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## STOP! Demonstrations show less speed means less harm

School children will receive a vivid demonstration of why the road is not a playground – and grown-ups will be reminded to slow down – during stopping distance demonstrations throughout the District in April.

Everyone is welcome to join their local school in watching the demonstrations, which show how long it takes for a car to stop when travelling at different speeds.

Tasman District Council Road Safety Co-ordinator Krista Hobday says the events are an effective way to show children how important it is not to cross the road in front of an approaching car – even if it looks a reasonable distance away.

“The demonstrations show that our ‘people’ (which are cardboard cut-outs) have no chance if a car is travelling at 60km an hour when the driver sees them and begins to brake. That’s important for the children to realise the danger an approaching car can pose.

“For grown-ups, it’s also a sobering way to show the damage they could do to a child if they are travelling too fast and need to stop quickly. At 60kmh there’s just no way they can stop in time to avoid injuring or killing someone. At 40kmh, however, the car is able to stop in time – and that’s why we encourage motorists to slow down, particularly around schools.”

### When and where:

Come along to view the road stopping demonstration in your area. The road will be closed to traffic during the demonstration.

Where:	When
Fairfax Street, Murchison	Monday 3 April, 9.10 am – 10.55 am
Greenhill Road, Ngatimoti	Monday 3 April, 1.45 pm – 2.55 pm
Wadsworth Street, Takaka	Tuesday 4 April, 9.10 am – 10.55 am
Grey Street, Motueka	Tuesday 4 April, 1.25 pm – 2.50 pm
Starveall Street, Brightwater	Wednesday 5 April, 9.10 am – 11.40 pm
Aniseed Valley Road, Hope	Wednesday 5 April, 1.05 pm – 2.50 pm
Goddard Road, Tasman	Thursday 6 April, 9.10 am – 11.00 am
School Road, Lower Moutere	Thursday 6 April, 1.25 pm – 2.50 pm
Church Street, Richmond	Friday 7 April, 9.15 am – 11.50 am
Iwa Street, Mapua	Friday 7 April, 1.25 pm – 2.50 pm

# Mayor's message

Last week Council held the first in a series of public engagement sessions that will be held across the district over the next few weeks.

During these sessions Councillors and staff will talk about what's happening in the Annual Plan 2017 – 2018, with a significantly reduced rates increase and level of debt. It also delivers a substantial capital work programme. We are also working on the review of our district's Long Term Plan 2018-2028 over the next year or so and now is a great time to hear from the community about what they would like to see in it.

Please take the opportunity to provide us with your feedback on the key issues for your community

and the projects or service changes we should be making. We've heard from communities in Mapua and Wakefield and we will be making our way across the district during the coming weeks. A full list of meeting dates is available on our website and in this edition of Newslines.

Thank you to those who have come along to our meetings. We really appreciate hearing from you and value your ideas and feedback.

**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 16 March 2016

- Received an update on the River and Stream Management Fund, which offers financial assistance to farmers wishing to fence stock away from streams and wetlands on their land. New criteria will prioritise work with the greatest environmental benefits, and enable catchment-focused fencing projects.
- Learned the results of an in-depth study into soil types on the Waimea Plains will allow for far more precise planning and land management on the Plains. The survey shows far greater soil variability on the Plains than previously realised. The survey will be available on our website and on Landcare Research's S-map programme, and will be explained in more detail in a future issue of Newslines.
- Heard the resource consents team processed 447 non-notified consents, and 39 notified consents, between July – December 2016.
- Removed the deferred zone status of land at 118, 126 and 134 Champion Road, Richmond, allowing its residential zoning to come into effect. A portion of land at 144 Champion Road also had deferred zoning lifted for rural-residential (serviced) zoning to come into effect.
- Received a summary of results of a customer survey of the Council's building and resource consent services. The survey showed improved satisfaction levels from the previous survey, including overall satisfaction of 85.5%, compared with 75.5% earlier.
- Learned that although Tasman's rivers achieve a 96% swimmability rating under the Government's new Clean Water Package, we will need to improve water quality further under the package.



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## I'm a Mum. See me.

