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Improved internet and mobile blackspot coverage funding – we're half way there but we need your help

We need to put together a range of projects and activities driven by the community for the community.

Thanks to outstanding work by members of the community and Tasman District Council, the first part of our Registration of Interest (ROI) for extended broadband internet access and mobile coverage has been submitted. But we're only half way there. We now need to submit a community-driven Digital Enablement Plan to prove to the Government that there is a genuine appetite in our district for improved services, and it can't happen without your involvement. At stake is a share of new funding to extend the existing fibre networks to new urban areas, improve rural broadband access and tackle mobile phone blackspots. To assist us in making this a reality we need your input now.

Through surveys, community feedback and review of growth strategies, the Council was able to identify the areas needing better services across the region, including Motueka, Wakefield and Golden Bay. "The challenge now is to put together a range of projects and activities driven by the community for the community, to ensure everyone benefits if we get these services", says Cr Judene Edgar. "That the projects are community-driven is a key decision criteria set by the Government".

Projects could include digital literacy workshops for the elderly, seminars for business, programmes for retailers – we're looking for your

ideas and input. Local businesses might choose to get together to run a workshop, local schools may have digital literacy projects underway they would like to add to the plan, just to name a couple of examples.

As a first step we are putting together a project group of interested community members – if you would like to be involved, or would like more information, contact Tara Fifield at tara.fifield@tasman.govt.nz.

The final decision on which areas will receive the extra services will be made by the Government. Regardless of the outcome, by creating a community plan we'll be putting ourselves ahead of the game as digital technology evolves.

While the deadline for submitting the Digital Enablement Plan is 18 September there is a need to receive feedback and ideas well before then to enable them to be considered and included in the plan. To help the formation of the plan all suggestions as to how the improved services would be utilised and provide for a real improvement to our District should be sent through to the contact above.

We'll keep you posted as the Plan is developed.

Message from the Mayor

Our Council recently had a report back from the Golden Bay Outstanding Natural Landscape Working Group on the progress they have made in identifying landscapes and features of an outstanding nature in Golden Bay. This is a cross-sector working group, covering environmental interests, people with farming, mining and commercial interests and iwi. They have spent considerable time over several years discussing these matters, which are at times challenging. The Council and I greatly appreciate their contribution. The Council will consider the report further, prior to working up a draft Plan change which will be consulted on widely with our community.

In the last issue I talked about the recent visit I made to the Waimea Menz Shed as part of

National Volunteer Week and the intellectually handicapped young men I got to meet and work with while I was there. Last week my visit was reciprocated when Ben Jackson, a young man from Idea Services (one of the groups involved with the Waimea Menz Shed), came to see me in my office at Council. During our meeting Ben talked with me about his passion for doing the things he enjoys, the ideas that he has and his record of my visit to the Menz Shed. Ben presented me with two gifts. A drawing of me hard at work building pest traps during my stint as a volunteer with the Menz Shed and a tea towel that Ben had designed and made. Ben's talent and confidence are just fantastic and it is great to see that Ben and young people like him have the support of the community, to encourage them to discover and reach their potential.

My visit to the Waimea Menz Shed and meeting the young men involved highlighted for me the great diversity of the people in our community and the importance of us valuing each other.

Mayor Richard Kempthorne



Mayor Kempthorne (right) with Ben Jackson

Hundreds of funders for community and voluntary groups

The Council's support for community groups – on top of offering grants – includes access to other resources for those seeking funding.

The GivUs and GivMe websites can be accessed at all libraries or from home by using your library card number and PIN.

GivUs is a database of information about funding for voluntary organisations. It provides information on over one thousand different funding schemes from:

- Government;
- Local authorities;
- Statutory and philanthropic trusts;

- Gaming trusts;
- Some service organisations.

GivUs searches provide the best matches of funding based on criteria, along with closing dates, application requirements and contact details.

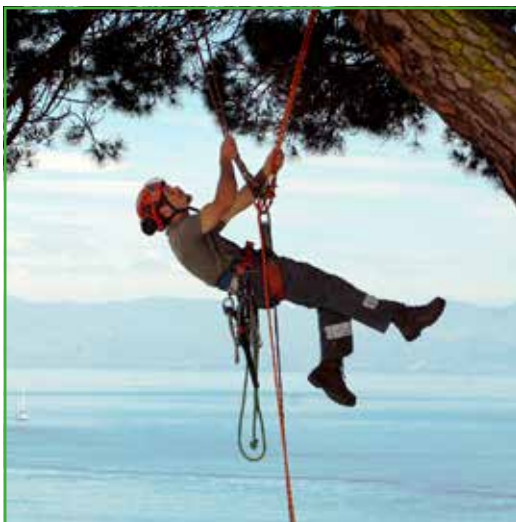
GivMe is a database of funding options for individuals with details for over 2,200 funding schemes listed. The funding may be for:

- Attending school;
- Tertiary education;
- Art and sports activities;
- Professional and personal development.

