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## New recycling centre offers region wide benefits

**A new purpose-built recycling centre in Richmond will provide for the District's future needs.**

Tasman District Council Mayor Richard Kempthorne opened the new materials recovery centre in Beach Road earlier this month. The facility was built by Smart Environmental in conjunction with the Council. Smart Environmental, which has the contract for the Tasman District's waste for the next eight years, paid \$1.1m for the recovery plant technology while the Council funded the \$1.4m building.

It's expected that recycling volumes will increase 10 to 20% in coming years as people get used to using the new larger wheelie bins for reuseables. The new bins can take everything except glass and in other areas where they have been introduced, there's been around a 20% increase in recycling.

The new facility has the capacity for future growth and will also speed up the sorting of recycling. Previously, the District's recycling was collected and sorted at the kerb. It will now be collected co-mingled from the kerb and go to the centre for sorting. While there are still manual sorters doing some of the final sort, there's also a mechanical process for paper, steel and a few other items. Most of the sorted recycling is exported to Asia.

The increased capacity for recycling will help to ensure the Eves Valley Landfill space is used more efficiently and lasts longer.

This is the fifth materials recovery facility that Smart Environmental has opened in New Zealand.



Mayor Kempthorne viewing the new centre

# Message from the Mayor

**Our role as a council is to deliver the services our community need as well as we possibly can.**

Every year we ask Tasman residents for their perceptions and comments about the service they have received from our Council. This is carried out through the Communitrak Residents Survey. Having received the feedback from the latest survey, summarised in this issue, I am reassured by the response we have received. The results do however identify areas where we can improve, which is our continuing focus.

The National Research Bureau also surveys customers who have come to the Council for a building or resource consent, to register their dog, or wanted an environmental health permit or license. It was very encouraging to see a positive response as we have focused a great deal of time and energy to ensure we deliver the best service possible in these areas.

Our regional Civil Defence and Emergency Management function has also been tested in a national audit by the 'powers that be' in Wellington. Pleasingly again we have been given a great 'pass' – a 'pass' so good that the function provided by the small permanent staff and staff of both Councils and other agencies has been rated

the best in New Zealand. We have been relatively unscathed during recent adverse weather events, but the continuing preparedness shown through this result shows we are well prepared. It is however important for us all to check that we have our three day emergency pack prepared in case of an emergency, although let's hope we never need to use it.

**Mayor Richard Kempthorne**



## Get sorting for Second Hand Sunday

**Time for a spring clean and an opportunity to offer the stuff you no longer need to someone else who will treasure it.**

Tasman District and Nelson City Councils are running another Second Hand Sunday in both districts on Sunday 13 September, starting at 10.00 am.

"Yes, I will be doing this again" is the feedback from those who took part in last year's event. Freely given and freely taken away, the goods could be anything from old chairs, books, clothing or left over bits and pieces from building projects - but it doesn't include food, dangerous goods like faulty electrical equipment, or chemicals.

All you have to do is have an idea of what you would like to put out, then complete the registration form online at [www.tasman.govt.nz](http://www.tasman.govt.nz) or [www.nelson.govt.nz](http://www.nelson.govt.nz) [search phrase = second hand sunday]. Your address will be published on the council's website as long as you register before 9.00 am on Thursday 10 September.

On the day of the event, put your items out on the driveway or front lawn, not the footpath, and attach the downloadable poster to your letter box so people can easily identify your address. You can also register and obtain the poster from either council's Customer Service Centres. Responsible removal of any uncollected items is required at the end of the day.

For people who are keen to see what free stuff is being offered, the list of households involved can be downloaded from the council's websites from Friday 11 September.



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# Nelson Tasman Civil Defence rated best

The Nelson Tasman Civil Defence Emergency Management (CDEM) Group has achieved the highest score in the country as part of its capability assessment report undertaken by the Ministry of Civil Defence and Emergency Management.

A score of 82.1% has been awarded to the Group, higher than the target of 79% set in 2013, making them the top Group in New Zealand.

Our region held its top position after also being rated best in the last round of reviews in 2009.

In its latest report, the Ministry had high praise for the Group, noting the result "set an example to other CDEM Groups".

"The result reflects a highly collaborative culture amongst all CDEM partners across the region.

