

Newsline



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Wishing you all a safe and happy holiday

As we prepare to farewell 2016, we'd like to wish you all a very happy holiday season.

This is the final issue of Newsline for the year – inside you will find information on rubbish and recycling over the summer period, opening hours for our Council service centres and libraries, and we've highlighted some of the fantastic events taking place in Tasman over the next month or so.

Tasman's strong community spirit shines through in many ways – in the volunteers who take part in community plantings and local clean-up projects, who fundraise and hold events for the benefit of others, in the thoughtful feedback you provide to the wide range of topics we ask for your views on each year.

And of course, in the true spirit of the season, it can be seen in the community Christmas dinners provided by caring folk who make sure everyone can enjoy the companionship and cheer of a shared meal on Christmas Day.

We're pleased to support the Motueka and Richmond Community Christmas Dinners. Register now to secure your place at one of these fantastic community events.

Motueka Community Christmas dinner

A free community Christmas lunch – all welcome. Entertainment begins at 11.30 am, and the meal is served at 12.30 pm. Places are limited so please do register early.

When: 11.30 am, Sunday 25 December

Where: Memorial Hall, 12 Pah Street, Motueka

Register: In person at The Salvation Army, Greenwood Street, Motueka, or Community House, Decks Reserve.

Enquiries Ph. Pat 03 528 9802, Trindi 027 215 9134 or Rankeilor 03 528 5089. Email motuekachristmasdinner@gmail.com.

Richmond Community Christmas Dinner

A community lunch hosted by the Holy Trinity Church. Entry is by koha from 11.30 am. Lunch served at 12 noon.

When: 11.30 am, Sunday 25 December.

Where: Richmond Primary School Hall, 14 Cambridge Street, Richmond

Register: Register and collect your ticket from the Richmond Mall Information Desk or Age Concern, 62 Oxford Street, Richmond. Enquiries Ph. 544 8844 or email church.onhill@xtra.co.nz.

Find out what's happening in Tasman this summer! More information on page 8.

Mayor's Message

It's at this time of year that many of us make time to reconnect with family and friends and to reflect on the achievements of the past 12 months.

Council has worked hard for our community keeping rates increases low, reducing debt and providing the key services we all need.

We have a beautiful district for us all to enjoy over the coming summer months. Whether you are at work or on holiday, I hope you are able to enjoy the various carol and Christmas events and the events that will be occurring over the summer holiday period.

I'm always particularly proud to be Mayor of Tasman District at this time of year, because every year I hear of so many of you volunteering your time or resources to people in our communities who are less fortunate. Jane and I will be attending community led Christmas dinners in Richmond and Motueka this year. These are always really enjoyable events for people who might otherwise be spending Christmas Day alone.

Whatever your plans are this holiday season, stay safe, look out for one another and have a wonderful time. I wish you all a very Happy Christmas.

Mayor Richard Kempthorne



In case you missed it...

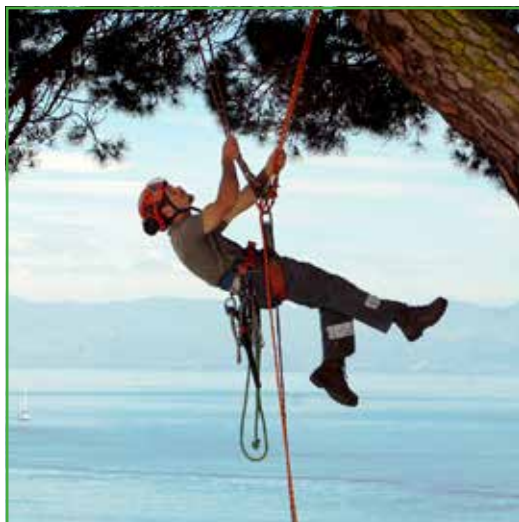
Catch up on what we've been up to with our round-up of recent Council meetings and the decisions made.