Funding contributions come from universities, professional institutions, government agencies, diplomatic embassies and philanthropic trusts.

This resource will give you the best matches of scholarships, awards and grants you are eligible for in terms of criteria, level of study and discipline along with closing dates, application requirements and contact details. BreakOut includes opportunities for everyone, including individuals with disabilities, from ethnic minorities, from remote areas, or students experiencing financial hardship.

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Waimea Water Management Plan – variations released for feedback

Last month a draft change to the Tasman Resource Management Plan (TRMP) for the management of water on the Waimea Plains was released. Feedback will result in the development of a formal draft plan change. The feedback period closes on 31 July 2015.

In light of the proposed Waimea Community Dam the draft plan change being discussed sets out the new water allocation and rationing rules that would apply to permit holders who choose to be affiliated to the proposed Waimea Community Dam and those who choose not to.

The variations are in response to widespread ratepayer concern about the earlier proposal to link water allocation to a property rate in the event of the proposed dam being built.

The Council is now proposing to make a change to the TRMP that will provide permit holders with a choice about whether or not to improve their water supply security and contribute to funding the Waimea Community Dam. If the Dam is not built, the existing 'without dam' provisions will continue to apply to all water users.

Releasing this information now was important while existing and future permit holders are considering whether or not they should commit funding to the proposed dam. It is also relevant to those whose permits expire in 2016/2017, ensuring they have an understanding of the allocation and rationing rules that will apply.

The change to the TRMP introduces two 'security of supply' regimes for permit holders, depending on whether the permit holder is affiliated to the dam. Being affiliated to the dam means that a permit holder has an agreement with the dam operator to release water in a way that maintains the minimum flow in the Waimea River when there is abstraction by the permit holder. This allows the permit holder to take advantage of the stored water in dry summer conditions.

For permit holders not affiliated to the dam the security of supply will be similar to that provided in the 'without dam' regime already included in the TRMP.

The consequences for permit holders who choose not to be affiliated to the dam could be serious. Based on the last 10 years, permit holders would have been under restrictions for between 5 and 124 days, and prohibited from taking water on between 0 and 102 days in any summer. On average cease take restrictions could apply for 33 days a year.

Existing and future water permit holders should take an interest in this plan change process as it has significant impacts on how water will be managed in the Waimea Plains.

While this round of feedback closes on 31 July 2015 there will be another opportunity to comment on the draft plan change in September 2015.

LED Streetlights Questionnaire

Residents may be aware that Council has upgraded streetlights to LED bulbs across the district's coastal settlements, to save on energy and maintenance costs. The new LED lighting provides improved safety and virtually eliminates upward waste light, which in the past made seeing the night sky more difficult.

As part of the continuing roll-out of the LED lighting upgrade programme, the Council is keen to receive feedback from residents who have experienced LED street lighting in one of the recently converted coastal settlements.

The questionnaire is very short with just five yes/no questions:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/tasmanledsurvey>

Your participation in this online feedback will be very much appreciated.

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Community partnerships

Mudcakes and Roses August issue

Make sure you pick up a copy of the new August edition of Mudcakes & Roses. They are available from the Council's Service Centres in Richmond, Motueka, Murchison and Takaka, libraries and Richmond Mall. Mudcakes & Roses is produced by Tasman District Council, with support from Nelson City Council and Age Concern to promote a healthy and happy lifestyle for the over senior generation.

Community Grants

Applications are open for Tasman District Council's Community Grants. The Council allocates funds to support and encourage community-led projects.

To be considered applications must be for initiatives within Tasman and/or demonstrate the benefits to Tasman residents. Ideally, the funds applied for will be for a specific service that has community support.

This year the total allocation is \$219,000 over eight categories;

- Community and Economic Development Initiatives \$30,000
- Arts/Culture/Heritage/Museums \$32,000
- Festivals and Events \$40,000
- Youth and Children \$25,000
- Social Services \$21,000
- Environment \$20,000
- Emergency Services \$16,000
- Sport and Recreation Facilities \$35,000

Applications close 31 August 2015.

Applications can be made online or you can download an application form at www.tasman.govt.nz/link/community-grants-application. Hard copy application forms are available from Council Service Centres and Libraries in Richmond, Motueka, Takaka and Murchison. Contact Tasman District Council Community Partnerships Coordinator Mike Tasman-Jones for further information on Ph. 03 543 8403.

