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Locals honoured at Outstanding Community Service Awards

What makes Tasman a great place to live is our communities and the special people in them. It's the dedicated volunteers and philanthropists that make this place tick.

The Tasman District Council Outstanding Community Service Awards aim to give some well-deserved recognition to those individuals. Each of the people acknowledged and honoured provide something different but they all contribute towards the same thing – making our communities better places.

In Richmond, Hazel Bartlett was honoured for her work in guiding visitors and residents alike through her work with Richmond Information Centre, organising the Lions Club bus trips and raising money to open the Richmond kindergarten.

Several Golden Bay residents received awards – Henk and Willa Visker for their work with Takaka Citizens Band, Golden Bay Orchestra, Kotinga Bowling Club, St John and the Wrinklies Bus; Crowther Reynish for his involvement with the Takaka Citizens Band, Golden Bay RSA and Takaka rugby; veterinarian Dick Wenzel for his involvement with Golden Bay Orchestra, the Golden Bay High School Board, Wrinklies Express and numerous other clubs and committees; volunteer firefighter Graeme Miller for his 26 years with Collingwood Volunteer Fire Service as well as his work with the Collingwood Area School Board of Trustees, Collingwood Health Centre committee and rugby; and Sue Netto for her long involvement as a volunteer for St John and fundraising for the rescue helicopter.

Motueka recipients included former nurse Valerie Stuart, acknowledged for her work as volunteer supervisor with Playcentre, Soroptimists, Motueka Hospice Shop and the Motueka Hospital Trust and Mark Heine for his work with Motueka Idea Services and the Laura Ingram Kindergarten.

Two highly successful local businesspeople were also acknowledged for the contribution that they have made to their communities – not just in the business arena but also through their leadership and philanthropy – Peter Goodman and Peter Talley.

The Outstanding Community Service Awards are an annual event, and nominations close on 30 June each year. Nominees must be residents of the Tasman District.



From left: Mark Heine, Dick Wenzel, Hazel Bartlett, Graeme Miller, Valerie Stuart, Willa Visker, Sue Netto, Henk Visker, Peter Talley

Message from the Mayor

In the past fortnight, I was involved with presenting the Community Service Awards for our district. For me, this is one of the highlights of the year because it is an opportunity to recognise our volunteers who unvaryingly contribute to making Tasman the great place it is to live. Their dedication and generosity is inspiring and the thing that many of this year's winners give most generously is their time.

It can be easy to get caught up in the busy lives we lead and I can personally attest to this. As Mayor, I keep a busy and often challenging schedule. It is important not to lose sight of what is really important and that is the individuals who make up our community. This year's award winners remind me, and I think all of us, of the importance of making time for one another.

The award winners for this year are introduced to you in this edition of Newsline and I hope you will join me in applauding each of them.

On a more business related matter, from 19 September Council will release the proposed changes to the Water Management Plan for the Waimea Plains. The proposed plan change incorporates suggestions received from the recent call for feedback within the discussion document. This plan is the key means the Council has for

managing the water resource on the plain including allocation, management of environmental flow and the means for rationing in extended dry periods.

Driving this plan change is the need to provide water from a limited resource for all users on the Plains and the protection of the long term health of the Waimea River. Please take the time to read the proposed changes when they are released. People will have 5 weeks from the time of release to submit on the proposed Water Management Plan.

Mayor Richard Kempthorne



Exciting news for museum whalery project

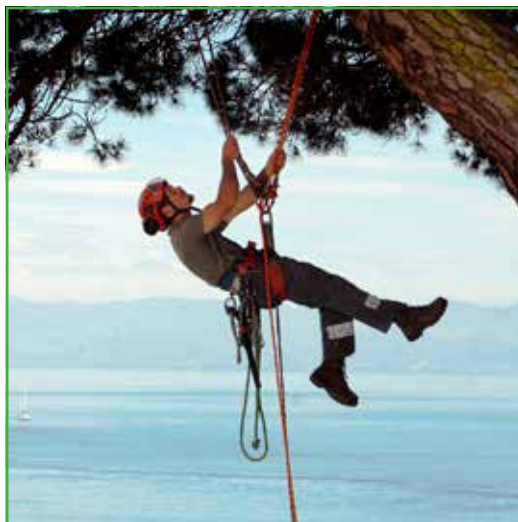
The whalery project planned for Golden Bay Museum Te Waka Huia o Mohua has just had a big boost. Board Chair Penny Griffith says they've received news of a \$20,000 donation from Canterbury Community Trust towards the whalery construction costs. "This makes a real difference. It's the biggest donation so far and will encourage other donors, I'm sure. It's a real vote of confidence for our proposal." Project Jonah and the Minister of Conservation have also written letters of support.

