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Rates remain steady in 2017–18

Most of you will see little change in your rates bill in the coming year.

Our plan for 2017–2018 year will see progress on key projects to upgrade essential infrastructure, manage natural resources such as freshwater, and plan for population growth – while continuing to limit spending and debt.

Our rates income will increase by just 0.63% in 2017–18 (after an allowance excluding growth), following on from a 1% increase

in 2016–17. Because individual rates bills are made up of a combination of the general rate and targeted rates (which vary depending on where a property is located, services used and property value), not all rates across the District will change by the same percentage.

In the coming year, we will carry out major projects such as the Queen Street Upgrade, a replacement Kaiteriteri wastewater pipeline, Bateup Road widening, new Motueka and Kaiteriteri water treatment plants, and changes to planning rules

to help manage land demands from population growth.

Tasman Mayor Richard Kempthorne said the financial direction set by the Council three years ago was delivering great results.

“Rates and debt continue to track well below our forecasts. I’m really pleased to say rates will rise by a minimal amount this year, but we will still be working to improve our infrastructure and resilience to storms and unexpected events, plan for growth in the District, and maintain the same quantity and quality of services we always have.”

Find out more

More details about rates, projects, and how to have your say on the future of the District – can be found on pages 6 – 9 of this issue of Newsline.

Mayor's message

The Council established a Freshwater Land Advisory Group (FLAG) three years ago to develop a water plan for the Takaka River tributaries and underground aquifers.

The group was made up through a self-nomination process covering the wide cross section of interests in the Takaka Valley. It includes members with interests in the farming sector, Iwi and those with environmental interests. The group identifies eight key values and uses of water including cultural and spiritual and ecosystem health (identifying Te Waikoropupu springs as having great importance to Iwi and the local community). It also looks at municipal and domestic water supply, fishing and food gathering, livelihood and economic use, natural form and character, recreation – including swimming, and hydro-electric power generation.

The FLAG is a volunteer group of local residents who have given their time freely to fully understand and protect this valuable resource. The FLAG has developed draft proposals and has asked for community feedback. Once this has been received, they will reconsider recommendations and deliver their proposal to the Council, which is expected to occur in the middle of this year. The Council will consider their proposals

and then move to a schedule 1 process under the Resource Management Act, where there will be two further opportunities for consultation with our community through the planning process. There will be an open day held on Friday 10 March with two presentation times, 1.30 pm and 6.30 pm, with the ability to drop in anytime in between to discuss the project.

I appreciate the work the FLAG has done spending considerable time working up these proposals for everyone's consideration. They have gone out of their way and deserve our full support and appreciation. I would encourage anyone who has an interest to talk to the FLAG group and give their feedback. If anyone has any questions, please ask. The best way to do this would be to attend one of the open day sessions.

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.

Engineering Services Committee, 2 March 2017

- Decided to consult on a 30kmh speed limit for Queen Street, Richmond
- Agreed staff should negotiate with the New Zealand Transport Agency to combine Murchison's local road maintenance programme with the state highway programme – as currently happens in Golden Bay.
- Heard staff were taking stock of the capital works programme and would report back with an achievable programme.

Full Council, 2 March 2017

- Received information on the Annual Plan for 2017 – 18, including a 0.63% rates income rise. More information is on pages 6 – 9.

- Agreed to consult on the Council's draft fees and charges. More detail is on page 10.
- Chief executive Lindsay McKenzie provided an overview of the Waimea Water Augmentation Project, outlining the history and status of the Waimea Community Dam project. Lindsay said none of the other options explored – including weirs and a series of small dams – could offer the suite of benefits the dam does, nor do they offer the same security of supply.
- Approved a two-stage consultation process on the Waimea Community Dam. More information is on page 5.
- Heard the proposed joint venture arrangement with Waimea Irrigators Ltd for building and operating the dam was proposed to be a limited partnership that is also a Council-Controlled Organisation (CCO).

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Information evening for builders

Building inspections are important to make sure our region's buildings are safe to live and work in – but we know they can be time-consuming.

To help builders through the process, we're holding a Let's Get it Right information evening in partnership with Nelson City Council in April.

Register your interest

If you'd like to attend, email courtenay.lynn@tasman.govt.nz for more details and to register your interest.

