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Long Term Plan 2015-2025

The Council is currently finalised the Long Term Plan documents and will be discussing these with residents from 9 March 2015.

The Long Term Plan (or "LTP") process is different due to legislation changes. Instead of consulting on a draft LTP we have prepared a Consultation Document.

The Consultation Document focuses on the key issues the Council wants to discuss with residents. The level of information that have been available in previous years will still be provided, but as a set of supporting documents.

The Consultation Document will be available online, and from libraries and Council service centres, as well as other outlets across the District. The supporting documents will only be available online and at libraries and Council service centres.

Supporting the Consultation Document are the Financial and Infrastructure strategies and the Activity Management Plans for all of the Council's activities.

The new legislation requires a number of concurrent consultation processes. Residents are encouraged to express their view on the Consultation Document and the other issues the Council is consulting on.

The five key issues highlighted in the Consultation Document for the 2015-2025 Long Term Plan are:

- Rates affordability
- Managing debt
- Developing resilient communities (water security and hazards)
- Managing population growth
- Maximising regional opportunities.

In addition, the Council is seeking feedback on:

- Proposed Schedule of Fees and Charges
- Policy for Payment of Rates for Subsequent Financial Year
- Policy for Early Payment of Rates in the Current Financial Year
- Revenue and Financing Policy
- Development Contributions Policy
- Funding Impact Statement – rates
- Rates Remissions Policy
- Policy on Rate Relief for Māori Freehold Land
- Policy on Uneconomic Balances
- Policy on Remission of Rates for Land Subject to Council Initiated Zone Changes.

Message from the Mayor

We are in a period of major decision-making and we would really appreciate your input. We are a couple of weeks away from launching the Council's Consultation Document for the Long Term Plan (LTP). As discussed in this issue of Newsline, we are using a different process in preparing the LTP 2015-2025.

We are about to publish a Consultation Document covering the key issues facing the District. It is supported by a number of documents providing the detail of the Council's plans for the next ten years.

Following amendments to legislation, leading the development of the Long Term Plan is now a Mayoral responsibility. I have chosen to develop the LTP in a collegial manner with my elected colleagues and management. The planning process began a year ago.

We considered the need to reduce our reliance on debt and shift to cash funding depreciation. We sought to ensure rates remained affordable. We were also strong on the need to maintain our levels of service. I believe we have done this.

Within the Consultation Document we are proposing a significant reduction in debt. We also have a maximum rates rise of less than 3% per year over the same period. These changes could not have been achieved without the significant commitment of Councillors and staff over the last year.

As well as the major shift in our finances, the Consultation Document will discuss the ongoing need to provide a secure supply of water, both now and into the future on the Waimea Plains.

On 9 March, we will open up the LTP for your views. We will keep the consultation period open for five to six weeks instead of the required four. This gives you a greater opportunity to provide us with your feedback.

We will have public meetings as usual throughout the District and I look forward to meeting and discussing with you the Plan we put before the community.

Mayor Richard Kempthorne



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Key Dates

- **5 March:** Council approval of the Consultation Document and supporting material.
- **9 March:** Consultation opens. Allows for six week consultation period.
- **10 March – 7 April:** Public meetings.
- **20 April:** Consultation closes.
- **1 – 11 May:** Hearings.
- **28 May:** Formal Council meeting for reports for final LTP.
- **25 June:** Adoption of the final Long Term Plan and rating resolutions.

Public meetings:

10 March	Wakefield, 7.30pm, Wakefield Worship Centre
19 March	Richmond, 4.30 pm, Council Chambers Richmond, 7.30 pm, Council Chambers
23 March	Collingwood, 4.00 pm, Collingwood Sunday School Takaka, 7.00 pm, Takaka Fire Station
24 March	Motueka, 4.00 pm, Motueka Memorial Hall Motueka, 7.00 pm, Motueka Memorial Hall
30 March	Brightwater, 7.00 pm, Brightwater School
1 April	Mapua, 4.00 pm, Mapua Hall Mapua, 7.00 pm, Mapua Hall
7 April	Murchison, 3.00 pm, Sport Recreation And Cultural Centre Tapawera, 7.00 pm, Tapawera Community Centre