EcoBuzz

EcoBuzz is Tasman District Council's environmentally-themed magazine produced for schools in our region. The third term's edition is out now, get your copy online at www.tasman.govt.nz/link/ecobuzz

Tasman \$200ships

The Tasman \$200ships funding scheme provides a kick-start grant for Tasman young people to further develop skills in youth leadership training.

As the title suggests, up to a maximum of \$200 can be applied for, or alternatively up to 25% of the total programme/training cost.

To be eligible individuals must live in the Tasman District, be aged between 15-20yrs, and be applying for training which has a central focus on youth leadership and personal development.

Applications are accepted throughout the year, but please plan ahead and submit your application at least four weeks prior to the activity commencing. For more information and to download an application form, visit: www.tasman.govt.nz (search: \$200ships)

What's Happening in Tasman's Community Facilities:

Richmond Town Hall

Sport Tasman, Richmond offers social, recreation and fitness classes for all abilities. The venue is also available for hire, whether you require space for a small or large meeting, private function or for a child's indoor birthday party.

For more information contact Mary-Ann, Ph. 03 544 3855.

Golden Bay Museum

The Museum reopens on Monday 10 August 2015. The "Lest We Forget" WW1 exhibition continues until Friday 30 October 2015.

Motueka District Museum

The museum reopens on Tuesday 1 September with the new exhibition Gallipoli, in search of a family story. The exhibition is focused on Jack Dunn the only serving New Zealander at Gallipoli who was sentenced to death by court martial.

Keep Up with the Lowdown

Get over-the-air updates of Council news and notices on Fresh FM with the Tasman District Council Lowdown.

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Public Notices

Notice of Road Stopping

At the request of the adjacent landowners, Tasman District Council is notifying its intention to stop a Service Lane which runs off Oxford Street in Richmond near the corner of Queen Street. The proposal to stop this Service Lane is being considered pursuant to Schedule 10 of the Local Government Act 1974.

The land is shown as a Service Lane on Survey Office Plan 15071. The land area is approximately 385 square metres.

The road stopping application is being made by BP Oil New Zealand Limited, which owns land on both sides of the service lane. If the applicant is able to acquire the service lane, it will amalgamate it with adjoining land. If the road stopping is approved this will facilitate a more logical use of its land when the present site is upgraded.

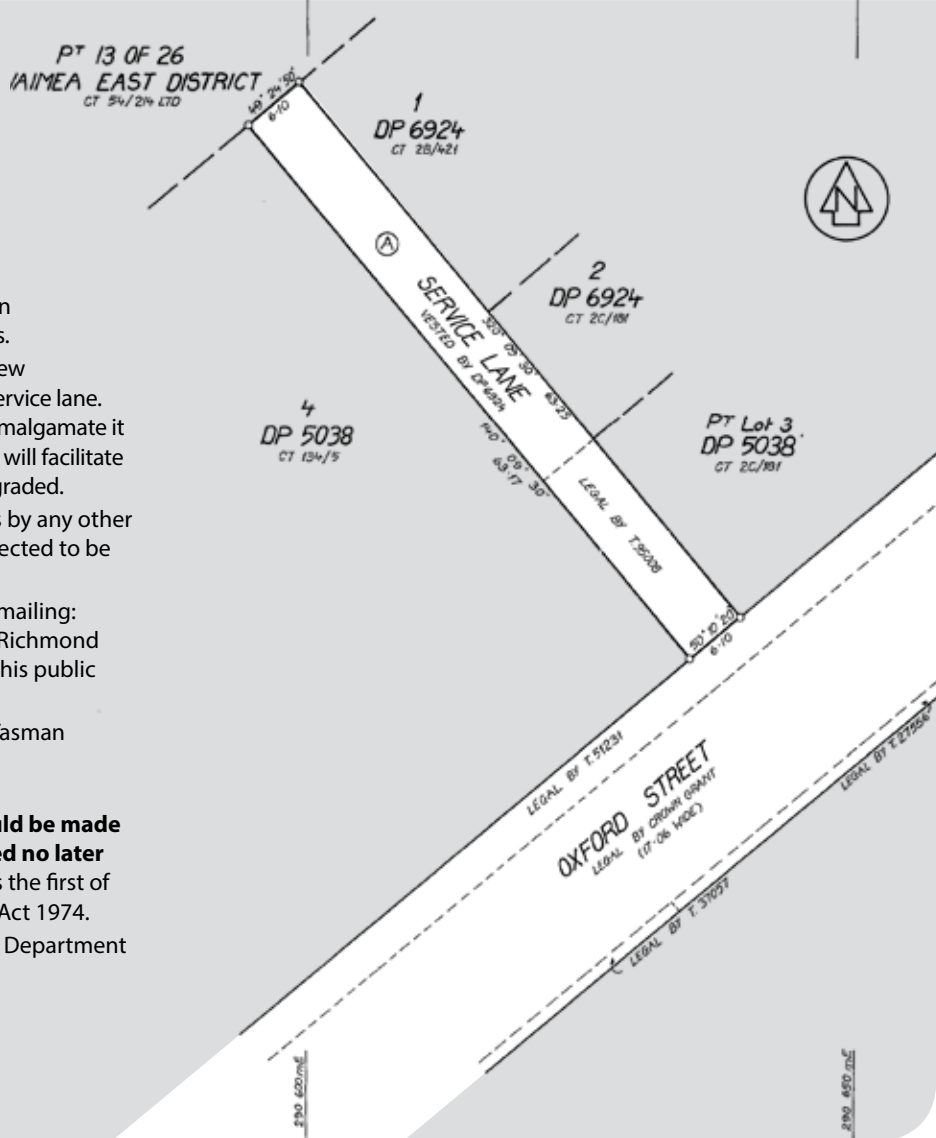
The present service lane is not presently used as access by any other private owner adjacent to the service lane. It is not expected to be used for access in the future.

