keeping Bees, with Scott Williamson, Nelson Beekeeping Association.
- 2.30pm–3.15pm:** Top 5 tips for growing good organic veggies, with Seager Mason, Organic Green Grocer.
- 3.30pm–4.15pm:** How to design a productive garden or edible landscape, with Dieter Probst, Treedimensions.

### Sunday 18 August 2012

- 10.30am–11.15am:** How to design a productive garden or edible landscape, with Dieter Probst, Treedimensions.
- 11.30am–12.15pm:** Basic Guide to keeping Chooks, with Biddy Myer, Nayland Community Education.
- 1.30pm–2.15pm:** How to bring beneficial insects into your garden, with Mitre10 Mega.
- 2.30pm–3.15pm:** Top 5 tips for growing good organic veggies, with Seager Mason, Organic Green Grocer.



## Other Talks – Stand 40



### Saturday 17 August 2012

- 10.30am–11.15am:** How to save on your car running costs, with Bowater Toyota.
- 11.30am–12.15pm:** How to make your own laundry liquid, plus other Cleaning and Preening ideas! with Sandra Johnson, Nayland Community Education
- 1.30pm–2.15pm:** Come Together – Benefits for community clusters buying solar.
- 2.30pm–3.15pm:** An introduction to E-Books with Nelson Public Libraries.
- 3.30pm–4.15pm:** How to make your curtains keep you warmer, with ColourPlus Nelson.

### Sunday 18 August 2012

- 10.30am–11.15am:** The Whole Truth & Nothing But the Truth about Solar.
- 11.30am–12.15pm:** How to save on your car running costs, with Tony Bowater, Bowater Toyota.
- 1.30pm–2.15pm:** Healthy school lunches for less, with Sarah Langi, Nelson Environment Centre.
- 2.30pm–3.15pm:** How to make your curtains keep you warmer, with ColourPlus Nelson.



## Heat Pump Talks – Stand 83



### Saturday 17 August 2012

- 10.30am:** How to get the most out of your heat pump, with Air Con Nelson.

### Sunday 18 August 2012

- 2.30pm:** How to get the most out of your heat pump, with Air Con Nelson.

# FOOD DEMOS

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## Saturday 17 August 2013

- 11.00am: How to Dehydrate food.**  
Margaret Faulkner, Rural Women.
- 12.00 noon: Easy ways with fish.**  
Chef Chris Fortune.
- 1.00pm: How to use Olive Oil.**  
Chef Chris Fortune.
- 2.00pm: Kiwi Sizzler – the ABC of smoking food.**  
Chef Chris Fortune.
- 3.00pm: How to make fruit wines.**  
Peter Heppell, Nayland Community Education.

## Sunday 18 August 2013

- 11.00am: Spring into Raw Food with her family's favourite green smoothie and raw chocolate recipe.**  
Sarah Tarrylea, Naturally, Living Life More.
- 12.00 noon: How to make Quark.**  
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- 1.00pm: Demystifying Saffron!**  
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- 2.00pm: Embrace Winter!**  
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## FASHION SHWAP! shopping by swapping!

### Rules of the Shwap

1. You can shwap women's clothes, accessories, shoes and unwanted (and unopened) gift sets, up to a maximum of TEN items.
2. All items must be in great condition, freshly washed and pressed, and on a coathanger.
3. Please don't be offended if your items are refused. Any items not accepted can be placed in charity clothing bins.
4. When dropping items off for the shwap, you will be presented with a ticket per item, which will allow you entry into the shwap at Shwap time.
5. If you have not brought anything with you to shwap, you may make a donation for a piece of clothing, however those with tickets will have priority.
6. If you are unable to find something, thank you for your contribution to the Shwap.

### Opening Hours

#### When to drop off clothes for Shwapping:

From Monday 12 August 2013 – Friday 16 August 2013 between 10.00am-4.00pm at Labels resale & designer clothing store on 126 Bridge Street, Nelson.

AND 10.00 am-12.00 noon on both Expo days @ Ecofest (Late entries will be accepted in afternoons)

**SHWAP OPEN HOURS: 2.00pm-4.00pm on both Expo days at Ecofest**

**FUNKY FASHION SHOWS –  
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Stoke	10.10	11.10	12.10		
Annesbrook	10.15	11.15	12.15		
Tahuna	10.25	11.25	12.25		
Trafalgar Centre	10.30	11.30	12.30		
Nelson-Richmond				PM	PM
Trafalgar Centre				2.00	4.00
Tahuna				2.05	4.05
Annesbrook				2.15	4.15
Stoke				2.20	4.20
Richmond				2.30	4.30

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# NBus service increasingly popular

The NBUS service, which travels between Nelson and Richmond, via Tahunanui, Bishopdale and Stoke every 15 minutes at peak times, as well as on local routes in Nelson celebrated its first anniversary recently. And with over 360,000 trips in its first year it is becoming a very well used transport option.

