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Rabbit Island, Tasman

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It's election year – time to get informed and get involved

The Tasman District Pre-Election report has been published. The report summarises the key issues facing the Council, as well as outlining our financial performance and forecast financial position.

The report is intended to assist discussions about the issues facing us in the lead-up to the 8 October 2016 local elections. The Chief Executive is required to produce it under the Local Government Act 2002.

A summary of the major projects that are either underway or proposed over the next three years is included, highlighting the significant role we play in planning for and delivering essential infrastructure across our District.

The six key challenges facing the District have been identified as:

- Providing a secure water supply
- Responding to population growth
- Natural disaster recovery
- Rates affordability
- Council debt
- Maximising our regional opportunities and partnerships.

The Pre-Election report is available in all Council libraries and service centres and online at tasman.govt.nz.

Local Elections 2016

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MORE ABOUT ELECTIONS:

Candidate nominations are now open, closing 12 August, for anyone wishing to be considered for election, and voting papers will be mailed out in September. Now is the perfect time to get informed and get involved. Head to our website for all the information you need: tasman.govt.nz/elections.

Let's value our volunteers – every day of the year

Volunteers provide a huge service to our District.

Their work allows us to complete projects and initiatives for the benefit of the wider community that would simply be unaffordable without the thousands of hours of time, energy and labour they provide, not to mention the fundraising they undertake.

The recent TrustPower Nelson Tasman Community Awards offered recognition to some of the wonderful groups and individuals who do this work on behalf of us all. It's great to have an event that offers thanks in this way, but it's worth remembering that this is just one evening. How do we treat our volunteers the other 364 days of the year?

See the new plants near where you walk the dog? Volunteers planted those. Enjoy the bike trails? Volunteers helped build and maintain it. See that community centre? It wouldn't operate without volunteers.

Why do they do this work? Why do they freely give so much time and effort and support to their community?

In my experience it's out of a sense of community responsibility and pride – they want this district and



their community to be an awesome place to live, work and play.

Unfortunately our volunteers can be targeted by the very people or communities that they're trying to help.

I'm increasingly reading stories about volunteer sports referees being abused and have seen first-hand local Hall Committee volunteers blamed for events outside of their control. I'm also hearing stories of volunteers who feel under attack within their own communities for some of the work they do. All of this saddens me greatly.

Volunteers are the lifeblood of our community. While we may not always agree with the work the volunteers do – the pest trapping methodology, the location of a cycleway, the bands at an event, the floats in a Santa Parade – we need to reflect on the way we express our opposition. We need to remember to be kind to one another, to respect our differences and express ourselves in a constructive way. Changes to the Health & Safety legislation, increased financial reporting standards and reduced funding is already discouraging some volunteers from contributing to our communities; we need to make sure we don't add to this by how we treat them.

Our volunteers put in such a huge amount of love and labour, often over many years – we're bloody lucky to have them.

Message from Cr Judene Edgar

In case you missed it...

A round up of the recent Council meetings and the decisions made.

ENGINEERING SERVICES COMMITTEE 7 JULY

Road Maintenance Collaboration with Nelson City Council

The Committee approved a collaboration with Nelson City Council to jointly manage urban road maintenance in the region.

Mariri Resource Recovery Centre Improvements

Site improvements at the Mariri Resource Recovery Centre have been approved. The work will see the installation of a refuse compactor, an upgrade of the waste pit and handling area, better stormwater treatment and other safety improvements.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE 14 JULY

Libraries, Reserves and Facilities

New Radio Frequency Identification technology (RFID)

RFID equipment is being installed across the district to improve the

efficiency of our circulation processes and provide for improved security and tracking of stock. Retrospective tagging of stock commenced on 5 July and the project is expected to be completed by the end of October.

Murchison Library collections reorganised

The transfer of stock from Murchison collections has begun. New stock exchange processes will be put in place and shelving space within the library will be reorganised. The project is expected to be completed by the end of the calendar year.

