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Remembering Tasman's WW1 contribution

The ANZACs weren't formed in Gallipoli, which is the common belief. Although they first fought as a unit at Gallipoli, the Australian and New Zealand Army Corps was created several months earlier in Egypt, where a short, fiercely contested battle between the Allies and Turkish forces for control of the Suez Canal gave the New Zealanders their first taste of war.

Playing a significant part in routing the Turks were men from the Nelson/Tasman area; members of the 12th (Nelson) Company, Canterbury Infantry Battalion, of the New Zealand Expeditionary Force. For one, the price of victory was high. Twenty-two-year-old Willie Ham from Ngatimoti became the NZ Expeditionary Force's very first WWI battlefield casualty.

When the troopship RMS Athenic set off from Wellington on 16 October 1914, on board were several men from Ngatimoti who had joined up straight after war was declared with Germany. They included Private William Ham and Major (later Lt. Colonel) Cyprian Bridge Brereton, battalion commander of the 12th (Nelson) Company.

The New Zealand convoy was joined en route by transports carrying the Australian Imperial Force. They were all bound for France, but Turkey's entry into the war as a German ally meant a detour to Egypt. After disembarking at Alexandria on 3 December 1914, the Australians and New Zealanders encamped at Zeitoun, just outside Cairo. Operating as a joint contingent, dubbed the ANZACs, they underwent intensive training.

Fighting began at the Canal near Ismailia in the early hours of Wednesday 3 February 1915. The 12th Company was stationed at Serapeum on the west bank, right at the centre of the Turkish attack. At around 3.30 am,

the 62nd Punjabis to their left came under fire from Turkish artillery. Thirty men from 10 Platoon were doubled over to assist them and at an undefended gap made a startling but timely discovery; several pontoons full of Turkish soldiers heading across the Canal towards them. The handful of Nelsonians immediately opened fire and drove back the boats. Soon supported by 9 Platoon, they kept the entrenched Turkish infantry on the opposite side at bay with a steady close-range fusillade. They were later commended for their efforts. The Turks succeeded in crossing at two other sites, but during a day of intense fighting were repulsed, with heavy losses, by the combined efforts of Allied infantry and field artillery, backed by gunfire from British and French warships.

That afternoon, the 12th Company was exposed to enemy fire while closing on the 22nd Indian Brigade Headquarters. William Ham was hit; a chance bullet ricocheted off his rifle and struck his neck, breaking his spine. He died of his wounds at Ismailia Hospital on the evening of 5 February 1915. His funeral took place on the morning of Sunday 7th. Rather than the mass grave accorded other casualties of the battle, he was buried with full military honours at a plot in the Ismailia European cemetery. Today he lies at the Ismailia War Memorial Cemetery.

Source – www.theprow.org.nz

Message from the Mayor

Jane and I had an overseas holiday last year. As part of our trip we visited the Belgian city of Ieper, near Passchendaele. There is a significant memorial to the Allied forces, the Menin Gate, on the City outskirts. It's a large stone and masonry structure that records the names of 54,896 of the over 300,000 Allied soldiers who were killed in these battles. There were a great number of casualties in this area during WW1. We joined a large crowd at the Menin Gate, where every evening people gather for a short commemorative service. The playing of the Last Post, to remember those who died fighting for our freedom, was very moving. This was an opportunity for us to pay our respects to those, including our own family members, who gave their lives for our country.

As the story in this Newsline identifies, it is 100 years since New Zealand suffered its first casualty in World War I. William Ham was

a Ngatimoti resident who died on 5 February 1915 of wounds suffered two days earlier. William died defending the Suez Canal from the Ottoman Turks. A service is being organised to remember William on 5 February 2015 at Ngatimoti. It is an ideal opportunity for us to remember the devastating impact experienced by many families in the pursuit of freedom. It highlights to me the importance for us all to continue to preserve our freedom and values.

Mayor Richard Kempthorne



Saving Oaks on Borck Creek

A row of oaks on Lower Queen Street is getting a tidy-up in preparation for work to widen Borck Creek at the bridge near Headingly Lane to alleviate flooding issues in the area. Two of the Oaks had their heritage tree status removed in 2008 as part of the creek widening.

At the time it was expected that the two trees would need to be removed, however, the Council has revised the work needed to ensure these noteworthy trees can be kept. The trees will be reshaped to better withstand eastern winds and widening work will be done carefully to minimise damage to the roots of the trees.

