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Waimea Community Dam work to continue

The Waimea Community Dam project will continue, thanks to a revised funding proposal that reduces the cost and risk to ratepayers of proceeding.

An earlier in-principle decision not to proceed was overturned after new information was presented to councillors that showed the cost to ratepayers of a \$23 million increase in the overall project price would be minimised. The information also showed the risk of the Council's credit support for a loan to irrigators through the Council-Controlled Organisation had significantly reduced.

Mayor Richard Kempthorne said: "We've still got a lot of work to do to reach financial close and the final decision point

for the dam. However, the decision to continue means we keep the ability to draw on \$73 million in external funding for a project that will give us 100-year water security and protect the health of our precious water resource."

The revised funding model means:

- The District-wide fixed rate remains unchanged - rising to an estimated \$29 a year at project completion
- The Zone of Benefit rate based on capital value remains unchanged

- A small increase in water charges for urban water users on top of the increase consulted on in 2017 – equating to about 50 cents a week for the typical residential user
- Irrigators effectively contribute 75% of the servicing costs for the \$23 million price increase.

Find out more:

More information about the revised funding model, including the impact on rates, is available online at www.tasman.govt.nz/link/waimea-dam.

BIKERS BREAKFAST!

Wednesday 3 October, 6.30 – 8.30 am at Sundial Square
Cycle on down for a free coffee and breakfast. Spot prizes and free bike maintenance checks.



Mayor's message

By this stage you may be aware of the Council's recent decision to proceed with the Waimea Community Dam following new information and a revised funding offer.

This was a hotly debated topic with strong views on either side. While it will not be universally accepted as the best solution, ratepayers can be assured we are now on track to a solution that collectively meets the community's needs for good quality water and provides a secure supply for the next 100 years. This decision does not mean we can be complacent regarding our most precious resource, and conservation and good planning continue to be important. What we have decided to move forward with is a solution that enables the Council to meet its legal obligations - being good quality and local freshwater supply, as well as providing a sustainable economic and environmental future for our region. This will allow businesses in the region the confidence to remain and continue to grow, providing jobs and new housing

development. Without augmentation, the Waimea River would have suffered. With long dry periods it would not have been able to support the aquifers and groundwater we all rely on. We look forward to future proofing our region and being able to provide a strong commitment to building the Waimea Dam and embracing the community's need for good quality, local water supply for a wider healthy resilient community. Can I encourage our community to embrace this decision as we work together for a prosperous future.



Richard Kempthorne
Mayor

In case you missed it...

A summary of recent Council meetings and the decisions made.

Environment and Planning Committee - 6 September 2018

- The Rural Connectivity Group presented on the next steps for extending high-speed broadband into remote rural areas and mobile blackspots on state highways and popular tourist destinations. There are 27 proposed sites in Tasman where coverage will be provided by 2022.
- The committee approved a review of the Control of Alcohol in Public Places Bylaw. The bylaw is open for submissions from 14 September 2018. More information is on page 7.
- A report on dog control from July 2017 to the end of June 2018 showed there are 11,178 registered dogs in the District. There were 116 infringement notices issued to dog owners over the year for a range of issues, including failing to register, failing to keep the dog under control and failing to comply with a barking abatement notice.

Extraordinary Full Council - 6 September 2018

- Approved the implementation of the following freedom camping

improvements, funded through the Government's Responsible Camping Fund:

- Extra monitoring and enforcement
- Toilet block at Fittal Street, Richmond
- Portaloos at camping locations
- Wash sinks at Motueka Beach Camp Reserve
- Waste compactors at camping locations
- Site improvements at Waitapu Bridge, Alexander Bluff and a KiwiCamp site
- Intersection upgrade at Waitapu Bridge
- Instructed staff to begin a review of the Freedom Camping Bylaw to allow camping in non-self-contained vehicles at the Fittal Street car park, near the entrance to Richmond Resource Recovery Centre, and at a KiwiCamp site once confirmed.
- Revoked its in-principle decision of 28 August not to proceed with the Waimea Community Dam, and again confirmed the dam is the best option for meeting the community's need for good-quality, local water supply infrastructure.

