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Open day for Takaka freshwater management

The Takaka Freshwater and Land Advisory Group (FLAG) invites anyone interested in the management of freshwater in Takaka to attend a public open day on 10 March at the Takaka Bowling Club.

There will be two public sessions starting at 1.30pm and 6.30pm with a short presentation from FLAG followed by question and answer time, and then an opportunity to stay and chat with FLAG members, scientists and policy staff, or to

view further information available on this important resource.

The FLAG are keen to hear your views to inform their recommendations to the Council later this year.

The details:

- Friday 10 March
- Sessions starting 1.30 pm and 6.30 pm
- Takaka Bowling Club, Hiawatha Lane

Background

The Takaka FLAG is made up of members of the Takaka community, who have been tasked with recommending a draft

approach to the management of freshwater in the Takaka catchment for the Council to consider. They have been working on this for the past three years, with support from Council staff and taking advice from independent experts.

FIND OUT MORE: FLAG's interim recommendations can be found on the Council's website, www.tasman.govt.nz/TakakaFLAG.

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Motueka By-election

Barry Dowler has been elected to the Motueka Community Board. Head to our website for the full results, www.tasman.govt.nz/byelection.

Mayor's message

In this edition of Newsline I'd like to take the opportunity to thank the local branch of Civil Contractors New Zealand for their very significant contribution to sealing the access road into Silvan Forest Mountain Bike Track at the top of Champion Road, Richmond.

A substantial network of mountain bike tracks has been developed within Silvan Forest and has attracted widespread support from the mountain bike community, including myself. The tracks are accessed from Champion Road and the steady increase in the numbers of people using these tracks has led to a considerable dust problem for local residents. While this wasn't a budgeted Council roading project, the Civil Contractors

have agreed to seal this road as a community contribution. I am sure local residents will be delighted and I appreciate the effort our local Civil Contractors have made to complete this undertaking. I'm sure you will join me in recognising and commending them for their community mindedness and great community spirit.

Mayor Richard Kempthorne



In case you missed it...

Stay up to date with what we've been doing with this round-up of recent Council meetings and the decisions made.

Environment and Planning Committee 9 February 2017

- Agreed to increase building consent fees to better reflect the complexity, risk and time involved in processing consents. The new fees come into effect on 1 March.
- Discussed a large programme of upcoming rezoning proposals and other environmental policy and rule changes. These include urban rezonings as a result of growth, a rule review for Richmond's central business zone and frameworks for Takaka and Waimea Plains water management.
- Agreed to restrict vehicle access to the informal freedom camping area on Reilly Street in Golden Bay.
- Received an update on regulatory compliance efforts. Some highlights include: 99.4% of known dogs are registered; 613 noise complaints were received in 2016–17 up from 511 the previous year; the harbourmaster has assisted 11 vessels in trouble so far this summer, including collisions, a yacht fire and a kayaker blown out to sea.
- Learned the unwanted organism Mediterranean Fanworm has been detected at Tarakohe Harbour and we may need to invoke special powers to prevent its spread. Staff will report back to the committee once more information is known.



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Funding for fencing

Our River and Stream Management Fund provides advice and financial support to help protect waterways. The fund can provide landowners with fencing materials for approved works, riparian planting and management advice.

Creating a riparian buffer is the single most effective way of reducing faecal contamination and sedimentation in streams, while planting riparian buffers further reduces contamination and sediment, as well as providing shade, habitat and food for native fish species and other aquatic life.

FIND OUT MORE: More information is available online at www.tasman.govt.nz (search phrase: River and Stream Management Fund).

You can also contact Resource Scientist Bernard Simmonds for details at bernard.simmonds@tasman.govt.nz or phone (03) 543 8446.



Extra rubbish facilities for Murchison

An extra compressor bin and extended transfer station hours are being rolled out in Murchison to help deal with extra waste generated by post-Kaikoura-quake traffic.

