

# NEWSLINE

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## Tasman reduces debt in 2016 – 2017

We have reduced our debt for the third year in a row and continued to strengthen our balance sheet, our latest Annual Report shows.

The report, now publicly available on our website, shows the Council's net external debt at the end of the 2016 – 2017 financial year was \$122 million. That has reduced from \$129 million at July 2016, and \$145 million at July 2015. We also recorded an underlying operating surplus of \$12.9 million.

Mayor Richard Kempthorne says careful control of spending, low interest rates, higher dividends from Port Nelson and Nelson Airport and increased forestry revenue all contributed. While our capital projects spend of \$32.7 million was below budget, a lot has been achieved in the year, including:

- Responding to the effects of the Kaikoura earthquake with extra facilities for St Arnaud and Murchison
- The start of joint landfill operations with Nelson City Council
- Progress on replacing the Kaiteriteri sewer main that runs under the Tapu Bay estuary with a land-based pipe
- Work towards improving freshwater quality
- Progress securing land and funding for the proposed Waimea Community Dam
- Completion of a new community recreation facility for Golden Bay

A small sample of some of our other work in the past year includes:

- Managing and maintained 810 hectares of parks and reserves, 52 playgrounds and 12 open cemeteries
- Supplying water to 11,100 domestic water connections
- Processing 1,564 building consents
- Making 156,350 library items available to the community
- Collecting 5232 tonnes of recycling

**Find out more: More information on the Annual Report 2016 – 2017 is available at [www.tasman.govt.nz/link/annual-report](http://www.tasman.govt.nz/link/annual-report).**



# Mayor's Message

For a long time now I have been looking forward to presenting an equitable funding and governance model for the Waimea Community Dam. We have finally reached that stage and have released the Consultation Document for the Waimea Community Dam.

The current proposal is quite different to the previous proposal consulted in 2014. This proposal includes a funding model that is much more favourable to ratepayers, water users and stakeholders. We make the recommendation to form a Council Controlled Organisation (CCO) to own and govern the construction, operation and maintenance of the dam. We are also proposing that Council underwrite the \$25 million loan from Crown Irrigation Investments Limited (CILL) to irrigators (Waimea Irrigators Limited).

The Consultation Document has been published on Council's website and outlines the full details of this

proposal. I would encourage you to read this. You are also welcome to contact the Council if you have any questions.

You will see later in this edition of Newsline a schedule of public meetings where you can hear about this proposal, ask any questions you have and give any feedback you wish. We would really appreciate submissions from our community, giving us your feedback on this proposal. We realise there are various views on this proposal and we would like to hear your view.

**Mayor Richard Kempthorne**



## In case you missed it...

### Full Council – 19 October 2017

- Adopted the Waimea Community Dam Governance and Funding Consultation Document. Consultation on the governance and funding proposals are open until 29 November 2017. More information, including public meetings and how to make a submission, is on pages 4 and 5.
- Agreed to a rates remission for a property in Wakefield that has had a land value and capital value increase as a result of a recent rezoning.

- Granted an easement over recreation reserve to allow Network Tasman to upgrade the power supply at the River View Campground in Murchison.
- Chief executive Lindsay McKenzie reported that an application for \$365,000 has been made to the Tourism Infrastructure Fund for improved facilities for visitors and campers in the District.
- Mayor Richard Kempthorne outlined plans to host a delegation from the Netherlands in December as part of events marking the 375th anniversary of Abel Tasman's visit to New Zealand.

## Freedom camping hearings held throughout District

A series of hearings on a draft Freedom Camping Bylaw were held last week in Motueka, Golden Bay and Wakefield.

The hearings were an opportunity for residents to outline their views on the proposals to councillors in person. The draft Freedom Camping Bylaw prompted 383 written submissions. Topics ranged from potential designated areas for freedom camping and enforcement, through to rubbish disposal.

The bylaw aims to allow for freedom camping in suitable locations, while safeguarding the environment and the wider community's ability to enjoy their local parks, swimming holes and neighbourhoods. The Council will consider all the submissions before making a decision on the content of any new bylaw in November.



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# QUEEN STREET UPGRADE



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## What you need to know

We are entering the last few weeks of roadworks on Queen Street for 2017. Work will stop on 1 December to ensure an obstacle-free street environment for the busy summer retail period.

We expect to begin construction again in early February 2018. Between now and December we will reopen the Cambridge Street intersection, and complete the underground infrastructure upgrades, as well as streetscaping, from the Richmond Library up past Sundial Square. The image shown here is an impression of how the area around Sundial Square will look after the upgrade.

