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Community gathers at dawn for ceremony

Mayor Richard Kempthorne, councillors and staff joined community groups, iwi and members of the public before dawn to lay mauri stones at the site of Golden Bay's new recreation facility.

The stones represent the life blood of the facility and will act as kaitiaki, or guardians, offering protection and carrying the spirit of the community. The ceremony on 2 February 2016 preceded the start of construction. When complete, the facility will house a gymnasium with indoor netball court, two squash courts, toilets, changing rooms, and community and function rooms. The work is expected to be completed by November 2016.



(from left) Cr Martine Bouillir, Golden Bay Community Board Chair Carolyn McLellan and Mayor Richard Kempthorne

Mayor's Message

Recently it was a pleasure to be involved in the placing of mauri stones as part of the foundation for the new Golden Bay recreation facility, marking the building's beginning. This has taken years of planning, a lot of hard work and a joint effort from the Council and the many volunteers and supporters within the community. I am sure once completed this will be a tremendously valued facility for the Golden Bay community.

The recent passing of Nick Patterson has been a great loss to his family and our community. Nick has had a tremendous heart for our community. He has been a very effective Chief Executive for Waiwest Horticulture, one of the largest horticulture enterprises in our District. Until recently Nick was Chair of Port Nelson Ltd, a position he had held for many years. In that time he has shown very effective leadership of one of the most important commercial organisations to benefit our region. He was also an extremely effective leader within the rugby fraternity as Chairman of the Tasman Rugby Union for many years and as Deputy Chairman for the Crusaders. He has recently been a great help engaging with irrigators on the Waimea Plains regarding indicative commitments and working towards getting an affordable funding model for the Waimea Community Dam.

We will really miss Nick's abilities and his commitment to achieving great things for our community.

Mayor Richard Kempthorne



Moturoa/Rabbit Island feedback closing soon

There's just over two weeks left to let us know how you would like us to manage Moturoa/Rabbit Island in future.

More than 300 of you have already taken the opportunity to fill in a survey or send us a feedback form on the future management of Rabbit, Rough and Bird Islands.

We're taking comments until 29 February 2016, so if you haven't already, let us know what you like about the islands, and if you think anything needs to change.

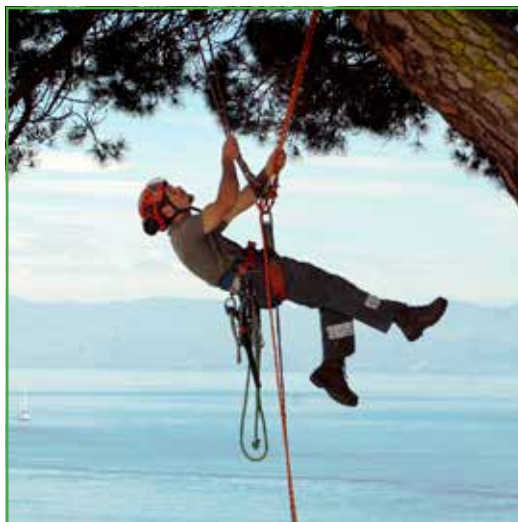
HAVE A SAY

Fill in a survey: surveymonkey.com/r/moturoa

Fill in a feedback form: tasman.govt.nz/feedback or pick up a form at a Council service centre

Leave us a comment on our Facebook page: facebook.com/rabbitislandmoturoa

Or via Twitter: #lovemoturoa



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Landscaping planned for Ligar Bay

A new walkway, plantings and picnic tables are planned for part of the Ligar Bay esplanade to make it an even nicer spot for picnicking and relaxing and to reduce sand dune erosion.

We'd like to know what you think of draft landscaping plans for the Ligar Bay esplanade, so check them out and fill in the feedback form at tasman.govt.nz/feedback.

What is planned?

- Creation of a crushed shell pathway. This path could link to the toilet block and beyond in the future.
- Construction of two carparking areas with dolomite chip surface and timber bollards to define the parking areas from picnic and reserve areas.
- Extension of Coastcare plantings along the beach-front areas to help stabilise the sand dunes.
- Establishment of low coastal shrub plantings to improve coastal habitat values along the stream sides and to provide a buffer between the reserve and the road.
- Installation of four additional picnic tables and a wood-fired barbecue.

