

## Latest economic analysis on the proposed dam released

**The release of the Economic Assessment of the proposed Waimea Dam, commissioned by the regional Economic Development Agency (EDA), is a welcome addition to the information required to make the important decision next year on whether to build the dam or not, said Tasman Mayor Richard Kempthorne.**

"Throughout the current consultation process there have understandably been a number of questions raised about the benefits the proposed dam will bring. This report provides the economic rationale for the dam's construction and clarifies the benefits."

Taking into account the earlier work identifying the benefits of building the dam, and the costs of not building it, the report delivered by the New Zealand Institute of Economic Research (NZIER) to the EDA has reviewed and updated the previous work the Council received in 2009.

"While the predicament of a shortage of water on the Waimea plains has not diminished, there have been a number of changes in the current use and future plans for the area which this report has taken into account."

"The Council acknowledges the report focuses on the economic future of the area and is primarily focused on the horticulture sector as one would expect of a report commissioned by the EDA. However, the link between a sustainable economy and social and community needs is very clear."

"What this report does not cover is the issue of affordability for Tasman ratepayers. Significant external contributions by central government and our local government partners are critical to providing an affordable financial model for constructing the dam."

"Most economies are not bound by political and geographic boundaries and the positive and negative impacts identified will be far reaching and not bound to the horticultural sector and urban water supplies alone."

"While Tasman's current consultation is focused on the funding and the governance options, the NZIER economic analysis provides councillors, ratepayers and residents another element of context for the decision-making process we are in."

"It should be acknowledged by all who read this report the economics is not the sole reason or rationale for the proposed dam. Alongside the benefits of a secure water supply for current and future urban and commercial use lies the environmental welfare of the river and the aquifers it supports."

**You can read the EDA report, and the NZIER Report 'How to pay for a dam' at [www.waimeacommunitydam.co.nz](http://www.waimeacommunitydam.co.nz)**

## Annual Report 2013/2014 out now

**The Council's Annual Report 2013/2014 was adopted on 25 September 2014. The summary document will be distributed with this issue of Newsline, and the full report can be found at [www.tasman.govt.nz](http://www.tasman.govt.nz)**

The Annual Report is the document that summarises the progress the Council made over the last 12 months in achieving the goals it set out in its Annual or Long Term Plan. The Annual Report findings reflect the previous plan's activity line by line, so ratepayers have the ability to see clearly where their investment has been placed throughout the District.

The Annual Report 2013/2014 shows the Council stayed within budget and met many of its targets for service delivery and environmental management.

Tasman District Council's mission is to "enhance community well-being and quality of life", and the services that it provided over the last 12 months were focused on delivering on this promise.



# Message from the Mayor

**We are in the midst of the first round of consultation regarding the Waimea Community Dam. Thank you to the many people who have attended the recent meetings that Council have held. We appreciate the feedback we have received. This round while particularly focused on the possible funding and governance models has clearly reinforced the issue of affordability.**

The meetings have given attendees the ability to discuss the necessity of the proposed dam in light of the water shortage we face on the Waimea Plains. It is not just going to affect irrigators but the residential and commercial areas as well as the primary production areas that contribute to the economic well-being of the region. The recasting of the District's water management plan will see a greater level of environmental protection to the Waimea River, which in addition to the reallocation of water rights due to occur in 2016 if the dam does not proceed, will require a marked reduction in the water available for extraction. Essentially the current level of growth cannot be sustained. The lack of any security in dry periods will place restrictions on the Waimea Plains' ability to support economic growth. This in turn will have a marked effect of the region's economy.

A number of people have expressed the dam will benefit irrigators above anyone else. This is not the case. Unlike other dams that are

currently proposed throughout the country, the Waimea Community Dam is focused on community supply, benefitting all who source their water from the Waimea River and the aquifers it supports.

The decision this Council needs to take next year is a very important one and affordability will be a key factor.

In addition to the recent focus on the public meetings my wife and I had the pleasure of visiting some of the Moutere Artisans during Labour Weekend. We saw many gifted and passionate business people working together to support the Moutere community. It reflects to me the diverse creativity that is at work in our District.

I also attended the launch of the new Kahurangi Gateway at Tapawera, which celebrates the community's shared Maori and pakeha history. It is well worth a visit to Tapawera to see this beautifully carved landmark and very well presented interpretive panel explaining the values of Kahurangi National Park.