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- Declined a request to reinstate the stairs on the Takaka grandstand, noting the request was dependent on Heritage NZ declining an application to remove the grandstand (Heritage NZ have given consent for the removal).
- Agreed to establish a joint committee to manage Saxton Field, subject to Nelson City Council's agreement.
- Decided not to release a policy allowing Easter Sunday trading in the District. Easter Sunday will remain a non-trading day in Tasman.
- Agreed to dissolve the Mayoral Relief Fund charitable trust because it had fulfilled its purpose. Donations are better fed through existing community relief funds.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE 8 DECEMBER 2016

- Appointed Motueka and Golden Bay Community Board members as liaison representatives on a range of community organisations, such as hall and reserve management committees and facility working parties.
- Approved \$40,000 for earthquake strengthening of the Riwaka Hall and \$80,000 for earthquake strengthening of the Hope Hall.
- Agreed the Council should investigate participating in the Ballance Environment Awards (recognising high-quality environmental and sustainable farming practices) in partnership with the West Coast, Nelson and Marlborough councils.
- Agreed to investigate ways of encouraging youth representation and contribution to the Council's decision-making processes.
- Granted \$15,000 from the Special Grants Fund to the Project De-Vine Trust for a project to control pest vines from Ligar Bay to Wainui Inlet.



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Exhibition features history of Ngāti Rārua and Te Ātiawa

The fascinating stories of Ngāti Rārua and Te Ātiawa and their relationship with Motueka will feature in a new exhibition at Motueka District Museum, opening 4 December.

Mai i Hawaiki – Te Ahi Kā Roa tells the story of the great migrations these tribes made, travelling with related and allied tribes down the west coast of Te Ika a Māui (The Fish of Māui – the North Island) and to Te Tau Ihu o Te Waka a Māui (The Prow of Māui's Waka – the top of the South).

Rich in stunning imagery and with unique and beautiful taonga (treasures), Mai i Hawaiki – Te Ahi Kā Roa speaks of significant people, places, and stories that have shaped the lives of Ngāti Rārua and Te Ātiawa Māori who live in Motueka. From early trade with whalers and traders, through the loss of land and livelihood due to the New Zealand

Company and Crown acquisitions, to the revitalisation of today, Mai i Hawaiki – Te Ahi Kā Roa tells the story of courage, resilience, and fortitude of those who kept the home fires burning.

Developed in association with Nelson Provincial Museum as part of their outreach and support of affiliated museums, Mai i Hawaiki – Te Ahi Kā Roa will be the Motueka District Museum's featured exhibition over the summer.

Event details:

Exhibition: Mai i Hawaiki – Te Ahi Kā Roa. From our ancestral homelands to our home fires of today.

Dates: December 2016 – 30 June 2017.

Venue: Motueka District Museum, 140 High Street, Motueka.

Group seeks feedback on Takaka's freshwater management

The Takaka Freshwater and Land Advisory group (Takaka FLAG) has been working on proposals to manage and protect Takaka's precious freshwater resources – and now the group wants your feedback.

The FLAG was set up to provide recommendations to the Council on how to manage freshwater allocation and water quality in the Takaka catchments.

It has come up with proposed approaches outlined in a summary report which is now available on our website.

The proposals will make more water available for use in some areas, but will also require changes in how water use is managed during dry periods to protect stream ecology. Water quality management focuses on addressing known problems and protecting Takaka's already good (and often exceptional) water quality now and for the future.

The proposals seek good management practice by all rural and urban

water users, including management of on-site wastewater and stock access to water bodies. Promotion and support of stream restoration is also a key focus.

Over the next few months, the FLAG and Council staff will discuss the proposed water management approaches with iwi, water users and the local community before FLAG makes their recommendations to the Council in 2017.

Find out more

You can read about the FLAG's work and proposals on the Council's website. Visit www.tasman.govt.nz/link/TakakaFLAG.

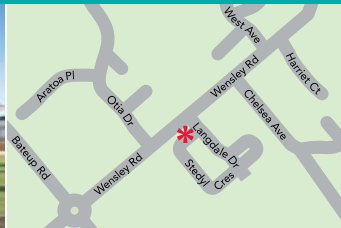
Have a say

Feedback can be provided directly to FLAG members (contact details can be downloaded from the Takaka FLAG web page), or to the FLAG coordinator – email lisamc@tasman.govt.nz.

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Great tip for using leftovers

We received many wonderful and creative suggestions for using leftovers through the Love Your Leftovers competition run by Love Food Hate Waste.

The winner of a River Cottage – Love Your Leftovers Cookbook was Sharon Sloane, with this great recipe for Grape and Apple Chutney using fruit that is past its best.