We're hoping to carry out the landscaping in a staged approach over the next two to three years. There will be an opportunity for residents to be involved in the planting.

Public meeting

A public meeting will be held at the Ligar Bay Esplanade Reserve, opposite 1158 Abel Tasman Drive, at 10.30 am on Wednesday 24 February 2016.

HAVE A SAY

Comments and suggestions can be made to Kathy Curnow before 4.00 pm, Friday 19 February 2016.

Email:
kathy.curnow@tasman.govt.nz
Phone: 03 543 8492



Take care around the water at Mapua

The currents can be swift at Mapua, so please keep yourself and your loved ones safe while enjoying the wharf area.

The redeveloped Mapua Wharf is proving an extremely popular summer destination. We're encouraging everyone who visits the area to make the most of the beautiful setting to picnic, relax and have a great time – but please do take care around the water.

We don't want anything to take the shine off your experience, so remember the currents can be dangerous. There have been a couple of near drownings recently, with a child swept under the wharf, and kayakers becoming trapped under the floating pontoon.

Keep a close eye on children around the water and the wharf.

Kayakers should use the boat ramp to launch from, not the floating pontoon jetty, as it's a safer launching spot without the strong tidal flows that destabilise kayakers.

Golden Bay: Take the targeted rate survey

A survey of Golden Bay ratepayers has been extended to the end of February.

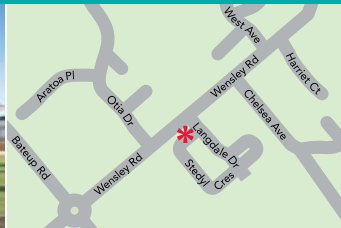
The survey is to find out whether ratepayers are in favour of paying an extra charge of approximately \$9.20 a year to help fund the visitor information centre in Takaka.

Find out more and take the survey online at surveymonkey.com/r/gbinfocentre

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Learn more about plans for central Richmond

Are you interested in learning more about projects that will guide the future development of central Richmond? Come along to one of our open days to chat with staff and find out how to have a say.

We're entering the final fortnight of consultation on three projects that affect Richmond town centre.

The reinstatement of Queen Street will take place as part of a major stormwater upgrade to reduce flood risk. The work provides the opportunity to reconsider the design of the street, and we are consulting on what people would like to see included to improve the safety and accessibility of Queen Street.

We're also reviewing the planning rules for buildings in the central business zone, with the aim of encouraging a high standard of

development as older buildings are gradually replaced.

Finally, a proposal to provide for medium-density housing within walking distance of the town centre is also open for public feedback.

Open days

Council staff will be on hand to explain the three projects in detail and provide information on how you can have a say at two open days:

- **9.00 am – 6.00 pm, Friday 12 February, Richmond Mall**
- **9.00 am – 6.00 pm, Monday 15 February, Richmond Library**

Consultation closes on 29 February 2016. Check out our website, tasman.govt.nz/link/central-richmond for more.

Name the Harbourmaster's Boat

Would you like to win a trip on the water with Tasman's Harbourmaster and \$300 of marine vouchers? Suggest a name for the new Harbourmaster boat, answer a simple boating safety question and be in with a chance.

How to enter

Visit tasman.govt.nz/feedback, fill in your details, name suggestion and answer the Boating Safety Question. Entries close on 11 March.

Boating Safety Question: Name one of the 5 Simple Rules to Know Before You Go.

5 Simple Rules to Know Before You Go

- 1 **Life jackets** – Take them, wear them.
- 2 **Skipper responsibility** – Stay within the limits of your vessel and your experience.
- 3 **Communications** – Take two separate waterproof ways of communicating.
- 4 **Marine weather** – Check the local marine forecast before you go and expect both weather and sea state changes.
- 5 **Avoid alcohol** – Safe boating and alcohol do not mix.

Find out more about changes to rural land rules

If you're interested in our proposed changes to rural land rules you can find out more at one of three community briefing sessions this month.