A new bin will be installed outside the Beechwoods café within the next week. The Murchison Resource Recovery Centre is now open on Friday mornings, from 9.00 am – 12.00 pm, on top of its usual operating hours as a trial to assess demand.

Murchison doesn't currently have a kerbside rubbish and recycling collection. We plan to ask residents whether they would like kerbside collection introduced during consultation on our next Long Term Plan.

We know there have been concerns about the volume and speed of traffic travelling past Murchison Area School. The school is on a state highway and is managed by the New Zealand Transport Agency. NZTA has begun the process to implement a 40km/h variable speed zone outside the school, and we have encouraged them to install this as soon as possible.

While 40km/h signs will help deal with speed concerns, traffic volumes will be high until State Highway 1 reopens. In the meantime, the Murchison Community Council has agreed to fund hi-viz vests for children walking to school.

Bateup Road to be widened

Work is underway in preparation for the widening of Richmond's Bateup Road, which will make the road safer for all users and help cater for increased traffic.

The road and footpaths will be made wider from Three Brothers Corner to Wensley Road to accommodate extra traffic associated with subdivision growth and a new supermarket planned for the area.

What does the work involve?

As well as widening the road, we will replace a roadside drain with piped stormwater and some stormwater storage chambers.

There will be a cycle lane and parking, and a new water main. We're also working with Network Tasman to underground power lines on Bateup Road.

What happens next?

Our consultants are working on more detailed designs which will then be shared with people in the area for consultation, most likely through a community meeting. We expect to tender the work in mid-2017.

FIND OUT MORE: Go online to www.tasman.govt.nz/link/bateup or email Project manager Chris Blythe at chris.blythe@tasman.govt.nz.

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Community-funded defibrillator at Mahana School

Due to the generosity of Mahana residents, there is now a community-funded AED (defibrillator) in Mahana located at Mahana School in School Road.

It is located in a prominent position on the exterior of the north-facing aspect of the main block, and can be easily seen from the school driveway entrance. It is also registered on the AED database, which can be found online at www.aedlocations.co.nz or via a free iPhone or Android app. This gives the locations of AEDs nearby.

The Mahana AED is in an external cabinet and can be accessed 24 hours a day. It has a small smash-box for access to the key to open the main cabinet holding the defibrillator unit. The unit is in a carrybag, which can be quickly grabbed and taken to the site of the emergency. The AED is very user friendly and does not require prior expertise or knowledge to use it. Once opened it will guide you through the process, so just listen and follow the verbal instructions given.

If you find someone unresponsive and not breathing, dial 111 for an ambulance and begin CPR straight away. Once you have

done that, use your nearest AED - it will greatly increase their chances of survival following a sudden cardiac event. A unit has also been installed at the Mapua waterfront in a prominent place and is available 24 hours a day.

Fundraising co-ordinator Lyn Moore thanks everyone who contributed to the purchase of this unit, and gives tribute to NMDHB Cardiology Department (especially Tammy Pegg), the Heart Foundation, St John Ambulance and Jennian Homes for promoting awareness of the importance of having AEDs available for use in our communities.



Motueka wastewater treatment plant

Wastewater treatment upgrades complete

A major upgrade of the wastewater treatment plant serving Motueka, Kaiteriteri and Riwaka is now complete, providing a much better outcome for the environment.

The soakage beds and wetlands at the old treatment plant became overloaded over time, reducing the quality of treatment and resulting in occasional odour problems.

The new state-of-the-art system uses multiple treatment steps, including natural UV disinfection, rock filters and membrane filtration to remove harmful nutrients and contaminants and ensure clean water is discharged out to sea at the end.

The upgrade is part of a suite of work we have carried out over the past few years to make sure the way we deal with what you flush is environmentally-friendly.

An upgrade of the wetlands at the Collingwood Wastewater Treatment Plant was also completed late last year. The work repaired small seeps and eroded embankments in the wetlands, raised low points and improved flow through the wetland to reduce the risk of overflow. More than 400 additional native plants were added in the wetland cells.

