

# Newsline



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LOCAL ELECTIONS

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## You have a \$27,000 shareholding in this District ...

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The Council controls \$1.3 billion in assets on your behalf. Split between the 48,000-odd residents living in Tasman District, that equates to \$27,000 per person.

Of course, your stake in the Council is not solely a financial one. Roading and water infrastructure, community development programmes, the state of our environment, recreational opportunities – and the list goes on – these are all vital to the vibrancy and health of our community. To make sure your needs and interests are represented you should vote. Your voting papers should have arrived in the mail, and voting closes at 12 noon on 8 October 2016.

Candidate Information booklets were sent out with the voting papers. You can also read the candidate profiles on our website, visit [www.tasman.govt.nz/elections](http://www.tasman.govt.nz/elections). Several Meet the Candidates sessions have already been held by community organisations around the District. The final scheduled meeting is for Moutere Ward and mayoral candidates. Head along to find out more about the candidates and ask questions.

### ENROL TO VOTE

Not enrolled yet? It's not too late. Head to [www.elections.org.nz/enrol](http://www.elections.org.nz/enrol) or call 0800 36 76 56 to enrol or update your details before 7 October. Everyone who enrolls after 12 August 2016 will need to cast a special vote. Special voting facilities are available at the Tasman District Council's Richmond office, or phone the Electoral Officer, Sandra Hartley (03 543 8554), who can mail out special voting documents. Special votes must be returned to the Electoral Officer at our Richmond office before polling closes at noon on 8 October 2016.

DATE	TIME	VENUE	ORGANISED BY	CONTACT
Tuesday 27 September Moutere Ward Councillor and Mayoral candidates	7.00 pm	Moutere Hills Community Centre	Organised by Moutere Hills Residents Association	Contact: Mathes Bender <a href="mailto:secretary@mhra.org">secretary@mhra.org</a>

# Golden Bay Community Recreation Facility takes shape

**Construction of Golden Bay's new community recreation facility is well underway – our thanks to the contractors and volunteers working hard on site.**

The function room roof is now in place, as is the aluminium joinery for the doors and windows. The concrete walls for the squash courts are in position and concrete panels for the sports hall are going up. The building in Takaka's Golden Bay Recreation Park will house a gymnasium with indoor netball court, two squash courts, toilets, changing rooms, community and function rooms, and carparking. The project also includes the construction of two outdoor netball courts on land donated by the A&P Association. The power lines currently crossing the netball courts site will have to be removed for the safety of the netballers. In preparation for opening in early 2017 the GBSRF Committee is recruiting a manager. The role needs to be in place to take bookings and organise things for the opening. Funding for this position comes from the Council's Facilities Operations Rate.

The Council is waiting for two reports on the grandstand from the heritage consultants to accompany the application to Heritage New Zealand. In the meantime, information is being prepared for the Council's Building Assurance group to try and obtain a certificate of public use to enable the new facility to be used on Show day next year if the grandstand is still on site at that time. Anyone wishing to follow progress on the site should check out the Rec Park Centre – Golden Bay Facebook page for updates.



Murray Bensemann

## In case you missed it...

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

### FULL COUNCIL 15 SEPTEMBER 2016

- Agreed to amend the Long Term Plan 2015 – 2025 to pave the way for a joint regional landfill to be established. See page 5 for more.
- Agreed to begin the process of classifying 59 reserves in Motueka. That will allow us to then draft a plan for the future management of all the reserves in the area. Public feedback will be sought from November 2016.
- Approved funding for the third and final stage of undergrounding of overhead power and telecommunications lines in High Street Motueka from the minor improvements programme budget. The third stage will see lines from Poole Street to just north of Fearon Street moved underground.
- Adopted a new Fraud Policy to ensure cases of suspected fraud or corruption are dealt with appropriately.
- Agreed to prioritise the upgrade of the Riwaka-Kaiteriteri water plant

in the coming year. Work on the Collingwood and Pohara water supply treatment plant upgrades will be limited to detailed design and minor equipment upgrades in the coming year, with funding for more extensive upgrades sought through the next Long Term Plan in 2018.