Digital collections continue to grow

The digital collection continues to expand, bringing the total number of items in the digital collections to 5,209. We will continue to investigate further opportunities for new partnerships with other libraries for the purchase of e-books.

The **Reserves and Facilities** work plan for the next 18 months was presented to the Committee. This is available online at tasman.govt.nz. All wards are featured with work that involves reserves, halls, playgrounds and sporting facilities.

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Takaka children play their part in redevelopment

Armed with a batch of great ideas provided by Takaka schoolchildren for fun and challenging playground features and equipment, our staff are now readying concept plans for the Takaka Memorial Reserve Playground redevelopment.

Reserves Officer Glenn Thorn has been taking advice from children at Takaka pre-schools, kindergartens and schools over the past several months to come up with a plan for the upgrade of the 30-year-old playground.

"The kids let me know they love climbing, swinging and having an adventure, so the equipment for the redeveloped playground will reflect that. We're looking at a natural theme, using wood, stone and

water elements. We also want the playground to be intergenerational – so mum and dad, or nana and granddad, can hop on the equipment and join in the fun with the kids.

"I will also be approaching local crafts people about providing some of the natural play elements, such as wooden balance beams, seats and maybe some interactive features."

The next step is to prepare several concept plans for the children to pick and choose their favourite bits. Glenn said once that feedback was collected, he would present the preferred options at the next Golden Bay Community Board meeting on 9 August.

Installation of the new equipment is expected to take place by the end of the year.

Nominations open for New Zealander of the Year

Nominations are now open for the 2017 New Zealander of the Year Awards.

These awards **Honour the Best of Us**; those individuals and organisations who use their passion to make our communities and our country a better place.

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- Mitre10 New Zealand Community of the Year
- Kiwibank New Zealand Local Hero of the Year

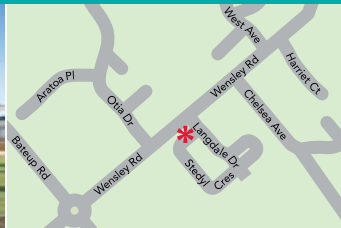


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Big response to draft Moturoa/Rabbit Island plan

A total of 274 groups and individuals have let us know what they think of the draft Moturoa/Rabbit Island Reserve Management Plan by the close of submissions on 8 July – a huge thanks to everyone who took the time to have a say.

A hearing will be held on Monday 1 August, at the Council Chambers, Richmond, giving the opportunity for those who wish to speak in support of their submission to do so.

After considering all the feedback, a final version of the plan will be adopted in September 2016. That plan will provide the template for how Moturoa/Rabbit, Rough and Bird islands will be managed in the future.

Here's a recap of the process so far, as well as the next steps:

December 2015 – February 2016: Initial feedback round sought comments about what people love about Moturoa/Rabbit Island and what should be included in a management plan for its future. More than 660 people sent us their ideas via a survey, online feedback form and social media.

5 May 2016: Draft Moturoa/Rabbit Island Reserve Management Plan adopted for public consultation, setting out 12 key proposed changes.

7 May – 8 July 2016: Consultation on the draft plan open. A total of 274 submissions received by the deadline.

1 August 2016: Hearings on the draft plan.

22 September 2016: Final version of plan to be adopted.

Become a business mentor with NTBT

Running your own business can be challenging, especially in the first few years. Nelson Tasman Business Trust exists to support both new and experienced business owners to overcome any bumps in the road, to help become successful, established businesses which in turn contribute to the economy and community.

The Trust is grateful for funding support from Tasman District Council, along with Nelson City Council and the Rata Foundation, which enables its services to be free.

One of the services managed by the trust is business mentoring, where a business is matched to a mentor keen to share their experience and wisdom, often from running their own small business.

Sarah Holmes manages the 100+ local mentors and says, "Our mentors are motivated, successful people with a wide range of skills and experience – from owner operators to senior executives of large corporations. We are keen to recruit more."

Most mentoring assignments involve many meetings, and as some mentors are unavailable, it is great to see more people willing to give their time to help business thrive.