The aim of the changes is to provide greater protection for the District's best productive land and for rural character, provide more flexible housing options, and better manage business activities in rural areas.

Staff and councillors will be available to explain more and answer questions at the following dates and venues:

- **5.00 pm – 8.30 pm, Tuesday 16 February, Wakefield Fire Station**
- **5.00 pm – 8.30 pm, Wednesday 17 February, Takaka Fire Station**
- **5.00 pm – 8.30 pm, Tuesday 23 February, Motueka Hall supper room**

We will give a short presentation on the changes at 6.00 pm.

HAVE A SAY

Submissions are open until Monday 14 March 2016. Forms are available on our website at tasman.govt.nz/link/trmp-proposed-changes (Plan Change 60) and at Council service centres.



Second Hand Sunday returns



Second Hand Sunday returns on 13 March 2016 – it's a chance to clear out some clutter or grab a treasure or two.

Introduced for residents of Tasman and Nelson in 2014, the event has proven a popular way for people to pass on unwanted items. In December 2015, more than 130 registered households took the opportunity to gift unwanted bits and pieces to others through Second Hand Sunday and 90 per cent said they would do it again, because it works.

The event will be held again from 10.00 am on Sunday 13 March 2016. Second Hand Sunday is supported by the Tasman District and Nelson City Councils.

What is Second Hand Sunday?

People taking part in Second Hand Sunday leave unwanted items on their driveway for others to take away for free. Goods can include anything from old furniture, books, clothing or leftover bits and pieces

from building projects. We ask people not to put out food or dangerous goods such as faulty electrical equipment, chemicals or firearms.

How do I participate?

To offer items, complete a registration form online by 9.00 am on Thursday, 10 March. Visit nelson.govt.nz or tasman.govt.nz and use the search phrase "second hand sunday". You can also register at any Council service centre.

On the day, put your items out on your driveway or front lawn and attach the downloadable poster (also available at Council service centres) to your letterbox so people can easily identify your address. Responsible removal of any uncollected items is required at the end of the day.

For treasure-hunters, the final list of addresses for those offering free stuff will be available on the Councils' websites from midday on Friday 11 March 2016.

Look for the Good Wood Tick



When you choose a Good Wood supplier, you're opting for a trusted source of dry firewood that will burn well, helping to keep your home warmer and our air cleaner.

Remember to clean your chimney annually too. Not only is this important to help prevent chimney fires, it will also help your wood burner run more efficiently.

Burning firewood with a moisture content of more than 25% is banned in Tasman and Nelson. Green wood that has recently been cut or wood that has not been stored properly or for long enough does not meet this requirement.

The Council's Good Wood Scheme participants have agreed to supply Nelson and Tasman householders with either:

- Seasoned firewood, suitable for immediate use during the winter months, or
- Green (unseasoned) firewood delivered sufficiently far in advance of winter so that, if properly stored by the user, it will be seasoned ready for use in the winter months.

When ordering seasoned wood from a Good Wood supplier, request that the wood complies with your Council's moisture requirements. If it doesn't, don't accept the delivery.

A Good Wood supplier will have a moisture meter to measure the moisture content of wood if you wish to confirm that wood being delivered is dry enough to use.

Alternatively, you can buy green wood in time for it to be seasoned before winter. Wood will take between four and 12 months to season.

Ensure that any green wood purchased is stored so that the air can circulate freely and is sheltered from rain.

Good Wood suppliers and your Council encourage people to buy wood in plenty of time before winter starts. Now is the best time to buy.

Remember to get enough kindling to help with starting your fire.

For a full list of Good Wood suppliers go to <http://goo.gl/Ys6Vma>

Do Not Burn Treated Timber

Timber treated with preservatives such as CCA (copper chrome arsenic treatment) must never be burnt. Burning treated wood exposes yourself and your family to its dangerous chemicals and the ash also causes long term issues in the environment. Arsenic is also released into the atmosphere when treated wood is burnt.

Monitoring our air quality has shown significant levels of arsenic in our wintertime air. The only source is treated timber from domestic fires.

You should also avoid burning painted timber. Some painted timber still has paint that contains lead and the lead will also enter the air through the smoke.

