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## Motueka Community asked to rank special projects

The Motueka Community Board is asking people to help identify which local projects should take priority in the coming year.

A simple survey asks people to rank the nine proposed projects in priority order.

Community Board chair Brent Maru says the special projects funding supports projects that otherwise wouldn't be possible. "All of these projects will make Motueka an even better community to live in thanks to the hard work

and dedication of the volunteers involved. Ranking the projects gives us a good steer on what the community supports."

This funding for these projects comes from the community board targeted rate paid by all Motueka ratepayers.

Complete the Motueka Special Projects survey online at [tasman.govt.nz/feedback](http://tasman.govt.nz/feedback) before Friday September 29. Paper copies are also available at Motueka Service Centre.

Alternatively, rank the projects below from 1 (highest priority) to 9 (lowest priority) and drop it in at the Motueka Service Centre.

- Courtney Street footpath (\$12,155.50):** along the south side of the street linking the Friendship Hospital to High Street.
- Thorps Bush picnic area enhancement (\$10,000):** match the existing \$10,000 provided by the Motueka Youth Council two years ago for an enhancement plan for the area beside Woodlands Avenue.
- Playground upgrades (\$10,000):** general upgrades to existing playgrounds, following suggestions from the community.
- Motueka Arts Council sculpture (\$10,000):** a donation to the fundraising efforts by the Arts Council for the sculpture to be installed at George Quay.

- A community accessible defibrillator (\$3,000):** a second defibrillator in High Street accessible 24 hours a day.
- Outdoor exercise equipment (\$10,000):** contribution towards installation of outdoor fitness equipment, the location to be either Decks Reserve or the Inlet Walkway.
- Enhancement of George Quay (\$10,000):** contribution toward further improvement being done by Tasman District Council and Keep Motueka Beautiful to the picnic and parking area at the Inlet entranceway, Port Motueka.
- North Park BBQ (\$7,000):** funding towards the installation of an outdoor barbecue at North Park.
- Enhancements for Marahau (\$10,000):** reallocation of previous funds to the Marahau Residents Association for enhancement of the township.

# Mayor's Message

I have talked to you before about the Waimea Community Dam and the vital importance of a secure water supply for the Waimea Plains.

Some of you may have also seen the special Waimea Community Dam edition of Newsline, which examined the significant water supply issues our region faces. This week's announcement from Minister for Primary Industries, Hon Nathan Guy, of the Government's environmental loan scheme is fantastic news for the Waimea Water Augmentation Project (WWAP).

One of the issues that has really challenged Council is the expectation that the ratepayers would have to fund most, if not all, of the costs of providing the dams environmental flow and general community benefits. The news that the Government, through Crown Irrigation Investments Limited, can now provide interest-free loans for environmental benefits flowing from water storage infrastructure is extremely welcome. Even more so, that the Minister has specifically recognised the WWAP as the sort of project this new initiative is designed for. This is just the lift we

needed and this news puts the project on a very solid footing. An environmental loan will result in significant savings in interest costs that will flow directly to ratepayers. It's hard to imagine us being in a better place to present a fair and equitable funding model for our ratepayers to consider.

This has been a very challenging proposal and I greatly appreciate the Minister's announcement for enabling our community to fund a solution for a sustainable water supply in the Waimea Basin as well as providing for urban, irrigation and environmental benefits.

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 – 31 August 2017

Received the Annual Compliance and Enforcement Report which stated there had been a 12% increase in the number of complaints – mainly due to reports of abandoned cars, illegal dumping and smoke and odour complaints.

Of the total 2340 resource consents and permitted activities that were monitored in 2016/17, 2,022 or 86 per cent were fully compliant, and 247 (10.5 per cent) had minor or no adverse effect. The remaining 71 were all addressed using some form of enforcement action.

Average annual rainfall figures increased across the district. In the August 2016 to July 2017 showed Takaka rainfall was up 12 percent on last year, Riwaka up 9 percent, Moutere up 25 per cent and Richmond up 12.5 percent.



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# Got bright ideas for Brightwater?

A search for bright ideas to enhance the main street of Brightwater has started with primary school students teaming up with engineers and planners.

An interactive brainstorming session of year 5 and 6 students of Brightwater School used blocks to build models of what they wanted to see in the main street.

Tasman District Council Project Manager Graham Rimmer said getting the students involved was a good way to get some creative ideas into the project.

"We wanted to involve the students in the early design phase. As well as aligning with their class work on social issues and geometrics, it also allows the views of the students to help shape the future of their community," Graham said.