Late last year, vigorous local fundraising raised \$9,000 which got the project underway. "Most of that hard-won money has gone on building consent costs," said Penny. "Commercial buildings have very high standards that we have to meet for public safety."

At the same time, Alan McLean continues his patient work on the skeleton, which is a 2-year commitment. He also wants to have part of a skeleton ready in October, for the museum's 25th anniversary. The museum is also fundraising for Alan's work, as a separate project.

Donations over \$5 are tax deductible and the museum website has details of how to donate to either whale preparation or the whalery which will house it. "We're at a really exciting stage just now," says Penny, "we've still got a few fundraising irons in the fire, but we hope local people will want to support it, too."

**Further information
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Mapua – a hive of activity

Mapua is a hive of activity with a number of projects on the go.

Construction has started on a new retail development at the former Aquarium site. Known as "Shed 4", the new building will provide retail space for seven businesses in time for the summer season with the majority of tenants already signed up.

But it is not just about the building. The Council is reconfiguring the Mapua Wharf area to make it more pedestrian friendly. It is also providing extra car parking spaces in Aranui Road and Tahī Street to make up for those removed from the wharf and to cater for the increasing number of visitors. Old concrete anchor blocks and other waste material has been removed from the waterfront and a new retaining wall has been constructed to provide protection to the Ngaio tree and support the green area.

On the outskirts of Mapua, the Seaton Valley Stream is being widened from Stafford Drive along the back of Mapua School to provide walking and cycling connections away from the busy road. It will also provide better storm water management. Riparian planting and a low flow meander channel are key additions of the work to improve the ecological values of the stream.

A subdivision development of 80 new lots on Mapua Drive has provided the catalyst for a new roundabout currently being constructed on Mapua Drive. Incorporating a footpath, the intersection will bring increased safety and improved traffic flow along this busy stretch of road.

For those who like walking the block from Higgs Road down to the intersection of Aranui Road and Mapua Drive, the new footpath currently being built will be a welcome addition.



Artist's impression of Shed 4 at Mapua Wharf

You can follow construction progress on Council's website –
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Funding boost for Saxton Velodrome project

The Saxton Velodrome and Cycle Safety Arena has received a significant funding boost with The Canterbury Community Trust confirming a \$100,000 grant.

Work has already started on the \$1.6million project, situated at Saxton Stadium, which will see the 333m velodrome facility completed within the next 16 to 20 months.

The project is being funded by Nelson City and Tasman District councils, which are contributing 80% of the total. The Saxton Velodrome Trust is charged with raising the remainder (approximately \$320,000).

The Canterbury Community Trust's Chief Executive Louise Edwards says the Velodrome and Cycle Safety Arena is a fantastic project and a great community asset for the Nelson region.

"Our grant of \$100,000 is an acknowledgement of the benefit provided to Nelson's cycling community through the provision of a low maintenance facility. We are very supportive of projects which promote good health outcomes for the community and in this particular case, provide a safe off-road venue for children and adults to enhance their cycling skills."

Trustee Rob Ford says that the Trust is really pleased with the response it's had from funders and donors so far and that it is confident of reaching its target.

"The feedback we're getting from funders is that they see it as a worthwhile community project. We're having conversations with other funding providers and we're very confident we will get across the line. However we still need to raise considerable funds so we're very open to talking to potential donors and anyone who can provide in-kind support during the build process."



Work is already underway on the Saxton Velodrome and Cycle Safety Arena

Glenn Thorn, Reserves Officer from Tasman District Council who is overseeing the project says it is progressing well however there have been some delays due to weather conditions. Construction started on-site in June 2015 and drainage, power and water have been installed. Earthworks are expected to resume on site in October 2015.

Although the velodrome will be used for competitive cycling, it will also accommodate a wide range of other uses. It will be a community facility that will be suitable for cyclists of all ages, skills and fitness levels. It will be ideal for road safety training and events and provide a safe, car-free environment for children to learn to ride, disabled cyclists and for elderly people to stay fit. Sport Tasman will utilise both the velodrome and cycle safety arena in its programmes and the velodrome will be free to use for the general public.