"Hi, I'm Nicola. I am 54 years old, married with three children and three grandchildren. I've had my current bike, a Kawasaki VN 900 Cruiser, for seven years. I love getting out with friends and going for a good ride for lunch or coffee somewhere. I love the power and freedom of the bike. I've only just taken it up again because my children are all older and have left home - so I have more time and money to indulge in something for myself."

Nicola is one of the many keen motorcyclists who ride our region's roads on a regular basis. She's one of several local riders taking part in a new road safety campaign that encourages other motorists to be aware of motorcyclists on our roads. They're real people, with real families to get home to each day.

In Nicola's case, all she asks is: "I'm a Mum. See me."



## Waimea water restrictions lifted

A sustained downpour earlier this month has replenished water levels in the Waimea River, allowing us to lift water restrictions on urban and rural areas.

With the river up, groundwater levels will also improve, and we expect to see out the rest of the irrigation season without any further rationing.

## Popular Positive Ageing Expo returns

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

Our annual celebration of positive ageing returns with a wealth of hands-on activities, talks and information.

The Positive Ageing Expo is a showcase of the recreational, health and social services available in the region for those of or nearing retirement age. With more than 70 stallholders, the expo has plenty to offer anyone interested in making ageing a positive experience.

This year there will be seminars, demonstrations (some with the chance to have a go) at a range of activities as diverse as pottery demonstrations, e-bikes, choir, movement and mindfulness activities.

Emeritus Professor Bevan Grant of the University of Waikato is one of this year's speakers. He says, "The Positive Ageing Expo provides a great forum in which to address some of the misconceptions about ageing and growing older, whilst also profiling many

community initiatives and organisations that encourage and support people in their later years to live life to the fullest."

Tasman District Council Community Partnerships Co-ordinator Mike Tasman-Jones said the expo was a great resource for all older residents and their families, as well as anyone approaching retirement.

### Seminars include:

To Rest is to Rust: The Ups and Downs of Physical Activity – by University of Waikato Emeritus Professor Bevan Grant

Retirement, the time to sit back and relax – WRONG!: How to make a real difference to your community by volunteering – by Gordon Oldfield of Volunteer Nelson

Eyes, Ears, Action: How to recognise elder abuse and what to do about it

Antifreeze Your Home: No-cost and low-cost ways to keep your home warm and healthy - by Richard Popenhagen of Nelson City Council

Admission is free, with complimentary tea, coffee and biscuits provided. Lunch will be available for purchase.

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## What are your priorities for Tasman's future?

We've been doing some great work over the past year – come and hear what we are doing this coming year and help us plan for the next ten.

## Workshops for Sustainable Living coming to Motueka

Food will be the focus of Sustainable Living workshops in Motueka, in support of the annual Kai Fest celebration at Decks Reserve on Sunday 9 April.

There's lots of different ways you can trim household expenses and make the best use of resources. The Workshops for Sustainable Living At Home are full of tips and ideas for making the most of what you consume.

The April sessions will focus on food, aligning with Motueka Kai Fest – a celebration of Motueka's fantastic flavours. The festival aims to bring together a community of many cultures to learn more about and honour one thing which we all have in common – Kai.

### Workshop topics:

- 27 March: Introduction to best use of resources, making and using household cleaners
- 3 April: Loving food – effective shopping, storage, wild foods
- 10 April: Growing food – choosing what

and when to plant, composting, worms and long-term maintenance

- 1 May: Water – ways to conserve water use, how to change a washer, find out about rain harvesting
- 8 May: Energy efficiency – many ways to have power savings, keeping the home warm or cool, transport options
- 15 May: Loving your wardrobe, clothes swap, mending and other creative options and arranging more get-togethers.

### When and where

Six sessions held weekly on Monday, 3.30 pm – 5.30 pm, at Greenwood Kindergarten, Greenwood Street, Motueka.

Secure your spot: Email your name and phone number to [events@tasman.govt.nz](mailto:events@tasman.govt.nz), or phone Adie Leng, (03) 528 2022.