The project will focus on the safety of Ellis Street while taking the opportunity to enhance its looks and features.

"We have also established a project working group with community and business representatives who will help us."

Come along to a meeting to discuss ideas to improve Ellis Street will be held at Brightwater School on Wednesday 20 September 2017, 3.00 pm to 6.00 pm. Final concept plans should be ready prior to Christmas.

Further information and the opportunities to contribute to the early planning can be found on the Council's website and the Brightwater Community Facebook page.



## Community talks on ageing

Like most of New Zealand, Tasman's population is ageing, which means there is an increasing number of residents in older age groups.

In fact, Statistic NZ already estimate that we have more people aged over 65 than there are aged 15 or younger. By 2033, a third of Tasman's population will be aged 65 and over.

Along with Nelson City Council, we have arranged a number of events to discuss some of the age-related issues we face, both as individuals and as a community. These talks will cover housing, health, work and financial security, and are designed to inspire a community conversation about future planning.




# THE LONG GAME

Ensuring an active and fulfilling lifestyle in your later years is a long game. Planning for tomorrow starts today.

Join us at a series of events designed to inspire a community conversation about what an ageing demographic means for our region and for each of us individually.

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### MONDAY 18 SEPTEMBER

#### Housing our ageing community

1pm, Richmond Town Hall, 9 Cambridge St, Richmond

Kay Saville-Smith, Director at the Centre for Research, Evaluation and Social Assessment, and Dr Bev James, principal of Public Policy & Research at Good Homes for Good Lives research programme, will discuss housing options for the growing number of older adults in our communities.

### WEDNESDAY 20 SEPTEMBER

#### Staying well

7pm, Richmond Town Hall, 9 Cambridge St, Richmond

Richard Tranter, consultant psychiatrist at NMDHB, and Emeritus Professor Bevan Grant, will discuss why you shouldn't take your mental and physical health for granted, and practical steps you can take now to protect your future wellbeing.

### FRIDAY 22 SEPTEMBER

#### Doing it differently – life and work after 50

Noon, Nelson City Council Chamber, Civic House, corner Halifax and Trafalgar St

Geoff Pearman is an author and consultant who helps organisations in Australia and New Zealand to be more age-friendly. Come along to hear new ways to work in later years.

#### Senior Entrepreneurs

3pm, Nelson City Council Chamber, Civic House, corner Halifax and Trafalgar St

Ever thought about starting a business? Entrepreneurs over 50 are one of the fastest growing segments of all start-ups. Hear Geoff Pearman talk about the challenges and opportunities of starting a business in your later years, and how to get the support you need to start.

### WEDNESDAY 27 SEPTEMBER

#### Our changing world – and how to prepare financially

Noon, Nelson City Council Chamber, Civic House, corner Halifax and Trafalgar St

Leading New Zealand demographer, Dr Natalie Jackson, will explain the demographic changes sweeping New Zealand and what this means for Nelson. Then Troy Churton from the Commission for Financial Capability will give you the tools you need to be financially prepared for this very different future.

#### Financial security in retirement

6pm, Constance Barnicoat room, Richmond Library

Troy Churton from the Commission for Financial Capability will talk about retirement trends, income options after age 65, how to "decumulate" and much more. Be financially prepared.

# Outstanding community contributions recognised

Some of the district's longest-serving volunteers were recognised with awards at a ceremony in late August at the Headingly Centre in Richmond.

Mayor Richard Kempthorne congratulated all of the recipients, noting that it was their selfless donations of time, energy, kindness and expertise that made our communities better places to live.

Their contributions were wide and varied.

- Kris Russell: Riding for the Disabled programme
- Leigh Gamby: Services to Golden Bay and the community board
- Roger and Aynsley Langford : Services to Northern Golden Bay
- Des Henry: Volunteer planting and pest control with Keep Richmond Beautiful
- Allan Palmer: Higgins Heritage Park
- Russell McKendry: Aorere Futures Trust
- Elva Harwood: Forty years of service as a Justice of the Peace
- Elaine Salvador: Richmond Information Centre

In the modern time-poor world such dedication and length of service is admirable and sets an example for everyone to aim for. Thank you for your service, you are all truly outstanding.



*Outstanding in their field: From left: Kris Russell, Leigh Gamby, Roger and Aynsley Langford, Des Henry, Allan Palmer, Russell McKendry and Mayor Richard Kempthorne. Elva Harwood and Elaine Salvador were unable to attend on the day.*

## Tips for a smooth building consent

We've been receiving building consent application through the GoShift portal for couple of months. Below are some helpful tips to help your application to go through the process smoothly.

