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Widening of Bateup Road begins

Work to widen Richmond's
Bateup Road and provide a shared
walkway/cycleway begins in late
March.

The work will make Bateup Road safer for all users and help cater for increased traffic resulting from growth – including a new supermarket and residential subdivisions - in the area.

The road and footpaths will be made wider from Three Brothers Corner to Wensley

Road, and a shared walkway/cycleway will be created.

A roadside drain will be replaced with piped stormwater and some stormwater storage chambers.

Higgins Contracting is carrying out the construction. Tasman District Council project manager Graham Rimmer says the work is extensive and will require Bateup Road to be reduced to one lane for its entire length during construction. The project is due for completion by Christmas 2018.

"We appreciate this is going to be a lengthy period of construction for residents and others who use Bateup Road – and we thank you in advance for your patience," Graham says.

"Richmond is growing extremely quickly and we do need to carry out some pretty major infrastructure upgrades to cater for that. There aren't any quick, easy fixes but the end result will serve our growing population for many years to come. I hope everyone can bear with us in the meantime."



Make a submission on Tasman's Long Term Plan:

- Visit www.tasman.govt.nz/LTP
- Post to LTP Submissions, Tasman District Council, Private Bag 4, Richmond 7050
- Email to info@tasman.govt.nz

Consultation closes 5.00 pm, Thursday 5 April 2018



Mayor's message

People are likely to be aware by now that we have been successful in securing support from the Government to assist in the district's recovery from Cyclone Gita.

The support is in the form of three grants;

- Access to \$500,000 of Enhanced Taskforce Green for land based businesses that we have to share with similarly affected people in Taranaki,
- \$80,000 specifically targeted at business assistance for businesses negatively affected by recent cyclones, and
- \$20,000 to assist recovery through one-off hardship grants to residents to cover such things as the essentials for daily life (food, utilities and accommodation) not already covered by other support.

We have established the criteria for application to the funds – basically how much and for what. They are now open for application either through our website or from our offices. If anyone affected by the cyclone still needs assistance to work their way through repair and restoration we will certainly help where we can. Please call our customer services in the first instance and say you calling regarding recovery.

A major part of the recovery process has been the repair to the Takaka Hill road enabling access to and from Golden Bay. The work on this job by NZTA and their contractors has been outstanding from the first drone shots showing the extent of the damage 3 weeks ago to the ever increasing hours of access that the ongoing repairs have enabled.

It is great to know Golden Bay is open for business. People may experience delays on the hill, please see this as adding to the experience. While the road may be less than ordinary in some places, what the Bay has to offer is still extraordinary and well worth the trip.





In case you missed it ...

A round-up of recent Council meetings and the decisions made.

Environment and Planning Committee - 22 March 2018

- · Agreed to change the policy that helps guide decision-making on developers' applications for Special Housing Areas. The changes are designed to encourage greater affordability, ensure consistency, and be clear about the process for community consultation when it is required.
- Agreed to recommend a Special Housing Area for Chisnall Street, Richmond, to the Minister of Building and Housing.
- Received a summary of public feedback on possible changes to planning rules for managing electrical transmission lines. Changes are needed to give effect to the Government's National Policy Statement for Electrical Transmission. The next step is for Council staff to work with stakeholders to develop the draft rules before beginning a wider public consultation process.
- Approved the Environmental Policy team's work programme for 2018. Priorities include: natural hazards, freshwater, land

- disturbance (including sediment management and land stability) and growth.
- Environment and Planning Manager Dennis Bush-King reported on our submission to the Water Conservation Order Tribunal for Te Waikoropupu Springs. The Council supports the application for a WCO for the Springs in principle, and seeks protection for different but related water bodies that contribute to flows at the Springs.
- Dennis also provided an update on the Kotahitanga mō te Taiao Alliance – an environmental leadership partnership for the Top of the South that includes the Tasman, Nelson, Buller, West Coast and Marlborough councils, Department of Conservation, Ngāti Apa, Te Atiawa, Ngāti Kuia and Ngāti Waewae. The alliance will work to develop a conservation strategy for the Top of the South.
- Staff have been working with NIWA on investigating the effects of fine sediment on our rivers. A report on fine sediment in the Waimea and Moutere Rivers will be posted on our website, www.tasman.govt.nz.



Get involved in Tasman's future

We need your input. The Long Term Plan for 2018 – 2028 will determine what we do, how much we spend, and where our priorities lie looking ahead for the next decade.

This is your community and we want to hear from you. Do you think we have the balance of priorities right?

The 5 Key Issues

- · Rates Affordability and Managing Council's Debt
- · Growth and Infrastructure
- · Development and Financial Contributions Policy
- · Drinking Water Supply and Quality
- Funding Motueka's Water Supply





Visit www.tasman.govt.nz/LTP, or pop in to a Tasman District Council office or library.