In Takaka, an upgrade of the wastewater treatment plant was completed in 2015, providing protection for the Takaka River through an environmentally-sustainable treatment system and increasing capacity to allow for growth in the area.

Further submissions open on Waimea water management change

After an initial consultation period, we are now calling for further submissions on a change to the timeframes for new water management rules.

Proposed Plan Change 63, as it is called, extends the dates by which renewing permit holders in the Waimea Plains can decide whether or not to be affiliated with the Waimea Community Dam. The original water management provisions meant non-affiliated permit holders faced stricter water rationing in times of low river flow from November 2016.

However, planning for the dam had not advanced far enough for permit holders to enter water supply agreements with a dam operator by November. Plan Change 63 extends the timeframes for permit holders to enter water supply agreements by two years.

Further submissions are open until 27 February 2017. See www.tasman.govt.nz/feedback for more information.

Dam planning update

We're still working through the finer details of how the Waimea Community Dam will be funded and governed. Most of you will be aware that we have committed a maximum of \$25 million towards the dam in our budgets. The remainder is expected to be funded by a combination of irrigator investment, a loan to irrigators by Crown Irrigation Investments and a contribution from Nelson City Council. Another potential funding source is the Government's Freshwater Improvement Fund, with an indicated budget over 10 years of \$100 million.

By mid-2017 we expect to have a funding and governance proposal ready to show the community. We will be seeking your feedback through a formal consultation process before making a final decision.

QUEEN STREET UPGRADE

BUILDING A VIBRANT AND RESILIENT RICHMOND

What you need to know

Please reduce your speed and take care along Queen Street for your own safety and those of others. It is a construction zone and under traffic management with Stop/Go signs in places – follow the instructions of the traffic controllers.

The street remains closed from Gladstone Road up to the McIndoe Place intersection. The intersection itself will be closed sometimes for a short period. Other sections of the street are reduced to one lane at times and parking will be limited while

contractor Hawkins Infrastructure works its way up the street replacing a 50-year-old cement water pipe.

The best option is often to use the ring road and off-street parking.

Please support our local retailers – they are open for business as usual and the footpath remains open for pedestrian access.

Parking

All-day parking is now available at the Richmond Showgrounds on Lower Queen Street. If you need parking for an extended stay, please use this option to free up spaces for shoppers and visitors to the town centre to use.

We have also put a P60 time limit on 10 spaces in the Papps carpark to help manage extra demand for this carpark. We'll be keeping an eye on these to assess the demand for time-limited spaces during construction.

Although parking and access to Queen Street is restricted, many retailers have alternative parking options.

- Village Cycles, Sabai Sabai Thai Massage and Thai Noodle House – parking and access off Oxford Mews.
- Resene, Best4Less, Tuatara Structures and Dominos – carpark entry off Gladstone Road, or via Oxford Mews.
- Richmond Roast House - customers may use the Resene carpark.

**FOR MORE INFORMATION ON THE QUEEN STREET UPGRADE
VISIT WWW.TASMAN.GOV.TZ/QUEEN-STREET.**

Takaka FLAG's interim recommendations

Key elements of the FLAG Summary Report include:

- The area included covers all of the Takaka River catchment and its tributaries, and all catchments from Tukuruu to Wainui.
- Eight key values and uses of water have been identified, along with management objectives for these:
 - Cultural and spiritual.
 - Ecosystem health.
 - Municipal and domestic water supply.
 - Fishing and food gathering.
 - Livelihood and economic use.
 - Natural form and character.
 - Recreation - including swimming.
 - Hydro-electric power generation.
- Further allocation of water is proposed in some areas where it is considered ecologically sustainable.
- Flows in rivers during dry periods are to be protected through cease take provisions for consented, consumptive water takes.
- Te Waikoropupu is Wahi Tapu (sacred place) of great importance to iwi and the local community. Flows at Te Waikoropupu Springs are to be protected through a combination of cease take requirements in catchments that contribute flow to the springs aquifer.
- Management of water quality in all areas is proposed to focus on:
 - Requirement for good land use practice from all users - focusing on risks from sediment, effluent, nutrient, water use and stream (riparian) management.
 - Exclusion of stock (cattle, deer, pigs) from water bodies.
 - Management of on-site wastewater.
 - Promotion and support of further stream restoration.
- Monitoring and adaptation of management to maintain good or excellent water quality and improve degraded water quality.
- The water allocation and water quality aspects are proposed to be implemented through changes to policy and rules in the Tasman Resource Management Plan, and through other non-regulatory methods, such as monitoring, advocacy and education.
- FLAG will be considering the feedback received and developing their recommendations to the Council over the coming months.

FIND OUT MORE: For more information on the Takaka FLAG and the group's recommendations for freshwater management, head to www.tasman.govt.nz/TakakaFLAG.

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Register for the Big Beach Clean

Keen to help keep our beaches beautiful? There are still some sites available in the Nelson Tasman Big Beach Clean, scheduled for **Saturday 4 March 2017** to coincide with Seaweek. Head to the Department of Conservation website – www.doc.govt.nz (search for "Big Beach Clean") to check out the remaining sites and register.

Choice Children's Day

Sunday 5 March, Richmond Aquatic Centre, 1.00 – 3.00 pm

An afternoon of interactive games and activities as part of national Children's Day. Enjoy the pools for a gold coin or participate in the outdoor activities, including bouncy castles, balloon twisting, face painting, obstacle courses and more. Bring your bike so you can enjoy the wonderful tracks and test your riding skills by taking part in challenges. Free tours around Richmond on the double-decker bus.

Upcoming maritime events

- **4 / 5 March, Classic Boat Show Lake Rotoiti.**
- **1 / 2 April, Power Boat Regatta Lake Rotoiti.**

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 in advance. Further details are online at www.tasman.govt.nz/link/maritime-events.

The doors are open – come behind the scenes at Port Nelson

Community Open Day, Sunday 5 March, from 10.00 am – 4.00 pm

Every three years, the community is given the chance to take a peek at the inner workings of Port Nelson. Bring the entire family as there's something for all ages.

The port handles hundreds of thousands of tonnes of produce from Tasman District destined for export markets each year – including apples, wine, timber and more.

Head along to the open day to discover the new 13,000m² logistics facility, take a trip on guided bus tours, see the brand new Tōia tugboat and check out the heavy equipment display by highly skilled staff. There will also be plenty of interactive games and prizes for the kids, and food trucks to buy lunch and snacks.

As the maritime gateway for Tasman, Nelson and Marlborough, the port has welcomed visitors and commercial operators, and helped our produce reach world export markets, for more than 170 years. Port Nelson encourages people from across the region to make a special day trip for the triennial event.

Bring a gold coin to support the Port's charity Big Brothers Big Sisters. Rain or shine – please come along! Parking is available on Wildman Ave and through the entry on the corner of Wildman Ave and Low Street.

Seeking ideas for Motueka Ward Reserves

The management of Motueka's many and varied public reserves is due for a refresh – and we need your help to bring it up to date. Tell us what you'd like to see included in a draft Motueka Ward Reserve Management Plan. **Feedback is open until the end of February 2017.** Visit www.tasman.govt.nz/feedback to learn more and submit feedback online.

Workshops for sustainable living

Sessions held weekly on Wednesday, 7.00 pm – 9.00 pm, at the Richmond Library – Constance Barnicoat Room.