Horticultural officer Richard Hilton says "The row of heritage Oaks have grown and matured as one and rely on each other for wind protection. Reshaping the two trees is an important consideration for all the oak trees health.

The removal of a *Macrocarpa* hedge to allow the creek to be widened will expose the trees to wind damage, keeping the first two oaks will help safe guard all the trees

Project manager Chris Blythe says "It is great news we're able to do some work to try to keep the oak trees. We thought we'd have to remove them for the channel widening, but we're hopeful we can save them. We'll monitor the trees once work is complete to see how they hold up to the changes to the creek."

The work, being done by Treescapes, will begin in the week of 26 January 2015.

Chinese pennisetum

Chinese pennisetum (*Cenchrus purpurascens*) is an erect perennial clump-forming grass, growing 50 – 70 cm high, which produces attractive purplish bristly flower spikes, rather like small bottle brushes, between December and March. Plants are easiest to identify during this flowering period as they are otherwise similar in appearance to other erect grasses or sedges. It does have another distinctive feature – a pink flattened stalk at the base of the plant near the ground.

It is usually found on heavier ground, often in association with rushes and other swamp grasses, but it will establish in sand and dry light soils along tracks and in creek beds. It has hooked seeds that readily attach to passing animals and can invade developed pastures. Grazing does not prevent the development of dense swards that are unpalatable to stock.

Native to East Asia, it was first recorded in New Zealand in the 1940's. In the Tasman-Nelson region, the only known infestations are in the Lee, Sherry and Slippery catchments and the lower Motueka Valley.

Its limited distribution and ability to invade high producing pastoral land has resulted in it being included in the Regional Pest Management Strategy as a progressive control pest.

If you suspect you have seen this plant on your property or somewhere in the region, please contact a Biosecurity officer at the Council.

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Contact Mike Gafa to arrange a no obligation on site visit.

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Motueka Valley Highway road works

The Motueka Valley Highway will see separate road works beginning from February that will help to improve safety for all road users. The larger of the two will be the replacement of 'Narrow Bridge' a single lane bridge believed to have been constructed in the 1930s. Its original alignment with the road was acceptable at the time however vehicle size and weight have changed radically, making the work necessary.

With the new larger trucks using the Motueka Valley Highway the tipping point for the need to realign the bridge has been reached. The bridge has concerned people for some time due to its one lane and misalignment creating an unnecessary hazard.

The existing one way bridge across the stream will be replaced by a concrete box culvert to be built on the river side of the old bridge. The culvert will carry two lanes and the new alignment removes the sharp corner north of the existing bridge. The rock bank will be cut back to widen the road and provide rock to protect the new culvert embankment. The job will start at the beginning of February 2015 and run through until Easter.

At times there will be single lane only traffic through the area controlled by a person at each end of the site. This will apply at times between 18 and 21 February 2015 and again at various times between 4 March and 28 March 2015. The traffic is light on this section of the Motueka River Highway and we expect that most vehicles would be able to go straight through with little more

delay than the existing one way bridge creates. However, to avoid possible delays, we suggest that where practical drivers consider alternative routes, either via Waiwhero Road or West Bank Road during the week 16 – 21 February and right through March 2015.

At the same time a minor improvement to the Mytton Heights intersection on the highway will be occurring.

Come mid-February drivers on the Motueka Valley Highway are asked to be vigilant and be aware there could be some minor delays to travel times.



Finding out where recycling & rubbish goes

In 2014 approximately 350 students and adults took the time to find out what happens to their recycling, green waste and rubbish via organised tours.

Those who attended the tours had their eyes opened to the huge amount of recycled and wasted resources that these sites process, all from Tasman residents. They reminded themselves about the value of the resources they have as well as the options for reducing and reusing.

The combined tours of the Richmond Resource Recovery Centre, Greenwaste to Zero and Eves Valley landfill are offered for limited times each month. The opportunity to tour Eves Valley landfill will finish in June 2015 when it closes. If you would like to make a booking, for any of the available Tuesdays and Wednesdays, contact the Customer Service Centre at Tasman District Council well ahead of time.



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Revising water allocation and harvesting in Upper Motueka catchment

The Council is proposing to revise water management boundaries and water allocation limits in the Upper Motueka, including amends to the water harvesting policy.