### CORPORATE SERVICES COMMITTEE 15 SEPTEMBER 2016

- It has been a record year for our forestry assets, with 39,000 tonnes harvested and a \$2.484 million return to Council. The forestry income offsets rates.
- A condition survey of the District's museums is underway to ensure the buildings are weather-tight.
- Campground income is up 41% over the past two years, recording a trading surplus of \$302,000.
- Port Tarakohe income has dropped in 2015/16, due to a reduction in dolomite volumes, marina occupancy and berthage fees.
- Council borrowings at 31 August 2016 were \$128.5 million, down on the opening debt position at 1 July 2016 of \$133 million.



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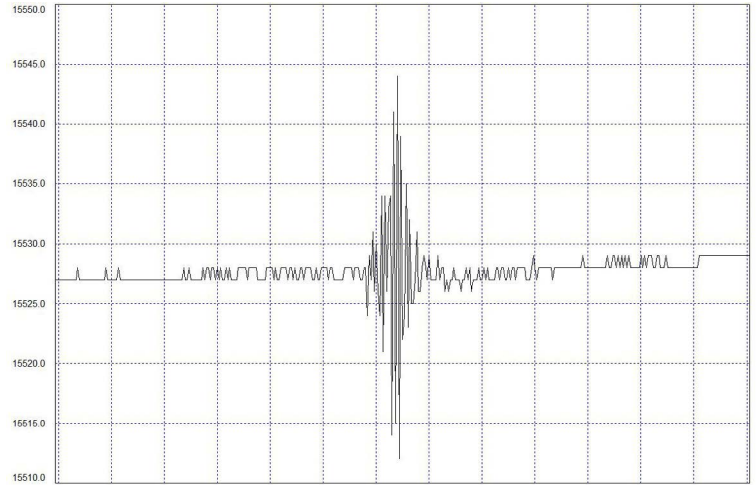


# Water sensor measures earthquake effect

This month's magnitude 7.1 earthquake, off East Cape, caused groundwater levels in Tasman to rapidly rise and fall. This was recorded at a site on the Waimea Plains, using a new innovation, a prototype Laser Groundwater sensor, conceived by Council hydrologist Rob Merrilees and designed and built by a team from NIWA's Instrument Systems group.

The sensor records the groundwater level at 10-second intervals and trials are underway at our monitoring station on the Eden bore in the Waimea Plains. To help manage the District's water resources, we monitor its level at 90 locations, allowing us to measure groundwater and sea levels and derive river flows. The plot from the sensor (right) shows the effect the earthquake had on the groundwater level. The earthquake's effects persisted here for five minutes, from 4:41 am - four minutes after the quake occurred. Groundwater levels oscillated over a 34mm range.

Traditionally it has been difficult measuring groundwater levels down narrow bores. The new instrument overcomes some of these problems. It projects a laser light onto a target floating on the water surface in the bore, and measures the changes in depth over time. These measurements are then converted to water level to produce a continuous groundwater level data time series. This innovation has the potential to significantly improve the accuracy of groundwater measurements, should trials prove it to be effective and reliable.



Each vertical square is 5mm change in water level, and each horizontal square is 5 minutes in time.

## Love Your Water hits Golden Bay

Oliver and Sarah from Sustainable Coastlines were in Tasman in August presenting to schools and community about why and how everyone needs to 'Love Your Water.' This is their third year in Tasman-Nelson.

They also partnered with Tasman District Council for two community plantings in Rototai in Golden Bay and at the Tasman Reserve. Feedback from the teachers was very positive – even some amazement at the care taken to plant the trees lovingly and tirelessly. At Rototai some 500 plants found their new home and 300 at Tasman Reserve. Oliver and Sarah are touring around

Aotearoa supporting and inspiring others to care for our coasts, clean up and protect waterways and fight against plastic pollution. Look out for them next year!

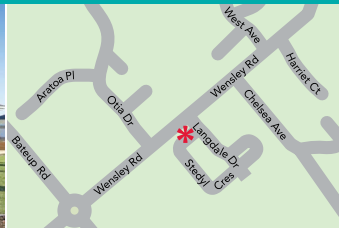


Tasman and Tasman Bay Christian School students at Tasman Reserve

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# Safety improvements completed on Matakitaki Road

**Widening of a short section of Murchison's Matakitaki Road has been completed to allow greater room for vehicles to manoeuvre.**

A geotechnical consultant inspected the road in late August after concerns were raised by residents about a slip eroding the road verge in the area known locally as Blue Rock. The area that slipped away was loose shale, while the road itself is on bedrock – meaning that the risk of further erosion in the near future is significantly less.