Please contact the Council if you are unsure whether the wood you are burning is treated. Treated wood offcuts should be sent to landfill.

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Navigation Safety Bylaw:

Temporary reservations and speed limit uplifting for maritime events up until 6 March 2016.

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

| Event Date | Location | Activity |
|-----------------------|--------------|--------------------|
| 12 – 13 February 2016 | Lake Rotoiti | Waka Ama Event |
| 27 – 28 February 2016 | Lake Rotoiti | Power Boat Regatta |
| 5 – 6 March 2016 | Lake Rotoiti | 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/recreation/boating-fishing/special-events-and-activities

Dovedale Country Affair – Sunday 14 February 2016

Celebrate St Valentine's Day at the Dovedale Country Affair this coming Sunday. Take a drive out to the beautiful Dovedale Valley and enjoy a day in the country. Live music, arts and crafts, exhibitions, art, loads of food stalls, local beer. And if that's not enough there are games, prizes, raffles, laser tag and water slide, motorcycle rides, vintage farm machinery and farm animals.

There'll be ample parking, including disabled parking, and a shuttle bus to take those needing assistance between the hall, church and reserve.

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Tasman Resource Management Plan

Proposed Plan Change 60

Rural Land Use And Subdivision Policy Review

The Council has prepared amendments to the Tasman Resource Management Plan, known as Proposed Plan Change 60: Rural Land Use and Subdivision Policy Review.

This Plan Change reviews and updates the policy and rules for rural land use and subdivision. The proposed amendments ensure greater protection of productive capacity, allow for flexibility of use and maintain rural character – while offering greater choices for landowners.

Submissions

Any person may make a submission on any part of any of the proposed Change. Submissions can be sent to the Environmental Policy Manager, Tasman District Council, Private Bag 4, Richmond 7050 to be accepted by the Council until 4.00 pm on Monday 14 March 2016. Submission forms are available as indicated below under "Availability of Proposed Changes".

Submissions must be in writing, clearly indicating support or opposition to the provisions, the decision that the submitter wishes the Council to make (with reasons), whether or not the submitter wishes to be heard in support of the submission and an address for service or contact address.

Consideration of Proposed Amendments

After submissions have closed, the Council will publish a summary of all decisions requested by submitters. There will be a further period of 10 working days within which further submissions in support of or opposition to those submissions made may be sent to the Council. The Council will then hold hearings on all submissions and all submitters may be heard. After the Council considers the submissions and makes its decisions, any submitter who is not satisfied with the decision has the right of appeal to the Environment Court.

Availability of Proposed Amendments

The proposed amendments are available to view at the Council's Richmond office; Motueka, Takaka and Murchison service centres; Richmond, Motueka and Takaka libraries; or online at www.tasman.govt.nz/link/trmp-proposed-changes. Submission forms are also available.

For more information or advice on these amendments, please contact Mary Honey, Ph. 03 543 8397 or Email: mary.honey@tasman.govt.nz.

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Murchison 03 523 1013

Motueka 03 528 2022

Takaka 03 525 0020



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Request for Information

Arboricultural Maintenance Services within Tasman District

Tasman District Council is establishing a Supplier Panel for Arboricultural Maintenance Services within the District.

If a contractor wishes to be considered for any of the Council's future arborist work they will need to be prequalified on the Supplier Panel.

To be considered for the supplier panel contractors will be established companies with qualified arborists as team leaders.

Application forms are available from Tara Fifield on, Ph. 03 543 8400 or Email: Tara.Fifield@tasman.govt.nz.

Applications close on Friday 26 February 2016 and must be at Council by 4.00 pm on that day.

For further information, please contact:

Beryl Wilkes on, Ph. 03 5438391, Email: beryl.wilkes@tasman.govt.nz or

Glenn Thorn on, Ph. 03 5438465, Email: glenn.thorn@tasman.govt.nz

Roading

Proposed Road Closure

The following roads are proposed to be closed to ordinary vehicles for the periods and times indicated below. Objections can be lodged at: Tasman District Council, 189 Queen Street, Richmond:

Sprig & Fern Summer Harvest Fare

Friday 18 March 2016, 2.30 pm to 11.00 pm, Sundial Square and Croucher Street from Queen Street to McGlashen Avenue.