Submissions close on 5 April 2018.

Funding Motueka's Water Supply

One of the key issues in the Long Term Plan is Motueka's future water supply. We need to spend \$5.9 million upgrading Motueka's reticulated water supply to meet New Zealand Drinking Water Standards.

The costs will have to be paid for by all residents connected to the reticulated network, and this will have a significant impact on their water rates.

We propose

- To introduce a fixed service charge for all properties connected to the reticulated service. The charge will progressively increase over three years.
- To fund the rest of the costs through volumetric water charging.



Road to Golden Bay open for Easter

To experience the extraordinary, sometimes you have to travel a road less ordinary.

The access roads might take a little longer to navigate but Golden Bay tourist operators want visitors to know: Paradise still awaits.

Vehicle access over State Highway 60 is fully open over Easter.

Easter opening hours

- open each day, all day

The Takaka Hill road will be open 8am -5pm all of Easter, Good Friday to Easter Monday inclusive.

The Thursday night (29 March) opening from 5 pm is likely to be extended to later so that people know they can travel to/ from Golden Bay for their holiday break without the need to rush.

The Bay is back

The Bay is back and still offers one of the best experiences any traveller, local or international, can have.

The weather, beaches and untouched beauty are as spectacular as ever, as are the unique offerings in terms of accommodation, art and experience. Your reward for a little forward planning waits just over the hill.





Easter holiday services

Richmond collections Good Friday - bins out by 7.00am

- · Kerbside Rubbish and Recycling collections take place on Good Friday in Richmond (not Saturday as shown in the recycling calendar)
- · Collections in Golden Bay, Riwaka and Kaiteriteri take place as normal from 7.00am Monday

Other Services

- · Resource Recovery Centres are closed Good Friday
- · All Tasman District Council offices and libraries will be closed Friday 30 March and Monday 2 April

Thanks to our kerbside collection workers

A big thank you to Smart Environmental staff, who are going the extra mile to make sure kerbside collections in Golden Bay carry on as usual.

The crew have been travelling to Golden Bay every Sunday and staying overnight to make sure they can begin collections at the usual time on a Monday morning. Over Easter, this means they will be working on Good Friday in Richmond, travelling on Easter Sunday, and carrying out collections in Golden Bay on Easter Monday. Your efforts are greatly appreciated.



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Temporary roundabout planned for Talbot Street

Richmond residents and shoppers will soon notice changes in Talbot Street as plans are put in place to manage a temporary increase in traffic during the next phase of the Queen Street Upgrade.

Upgrade works will soon require the closure of the remaining Queen Street entrance to the Richmond Mall/Warehouse carpark. Extra pressure will come on nearby Talbot Street as shoppers use the alternative entry and exit points to the mall carpark instead.

Extended closure of Queen Street/Wensley Road roundabout

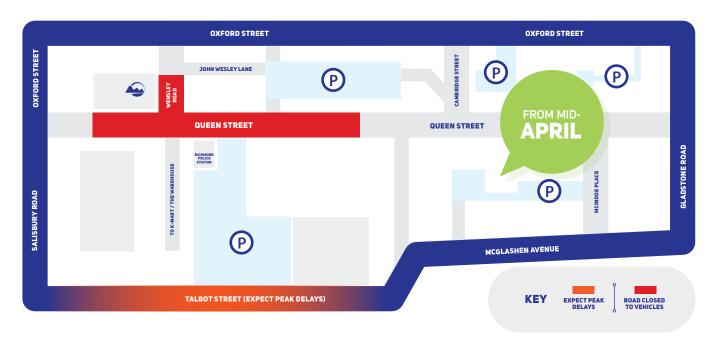
In mid-April the roundabout will close for about six weeks to allow the remaining underground pipe upgrades, street reprofiling and streetscaping to take place. We have been working with the owners of the Mall/ Warehouse carpark to reduce disruption as much as possible, and will make some temporary changes to the layout of Talbot Street to help manage the extra traffic.

These include:

 a small temporary roundabout on Talbot Street at the middle entry/exit to the carpark to aid traffic flows in and out;

- removal of several parking spaces on Talbot Street to improve visibility;
- monitoring traffic flows and altering the timing of the traffic lights at the Salisbury Road/Talbot Street intersection if necessary.

Even with these measures, there will be queues at peak times on Talbot Street and motorists should expect some delays. Consider the timing of your journey and use other routes whenever possible to help ease congestion.







NEWSLINE UPDATES



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Trustpower Community Awards celebrate 25 years

Local community organisations can share in an increased prize pool for this year's Trustpower Community Awards.