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Identifying past land use and what that means to you

Like many areas around the world, the Tasman District has inherited a legacy of potential issues associated with the historic use of the land. Industrialisation on a global scale since the 18th century has meant that few places can be termed pristine and free from pollution. Trace amounts of pollutants, from pollution originating elsewhere, can often be detected in even some of the most remote locations in the world. Many contaminants found in soils are also found in other places in our surroundings for example in food, cigarette smoke, paint, textiles, plastics, exhaust fumes, lead paint etc. Advances in scientific analytical techniques have improved our understanding of the presence of potentially harmful substances and their potential effects on human health.

As now required under recent national legislation, Tasman District Council has undertaken a process of identifying areas of land that appear on the Ministry for the Environment's (MfE) Hazardous Activities and Industries List (HAIL); former orchard land is one of the activities included on this list.

Numerous site investigations undertaken locally have allowed us to understand more about soil contamination associated with former historic orchards and the risk that this contamination poses to human health. MfE has recently published a set of contaminant standards for the protection of human health based on the most sensitive receptors i.e. children; the amount of produce grown on an individual house site; and other contributing factors. These standards are established with a certain safety margin, and take account of current knowledge of how much soil children eat, how much they acquire in other ways (dermally

and through inhalation) and how much of the contaminants can be tolerated. Generally the risk posed to human health from contamination associated with orchards is considered to be low.

Although the risk is considered to be low it is advisable to be careful when handling potentially contaminated soil, especially with small children as they often get soil on their hands and in their mouths. This potential risk can be further reduced by some simple precautions, namely:

- Vegetables should preferably be grown in raised beds with proven clean soil, constructed out of untreated timber.
- If grown directly in the soil on an identified HAIL site, wash and peel fruit and vegetables before eating.
- Grass can be grown or tiles placed where foot traffic is heavy in order to cover potentially contaminated garden soil.
- Flower beds can be planted with shrubs, flowers and other plants to cover exposed soil or the soil can be covered with mulching, compost, bark, etc, particularly if children play in the garden.
- A doormat or brush for footwear should be placed at the door and shoes removed before coming inside.
- Hands should always be washed after garden work.

If your property has been identified as a HAIL site and you are concerned about the potential health issues, the best way to determine the condition of the soil is to employ a Suitably Qualified Environmental Practitioner to carry out soil testing and to determine potential effects. A list of Suitably Qualified Environmental Practitioners is held by Tasman District Council and available on request.

Richmond Water Treatment Plant: Update

Work on this new water treatment plant is progressing as planned and to schedule.

Modifications have been made at the Waimea Water Treatment Plant to split the water supply into two, one goes to the new Richmond Water Treatment Plant (RWTP) and one goes to Mapua. The new pumps for the Mapua supply were also turned on recently.

There may be some changes in pressure to the Mapua supply as we put the pumps through their paces.

The next stage of the process, which started last week, will affect customers on Lower Queen Street west of the RWTP and we have contacted them individually to discuss the implications of this work. This is the last commissioning stage before the project is complete and Richmond is drawing the benefit of the investment in better quality water.

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Pest of the Month – Madeira vine

Madeira vine (*Anredera cordifolia*) is a South American species of twining, smothering, climbing perennial vine introduced into New Zealand as a garden plant. It is characterised by glossy, heart-shaped green succulent leaves, reddish stems and 'wart' aerial tubers which are found on the vine all year round. From March to April, it produces a dense covering of small fragrant cream flowers on racemes about 18cm long.

It grows vigorously from a fleshy rhizome root that will tolerate a wide range of soil conditions. The fleshy leaves and aerial tubers mean it is often heavy enough to damage host trees. As no seed is produced, Madeira vine relies entirely on vegetative spread by either rhizome breakup or tuber dispersal by water, people or machinery. The tubers can remain viable in the soil for up to five years.