### Remember the Naming Protocols

Naming protocols are crucial to help us receive your application.

- Put the address in full
- Make sure your final set of documents looks something like this:

- 1ExampleStreet-Application.pdf
- 1ExampleStreet-BC78.pdf
- 1ExampleStreet-CT.pdf
- 1ExampleStreet-OTHER.pdf
- 1ExampleStreet-PLANS.pdf
- 1ExampleStreet-REPORTS.pdf
- 1ExampleStreet-SPECIFICATIONS.pdf

### Need help when registering with GoShift?

There's a video tutorial to help you set up your customer login on the GoShift website. Head to [goshift.co.nz/help](http://goshift.co.nz/help)

### Some helpful reminders

- Once your building consent application has been formally accepted by the Council the status will be updated to lodged on the GoShift site. After this point, you can check the progress on our website. Visit [tasman.govt.nz](http://tasman.govt.nz) and use keywords 'Building consent search'.

- If we send you a request for further information, send the extra details to [BCadmin@tasman.govt.nz](mailto:BCadmin@tasman.govt.nz).
- Payment of building consent deposits need to be paid through the Council's normal channels.

**Our website has step-by-step instructions for naming and ordering your documents.**

[www.tasman.govt.nz/link/building-faqs](http://www.tasman.govt.nz/link/building-faqs)

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# QUEEN STREET UPGRADE

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## What you need to know

We're now working across two stages to try to get work done faster.

Quick and quality work is our key focus. Work is well underway in Stage 2 and Downer has now moved into Stage 3. This is a change from the way we originally said the work would be carried out. Working across two stages is a more efficient way to progress the infrastructure replacements and allows Downer to work faster. Unfortunately, the trade-off is having to close off a longer section of the street. Downer will continue night work on the footpaths and work Saturdays where practicable.

- Stage 2 (Noel Leemings' temporary carpark entrance to Cambridge Street) is scheduled for completion in late-September.
- Stage 3 (Cambridge Street up to ASB Bank) is scheduled for completion in late-November, however the Cambridge Street intersection will open earlier.

### Stage 2 progress

The underground services have been replaced and the road construction is underway. Footpaths and streetscaping will follow.

### Stage 3 progress

The small section of Stage 3 past Sundial Square will remain open as long as possible. Although Cambridge Street is officially part of Stage 3, Downer will reopen access from Cambridge Street within a month of the Stage 2 opening. Vehicle access will be restored as soon as possible.

### Key things to remember:

- The footpaths remain open with access to all shops and there is plenty of parking
- The road is closed to vehicles between Noel Leemings' temporary carpark entrance to past Sundial Square.
- Access in and out via Croucher Street (Sundial Square) and Cambridge Street is closed.

## What lurks beneath

'As-built' plans are an integral record of any infrastructure project the Council completes.

So what exactly are they?

As-built plans are a set of drawings submitted by a contractor upon completion of a project or a particular job. They should reflect all changes made in the specifications and working drawings during the construction process, and show the exact dimensions, geometry and location of all elements of the work completed under the contract.

All councils throughout New Zealand record infrastructure changes from as-built documentation in their GIS database.

However, prior to the 1990s, as-built plans were not always provided and sometimes the final project build did not reflect the construction plans. As a result underground infrastructure could be located some length away from where it was planned. And some works were not recorded at all, while some proposed works never happened.

The Queen Street upgrade project has been fraught with interruptions mainly caused by unforeseen obstacles the contractors have encountered underground. These obstacles were unknown to the Council as a result of the "let's build it" approach without the "let's record it" follow up.

For example, the existing 300mm stormwater pipeline was deemed to be in good shape. The reality was quite different and the pipe had to be

replaced causing a delay in the work programme.

Another enforced delay happened when a layer of old coal tar seal was found in the road foundations. Coal tar contains contaminants requiring managed disposal in a landfill – an extra task for the contractor.

And it's not all bricks and mortar. Parts of Queen Street were infested with Argentine ants and these have to be dealt with while the road is open. Argentine ants don't like road works!

So next time you are in Queen Street, visit the construction site and see what lurks beneath the road – it's an eye opener.



Old



New

# NEWSLINE UPDATES



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## Scholarships for Tasman's youth leaders

Are you aged between 15 – 20, live in the Tasman District and keen to attend a youth leadership opportunity this year? Then we can help, with \$200.

Tasman \$200ships are available any time of year to support young people in our district attend courses like Outward Bound or Spirit of Adventure.