Inspections

We provide next-day building inspections where possible, and the inspector will phone the day before to let you know approximately when they expect to be there. Unfortunately, we can't guarantee an exact time for appointments as some inspections require more time than others. To make sure you don't miss out on your inspection, please be available throughout the day.

Remember, from 1 March you must complete the Code Compliance Certificate application form and associated paperwork before you can book your final inspection.

Sign up for text notifications

If we're fully booked and expect it to be more than two days before we can carry out your inspection, we can text you to help prevent interruptions to your work schedule. To sign up, email your mobile number to bc.admin@tasman.govt.nz with the subject "Sign up to inspection texts".

New fees and charges

Changes to the building fees and charges came into effect on 1 March. "New dwelling" fees are now based on the value of building work rather than on square metre.

Head to our website for the full list of fees and charges: www.tasman.govt.nz/link/building-fees.

Great attitude rewarded at Tasman Skatepark Tour

Young Tasman Skatepark Tour entrant Ryan Maxwell-Turner is on cloud nine after winning a thrill-seeker's dream prize – an adventure skydive.

Ryan, 13, was awarded the prize for his enthusiasm and positive attitude during the Skatepark Tour, in which hundreds of competitors showed off their tricks at skateparks throughout the region. Skydive Abel Tasman employee Ben Short, who has competed in the Skatepark Tour for the past 10 years, organised the prize as a way of giving back to the tour and his fellow competitors.

"With the support of Skydive Abel Tasman's owner, Stuart Bean, I'm in a position to offer one of them a completely new experience in terms of speed and excitement, and I thought it would be a great way to say thanks to all those who come to the competition every year and make the tour what it is," Ben says.

Ryan, who has entered the scooter section of the competition for the past three years, says he is "really excited" about his prize. "I love adventure activities." His mum, Jo Turner, was also thrilled. "It's amazing to have a prize that's not about skill but about recognising and rewarding good behaviour."

Tasman Mayor Richard Kempthorne agrees: "The event is about encouraging people to respect and enjoy our parks, so to offer an exciting prize like this for positive behaviour is fantastic. I have noticed some tremendous role modelling from our older young people helping and encouraging younger ones and have been very impressed."

Overall winners: Junior Scooter: Nikita Turu, Junior Skateboard: Alex Moreu, Junior BMX: Hamuera Topia-Pene, Senior Scooter: Ryan McHugh, Senior Skateboard: Reggie McDonald, Senior BMX: Tom Bassett, Open Scooter: Blake Eden, Open Skateboard: Ben

Short, Open BMX: Ryan Dando

About the Tasman Skatepark Tour: The Tasman Skatepark Tour was set up by the Tasman District Council to encourage young people to make use of the District's skateparks in a fun and positive environment and to recognise talented riders. This year, Sport Tasman ran the expanded event for the first time, with funding from the Tasman District and Nelson City councils, Rata Foundation, Cheapskates and Village Cycles.



Ben Short and prize-winner Ryan Maxwell-Turner.

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Civil Defence Update: Why there are no tsunami sirens in Tasman



Rabbit Island, Moturoa

The Ministry of Civil Defence & Emergency Management, GNS Science and New Zealand's Tsunami Working Group all agree with international best practice – that tsunami sirens are inappropriate as a warning system in regions subject to local sourced tsunami.

The time it takes for scientists to determine whether an earthquake has created a tsunami threat and then send out official

warnings can be longer than the time it takes for a local source tsunami to reach the coast.

International research (especially from Japan) also shows that sirens create a false sense of comfort because people expect to be warned by the siren, rather than making a decision to respond to the earthquake itself. If you felt a big earthquake and the siren didn't sound, what would happen to you?

The earthquake damage itself can cause the sirens to fail – in a survey after the 2011 earthquake and tsunami in Japan, 17 out of 27 affected areas responded that their tsunami alert transmission system failed from power cuts or earthquake damage and did not function properly at the time of the disaster.

In other cases, false alarm sirens have led to people ignoring them or delaying evacuation. This is especially true in places where the sirens are triggered automatically without a human decision.

There are also problems with the effectiveness of the sirens through audibility,

which we hear about every time the sirens are tested around the country. If you didn't hear it, you might not evacuate.

So, for areas where a tsunami caused by a large local earthquake is the biggest tsunami threat, the use of fixed coastal sirens for tsunami warning is not only not advised, it can be dangerous to have them.

