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Trial of ice warning markers

The Council's Transportation staff are trialling solar power raised markers on the centre line of isolated selections of some roads around our District, which will alert drivers when the temperature has dipped low enough that there is a risk of ice on the road. The raised markers will glow blue when the road starts to freeze. The trial will assess the sturdiness of the markers and whether they will charge enough to operate consistently in areas that have reduced sunlight during winter.

The Council wants to remind road users that the markers cannot be guaranteed to be working, so always drive to the conditions and use caution. It is also worth noting that when there is ice on the roads it will likely extend beyond the marker trial area, so when the markers end the ice will continue.

The roads that the trials will be held on are

Moutere Highway on McLean's corner. Markers will be around the full length of the bend.

Gowan Valley on three corners. There will be two markers at each end of the section being trialled.

Matiri Valley on three corners. There will be two markers at each end of the section being trialled.

Mangles Valley on three corners. There will be two markers at each end of the section being trialled.

Kerr Bay area in St Arnaud. Top of the hill and bottom of the hill as well as in front of the DoC office.



Council Comment - Annual Plan 2014/15

Community Development Chair – Cr Judene Edgar

The Annual Plan process has moved from its consultative phase to planning for the deliberation stage, which will be held throughout May 2014.

Core to the deliberations by the Councillors is the hearing of verbal submissions from those who have already submitted in writing. Submitters will have received an acknowledgement of their contribution and those who indicated they wish to speak to the Council in support of their submission will be contacted shortly.

The Council has received over 400 submissions to the Draft Annual Plan 2014/15. In addition to the publishing of the draft and the distribution of the summary we have held a number of meetings throughout the District over the last month. The themes discussed at these meetings were relatively consistent with a general endorsement of the direction the Council is taking with conservative rates increases

and its staged approach to the limiting of the growth of its debt.

These themes also reflect the general disappointment that a number of high profile projects such as the completion of Tasman's Great Taste Trail and the Golden Bay Recreation Centre may need to be deferred. However, it seems the disappointment is linked to the acceptance only so much can be achieved within a defined financial envelope.

There was also an acknowledgement the scope of what can be achieved through an Annual Plan process is somewhat limited compared with the Long Term Plan (LTP) process, which begins later this year. The LTP provides a great deal more opportunity, flexibility and ability to provide for more fundamental change. While it is too early to predict the mood of the District there is an expectation that the themes of debt management and conservative rates will stand the test of time.

Lower Queen Street drop-in

Tasman District Council staff are hosting a community drop-in event to help keep residents and local businesses informed about the projects that are happening in the McShane Road / Lower Queen Street area of Richmond over the next year or so.

The drop-in event gives you a chance to talk to technical staff about the plans for up-coming work, to find out more about why the Council is doing the work and how it will affect the area, both in the short term while works are underway and in the longer term when the projects are complete.

Staff will be on hand to talk about;

- The Richmond Water Treatment Plant and associated pipe upgrades
- Borck Creek and Poutama Drain widening and future rehabilitation
- A range of minor improvements to McShane Road and Lower Queen Street.

The drop-in event will be held at 25 McShane Road, Richmond on Monday 5 May 2014, 4.00 pm – 6.00pm. Everyone is welcome.



**For further information contact Chris Blythe,
Project Manager, Ph. 03 543 7266,
Email: projects@tasman.govt.nz**

Local Governance Statement

The Council has formalised its Local Governance Statement as part of its regulatory requirements.

The Local Governance Statement describes how the Council engages with the residents of Tasman District, how the Council makes decisions and how the residents can influence these processes. It includes the following broad categories of information:

- functions, responsibilities and activities of the local authority;
- electoral arrangements;
- governance structures and processes;
- the way elected members make decisions and relate to each other and to the management of the local authority;
- key policies of the local authority.

The statement can be found online at www.tasman.govt.nz/policy/policies/council-policies/#lgstatement and in Council libraries and Service Centres.

Cycle trail closed for duck hunting season opening day

The short section of Tasman's Great Taste Trail that runs around the Waimea Estuary, from Swamp Road to Best Island Road, will be closed at times on Saturday 3 May 2014. This is the opening day of the duck hunting season and for safety reasons cyclists and pedestrians are being kept away early in the morning and during the evening. The section of trail will be open as usual between 10.00 am and 4.00 pm.

Signs will be in place and wardens will ensure that no-one accidentally strays into the area. The trail will re-open on Sunday 4 May 2014.

Takaka Freshwater and Land Advisory Group Established

The Tasman District Council has established the Takaka Freshwater and Land Advisory Group (FLAG). The Takaka FLAG is the second such group set up this year the first being in the Waimea Plains.