**Mayor Richard Kempthorne**



## Council engineer elected as Chair

**Jenna Voigt, Transportation Network Engineer at Tasman District Council, has recently been elected as Chair of the Nelson-Marlborough branch of IPENZ (the Institution of Professional Engineers New Zealand), which represents engineers from all disciplines.**

The branch has 240 members and Jenna follows in the footsteps of fellow Council employee Mark Jones who held the position for four years (the IPENZ constitution requires that members can only hold Presidential office for four years).

"I'm really honored to have been elected into the position of Chairperson and am looking forward to helping our branch develop

and grow", says Jenna. "We are in a great position following all of Mark's hard work over the last four years so it's a case of consolidating on that position and then looking objectively at what we can do better and how we can improve the service we give to our members."

**You can find out more about IPENZ at  
[www.ipenz.org.nz](http://www.ipenz.org.nz)**

## Improving recycling on building sites

**In Tasman and Nelson cardboard makes up around 17% of the rubbish sent to local transfer stations or to landfill, significantly higher than the national average of 9%. Where does all this cardboard come from and why is it ending up in landfill?**

To find out more, Tasman District and Nelson City councils initiated a behaviour change project through the Nelson Environment Centre to look at barriers to reducing waste and develop simple solutions to encourage more reuse and recycling of materials.

Having identified construction as one of the main industries locally that send cardboard to landfill, a trial project was set up with three local builders, Bruce Design & Build, Gibbons Construction and Jennian Homes Nelson Bays. The aim of the project was to see if making some simple changes to on-site waste management systems would affect how much cardboard was going to landfill and whether any financial savings could be made. Changes included putting separate recycling bins on site, and working with site managers to encourage teams to keep the cardboard out of the skips. Envirowaste and Can Plan provided the necessary support to get the changes in place and

it quickly became clear that other materials like metal, plasterboard, polystyrene, plastic, and untreated timber could also be easily separated out and recycled. In total, 25% of the waste generated (15% of which was cardboard) was recycled rather than sent to landfill, and all those involved in the trial saved money on their waste bills even after the costs of the additional bins were included.

The three building companies are committed to recycling 100% of their cardboard waste where recycling services are provided. The Councils, Nelson Environment Centre and the building companies involved are keen to promote the cost savings and benefits of recycling to others in the construction industry that aren't already recycling, and are looking for opportunities to meet with other builders across the region.

**To find out more about the project or how your company could benefit from reducing the cost of your waste bills, contact Karen Driver at the Nelson Environment Centre, Ph. 03 545 9176 or Email: [karendriver@nec.org.nz](mailto:karendriver@nec.org.nz)**

**A list of services available throughout the region can also be found on the Nelson Environment Centre website at [www.nec.org.nz/construction-demolition/](http://www.nec.org.nz/construction-demolition/)**

# Water – our precious resource

Water is one of our most precious resources and you have the ability to manage what you use. Here's how your water meter can help you keep tabs on your water consumption, and reduce your costs.

## Where is the meter?

Water meters are usually located below ground in a meter box near your road boundary and should be kept clear from overhanging shrubs, plants and bark or soil. Our customer services staff can help if you have trouble locating the meter, Ph. 03 543 8400.

## How do I read the meter?



Water meters show the total water used. The white numbers on the red background in the example above show litres, so the reading above is 2406.3905 m<sup>3</sup> (1m<sup>3</sup> = 1000 litres).

This newer type of meter (above) also shows litres in white numbers on a red background. It reads 489.793 m<sup>3</sup> (or 489 m<sup>3</sup> and 793 litres). The newer meters have dials as well as numbers – one rotation of the dial counts out one litre.

## What is Typical Water Usage?

This can vary greatly but a typical household of three people could be expected to use about 750 litres/day. If your water bill shows consumption that seems higher than usual, you may have a water leak.

## How do I check for a leak?

To check, shut off all household appliances that use water and any outside taps. Take a note of the meter reading and record the time. Leave the water shut off for as long as possible, then read the meter again. If the reading has changed – or the red numbers have moved – you have a leak.

## Common Leaks

Leaking taps and constantly filling toilets are the most common causes of leaks.