The number of trips between Richmond and Nelson has increased by 50% since this time last year and all indications are that patronage will continue to increase. This has obvious benefits for peak time road congestion and air quality.

A feature of the service is that all the buses have a bike rack on the front of them, capable of holding four bikes at a time. This facility has encouraged commuters to ride to work more often, knowing they can still catch the bus home if they get tired or have too much shopping to carry on their bikes. The buses also have wheelchair access.

Full fare (Richmond to Nelson) for an adult is \$4. A range of concessions and multi-trip discounts are available.

For full details on the NBUS service, a route map, timetables and to download the phone app go to [www.tasman.govt.nz/transport/public-transport](http://www.tasman.govt.nz/transport/public-transport)

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# Community Grants – Grants from Rates

Every year Tasman District Council allocates funds from its general rate income for grants to community organisations. These grants are made to organisations whose services and projects provide wide community benefit and wellbeing. The closing date for this year's applications is 31 August 2013.

There are 10 categories that an organisation can apply under – these are:

- Community and Economic Development Initiatives
- Arts/Culture/Heritage
- Festivals and Events
- Youth/Children
- Social Services
- Beautification Schemes
- Emergency Services
- Community Newsletters
- Community Development Fund (smaller communities)
- Museums

The grants are in place to provide assistance in specific areas of the organisation's operations – these are:

- Administration costs (limited);
- One-off projects (not major capital projects);
- Project development costs;
- Service delivery to the community.

Applicants must clearly detail a specific service and/or outcome that will result from the funding.

Only initiatives within Tasman and/or benefitting Tasman residents will be funded.

**Application forms and a grants guide is available on Council's website, [www.tasman.govt.nz](http://www.tasman.govt.nz) and from Council's Office, Service Centres and Libraries.**

## Lee Valley Dam Project Manager appointed

**The Council has appointed a project manager to assist the Waimea Water Augmentation Committee and Council to progress to the next stages of the Lee Valley Dam project.**

This does not mean the dam is a foregone conclusion. However, to build upon the decade of work managed by the voluntary Waimea Water Augmentation Committee, and to provide all the information necessary for an informed decision by Tasman citizens the Council and the Committee believed a full time role had to be established.

Leith Pemberton has been contracted to the role. Leith is a Richmond resident who contracts professionally for local and international project management roles, predominately in agribusiness. He graduated with a BE (Ag) from the University of Canterbury/Lincoln College in the late 70s and specialises in water resources and farm management. His project

assignments have included property management and land acquisition for Fonterra in China; for Genestock New Zealand Ltd and the Gallagher Group in the USA. He had a long period as an employee of the Gallagher Group and worked for the former South Canterbury Catchment Board early in his career.

Leith is expected to commence work on the project this month. His first task is to complete a memorandum of understanding between the parties involved in the Waimea Water Augmentation Project including Council, WWAC and its member organisations, and DamCo. This work will encompass the reporting lines and responsibilities of each of the entities involved in the project (including the project manager), cover the overall work programme, budgets and reporting as well as the other critical aspects of the project.

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## Public Notices

### Notice of intention to grant a lease to part of the Brightwater Recreation Reserve

The Tasman District Council intends to grant a lease to part of the Brightwater Recreation Reserve under the Reserves Act 1977.

The lease area will cover the land/building formerly used by the Bowling Club, including the former greens. More recently it has been used by the Tasman Volleyball Association. This land is situated at the southern end of the reserve, near the reserve entrance off Charlotte Lane, Brightwater.

It is intended to grant a five year lease to joint tenants, the Tasman Volleyball Association and Wanderers Sports Club.

The authorised use for the leased land/buildings will be for the existing volleyball administration use and existing Beach Volleyball use, plus the new activity of an indoor gymnasium to be used by members of the Wanderers Sports Club, utilising the former lounge.