Made up of 12 members with 10 selected through a local nomination process and one appointee each from the Council and iwi. The group has been established to meet a need to ensure public and stakeholder involvement in managing water quality and quantity in the Takaka River catchment and the adjacent coastal catchments.

This initiative was identified as essential to further developing the Tasman Resource Management Plan's water provisions for this part of Golden Bay. The group will identify the river's values and uses for which the water quality and quantity is to be managed. It will develop water allocation limits to guide abstraction and water quality limits to manage contamination risks to water.

"We are grateful for the interest shown and amount of time people have taken following our call for community nominations in February", said Environmental and Planning Committee Chair Stuart Bryant. "It is very

reassuring there was a high level of interest in these important roles providing the Council with the opportunity to select from a very high calibre group of people."

"The people nominated were of such a standard we have chosen 10 people to join Martine Bouillir as the council appointee and Margie Little, the iwi appointee."

The group will work co-operatively and is to ensure the wider community is kept informed as it reports findings back to the Council. The Council will be inviting the group to its first meeting soon.

Takaka Freshwater and Land Advisory Group

Graham Ball
Kirsty Joynt
Neil Murray
Mik Symmons
Piers MacLaren
Martine Bouillir

Greg Anderson
Mirka Langford
Tony Reilly
Mike Newman
Matt Rountree
Margie Little

Reservoir Creek Dam – new spillway

Reservoir Creek Dam is situated in the hills immediately east of Richmond and is approximately 700 metres up Reservoir Creek from Easby Park. The earth dam was built in the late 1880's to provide water to Richmond Borough, which had a population of around 600 people, for a cost of £2900. The dam suffered initially from some leaks and repairs were required.

With increases in the population the dam was increased in height to enlarge the reservoir. By the 1940's water for Richmond was also being sourced from the Roding River, making the dam less vital, and by the 1970's water from bores on the Waimea plains enabled the old dam to be taken out of service as a water supply.

In the late 1990's and 2000's some issues were identified with the dam and several reports were produced, which recommended its decommissioning or removal. Decommissioning of the dam, rather

than removal, offered the most cost effective method to reduce any risk from the dam and reservoir.

The project has included the cutting of a V out of the dam structure and the installation of an open top culvert through the dam at a 20% incline. This has significantly reduced the size of the reservoir behind the dam. The culvert includes fish passage devices and energy dissipation measures.

The work commenced to decommission the dam in September 2013 and was completed in early February 2014 after some delays due to rain over the construction period.

As a benefit of these works, a new walkway has been developed by the Keep Richmond Beautiful team on the left bank of the stream, which emerges at the base of the new spillway and then climbs up the new slopes to join the existing track alongside the reservoir.

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Speed Limit Bylaw

Tasman District is reviewing its Speed Limit Bylaw.

During the first part of the process communities in the Tasman district are invited to send feedback on any of the speed limits covered by the Speed Limit Bylaw. This feedback can include suggestions of where individuals feel the current speed limit should be reviewed because it is either too high or too low.

Feedback for this part of the process closes at 4.00 pm on Friday 30 May 2014.

This Draft Bylaw will be presented to a Council meeting in August 2014. At this stage the Council decides whether or not to adopt the Draft Bylaw or what if any changes need to be made. Once Council has adopted the Draft Bylaw Council staff will undertake a special consultative process with the community as required under the Local Government Act to make changes to the Bylaw.

Consultation for the Draft Bylaw will close at 4.00pm on Friday 12 September 2014. At this stage the community can indicate whether or not they want to speak to their submission.

During June and July this feedback will be collated, speed warrants will be carried out and analysed on all sections of road and then as a result of this warrants and analysis a Draft Speed Limit Bylaw will be written. The speed warrant is a through process which looks at the speed of the road, the built environment, current road users and the road geometry.

Feedback in regards to the Draft Bylaw will be collated and a hearing date will be set for October 2014. Once the hearings have been completed any changes will be made to the Draft Bylaw before being presented again to Council in December 2014. If there are no further changes to be made the Council will adopt this Speed Limit Bylaw 2014 at this meeting.

The Speed Limit Bylaw 2014 will then be available on the Council website.

At all stages of the process submitters will be kept informed on the process. These timelines are subject to change due to Council requesting further information, a delay in obtaining all the relevant information necessary or any other unforeseen emergency events

Stopbanks – what you need to know

As we get closer to winter and the onset of cooler, wetter weather, now is a good time to think about stock management around Council-owned and maintained stopbanks.