These changes are being made through Proposed Plan Change 52 and interested people are invited to make submissions on the proposal.

Upper Motueka Water Resources

In 2014, the Council consulted with water users and people with an interest in the management of the Motueka River about the results of investigations into groundwater resources in the terraces adjacent to the Motueka River above Tapawera.

Extensive groundwater modelling has improved our knowledge about the interaction between groundwater and river flows leading to the proposal to increase the water allocation limit.

Similar modelling in the Tapawera Plains Zone has seen the two separate zones created reflecting the groundwater/river flow relationship more accurately. The allocation limit in the lower zone, now called the Glen Rae Water Management Zone, is increased slightly by an additional 90 l/sec resulting in a new allocation limit of 300 l/sec. The allocation in the upper part of the zone, now called the Tapawera Water Management Zone, remains at 314 l/sec. The allocation changes are supported by a minimum flow rationing trigger to protect the Motueka River.

Motupiko Water Management Zones

Proposed Plan Change 52 also provides more detail on minimum flow and rationing requirements for the Motupiko Zone; it proposes to divide the Zone into two by the creation of the Rainy Zone and introduces specific allocation and rationing provisions for the Motupiko and Rainy Rivers.

New takes in all these zones will be required to be from groundwater and will be setback from surface water bodies to protect surface flows.

Water Harvesting

A small amendment to an existing policy supporting water augmentation is also being made. The policy aids interpretation of the concept of water harvesting and is applicable throughout the district.

The Plan provisions for the water management zones for the Motueka River are consistent with the Motueka River Conservation Order and give effect to the National Policy Statement of Freshwater Management 2014 (NPSFM).

Making a Submission

Copies of proposed changes and submission forms will be available on the Council's website at www.tasman.govt.nz/link/trmp-pc. If you require a copy e-mailed or posted, please contact Pam Meadows (pam.meadows@tasman.govt.nz or 03 543 8581).

Submissions will be summarised and publicly notified enabling further submissions in support or opposition of original submissions. Anyone making a submission can speak to the Council in support of submissions at a hearing (date to be finalised).

Please note that all submissions are a matter of public record and subject to the requirements of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act.

Submissions close at 4.30 pm on Monday 10 March 2015.



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Your library – connecting you to worlds of imagination and inspiration

Regular library programmes are back

February sees the return of most of our regular programmes and book groups. Tiny Tots starts up at Richmond Library at 10.00 am on Tuesday 10 February. Babytime resumes at Motueka Library at 10.00 am on Friday 13 February. And Takaka Library's Cryptic Turkeys kids' book group meets again on Friday 20 February at 3.30 pm.

Our regular book groups for adults also start up again in February. Check the dates and times on the library website.

Robin Robilliard at your library

Local author Robin Robilliard's latest book *Hard Country* is selling like hot cakes and is proving to be very popular here at the library.

Robin and her husband, Garry, arrived in Golden Bay in 1957. They had always longed to own their own sheep station but it didn't turn out to be quite the life they had envisaged. *Hard Country* is Robby's engaging story of the decades in which she and Garry eked a living out of Rocklands and of her encounters with the many and varied local characters of Golden Bay.

Now's your chance to hear Robin talk about her book and her life at Rocklands. Robin will be at Motueka Library on Thursday 12 February at 7.00 pm, at Murchison Library at 2.00pm on Friday 13 February and at Richmond Library at 5.00pm on Thursday 12 March.

Get Moving in February!

Are you determined to increase your level of fitness and physical activity in 2015? Did you know that your library has an extensive range of books on exercise and sport to help you get started and stay motivated?

February is Get Moving month at Richmond Library. As well as pointing you to our books and DVDs on keeping fit, we're also highlighting some

of the great, and often free, activities available in our part of Tasman District. Whether it's walking or biking, swimming or tramping or finding the nearest sports club that interests you, you'll find information on the display in the library to help get you started.

We are also partnering with our local Contours gym to offer four free 30 minute low impact classes so you can try something new. Classes are for adults (18 years and over). Numbers are limited for each class. Find out more in the Events page of the library website, then phone 03 543 8500 to book your place. Get moving today!