Where:	When
<b>In Your Neighbourhood – Richmond Car Boot Market.</b> <i>Baptist Church, Richmond, 123 Salisbury Road</i>	Saturday 25 March 8.00 am – 12 noon
<b>In Your Neighbourhood – Richmond Library.</b> <i>Constance Barnicoat Room</i>	Monday 27 March, 9.30 am – 1.00 pm
<b>Tasman Area Community Association.</b> <i>Tasman School</i>	Wednesday 29 March, 7.30 pm
<b>Brightwater Community Association.</b> <i>Brightwater School Staff Room</i>	Monday 3 April, 7.30 pm
<b>Murchison Community Association.</b> <i>Murchison Emergency Services (MES) building</i>	Monday 10 April 2017, 1.15 pm
<b>Golden Bay Community Board.</b> <i>Takaka Service Centre</i>	Tuesday 11 April, 9.00 am.
<b>In Your Neighbourhood – Takaka.</b> <i>The Green, Takaka</i>	Tuesday 11 April, 3.00 – 6.00 pm
<b>Moutere Hills Community Association.</b> <i>Moutere Hills Community Centre</i>	Tuesday 11 April, 7.00 pm

## Grants available for projects, large and small

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

### Large events and projects

Applications for our Special Grants Fund are open. This fund is for significant new events in the District, and 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.

### Find out more:

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

### Small events and projects

Applications for our Community Grants open in May, and there is funding available for Tasman-based projects that meet a community need, join communities together and have community support. Priority is given to projects that can show financial support from other sources as well. Grants average \$1,250.

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

- Arts/culture/heritage/museums
- Festivals and events
- Youth and children
- Social services

Applications are open from 1 May 2017 to 31 July 2017.

### FIND OUT MORE:

Visit [tasman.govt.nz/link/grants](http://tasman.govt.nz/link/grants) or email **Community Partnerships Coordinator Mike Tasman-Jones**, [mike.tasman-jones@tasman.govt.nz](mailto:mike.tasman-jones@tasman.govt.nz).

# QUEEN STREET UPGRADE

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## What you need to know

In early April, the road closure will be extended up to Noel Leeming. This means vehicles will no longer be able to enter or exit Queen Street via McIndoe Place.

Other sections of the street are down to one lane at times and parking is limited while contractor Hawkins Infrastructure works its way up the street replacing a fragile 50-year-old cement water pipe.

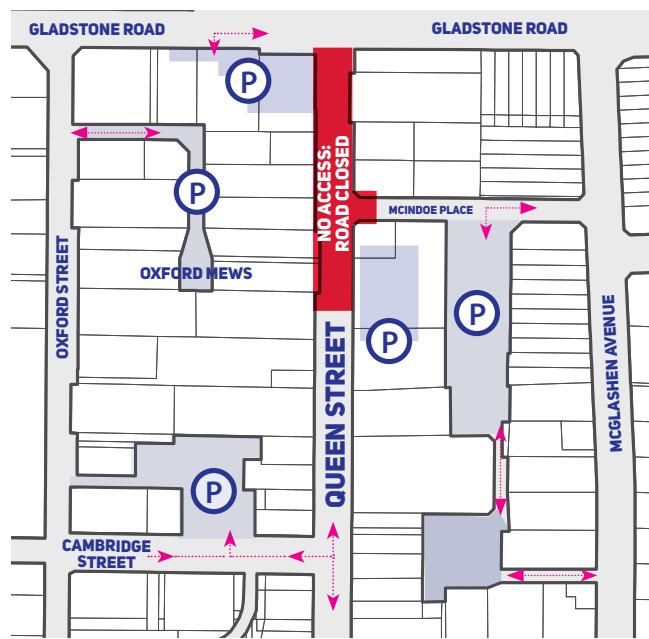
The best option is often to use the ring road and off-street parking.

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

Find out more

More information about the Queen Street Upgrade can be found at [www.tasman.govt.nz/queen-street](http://www.tasman.govt.nz/queen-street).

## Access and parking



## Takaka FLAG

Friday 10 March was a busy day for the Takaka FLAG as they took their interim proposals to the community for comment and discussion.

Two meetings attracted approximately 500 people to different venues – the latter, Takaka Primary School Hall, chosen to cater for the large number expressing a desire to attend.