If you would like to know more about how to become a business mentor, or about the business services offered by the NTBT please contact Sarah Holmes on Ph. 03 539 0824 or email sarah@ntbt.co.nz.

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School speed zone signs up at Ranzau, Motupipi and Hope schools

Flashing 40kmh speed warning signs are now in place at Ranzau, Motupipi and Hope schools, so please take heed and reduce your speed.

We have installed the variable speed zones outside the three schools this year in response to community concerns about the safety of children travelling to and from school. The signs operate at the beginning and end of the school day to signal a reduce 40kmh limit at set times.

Several other schools that did not meet the NZ Transport Authority's criteria for a variable school speed zone have received enhanced safety signage in 2016 to alleviate safety concerns raised by their communities.

Work to identify the next 10 priority schools for improved safety signage will take place in late 2016. We have taken a risk-based approach to assessing the need for extra signs that takes into account factors such the speed and volume of traffic going past, school parking, mode of travel and student numbers.

The new signage is just one aspect of our work to improve safety around schools. We also provide road safety education programmes such as the Ride On cycle safety training we run with local schools in partnership with Nelson City Council and NZTA.



For more information on road safety go to www.tasman.govt.nz/transport/road-safety.

Temporary closure of Spooners Tunnel

Spooners Tunnel has been temporarily closed to the public to allow structural improvements at the northern tunnel entrance.

Our engineering consultants Tonkin & Taylor recommended the closure after carrying out a routine geotechnical inspection of the tunnel. The tunnel was constructed in 1891 and, as with any structure of this age, maintenance issues are to be expected from time to time. Since the tunnel was opened to the public as part of Tasman's Great Taste Trail, a more intense monitoring programme

has been carried out. We need to ensure public safety, so as a precaution the tunnel will remain closed until the structural improvements are completed.

It is expected that structural improvements to the entrance will be reasonably straightforward. The tunnel will be closed for two weeks while a structural assessment takes place. The results of that will determine the type of improvements needed, and how long the work will take.

We appreciate your patience during this time.

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Rivercare Meetings 2016

The Council is holding its annual Rivercare meetings throughout the District. All interested members of the public are invited to discuss river management issues and works. Topics will include flood protection, riparian maintenance and erosion control and there may be others which may be significant to the area you live. If you are planning to attend one of these meetings and have a specific question or topic you would like discussed, please contact Rivers and Coastal Engineer Giles Griffith on Ph. 03 543 7244 or Email: giles.griffith@tasman.govt.nz.

More information such as previous meeting records can be found on the Council website, www.tasman.govt.nz (search for 'river care' in the search box).

Upper Motueka Catchment: Monday 8 August 2016, 3.00 pm, Tapawera Community Rooms (Upper Motueka, Motupiko, Tadmor and Sherry Rivers)

Dove River: Monday 8 August 2016, 7.00 pm, Dovedale Hall

Lower Motueka Catchment: Wednesday 10 August 2016, 10.00 am, Motueka Service Centre (Lower Motueka, Riwaka, Brooklyn, Little Sydney, Hamiltons and Scotts Drains, Pauley Creek, Company Ditches and Moutere Rivers)

Takaka Catchment: Friday 12 August 2016, 10.00 am, Takaka Fire Station (Takaka, Waingararo and Anatoki Rivers)

Aorere Catchment: Friday 12 August 2016, 1.30 pm, Collingwood Tavern (Aorere and Kaituna Rivers)

Waimea Catchment: Wednesday 10 August 2016, 2.00 pm, Richmond Council Chambers (Waimea, Wai-iti and Wairoa Rivers)

Golden Bay Outstanding Natural Features and Landscapes consultation

Find out more about the draft rule changes proposed to protect Golden Bay's outstanding natural features and landscapes. Public drop-in sessions are being held between 2.00 pm and 7.00 pm on the following days:

- Wednesday 27 July, 2.00 pm – 7.00 pm, Takaka Fire Station
 - Thursday 28 July, 2.00 pm – 7.00 pm, Pakawau Memorial Hall
 - Wednesday 3 August, 2.00 pm – 7.00 pm, Kahurangi Function Centre
- Presentations on the draft plan change will take place at 3.00 pm and 6.00 pm. More information is on our website, tasman.govt.nz/feedback.

