

# NEWSLINE

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## Hearings set to begin for Tasman's Long Term Plan

Consultation has now closed on Tasman's plan for the next 10 years. A huge thank you to everyone who got involved in some way – whether you came along to one of the public meetings, watched one of the videos on our website or social media, or read the written material to help you make a submission on the Long Term Plan 2018 – 2028.

At the close of consultation, we had received about 500 submissions on the plan. Staff are now reading through all the submissions and identifying any common themes from the feedback.

The next step will be hearings, held from 18 – 24 April, where anyone who has made a submission can speak about their views.

If you indicated in your submission that you wish to speak directly to councillors at a hearing, you should have heard from us with a proposed time. If you haven't heard

from us, please give us a call on 543 8400 so we can make sure you have an opportunity to speak.

The councillors will consider all the submissions, before making final decisions on what to include or exclude from the Long Term Plan. A final version of the plan will be adopted on 28 June.

The plan determines which projects we carry out, how much we spend on infrastructure and community facilities, and where our priorities lie for the next 10 years. It is reviewed every three years, with

changes made to reflect the changing views and needs of the community.

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**Find out more: More information about the Long Term Plan 2018 -2028 is available at [www.tasman.govt.nz/LTP](http://www.tasman.govt.nz/LTP).**

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# Mayor's Message

Over the past six weeks I have attended many of the consultation meetings with our community to talk about the Long Term Plan.

Written submissions closed on 5 April and there may have been some late submissions on the way. Thank you to all members of our community who came to those meetings and shared their views about our proposed plan to provide services in a way that is financially sustainable and delivers what our community wants and needs. Thank you also to the many councillors and staff who attended these meetings, particularly Deputy Mayor Tim King who presented when I wasn't available.

I am also aware that there are many property owners who still have major challenges to repair damaged property. All credit to the New Zealand Transport Agency for the repair work that has been accomplished on the Takaka Hill. While the Council has made significant inroads into the repair work needed on Council roads, there is still a long way to go repairing culverts and streams. Greater accessibility to Golden Bay over the Takaka Hill will have alleviated

some of the financial loss suffered due to road closures but undoubtedly there has been a significant impact on many businesses in Golden Bay, as well as some of the orchards and rural properties at the bottom of the Separation Point granite hills in Marahau, Riwaka, Brooklyn and the Motueka West Bank.

We haven't forgotten you. Let's all be aware of those who have taken a real hammering and stand beside them as they rebuild businesses and lives. Thank you to those who have lent a hand to those in need and let's remain aware of the needs of others in our community as we rebuild.

**Mayor Richard Kempthorne**



Recovery grants: Information is at [www.tasman.govt.nz/link/recovery-grants](http://www.tasman.govt.nz/link/recovery-grants).

## In case you missed it ...

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

### Engineering Services Committee – 29 March 2018

- Committee chairman Stuart Bryant reported public submissions to the Regional Land Transport Plan had raised speed and safety concerns about State Highway 60 between Three Brothers Corner and Maisey Road. As a result, the Regional Transport Committee has recommended that NZTA urgently reviews the speed limit on that stretch of road.
- The committee approved \$300,000 (which includes a 50% subsidy from NZTA) towards the upgrade of Olivers Road intersection, which will be the main access to a proposed new motorsport park at Stanley Brook. The Kohatu Motorsports Park Trust will fund any costs above \$300,000 for the upgrade, which is planned for the current financial year.

### Full Council – 5 April 2018

- Received a petition from Save our Springs. See more on page 3.
- Received a report on the costs associated with ex-cyclones Fehi and Gita. More on page 4.
- Agreed to consider a revised plan for future capital works at Saxton Field, including a link road from Champion Road. The work

will be considered as part of finalising the Long Term Plan budgets for 2018 – 2028.

- Discussed opportunities for working with Nelson City Council, Marlborough District Council and the Nelson Regional Development Agency on bidding for Government Provincial Growth Fund funding.
- Agreed to award a contract for the operation and maintenance of the Council's water, wastewater and stormwater networks to Downer New Zealand.
- Approved an increase in hire charges for the Motueka Memorial Hall. The charges have remained unchanged for seven years, and the rise will help meet increased electricity, cleaning and maintenance costs.
- Received a report on housing and business market activity in Nelson and Richmond. A comparison of new home consents with projected household growth shows an overall undersupply of housing for the urban area.
- Agreed to begin preliminary work to form Waimea Water Ltd, a Council-controlled organisation to manage the Waimea Community Dam if built. More about the dam is on page 5.