The application process is simple – visit [www.tasman.govt.nz/link/200](http://www.tasman.govt.nz/link/200)

## Planting at Higgs Reserve, Mapua Drive

**9.00 am – 1.00 pm, Sunday 10 September.**

Thanks to a donation by Trees That Count and Z Service Stations we have trees to plant on Higgs Reserve. Come and join us!

Wear sturdy footwear and gloves. Bring some drinking water and a spade if you would like to plant, other jobs available too. Planting will take place unless we have heavy rain. Morning tea will be provided.

Please contact Gillian Bishop, [mb7@xtra.co.nz](mailto:mb7@xtra.co.nz), Ph. 027 2407534 or Kathryn Brownlie [bandedrail@gmail.com](mailto:bandedrail@gmail.com), Ph. 021 0795133

## Are you ready to play?

The South Island Masters Games is back in Nelson from 4 – 8 October this year. Both competitive and social players are catered for. A highlight for many are the themed social functions. All activities are assured to make you feel fitter and healthier and think of all those challenges that can be achieved.

Register online at [www.simasters.com](http://www.simasters.com)

## Flush your taps

Did you know metals in some household fittings can be dissolved into your water? As all of Tasman District Council's drinking waters supplies are naturally 'soft', it means they can more easily absorb minute amounts of heavy metals such as lead, nickel and copper from your household plumbing.

The Ministry of Health therefore recommends that for these types of water supplies which are known as 'Plumbosolvent', people should not drink the first mugful of water if their tap has not been used for several hours, such as overnight. Instead, people should run the tap for a second or so, which will quickly flush away any water that has become contaminated with lead or any other metals from the plumbing fittings.

You should also never fill your kettle from your hot water tap, as it could have high levels of copper in it (from your hot water cylinder). Additional details on this issue can be sourced from the Ministry of Health website – [www.moh.govt.nz](http://www.moh.govt.nz) – search for 'plumbosolvency'.

## Do your trees hang low?

Now is a good time to check that the vegetation on your property hasn't become a nuisance. If you have a hedge, shrubs or trees that grow alongside a footpath it's up to you to make sure they don't make it hard for people to get past – including those with prams or mobility scooters. So please take a walk around your property and check if any trees, shrubs or bushes need a haircut.

## Not ready for the building inspector? Cancel early, no fee

**Cancel by 2.00 pm the day before the booking – no charge**

From 1 August 2017 you can cancel an inspection booking if you are not ready, until 2.00 pm the day before, without incurring any fees. Cancellation after 2.00 pm will incur a cancellation fee of \$150. Any inspection we encounter not ready at the time of inspection will result in a failed inspection and will incur the standard \$150 re-inspection fee.



NZ-RT2 is a group of volunteers which provides the community with an emergency response capability under the umbrella of the Nelson Tasman Civil Defence Emergency Group. We are seeking both frontline and team support roles. All aspects of training required by the team is provided. If this is for you email [NZRT2-recruitment@ncc.govt.nz](mailto:NZRT2-recruitment@ncc.govt.nz) or call 03 543 7290 for more information.

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## Notification of weight and/or speed limits on bridges

Heavy Motor Vehicle Regulations 1974 Regulation 11

Several roads in Tasman District have fixed maximum weight and speed limits for heavy motor vehicles and combinations including a heavy motor vehicle. The current limits are listed below:

Bridge Description:	Max Weight on any one Axle kg	Gross Weight (Max Sum of Axle Weight) kg	Max speed limit
Sherry River Road, Granity Creek or Papa Bridge:	N/A	N/A	10 km/hr
Tadmor – Glenhope Road, McConochies Bridge	N/A	N/A	10 km/hr
Rainy River Road, Swampy or Station or Gully Bridge	5,000 kg	19,000 kg	30 km/hr
Irvine Road, Wairoa River Bridge	5,000 kg	19,000 kg	30 km/hr
Aorere Valley Road, Walsh Stream Bridge	7,000 kg	8,000 kg	10 km/h
Collingwood– Puponga Road, Aorere Valley Bridge	N/A	N/A	30 km/hr
Packards Road, Packards Road Bridge	3,700 kg	N/A	N/A
Carter Road Carter Bridge	7,600 kg	25,600 kg	10 km/hr
Riwaka Valley Left Bank Road, Riwaka Left Bank	8,000 kg	N/A	N/A
Spring Creek Road, Spring Creek Bridge	5,000 kg	20,500 kg	10 km/hr
Kaka Limeworks Road, Jelineks Bridge	5,000 kg	15,200 kg	30 km/h
Owen Valley East Road, Brewery Creek Bridge	N/A	22,800 kg	30 km/h
Glengary Road, Glengary Bridge	N/A	25,200 kg	30 km/hr
Nuggety Creek Road, Buller River Bridge	5,000 kg	25,200 kg	10 km/hr
Peninsula Road, Peninsula Bridge	2,300 kg	3,500 kg	20 km/hr
Creighton Road, Ruskells Bridge	2,000 kg	8,500 kg	10km/hr
Lamb Valley Road, Hope Valley Bridge	N/A	27,000kg	30km/hr
Andrews Road, Andrews Road Bridge	6,400kg	37,700kg	10 km/hr
Dovedale Road, Eden Valley Stream Bridge	N/A	27,500kg	N/A
Baigent Road, Baigents Bridge	5,200 kg	7,700 kg	10 km/h
Polglaze Road, Polglaze Road Bridge	5,500 kg	11,500 kg	10 km/hr
Waitui Road, Rocky Creek Bridge	5,000 kg	N/A	10 km/hr
Parapara Valley Road, Parapara Valley Stream Bridge	N/A	20,500 kg	N/A
Cobb Valley Road, Sams Creek Bridge	N/A	N/A	10 km/hr
Baigent Reserve – Wakefield, 88 Valley Bridge – Ex. SH6	N/A	25,000kg	30km/hr