### Key things to remember

- The wide footpaths in the completed street sections are for pedestrians only – please no parking, cycling or driving on the footpath or buffer strip.
- All shops are open for business as usual – head down to Queen Street and show your support.
- There is no vehicle access between Richmond Library and Made for Men.



## The First Taste brings crowds to Queen Street

The new-look section of Richmond's Queen Street played host to the First Taste street food festival in October, with about 1500 people joining in the fun.

Queen Street food businesses came out onto the street to offer a range of dishes, while cultural performances from the Chinese and Bhutanese communities, along with live music from local Waimea College bands Relm and Deadbeat Express, entertained the crowd. Other activities such as henna, origami and chalk art were also on offer.

Council Community Partnerships Officer Lani Evans said: "It was a chance for people to come down and get excited and experience the new street and what can happen in this space. We want it to be more than just a road – it is a point of connection for the community."

Richmond Unlimited Events and Marketing Coordinator Charlotte Bidlake was thrilled at the event's success. "It was a fantastic way for the businesses to re-connect with the public, and I received such positive feedback from both retailers and customers. What a great way it was to showcase the flexibility of the new street space."

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# CONSULTATION ON THE FINANCING AND GOVERNANCE OF THE WAIMEA COMMUNITY DAM

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**SAY**

The households and businesses of a significant part of the Tasman District do not have a water supply that is reliable enough to see them through a summer drought. On top of that, we do not have enough water for the growth we are experiencing. We also need to improve the condition of the Waimea River and increase its summer low flow.

**We need an augmented water supply. The Waimea Community Dam is the solution. It is the most cost effective option for providing a secure water supply for the next 100 years or more.**

After several years of negotiations, we are proposing a funding model for the Dam in partnership with Crown Irrigation Investments Ltd (CIIL), Waimea Irrigators Ltd (WIL) and Nelson City Council (NCC). What we are consulting on is how the \$75.9m Waimea Community Dam should be owned and managed, and how we should fund the Council's share of the Dam project costs (\$26.8 million).

## Why are we doing this?

We have a number of issues to solve.

- We don't have enough water to meet the needs of our growing community.
- Agricultural and horticultural businesses don't have the security of supply they need.
- The weather is changing with the summers getting longer and drier.
- The river's ecology faces massive challenges during the dry times.
- If we don't keep a flow in the river our essential aquifers risk salt water intrusion.

## What is our solution?

Providing enough flow in the Waimea River throughout the whole year to support the aquifers and groundwater that supply water to all on the Waimea Plains, while maintaining the river's environmental needs. The scheme is special because it uses the river to carry the water and aquifers to store it, rather than installing expensive pipes and pumps. This is nature's way.

## How do we do that?

Everyone knows we receive plenty of water throughout the year, however at the height of summer when the flow in the river drops there is not enough.

We are proposing to build a dam in the Lee Valley that will release the captured water through the dry period to maintain a flow of 1100 litres/second in the river, recharging aquifers and groundwater enabling us to meet all of the challenges listed above. More importantly it will preserve and enhance the Waimea River's ability to provide for our needs while maintaining its own environmental health.

Tasman, and specifically the urban area served by the Plains, is one of the nation's fastest growing areas; it has the climate, the natural beauty, and economic and social opportunities not found elsewhere.

The Waimea River is the lifeblood of the Plains. We all take our water from there, we swim in it and walk along it; the presence of the river is almost taken for granted. Its social, environmental and economic value is only dwarfed by the issues we would face on the Plains, in the District and regionally, if the river ceased to exist.

## We are not doing this on our own

- The Government sees value in this investment as a means of maintaining strategic horticultural and economic value as well as the environmental benefits it provides.
- Waimea Irrigators Ltd are contributing nearly half the cost, through capital subscription and a loan from Crown Irrigation Investments Ltd underwritten by the Council.
- Nelson City Council is consulting its residents about the level of their investment in providing a secure water supply on the Plains.

This is not about wanting a dam – it is about needing an augmented water supply for our District. Doing nothing is not an option.



Every residence in Tasman will be receiving a summary of the Statement of Proposal in their mailbox with the full Statement of Proposal available from Tasman District Council offices and libraries and online at [www.tasman.govt.nz/feedback](http://www.tasman.govt.nz/feedback)

Doing nothing is not an option.

# FIND OUT MORE

Come along to one of the public meetings to find out more about the proposals and talk to councillors and staff, or head to our website for information and supporting documents.