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Kohatu Ride to Remember

Rory Arnold was a Lance - Corporal in the 10th (Nelson) squadron of the Canterbury Mounted Rifles. His mother, Jane, described the story of his leaving their home at Korere for the war in 1914.

“Rory waved to me as he went out our gate,” she said. “Then I watched him ride away on his horse until he came to the spot that was the last place on the road that he could see our home. Then he turned his horse, rose in the stirrups and waved to me. I knew I would never see him again.” That last wave would have been from about a kilometre away.

How many times was this story played out around New Zealand as our young men flocked to the call to arms? As a lead-up to the Tapawera Armistice Weekend event, being held on and around the site of the historic Tapawera Military Training Camp grounds, and to commemorate these young men and their horses, the NZ Mounted Rifles Charitable Trust and local group the Anzac Horses are doing a Ride to Remember this Labour Weekend.

The ride will commence from the Tapawera Village Green on Sunday 21 October at 9.45 am, and follow the Motueka Valley Highway to the Kohatu War Memorial where a dedication service will be held at 11.00 am to honour the memory of our mounted troops.

Riders will leave the Memorial at 11.20 am and ride back to Tapawera Village Green where people are invited to come with their picnic lunches. There will be an opportunity to meet the riders and a display about the Mounted Rifles will be exhibited in the Bandstand.

The Anzac Horses will join the Historical Troop on Saturday 20 October to train and any local riders who wish to take part in the event are welcome to attend. Mark Appleton, who leads the NZ Mounted troop,

will come to Nelson prior to the event to meet interested riders and to see the route the ride will take.

Find out more

To register your interest or for more information email tapww100@gmail.com or visit www.tapawera.nz.



Photo supplied by Mark Appleton, NZ Mounted Rifles Charitable Trust

Pest wasps in Tasman

Introduced wasps can spoil our enjoyment of the outdoors and have serious implications for our natural environment.

They also affect the profitability and safety of industries such as beekeeping, horticulture, forestry and tourism, and upset the ecological balance in native ecosystems.

German and Common Wasps

These two species are social wasps and build large, multi-celled, papier-mâché nests, often below the ground. They belong to the *Vespula* genus and look almost identical, with subtle differences in body and head markings. Both are very aggressive, and are capable of stinging multiple times. They compete directly with native birds for nectar and insects.

Both of these wasp species will also feed on carrion.

Control methods

Wasp poison powders are available for treating nests that have an obvious entry/exit point or tunnel. These may be purchased through hardware or agricultural/horticultural supply outlets. Nests are best treated at night when all the worker wasps have returned to the nest, and a red light should be used to see what

you are doing. For larger-scale *Vespula* wasp control, a new poison is available called Vespex. Worker wasps ingest the poison and then regurgitate it back at the nest to feed the queen and developing larvae. This results in the death of all nest occupants, usually within 24 hours.

To purchase and use Vespex, you need to become an “approved operator”, which requires passing an online test. The website to visit for this is: www.merchento.com/vespex.html.

Asian and European Paper Wasps

Asian paper wasps build small, fist-sized papier-mâché nests that can often be seen dangling from a central attachment point in vegetation or on outdoor structures. They have long, slender bodies and extra-long back legs. The European paper wasp looks almost identical, with the exception of two small additional yellow dots on the top of the thorax, just behind the head.

European paper wasps build bigger nests than Asian paper wasps. Unlike Asian paper wasps, they often build nests in eaves and in ceiling cavities.

These wasps sting, but are not particularly aggressive.

Control methods

Nests in accessible places are easily treated using a regular can of fly spray. Dusk is the best time to treat the nest. Approach the nest slowly and, holding the can of fly spray about 30 - 40 cm from the nest, spray it directly for four to five seconds. Paper wasps are highly unlikely to try and attack you. It is a good idea to re-visit the nest the following day after the wasps have died to totally destroy it, as paper wasps will repair and re-use abandoned nests.