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# QUEEN STREET UPGRADE

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## Upgrade moves into next phase

Queen Street Upgrade works have moved into the area of the roundabout at Queen Street and Wensley Road, and the roundabout will be closed for an extended period for the next phase of construction.

### Extended intersection closure

Within the next two weeks, the Queen Street/Wensley Road intersection will close completely while the roundabout is reconstructed and streetscaping is carried out.

This will be a challenging time, as both Queen Street entrances to the Richmond Mall/Warehouse carpark will be closed. We've been working with the carpark's owners to manage

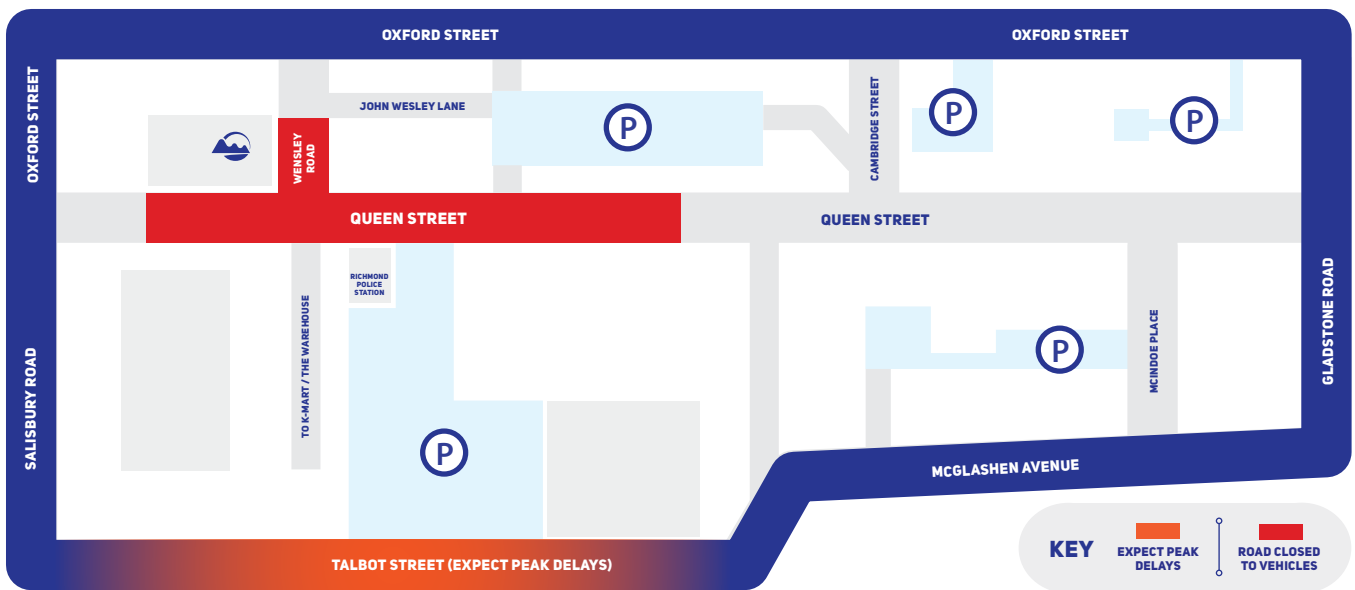
the disruption, particularly on Talbot Street when it becomes the only entry and exit point into the carpark.

Talbot Street will come under pressure and we will make temporary changes to the street to manage this as best we can, including:

- a small temporary roundabout on Talbot Street at the middle entry/exit to the carpark to better manage 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 Salisbury Road traffic lights if necessary.

We expect there to be queues at peak times, and we ask everyone to use alternative routes as much as possible.



## Petition on Te Waikoropupū Springs accepted

Tasman Mayor Richard Kempthorne last week accepted a petition from the Save our Springs group, and assured the lively assembly the protection of Te Waikoropupū Springs is of utmost importance to the Council as well. Save our Springs representatives sang a waiata at the Full Council meeting, before presenting the petition to the mayor.