Don't rely on others to tell you what to do. The best and most reliable warning system for local source tsunami in New Zealand is the natural warning itself – the ground shaking for longer than a minute, or so strong that it's hard to stand up. It doesn't require power, or a smartphone, it just needs you to react to mother nature's blunt and obvious warning and immediately evacuate.

Find out more: Head to www.happens.nz for more information on how to be prepared for an emergency.

Take care to prevent fire

The wildfire in Christchurch's Port Hills is a scary reminder of how devastating an out-of-control fire can be, so please be vigilant and take care in this dry weather – prevention is the best way to avoid the damage from a large wildfire.

All open air fires in Tasman District require a fire permit. Permits are not currently being issued for the Waimea Basin area because firefighting resources have been deployed elsewhere, and there is a prolonged dry period ahead of us.

The most common causes of out-of-control blazes are from spreading recreational and rubbish fires. It is essential you have a 50cm wide non-flammable zone around any fire you light. The best way to achieve this is to scrape a bare earth track around the fire. You can also use water to dampen down the zone around the fire – but be aware this will dry out from the heat of the flames.

Other common fire causes

- Hot ashes from fireplaces being dumped outside
- Re-ignition of fires that were not completely extinguished –

this can happen weeks later in dry conditions

- Sparks from grass mowers/scrub cutters
- Grinding or welding sparks
- Hot vehicles exhausts, particularly quad bikes driven through or parked on long grass.

Prevention tips

- Ensure a good non-flammable zone exists around the fire
- Don't burn in strong winds – anything over 10kmh is too strong
- Keep a pressurised water source nearby
- Supervise your fire at all times until it is extinguished – and make sure you have extinguished it thoroughly.

Fire permits

All open air fires in Tasman District require a fire permit. Permits are not currently being issued for the Waimea Basin area.

Permits are free and can be obtained by contacting the Rural Fire Network on Ph. 03 544 2441. Rural Fire Officers are also happy to give advice so don't hesitate to ask.

Updates on the fire danger can be found at www.ruralfirenetwork.co.nz.

QUEEN STREET UPGRADE



BUILDING A VIBRANT AND RESILIENT RICHMOND

Work on the upgrade is now in full swing, and contractor Hawkins Infrastructure is working its way up the street replacing a 50-year-old cement water pipe with a new, larger and more durable pipe to deliver water to central Richmond homes and businesses.

That means there are significant changes to access and parking on Queen Street itself. Please use the ring road and park and walk to Queen Street.

The good news is that Queen Street's shops and cafes/restaurants are open for business as usual. The footpath is open at all times during the day, so you can get to the shops you need to with a short walk.

What you need to know

- The footpath is open to pedestrians at all times during the day.
- Queen Street is closed to vehicles from Gladstone Road to the McIndoe Place intersection.
- The McIndoe Place intersection may be closed for short intermittent periods.

- Sections of the street are one lane at times, and the key intersections will be closed for a day when the pipe is laid across them. Please follow the instructions of Stop/Go workers.

Parking

- Parking on Queen Street is limited.
- There is free all-day parking available at the Richmond Showgrounds on Lower Queen Street.
- P60 parking is available in the Papps Carpark off Cambridge Street.
- You can get to businesses in the Resene carpark – Resene, Best4Less, Dominos and Tuatara Structures – either by turning off Gladstone Road, or via Oxford Mews.

- Roast House customers may park in the Resene carpark.
- Parking and entry to Village Cycles, Sabai Sabai Thai Massage and Thai Noodle House is available from Oxford Mews.

Buses

- Catch the NBus at its new stop opposite the Tasman District Council's office on Queen Street. The Sundial Square bus stop is no longer in service. Visit www.nbus.govt.nz for routes and timetable information.

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

Consultation on Waimea Community Dam coming soon

As we move forward with the Waimea Community Dam, we are planning to consult you on our proposals for how to govern it, how to share its construction and management costs and on the dam proposal overall.

We plan to do this in two stages.

How will we build and run it?

We want to know what you think of the proposed governance structure and key commercial terms for the construction, ownership and operation of the dam. The proposal is for us to form a joint venture

partnership with Waimea Irrigators Limited. The arrangement is likely to be a limited partnership that is also a Council Controlled Organisation (CCO). At the same time, we'll be asking what you think of the proposed commercial terms including providing security for \$5 million of the loan from Crown Irrigation Investments Ltd to Waimea Irrigators Ltd that the Council has been requested to provide. We expect to carry out this consultation in April and May, and hold hearings in June.