## Council Meetings

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

### Golden Bay Community Board

Collingwood Fire Station, Elizabeth Street. Tuesday 12 September 2017, 9.00 am. Public forum

### Motueka Community Board

Motueka Service Centre, Hickmott Place. Tuesday 19 September 2017, 4.00 pm. Public forum

### Community Development Committee

Council Chambers, 189 Queen Street, Richmond. Thursday 21 September 2017, 9.30 am. Public forum

### Audit and Risk Committee

Council Chambers, 189 Queen Street, Richmond. Thursday 21 September 2017, 11.30 am. 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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## Author Jenny Pattrick at Tasman Libraries

We're thrilled to be hosting renowned New Zealand author Jenny Pattrick at our libraries in late September. From The Denniston Rose through to her latest, Leap of Faith, Jenny's books have always been popular with our library customers. Her storytelling captures NZ's past with believable characters and settings and that x-factor that makes for a riveting read. Now's your chance to meet her and hear her talk about her books in person.

Jenny will be at Takaka Library on Tuesday 26 September at 7.30pm and at Richmond Library on Wednesday 27 September at 1.00pm and Motueka Library at 7.30pm.

Copies of Jenny's books will be on sale – cash sales only. Jenny will be happy to sign copies for you. Mark this date in your calendar now.

## In good health at Takaka Library

When it comes to health and wellness, there's a wealth of knowledge in Golden Bay. Now you can be inspired by a range of local practitioners and businesses as they share their secrets and success stories during Takaka Library's In Good Health series.

Find out about holistic nutrition with nourishment coach and wholefood chef Linda Ross. Learn how two local health-related businesses, Health Post and Tui Balms, got off the ground and grew into major enterprises. Explore natural skincare products with Love Your Skin founder Jenny Garret. Discover the benefits of mindfulness with Judith Rothstein. All talks are free. For more details go to the Featured Events page on the library website.

## Garage to glory at Motueka Library

From humble beginnings in his small Motueka garage to winning the Supreme Award at World Of Wearable Arts 2015, Peter Wakeman's story is an inspiration in turning creative ideas into reality. Hear Peter talk about his creative processes and how he goes about creating wearable art winners at Motueka Library 6.30pm Thursday 21 September.

## Motueka book launch

Godwits and shorebirds are iconic in Motueka with the annual godwit migration attracting increasing attention each year.

Join Cr Dana Wensley and Friends of Motueka Estuaries as they launch the late Pauline Samway's book 'Shorebirds'. With contributions from DOC and local migratory birds expert David Melville and featuring photos by award-winning photographer Rebecca Bowater, the book is sure to inspire interest.

The book launch is at Motueka Library 12.00noon Monday 18 September.

## Read Around the World winners

The winners of Tasman District Libraries' recent Read Around the World promotion have been announced. The Richmond House of Travel voucher was won by Sue Pryde, and the Motueka House of Travel voucher was won by Sandra Vincent.

The promotion was enthusiastically embraced by Tasman District Libraries readers, with more than 100 people entering. The competition involved reading books by authors from four different countries.

A huge thanks to the local businesses that supported this reading promotion with generous prize donations – House of Travel Motueka and House of Travel Richmond, PaperPlus The Mall, PaperPlus Motueka, TakeNote Takaka, Volume Bookshop and the Library Café.

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