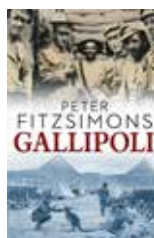
Most popular reads of 2014

No surprises that Eleanor Catton's *The Luminaries* topped the list of most popular adult fiction reads of 2014. And also not surprising that Lee Child took out the next three places with his bestsellers *A Wanted Man*, *Worth Dying For* and *The Affair*. Also in the top 10 were the prolific Nora Roberts, Jeffrey Archer and Michael Connelly. And the late Maeve Binchy still holds her own as one of your favourite authors.

In the non-fiction section, travel guides rated highly with Italy, France, USA and China being your most popular destinations. In third place was *I am Malala*, the story of a young Pakistani woman who hit world headlines when she was shot by the Taliban, survived against the odds and has continued to inspire us with her courage and passionate commitment to education for girls. Also popular were *I Quit Sugar* by Sarah Wilson and Sally Cameron's *The NZ Vegetable Garden*. And local matters figured in there as well with *How Richmond Grew* in seventh place.

The Doc Martin TV series was your most popular DVD and Lorde's *Pure Heroine* was the winner in our music section. *Geronimo Stilton*, *Captain Underpants* and *Asterix* continue to get the kids' vote as tried and true faves while *The Hunger Games* series was the top choice for teens.

New in the library



Gallipoli
by Peter Fitzsimons



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Resource Consents

The Council has received an application for resource consents as detailed below. The application includes an assessment of environmental effects. The application and supporting information may be examined in the main office of the Tasman District Council (Richmond), the Motueka Service Centre, the Golden Bay Service Centre and the Murchison Service Centre during normal office hours.

Any person may make a submission on the application in accordance with Section 96 of the Resource Management Act 1991. The submission must be in the prescribed form (Form 13) and copies of this form are available from Council offices and are available on the Council's website www.tasman.govt.nz

The submission form should be addressed to the Council's Resource Consent Administration Officer and may be either: (1) hand delivered to any of the Council offices; (2) mailed to Private Bag 4, Richmond 7050; (3) faxed to the Council on 03 543 9524; or (4) Emailed to the Council: resourceconsentadmin@tasman.govt.nz. The submission form must be received by the Council no later than **4.30 pm on Monday 2 March 2015**.

A copy of your submission must be sent to the applicant as soon as reasonably practicable after serving your submission on the Council.

Applicant: Tasman District Council (Engineering Services Department)

Location: Tasman District-wide – all rateable sections of rivers and streams covered by flood protection schemes within the District – but excluding all of the following: Schedule 1 Waterways, Te Waikoropupu Springs Scenic Reserve, waterways within National Parks, major wetlands, and the Coastal Marine Area.

Legal Description: Crown lands and other public and private lands comprising riverbeds, riverbanks and fairways.

Consent Type, Application Number and Proposal:

Application RM140869

Aerial discharge of herbicides for the purpose of controlling woody weed growth within flood channels. (Renewal of global consent RM120610.)

Application RM140870

Ground-based discharge of herbicides for the purpose of controlling woody weed growth within flood channels. (Renewal of global consent NN000425.)

Applicant's Address for Service: Environmental Management Services Limited, PO Box 149, Napier 4140, Attention: Murray Tonks.

Dated this 24th day of January 2015

Phil Doole, Resource Consents Manager

Public Notices

Navigation Safety Bylaw: Temporary reservations and speed limit uplifting for maritime events between 1 February and 13 March 2015

Pursuant to provisions of the Navigation Safety Bylaw 2005, the Tasman District Council Harbourmaster has (or may soon) grant authorisations for the following known events between February and March 2015. Other events may also occur during this time but the Harbourmaster has not yet received further applications.

| Event Date | Location | Activity |
|--------------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|
| 7 February 2015 | Lake Rotoiti, West Bay | Jet boating family day |
| 13 February – 14 February 2015 | Lake Rotoiti, Kerr Bay | Waka ama racing |
| 28 February – 1 March 2015 | Lake Rotoiti, Kerr Bay | Power boat regatta |
| 7 March – 8 March 2015 | Lake Rotoiti, Kerr Bay | Classic boat show |

Due to Navigation Safety requirements, water users not involved in these events may be excluded from defined areas during these activities. Notices will be placed at nearby access points during these events. Further details for these and any new events may be viewed at www.tasman.govt.nz/link/marine-events

Community Notices

The Upper Moutere Sarau Festival – 1 February 2015

- Guest blackcurrant chef Steve Richards from Award winning café Jester House
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- Photographic competition
- Moutere Artisans
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Reserve land change of classification

The Tasman District Council needs to classify as "Local Purpose (Community Buildings) Reserve" the land occupied by the currently disused Council Service Centre at 78 Commercial Street, Takaka. You are invited to give feedback on this proposed classification.