How does the overall proposal for the dam look and how will we pay for it?

We need input from you about how our contribution to the construction of the dam – currently budgeted at \$25 million – will

be paid. We will give you several options to consider as to how this cost could be shared among water users and other ratepayers. This consultation will take place in September and October, with a decision expected in mid-December 2017. This will be the opportunity also to consider and get feedback on the overall dam proposal.

There's a lot to think about, and you can expect to receive more information from us to help you understand the different options closer to the time. Keep an eye out in future issues of Newsline or on our website for updates.

We're delivering more value

The financial strategy we embarked on three years ago is delivering great results. In the 2017/2018 year, rates and debt will again be lower than we forecast in our Long Term Plan (LTP) for 2015 – 2025.

The direction we set back in 2014 has put us in an excellent position to capitalise on favourable financial conditions to deliver best value to our community. This continuing improvement in our financial position gives us the capacity to accommodate the growth in the District and the resilience to respond to future events. Improving our financial position is just one part of the picture. We intend to maintain the same levels of service, so the quantity and quality of what we deliver will be the same or better.

We've received a clear message from the community over the past six years that we need to focus on reducing debt levels and rate increases. In the LTP, we capped debt at a maximum of \$200 million, while rates income

risers were limited to maximum of 3% per annum. Following on from a 1% rates increase last year, we are forecasting an increase in total rates revenue of 0.63% in the coming year – meaning most of you will see only a very small rise in your rates bill. We expect our debt will be at \$158.7 million at year-end, \$35.1 million lower than forecast.

In terms of the work we plan to carry out in the coming year, there are no major changes to what we signalled through the Long Term Plan. You can find more detail about our major projects for 2017/2018 in this document. However, some projects from the current year have taken longer than expected and will continue into 2017/2018.



Richard

Richard Kempthorne
Mayor

Lindsay

Lindsay McKenzie
Chief Executive Officer

We'll be at public meetings and events throughout the District over the next month or so. Come along to chat about our plans for the year, and let us know what you'd like to see us focus on in the future.

Date	Place	Time
Monday 13 March 2017	Mapua Community Association, Mapua Village Hall	7.00 pm
Tuesday 14 March 2017	Wakefield Community Council, St John's Church, Wakefield	7.30 pm
Tuesday 21 March 2017	Tapawera & Districts Community Council, Tapawera Community Centre	7.30 pm
Tuesday 21 March 2017	Motueka Community Board, Motueka Service Centre	4.00 pm
Saturday 25 March 2017	In Your Neighbourhood – Richmond Boot Market, Baptist Church, Richmond, 123 Salisbury Road	8.00 am – 12 noon
Monday 27 March 2017	In Your Neighbourhood – Richmond Library, Constance Barnicoat Room	9.30 am – 1.00 pm
Wednesday 29 March 2017	Tasman Area Community Association, Tasman School	7.30 pm
Monday 3 April 2017	Brightwater Community Association, Brightwater School Staff Room	7.30 pm
Monday 10 April 2017	Murchison Community Association, Murchison Emergency Services (MESI) building	1.15 pm
Tuesday 11 April 2017	Golden Bay Community Board, Takaka Service Centre	9.00 am
Tuesday 11 April 2017	In Your Neighbourhood – Takaka, The Green, Takaka	3.00 – 6.00 pm
Tuesday 11 April 2017	Moutere Hills Community Association, Moutere Hills Community Centre	7.00 pm

Your early input to the Long Term Plan 2018 – 2028

In the next year, we will be developing the Long Term Plan (LTP) 2018–2028. This provides a great opportunity to consider whether we are heading in the right direction and how we can work with our communities better.

We want to hear your views about:

- What are the key issues the Council needs to address over the next 10 years and how should we do this?
- Are there projects or improved services you would like us to consider in the future?
- Should the focus remain on financial

prudence in the form of low rates increases (<3%) and reduced debt levels?

- Are there things we could do better, or more or less of in the future?

Send us your feedback and ideas to www.tasman.govt.nz/feedback between 13 March and 18 April 2017.