Common wasp - *Vespula Vulgaris*

WATER MATTERS



Programme underway to reduce water pipe leaks

We have a plan to tackle leaking pipes and make sure we reduce the amount of water lost from our network over time.

Every water network experiences some water losses. In Tasman District overall, about 21% of water is lost through leaks after entering the system. This is not unusual by either national or international standards.

However, we do want to reduce water losses. Our action plan includes:

- Proactive leak detection
- Replacement of older, at-risk sections of pipe
- Fixing pipe breaks when they happen
- Replacement of water meters to ensure accurate measurements

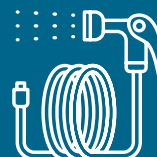
We measure real losses by comparing the volume of water that enters the network with the amount of water we charge for through metering.

It is unrealistic to completely eliminate water losses. To replace the entire network with new pipes would cost tens of millions of dollars (the network in Brightwater, Richmond, Mapua, and Redwood Valley, for example, is valued at a minimum \$80 million). Even then, within a decade, or less, we would expect to start noticing leaks again.

Work to reduce leaks must carefully balance the cost of repairs with the volume, and value, of water actually saved.

DID YOU KNOW ...

Leaks, or real water losses, make up the largest volume of water we don't charge for through metering. Other water that isn't billed for includes water used for fire-fighting, for flushing the network during maintenance, water theft and meter inaccuracies.



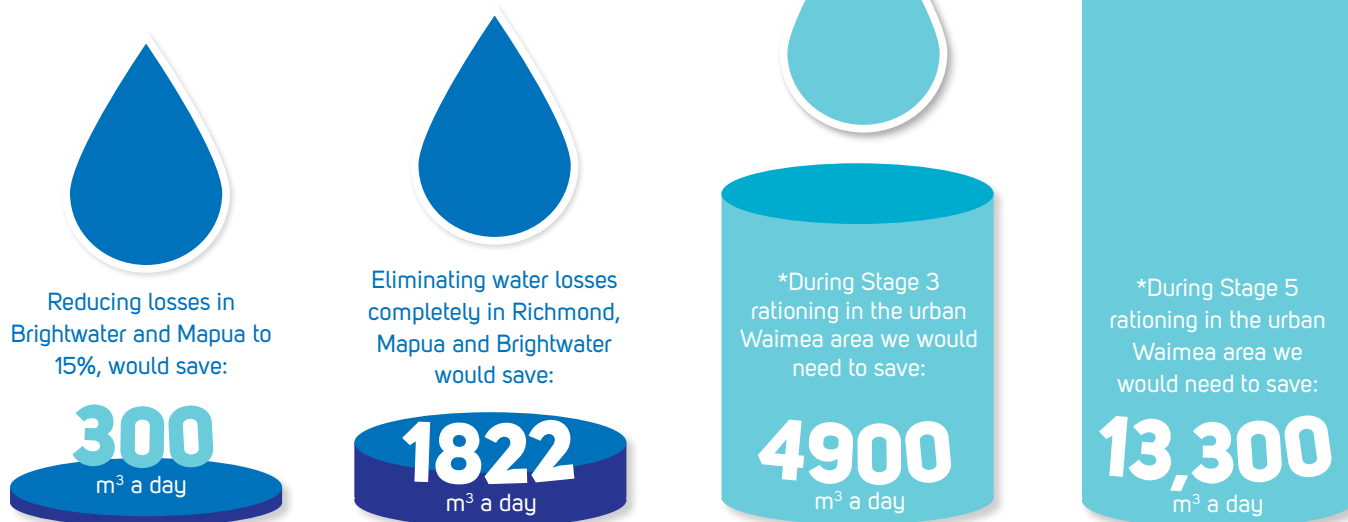
WATER SHORTAGES IN THE WAIMEA AREA:

Even if it were possible to completely eliminate water losses, we would still have a summer urban water shortage problem in the Waimea area.