*HINT: To check if a toilet is leaking you can put a piece of toilet paper on the back of the toilet pan and see if it gets wet.*

## Locating the leak

To try and locate the leak, trace the water pipe from the meter to the house. Can you locate any wet areas e.g. water pooling on concrete/lawn or any damp areas? If you can't find the leak, call your registered plumber as soon as possible.

## Water saving tips:

- Water your garden during the cool of morning or evening to minimise evaporation.
- Do not leave sprinklers or hoses unattended.
- Repair leaky taps, hoses or fittings.
- Make sure every load in the washing machine is a full one.
- Turn the tap off when brushing your teeth.
- Install a dual flush toilet. By using the half flush, you can save up to 5 litres of water per flush.
- Re-use water where possible rather than putting it down the drain (e.g. use a bowl for washing up and water the plants with it in the summer).
- Install a low-flow shower head – these can save more than five litres per minute of showering.

## Tips for Rural Water Users

If you live in a rural water area, you will be supplied water to a tank via a restrictor (low-flow unit). To help manage your water usage:

- Please ensure you keep your storage tank in good condition.
- Please maintain your property reticulation, e.g. stock troughs, and repair any leaks promptly.
- It is recommended that you fit your tank with a water level indicator, which gives you an early warning when your water level is running low.
- Ensure you have at least 25,000 or 7 days of storage, whichever is the greater. Note that this only covers drinking water – additional storage is required for fire fighting purposes.
- If you notice any leaks on the supply line, ring the Council on Ph. 03 543 8400 (24 hours).
- The Council relies on people notifying us of water leaks to ensure they are fixed, and appreciates your vigilance to report leaks.

**For more information contact the Council  
on Ph. 03 543 8400**

# Training helps dogs avoid protected birds

**The Tasman Bay Little Penguin Group, Department of Conservation (DOC) and Tasman District Council would like to invite you and your dog to attend penguin avoidance training.**

This will provide training for your dog in avoidance of little blue penguins. Avoidance training is not a guarantee your dog won't kill penguins, but it will certainly help, and along with control over your dog will reduce the risk.

The training is free and will take approximately 30 minutes per dog. You will need to book a place. Each dog has an individual training session, so if you have more than one dog you will need to book a session for each dog.

**Friday 7 November 2014 – 9.00 am to 4.00 pm (excluding 12.00 pm to 12.30 pm lunch break).**

**Saturday 8 November 2014 – 9.00 am to 12.00 pm.**

**Location:** Marahau; at the car park on the right hand side, just before the Park Cafe, 100m before the start of the Abel Tasman Coast Track. Look out for training signage and the DOC gazebo.

Please book your session now by calling Chris Donald from the Tasman Little Penguin group Ph. 027 233 4809 or Email: [greatsouthern@xtra.co.nz](mailto:greatsouthern@xtra.co.nz)

DOC provides aversion training for kiwi, weka and little blue penguins. Andrew Stirling and his dog Shadow recently attended training for kiwi and weka with trainer Willie Marsh. 'It is really great how Willie gets to know the dog first and uses the dog's natural instinct to get the most efficient training'. 'Shadow learnt to avoid the birds really quickly and when I took her back to Eves Valley for a walk the next weekend, she remembered all of the spots where Willie had his training props and she avoided them all'.



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## Public Notices

### Navigation Safety Bylaw: Temporary Reservation and speed-limit uplifting for Waka racing in the Kaiteriteri/Marahau area

The Motueka Waka Ama club has applied to the Tasman District Council to run an event within the coastal marine areas of Kaiteriteri and Marahau. The planned races will have competing craft and support vessels passing through and occupying the Kaiteriteri swimming and water ski areas at the start and finish of each event. The racing course will be between Kaiteriteri Bay, Sandy Bay and Fishermans Island.

Pursuant to the provisions contained in the Navigation Safety Bylaw, the Tasman District Council's Harbourmaster has granted a temporary reservation of the Kaiteriteri swimming and water-ski areas and a uplift of the 5 knot speed restriction for those involved in the annual 'Waka te Tasman' event, between the hours of 2.00 pm and 7.30 pm on Friday 14 November 2014, and 8.00 am and 5.00 pm on Saturday 15 November 2014, (backup day 16 November 2014, 8.00 am – 5.00 pm).