The Trustpower Community Awards, which recognise and reward the efforts of volunteers, first took place 25 years ago. Trustpower Community and Communications Advisor Abbie Siely says reaching this milestone has inspired the company to adopt a fresh approach – increasing prize money and widening the celebration to include neighbouring districts.

"This year, the prizemoney for a Trustpower Community Award will double to \$1,000. Regional Supreme Winners will receive \$2,000 – up from \$1,500 last year – and a trip for two to the 2018 Trustpower National Community Awards." In a change from previous years, both Nelson and Tasman will each name a Supreme Winner, meaning two groups will progress to the Trustpower National Awards held the following year.

- The Trustpower Community Awards are open to all community organisations with a voluntary component.
- Trustpower Community Award recipients are recognised for services to the community in areas including, but not limited to: Heritage and Environment; Health and Wellbeing; Arts and Culture; Sport and Leisure; Education and Child/ Youth Development.
- Anyone can enter a group groups can even enter themselves.
- Enter online at trustpower.co.nz/ communityawards

Positive Ageing Expo

6 April 2018, 10.00 am - 3.00 pm, Headingly Centre, Richmond.

With more than 75 stallholders, the expo has plenty to offer anyone interested in making ageing a positive experience. Stallholders include the Vintage Car Club displaying classic cars, the Men's Shed doing wood turning, the Nelson Historical Society promoting the region's history, right through to Carfit car comfort and safety checks and NMIT nursing students conducting free health checks.

There will also be a wide range of seminars and demonstrations and a chance to have a go at activities such as e-bikes (available all day), a Legends Vitality Fitness Class, and mindfulness activities.



Motueka Kai Fest

Sunday 8 April 2018, 10.00am - 3.00pm, Decks Reserve Motueka. This annual signature event celebrates Motueka's abundant produce with more than 100 local food stalls and demonstrations, pageantry, entertainment and seminars. The whole community is involved, including schools, community groups and food industries. Entry is free.

Understanding the Power of Digital Marketing for your Business

Tuesday 24 April 2018, Mapua Community Hall – Bill Marris Room, Aranui Rd, Mapua, 12.15 pm – 1.45 pm.

In this talk, Leon Jay will help demystify digital marketing, and teach you what you need to do to get real-world results from the web (and avoid wasting money on marketing fads, gimmicks or cowboys.)

Leon has written five books on the topic of online business and marketing, taught on stages around the world, was featured on the cover of 'Internet Marketing Magazine', developed his own online marketing platform, was Director of Marketing for a multimillion-dollar e-commerce company, and last year taught the very popular 'Digital Marketing For Local Businesses' course here in Nelson. His talks always fill the room so be sure to book your seat to avoid disappointment. Brought to you by the Nelson Tasman Business Trust. This is a free event however registration is required by 20 April 2018. Please RSVP to Melanie at mdba@mapua.co.nz.





NEWSLINE **UPDATES**



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Next step for digital building consents mid-year

In the second half of this year Tasman District and Nelson City councils will take the next step toward a fully digital building consent process by implementing the AlphaOne building consent system.

"From submitting an application to issuing the Code Compliance Certificate will be an online process," said project manager Sarah Abrey.

"The benefit for customers is the increased visibility and the ability to track the progress of consents. Once the application is in the system, customers can see how it is progressing and provide further information as necessary."

Information sessions will also be held later in the year, Sarah said.

"After the initial set up phase, we'll be offering some hands on sessions for our business customers and the public - keep an eye out."

The joint council project will look to streamline some processes across both councils, Sarah says.

Calling our Facebook friends!

If you are friends with us on Facebook, you may have noticed we've gone a little guiet. Facebook has decided that because Tasman District Council is not a person, we are not allowed to operate a profile on the social media site. We're appealing to the powers that be, because we think it's important we can contribute to community conversations, and provide answers on topics raised in social media when we're asked to.

In the meantime, you can still keep up with Council information by liking our page -Tasman District Council - or following us on Twitter - @tasmandc. We'd love it if you would share posts you think are relevant to your community in any community pages or groups you belong to, such as the Takaka Noticeboard or Brightwater Community page.

> All of your **Tasman District Council** information at: www.tasman.govt.nz

Opportunity knocks for Tapawera

Community meeting, 5,30pm, Wednesday 11 April, Tapawera Hotel. All welcome.

The Tapawera community has been invited to apply to a partnership support programme with the Department of Internal Affairs (DIA). The programme would see DIA offer intensive advice and support, while working with other government agencies, tangata whenua, local authorities, funders, businesses and local organisations to support the community achieve locally-led initiatives. As Tapawera puts plans in place, the community will also be able to request funding support.