Richmond's network currently experiences 15% water loss, which is good by national standards. Brightwater and Mapua experience higher losses than we would like, of 27% and 26% respectively. Over the next few years we have a significant amount of pipe and meter replacement work planned for Mapua, with further work planned to address water loss in Brightwater.

EFFECT OF REDUCING LOSSES:

*Based on peak summer demand



Dark Sky park proposal for St Arnaud

The Rotoiti District Community Council is seeking public feedback on plans to designate St Arnaud village a Dark Sky Park.

There are more than 40 Dark Sky parks, reserves and preserves in the world – areas where artificial lighting is managed and restricted to ensure it doesn't interfere with views of the night sky.

The Rotoiti District Community Council is keen to find out whether the public support the designation of St Arnaud as a Dark Sky Park.

If the area was named a Dark Sky Park, the night view would be protected through education for residents on how to minimise outdoor light spill, and initiatives such as using narrow spectrum amber LED lights in street lighting.

Have your say: Email jbandsjh@gmail.com to share your view. The feedback period ends on 23 October 2018.



Saxton Velodrome celebration

Sunday 7 October, 10.00 am – 12.00 pm at Saxton Velodrome

Join us for a celebration of the new Saxton Velodrome. Spot prizes (including two children's bikes up for grabs) and free bike maintenance checks.



Motueka Community Board approves funding for special projects

Every year the Motueka Community Board has \$52,000 to fund projects in the community.

The projects that will receive funding in the coming year are:

- Motueka Skate Park drainage – \$10,000
- Motueka Skate Park half-court basketball court – \$6000
- Motueka War Memorial restoration – \$5000
- Lighting for the Motueka Entrance Sign located in College Street – \$1000
- Pah Street – Queen Victoria Street footpath – \$10,000
- Cycle stands – \$5000
- Rubbish Bins Whakarewa Street / Grey Street – \$2000
- Removal of Old Man's Beard from Council-owned/administered land – \$5000
- Riwaka Croquet Club – \$5000

The Board also confirmed \$10,000 funding towards a rock wall at George Quay, and approved the purchase of outdoor fitness equipment to be installed at Memorial Park.

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Inflation increases for development contribution charges under the 2015-2025 Development Contributions Policy

New charges for some development contributions now apply, after being adjusted for inflation.

The revised charges will apply to developments where the consent application was lodged with full information between 1 July 2015 and 30 June 2018, and where an invoice for a development (or a stage within a subdivision) has not yet been issued. Developments applied for during this timeframe are covered by the 2015 – 2025 Development Contributions Policy. Developments with consent applications lodged after 1 July 2018 are covered by the 2018 – 2028 Development Contributions Policy, and these charges have not changed. In accordance with Section 106 of the Local Government Act, we have applied inflation to the development contribution charges set in our 2015-2025 Development Contributions Policy.

When we calculate the inflated charges we are required to:

- use the Producers Price Index Outputs for Construction provided by Statistics New Zealand; and
- ensure that inflation is not applied to interest and other financing costs that are incorporated into the charge.

We confirm we have achieved this by:

- Comparing the Producers Price Index from Quarter 1 2015 and Quarter 1 2018 which results in an increase of 9.4%;
- Splitting the existing charges into two parts; Part A - the growth costs excluding interest, and Part B - the interest costs;
- Applied inflation of 9.4% to Part A and then added this to Part B to give the inflated Total Charges.

A summary of the calculation and the new charges is shown in the table below. For more information on development contributions, head to www.tasman.govt.nz/policy/policies/development-contributions/

2015 – 2025 development contribution charges as at 1 July 2018

	PART A (excl. GST)	PART B (excl. GST)	PART A Inflated (excl GST)	PART A Inflated + PART B (excl GST)	Total new charges (PART A Inflated + PART B (incl GST))
Water	\$3,689	\$595	\$4,036	\$4,632	\$5,326
Wastewater	\$7,667	\$1,051	\$8,390	\$9,441	\$10,857
Road	\$738	-\$122	\$808	\$685	\$788
Stormwater	\$8,305	-\$251	\$9,087	\$8,836	\$10,162

Annual speed limits review – have your say

We want our local roads to be safe. Making sure the speed limit is appropriate for the conditions is an important part of a safe roading network, so we're reviewing the limits across Tasman District.