When controlling this vine, it is critical to recover as many tubers as possible. This involves intensive and careful ground searching and raking and, if vine pulling, using ground covers to catch tubers as they freely detach. All rhizomes, tubers and vegetative material must be collected and destroyed to prevent further plant establishment.



Madeira vine flowers



Madeira vine tubers

As this vine is known only in a few locations throughout the district, it is targeted for eradication. If you know of this plant on your property or have seen it elsewhere, please contact a Biosecurity Officer at Tasman District Council on Ph. 03 543 8400, who will advise on, and assist with, its control.

Feedback Sought – Coastal Occupation Charges

In recent months, the Council has considered bringing in charges for people occupying the coastal areas around Tasman District. The Council is required by law to consider charging for long term uses such as moorings, jetties and marine farms. Short term uses like fishing or swimming are not affected. The Council has decided that while in principle it is a good idea to charge for private use of the coast it would be difficult to do so at this point in time and unfair to many users.

Even though the Council has decided not to change the way things are, under the law the Council is required to change the Tasman Resource Management Plan to include this decision. A plan change has been drafted to do this and feedback on the draft Plan Change is now being sought (until the end of March 2015).

To find out more, or see a copy of the draft Plan Change, you can go to the Council's website or view it at the Council's Service Centres. www.tasman.govt.nz/link/coastal-charges

For more information about coastal occupation charges and the draft Plan Change contact: Tania Bray, Email Tania.Bray@tasman.govt.nz

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Get your money sorted at Richmond Library

Do you ever wonder where your money goes and if you could manage it better? Or whether you're really making the best decisions with your savings? During March we're running a series of money workshops at Richmond Library. These free lunchtime sessions cover setting financial goals and basic budgeting, reducing debt and building investments, getting the most out of KiwiSaver and planning for retirement. Each of the four sessions is presented by accredited Sorted facilitators. For full details go to the library website – www.tasmanlibraries.govt.nz – Featured Events page.

There's no need to book for these sessions and you're welcome to bring your lunch or grab a coffee and a bite to eat from the library café. See you there.

Stepping UP at Richmond Library

Let's face it – computers have become part of the fabric of our daily lives. But not all of us have had the opportunity to grow our confidence in using them. We're excited to be able to offer a range of free basic computer skills classes throughout March and April at Richmond Library. The programmes we're running are part of the national Stepping UP initiative run by the 2020 Communications Trust in partnership with NZ public libraries. Stepping UP classes help adults build their digital skills in small easy steps. So if you're ready to take the next step in learning how to use computers and the internet effectively – whether for a job application or promotion, keeping in touch with friends and family or helping your kids succeed at school – then head to the library website to find out what's on offer. Register using the Stepping UP link and be sure to select Tasman District Library, Richmond courses.

The best thing is you learn what you want to learn. From searching the internet to find good deals to managing your personal finances, from learning how to download and share your digital photographs to skyping friends and family in faraway places, you'll grow your confidence and ability to use the world of technology to enhance your life. Check it out today!

Museum exhibition at the library

We're delighted to partner with Nelson Provincial Museum to host one of their travelling exhibitions – Starting with Plants – at Richmond Library. This colourful natural history exhibition showcases largely native species that feature at the Brook Waimarama Sanctuary. Explore the exhibition then take the time to go for a walk at the Sanctuary. Or borrow one of our numerous native plant guides, wander through any of the wonderful native reserves and parks in Tasman District and see if you can identify any of the species in the exhibition. The exhibition runs from 3 March to 17 April 2015.

Explore your world at your library

Another range of e-books coming soon

From mid-March you'll have a new range of e-books to download and read from your library.

As well as bringing you OverDrive and Wheeler's e-books, we're adding a new range of titles from another supplier – Bolinda. If you're used to visiting our e-books page on the library website you'll see some changes there. You'll have three places to click on to see what's on offer. All our e-titles appear in the library catalogue. You can search by author or title to see if there's an e-version available. Or you can go directly to each e-book site using the links on the library website e-books page.