"The strong scores across the capability assessment reflect the well-developed interagency relationships; well-connected subcommittee structure that drives CDEM delivery, and the ongoing commitment to reducing hazard risk across both councils.

"The smaller size of the Group and the two unitary council's further enhance this connectedness and this provides a significant advantage in the ability to influence across the 4R's, with the approach taken in risk reduction the most notable – CDEM is 'embedded in what we think, do and say – there is no gap'".

Nelson Tasman CDEM Manager Roger Ball says the high score reflects an engaged and effective team.

"We are pleased to see this report and such an impressive score, which shows a highly capable team across both Councils and in our partner agencies. Staff have sought to incorporate important lessons from our big floods and the Canterbury earthquakes."

The key agencies making up the CDEM Group are Nelson City Council, Tasman District Council, emergency services, Ministry of Social Development, the Nelson Marlborough District Health Board and an iwi representative.

The report made one recommendation for the Group to ensure continuous improvement through the development driven by an appropriate action plan.

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New Zealand Shakeout is part of an international initiative to get people involved in earthquake safety. A global earthquake drill, the International Shakeout Day of Action, will be held on Thursday 15 October and New Zealand will be the first country to take part at 9.15 am.

The event has been created to help people and organisations get better prepared for major earthquakes, and practise 'Drop, Cover and Hold' – the right action to take during an earthquake.

New Zealand ShakeOut also provides a fantastic opportunity for businesses, workplaces, and other organisations to examine and

review their own emergency preparedness arrangements. Families and households can create, review and practise their household plans.

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- Do the Drop, Cover and Hold drill with the rest of the country at 9.15 am, 15 October 2015
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**For more information visit [www.shakeout.govt.nz](http://www.shakeout.govt.nz)**

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# It's getting better all the time

## We're improving – thanks to your feedback

It's one of the most important tools we have for improving our performance – the annual customer feedback survey. We measure how satisfied you are with our services and our performance, and how well you think we look after all the things you trust us to. In this year's survey more than 70% of residents said they were satisfied or very satisfied with our performance.

You said you were most satisfied with your public libraries, community programmes and events, public toilets, recreation facilities (including playing fields and neighbourhood reserves), kerbside recycling, wastewater system and rubbish collection.