The Trust has set up a give-a-little page on its website www.saxtonvelodrome.com for anyone who wants to make a donation to the project.

Second hand Sunday is nearly here

If you want to be a Second Hand Sunday fossicker, put 13 September 2015 in your diary as the day you can make the most of people's offers of items to take away in both Nelson and Tasman districts.

Go online to Tasman District Council website [search phrase: Second Hand Sunday] to check the map and the list of participants' addresses, which will be available to download from Friday 11 September 2015.

A reminder to those who have registered their addresses in Second Hand Sunday to print off the poster, downloadable from the website, to attach to your letterbox so that people can easily find

your address. Then have the stuff you no longer need out on your driveway or lawn by 10.00 am on 13 September.

Second Hand Sunday will go ahead in both rain and shine and participants choose whether they will put their stuff out if wet and they also choose when to stop, hopefully after everything has gone.

Thank-you to all who participate. Re-using and upcycling 'stuff' makes the best use of resources and reduces waste to landfill.



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Two-tier water allocation and rationing proposed

Dam or no dam, water allocation and rationing affects us all.

Water management is a hotly-contested topic in the Tasman District, and particularly in the Waimea Plains. Much of the recent debate has focused on whether or not the Council should invest in a dam. Lost in the shadow of the dam debate has been the other important element in the management of the current and future water resources on the Waimea Plains – the water management plan.

Even if the proposed Waimea Community Dam is built, we will still need a means of managing the water supplied by the river which feeds the aquifers. This plan affects all users – irrigators as well as the Council, urban residential and commercial users – by managing water allocations and water rationing.

The Council is proposing to introduce a two-tiered water allocation and rationing system in the event of there being a dam, and is seeking your feedback to help us decide.

The current Water Plan

The Water Management Plan (part of the Tasman Resource Management Plan) was updated in 2013.

It sets a minimum flow for the Waimea River – the level at which it is considered unhealthy for the river to drop below without risking damage to habitat and river life and at which we need to manage other risks such as salt water intrusion.

The water plan also sets the triggers for rationing in dry years. The 2013 triggers were based on an increased environmental flow in the river – which reduces the amount of water available for extraction before rationing kicks in.

Changes needed to the Plan

With the change to the proposed dam's funding model in the Long Term Plan, there is a need to make changes to water management. The Council holds one of the largest water permits on the Waimea Plains for the supply of water to homes and businesses on the urban reticulated supply and has publicly committed to the dam if irrigators can raise their share of the funds needed.

The funding regime adopted by Council recognises there are public benefits by having a dam, including providing for improved flow in the river, ensuring a reliable and secure urban water supply and protecting the social and economic well-being of the district.

The changes also recognise the choice water permit holders and landowners have in whether to invest in the dam to meet their own water needs or not.

For this reason, the main feature of the proposed plan change is a two-tier water allocation regime. Water permits will be either affiliated or non-affiliated, recognising contributions made to the dam. The affiliated permit, such as the one held by the Council, allows for water permits with high security of supply created by the dam. The non-affiliated option is for permits with a very low security of supply where there is no investment into the Dam.

Rationing triggers

This two-tier system establishes different rationing triggers in times of dry weather and water shortages for each type of permit. The system also retains the 'dam/ no dam' scenario – this is to allow the water management plan to operate in either case.

Affiliated permits will be able to continue taking water as they do currently until the dam is operating, when more water will be available both in drought times and for new irrigation or other abstractive uses. Rationing may still be required in order to prevent salt water intrusion from affecting freshwater quality.

Non-affiliated permits will have much lower security of supply – similar to that which would exist without a dam, although there will be more cease take days. The reason for this is because the augmented water from a dam mixes with the unmodified flows once it flows past the Wairoa Gorge and can't be managed separately once it enters the plains.

The inability to separate natural and augmented water flow in the lower Waimea River means that all the new rationing triggers for the un-affiliated permits with low security of supply are based on river flows at the Wairoa Gorge at the Irvine's monitoring site.

If rationing takes place, there is a new method of determining how soon the taking of water can be resumed. This trigger is needed to ensure that the Waimea River reaches a sufficient level to increase storage in the aquifers.

These Plan changes do not preclude people from developing their own water augmentation options to improve their own security of supply.

Consultation open until October 23

The consultation period will be open from 19 September and close October 23 with opportunities to discuss the proposed changes with Council staff over that period.