Grape and Apple Chutney

Ingredients:

- 1kg combined grapes and cored, peeled apples
- 500g chopped onions
- 500g sultanas
- 1 cup brown sugar
- 3 cups white vinegar
- ½ tsp dry mustard
- ½ tsp ground ginger
- ½ tsp salt
- Pinch cayenne pepper

Method:

Cook everything together in a large saucepan. Bring to the boil gently, cover and cook for one hour or until mixture is tender and thickened. Add a little more vinegar if necessary. Pour into hot clean jars and seal. Delicious with cold meats.

Recipes and tips were judged by Guy McCracken and Kate Neame of Oxford Street Kitchen and Roastery. Guy says: "I chose this recipe because it's a great use of food that might otherwise head for the bin, and as an added bonus preserves and chutneys can be used over the longer term".

Looking for tips for using your Christmas leftovers?

Check out the Love Food Hate Waste website, www.lovefoodhatewaste.co.nz, or Facebook.com/LoveFoodHateWaste



Waimea River Park development

Regular users of the Waimea River near the Appleby bridge will see a significant step forward with implementation of the planned Waimea River Park. The park will stretch from the Waimea cycle bridge back up towards Brightwater incorporating Challies Island and the Two Rivers walkway.

From late summer 2017 the area on the eastern (Richmond) side of the river bank from Lower Queen St to the gravel crushing plant by Appleby Bridge will be closed to vehicle access. Direct vehicular access to the riverbed itself from the upstream existing track running parallel to the river will be also be closed off along this eastern bank from the Clover Road West entrance.

This will enable the development of the area immediately upstream of the bridge in a manner similar to the park on the other side of the highway which incorporates flat areas with barbecues and easy access to the swimming hole.

By limiting vehicle access to the area we will be able to develop the riverbank with minor earthworks and planting sympathetic to the area.

The development of the Waimea River Park is a long term project that will be ongoing over the next decade. Work to date has focused on establishment of native plantings upstream of Appleby Bridge, mostly around the Twin Rivers walkway. While vehicle access is limited to specific car parks walking and cycling access will remain throughout the development.



For further information on the Waimea River Park development go to www.tasman.govt.nz

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Skatepark skills on show this summer

The Tasman Skatepark Tour returns next month. It's a chance for young people to show off their skate, BMX and scooting skills and compete against others for the title.

Eight competitions are scheduled across the Nelson Tasman region with more than \$5,000 of prizes on offer. Competitors span three age groups – junior (5–11 years), senior (12–17 years), and open (18+ years).

Sport Tasman has come on board to run the events this year and their support, along with that of our generous sponsors Cheapskates and Village Cycles, means the tour remains a free community event. It's also zero-waste and alcohol-free.



Tour Calendar

The event has been expanded this year with new events in Murchison and Nelson.

- Takaka Skatepark: Saturday 7 January, 3.00 pm – 5.00 pm
- Mapua Skatepark: Monday 9 January, 5.00 pm – 7.00 pm
- Tapawera Skatepark: Wednesday 11 January, 5.00 pm – 7.00 pm
- Motueka Skatepark: Saturday 14 January, 3.00 pm – 5.00 pm
- Murchison Skatepark: Sunday 15 January, 1.00 pm – 3.00 pm
- Brightwater Skatepark: Wednesday 18 January, 5.00 pm – 7.00 pm
- Richmond Skatepark: Saturday 21 January, 3.00 pm – 5.00 pm
- Nelson Neale Park Skatepark: Sunday 22 January, 3.00 pm – 6.00 pm

Entries for tour events are taken on the day. Helmets are compulsory for all competitors.

Need more information?

Event information is available on itson.co.nz and skatepark tour results will be posted on jamonline.co.nz – the youth council website.

New rural land rules come into effect

We have finalised the new rules governing rural land use and subdivision, which better protect the District's best productive land while also offering greater flexibility for landowners.

Thank you to everyone who contributed to the review of the rules – whether through a submission, attending a public meeting or speaking at the hearing. Several changes were made as a result of this feedback.

The new rules came into effect on 10 December 2016. Submitters have a right of appeal if they disagree with the final decisions.