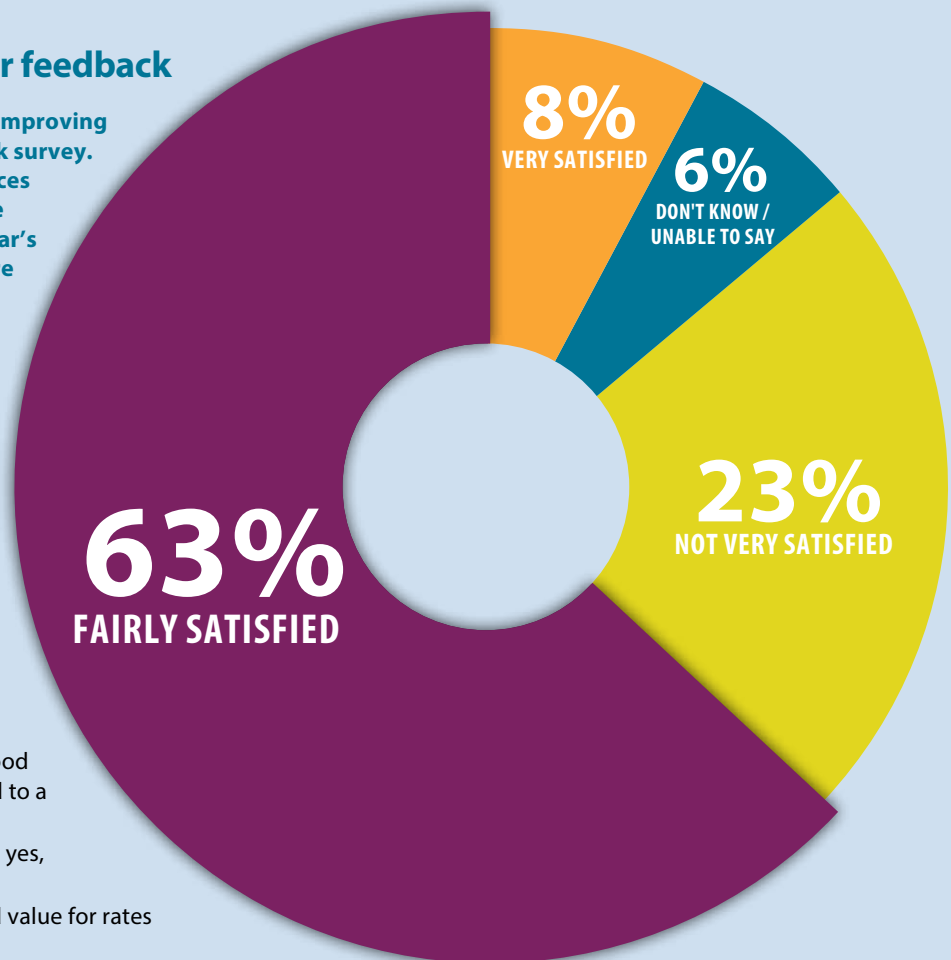
## Comparisons to the national average

Questions about the council's reputation were included this year so that we could compare ourselves with other councils. Again, we've come out positively:

- When asked if council managers and staff do a good job, 51% of those surveyed replied yes, compared to a national average of 35%;
- Asked if the council was effective 49% of you said yes, compared to 37% nationwide;
- We're 10% better than average in providing good value for rates dollars spent (29% compared to 19%); and
- 62% of residents said they would talk positively about Tasman District Council, compared to just 36% of residents in other areas.

## What will we do now?

Overall satisfaction has improved – and we'll try to keep that going. We'll set new performance targets and adjust our planning to suit. There are areas we need to improve; our constant aim is to provide you with great value, and an even better service in the future.



## About the Survey

The NRB Communitrak Survey was conducted via telephone interviews with 402 residents of the Tasman District on a ward by ward basis. The survey has a margin of error of +/-4%.

- View the full survey results online:  
[www.tasman.govt.nz/link/resident-survey](http://www.tasman.govt.nz/link/resident-survey)



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# Satisfaction improves with regulatory functions

We also ask residents how satisfied they are with our regulatory functions – building and resource consents, environmental health licences, dog registrations. The requirements of legislation, regulation and plans can be daunting to those not used to them and we are always looking for ways to make this process easier to manage for applicants.

With 88.8% (a 6.4% improvement on last year) of respondents positive about their experience it seems we are on the right path. Most importantly across all consent categories 94.1% percent of respondents considered Council staff courteous and helpful (up from 90.2% last year).

Broken down by ward, the overall satisfaction level has shifted considerably from the last survey – especially in Golden Bay 91.3% (65.4%) and Lakes Murchison 95.2% (70.6%). Other results were: Richmond 80.4% (81.6%), Waimea Moutere 90.2% (90.3%), and Motueka 91.8% (86.0%).



## Pest of the Month: Boneseed

**Boneseed (*Chrysanthemoides monilifera*) is a native of South Africa and was introduced as a garden plant for its yellow daisy-like flowers. It forms a 2-3 m high shrub with ribbed stems and woolly serrated leathery leaves. Its attractive bright yellow flowers appear from September to February and this aids identification and locating infestations.**

Boneseed is found in coastal sites where it tolerates shallow soils, rock outcrops, salt-laden winds, fire and drought. It rapidly colonises disturbed sites and suppresses native plants. Boneseed is readily spread by birds that eat the black fleshy berries, each containing one large seed, which is then passed by the bird, some distance away from the parent plant. The seeds have a very hard coating, hence the name boneseed. This coating allows the seed to remain viable for a long time.

Plants are relatively easy to control as they can be pulled at flowering time, before they form seed, and left to dry and break down. If seed is present, remove and destroy it. Plants that are too large to pull can be cut off at ground level and stump-treated with 100 ml per litre of glyphosate 360 or Vigilant gel.

In our region, the Nelson Port Hills Containment Area has a major infestation where boneseed is too widely spread to justify treatment. The Tasman-Nelson Regional Pest Management Strategy classifies boneseed as a Progressive Control plant, which requires occupiers to control it outside of the Nelson Port Hills Containment Area. It has been found in Cable Bay, Wakapuaka, Tahuna Beach, the Ridge Way, Rabbit Island, Kina Beach and Peninsula, Jackett Island, Motueka, Tapu Bay, Kaiteriteri, Pohara Beach, Parapara Beach and Collingwood Township.