Major Projects for 2017/2018

Queen Street Upgrade, Richmond

- Replacement of water main, stormwater pipes and redesign of road and footpaths
- Provides greater storm resilience, replaces 50-year-old infrastructure and creates pedestrian-friendly town centre
- \$7.1 million in 2017/2018 (overall project costs \$11.3 million)

Kaiteriteri wastewater pipeline

- New underground pipeline along the Riwaka-Kaiteriteri Road, replacing Tapu Bay pipeline
- Relocates pipeline from under the estuary, addressing cultural concerns and meeting resource consent requirements
- \$2.8 million in 2017/2018 (overall project costs \$4.3 million)

Bateup Road widening

- Widening and upgrade of road from Three Brothers corner to Paton Road
- Makes the road safer and helps cater for increased traffic owing to subdivision growth and a new supermarket planned for the area
- \$2.8 million in 2017/2018 (overall project costs \$3 million)



Motueka Water Treatment Plant

- First phase of a project to ensure a safe, secure drinking water supply to the part of the Motueka community receiving Council supply
- \$811,000 in 2017/2018 (overall project costs \$1.7 million)

Kaiteriteri Water Treatment Plant

- A new water treatment plant and second water supply bore
- Ensures safe, secure water supply for Kaiteriteri
- \$725,000 in 2017/2018 (overall project costs \$1.4 million)

Motueka Ward Reserve Management Plan

- Review of all reserves in the Motueka ward is underway – seeking community input
- Will enable recreation spaces and parks to meet the community's needs and expectations

Council website upgrade

- First major upgrade since launch in 2011
- To improve ease of use, look and feel – including for mobile devices

Changes to the Tasman Resource Management Plan (TRMP)

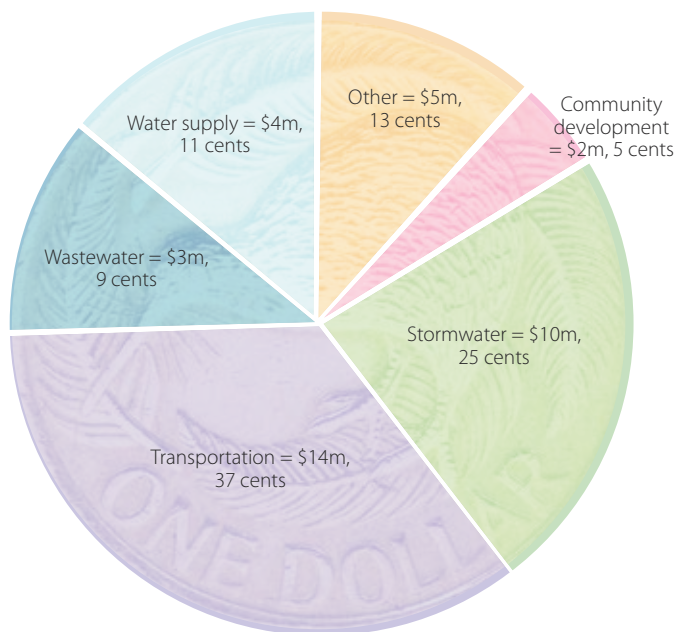
- Development of higher density residential subdivision and development in Richmond areas, possibly for application district wide
- Review of Brightwater and Wakefield zoning to accommodate residential and business growth
- Golden Bay Landscape Project to protect outstanding landscapes and features for future generations
- Continuing to meet our Regional Council responsibilities including freshwater management
- Freshwater management reviews, led by community-based Freshwater and Land Advisory Groups (FLAGs), to manage the varied demands on our freshwater resources

Solid waste – Eves Valley and York Valley landfills

- Joint operations with Nelson City Council to commence 1 July 2017. All waste to go to York Valley Landfill
- Eves Valley Landfill held 'in reserve' until needed at a future date or in an emergency
- Increases efficiency, aids waste minimisation efforts

Total capital expenditure by activity

The \$38 million we will spend on capital works is divided between the activities shown below:



Number of cents we intend to spend on activities for every \$1 of capital expenditure.

Spending, debt and your rates

0.63%
TOTAL RATES REVENUE INCREASE EXCLUDING GROWTH

▼ DOWN FROM **2.16%** FORECAST IN THE LTP FOR 2017/2018 YEAR.

\$38.1M
CAPITAL EXPENDITURE

▲ INCREASE FROM **\$34.1M** FORECAST IN THE LTP FOR 2017/2018 YEAR.

\$158.7M
NET DEBT

▼ DOWN FROM **\$193.8M** FORECAST IN THE LTP FOR 2017/2018 YEAR.