In 2015, the Tapawera and Districts Community Council (TDCC) brought together more than 20 community members to outline a development strategy for Tapawera. Key short-term initiatives were to improve information signs, the TPA website and introduce free wifi. Mediumterm initiatives included realising business and tourism opportunities from Tasman's Great Taste Trail, putting a cycle bridge over the Baton and improving transport options to and from town. Long-term priorities focused on improved sport and recreational facilities, particularly for youth.

The first DIA programme partners were selected in March 2017 and included Blackball on the West Coast. Penny from the DIA and Cynthia from Formerly The Blackball Hilton will attend the meeting to share their Blackball experience.

Sport NZ rural travel fund

Does your sports team have places to go and games to win?

The Sport NZ Rural Travel Fund aims to make it easier for young people living in rural communities to participate in team sports.

The fund can help subsidise travel costs for junior teams to enable them to take part in local sports competition. It is targeted at young people aged between 5-19 years.

Who is eligible?

The Rural Travel Fund is open to rural sports clubs and rural school teams with players aged between 5-19 years.

The closing date is 30 April 2018. Application forms and further information

is online at tasman.govt.nz/council/grantsfunding.



Council Meetings

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

Unless otherwise stated, all meetings will be held at Council Chambers, 189 Queen Street, Richmond.

Creative Communities Subcommittee

Tuesday 3 April 2018, 10.00 am. No public forum

Full Council

Thursday 5 April 2018, 9.30 am. Public forum

Golden Bay Community Board

Tuesday 10 April 2018, 9.00 am. Golden Bay Service Centre, 78 Commercial Street, Takaka. Public

Community Development Committee

Thursday 12 April 2018, 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 growth 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 public forum. Each speaker is allocated me minutes. You don't need to per-epister 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.

WRITE CHOICES FROM THE TASMAN DISTRICT LIBRARIES



Easter holiday hours

All Tasman libraries will be closed on Friday 30 March and Monday 2 April for Easter. Richmond, Motueka and Takaka Libraries are open 9.30 am - 1.00 pm as usual on Saturday 31 March.

Stock up on your holiday reading and watching today. And if you can't get into the library before the holiday, remember that our e-books as well as PressReader newspapers from around the world are available 24/7 with your library card and PIN.

New Writing Group at Richmond Library

Richmond Library is launching a new writing group for adults. The group is free to attend and is for anyone who is interested in writing – whether you're a novice or an expert.

We already have an exciting calendar of events arranged with NMIT creative writing teacher Kerry Sunderland speaking at the first meeting on Tuesday 17 April, 1.00-3.00 pm. CopyPress Publishing owner Dave Macmanus will be speaking on Tuesday 15 May and award-winning playwright and author Michelanne Forster on Tuesday 19 June. All welcome, bookings not required.

School holidays are almost here

It's just another couple of weeks before Term 1 ends and school holidays arrive. We have a great range of holiday activities happening in our libraries. From storytimes and crafts to hands-on makerspace sessions you'll find something to interest and entertain the kids at your local library.

You'll find full details of what's on where and when on the library website Featured Events page.

Plus of course the exciting range of books, talking books and DVDs on offer will keep the whole family busy.

See you in the library these holidays.

Author Alan Carter at Motueka Library

Award-winning crime writer Alan Carter will be at Motueka Library on Tuesday 10 April at 6.30 pm. Alan will be talking about his latest book Marlborough Man, a gripping police thriller about the hunter and the hunted and what happens when evil takes hold in a small town. Copies of Alan's book will be on sale for \$35.

Blast from the past at Takaka Library

It's 10 years since Takaka Library's new building was opened. To mark the occasion some local identities will be reminiscing about life in the Bay in a series of talks during April. A Blast from the Past – Memories of Golden Bay from Days Gone By is on at Takaka Library every Friday 1.00-2.00 pm from 13 April until 4 May. Full details available on the library website Events page.

Your library – celebrating the past, creating the future

Play Scrabble at Motueka Library

Do you enjoy a good game of Scrabble? Well, now you can indulge at Motueka Library with our regular Scrabble afternoons every Wednesday and Thursday afternoon from 2.00 to 4.00pm. Our Scrabble games will be available for you to play in the library. Bring along a friend or meet new Scrabble enthusiasts and while away a couple of hours exercising your brain in a relaxed atmosphere.

Poetry at Motueka Library

If you're a budding poet or you enjoy reading poetry come along to Motueka Library's autumn poetry afternoon on Friday 27 April 2.00 - 3.00 pm. Share your own work or a favourite poem with an autumnal theme or just sit back, listen and enjoy.

Joy Cowley visiting Takaka Library

We're delighted that Joy Cowley is visiting Takaka Library on Thursday 3 May. Joy will talk to children in the library during the day. And in the evening Joy will present a talk for adults on the healing power of language. Full details soon on the library website.