Not sure what all this means? Just call us or ask next time you're in your local library. We're here to help you get started.

Family history classes

Are you interested in finding out about your ancestors but don't know where to start?

Richmond Library is running an Introduction to Family History class in March. In this two session course you'll learn how to locate online family history information using both free genealogy websites and subscription databases. Basic computer skills are essential.

And for those of you who have already done some research on your family tree there's a Further Steps in Family History course on offer. This beyond the basics course is suitable for anyone who has attended an Introduction to Family History course or who has experience with searching online family history resources.

For more details about both courses go to the library website Upcoming Events page. Numbers are limited so book your place today.

Meet the author at your library

We have two author visits for you in March – Robin Robilliard will be talking about her book *Hard Country* at Richmond Library on Thursday 12 March at 5.00 pm. 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.

And local author Emma Stevens will be talking about her new book *Walking on Ice* at Motueka Library on Thursday 26 March at 7.00 pm. *Walking on Ice* is Emma's story about finding true love in the frozen wilds of remote Alaska. And her journey into a new world, that of the Yup'ik/Cup'ik Eskimo people.

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Proposed Road Closures to Ordinary Vehicular Traffic

In accordance with the Transport (Vehicle Road Closure) Regulations 1965, the public is advised that the following roads are proposed to be closed to ordinary vehicles for the periods and times indicated below.

Richmond Unlimited – Sprig & Fern Summer Harvest Fare

Croucher Street between Queen Street and McGlashen Avenue and Sundial Square car park.

2.30 pm to 11.00 pm, Friday 20 March 2015.

Any person objecting to the proposal should lodge notice of their objection before **Friday 6 March 2015** to the office of the Tasman District Council, 189 Queen Street, Richmond.

Nelson Car Club Inc – Rally Sprint

424 Rosedale Road to 749 Rosedale Road, Upper Moutere.

8.30 am to 4.00 pm, Saturday 29 March 2015.

Any person objecting to the proposal should lodge notice of their objection before **Friday 20 March 2015** to the office of the Tasman District Council, 189 Queen Street, Richmond.

National Advanced Drivers School – Driver Training

Marchwood Park Road from entrance at Queen Victoria Street.

10.00 am to 11.00 am, 11.45 am to 12.45 pm, 2.15 pm to 3.15 pm.

Tuesday 31 March, Wednesday 1 April, Thursday 2 April 2015.

Any person objecting to the proposal should lodge notice of their objection before **Friday 20 March 2015** to the office of the Tasman District Council, 189 Queen Street, Richmond.

Nelson Drag Racing Association – Drag Racing Event

Queen Victoria Street, Motueka from King Edward Street to Green Lane.

7.30 am to 5.00 pm, Saturday 4 April 2015.

If the weather is inclement, the event will be held on Sunday 5 April 2015.

Any person objecting to the proposal should lodge notice of their objection before **Friday 20 March 2015** to the office of the Tasman District Council, 189 Queen Street, Richmond.

Public Notices

Navigation Safety Bylaw: Temporary reservations and speed limit uplifting for maritime events

In line with the provisions of the Navigation Safety Bylaw 2005, the Tasman District Council Harbourmaster has (or may soon) granted authorisations for the following known events during 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
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

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Community Notices

Treasure the children on Children's Choice Day

Choice Children's Day & Family Fun Ride

Sunday 1 March 2015, 2.00 pm–4.00 pm

Conifer Park, Rabbit Island (western end)

Fun, interactive games and activities are the order of the day as Tasman District Council helps celebrate Children's Day on Sunday 1 March 2015. Choice Children's Day will take place from 2.00 pm–4.00 pm at Conifer Park on Rabbit Island, and there'll be free activities for the whole family to enjoy. Bouncy castles, balloon twisting, face painting, pony cart rides, cookie decoration workshop, and a colouring in competition and treasure hunt round off the action packed afternoon.

Young and old can test their bike skills with trails set up by the the Get Moving Family Fun Ride team. A bike mechanic will also be available to give bikes a quick check over for roadworthiness.