The effect of the temporary reservation will be to prevent other activities including water skiing or swimming from occurring within that area within the time specified. Event marshals have the authority to require other users to vacate these areas as required, but may allow limited use when racers are well offshore. An uplift of the 5 knot speed restrictions has also been granted to Waka Ama and support vessels directly involved in the event between Anawera Point and Guilbert Point, including Fisherman Island but excluding Otuwhero Inlet and Little Kaiteriteri.

A number of conditions have been imposed on the organisers of the event, and these conditions may be viewed by contacting the Motueka Waka Ama Club, or Tasman District Council's Harbourmaster on, Ph. 03 543 8400 during office hours.

## Community Notices

### Motueka Community House: Anxiety – What does it mean to you?

**Tuesday 11 November 2014, 6.30 pm – 8.30 pm,  
Motueka Community House, Motueka.**

We invite you to attend a workshop that will introduce:

- What is anxiety and why do we feel it? (recognising symptoms)
- Simple and effective tools and techniques to help cope with anxiety
- What support is available and how to access

Guest Speakers: Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services, Supporting Families in Mental Illness, Motueka Family Service Centre and Te Awhina Marae.

Registrations appreciated. Please phone Community House on Ph. 03 528 0404.

Special thanks to GREENWOOD HEALTH for their support.

Supper will be provided. Free entry, all welcome.

### Wakefield School Twilight Gala

**Saturday 8 November 2014, 3.00 pm – 6.30 pm, Wakefield School,  
Edward Street, Wakefield.**

A great family evening out!

Entertainment from fabulous band PARALLEL.

Fantastic local fare: Wild Pork Sandwiches, Whitebait Patties, Vegetarian

Food, BBQ, Desserts, Gluten Free Options available, Kids Food & much more!

Fantastic stalls: Silent Auction, Plants, Produce, Books, Toys, Clothing, White Elephant, Mystery Boxes.

Fun for Kids of all ages: Climbing Wall, Inflatables, Shooting Gallery, Digger and Tractor Rides, Horizontal Bungee, Plate Smashing, Face Painting, Animal Petting Zoo & more!

*Please note the gala will run wet or fine!*

## Public Notices

### Closure of Roads to Ordinary Vehicular Traffic

In accordance with the Transport (Vehicle Road Closure) Regulations 1965, notice is hereby given that for the purpose of enabling Richmond Unlimited to conduct the Richmond Santa Parade, the following roads will be closed to ordinary vehicles for the periods and times indicated below.

Any person objecting to the proposal is called upon to lodge notice of the objection before **Friday 21 November 2014** to the office of the Tasman District Council, 189 Queen Street, Richmond.

#### Proposed Roads to be closed to Ordinary Vehicular Traffic and Period of Closure

##### Sunday 30 November 2014:

- Cambridge Street Car Park from 6.30 am to 4.00 pm
- Cambridge Street from Oxford Street to Queen Street – from 11.30 am to 2.00 pm
- Edward Street from 10.00 am to 1.00 pm
- Oxford Street from Crescent Street to Queen Street – from 11.30 am to 1.00 pm
- Queen Street (from Edward Street to Salisbury Road) – from 11.30 am to 1.00 pm
- Queen Street (from Salisbury Road to Cambridge Street and including Croucher Street) – from 11.30 am to 2.00 pm
- Salisbury Road from Talbot Street to Queen Street – from 11.30 am to 1.00 pm
- Warring Car Park from 6.30 am to 4.00 pm
- Wensley Road from Oxford Street to Queen Street – from 11.30 am to 2.00 pm

Some roads may reopen earlier than advised above.

Please note that the car parks on Queen Street from Cambridge Street to Salisbury Road will not be available on the day of the parade.

## Council Meetings

**Agendas and Minutes for Council meetings can be viewed on the Council's website at [www.tasman.govt.nz](http://www.tasman.govt.nz)**

**Golden Bay Community Board** – Takaka Fire Station, Motupipi Street, Takaka, Tuesday 11 November 2014, 9.00 am. Public forum

**Motueka Community Board** – Motueka Office, 7 Hickmott Place, Motueka, Tuesday 11 November 2014, 4.00 pm. Public forum

**Environment and Planning Committee** – Tasman Council Chambers, 189 Queen Street, Richmond, Thursday 13 November 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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