Earlier this month our contractors cut into the bank to provide an additional 1.5 metres of width to increase the safety of the route.



# Plan to manage Takaka's rivers and aquifers a step closer

**The Takaka Freshwater and Land Advisory Group (FLAG) has come up with a draft package of measures to guide the future management of freshwater in the Takaka area.**

The group's aims for water quality in the catchment reflect that water quality in Takaka is already very good overall, and in some cases exceptional – and it's important to keep it that way. There are some areas with localised issues that need to be addressed, and recognition that stream habitats have been degraded.

The FLAG group, made up of community and water stakeholders, was formed to collaborate on ways of managing water quality and allocation as part of implementing the National Policy Statement for Freshwater Management, which councils are required to have in place by 2025.

Council staff will now begin drafting proposed changes to planning rules based on the FLAG's draft suggestions – and these are likely to form part of the FLAG's formal recommendations to the Council next year.

Takaka FLAG will recommend that freshwater be managed through a combination of new planning policy and rules, as well as non-regulatory measures – such as extra monitoring and investigation

into pollution sources, education programmes and support for stream restoration projects and networks. It is intended to be an adaptive management regime, avoiding over-regulation but allowing us to change the way the resource is managed if monitoring identifies undesirable trends in the future.

The FLAG was very aware of the special nature and values of Te Waikoropupu Springs in making its recommendations, and has suggested a range of measures for the Arthur Marble Aquifer Recharge Zone which feeds into the springs.

What happens next?

- FLAG members and Council staff will consult further with iwi, public and sector groups
- FLAG will review the draft measures and determine final recommendations
- Final recommendations presented to the Council in early 2017 for adoption
- If approved by Council, public consultation as part of the process to change the rules in the Tasman Resource Management Plan

**Find out more:**

More information on the Takaka FLAG can be found on our website, [www.tasman.govt.nz/link/takakaflag](http://www.tasman.govt.nz/link/takakaflag).

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# Getting rid of unwanted fat

**Restaurants, takeaway outlets and food processors are among the businesses now required to apply for approval to discharge into the wastewater system under our Wastewater Bylaw.**

All non-residential premises where food is prepared must also ensure they have a grease trap installed to capture fats, oil and grease before it enters the wastewater system. Grease and oil washed down the sink is the culprit in many of the blockages occurring in our wastewater pipes. As it cools, the grease solidifies and forms a barrier in the pipes, causing other wastewater to back up and overflow.

## What is a grease trap?

A grease trap is a device designed to intercept most greases and solids before they enter the wastewater system. It is also sometimes called an oil trap. Wastewater laden with grease and solids enters the trap. Grease floats to the surface and solids sink to the bottom. The liquid in the middle is then released into the wastewater network.

## I am a small operator who produces little more grease than a domestic household – do I have to install a grease trap?

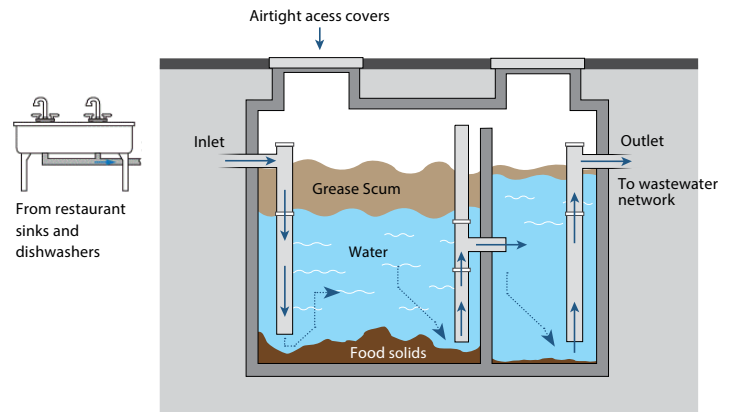
The short answer is yes. The Building Act requires non-residential buildings to have a grease trap when wastewater is likely to convey grease, regardless of the volume of grease produced. Council Engineering Standards also require the minimum of an under-bench style oil trap to be provided, subject to approval. We appreciate the grease trap installation and maintenance costs may represent a large cost for smaller businesses, so we are giving businesses until 1 October 2017 to comply. More information on the Wastewater Bylaw can be found on our website,

[www.tasman.govt.nz/link/trade-waste](http://www.tasman.govt.nz/link/trade-waste). Contact Graeme Fox on Ph. 5438400 or email [tradewaste@tasman.govt.nz](mailto:tradewaste@tasman.govt.nz).