## PUBLIC MEETINGS

WHERE	WHEN	TIME AND PLACE
Tasman Area Community Assn Meeting	Wed 25 Oct	7.30 pm, Tasman School
Rotoiti	Tue 31 Oct	1.00 – 3.00 pm, Drop-in Session, Lake Rotoiti Hall
Murchison	Tue 31 Oct	6.00 – 8.00 pm, Drop-in Session, Murchison Recreation Centre
Brightwater	Mon 6 Nov	5.30 pm, – 7.00 pm, Drop-in Session, Brightwater School 7.30 pm, – Community Assn meeting, Brightwater School
Motueka Market	Sun 5 Nov	9.00 am – 12.00 pm, Drop-in Session
Richmond	Thu 9 Nov	5.30 – 7.00 pm, Drop-in Session, Council Chamber, Tasman District Council office
Mapua	Sat 11 Nov	10.00 – 12.00 pm, Drop in Session, Mapua Wharf Precinct
Mapua Districts Community Assn Meeting	Mon 13 Nov	7.00 pm, Mapua Hall
Golden Bay Community Board Meeting	Tue 14 Nov	10.00 am, Golden Bay Service Centre, Takaka
Collingwood	Tue 14 Nov	12.00 pm – 2.00 pm, Drop-in Session, St Cuthbert's Anglican Church, Collingwood
Takaka	Tue 14 Nov	4.00 pm – 5.30 pm, Drop-in Session, Golden Bay Service Centre meeting room
Moutere Hills Residents Assn Meeting	Thu 16 Nov	7.00 pm, Upper Moutere Community Centre
Richmond Mall	Sat 18 Nov	10.00 am – 12.00 pm, Drop-in Session
Wakefield Community Council Meeting	Mon 20 Nov	7.30 pm, St John's Centre, Wakefield
Motueka	Tue 21 Nov	3.00 pm – 4.00 pm, Drop-in Session, Motueka Service Centre 4.00 pm, Motueka Community Board meeting, Motueka Service Centre.
Tapawera & District Community Council Meeting	Tue 21 Nov	8.00 pm, Tapawera Community Centre
Richmond A & P Show	Sat 25 and Sun 26 Nov	Richmond, all day

## Slow the spread of pest ants

About 4500 households and businesses in our region have an infestation of Argentine or Darwin's ants. To slow their spread any further, we need to take care with sharing pot plants, potting mix, firewood and other materials from infested areas.

These ants are spread by any medium that contains an ant colony – for example, via infested pot plants, potting mixes, firewood, goods held in storage, landscaping supplies, topsoil and building materials sourced from ant infested areas. Before arranging for any supply

from a potentially infested area, ask that the supplier can guarantee that their goods are free of any ant contamination. Any vehicle, boat, caravan or motorhome that has been stationary in an infested area is at risk of having a colony on board, and should be checked and treated before leaving your neighbourhood.

Spring is the most effective time to treat infestations to slow the rate of expansion of ant colonies – so now is a great time to treat your property for ants.

Information on treatment options can be found at [www.tasman.govt.nz/link/ants](http://www.tasman.govt.nz/link/ants).

# NEWSLINE UPDATES



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## Parking changes in Richmond

As a result of the Queen Street upgrade, car parking availability has been disrupted with many of the time-restricted car park spaces on Queen Street unavailable while work proceeds. To help make your visit to Richmond easier, the Council recently approved some changes to ensure enough time limited parking is available. This includes:

- Twenty three of the previous "all-day" parking spaces at the south east end of the Petrie (Library) car park are now designated as "P120".
- Seventeen of the previous "all-day" parking spaces at the northwest end of the Petrie car park are now designated as "P120".
- About 52 metres of kerbside on the southwest side of McGlashen Ave, immediately southeast of McIndoe Pl, is now designated as "P120".
- About 16 metres of kerbside on the southwest side of McGlashen Ave adjacent to 13 McGlashen Ave, is now designated as "P120" car parking.
- About 37 metres of kerbside on the southwest side of McGlashen Ave adjacent to numbers 7 and 9 McGlashen Ave is now designated as "P30" car parking.
- An additional length of "no parking" road marking has been painted on the northern corner at the intersection of Doran St and McGlashen Ave.

We have also designated an extra parking space for use by electric vehicles close to the charging station in Petrie car park and another parking space for mobility car holders at the rear of the Richmond Library. Richmond Unlimited has also secured free all-day parking at the A&P Showgrounds.