We need your input – do you think changes to the speed limit on any roads you use would help reduce serious crashes?

Have your say: Email your feedback, including locations and supporting reasons why you think a change would contribute to reducing deaths and serious injuries, to Megan.Bell@tasman.govt.nz.

The feedback round closes on Monday 15 October 2018.

Next steps: Once we've received your feedback, we will carry out a technical assessment of the sites where a different speed limit has been suggested. This will include:

- an assessment of the site and any obvious change in the environment that will support the speed limit change
- in some cases, we will undertake speed surveys and initial discussions with local community groups.

We will then recommend a list of changes to local speed limits. Public consultation on the recommended changes will take place before the changes are finalised.

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Feedback wanted – draft Control of Alcohol in Public Places Bylaw 2018

We've reviewed the Control of Alcohol in Public Places bylaw and are seeking public submissions on the new draft bylaw.

The goal of the bylaw is unchanged - to reduce incidences of alcohol-related crime and disorder in our District to benefit both residents and visitors.

The draft bylaw also continues the police powers to enforce the alcohol ban in defined public places.

The times and locations the consumption or carrying of alcohol is prohibited remain unchanged.

Exemption provisions in the expiring bylaw will also be carried over into the draft bylaw.

Changes that reference or reflect the legislative changes brought in by the Local Government (Alcohol Reform) Amendment Act 2012 are now included in the draft bylaw.

A copy of the Statement of Proposal, including a full copy of the draft replacement bylaw, is available at tasman.govt.nz/feedback or during normal office hours at any library or service centre.

Have your say: Submissions close at 4.30pm on 16 October 2018.

You can make a submission

- online at: www.tasman.govt.nz/feedback
- email: info@tasman.govt.nz
- You can also send your written submission to: Executive Assistant - Environment & Planning, Draft Consolidated Bylaw - Chapter 3 - Control of Alcohol in Public Places 2018 Tasman District Council, Private Bag 4 Richmond 7050
- or drop your written submission into any Council office or your local library.

Submissions close at 4.30pm on Tuesday, 16 October 2018.

Tasman Resource Management Plan

Proposed plan changes

67: Waimea water management technical amendments

68: Omnibus amendments

Proposed plan variations to Change 60

Variation 1: Rural 1 and 2 Zone subdivision amendments

Variation 2: Rural land use amendments

Summaries of decisions requested by submitters and opportunity for further submissions

In response to submissions received on Proposed Plan Changes 67 and 68 and Proposed Variations 1 and 2 to Change 60 to the Tasman Resource Management Plan, Council has prepared summaries of decisions requested by submitters on each Plan Change and Variation. Any person who represents a relevant aspect of the public interest or who has an interest in the proposed change greater than the general public may make a further submission to the Council in support of or in opposition to the submissions received.

Further details, including the summaries, original submissions and forms for making a further submission, can be viewed at www.tasman.govt.nz/link/trmp-summaries under the specific Plan Change/Variation. Printed copies are also available to view at our Richmond, Takaka and Motueka offices and libraries.

Further submissions in support of or in opposition to the submissions received close at 4.00 pm on Monday 24 September 2018.

To find out how to make a further submission go to www.tasman.govt.nz/link/further-submissions.

For more information, please contact Maxine Day, phone 543 8531 (for Plan Change 68 and Variation 2 to Change 60) or Steve Markham, phone 543 8427 (for Plan Change 67 and Variation 1 to Change 60).

Reducing waste – how can we do better?

Consultation closes 17 September 2018.

The Nelson City and Tasman District councils are working together to minimise and manage waste in our region.

We need to hear from you. Are we on the right track with the draft plan? Is there more we could do? What part can you play?