Few people may know that our District Plan prohibits grazing of stock other than sheep and goats on stopbanks. The intent behind this rule is so that we can maintain a healthy grass sward on the banks to resist erosion in a flood event.

Stopbanks can be useful when the surrounding low lying land is saturated and liable to pug, and although they will be drier than the surrounding land they are still more susceptible to damage.

Unfortunately our stopbanks were not constructed with grazing in mind as they have steep side slopes that are prone to hoof damage and tracking. The stopbanks in many places have also been built out of very friable soils such as silt, sand and small gravel that do not resist scour well.

Concentrating animals on the stopbanks with activities such as feeding out, is of particular concern.

To keep the stopbanks in top condition we should exclude all animals by fencing them off. However, this increases maintenance costs such as weed control and mowing so with responsible attitudes and good management some lengths of stopbank can be productively grazed (at the right time of year with the right animals).

Stopbanks are a vital community asset, so there is a duty of care with all those who use them to do so responsibly. It's easy to forget they exist and the important role they have in protecting our way of life and economic livelihood.

If you have any concerns or queries about the stopbanks we would like to hear from you. Please call the Council on Ph. 03 543 8400.

Students take on environmental challenges

The Moturoa Mission was a first for the 130 students from Tasman and Nelson EnviroSchools that took part, and the 13 agencies that set the challenges they faced during the day.

Based at Rabbit Island the event informed, then tested the students on their knowledge of the environment, encouraging them to develop strategy and teamwork skills as part of the problem solving process. Topics like disposing of waste, biosecurity, dune care, biodiversity and caring for native fish, spiders or stranded whales were all part of the days challenges.

Kyle from Ngatimoti School said he learnt heaps, enjoyed being

part of a student led team and wants the agencies to make the challenges harder next time.

Thanks to the staff at Cawthron Institute, Department of Conservation, Nelson Environment Centre, Brook Waimarama Sanctuary, Waimaori Stream Care, Natureland, Otago University Marine Studies Centre, Project Janszoon, Nelson Provincial Museum, Nelson City Council, Tasman District Council and the EnviroSchools Foundation for setting the challenges and supporting the Mission.

Feedback was overwhelmingly in support of this event happening again.

Moutere Hills fitness centre to go ahead

The Moutere Hills community is making a further investment in its local Community Centre through the addition of a locally funded fitness centre with construction scheduled to begin this month.

Identified last year as a possible addition to the Centre, the Management Board tested concept was tested locally with positive results before coming to the Council with its proposal.

Benefits identified to support the proposal were;

- support of the small Rangers family of sports clubs,
- a means of supporting the health and wellbeing of the rural community,
- the provision of a small income stream to fund the running of the Community Centre.

While the Community Centre is owned by the Council, the management and its ongoing development is in the hands of the local Management Board. In sanctioning the proposal Tasman District Council Community Development Chair Judene Edgar said, "It is through the vision, drive and perseverance of this Board and the centre manager that this popular local amenity continues to thrive, especially after the recent devastating fires."

"In giving its support to the proposal last year the Council had to be sure the proposal had enough support and funding to ensure it did not become a cost to the general ratepayer."

"In advancing the idea the Management Board has certainly provided enough surety that this is a locally funded initiative to meet the needs and aspirations of the very community it supports," concluded Councillor Edgar.

The fitness centre, funded through financial contributions from Canterbury Community Trust, Sarau Trust, Pub Charity and IMB Construction and a huge local fundraising effort, is to be housed in an 18m x 5.5m extension on the external wall of the current sports hall. Designed by the original architects of the facility, the extension will be in keeping with the present design, flow and colour scheme.



Above and below: Internal and external representations of the design for the new fitness centre.



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Keep Up with the Tasman District Council Lowdown

Hear news items from the Council about current public consultations, Council and community projects, topical interviews, plus a range of notices about activities and events in the Tasman District.

Tune in to Fresh FM on Monday 11.40 am or Wednesday 5.40 pm.

Nelson-Tasman 104.8, Golden Bay 95.0.

Leaves look nice but can be a problem

At this time of year, the leaf colours on deciduous trees look amazing. Autumn is also the season for these leaves to drop. If they are left in the gutters or on the footpaths in urban areas these beautiful leaves can block the drains and cause flooding quite quickly when it rains. Of course, it is unrealistic for the contracted street sweeper to cover every street with an abundance of leaves over the autumn period, so for your own peace of mind, regularly check the gutters near your residence or work place and keep them cleared of leaves. They can also be quite slippery on footpaths and are much better on the garden or in a compost heap.