## Draft Regional Pest Management Plan Open for Consultation

Introduced pest animals and pest plants pose major challenges for our region. These pests affect our productive sector and natural ecosystems, destroying the habitat of native birds, animals and insects. We are fortunate in Nelson-Tasman to have many committed groups involved in managing environmental pests. These range from smaller community groups working along waterways and estuary margins to those involved with innovative projects such as the Brook Sanctuary, Project Janszoon and Project Mohua, the work undertaken by the Department of Conservation staff and their contractors on public land, and groups such as Friends of Flora, Friends of Rotoiti and Friends of Cobb. The draft Regional Pest Management Plan is designed to support the work of these individuals, organisations, groups and agencies. It's the only Regional Pest Management Plan that involves two councils working together to provide a better outcome. The focus of the draft plan is on high-risk pests that are in the early stages of infestation as these make best use of the councils' limited resources.

In most situations, the occupier is responsible for managing pests on their property. One of the changes in this draft plan is that Council staff will formally take responsibility for controlling two categories of pests (Exclusion Pests and Eradication Pests) as this is the most efficient way to deal with them.

### Have your say

You can read the draft plan and make a submission online at [www.tasman.govt.nz/feedback](http://www.tasman.govt.nz/feedback) or in person at any Tasman District Council office.

## Get your Summer Event Licence sorted by 21 November

Are you planning a one-off summer event that includes the sale of alcohol? If so, you will need to apply for a special licence. A special licence will allow you to sell alcohol at a one-off occasion or event, such as a food and wine festival or a quiz night. Licensed premises can also apply for a one-off extension to their hours or area for a special occasion or event.

If your event will be held between 20 December 2017 and 7 February 2018, you need to apply for your special licence by 21 November 2017.

You can find out more about special licences and download an application form at [www.tasman.govt.nz/link/special-licence](http://www.tasman.govt.nz/link/special-licence).

## Richmond housing choice

We're proposing to change our planning rules to encourage medium density housing in Richmond, close to the town centre.

Reduced household sizes, changes in lifestyles and an ageing population are resulting in an increased demand for small and compact properties. Changing to medium density residential housing allows greater choice of living opportunities and encourages more efficient use of land and infrastructure.

Find out more about the proposed changes and make a submission at [www.tasman.govt.nz/feedback](http://www.tasman.govt.nz/feedback).

**Submissions close on Monday 27 November.**

All of your Tasman District Council information at: [www.tasman.govt.nz](http://www.tasman.govt.nz)

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## Abel Tasman Cycle Challenge

**Saturday 18 November.**

Nelson Tasman cyclists' favourite roads have been linked together to create the Abel Tasman Cycle Challenge event. At just under 160km, the course will reward cyclists with world-class views of mountain ranges, rivers, streams, national parks, tidal estuaries and golden sand beaches. Cyclists of all levels are welcome to enter the second edition of this event and discover the true centre of cycling in New Zealand.

It's not too late to enter. On road distances are 155km, 73km and the popular 47km "Nifty Fifty". For mountainbike riders, each lap of Silvan Park will take about 45 minutes. You can go solo or enter a two-person or four-person team. Everyone will finish at the same point on Avery Field in Richmond. Join the hundreds of riders already entered. **Details and online entry at [www.atcc.nz](http://www.atcc.nz).**

## History brought to life

**Sunday 19 November, 2.00 – 4.00 pm, Easby Park, Richmond.**

Discover the untold historic stories as you walk through Easby Park. This is not your ordinary history tour, actors will entertain you as they showcase what life was like many years ago. Come learn about your local history.

## Brand new Top of the South Maps out now!

Have a look at detailed local maps, including historic aerial photos.

**Check out [www.topofthesouthmaps.co.nz](http://www.topofthesouthmaps.co.nz).**

## Meter readings for water consent holders has started

Weekly meter readings for water resource consents began on Monday 30 October 2017. Consent holders should have received a reminder letter, either by email or in the post. **New metering returns:** If you send your returns online, you may notice some changes in the app. Your access details have not changed.

**More information:** If you wish to change your return method or you have any queries surrounding water metering requirements, please contact us.

- **Jim Trembath:** Ph. 03 543 8412  
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## Kaiteriteri Waka Ama racing

The Harbourmaster has granted authorisations for the following events during the upcoming holiday period.