Despite the FLAG's focus being on the entire Takaka catchment, much of the discussion centred on Te Waikoropupu Springs and was driven by the fear held by many the Springs may be at risk. The FLAG was at pains to clarify that all FLAG members are very aware of the sacred and special nature of Te Waikoropupu Springs and its great significance to iwi and the community. In fact, many of its draft recommendations give the Springs greater protection than they have now – not less as some suggested.



There is still work to do before the FLAG's recommendations to the Council are finalised. The FLAG is waiting for the final science report to be delivered and further discussions with iwi needs to occur - all of which will be considered, as well as the feedback received from their interim report and the recent public meetings.

Once the recommendations are received by the Council, they will be incorporated into a draft plan which will then be subject to another round of statutory consultation.

### 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](http://www.tasman.govt.nz/TakakaFLAG).

# NEWSLINE UPDATES



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## 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.

## 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](http://www.tasman.govt.nz/recreation/boating-fishing/special-events-and-activities)

Further details for these and any new events are online at [www.tasman.govt.nz/link/maritime-events](http://www.tasman.govt.nz/link/maritime-events).

## Loans for small businesses from Nelson Enterprise Loan Trust

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## Schedule of Charges

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

Go to [www.tasman.govt/feedback](http://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.

## Trustpower Community Awards

Volunteers are at the heart of every community – dedicating hours of time and energy every year to make 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. 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](http://www.trustpower.co.nz/communityawards)

## Takaka carpark closed for upgrade

An upgrade to increase the number of parking spaces in Takaka's Motupipi Street Carpark begins on Monday, 20 March. The carpark will be closed for up to four weeks while the work takes place.

The carpark will be sealed and extended to increase the number of parks from about 45 to 91. There will also be improvements to drainage, and new lighting and landscaping.

## Free dog microchipping

Our amnesty for unmicrochipped dogs comes to an end on 31 March. After this date owners could be liable for an infringement fine of \$300. However, you can have your dog microchipped for free at one of the clinics below. Microchipping is a legal requirement for most dogs but is also the best tool we have for reuniting lost, stolen or injured pets with their owners.

Where:	When
<b>Richmond:</b> Dog Pound 121 Beach Road. For appointment call 035437012.	Each Friday morning (unless arranged otherwise)
<b>Motueka:</b> Council Service Centre, Hickmott Place	28 March 9.00 am - 10.30 am
<b>Golden Bay:</b> Golden Bay Recreation Park	28 March 11.45am - 1.30 pm
<b>Tapawera:</b> Recreation Reserve, Matai Street	29 March 9am - 10.00 am
<b>Murchison:</b> Carpark behind the library	29 March 11am - 12.00 am
<b>Richmond:</b> Dog Pound 121 Beach Road	31 March 8am - 10.00 am

## Subsidised neutering for menacing dogs

We're working with the Nelson SPCA to deliver subsidised neutering and microchipping for menacing dogs. The subsidy is funded the Department of Internal Affairs. Eligible dogs will be neutered and microchipped at a nominated vet clinic for \$25. Dog owners who wish to take advantage of this offer should contact the Nelson SPCA on (03) 5477171 to confirm whether your dog is eligible.

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## 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](http://www.surveymonkey.com/r/motuekareserves)

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

Email us: [anna.gerraty@tasman.govt.nz](mailto:anna.gerraty@tasman.govt.nz)

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

## Triennial Elections

- Upper Takaka Recreation Reserve Committee: Wednesday 29 March 2017 at 7.00 pm at the Upper Takaka Hall.
- Spring Grove Hall Management Committee: Thursday 30 March 2017 at 7.30 pm at the Spring Grove Hall.
- Golden Bay Community Centre: Friday 31 March at 1.30pm.
- Kotinga Hall Management Committee: Thursday 6 April 2017 at 7.00 pm in the Kotinga Hall.