The consultation documents will be available from all Council offices and libraries and on the website closer to the opening date.

New engineer on the job

The Engineering Services Department has recently welcomed Mike Schruer into the Utilities Manager role.

Mike has extensive experience in local government having previously worked at Nelson City Council for nearly 18 years in various engineering and management roles, including as General Manager of the Nelson Regional Sewerage facility on Bell Island, a joint venture between Tasman District and Nelson City Councils. More recently he spent a couple of years with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade where he was the Principal Development Manager Infrastructure, providing infrastructure support and technical advice for the New Zealand aid programme; covering water supply and sanitation, solid waste, maritime and aviation safety and renewable energy, predominantly in the Pacific Islands.

Mike is responsible for managing the Council's water, wastewater, stormwater and refuse and recycling activities – a significant part of the Council's overall assets.

In his first month at the Council, Mike has been familiarising himself with the many upgrade projects and contracts underway and planned, such as; the Motueka and Takaka wastewater treatment plants, the new water treatment plant and high level reservoir in Richmond and the recycling contract. In addition, he is coming up to speed with the various subdivision developments in the region to understand the implications of growth to the utility networks, in particular our water sources.

Mike is excited about his new role and looks forward to reacquainting himself with the communities in the Tasman District.



Council's new Utilities Manager Mike Schruer



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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 or 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 or emailed to: atforeshore@tasman.govt.nz

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

Proposed Road Closure

The following roads are proposed to be closed to ordinary vehicles for the periods and times indicated below:

Nelson Car Club – Rally Sprint

**Saturday 31 October 2015, from 8.30 am to 5.00 pm,
Pigeon Valley Road and Dovedale Road.**

Objections can be lodged at: Tasman District Council, 189 Queen Street, Richmond. **Objections close:** Friday 9 October.

Public Notices

Motueka Top 10 Holiday Parklease Notice

The Council is seeking the public's views on its proposal to grant a longer lease to the operators of the Motueka Top 10 Holiday Park located on Fearon Bush Recreation Reserve. The current lease still has 27 years to run. Council's proposal is to grant a new lease for 33 years.

The new lease and its conditions would enable the Council to earn greater returns on the camping ground assets. The new lease will include some planned improvements by the current lessee. The proposed new terms would also see the Council purchase a number of buildings currently onsite from the current operators. The desired result is improved returns to the ratepayer through the commercial operation on the publicly owned reserve.

If the new lease is not successful, the current lease for 27 years will be continued.

People are welcome to make a submission on the proposed new lease between the Motueka Top 10 Holiday Park and the Council. Written submissions are sought under Section 54 of the Reserves Act 1977.

Submitters may wish to comment on a range of matters including:

- the benefits and disadvantages of continuing to use the reserve for a commercial camping ground;
- the length of the proposed lease;
- any positive or negative impacts on the reserve from the camping ground activity;
- any positive or negative impacts on recreational and cultural values; and
- public access.

The Council will be taking account of all submissions made when it decides whether to grant the lease and, if so, on what terms and conditions.

A submission form is available on the Tasman District Council website www.tasman.govt.nz or can be obtained from the Tasman District Council offices and libraries.

Submissions close at 4pm on 12 October and should be sent to:

Rhonda Marshall, Administration Officer – Commercial
Tasman District Council, 189 Queen Street, Richmond 7050.
Or rhonda.marshall@tasman.govt.nz

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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

The Nelson Tasman 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.

So if you're putting on a gig, festival, race, gala, show, dance or Christmas event make sure it's on It's On. It's free, easy and is the best way to ensure your event gets noticed.

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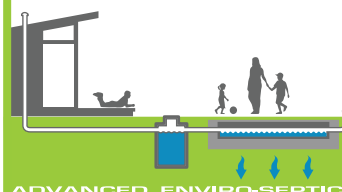
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Day	PM10 Concentration measured ($\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$)	Extent of PM10 Exceedance ($\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$)
24 June 2015	52	2
25 June 2015	60	10
31 July 2015	52	2

The total number of exceedances to date this season is three. The total for last winter was two. More information is available online:

www.tasman.govt.nz/environment/air/air-quality

Kina Reserve Caretaker

Expressions of Interest are invited for a part-time caretaker at the Kina Reserve Campground. You will have to provide your own self-contained accommodation or live nearby.