Richard says: "The passion of the group and community for Te Waikoropupū is wonderful to see. The Springs are a precious place and we are well aware of how important it is that we care for them. I expect the current Water Conservation Order process and Takaka Freshwater Land and Advisory Group work will result in a first-class water management regime for the Takaka catchment that reflects the aspirations of the community."



# Public storm clean-up costs likely to reach \$12 million

The cost of repairing public infrastructure and restoring the District’s parks and reserves after the February storms (Fehi and Gita) is likely to reach \$12 million.

That does not include the costs to private landowners who have suffered serious damage to property as well. We appreciate the reality of the work ahead for some people is overwhelming. Council staff have been working with some of you as Civil Defence “navigators” – a role successfully trialled during the Kaikoura earthquake aftermath to connect residents in the greatest need with the agencies and support that is available to them.

However, we do not have a remit to spend public money on private land issues. The costs of cleaning up and repairing the damage to public land, facilities and infrastructure are significant, and this work is the priority for the Council.

## Recovery grants

There is a small amount of financial support available to businesses and those experiencing personal hardship through Recovery Grants. Applications for the grants are open until 22 April.

There are two different types of grant, depending on your circumstances:

- \$83,000 specifically targeted at 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.

 Find out more and download an application: [www.tasman.govt.nz/link/recovery-grants](http://www.tasman.govt.nz/link/recovery-grants)

## Estimated costs breakdown

The estimated costs for parks and reserves includes the basic clean-up only, and does not include the extensive infrastructure repairs needed at McKee Memorial Recreation Reserve (which on its own is likely to exceed the overall reserve clean-up costs) or to reinstate eroded beachfront throughout the District.



# New chief executive to lead Tasman District Council

Nelson region local Janine Dowding will join the Tasman District Council on 28 May, following the resignation of current Council chief executive Lindsay McKenzie.

Janine has most recently been working as the Ministry for Social Development’s regional commissioner. She moved to this region more than 20 years ago, and has experienced first-hand the growth the District has undergone and the challenges it faces in a future of rapid change.

“I am delighted to have been appointed as the next chief executive officer for the Tasman District Council,” Janine says. “The communities within the Tasman District are very close to my heart and I feel privileged to be able to work alongside a talented senior management team to help lead and support the Council to achieve wonderful progress for the region.”

In selecting Janine, Tasman Mayor Richard Kempthorne says the Council was very aware of the challenges it faces over the next few years and the need to maintain the positive change undertaken throughout Lindsay’s admirable tenure.

“We have a come long way over the past seven years, but the journey is never over. It was important we attracted a candidate with strong managerial experience combined with a wide knowledge, experience and appreciation of the area we serve.

“While the District and Council have much to thank Lindsay for, and his legacy will be a long standing one, we look forward

to welcoming Janine when she joins the Council as chief executive.”

Lindsay McKenzie’s last day as chief executive will be 25 May.



# Government funding for Waimea Community Dam confirmed

The Government has confirmed its funding for the Waimea Community Dam through Crown Irrigation Investments Ltd (CIIL).

Tasman Mayor Richard Kempthorne says the announcement is great news, and is an endorsement of the work that has gone into the project over a long period of time.

“It provides all the parties involved, directly and indirectly, with the ability to continue their work to bring this essential water security project closer to a final decision point.

“We have more work to do to put all the pieces of the project together to reach financial close within the agreed timeframes. Having Central

Government recognition of its value to the region’s future is an essential component in being able to achieve the long-term water security and environmental benefits this project will deliver.”

## Forming a Council-Controlled Organisation (CCO)

One of the remaining pieces of work needed in readiness for the final decision is to form the company that would operate and manage the proposed dam if built. The company formation work will get underway soon.

If the final decision is to proceed with building the dam, the dam company (a CCO known as Waimea Water) must be in place ready to take up the project work swiftly.

Preliminary work on setting up the company includes developing a constitution, director recruitment and legal formation.

The company will not play any role in the decision-making, nor will it have any capital unless a final decision to proceed with the dam is made.