## Why do we need a Wastewater Bylaw?

The bylaw allows us to understand and control what is discharged into the wastewater system, which in turn reduces operational issues.

It also allows for a fairer way of recovering costs from the various users of the wastewater system. Previously, the costs of operating the system were recovered through the wastewater charges in rates bills. Some users, mainly industrial, put a greater load on the wastewater system than was reflected in their rates. The bylaw allows for that anomaly to be fixed.



# Decision brings joint regional landfill a step closer

## An amendment to our Long Term Plan 2015 – 2025 paves the way for a regional landfill to be established.

The regional landfill, to be run jointly by the Tasman District and Nelson City councils, is intended to reduce costs to ratepayers in both areas and enhance waste minimisation efforts across the region. The change to the Long Term Plan enables us to transfer control of the Eves Valley landfill to a joint committee of the two councils. Councils are required to work towards minimising waste, but at the moment we're hampered in those efforts by having

two landfills in the region – that's because the high fixed costs of running a landfill mean there is a financial incentive to increase rather than reduce waste.

Before the joint regional landfill can be established, the councils must make an application to the Commerce Commission to authorise the arrangement, sign a Deed of Agreement committing to enter the joint landfill arrangement, and resolve to form a joint committee.

Once all steps are completed, the joint committee will be put in place.

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## PUBLIC NOTICES

### Apply to the Sport NZ rural travel fund

Are you a Tasman rural based club or do you have rural based players? If so, the Tasman Sport NZ Rural Travel Fund can help meet your travel costs. Sport NZ Travel Fund reduces the barriers for young people (aged 5–19 years) taking part in local sports competition by offering grants to subsidise travel costs. The clubs must apply on behalf of players and the next closing date is 31 October. Application forms and further information is online at [www.tasman.govt.nz/grants-funding](http://www.tasman.govt.nz/grants-funding) or Ph. Lani Evans on 543 8980 for further information.

### The Summer Events Guide 2016 – 2017

In early December 45,000 copies of the Summer Events Guide for Nelson and Tasman will be distributed throughout the region. The calendar of events at the back of the guide will have a listing of community events in the region – this information will be lifted directly from [www.itson.co.nz](http://www.itson.co.nz). Event organisers – if you want your event to be considered for inclusion, you must ensure your events are listed on ItsOn no later than 30 September 2016. To list your events go to [www.itson.co.nz/organisers](http://www.itson.co.nz/organisers).

### Motueka Arts Council presentation

Motueka Arts Council invites all artists, arts organisations and interested persons supporting the arts to a presentation by The Arts Foundation of NZ. Information about the Boosted programme, using GiveaLittle, with support from the Boosted crew raising funds for special art events or projects. Monday 26 September, 7 pm. SeniorNet Rooms, 42 Pah St, (South end of Memorial park). Contact Mary Ph. 021 058 9388.

### Water meter programme update

In 2016 we started replacing ageing water meters as part of our ongoing programme to keep the District's water reticulation network well-maintained. The meters in some areas have reached an age where they are likely to be showing signs of deterioration and reduced accuracy. The loss of accuracy can affect the way we manage our water resources, and how the costs of water supply are distributed across the community. As part of the Council's 10-year programme the water meter installations will restart on the week of 5 September with a handful to complete in Motueka, and then on to Kaiteriteri and Riwaka.

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## PUBLIC NOTICES

### Community patrollers wanted

The Richmond District Community Patrol is looking for some more volunteers to assist our local police in keeping our area a safer place in which to live. The Community Patrol provides extra eyes and ears for the Police mainly during weekends. All new patrollers receive appropriate training and you will work with a great bunch of people.

If you are interested in helping out or want to do something that is worthwhile for your community, please contact Mike Ph. 027 286 4157 or Marty Ph. 544 1365. You can also call at the Richmond Police Station for an application form to join the patrol.