Further information is available from Beryl Wilkes on Ph. 03 543 8391 or Email: beryl.wilkes@tasman.govt.nz

Expressions of Interest close on Tuesday 22 September 2015.

Council Meetings

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

Motueka Community Board

Motueka Office, 7 Hickmott Place, Motueka, Tuesday 15 September 2015, 4.00 pm. Public forum

Audit Subcommittee

Tasman Council Chambers, 189 Queen Street, Richmond, Wednesday 16 September 2015, 1.30 pm. No public forum

Community Development Committee

Tasman Council Chambers, 189 Queen Street, Richmond, Thursday 17 September 2015, 9.30 am. Public forum

Community Grants Subcommittee

Tasman Council Chambers, 189 Queen Street, Richmond, Thursday 17 September 2015, 1.30 pm or at conclusion of Community Development Committee. No public forum

Engineering Services Committee

Tasman Council Chambers, 189 Queen Street, Richmond, Thursday 24 September 2015, 9.30 am. Public forum

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Tasman Council Chambers, 189 Queen Street, Richmond, Thursday 24 September 2015, 1.30 pm or at conclusion of Engineering Services Committee. No public forum

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Alzheimers and Dementia information

Back in June we were impressed with the number of people who attended the evening with Dr Chris Perkins, a leading dementia expert, at Richmond Library.

Following on from Chris's visit, Alzheimers Nelson and Richmond Library are joining forces to run monthly Alzheimers and dementia information drop in sessions.

These informal sessions will run on the fourth Wednesday of the month from 9.30 am -11.00 am, starting on Wednesday 23 September. Heather or other field workers from Alzheimers Nelson will be in the library to answer your questions and help you find the information you need for your particular situation.

No bookings are required – just drop in and have a chat with Heather. See you there.

School holidays

The end of September sees another round of school holidays. And your local library once again has a range of holiday activities on offer. From yoga for kids to superhero story times to comic drawing workshops, there's lots happening at the library.

Check out the library website Featured Events page for full details of what's on where and when.

Build a robotic hand workshop

Build a robotic hand is a special Ministry of Inspiration school holiday event coming to Richmond Library on Monday 28 September from 1.00 pm - 4.00 pm.

You'll use simple household materials to create a hand that really grips. Numbers are limited for this workshop and registration and pre-payment is essential.

Cost is \$25.00. Book your place today.

Get your money fighting fit

The festive season is rapidly approaching. And for many of us it brings with it the stress of trying to manage having a good time, buying the extra treats and gifts we all want to be able to share with family and friends and not breaking the bank.

If this sounds like the challenge you face each year, come along to our money management workshop at Richmond Library on Thursday 15 October at 7.00 pm.

Get your money fighting fit is an interactive session run by Lisa Dyer of Nelson Budget Services that works through in a very practical way some principles of good money management. The aim is to free up some cash in your budget for things like paying off debt quicker or saving towards your goals e.g. Christmas. If you're interested in attending this free session contact Richmond Library 03 543 8500 to book a place.

Lost Childhoods

For some time UNICEF has been running the Lost Childhoods campaign focussed around Syrian children living in refugee camps. The on-going conflict in Syria is devastating for children. After four years of conflict, 7.6 million children have been left vulnerable and traumatised. By the end of 2015 that figure will be over 8.6 million.

As part of the campaign UNICEF has produced a short film narrated and seen through the eyes of a 12 year old Syrian girl in a refugee camp in Jordan – a typical day, going to school etc.

On Saturday 17 October, UNICEF and Tasman District Libraries are offering you the opportunity to view the film as a virtual reality experience. This is a powerful way to get some idea of what it is like to walk in someone else's shoes. The film is eight minutes long and we'll have two virtual reality headsets available. No bookings are necessary. Just head into Richmond Library between 9.30 am and 12.15 pm. The film is suitable for adults and young people over 12 years of age.

Get gardening at Motueka Library

If you're a keen gardener or you want to know more about raising plants and creating a garden at your place, Motueka Library is the place to go in October. A week of garden talks starting on Monday 12 October covers a huge range of garden-related ideas and information. From permaculture to plant propagation to bonsai and Japanese gardens, local experts and enthusiasts will share their knowledge and skills with you. And if you want to get more hands-on then check out the cardmaking workshop or create a floral posy. Full details are on the library website Featured Events page.

And while we're talking gardening, you've still got time to enter the garden competition running at Richmond Library during September. The competition closes on 30 September 2015.

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