## Different route best option during Lower Queen Street works

There are two projects on Lower Queen Street ramping up in the near future – and we’re suggesting drivers avoid the road if possible.

Both projects are between Gladstone Road and Headingly Lane, and will create disruption for road users and residents.

The recommended diversion will be advertised using mobile sign boards (Gladstone Rd and Lansdowne Road) to encourage everyone to avoid Lower Queen Street. Note that the diversion isn’t compulsory and Lower Queen Street is open, but there is a much higher likelihood of traffic delays as the work progresses.

Both projects are supporting growth in Richmond – increasing the water supply and improving the ability to drain stormwater.

### Water main replacement until end of May

We’re drilling through the ground on the southern side of Lower Queen Street to replace the watermain. The work so far has been off the road, but is now moving to work in the road between NMIT and Stratford Street. The new pipeline will be in the parking lane, so there will be some traffic management along the route for this works.

### Stormwater replacement until mid August

The second and longer piece of work will be to dig up the west-bound lane to replace a stormwater pipe. Starting in May this will take about 10 weeks. Traffic lights or stop/go controls will be used during this time.

For more information search [tasman.govt.nz](http://tasman.govt.nz) for Lower Queen.



## Services and Parades 2018

Tapawera: *Service* – 10.00 am Memorial Hall.

Richmond: *Parade* – 10.45 am from Sundial Square. *Service* – 11.00 am at War Memorial Gardens, Cambridge Street

Brightwater: *Service* – 9.00 am at Brightwater Memorial Hall Gates

Wakefield: *Service* – 10.00 am at the Wakefield Hall

Motueka: *Parade* – 6.15 am from the Motueka Bowling Club Carpark, Pah Street, Motueka. *Service* – 6.30 am at the Cenotaph

Murchison: *Service* – 11.00 am at the Memorial in Waller Street (Murchison Sport, Recreation and Cultural Centre if wet)

Mapua: *Parade* – 10.45 am. Starts adjacent to tennis courts. *Service* – 11.00 am at Mapua RSA Memorial Library, followed by morning tea at the Mapua Hall. A plate would be appreciated.

Upper Moutere: *Service* – 10.00 am at the Domain

Tasman: *Service* – 10.00 am at the Memorial

Riwaka: *Laying of Wreath* – 9.00 am at the Riwaka Memorial

Ngatimoti: *Laying of Wreath and Service* – 10.30 am at the Ngatimoti Memorial

Takaka: *Dawn Service* – 6.15 am at the Takaka Memorial Reserve.

*Parade* – assemble outside BP Garage at 8.45 am for 9.00 am service at the Takaka Memorial Reserve

Collingwood: *Dawn Parade* – assemble 6.15 am. *Civic Service* – citizens’ service 11.30 am in the Memorial Hall

Lake Rotoiti: *Service* – 10.30 am in the Lake Rotoiti Community Hall

# NEWSLINE UPDATES



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## National Geographic 50 Greatest Photographs Exhibition Opens

In 1985 National Geographic Magazine ran on its cover a photograph by American Steve McCurry – a simple portrait of a green-eyed Afghan girl taken in a refugee camp in Pakistan. That photograph became one of the most iconic images ever published, in the nearly 130-year history of the magazine. Afghan Girl, as the image became known, will feature in the Nelson Provincial Museum's latest international exhibition 50 Greatest Photographs of National Geographic. The exhibition will run until 27 May 2018 at the Nelson Provincial Museum, 270 Trafalgar Street, Nelson. The exhibition is free of charge for Nelson Tasman residents.

## Sport NZ rural travel fund

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

The Sport NZ Rural Travel Fund is aimed at making 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 support 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/grants-funding](http://tasman.govt.nz/council/grants-funding).

## Recovery Grants

To assist residents affected by ex-cyclones Fehi and Gita, the Mayoral Relief Fund is accepting applications for grants until 22 April.

The grants are split into two types, depending on your circumstances;

- \$83,000 specifically targeted at 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.

**Find out more:** Visit [tasman.govt.nz/link/recovery-grants](http://tasman.govt.nz/link/recovery-grants) for more information and to make an application.