## Road closures

**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](http://www.tasman.govt.nz/road-closures-for-events-for-dates-and-locations).**

**Applicant:** Nelson Car Club

**Event:** Riwaka-Sandy Bay Road event

**Location:** Riwaka-Sandy Bay Road (from intersection of SH to 3.5km from the intersection with Moss Road)

**Date of road closures:** Sunday 21 May 2017

**Date objections close:** Sunday 22 April 2017

**Head to [www.tasman.govt.nz/road-closures-for-events-for-details-of-how-to-make-an-objection](http://www.tasman.govt.nz/road-closures-for-events-for-details-of-how-to-make-an-objection).**

## Council Meetings

Agendas and Minutes for Council Meetings can be viewed at [www.tasman.govt.nz](http://www.tasman.govt.nz).

### Tasman Regional Transport Committee

Council Chambers, 189 Queen Street, Richmond.

Monday 27 March 2017, 9.30 am. Public Forum

### Joint Committee

Nelson City Council. Tuesday 28 March 2017, 9.30 am. Public Forum

### Community Development Committee

Council Chambers, 189 Queen Street, Richmond. Thursday 6 April 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.

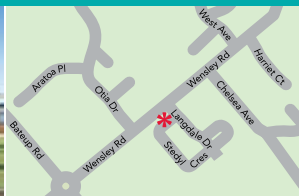
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## Easter hours

All Tasman Libraries will be closed on Friday 14 and Monday 17 April for the Easter holidays. Normal opening hours apply on Saturday 15 April.

## School holiday programme

Come along to the fabulous food adventures storytime sessions, play a board game, sing along to Kath Bee or join us to celebrate that teller of dark tales, Roald Dahl. All this and more will be happening at your local library.

For full details of what's on where, check out the library website Featured Events page.

## Romantic poetry competition

Thank you to everyone who contributed a poem to our romantic poetry competition in February. We enjoyed the wide ranging creativity, passion and humour that you expressed. Winners from each branch will be announced on the library website and Facebook page along with the winning poems.

## Opening Lines mystery read

You still have a few days left to 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. All the books are adult free fiction. Opening Lines is running at all our libraries until the end of March.

## Book Art competition at Richmond Library

We've been impressed by the enthusiasm you've shown for our Book Art competition. And if you haven't picked up your book and entry form yet from Richmond Library you still

have time. Entries close on Wednesday 26 April.

Not sure what book art is? Google "altered books" and you'll see some fantastic examples of the kind of mixed media art that's possible. Pick up your discarded library book from Richmond Library, grab an entry form and create your masterpiece.

All entries will be displayed in the glass cabinets at Richmond Library. Terms and conditions apply. For more details go to the library website Events page.

## Sustainability workshops at Richmond Library

Register now for the final two workshops on sustainable living.

On Wednesday 29 March the topic is energy efficiency and the many ways we can make power savings, keep our homes warm or cool and explore transport options.

The final workshop on Wednesday 5 April looks at loving your wardrobe with a clothes swap and a look at creative ways to extend the life of your clothing. These free workshops are designed to help people trim household expenses and make the best use of resources.

The workshops run from 7.00 pm to 9.00 pm at Richmond Library. For more information visit the library website Featured Events page. To book your spot, enquire at Richmond Library or phone 03 543 8500.

## 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. Bring 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.

## Author Jeremy Scott at Motueka Library

In 2011, Jeremy Scott began an epic solo bike ride – a 52,000km journey through 29 countries. It took him 2 years 7 months and 20 days to complete and raised \$35,000 for the Australian, British and NZ Heart Foundations. Now you have the opportunity to meet this inspirational man at the launch of his book *The Long Road from a Broken Heart*. Jeremy will be at Motueka Library on Thursday 6 April, 6.30 – 8.30 pm, talking about some of his experiences on the road. Koha at the door appreciated.

## Inspire me workshops at Motueka Library

Motueka Library is kicking off its 160th birthday celebrations with a series of workshops to inspire you to try something new this year.

First up in this series is Rose Scott who will introduce you to the world of essential oils and the soothing healing benefits they can bring to your life. Then Deborah Pearson will share her passion for creating natural hand creams and also explore using edible weeds in your salads. Rose's workshop runs on Monday 10 April 6.30 – 8.30 pm and Deborah's on Tuesday 11 April, 6.00 – 7.30 pm. Bookings are essential. Phone 03 528 1047.

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