- **1 March:** Introduction to best use of resources.
- **8 March:** Loving food – effective shopping, storage, preserving, wild foods.
- **15 March:** Growing food – choosing what and when to plant, composting, worms and long-term maintenance.
- **22 March:** Water – ways to conserve water, how to change a washer, find out about rain harvesting.
- **29 March:** Energy efficiency – many ways to have power savings, keeping the home warm or cool, transport options.
- **5 April:** Loving your wardrobe – clothes swap, mending and other creative options and arranging more get-togethers.

Secure your spot: Enquire at Richmond Library or phone (03) 543 8500.

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Are you planning a community art project?

Creative Communities funding round closes on 10 March 2017. 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. For application forms visit www.tasman.govt.nz/link/creative-communities or call Mike Tasman-Jones Ph. 03 543 8403 for further information.

Second-Hand Sunday returns 12 March 2017

Freely given and freely taken away, goods offered on Second-Hand Sunday could include anything from old chairs, books, clothing or left over-bits and pieces from building projects but is not to include food, dangerous goods like faulty electrical equipment, or chemicals.

To take part all you have to do is register online and follow the guidelines. Treasure hunters can view the list of participating households - which will have the poster on the letterbox - to make the most of the offerings on each Second-Hand Sunday.

Register at www.tasman.govt.nz, search phrase "second hand sunday".

Tasman District and Nelson City Councils support Second-Hand Sunday across the region.

Road closures

Notice of road closures

From 7 February, Queen St will be closed to traffic from Gladstone Rd up to the McIndoe Pl intersection. The intersection is still open to traffic approaching from McIndoe Pl, and from the east along Queen St. Please use the ring road and park and walk to Queen St wherever possible.

Applicant: National Advanced Drivers School.
Event: Driver training.

Location of road closure: Marchwood Park Road (from Queen Victoria Street to Marchwood Park gates).

Date of road closure: 20, 21, 22, 29, 30, and 31 March 2017. 10.00 am – 11.00 am, 12.00 pm – 1.00 pm, 2.30 pm – 3.30 pm on each date.

Applicant: Richmond Unlimited.
Event: Sprig & Fern Summer Harvest Fare 2017.
Location of road closure: Croucher Street and Sundial Square carpark.
Date of road closure: Friday 17 March 2017. 2.00 pm – midnight.

Applicant: Road Safety Community Demonstrations.
Event: Stopping distance demonstrations.
Date of road closures: Monday 3 April – Friday 7 April 2017.
Visit www.tasman.govt.nz/road-closures-for-events for dates and locations.

Council Meetings

Agendas and Minutes for Council Meetings can be viewed at www.tasman.govt.nz.

Engineering Services Committee
Council Chambers, 189 Queen Street, Richmond, Thursday 2 March 2017, 9.30 am. Public forum.

Full Council
Council Chambers, 189 Queen Street, Richmond, Thursday 2 March 2017, 3.30pm, or at the conclusion of the Engineering Services Committee. Public forum.

Audit and Risk Committee
Council Chambers, 189 Queen Street, Richmond, Friday 10 March 2017, 1.30pm. No public forum.

Everyone is welcome to attend our public meetings. There is a public seating area where you can observe the meeting, with many of the meetings having a 'public forum' providing an opportunity to speak to the meeting if you wish. At the beginning of ordinary meetings up to 30 minutes is set aside for public forum. Each speaker is allocated five minutes. You don't need to pre-register your intention to speak – just take your turn when invited by the chairperson. These presentations don't form part of the formal business of the meeting – a brief record will be kept of the matters raised. Any matters requiring further investigation may be referred to staff by the Chairperson.

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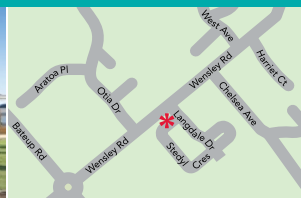


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Untold stories of early Nelson women – Part two

Last year we were delighted to partner with Nelson Provincial Museum's Jessie Bray Sharpin to bring you some of the fascinating stories of early Nelson women. Jessie is back with part two of the untold stories of early Nelson women.