Key changes

Some of the main changes to the previous set of rules include:

Rural 1 and 2 zones:

- Landowners have a final opportunity to subdivide as a 'Controlled Activity' which requires a low level of consent. After that, further subdivision of the same area of land is discouraged – becoming a 'Non-complying Activity'

- Introduction of an average minimum lot size to increase flexibility for landowners
- Boundary adjustments and amalgamations which improve productive opportunity are encouraged.

Rural 1, 2 and Rural Residential zones:

- Provision for a detached minor dwelling of limited size as an alternative to an attached housekeeping unit of any size
- Better policy support and guidance for co-operative living

All rural zones:

- Increased protection for rural character and amenity through encouragement of low-impact design and adjusted boundary setback
- Guidance about what new commercial and industrial activities can establish

Find out more

You can find more detail about the changes, including the amendments made as a result of public submissions and other feedback, on our website.

Visit www.tasman.govt.nz/link/rural-land-use.

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Ambassador to lead 2016 Abel Tasman commemorations

Dutch Ambassador Rob Zaagman is making a special visit to Golden Bay/Mohua for this year's Abel Tasman commemorations on 18 December. Earlier this year the ambassador and his wife Monique were formally welcomed with a powhiri at Onetahua Marae.

"It's really exciting to have the ambassador here as part of the annual commemoration," says coordinator Penny Griffith.

The meeting on 18/19 December 1642 between Tasman's sailors and tangata whenua is hugely significant in New Zealand's history. It was the first meeting of two peoples, and provides the first descriptions in word and image of Maori and their language and musical instruments. Tasman's voyage also put New Zealand on world maps for the first time.

Mayor Richard Kempthorne will join the ambassador at a working dinner on Saturday night. They will be joined by a small group of locals involved in planning next year's 375th anniversary of Tasman's voyage.

On Sunday 18 December the ambassador will visit the Abel Tasman Monument and Golden Bay Museum. Both events are intended to increase public awareness of what happened 374 years ago in Golden Bay/Mohua, and the museum displays.

"These are the only permanent displays in New Zealand to this earliest recorded event, and people come from around the world to visit

them," says Penny, who is also chair of the museum board. "We're very proud of that, and conscious of our national heritage responsibilities."

More details about this year's commemorative events are on the museum website www.goldenbaymuseum.org.nz, and information on Tasman's voyage of discovery can be found at www.abeltasman.org.nz



Ambassador Rob Zaagman at the Abel Tasman Monument in March 2016. From left: Neil Murray (DOC Takaka), Monique Zaagman, Ambassador Zaagman, and the ambassador's sister Ingrid Zaagman.

Spooners Tunnel reopens

Spooners Tunnel is once more open again to cyclists and walkers.

Work to strengthen the northern entrance of the tunnel was completed early in December.

The 125-year-old tunnel was temporarily closed to ensure public safety after a routine inspection in August identified a small crack at the entrance. Rain caused some delays, but we are pleased to have been able to reopen this important section of Tasman's Great Taste Trail before Christmas.



Summer swimming water monitoring underway

Each summer we increase our water quality monitoring at popular swimming and recreational water locations around the Tasman District.

Results are posted on our website and updated regularly throughout the summer: www.tasman.govt.nz/link/swimming-water

The risk of catching an infectious disease from swimming in clear, clean water is usually low. However, after rainfall, contamination occurs through runoff into waterways.

To minimise the risk of exposure to harmful bacteria it is best not to swim in discoloured water, for at least the first 24 hours – and preferably 36 hours – after heavy rainfall.

Toxic Algae

We also keep a close eye on rivers for toxic algae during the summer months and post results to our website. See www.tasman.govt.nz/link/toxic-algae. During extended summer low flows, the warmer weather conditions for algae to become toxic become more likely. Mats of algae can produce toxins which are dangerous for children and pets. Keep an eye on children and dogs near the water – and don't let them eat any algae. You can report large mats of algae by phoning us on 03 543 8400.

Summer rubbish and recycling collection

Because Christmas Day and New Year's day fall on Sunday this year, there will be no change to normal kerbside collections.

All Resource Recovery Centres will be closed on Christmas Day and New Year's Day but otherwise will be open normal summer hours.

Kaiteriteri kerbside collections

In Kaiteriteri, there will be additional collections from 20 December – 13 February. Rubbish bags will be collected daily from 7.00 am and recycling will be collected every week.

Visit www.tasman.govt.nz/rubbish-recycling for everything you need to know about rubbish and recycling collection.