Rainbow Praise: many people, many songs

Nelson Multicultural Council invites you to join:

Rainbow Praise: many people, many songs

A worship service at Motueka Memorial Hall on Sunday 27 April 2014 at 2.00 pm.

This unique event brings together people of different ethnicities and cultures to enjoy and share their Christian songs of praise. Hear songs of praise in the languages of our visiting Recognised Seasonal Workers Choirs will be seated in the hall before 1.30 pm, event starts at 2.00pm. There will be refreshments in the grounds afterwards. This will give everyone an opportunity to mingle and talk to one another. Please bring a plate of food to share (choirs do not need to provide any food). For more information contact Avey McAuliffe, Ph. 03 539 0030 email info@nelsonmulticultural.co.nz

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Public Notices

Triennial Election dates for Community Hall and Reserve Committees 2014

Triennial Meeting of the Takaka Aerodrome Management Committee

7.00 pm, Tuesday 6 May, Flying Clubrooms Puramahoi.

Lake Rotoiti Community Hall Management Committee

7.30 pm, Friday 23 May, Lake Rotoiti Community Hall.

Notice of meeting – Keep Richmond Beautiful AGM

Tuesday 13 May 2014, Council Chamber. Afternoon tea starts at 2.45 pm with the main meeting starting at 3.00 pm.

Road Closures

Road Closures – Anzac Day

Notice is hereby given that for the purpose of enabling ANZAC Day Services and Parades, the following sections of roads will be closed to ordinary vehicular traffic on Friday 25 April 2014 for the times indicated hereunder.

Roads to be closed to Ordinary Vehicular Traffic and time of closure

- Queen Street from Sundial Square to Cambridge Street from 10.30 am to 11.00 am
- Oxford Street from Gladstone Road to Wensley Road from 10.15 am to 12.30pm. Note – residents along Oxford Street will still be able to leave or enter their property through the controlled section at the Oxford Street/Wensley Road roundabout. There will be no left or right turn from Gladstone Road into Oxford Street during this time.
- Aranui Road, Mapua from the Mapua Hall to the RSA on the corner of Aranui Road and Toru Street from 10.30 am to 11.45 am.

Proposed Road Closure

In accordance with the Transport (Vehicle Road Closure) Regulations 1965, the public is advised that for the purpose of allowing the Nelson Car Club Inc to hold a motor sport event the following road will be closed to ordinary vehicles for the periods and times indicated below.

Proposed Road to be closed to Ordinary Vehicles and Period of Closure
Riwaka-Sandy Bay Road – from 9.00 am to 4.00 pm, Saturday 1 June 2014.
Dated at Richmond, 19 April 2014.

Any person objecting to the proposal should lodge notice of their objection before Friday 23 May 2014 to the office of the Tasman District Council, 189 Queen Street, Richmond.

Road Closure Cancellation

The public is advised that the temporary road closure previously advertised for the Nelson Car Club event using the Tadmores-Glenhope Road 4.3 km from the intersection of SH6 and 2.7 km south from the intersection of Tui, Kereru and Tadmores-Glenhope Roads on Saturday 3 May 2014, has been cancelled.

Council Meetings

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

Full Council – Annual Plan Hearings (if required)

Murchison Sport Recreation & Cultural Centre, Waller Street, Murchison, Wednesday 30 April 2014, 10.30 am. No public forum

Full Council – Annual Plan Hearings

Motueka Memorial Hall, 12 Pah Street, Motueka, Thursday 1 May 2014, 9.30 am. No public forum

Full Council – Annual Plan Hearings

Tasman Council Chambers, 189 Queen Street, Richmond, Friday 2 May 2014, 9.30 am. No public forum

Full Council – Annual Plan Hearings

Takaka Fire Station Hall, 6 Motupipi Street, Takaka, Monday 5 May 2014, 10.00 am. No public forum

Full Council – Annual Plan Hearings (if required)

Takaka Fire Station Hall, 6 Motupipi Street, Takaka, Tuesday 6 May 2014, 10.00 am. No public forum

Full Council – Annual Plan Hearings (if required)

Tasman Council Chambers, 189 Queen Street, Richmond, Wednesday 7 May 2014, 9.30 am. No public forum

Community Development Committee

Tasman Council Chambers, 189 Queen Street, Richmond, Thursday 8 May 2014, 9.30 am. Public forum

24 Hour Assistance – Phone your local office

Richmond 03 543 8400

Murchison 03 523 1013

Motueka 03 528 2022

Takaka 03 525 0020

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Anzac Day 2014 – Services and Parades