Occupiers who think they have boneseed and want further information on control methods and herbicide types can phone a Biosecurity Officer on Ph. 03 543 8400.



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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 portion of un-named and unformed legal road which runs off Stringer Road in Redwood Valley. The proposal to stop this section of unformed road is being considered pursuant to Schedule 10 of the Local Government Act 1974.

The land is shown as Section 1 on SO Plan 488508. The land area is approximately 7282 square metres.

The road stopping application is being made by Tasman Limited, which owns all the land adjacent to the road to be stopped. If the applicant is able to acquire the land involved, it will amalgamate it with adjoining land. If the road stopping is approved this will facilitate what the applicant believes will be a more logical subdivision when that adjacent land is subdivided.

The road proposed to be stopped is being replaced with Eban Road in a slightly different location.

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, 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 28 September 2015.** This is the second of the two notices required under the Local Government Act 1974.

## Public Notices

### Draft Abel Tasman Foreshore Scenic Reserve Management Plan Partial Review

A partial review of the Abel Tasman Foreshore Scenic Reserve Management Plan (Foreshore Plan) is underway.

The focus of the review is on four issues only:

- access to the reserve for kaitiaki responsibilities and non-commercial cultural activities;
- recreation concessions at Watering Cove and Observation Beach bays;
- provision of an additional Coastal Access Point at Tonga Quarry for a trial period; and
- drop off/retrieval of commercial hire equipment from the reserve.

**Any person or organisation may make written submissions, which must be received by 4.00 pm on Monday 12 October 2015.**

View the draft Foreshore Plan partial review document and submission form online at [www.tasman.govt.nz](http://www.tasman.govt.nz) or [www.doc.govt.nz](http://www.doc.govt.nz).

Hard copies are available from Tasman District Council Service Centres and public libraries in Richmond, Motueka and Takaka and from the Nelson public library.

Submissions should be made online at: [www.tasman.govt.nz](http://www.tasman.govt.nz) or emailed to: [atforeshore@tasman.govt.nz](mailto:atforeshore@tasman.govt.nz)

or posted to: Tasman District Council, Abel Tasman Foreshore Plan Partial Review, Private Bag 4, Richmond 7050

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### 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 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.

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 second of the two notices required under the Local Government Act 1974.

## 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)

### Joint Shareholders Committee following by CDEM

Nelson City Council, Wednesday 2 September 2015, 9.30 am.  
No public forum

### Corporate Services Committee

Tasman Council Chambers, 189 Queen Street, Richmond,  
Thursday 3 September 2015, 9.30 am. Public forum

### Golden Bay Community Board

Collingwood Fire Station, Elizabeth Street, Collingwood,  
Tuesday 8 September 2015, 9.00 am. Public forum

### Full Council

Tasman Council Chambers, 189 Queen Street, Richmond,  
Thursday 10 September 2015, 9.30 am. Public forum

## 24 Hour Assistance – Phone your local Service Centre

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## Summer Sport Codes Sport NZ Rural Travel Fund

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Application forms and further information is online at [www.tasman.govt.nz/council/grants-funding](http://www.tasman.govt.nz/council/grants-funding) or phone Mike Tasman-Jones, 03 543 8403 for further information.

## Golden Bay Museum

The "Lest We Forget" WW1 exhibition continues until 30 October 2015.

## Motueka Museum

**Gallipoli**, In search of a family story 2-11 September 2015.

The story of Jack Dunn who was sentenced to death by firing squad during the Gallipoli campaign and his great nephew's search to discover what happened.

This will be followed by:

**Grandma's Kitchen**, 22 September to 30 October 2015.

A look at kitchens from the 1940s and 50s. A showcase for museum artefacts not usually displayed.

## Applications closing for Tasman District Council 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](http://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.

## Tasman District Summer Guide – register your event now

Summer is coming, and now is the time for all event organisers to list your event's details on It's On – [www.itson.co.nz](http://www.itson.co.nz)

The Tasman District Summer Guide 2015/16 will use information from It's On to promote the very best our region has to offer over the summer period to residents and visitors.

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