Please place your recycling bins and bags on the roadside in a location where our drivers can see them clearly. If you leave the area prior to collection day or you have extra recycling, you can drop your official rubbish bags and recycling at any Resource Recovery Centre free of charge.



Freedom camping for self-contained vehicles only

Tasman District is a destination that attracts a lot of holiday visitors. We want to be good hosts but are aware freedom camping generates concern in some parts of the district.

Freedom camping on Council-owned land is only allowed for vehicles certified as self-contained. This means they have an installed self-contained toilet and at least three days' storage capacity for drinking water, toilet waste and grey water.

Campers in non-self-contained vehicles and tents must stay in registered campgrounds. In reality, we know that this does not always happen. We have boosted the budget for enforcement this year and will be installing some extra signage and information for travellers to reinforce the message.

However, it can be difficult for our enforcement team to find the hard evidence they need to take action against non-compliant campers. You can help by providing us with as much detail as you can about offenders. Let us know the time, place, a registration number – and if at all possible take a photo.

To report a problem with illegal camping, you can ring any of our Council service centres (see our website for your local office number, www.tasman.govt.nz). Out of hours calls will be automatically redirected to our 24-hour line.

Behavioural issues, such as excessive drinking or rowdiness, should be reported to the police. We are waiting for the outcome of the Government's review of freedom camping and the enforcement powers available to Councils before we can finalise a review of our Freedom Camping Bylaw. We expect that to happen in early 2017.

Find out more at www.tasman.govt.nz/freedom-camping.



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SUMMER EVENTS in Tasman

There's heaps happening in Tasman this summer – for a comprehensive list you can pick up a copy of the Summer Events Guide at Council offices, libraries and visitor information centres, or download it from www.tasman.govt.nz/events. Here are a few of the highlights, supported by Tasman District Council, coming up between now and the end of January.



EVENT	WHEN	WHERE
Carols by Candlelight	Sunday 18 December	Richmond, Washbourn Gardens, Richmond
Golden Bay Christmas Carols	Saturday 24 December	Village Green, Takaka
Richmond Market Day	Friday 30 December	Sundial Square, Richmond
Summer Movies Al Fresco – The Hustler	Thursday 5 January	Washbourn Gardens, Richmond
Twilight Concert	Thursday 5 January	Village Green, Takaka
Tasman Skatepark Tour	Saturday 7 January	Takaka Skatepark
Pokororo Arts & Craft Fair	Sunday 8 January	Pokororo Hall, Motueka
Tasman Skatepark Tour	Monday 9 January	Mapua Skatepark
Tasman Skatepark Tour	Wednesday 11 January	Tapawera Skatepark
Outdoor Giant Games	Thursday 12 January	Takaka Library
Outdoor Giant Games	Friday 13 January	Richmond Library
Tasman Skatepark Tour	Saturday 14 January	Motueka Skatepark
Tasman Skatepark Tour	Sunday 15 January	Murchison Skatepark
Summer Movies Al Fresco – Niagara	Sunday 15 January	Washbourn Gardens, Richmond
Outdoor Giant Games	Tuesday 17 January	Motueka Library
Summer Movies Al Fresco – HELP!	Tuesday 17 January	Village Green, Takaka
Tasman Skatepark Tour	Wednesday 18 January	Brightwater Skatepark
Summer Movies Al Fresco – The Hustler	Wednesday 18 January	Moutere Hills Community Centre, Upper Moutere



EVENT	WHEN	WHERE
Outdoor Picnic Story Time	Thursday 19 January	Time Takaka Library
Outdoor Picnic Story Time	Friday 20 January	Richmond Library
Summer Shakespeare – A Midsummer Night’s Dream	Friday 20 and Saturday 21 January	Washbourn Gardens, Richmond
Sport Tasman Fun Run/Walk	Saturday 21 January	Motueka Recreation Centre
Tasman Skatepark Tour	Saturday 21 January	Richmond Skatepark
Tasman Skatepark Tour	Sunday 22 January	Neale Park Skatepark, Nelson
New World Teddy Bears’ Picnic	Sunday 22 January	Thorp Bush, Motueka
Summer Movies Al Fresco – Anne of Green Gables	Sunday 22 January	Washbourn Gardens, Richmond
Summer Movies Al Fresco – HELP!	Monday 23 January	Murchison Sport, Recreation and Cultural Centre
Outdoor Picnic Story Time	Tuesday 24 January	Motueka Library
Wheels Day	Friday 27 January	Richmond Library
Sarau Festival	Sunday 29 January	Moutere Hills Community Centre, Upper Moutere
Tata Titanic Cardboard Boat Race	Sunday 29 January	Tata Beach, Golden Bay

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PUBLIC NOTICES

Upcoming maritime events

Navigation Safety Bylaw: Temporary reservations and speed limit uplifting for maritime events between 11 November 2016 and 2 April 2017.