Plans of the proposed road stopping are available by emailing: info@tasman.govt.nz. Plans may also be viewed at the Richmond Office of Tasman District Council. Copies of plans, and this public notice, will also be available on the Council's website.

For further information please contact Robert Cant at Tasman District Council on Ph. 03 543-8400 or Email: robert.cant@tasman.govt.nz

Any objections to the proposed road stopping should be made in writing to the address below and must be received no later than 4.00 pm on Monday 14 September 2015. This is the first of the two notices required under the Local Government Act 1974.

Valerie Gribble, Executive Assistant, Corporate Services Department
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Email: valerie.gribble@tasman.govt.nz



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Notice of Road Stopping

Tasman District Council hereby gives public notice pursuant to Schedule 10 of the Local Government Act 1974 that the two areas of unformed legal road described below, adjacent to Teapot Valley Road Brightwater, are now stopped. This follows on from public notice undertaken on 5 June 2015, and again on 19 June 2015, of Council's intention to stop the road. No objections were received as a result of that public notification and Council is now formally declaring that the following land is stopped road.

Section 1 SO 484272, an area of 698m²

Section 2 SO 484272, an area of 6646m²

Any enquiries regarding the above should be directed to Susannah Peckham, at the Council's Richmond Offices.

Lindsay McKenzie, Chief Executive Officer

Tasman District Council

24 July 2015.

Dog Registration expires soon

All dogs aged three months or older are required to be registered annually.

The fee for dogs that have not been registered by 1 August 2015 will increase by 50% on top of the standard urban or rural registration fee.

Infringement notices and the associated fine of \$300.00 will be served on owners who fail to register their dogs prior to 1 September 2015.

Registration update forms are available from all Council Service Centres,

or as a pdf download from the Council's website www.tasman.govt.nz

Information relating to dogs and all current fees can also be found on the Council's website.

Public Notices

Public Notice of Exceedence – Air Quality Richmond

Public Notice pursuant to Clause 16 of the Resource Management (National Environmental Standards Relation to Certain Air Pollutants, Dioxins, and Other Toxics) Regulations 2004, of Breach of National Environmental Standard for PM10.

On this, the 14th day of July 2015, Tasman District Council hereby gives notice that, PM10 concentrations exceeded an average 24-hour concentration of 50 micrograms per cubic metre ($\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$) as specified in Schedule 1 of the above Regulations within the area gazetted as Richmond Air Shed on the following occasion:

Day	PM10 Concentration measured ($\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$)	Extent of PM10 Exceedence ($\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$)	Location at which Exceedence was Measured
24 June 2015	52	2	Richmond Central
25 June 2015	60	10	Richmond Central

The total number of exceedences to date this season is two. The total for last winter was two.

Look up www.tasman.govt.nz/environment/air/ for the latest (updated hourly) information on air quality in Richmond and other historic monitoring in other Tasman towns.