Tapawera

Parade – 9.40 am from St Peter’s Church

Service – 9.45 am Memorial Hall

Richmond

Parade – 10.45 am from Sundial Square

Service – 11.00 am at War Memorial Gardens, Cambridge Street

Brightwater

Service – 9.00 am at Brightwater Memorial Hall Gates

Wakefield

Service – 10.00 am at the Cenotaph

Motueka

Parade – 6.30 am from Countdown Supermarket

Service – 6.45 am at the Cenotaph

Murchison

Service – 11.00 am at the Memorial in Waller Street (Murchison Sport, Recreation and Cultural Centre if wet)

Mapua

Parade – 10.45 am Starts adjacent to tennis courts

Service – 11.00 am at Mapua RSA Memorial Library, followed by morning tea at the Mapua Hall. A plate would be appreciated.

Upper Moutere

Service – 10.00 am at the Domain

Tasman

Service – 10.00 am at the Memorial

Riwaka

Laying of Wreath – 9.00 am at the Riwaka Memorial

Ngatimoti

Laying of Wreath and Service – 10.30 am at the Ngatimoti Memorial

Takaka

Dawn Service – 6.30 am at Memorial Library

Parade – assemble outside Junction Hotel 8.45am for 9.00 am service at the Memorial Library

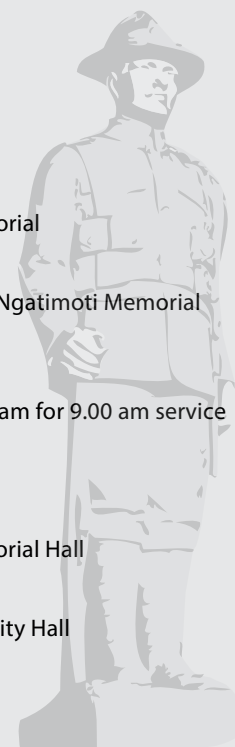
Collingwood

Dawn Parade – assemble 6.15 am

Service – citizens’ service 11.15 am in the Memorial Hall

Lake Rotoiti

Service – 10.30 am in the Lake Rotoiti Community Hall



Enjoy the Heat, not the Smoke!

Many people burn wood as a source of heat and enjoyment. It's economical, renewable and can heat your home well, if used properly.

The efficiency of wood burners will vary. However, open fires will actually draw heat from your home and are very inefficient.

A wood burner or open fire that is not being used properly can produce excessive smoke, which wastes energy and your money, builds up dangerous creosote and creates air pollution. Inefficient wood burners and open fires can also be fire hazards.

Wood burners need to be operated without causing smoke or smell nuisance to neighbours.

Here are some tips to help you get the most from your wood burner this winter, keep you warm and save money

When lighting a fire, make sure you:

- Use enough kindling
- Don't put too much firewood in at first
- Stack wood loosely in the firebox so air can circulate
- Always use dry wood.

Once alight, make sure you:

- Keep the fire burning brightly
- Keep the air control open for at least 30 minutes
- Burn smaller logs rather than trying to burn a single, large log
- If you add logs, open up the air control to "high" for at least 20–30 minutes before turning down
- Be careful not to block air supply to the base of the fire with a badly positioned log
- Don't damp down the fire
- Don't burn rubbish in the fire.

How to Burn Smarter:

- Only burn dry, well-seasoned wood that has been split properly. Green wood is a major culprit in the creation of smoke that pollutes the air and creosote that clogs your chimney. The moisture content of wood must be less than 25%.
- Don't use wood that has been rained on or is damp. If it got wet in the rain, take small amounts inside to dry out before putting it on the fire.
- Get your wood from an approved Good Wood supplier if you can't cut or store your own firewood properly.
- Burn fires bright and hot. A smouldering fire creates more smoke and less heat. If the glass front on your wood burner is coated with 'gunk', it means you are not burning your fire hot enough.
- After starting the fire, leave the air controls open for at least 30 minutes. This helps build up a good high temperature, which makes the wood burn well. Do this again when you add more wood.
- Regularly remove ashes from the burner or fireplace.
- If your wood burner is smoking excessively, get it checked.
- Don't bank up the fire overnight. While this might keep the fire 'in' overnight, it causes excessive smoke for long periods.
- Keep a supply of kindling handy to re-start the burner in the morning. A smouldering fire greatly increases the amount of pollution.
- Don't burn plastic, disposable nappies, electrical cables, treated timber and fibreboard, rubber products, waste oils or domestic rubbish. This is PROHIBITED.
- Don't burn domestic rubbish, glossy paper, coal or magazines and wrappers. They produce harmful chemicals and creosote and cause offensive or objectionable smoke. They may also damage your wood burner.