Objections close: 19 February 2016.

Nelson Drag Racing

Saturday 26 March 2016 (rain date Sunday 27 March 2016), 7.30 am to 4.00 pm, Queen Victoria Street, from King Edward Street to Green Lane.

Objections close: 26 February 2016.

Community Notices

Flash Electrical Beach Fun Day

Free Event • 13 February • Kaiteriteri Beach

Beach sprints, tug of war, sand castle competition, free BBQ sausage (first come, first served), big dig and karaoke sing-along. Fun for the whole family.

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 18 February 2016, 9.30 am. Public forum

Community Development Committee

Tasman Council Chambers, 189 Queen Street, Richmond, Thursday 18 February 2016, 2.30 pm or at conclusion of Full Council. Public forum

Commercial Subcommittee

Tasman Council Chambers, 189 Queen Street, Richmond, Friday 26 February 2016, 3.00 pm. No public forum

Engineering Services Committee

Tasman Council Chambers, 189 Queen Street, Richmond, Thursday 3 March 2016, 9.30 am. Public forum

Full Council

Tasman Council Chambers, 189 Queen Street, Richmond, Thursday 3 March 2016, 1.30 pm or at conclusion of Engineering Services Committee. No public forum

Golden Bay Community Board

Collingwood Fire Station, Elizabeth Street, Tuesday 8 March 2016, 9.00 am. Public forum

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Community partnerships

Creative Communities

Are you planning a community art project?

Creative Communities provides funding to support community involvement in the arts, whether that's music, theatre, festivals, mural painting, outdoor sculptures, art in public spaces, kapa haka, singing, art workshops or something else.

If you have a great community arts project needing some dollars to make it happen the Tasman Creative Communities Scheme maybe just what you're looking for. There are three rounds of applications per annum. The next round closes on March 10 2016, for projects starting after the 1 April 2016, the next round closes 10 July 2016 .

For application forms – www.tasman.govt.nz/council/grants-funding/available-grants-funding/creative-new-zealand-tasman-creative-communities or contact Mike Tasman-Jones, Ph. 03 543 8403 for further information.

Get Moving Family Bike Fun

Golden Bay – 10.00 am, 21 February 2015

Motueka – 1.00 pm, 28 February 2016

Hop on your bike and join us for a social ride. This is a fun event open to young on old and is all about celebrating and enjoying cycling. Test your skill on the Ride On bike ramps, or enjoy other activities. This will be a great day out for the whole family, so get those bikes dusted off and the sunscreen out. Event base is the Golden Bay Recreation Park and the Motueka Recreation Centre on Old Wharf Road.

Get Moving Family Bike Fun

Rabbit Island – 2.00 pm to 4.00 pm, Sunday 6 March 2016

This is a fun event open to young on old and is all about celebrating and enjoying cycling. Test your skill on the Ride On bike ramps, or enjoy other activities. This will be a great day out for the whole family, so get those bikes dusted off and the sunscreen out. Come out to Conifer Park, Rabbit Island and explore the easy trails under shady pines.

The event is based at Conifer Park, Rabbit Island – look for the signs at the end of Ken Beck Drive as you reach Rabbit Island.

There are loads of easy options for two wheeled fun. The routes are mostly on formed gravel tracks suitable for most ages, skills and fitness levels. These include the Conifer Mountain Bike Tracks, Moturoa Forest Mountain Bike Track and the Great Taste Trail that takes you to the far west end of Rabbit Island – and the option of a ride across on the Ferry to Mapua for a look, lunch or coffee.



How to deal with ants

At this time of year many ant species – including the invasive Argentine and Darwin's ants – are very active. They are often seen moving or building nests and foraging for food. Ants can invade outdoor and indoor living areas, and even get into stored food.

While ant control of is the responsibility of the landowner or occupiers themselves, helpful information on ant species and options for control can be found on both the Tasman District Council and Nelson City Council web sites by searching "ants". www.tasman.govt.nz/link/ants



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