### NetHui is coming to our backyard

NetHui is New Zealand's most inclusive and diverse internet event – and it's coming to our neck of the woods on Thursday 13 October. It's been hugely successful and in the past has been run as one large conference. This year InternetNZ are shaking things up a bit and bringing NetHui out to the regions – and guess what – we've got the only NetHui for the South Island.

**So who takes part in NetHui?** Nethui is open and accessible to everyone, and InternetNZ only charges a very small amount for anyone to attend. If you want to know more, including how to register, get involved or become a sponsor – head online to [www.nethui.nz](http://www.nethui.nz). Alternatively, contact Karen Lee, the NRDA Digital Coordinator, at [karen@nrda.co.nz](mailto:karen@nrda.co.nz) or Ph. 027 644 9800.

### Special direction from Harbourmaster

**Vessels are to tow only one device and a maximum of three people** PURSUANT TO SECTION 33F(1)(c)(i) OF THE MARITIME TRANSPORT ACT 1994. For the purpose of ensuring maritime safety within Tasman District, the Harbourmaster for Tasman District Council directs as follows: There is inherent danger in towing more than one Ski Tube and carrying more than 3 people on a Ski Tube. Various accidents and near misses have been reported from this activity including collisions between Ski Tubes, collisions between tow boats and Ski Tubes and collisions between tow boats and persons in the water.

1. No vessel may tow more than one Ski Tube, except with permission of the Harbourmaster.
2. No vessel may carry more than three persons on a Ski Tube, except with permission of the Harbourmaster.

The direction shall have effect from 1 October 2016 until cancelled by further notice. Contact Duty Harbourmaster, Ph. 03 543 8400 or 027 246 1904.

### Waimea Soroptimists event with special guest Jim Strang

Waimea Soroptimists present Jim Strang, founder of Reed Nepal talking about his work in education in the Nepalese region of Solukhumbu.

**Event details:** Breakfast and talk 9.00 am Saturday 15 October, Headingly Centre, Richmond. \$25 tickets available at Stirling Sports, Fields Florist, and MD outdoors. Contact Annette Ph. 027 544 7138

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information [www.tasman.govt.nz](http://www.tasman.govt.nz)

## PUBLIC NOTICES

### Intention to amend bylaws for the Abel Tasman Foreshore Scenic Reserve

We need to correct some technical drafting errors within the bylaws adopted last year. The amendment will clarify inconsistencies across sections that made interpretation and enforceability of some of the bylaws difficult. The Administration Committee of Lindsay McKenzie, Chief Executive Officer, Tasman District Council and Roy Grose, Director Operations, Northern South Island Region, and Department of Conservation give notice of the changes under Sect 107 (b) of the Reserves Act 1977. The amended bylaws will be available from 16 August 2016 at the Takaka, Motueka or Richmond offices of Tasman District Council or from the Takaka, Motueka or Nelson offices of the Department of Conservation during normal working hours.

### 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 per annum. The next round closes 10 November for projects starting mid-December. There is \$39,000 allocated per annum. Average allocations are \$1,000.

**For application forms:** [www.tasman.govt.nz/grants-funding/](http://www.tasman.govt.nz/grants-funding/) or phone Lani Evans 543 8980 for further information.

### Bikers Brunch

Are you rusty after a winter of not riding your motorbike? Or curious to see to if you could still pass the practical part of your licence? Then try out the skills test to see how you go. There's heaps of free stuff on offer, including coffee, bacon sandwiches, locally-run skills courses, plus giveaways and the chance to win some motorcycling gear. Local motorbike clubs and groups, motorcycle retailers and the Institute of Advanced Motorcycling will be on hand to talk and there will be a hands-on display from Kohatu Park. The event is open to all motorcyclists and scooter/moped riders, no matter what age and size of bike you ride. The Biker's Brunch is supported by the Tasman District Council, Police, NZTA, ACC, Mediaworks, Nelson City Council, Nelson Motorcycle Safety Group and local motorcycle clubs.