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
31 December	Kaiteriteri	Fireworks
31 December	Torrent Bay	Fireworks
14 January	Tata Beach	Annual Tata Swim
15 January	Lake Rotoiti	Lakes Rally
29 January	Tata Beach	Tata Titanic Cardboard Boat Race
10 & 11 February	Lake Rotoiti	Waka Ama Event
4 & 5 March	Lake Rotoiti	Classic Boat Show
1 & 2 April	Lake Rotoiti	Power Boat Regatta

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/.

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PUBLIC NOTICES

Notice of By-election – Motueka Community Board

Notice is given that on Friday 17 February 2017 a by-election will be held to fill one extraordinary vacancy on the Motueka Community Board.

Nominations:

Nominations for the above position must be made on the appropriate nomination form available from:

- Tasman District Council main office at 189 Queen Street, Richmond
- Motueka Service Centre at 7 Hickmott Place, Motueka
- Motueka Library, 12 Pah Street, Motueka
- www.tasman.govt.nz/link/byelection

Completed nomination documents must be received by the Electoral Officer no later than

12 noon on Thursday 22 December 2016. Each nomination must be accompanied by a deposit of \$200 including GST, payable by eftpos, cash or cheque. Candidates are encouraged to submit a candidate profile statement and recent photograph for sending out with voting documents to electors if an election is required.

Candidate information booklets are also available from the locations listed above.

Sandra Hartley, Electoral Officer – Tasman District Council.

Building Inspections in December and January

Building Inspections are available up to 22 December and will resume on the 5 January 2017. No inspections will be available between these dates.

It is also important to know the official processing clock we adhere to will be stopped on 20 December and will not start until the 10 January 2017.

Text Confirmation for Final Inspections

From 1 December 2016 we will be confirming your final inspection booking through text message.

Final Inspection for (number and address) is booked for (date and AM/PM). If you require any changes, Ph. 03 5438400.

The Inspector completing the Final Inspection will still confirm approximate time by calling the night before.

If they are unable to contact you, they will leave a voice message or send another text.

Keep up with the Tasman District Council Lowdown

Hear news items from the Council about current public consultations, Council and community projects, topical interviews, plus a range of notices about activities and events in the Tasman District.

Tune in to Fresh FM on Monday 11.40 am or Wednesday 3.40 pm. Nelson-Tasman 104.8, Golden Bay 95.0.

PUBLIC NOTICES

Neighbourhood Support Waimea

Neighbourhood Support Waimea is a charity set up as a partner to the NZ Police to foster safe and friendly neighbourhoods in the Richmond-Waimea area (from Saxton Field to Wakefield) and is urgently seeking the help of a volunteer in fundraising. The role needs someone with the ability to interpret financial records, complete application and accountability forms and to meet with potential sponsors. Full support and training will be available. If you can help, please contact Chairperson Glenys Della Bosca Ph. 03 544 5756 (W), 03 544 6210 (H) or 021 176 0495.

Mapua Community Library summer book sale

On Monday January 2, from 9.00 am until 1.00 pm, Mapua Library's annual Summer Book Sale is on at Mapua Village, on the corner of Aranui Road and Toru Street.

Stock up for summer reading from our huge collection of like-new books, which will be offered for sale at great prices! Ph. 03 540 2545.

Register for the Big Beach Clean

Organisations and individuals are invited to register now for the Nelson Tasman Big Beach Clean, scheduled for Saturday 4 March 2017 to coincide with Seaweek.

Register before 21 December on the Department of Conservation website – www.doc.govt.nz (search for "Big Beach Clean" under Regional Events). Sites will be allocated in January, rather than on the first-come, first-served basis used in previous years.