This year's Children's Day theme focuses on 'Treasuring our Children' with a range of children's focus events taking place right across the country. The inaugural Children's Day took place in 2000, and has since established itself as a permanent fixture on local events calendars nationwide.

The event and activities are free to attend, and cancelled if wet.

Farmers are invited to attend – Golden Bay Giant Buttercup Field Day

Monday 2 March 2015, 10.00 am to 2.00 pm

Meet 10.00 am Takaka Fire Brigade Rooms Motupipi Street, Takaka

This field day is an opportunity to share ideas about giant buttercup and its control and to see the results of a wide range of potential control options in dairy pastures. A field visit to view treatment effects on one of the dairy farms involved in the project is part of the field day.

Morning tea and lunch will be provided.

This is a sustainable Farming Fund Project. Proudly supported by Tasman District Council.

Richmond Community Forum AGM

7.30 pm, Wednesday 11 March 2015, Tasman District Library Meeting Room.

Community Notices

Motueka Aerodrome Meeting

This is an opportunity to voice your opinion on the impact of activities at the Motueka Aerodrome.

Last year Council met with the Ombudsman and complainants regarding the impact of aircraft operations in the area. As a result of that meeting changes were made to the operators Memorandum of Understanding.

This year we are inviting the public and the complainants to express their views on the ongoing impacts of the operations at the aerodrome. The meeting will be held at the **Motueka Service Centre, 7 Hickmott Place, Motueka at 2.00 pm on Monday 2 March 2015**. Please note that this is an opportunity for residents to express their views. There will be no presentation from Council and no consensus sought.

Council Meetings

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

Full Council

Tasman Council Chambers, 189 Queen Street, Richmond, Thursday 5 March 2015, 9.30 am. Public forum

Golden Bay Community Board - Public Forum Only meeting

Collingwood - Venue to be confirmed, Tuesday 10 March 2015, 7.00 pm. Public forum

Motueka Community Board

Motueka Office, 7 Hickmott Place, Motueka, Tuesday 10 March 2015, 4.00 pm. Public forum

Environment and Planning Committee

Tasman Council Chambers, 189 Queen Street, Richmond, Thursday, 12 March 2015, 9.30 am. Public forum

Corporate Services Committee

Tasman Council Chambers, 189 Queen Street, Richmond, Thursday 19 March 2015, 9.30 am. Public forum

Audit Subcommittee

Tasman Council Chambers, 189 Queen Street, Richmond, Thursday 19 March 2015, 1.30 pm or at conclusion of Corporate Services Committee. No public forum

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Greater recycling in Tasman

An enhanced recycling service is coming to Tasman from 29 June 2015. The Council last year accepted a proposal from its waste management contractor, Smart Environmental, which will result in more waste diverted from landfill and increased recycling volumes over the next eight years.

The service will make it easier for residents to recycle, allow more recycling to be collected and keep the materials tidy, clean and dry.

At the moment Smart Environmental processes over 3800 tonnes of recyclables each year and 2600 tonnes of this comes from kerbside collections. It is expected that recycling volumes will increase between 10 to 20% in the first year of operation, reducing the total amount of waste that gets sent to landfill. There will be no changes to the extent of collection routes for recycling and rubbish bag services, but some collection days and times will change. Further, this greater convenience and regional waste minimisation will come at no extra cost to the Council and, ultimately, the ratepayer.

The key features of the changes, to be introduced this year, are:

- The distribution of new 240 litre black mobile recycling bins to each household for collection of recycling materials excluding glass
- Use of existing blue recycling crates for glass only
- A change to fortnightly recycling collections
- A new materials recovery facility for sorting recyclable materials at the Richmond Resource Recovery Centre
- A new fleet of collection vehicles and other mobile plant for safer and more efficient services across the District
- Continued sale and collection of Council's 45 and 60 litre rubbish bags, with a weekly collection service.

We'll keep you informed over the next few months, so everyone is ready on 29 June, 2015.



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