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Draft Public Water Supply Bylaw 2016

The Tasman District Council seeks your view on a new Public Water Supply Bylaw. A statement of proposal, the draft bylaw, a summary of information, and a submission form is available for viewing on the Council's website, www.tasman.govt.nz/feedback and at the following Council offices and libraries during normal opening hours:

- Main Office, 189 Queen Street, Richmond
- Motueka Service Centre, 7 Hickmott Place, Motueka
- Golden Bay Service Centre, Junction Street, Takaka
- Murchison Service Centre, 92 Fairfax Street, Murchison
- Tasman District Library, Queen Street, Richmond
- Motueka Library, Pah Street, Motueka
- Takaka Library, Commercial Street, Takaka

You are welcome to make a submission on the draft Public Water Supply Bylaw 2016.

Submissions close at 4.00pm on Wednesday 10 August 2016.

The draft bylaw is now available for consultation in accordance with Section 83 of the Local Government Act 2002.

Apply for a Community Grant online

Are you planning a great community event or project – but need a little help to make it happen? We may be able to help.

Applications for our Community Grants are open, and there is funding available for Tasman-based projects that meet a community need, join communities together and have community support. Priority is given to projects that can show financial support from other sources as well. We're moving to a simplified, online-only application form this year.

Applications close on 31 July 2016.

Grants are available for projects that fit into the following categories:

- Arts/culture/heritage/museums
- Environment
- Festivals and events
- Emergency services
- Youth and children
- Sports and recreation facilities.
- Social services

Apply online:

Visit www.tasman.govt.nz/link/grants to fill in the online application form.

Need help filling in the online form?

Help is available at our Queen Street, Richmond, office, during working hours on Thursday 28 July and Friday 29 July. Pop in to chat with Community Partnerships Coordinator Mike Tasman-Jones, who will be available to answer any questions you have.

For more information:

Visit www.tasman.govt.nz/link/grants or email Community Partnerships Coordinator Mike Tasman-Jones, mike.tasman-jones@tasman.govt.nz.

Dog registration

If you have a dog aged three months or older you need to register it. The fee for dogs that have not been registered **by 1 August** will increase by 50% on top of the standard urban or rural registration fee. If you have just moved here or have not registered your dog before please call the Council on Ph. 03 543 8400.

PUBLIC NOTICES

Draft Traffic Control Bylaw 2016

The Tasman District Council seeks your view on a new Traffic Control Bylaw.

A statement of proposal, the draft bylaw, a summary of information, and submission form is available for viewing on the Council's website, www.tasman.govt.nz/feedback and at the following Council offices and libraries during normal opening hours:

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- Takaka Library, Commercial Street, Takaka

You are welcome to make a submission on the draft Traffic Control Bylaw 2016.

Submissions close at 4.00pm on Wednesday 3 August 2016.

The draft bylaw is now available for consultation in accordance with Section 83 of the Local Government Act 2002.

Feedback invited on regional landfill proposal

Tasman District Council is proposing a change to how it controls and operates Eves Valley landfill. You are invited to make a submission on the proposal, which would see Nelson City and Tasman District Councils operate a landfill that serviced the whole region, rather than each operating individual landfills. As part of the proposal, the Councils will transfer 50% control of Eves and York Valley landfills to each other.

A Regional Landfill Business Unit would be created to run the regional landfill, and would be controlled by a joint committee of the two councils. The arrangement is intended to reduce our long-term costs and better meet the Councils' joint aim of reducing waste volumes in the region. To proceed with the arrangement, we are amending our Long Term Plan 2015 – 2025.

Find out more: All the detail, including information on the proposal's impact on capital spending, debt, rates and waste disposal charges is available on our website, www.tasman.govt.nz/feedback. You can also view the consultation document at Council service centres and libraries.