"The talk focuses on the often untold stories of women from the early settlement of the Nelson/Tasman regions," says Jessie. "It includes inspirational women like Mary Ann Muller, New Zealand's pioneer suffragist, Anna Heine, part of the German settler community and Mary Ann Wallis, who set up an orphanage with her second husband after becoming a wife, mother and widow in the space of a year."

Jessie Bray Sharpin's talk is at 5.30 pm on Thursday 9 March at Richmond Library. Bookings aren't necessary, but arrive on time so you don't miss out on a seat.

Free computer classes at Motueka and Richmond Libraries

Trying to get connected and unravel those mysteries on your computer? Now is the perfect time to build your skills and confidence. Classes range from learning all about Facebook, Discovering your library online and working with digital photos through to an Introduction to Family History and learning how to buy and sell using TradeMe – and lots more. Check out the library website's Featured Events page for class dates and details. Bookings are essential. Be in quick as spaces are limited.

Kai Fest cupcake decorating at Motueka Library

April sees the annual Motueka Kai Fest harvest time celebration with a range of workshops and events centred around food. As part of Kai Fest, Motueka Library is presenting a cupcake decorating workshop with Wendy King. All you have to do is come along with some cupcakes to decorate and \$3.00 to cover costs. The workshop is on Monday 3 April, 6.30 – 8.30 pm. Bookings are essential. Call into Motueka Library or phone 03 528 1047 to book your place.

Sustainability workshops at Richmond Library

You still have time to register for our upcoming series of free workshops on living sustainably. Covering a wide range of topics from making and using household cleaners, preserving and wild foods, composting and gardening to rain harvesting, making your home more energy efficient and utilising creative options for extending the life of your clothing, there's bound to be something that appeals to you.

These free workshops are designed to help people trim household expenses and make the best use of resources. They're also a way of connecting with other people in your local community who are interested in sustainable living. Workshops are scheduled every Wednesday evening between 7.00 pm and 9.00 pm from 1 March until 5 April at Richmond Library. Take part in as many or as few of these free workshops as you like.

For more information visit the library website Featured Events page. To book your spot, enquire at Richmond Library or phone 03 543 8500.

Book Art competition

Did you know that books can be turned into stunning works of visual art? Do a Google search for "altered books" and you'll see some fantastic examples of the kind of mixed media creations that are possible.

Now Richmond Library is offering you the chance to create your own altered book artwork using one of our old discarded library books. Enter our Book Art competition and be in to win. Pick up your discarded library book from Richmond Library, grab an entry form and create your masterpiece. Entries are open from 27 February to 26 April. All entries will be displayed in the glass cabinets at Richmond Library. Terms and conditions apply. For more details go to the library website's Events page.



Opening Lines mystery read

Take a chance by choosing your next library read based solely on the opening line. We've made it easy for you by selecting some books with great opening lines and wrapping the book up with only the opening line on the package. You choose based on whether that line grabs your interest. It's a great way to find something new or a little bit different. All the books are adult free fiction. Opening Lines is running at all our libraries throughout March.

Wellness and healthy lifestyles at Motueka Library

March is wellness and healthy lifestyles month at Motueka Library. Experienced local wellness practitioners will share their knowledge and experience in a range of workshops and talks at the library. From reflexology and yoga to making smoothies and natural first aid, you'll find something to enhance your wellbeing.

All sessions are free and no bookings are required. For full details of what's happening when go to the library website Featured Events page.

Motueka Library turns 160 this year!

Motueka Public Library was founded in 1857 by Edward Fearon with an opening ceremony for the Motueka Literary Institute being held on Wednesday 20 January 1858. Throughout 2017, we're celebrating Motueka Library's service to the community, both from a historical aspect and in a contemporary sense.

We'll be bringing you interesting snippets about the library throughout the year. Join us in celebrating this well-loved community space by participating in our year long programme of events. Watch this space for details of what's happening when.

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