**When and Where:** Annesbrook Church, Saxton Road, Stoke.  
Saturday 8 October, 9.30 am – 12 noon.

### 2016: Godwit (Kuaka) blessing

Friends of Motueka Estuaries welcome the godwits (Kuaka) to our shores on Friday 30 September. We would like to formally invite the public to join us for a dawn blessing. In attendance will be representatives from DOC, members of Te Ātiawa, Ngati Rarua (and associated groups) and Birding NZ members. Note the change of date and time from earlier years. This is a dawn blessing.

**Event details:** Friday 30 September, 6.30 am – 7.30 am at Motueka Old Wharf, Located on Motueka Quay.

Stay for complimentary soup and buns (courtesy of DOC). Further details contact Dana Wensley [danawensley@xtra.co.nz](mailto:danawensley@xtra.co.nz) or view our website at [godwit.weebly.com/](http://godwit.weebly.com/).

## PUBLIC NOTICES

### Security lighting

The Richmond District Community Patrol and Neighbourhood Support – Waimea have funding available to provide outside solar security lights on your property if you are concerned about your security. If you wish to be considered for getting one of these lights, please contact Marty Ph. 544 1365 or Mike Ph. 027 2864157.

### Your time can make the difference to others

St John's needs volunteers in the Tasman District urgently to maintain services in the area at the current level. If you are physically fit, hold a full drivers licence, have some time and want to help your community we would love to hear from you.

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## COMMUNITY NOTICES

### Food Forest Project working bee

Ledger Park, Motueka, first and third Saturday of every month.  
10 – 12 noon. Bring spade, fork, and gloves. All enquiries,  
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## ROADING

### Road closures

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

**Applicant:** Nelson Car Club

**Event:** Car Club Hill Race

**Location of road closure:** Pigeon Valley Road, from Sharp Road to Dovedale Road and Dovedale Road, from Pigeon Valley Road to Brandy Creek Road

**Date of road closure:** Saturday 1 October 2016, 8.30am – 5.00 pm

**Objections now closed:** More information at [www.tasman.govt.nz/link/road-closures-for-events](http://www.tasman.govt.nz/link/road-closures-for-events)

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# Pest of the month: Boneseed

**Boneseed** (*Chrysanthemoides monilifera*) which originates from South Africa, was introduced as a garden plant for its yellow, daisy-like flowers. It forms a 2 – 3-metre high shrub with ribbed stems and woolly serrated leathery leaves. Its attractive bright yellow flowers appear from September to February and this is a cue for both identification and finding infestations of the plant.

Boneseed is able to withstand coastal extremes including poor soils, rocky outcrops, salt laden winds and water, fire and drought. It colonises disturbed soil faster than native species and also grows faster than 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 from the parent plant. The seeds have a very hard covering, which means the seed remains viable for a long time.

Plants are relatively easy to control as you can hand pull even large plants when they are flowering, before they form seed – just leave them to dry and rot down. If seed is present remove and destroy the seed. Plants that are too large to be pulled can be cut off at ground level and the stump treated with 100ml glyphosate per litre or Vigilant gel.

In our region the Nelson Port Hills Containment Area has a major infestation where boneseed is too widely spread to require treatment. Outside this containment area landowners must control

all plants. The limited infestation areas include; Wakapuaka, Tahuna Beach, Rabbit Island, Kina beach and peninsula, Jackett Island, Motueka, Kaiteriteri, Pohara, Parapara and Collingwood.

If you think you may have boneseed on your property, it is best to contact the Council's Biosecurity Officer.

If you would like further information on control methods and herbicide types, please phone your Biosecurity Officer at 543 8400.



## Last days to have a say

### Consultation on Golden Bay's Outstanding Natural Features and Landscapes closes on 30 September.

You can let us know what you think by making a submission at [www.tasman.govt.nz/feedback](http://www.tasman.govt.nz/feedback).

We want to make sure Golden Bay's outstanding natural features and landscapes are preserved for future generations. With the community's help, we have identified locations in need of particular care and are suggesting some changes to the rules that govern

the way they are managed. We want to know if you think we have chosen the right areas, and if the suggested rule changes are the right way to go about protecting them. The draft changes seek to enable existing activities to continue, and recognise and encourage activities that may protect and enhance landscape characteristics.

**Find out more:** All the information you need, including how to submit feedback, is on our website: [www.tasman.govt.nz/feedback](http://www.tasman.govt.nz/feedback). Information and feedback forms are also available at Council service centres and libraries.



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