Head to www.tasman.govt.nz/feedback for more information and to make a submission.

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.

Tasman Regional Transport Committee

Monday 17 September 2018, 9.30 am.
Public forum

Motueka Community Board

Motueka Service Centre, 7 Hickmott Place, Motueka. Tuesday 18 September, 4.00 pm. Public forum

Community Development Committee

Thursday 20 September, 9.30 am.
Public forum

Audit and Risk Committee

Thursday 20 September, 2.00 pm. No public forum

Full Council

Thursday, 27 September, 9.30 am.
Public forum

Murchison Museum presents Hei Roto Ki Te Ao Māori He Matapihi

A window into the world of Māori. Displaying historical local artefacts and contemporary works by local artists.
Can be viewed: Monday – Thursday: 11.00 am – 3.00 pm, Fridays: 11.00 am – 4.30 pm or weekends by arrangement.

WRITE CHOICES



School holidays at the library

Only a couple of weeks to go before Term 3 ends. From story and craft sessions to hands on workshops, your library has a great lineup of holiday activities to help the kids enjoy their time off.

Find the full programme on the library website Featured Events page – October School Holidays. Bookings for Richmond Library events are via Eventbrite.

And of course there's plenty of fun to be had browsing the shelves and finding great new reads at your local library.

Hell Reading Challenge

Richmond and Motueka libraries are taking part in the Hell Reading Challenge again this year.

The Hell Reading Challenge is free and it's so easy! Children receive a stamp on their pizza wheel for each book they read. Once they have read seven books they can redeem their pizza wheel for a free 333 kids' pizza at Hell Pizza.

The Hell Reading Challenge has been very successful in switching kids on to reading and discovering the thrill of a good book.

The Hell Reading Challenge is for children aged 5-12 years old and runs from Monday 17 September to Saturday 27 October.

Terms and conditions apply.

Suffrage 125

2018 marks the 125th year since New Zealand women won the right to vote. We're marking the occasion with a range of events in our libraries.

Coming up later in September, Storm Nathan will be at Richmond Library talking about two Tasman women and the reality of their lives in the 1850s.

And on Friday 21 September, local Motueka historian Eileen Stewart will speak at Motueka Library about pioneer woman Sarah Greenwood.

To find out about these events and more, go to the library website's What's On at Your Library page.

Haiku competition at Motueka Library

Haiku is a traditional Japanese three-line poem with 17 syllables and written in a five/seven/five syllable count. Haiku often focus on images from nature and emphasise an element of the human condition.

Now's your chance to write a haiku of your own by entering Motueka Library's haiku competition.

Email your haiku to library@tasman.govt.nz. Use Haiku competition in the subject line and remember to add your contact details in your email.

The haiku competition runs from Monday 24 September to Friday 19 October and is open to all age groups. Terms and conditions apply.

Returning your library books

Lots of Richmond and Nelson people belong to both Nelson and Tasman public libraries.

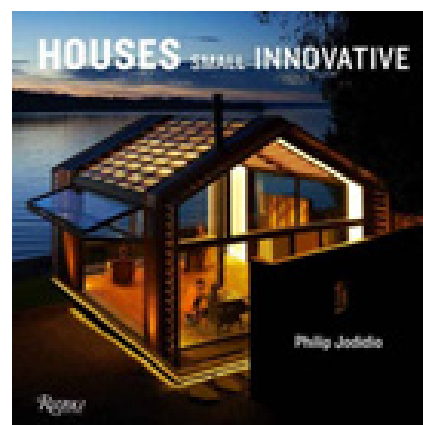
This is a plea to those of you who borrow books from both library networks.

When you return books to a library that doesn't own the item i.e. Nelson books to Tasman and vice versa, the book is not returned off your account until it makes its way back to its home library. This can take a few days, if not longer. This may mean you end up with fines owing because of late returns.

So please, when you're returning your books, check which library they belong to before posting them through the returns slot.



The Dark Lake
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