## 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).

## Reminder – no dogs in the Takaka CBD please

Takaka residents are reminded that dogs are not permitted in the Takaka Central Business Area between the hours of 9.00 am to 5.00 pm. This area is defined as:

- Commercial Street from the southern point of the junction of Commercial and Reilly Streets to the northern point of the junction of Commercial and Junction Streets;
- the library car park
- Takaka Township - the Village Green, Pioneer Park, the old library site and adjacent playground

All dog walkers need to be especially vigilant about keeping dogs under control at all times. This means that your dog must immediately respond to commands either by voice, whistle or hand signals. If you know that your dog is easily distracted and prone to "selective hearing loss", putting a leash on is the best advice.

Dog Exercise Areas in Tasman are listed on our website.



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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 prize money 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](http://trustpower.co.nz/communityawards)

Entries close Thursday 31 May 2018

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## Funding for community arts projects

Our Creative Communities Scheme has money to help groups and individuals running arts projects in the Tasman District.

Creative Communities provides funding to support community involvement in the arts – whether it be music, theatre, festivals, mural painting, outdoor sculptures, art in public spaces, kapa haka, singing, art workshops or something else.

If you have a great community arts project needing some dollars, the Tasman Creative Communities Scheme may be able to help. There are three rounds of applications per year. The next round closes on 10 July 2018.

Allocations average \$1,000.

For more information and application forms:

Head online: [www.tasman.govt.nz](http://www.tasman.govt.nz) (search phrase 'creative communities').

Contact: Community Partnerships Coordinator Mike Tasman-Jones  
Ph 03 543 8400, email [mike.tasman-jones@tasman.govt.nz](mailto:mike.tasman-jones@tasman.govt.nz).

## Road closures

**Applicant:** Tasman District Council

**Event:** Take Two

**Location:** Sundial Square, for the length of the road and Queen Street – from Cambridge Street to location of current road works

**Date:** Saturday 12 May 2018 (rain date of Sunday 13 May 2018)

**Time:** 2.00 pm – 10.00 pm

**Applicant:** Nelson Car Club

**Event:** Riwaka Sandy Bay Road Race

**Location:** Riwaka-Sandy Bay Road (from the intersection with the State Highway to just over the crest of the summit)

**Date:** Sunday 20 May 2018

**Time:** 8.00am to 5.00pm

**Date objections close:** Monday 23 April 2018

## 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).

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

### Nelson-Tasman Regional Pest Management Plan Hearings

Monday 16 April 2018, 9.30 am. No public forum

### Motueka Community Board

Motueka Service Centre, 7 Hickmott Place, Motueka. Tuesday 17 April 2018, 4.00 pm. Public forum

### Audit and Risk Committee

Thursday, 19 April 2018, 1.30pm. No public forum.

### Long Term Plan Hearings

Monday 23, Tuesday 24, Thursday 26 April 2018, 9.30 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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# COMMUNITY RELATIONS



## Wakefield mural a community effort

Congratulations to the Wakefield community on its new mural, created by artist Pete Madsen. The mural alongside State Highway 6 includes scenes recreated from a previous artwork on the site. The Wakefield Mural Group, who drove the community-funded project, have the following message of thanks to those involved in making it happen.

### Message from Wakefield Mural Group

I do not think we could come up with enough superlatives to express our gratitude to Pete Madsen, our artist extraordinaire - or even come close to describing his dedication and professionalism to this project for our village. Matty Arps of Matty's Signs Richmond provided the design for the historic plaque window and, like Pete, spent "extra" time fine-tuning and getting it just right. His dedication also shone through and again we are so grateful for his supreme effort.

Thank you all. We have greatly appreciated the many donations from the community and further afield, as well as from the extended Baigent Family. Without this financial support, the project would have struggled to survive. On Monday 5 March many members of the Baigent family descended on Wakefield, for a catch-up with family arriving from overseas.

Stuart Watts welcomed the Baigent family to Wakefield and, in the absence of Reverend Allan Wasley (The Vicar of St John's), read his prayer and blessing to this mural.

*"We remember Māori who travelled through here, and Pākehā who saw its potential as a settlement for their families, and their children's children. We give thanks for all the wonderful memories depicted in this mural."*



## Take Two

Saturday 12 May, 4.30 – 7.30pm. Sundial Square, Richmond

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