\$108.2M
OPERATING EXPENDITURE

▼ DOWN FROM **\$110.7M** FORECAST IN THE LTP FOR 2017/2018 YEAR.

Not all rates across the District will change by the same amount.

The 0.63% increase is in the total rates revenue Council collects. The rates bill for an individual property is made up of the general rate and a number of targeted rates. The combination of these targeted rates will vary depending on where the property is located, the services used and the property's value.

Want to know how much your rates will be in 2017/2018?

Visit www.tasman.govt.nz/link/rates-search and enter your property details to see your current and indicative future rates.

The year-end financials (30 June 2017) will confirm our debt position and could change the rates requirement. We will maintain the total rates revenue increase at 0.63% (noting that within this overall level, there may be changes to the individual types of rates e.g. stormwater rate, general rate, wastewater rate). The intention is to use the majority of any operating surplus to repay debt.

Programme changes

It is now nearly three years since we developed the capital works programme in the LTP 2015 – 2025. Some things have changed since then. We have had delays in some projects, which will not take place until 2017/2018. In some cases we have adjusted the timing of projects to respond to growth pressures and priorities and added a few new projects to the programme.

Brought forward or new	Delayed
Poutama drain capacity	Motueka Town Centre roading programme
Stormwater land acquisitions (various)	Richmond deviation bund
Lower Queen Street wastewater pipe	Middlebank Drive stormwater pipe
Motueka water treatment plant – chlorination capability	Wakefield water supply enhancement
Water main Richmond West and Bateup Road	
Mapua Wharf and commercial property renovation	

We have reviewed our fees and charges for the 2017/2018 year.

Go to www.tasman.govt/feedback to view the proposed Schedule of Charges.

Submissions are open on the Schedule of Charges between 13 March – 18 April 2017.

There are a number of carryover projects. These were in the Annual Plan 2016/2017 for completion this year. Project delivery has been delayed or taken place more slowly than planned. For example, the Queen Street upgrade will continue into the 2017/2018 financial year.

Waimea Community Dam

Finding a secure water supply solution for the communities that draw water from the Waimea Plains is still a priority for the Council. The Waimea Community Dam is the preferred solution.

Up to \$25 million has been allocated by the Council towards the project subject to our

partners being able to fund their shares. Over the past two years, we have been working with Waimea Irrigators Limited, Crown Irrigation Investment Limited, Central Government, and Nelson City Council to secure the funds needed for the project to proceed.

Over the coming months we intend to consult on the ownership structure for the Dam. Once the ownership structure is finalised, we will then be out again talking to our community

about how the \$25 million should be allocated across water users and ratepayers.

Nelson City Council will also be consulting with its residents about a contribution to the Dam. Waimea Irrigators Limited is continuing to work with irrigators to secure their support.

WE'VE BEEN BUSY DOING SOME GREAT THINGS

We have been delivering high quality services and projects that help our communities enjoy the Tasman lifestyle. Here is a sample of our work in the past year.

Review of Moturoa/Rabbit Island Reserve Management Plan

Responding to the effects of the Kaikoura-Hurunui Earthquake on Murchison and St Arnaud

Improved Stormwater capacity and flood protection in Richmond West

Self-issue technology in libraries.

Improved road safety signage at nine schools.

New Seaton Valley Walkway between Stafford Drive and the Mapua Causeway

New Community Recreation Facility for Golden Bay

\$8 million Upgrade of Motueka Wastewater Treatment Plant

Our Waters in Common video

PLUS MANY MORE...

- Tasman's Great Taste Trail extended through Spooners Tunnel to Norris Gully
- Reduced chlorine in the lane pool at the Richmond Aquatic Centre with a new water treatment system
- Seismic Upgrades for Golden Bay Service Centre Richmond Town Hall, Motueka Memorial Hall and Bainham Hall
- Rural land use and subdivision policy review
- Council bid and digital enablement plan successful in securing Government commitment to rollout ultrafast broadband to more Tasman communities
- Responded to 183,307 counter and telephone enquiries
- Consented 214 new lots in subdivisions
- Issued consents for 396 new dwellings January – December 2016

More frequent water monitoring in rivers and streams

NEWSLINE UPDATES



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Tasman District Council's Draft Schedule of Charges 2017/2018

Statement of Proposal

Under the Revenue and Financing Policy, Council can set a Schedule of Charges to recover some costs associated with our Council services. Some of these charges are set by statute, and others by the Council. All charges are reviewed each year to determine whether they need to change or not.