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Council Meetings

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Motueka Community Board

Motueka Office, 7 Hickmott Place, Motueka,
Tuesday 4 August 2015, 4.00 pm. Public forum

Tasman Creative Communities Subcommittee

Motueka Office, 7 Hickmott Place, Motueka,
Wednesday 5 August 2015, 10.00 am. No public forum

Community Development Committee

Tasman Council Chambers, 189 Queen Street, Richmond,
Thursday 6 August 2015, 9.30 am. Public forum

Animal Control Subcommittee (Dog Classification)

Tasman Council Chambers, 189 Queen Street, Richmond,
Thursday 6 August 2015, 3.00 pm. No public forum

Golden Bay Community Board

Takaka Fire Station, Motupipi Street, Takaka,
Tuesday 11 August 2015, 9.00 am. Public forum

Tasman Regional Transport Committee

Tasman Council Chambers, 189 Queen Street, Richmond,
Tuesday 11 August 2015, 9.30 am. No public forum

Engineering Services Committee

Tasman Council Chambers, 189 Queen Street, Richmond,
Thursday 13 August 2015, 9.30 am. Public forum

Joint Shareholders Committee/CDEM

Nelson City Council Chambers, Trafalgar Street, Nelson,
Friday 14 August 2015, 1.30 pm. No public forum

Community Notices

Tasman Visual Arts Group Exhibition

**Saturday 1 and Sunday 2 August 2015, 10.00 am – 6.00 pm,
Richmond Town Hall, Cambridge Street, Richmond.**

Tasman Visual Arts Group Winter Exhibition will be showing an amazing array of artwork by local artists. All artwork displayed by this growing club will be for sale.

For more information, Ph. 03 544 5126 or 0212171881

Email: gsbuck@netz.co.nz

Waimea College Open School Day

Monday 3 August 2015, 4.00 pm and 7.00 pm.

The school will be open on Monday 3 August 2015 for all interested parties to visit and tour from 4.00 pm – 5.30 pm, so that parents and students can come together. There will be a brief introduction by the Principal at 4.00 pm in the College Hall and then student guides will show you around the school, staff will also be available for discussions. This will also be repeated at 7.00 pm for those that can't make the earlier session.

24 Hour Assistance – Phone your local office

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Argentine ant feeding on honeydew produced by a scale insect (Credit: A. Wild)



Argentine ants feeding on raw chicken (Credit: R. Toft)

Controlling Argentine and Darwin's ants

Argentine ants are a significant household and environmental pest that has been present in Nelson and Tasman since the early 1990s and have been found on more than 2,200 properties. They are small ants, 2.5–3 mm long, and brown in colour. They reach high numbers if left uncontrolled and can spoil outdoor activities and affect the growth and health of garden plants by cultivating and protecting aphids and scale insects that provide them with honeydew. They often invade households for food and water in late summer and have been known to kill caged birds, small animals (geckos) and newly-hatched chicks in nests and raid beehives. They are one of the world's most successful invasive species and can be transported to new locations in soil, bark products and pot plants. They spread through neighbourhoods when queen and worker ants leave existing colonies, moving along the edge of footpaths and across roads, spreading up to 150 m/year onto new properties.

Darwin's ants are very similar, brown in colour, but slightly smaller in size (2–2.5 mm long), and slightly less aggressive. They produce a strong smell if squashed and this could potentially affect the flavour of horticultural and viticultural crops if they are present during processing. They have been in Tasman and Nelson since the late 1980s and are now found on about 250 properties.

Doing it yourself

Residents wanting to treat these ants on their properties have a choice of three products:

- bait (Xstinguish or Vanquish Pro)
- spray (X-It Ant), and
- granules (Biforce).

Good results have been achieved by applying Xstinguish bait in October or November. To maintain effective control, it is important to prevent re-invasion from adjoining properties by treating the boundary with a residual insecticide such as X-it ant spray or Biforce granules and treating again after 2–3 months.

X-It Ant spray was developed in NZ and is a contact insecticide spray containing bifenthrin, a synthetic pyrethroid. It will control ants on hard outdoor surfaces for several months.

Biforce granules contain bifenthrin mixed with sand. It can be used where X-It Ant cannot be successfully applied e.g. bark gardens, long grass, compost heaps, dense vegetation, shrubs and gardens.

Using a contractor

Residents can also hire a pest controller to treat ants on their property. Pest controllers have access to a wider range of products and most have been trained and registered as Approved Handlers to manage the potential risk of using these more toxic products. Effective treatment can be costly and residents should seek more than one quotation and ask for a treatment guarantee. A comprehensive ant treatment programme is delivered by certified applicators using X-It Ant and Biforce for external surfaces and using Dust2Dust (containing another residual insecticide, permethrin) in walls and ceiling cavities.

Brochures and letters will be delivered to affected households in early October. Information can be downloaded from the Council website – put "Ants" into the search box. More technical information can be found on the Landcare Research website at <http://argentineants.landcareresearch.co.nz/>



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