- **17 and 18 November 2017, Kaiteriteri: Waka Te Tasman, Waka Ama Racing**

### 24 HOUR ASSISTANCE: PHONE YOUR LOCAL SERVICE CENTRE

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<b>MURCHISON</b>	03 523 1013
<b>MOTUEKA</b>	03 528 2022
<b>TAKAKA</b>	03 525 0020

## 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).

### Joint Committee of both Councils

Nelson City Council. Tuesday 7 November 2017, 9.30 am.  
Public forum

### Environment and Planning Committee

Council Chambers, 189 Queen Street, Richmond. Thursday 9 November 2017, 9.30 am. Public forum

### Commercial Committee

Council Chambers, 189 Queen Street, Richmond. Friday 10 November 2017, 1.30 pm. No public forum

### Golden Bay Community Board

Golden Bay Service Centre, 78 Commercial Street. Tuesday 14 November 2017, 9.00 am.  
Public forum

### Joint Shareholders Committee

Nelson City Council. Tuesday 14 November 2017, 1.30 pm.  
Public forum

### Full Council

Council Chambers, 189 Queen Street, Richmond. Thursday, 16 November 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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## Library survey coming soon

We really want to know what you like about your library – and also what you think we could change, improve or add.

So rather than second-guessing you, we're running a library survey to find out directly from you. The more people that take part in the survey the better so once it's live please encourage your friends, relations and neighbours to complete it.

What's more you don't have to be a Tasman library member to take the survey. Everyone, library user or not, is welcome to take the survey. Just as everyone is welcome in our libraries.

The survey will be available from mid-November online via the library website – [www.tasmanlibraries.govt.nz](http://www.tasmanlibraries.govt.nz) – just click on the banner on the homepage. You'll also find the survey link on the library's Facebook page. Or you can pick up a print copy from any of our libraries or Council service centres. Just drop your completed survey in to your local library.

All surveys are anonymous. We'd appreciate it if you'd complete just one survey per person.

We're looking forward to hearing from you.

## Philip Simpson at Richmond Library

Come along to Richmond Library on Wednesday 8 November at 12.30pm and hear local author and renowned ethnobotanist Philip Simpson talking about his new book *Tōtara: A Natural and Cultural History*.

In this stunning book, Philip covers every aspect of the Tōtara, from its place in the natural world to the historical, social and cultural importance of this tree for both Pakeha and Māori.

Philip's early interest in plants led to botany, conservation and the writing of two earlier acclaimed publications, *Dancing Leaves on New Zealand's cabbage tree* and *Pohutukawa and Rata*, New Zealand's iron-hearted trees.

Tōtara is a wonderful addition to the literature available on New Zealand native trees.

Don't miss what promises to be a fascinating talk. Book signings and sales available.

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## Coming soon – Wild about Reading

Wild about Reading, Tasman District Libraries' popular summer reading programme for kids aged 5–12, is coming soon.

The programme is designed to encourage children to continue reading through the six-week summer holiday break. It's a fun way to keep the reading habit.

Reading can be your child reading on their own, 'read with me' (for those not yet reading on their own), family reading or shared reading. A great opportunity for everyone in the family to get involved.

Registrations open in early December. Keep an eye on the library website to find out more. Get wild about reading at your local library this summer.

## Mystery Ink at Richmond Library

Books, games and snacks for teens 12+ at Richmond Library on Thursday 30 November from 3.30–4.30pm. Come to the final Mystery Ink of the year to get your hands on brand new Young Adult fiction, meet Pizza Bear and have some fun!

## Get crafty at your library

Cosy up with other crafters for an hour or two at your library. Share skills with other crafters or dust off that old project and be inspired to complete it and start something new.

Motueka Library's Craft & Yarn group meets every second Wednesday 1.30–3.00pm. The next meeting is 15 November.

And Good Crafternoon meets every Wednesday 12.30–2.00pm at Richmond Library.

## Gerard Hindmarsh at Motueka Library

Catch up with Golden Bay author Gerard Hindmarsh at Motueka Library on Wednesday 15 November from 6.30pm. Gerard will be talking about his latest book *Kahurangi Stories: More Tales from Northwest Nelson*. Gerard is an entertaining speaker with plenty of fascinating stories to tell. It's sure to be a fun evening.

## Miniature gardens workshop at Motueka Library

Come along to Motueka Library on Friday 24 November 3.30–5.00pm and create a tiny garden. This workshop is for both children and adults. Create something together or make your own special miniature or tabletop garden. Bring along your own tiny treasure to add if you want. Let your imagination and creativity go wild.

Materials are provided. Cost \$2.00. Registration and pre-payment is essential. Numbers are limited to 20. Phone 03 528 1047 or call into the library to book your place.

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