The Council approved the Draft Schedule of Charges for public consultation at its meeting on 2 March 2017. The Draft Schedule covers the year from 1 July 2017 to 30 June 2018.

The full Statement of Proposal is available for viewing on our Council's website at www.tasman.govt.nz and during normal office hours at the following Tasman District Council Offices and libraries:

- Richmond Office, 189 Queen Street, Richmond
- Motueka Office, 7 Hickmott Place, Motueka
- Takaka Office, 78 Commercial Street, Takaka
- Murchison Office, 92 Fairfax Street, Murchison
- District Library Queen Street, Richmond
- Motueka Library, Pah Street, Motueka
- Takaka Memorial Library, Junction Street, Takaka

Submissions are invited on the Draft Schedule of Charges, and must be received by 4.00 pm on Tuesday 18 April 2017.

Submissions may be made online at www.tasman.govt.nz/feedback or delivered to your local Tasman District Council office.

We need your ideas for Motueka Ward's reserves

We've extended the deadline for you to have your say on the future management of Motueka Ward's parks, gardens, sportsfields and picnic spots. Feedback now closes at the end of April 2017, so take a moment to share any thoughts or ideas you have about your favourite Motueka reserves.

Why are we seeking feedback?

The Motueka Ward has about 100 public reserves, ranging from small neighbourhood parks through to sportgrounds and large, multi-use spaces for playing, picnicking and other leisure activities. The way we manage these reserves was last reviewed in 2001, so it's time we took another look to make sure our management plans are still fit for purpose. These are your public spaces and this is your chance to let us know how you would like to see them managed. We want to know what you love about your favourite reserves, whether they could be improved in any way and what your long-term vision is for them. How would you like them to be 50 to 100 years from now?

This is the first step in the plan development process. Later in 2017 you'll have an opportunity to view the draft plan, prepare a written submission and speak to your submission at a hearing.

Have a say

Fill in the online survey:
www.surveymonkey.com/r/motuekareserves

Visit: www.tasman.govt.nz/feedback

Email us: anna.gerraty@tasman.govt.nz

Write to us: Tasman District Council, Private Bag 4, Richmond

Classic boat event reservation and speed limit uplift

The Rotoiti Power Boat Club will be conducting a regatta involving high-speed power boat racing at Kerr Bay, Lake Rotoiti between 8.00 am and 6.00 pm on both 1 and 2 April 2017.

- Other lake users are encouraged to use the ramp and beaches of West Bay for access during the event. Communications are over VHF channel 17.
- People wishing to waterski should perform deep water starts outside of the reserved area while the reservation is in force.
- Other conditions have been imposed and may be viewed at www.tasman.govt.nz/recreation/boating-fishing/special-events-and-activities

Further details for these and any new events are online at tasman.govt.nz/link/maritime-events.

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.

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. Head to www.tasman.govt.nz, search phrase "second hand sunday".

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NEWSLINE UPDATES



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Motueka Community Board meetings

The Motueka Community Board will meet on the third Tuesday of every month.

2017 Meeting Dates:

- Tuesday 21 March • Tuesday 15 August
- Tuesday 18 April • Tuesday 19 September
- Tuesday 16 May • Tuesday 17 October
- Tuesday 20 June • Tuesday 21 November
- Tuesday 18 July • Tuesday 12 December

Calendar for Discretionary Fund applications:

- Tuesday 21 March • Tuesday 19 September
- Tuesday 20 June • Tuesday 12 December

Triennial Elections

- The Golden Bay Community Centre's triennial elections will be held on Friday 31 March at 1.30pm.
- The Lower Moutere Memorial Hall Committee will hold their triennial election meeting on Tuesday 13 June 2017 at 7.00pm at the Lower Moutere Memorial Hall.
- The Hope Recreation Reserve and Hall Management Committee will hold their triennial election on Thursday 23 March 2017 at 7.30 pm at the Hope Hall.
- Kotinga Hall Management Committee Triennial Election will be held on Thursday 6 April 2017 at 7.00 pm in the Kotinga Hall.