Make a submission: You can make an online submission at www.tasman.govt.nz/feedback or pick up a submission form at Council service centres and libraries.

Consultation is open from 4 July – 5 August 2016.

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 may be just what you're looking for. There are three rounds of applications each year. The next round is for projects starting after 15 August, and the applications close on 10 November. There is \$39,000 allocated per annum. Average allocations are \$1,000.

For application forms visit www.tasman.govt.nz/link/creative-communities or call Mike Tasman-Jones Ph. 03 543 8403 for further information.

COMMUNITY NOTICES

Equestrian Park Management Board – Annual General Meeting

The Equestrian Park Management Board AGM will be held at 7.00 pm on Wednesday 3 August 2016 at the Tasman District Council office, Queen Street, Richmond. All welcome.

Food Forest Project 1st Birthday Celebration

Ledger Park, Motueka, 6 August, 10 am – 12 noon. Bring spade, fork, gloves and muscles. All enquiries, Ph. Dawn Jones 03 528 9368.

All of your Tasman District Council information www.tasman.govt.nz

COUNCIL MEETINGS

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

Rabbit Island Management Plan Hearings Panel

Tasman Council Chambers, 189 Queen Street, Richmond, Monday 1 August 2016, 9.30 am. No public forum

Creative Communities Subcommittee

Motueka Service Centre, 7 Hickmott Place, Motueka, Wednesday 3 August 2016, 10.00 am. No public forum

Corporate Services Committee

Tasman Council Chambers, 189 Queen Street, Richmond, Thursday 4 August 2016, 9.30 am. Public forum

Rabbit Island Management Plan Hearings Panel

(Reserve Day – If Required)

Tasman Council Chambers, 189 Queen Street, Richmond, Friday 5 August 2016, 9.30 am. No public forum

Golden Bay Community Board

Takaka Fire Station, Motupipi Street, Tuesday 9 August 2016, 9.00 am. Public forum

Motueka Community Board Open Forum

Motueka Service Centre, 7 Hickmott Place, Motueka, Tuesday 9 August 2016, 7.00 pm. Open forum

Full Council

Tasman Council Chambers, 189 Queen Street, Richmond, Thursday 11 August 2016, 9.30 am. Public forum

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Community input likely to lead to further zoning changes for Wakefield

Members of the public put forward some great suggestions at a hearing into the future of Wakefield this month – and we're planning to seek your feedback on them.

Our Environment and Planning Committee heard public submissions on the Wakefield Strategic Review on Tuesday 5 July. The review proposed areas for future residential, industrial and open space zoning, in order to cater for expected population growth over the next 20 years while protecting against flood risk and retaining the character of the village.

Hearing Committee Chairman Councillor Brian Ensor said the final outcome of the hearing was confidential until August. However, some of the submissions had led the committee to consider additional changes to planning rules and zoning in Wakefield.

"There were some helpful ideas that came from the hearing. Some of these are new proposals that were not part of the original proposal we put out to the public. That means we need to give people the opportunity to submit feedback on them before we could introduce them into our planning rules."

The new proposals we are likely to consult on later this year with

a view to including them in the Tasman Resource Management Plan include:

- Further zoning changes for new residential land or to return land to rural zoning. Some of the land at the southern end of the Eighty-Eight Valley Rural-Residential zone is likely to remain in productive use and may be rezoned Rural 2.
- A new indicative walkway through part of the same area, that could become a public path at some point in future.
- Residential zoning for Rural 1 land next to the former Brookside sawmill site, at the corner of Whitby Road and Bird Lane – subject to remediation of contaminated soil from where treated timber used to be stored.
- Potential for extra rural-residential sites beside Tasman's Great Taste Trail at the southern end of Higgins Road.

After consultation, the proposals will form a variation to the Wakefield Strategic Review plan change. The plan change will take legal effect in August once decisions are made public, but submitters have a right of appeal.

"Landowners and the Wakefield community generally have taken a keen interest in the work to plan for the future of the area, and we're very grateful for their input and help throughout the process," Councillor Ensor said.



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