In 1921 the reserve land was changed from land held for Telegraph Purposes to a "Site for a Public Hall". Later in 1921, the reserve was vested in the Takaka County Council.

Section 16 of the Reserves Act 1977 requires reserves to be classified according to their "principal or primary purpose". As classification has not yet occurred, and given the present purpose of "site for a Public Hall" is neither the present or intended use, the Tasman District Council is proposing to classify the reserve as a "Local Purpose (Community Buildings) Reserve". The classification will more accurately reflect the former use as the Council Service Centre and its future use, given the current plans to re-open the building again as the Golden Bay Service Centre after the planned earthquake strengthening.

For enquiries, please contact Robert Cant at Tasman District Council, Email: robert.cant@tasman.govt.nz, Ph. 03 543 8585. A copy of this notice, together with a plan, will be available on the Council's website (www.tasman.govt.nz) and at the current Service Centre at 14 Junction Street, Takaka.

Submissions or objections on the proposed classification changes should be made in writing, and must be received no later than **4.00 pm on Thursday 26 February 2015**. Please state whether or not you will wish to be heard at any hearing.

Council Meetings

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

Golden Bay Community Board: Takaka Fire Station, Motupipi Street, Takaka, Tuesday 10 February 2015, 9.00 am. Public forum

Motueka Community Board: Motueka Office, 7 Hickmott Place, Motueka, Tuesday 10 February 2015, 4.00 pm. Public forum

Community Development Committee: Tasman Council Chambers, 189 Queen Street, Richmond, Thursday 12 February 2015, 9.30 am. Public forum

Corporate Services Committee: Tasman Council Chambers, 189 Queen Street, Richmond, Thursday 12 February 2015, at conclusion of Community Development Committee meeting. Public forum

Public Notices

Feedback sought – Rural land use and subdivision policy review

In recent months, the Council has been preparing changes to rural land use and subdivision provisions in its Tasman Resource Management Plan. Feedback on a Draft Plan Change is now being sought from residents.

The proposed changes could provide opportunities for rural housing and subdivision with specific opportunities for rural commercial activities, cooperative living and rural-residential development. The new ideas have been developed from an earlier period of consultation on issues and options and Council workshops on the feedback received.

The Council is now seeking public input into the Draft Plan Change until the end of March 2015.

Public evening meetings have been organised to enable community discussion on the proposed changes:

- 17 February 2015, 5.00 pm – 9.00 pm, Wakefield – Wakefield Fire Station
- 19 February 2015, 5.00 pm – 9.00 pm, Takaka – Takaka Bowling Club
- 24 February 2015, 5.00 pm – 9.00 pm, Motueka – Motueka Hall supper room.

These sessions are open to the public, with staff and Councillors attending to discuss the proposed changes. A presentation with a question and answer session will run each evening from 6.30 pm.

To find out more and see a copy of the draft Plan Change you can go to the Council's website or view at the Council's Service Centres.

For more information about the rural review and the Draft Plan Change contact: Sonya Leusink-Sladen, Email: Sonya.Leusink-Sladen@tasman.govt.nz or Mary Honey, Email: Mary.Honey@tasman.govt.nz

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Get Moving is providing bike storage at each of the three games at Saxton Oval Gate C entrance.

There will be two options for cyclists;

1. "Lock and leave your bike". You can lock your bike on the racks provided. Get Moving staff will be onsite to keep an eye on it.
2. "Check your bike". You can check your bike in so that the mechanics onsite can give your bike a check over and undertake minor maintenance work (as time permits) all while you're enjoying the game.

There will also be spot prizes including snap bands, puncture repair kits, maps and high visibility gear.

Get Moving is an active communities project supported by both Tasman District and Nelson City councils, Sport Tasman and Sport New Zealand. The project encourages people to walk, cycle or run for fitness and recreation, as well as a mode of transport. Get Moving has a number of other community events planned over the summer. You can keep an eye out for their activities at www.get-moving.org.nz.



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