Temporary route change – Tasman's Great Taste Trail

Tasman's Great Taste Trail has been re-routed for a short section in Richmond while work is undertaken to protect both the Richmond Resource Recovery Centre and the cycle trail from erosion. From Beach Road, the trail will travel along Fittal Street for 260 metres before joining back up with the permanent trail. A temporary 30kmh speed limit has been introduced on Fittal Street to ensure the safety of cyclists on the diverted route. The temporary route will be in place until early April.

Murchison service centre closure

The Murchison service centre will be closed on Friday 14 March due to a planned power outage. Calls to the Murchison office number will be diverted to Customer Service staff in Richmond. We apologise for any inconvenience.

Road closures

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: 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.

Workshops for sustainable living

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

Enquire at Richmond Library or phone 03 543 8500.

Council Meetings

Agendas and Minutes for Council Meetings can be viewed on Council's website at www.tasman.govt.nz.

Motueka Community Board – Extraordinary Meeting

Lower Moutere Hall, Moutere Highway. Tuesday 14 March, 4.00 pm. Public forum

Environment and Planning Committee

Council Chambers, 189 Queen Street, Richmond. Thursday 16 March 2017, 9.30 am. Public forum

Motueka Community Board

Motueka Service Centre, Hickmott Place. Tuesday 21 March, 4.00 pm. Public forum

Full Council

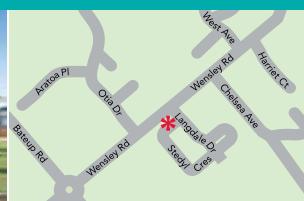
Council Chambers, 189 Queen Street, Richmond. Thursday 23 March 2017, 9.30 am. Public forum

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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COMMUNITY RELATIONS



Winter Sport Codes Sport NZ Rural Travel Fund

Are you a 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 30 April 2017. Application forms and further information is online at www.tasman.govt.nz/council/grants-funding or phone Mike Tasman-Jones 03 543 8403 for further information.

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 on 10 March 2017, for projects starting after 15 April. The next round closes 10 July. There is \$39,000 allocated per annum with average allocations of \$1,000. For application forms – www.tasman.govt.nz/council/grants-funding/available-grants-funding/creative-new-zealand-tasman-creative-communities/ or phone Mike Tasman-Jones 543 8403 for further information.

Trustpower Community Awards

Volunteers are at the heart of every community – dedicating hours of time and energy every year to making their community a better place to live.

About 1000 voluntary groups from around New Zealand enter the Trustpower Community Awards each year. It's a celebration of just how much volunteers mean to our country. No matter how big or small, if your group, club or society has volunteers, it has earned the right to be involved.

Anyone can enter a group ... groups can even enter themselves! Entries for the Nelson Tasman Trustpower Community Awards are now open. Register online or visit your local Council for an entry form.

www.trustpower.co.nz/communityawards

Moturoa Mission

On 22 March, Greenslade Park on Rough Island will be overrun with about 200 Nelson Tasman Year 5–8 students on a mission to solve environmental challenges.

This is the fourth Moturoa Mission offered to Enviroschool student leaders and they love the activities that the agencies and secondary students set to challenge them.

The students learn lots and meet educators and Council staff who can help them with their school environmental-community projects.

We suggest you might like to walk your dog at another area of Rough Island on this day between 9.00 am – 2.30 pm.

Positive Ageing Expo

Friday 31 March, 10.00 am – 3.00 pm at the Headingly Centre, Richmond

Thousands are expected to attend the popular annual Positive Ageing Expo, a showcase of the recreational, health and social services available in the region for retirees and those planning for retirement. With more than 70 stallholders, the expo has plenty to offer anyone interested in making ageing a positive experience. The expo attracts crowds of more than 2000 most years, and has received a TrustPower Community Award commendation.

Magical Parks

From this Saturday, several Tasman reserves will become a new type of playground with the help of virtual reality. To coincide with Parks Week from 4 to 12 March, kids and families can play Magical Park at seven parks around the District.

Magical Park is a virtual reality game that transforms a normal park into a digital fantasy playground with the help of mobile data or Wifi connection. Simply download the app via a smartphone or tablet, head to the park and enter the fantasy world. Magical Park is aimed at 6 – 11 year olds and will be available at the following parks:

- Ben Cooper Park, Richmond
- Decks Reserve, Motueka
- Faulkners Bush, Wakefield
- Lord Rutherford Park, Brightwater
- Mapua Recreation Reserve
- Murchison Recreation Reserve
- Tapawera Recreation Reserve

For more information please visit www.geoar.tech/magical-park



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