At the last Big Beach Clean in November 2014, more than 350 volunteers collected close to four tonnes of rubbish from approximately 300 kilometres of coast between Tonga Island and Pepin Island.

Mark Townsend, DOC Operations Manager Motueka, says: "The enthusiasm from the community in previous years has been inspiring. The amount of rubbish collected has decreased since the first Big Beach Clean in 2010, when 10.5 tonnes was collected."

The event is organised by DOC in partnership with Nelson City Council, Tasman District Council and Nelmac.

PUBLIC NOTICES

New grants fund open for applications

The new Special Grants Fund, designed to encourage and support significant new events or projects within Tasman District, is now open for applications.

The fund allows us to provide a larger financial contribution (upwards of \$10,000) to special events that will benefit our community, providing a range of opportunities and experiences to residents and visitors. Up to \$50,000 will be available each year, providing we make a surplus as a result of extra growth throughout the District. In years where there is no surplus, Special Grants funding will not be offered.

Find out more:

You can read more about the criteria and application process for Special Grants on our website – visit www.tasman.govt.nz, search term "Special Grants"; or contact Community Partnerships Coordinator Mike Tasman Jones on mike.tasman-jones@tasman.govt.nz. Ph. 03 543 8400.

Intention to prepare management plan for Motueka Ward Reserves

You are invited under s.41(5) Reserves Act 1977 to send written suggestions to Tasman District Council on the proposal to prepare a management plan for Council-administered reserves within the Motueka Ward. Written suggestions need to be lodged with Council (c/- Strategic Policy) by 28 February 2017. Information about the reserves is available online at: www.tasman.govt.nz/feedback.

ROAD CLOSURE

Notice of road closure

Applicant: Hawkins & Tasman District Council

Event: Queen Street Upgrade

Location of Road Closure: Queen Street, Richmond – there will be various closures throughout 2017, please check the website for information as the project progresses

Date objections close: Tuesday 10 January 2017

MORE GLASS TO RECYCLE?

With the holiday season approaching now is the time to get that extra blue crate for glass recycling.

Drop into your local Resource Recovery Centre or your local Council Office and pick up another crate for \$20.00. Limit of 2 crates per household.



24 Hour Assistance Phone your local Service Centre

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Murchison 03 523 1013

Motueka 03 528 2022

Takaka 03 525 0020



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Wainui Bay spat farm rezoning approved

We have approved a rezoning application by the Wainui Spat Catching Group that recognises the national importance of the area and provides for the continuation of spat farms into the future.

The group's current consent for spat catching in Wainui Bay expires in 2024. The rezoning of eight spat catching sites means spat catching and spat holding will become controlled activities in the area, subject to controls on their management. Mussel farming will be prohibited.

A hearing on the proposed rezoning was held in Takaka in August. After considering all the information, the hearing committee agreed to approve the rezoning with some changes to the original proposal in order to reduce the impact of spat catching operations on residents in Wainui Bay.

Find out more

A copy of the full decision can be viewed at www.tasman.govt.nz/link/wainui-bay-spat-catching.

Pest Plant Accord helps prevent pest weed spread

We are a member of the National Pest Plant Accord – a register of unwanted organisms in New Zealand.

Biosecurity Officers undertake surveillance and enforcement to prevent the spread of the plants. Two of the plants in the accord are Moth plant (*Anredera cordifolia*) and Queensland poplar (*Homalanthus populifolius*) and are found throughout our region. If you have these on your property, they will need to be controlled. Head to www.weedbusters.org.nz to find out how. The Accord list is updated regularly and the current list is available on Biosecurity New Zealand website www.biosecurity.govt.nz/NPPA.



Holiday hours – Council Offices and Libraries

Council offices and libraries will be closed on the following days over the Christmas and New Year period:

Council Service Centres

Richmond, Motueka, Golden Bay

Closed from 3.00 pm on Friday 23 December 2016 until Wednesday 4 January 2017.

Murchison

Closed on Monday 26 December, Tuesday 27 December 2016, Monday 2 January and Tuesday 3 January 2017.

Libraries

All libraries will be closed on Monday 26 December, Tuesday 27 December 2016, Monday 2 January and Tuesday 3 January 2017.

Normal opening hours apply between Wednesday 28 December and Saturday 31 December 2016.

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