Further information may be obtained by contacting Susan Mathieson, Ph. 543 8400, Email [susan.mathieson@tasman.govt.nz](mailto:susan.mathieson@tasman.govt.nz)

Written submissions or objections should be sent to:

Tasman District Council, Private Bag 4, Richmond, 7050

Submissions or objections will be received up to 4.00 pm on Friday 16 August 2013.

### Speed Limit Bylaw Review

At its meeting on Thursday 27 June 2013 the Tasman District Council adopted a full review of its Consolidated Bylaw Chapter 4 – Speed Limit Bylaw 2013. The bylaw came into effect on 23 July 2013.

Copies of the bylaw and the associated maps can be viewed on the Council's website – [www.tasman.govt.nz](http://www.tasman.govt.nz) or viewed at Council's Office, Libraries or Service Centres.

## Public Notices

### Roadside Spraying

Contractors employed by New Zealand Transport Agency undertake an ongoing vegetation control programme to ensure that roadside vegetation does not affect the safety or operation of the region's state highway network. This programme includes the spraying of chemical herbicides including the following active ingredients: Glyphosate, Metsulfuron, Terbuthylazine and Triclopyr. Persons wishing to register their property as a 'no-spray' zone, which requires a commitment to maintain a property's highways frontage to specifications provided by NZTA, may do so by contacting Lea O'Sullivan or Donna Hills on Ph. 03 548 1099 at Opus International Consultants, c/- Private Bag 36, Nelson.

## Community Notices

### Wakefield Bush Restoration Society

**Wakefield Bush Restoration Society and Tasman District Council invite you to the Annual Tree Planting, Saturday 10 August 2013 10.00 am until 12 noon.**

Over 1000 native trees will be planted.

This event will take place at the southern end of Faulkner Bush, Wakefield entry, towards Hunt Terrace not the main gate.

Please park in the main reserve and follow signs to the planting area.

If wet this planting will be postponed until Saturday 17 August 2013.

Please wear clothing suitable for the weather conditions, including solid footwear, and bring a spade.

Come along and join in or just come and see what we are up to. A cup of tea and refreshments will be provided following the planting.

For further information please contact Doug South, Ph. 03 541 8980 or Email [tuiville@xtra.co.nz](mailto:tuiville@xtra.co.nz)

### 24 Hour Assistance – Phone your local office

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## Council Meetings

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# Engineering introductions: Jenna Voigt

The Council has recently brought a number of engineering functions in-house, predominantly those regarding the control, planning and development of Tasman's major infrastructure assets.

The cost benefit alone, approximately \$1 million per annum, will be visible within three years after the initial costs of the redeployment have been absorbed.

For the next few issues of Newsline we are going to profile some of the engineers now working within Council, their backgrounds, areas or expertise and what makes them tick. In this issue we feature Jenna Voigt, Transportation Network Engineer.

Not many women choose civil engineering as a career path, but Jenna Voigt has been in boots and all since high school.

At 15 a friend suggested the possibility of training as a fitter and turner and on finishing school in Year 13, she did just that. After completing a six month polytech course, an opportunity then came up to join international engineering firm MWH as a cadet. During her time with MWH Jenna completed various qualifications, the latest a Bachelor of Engineering Technology (Highways) where she topped the class for New Zealand.

Recently appointed to oversee Tasman District Council's roading contract in Golden Bay, Jenna's mix of skills and technical knowledge are being put to good use.

Working closely with Fulton Hogan, flood repairs and culvert and drainage improvements are her main focus. They provide an "interesting challenge," she says.

"Reconstructing Swiftsure Street was a great project. It's a passionate community with some complex engineering needs and wants."

Jenna has plenty of expertise and experience but it's her communication skills that win most praise from her colleagues.

"She doesn't go in all guns blazing telling us 'this is what we are going to do'," says Fulton Hogan's, Golden Bay Area Supervisor, Skin Bruning. "She takes the time to listen and works in well with us."

Golden Bay Councillor Martine Bouillir says it's "refreshing" to deal with a woman in the world of engineering. "We've had several onsite meetings with residents who had concerns and were able to sort things out pretty quickly through good communication and Jenna's understanding of the technicalities involved."

A former dux of Motueka High School, Jenna still lives locally and when she's not working for the residents and ratepayers of Tasman District, she keeps busy with touch rugby, orienteering and adventure racing.



Jenna Voigt – in boots and all since high school.

She also manages a netball team.

And if that's not enough she is following in her grandfather's footsteps playing the bagpipes in the Motueka Highland Pipe Band.

Keeping a look out in upcoming editions of Newsline for more engineering profiles.

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