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Tasman's future – where do we grow from here?

Nelson and Tasman are growing fast. With your help, we're in the process of planning where in the region future homes and business should go.

Using the results of feedback on the Nelson Tasman Future Development Strategy collected earlier this year, we have developed three potential growth scenarios. We're now seeking your views on those scenarios to help us refine the options that will shape the future of your communities.

All three scenarios could provide for a high-growth future, allowing at least 12,000 new homes to be built across the region. The scenarios are not mutually exclusive – the final strategy may be a mix of the options.

Three scenarios

- Enable housing choice while addressing sea level rise
- Enable housing choice while protecting productive land
- Combination of outcomes

More information on the three scenarios is on page 3.

Public information sessions

You're invited to come along and chat with us about the options and share your thoughts.

Mapua: Monday 8 April. Bill Marris Room, Mapua Village Hall. Drop-in session: 3.30 – 6.00 pm.

Golden Bay: Tuesday 9 April. Takaka Service Centre meeting room, Commercial Street. Drop-in session: 1.00 pm - 4.00 pm.

Wakefield: Monday 15 April. St John's Anglican Church, Edward Street. Drop-in session: 3.30 – 7.30 pm

Motueka: Tuesday 16 April. Tasman District Council office, Hickmott Street. Drop-in sessions: 3.00 – 4.00pm, 7.00 – 8.30pm.

Brightwater: Thursday 18 April, Plunket Rooms, Ellis Street. Drop-in session: 3.30 – 6.00 pm.

Tapawera: Friday 3 May, Tapawera Community Centre. Drop-in session: 3.30 – 6.30 pm.

Tasman: Wednesday 24 April, Tasman School hall, Aporo Road. Drop-in session: 4.00 – 6.00 pm.

Moutere: Thursday 11 April, Moutere Hills Community Centre community room, Moutere Highway. Drop-in session: 4.00 - 6.30 pm.

Murchison: Tuesday 23 April, Murchison Emergency Services building, 102 Waller Street. Drop-in session: 3.30 pm - 6.00 pm.

Richmond: Monday 29 April, Richmond Mall. Drop-in session: 12.00 – 5.30 pm.

Kaiteriteri: Wednesday 1 May, Kaiteriteri Recreation Reserve, Ngaio Conference Room. Drop-in session: 4.00 – 6.00 pm.

Have your say: You can find out more and fill in a survey online at tasman.govt.nz/ feedback. More information is also available at Nelson City and Tasman District Council offices and libraries.

Feedback closes on 6 May 2019.

Mayor's message

On Friday 15 March we learned with horror of the terrorist attack on the Muslim community in Christchurch. I join with all our community in extending our thoughts and prayers to those affected.


It was a privilege to join thousands of people in Nelson to celebrate Friday prayers on 22 March at the Muslim Mosque in Nelson. There has been a widespread expression in our community and throughout New Zealand rejecting extremism, hate and supremacy. There is a strong desire to embrace diversity, acceptance, unity and love. This was seen at the Friday prayers and also at Race Unity Day where there was strong support for all ethnic groups within Nelson and Tasman.

Over the past couple of weeks there has been significant progress helping affected property owners recover from the effects of the fire which started in Pigeon Valley in February. The Mayoral Disaster Relief Fund remains open for applications for those affected - whether by fire control measures, the actual fire, costs from being displaced from home due to evacuations or smoke damage, being unable to work due to the machinery ban, needing additional feed for animals, damage to crops and so on. I would encourage everyone affected to apply no matter how small or large your claim may be. We hope by the time Newsline goes to print, we will have sourced additional funding for those properties affected by fire control measures that benefitted the whole community.

I would like to thank Air New Zealand for organising the concert while Broods were back on home soil as a thank you to the responders involved in assisting with the Pigeon Valley fire.

I would remind farmers in Murchison and Golden Bay that you need to complete your online application by Friday 5 April to the Mayoral Disaster Relief Fund if you wish to seek partial reimbursement of freight costs incurred bringing in additional feed for animals due to the drought. This applies to freight costs incurred from 8 February to 29 March. Applications can be made online at www.tasman.govt.nz or by calling in to any Council library or office. If you do not have internet access or you're unable to call in during office hours, please feel free to call and complete this over the telephone with one of our staff on 03 543 8400.

Please be aware that with the recovery from fire and drought and continuing high workloads for staff at the Council at the present time, some "business as usual" work may be deferred. I ask that you be patient with staff while they work through this.

 **Richard Kempthorne**
Mayor



In case you missed it

A summary of recent Council meetings and the decisions made.

Full Council - 28 March 2019

- Approved new delegations for the Golden Bay and Motueka Community Boards to make recommendations to the Council on the use of reserve financial contributions, the local works programme for footpaths, and on planning for the future of reserves.
- Agreed to consult on a list of draft fees and charges for the coming year, to recover some of the costs of services the Council offers, such as building inspections, waste recovery, dog control and a range of other services. More information is on page 7.
- Adopted the Waimea Inlet Action Plan to maintain and improve the health of the inlet, which is an internationally important site for migratory birds.
- Agreed to consult on options for where future housing and business growth in Tasman should go, to help develop a Nelson Tasman Future Development Strategy. More information on pages 1 and 3.
- Agreed Waimea Water Ltd's draft Statement of Intent meets the Council's expectations. Waimea Water is the joint venture Council-controlled organisation that will lead the construction and operation of the Waimea Community Dam.
- Received a report on the Council's financial position. The Council's net debt at 28 February 2019 was \$143.6 million. The 2018/19 Annual Plan budgeted for a controllable deficit of \$1.4m. As a result of the January reforecast, we are now forecasting a surplus of \$2m, which is a favourable movement of \$3.4m. The reasons for the improved forecast include extra revenue from forestry harvesting, and lower interest rates.
- Chief executive Janine Dowding reported 115 Council staff worked 713 shifts or part-shifts in the Civil Defence Emergency Operations Centre during the Pigeon Valley fire. The hours staff worked over this period was equivalent to 665 eight-hour days. In addition, several staff worked full-time on the drought response, with many more involved as well. Janine said this has had a significant impact on the Council's ability to deliver its planned work programme this year.

Where do we grow from here – three scenarios

An initial round of public feedback earlier this year gave us a broad idea of your preferences and priorities for where and how future development should be accommodated.

There were a range of views. Most feedback supported building up existing urban areas rather than expanding communities outwards.

Some of the other common themes people expressed during that consultation included:

- New housing development should occur in areas that are close to employment, services and open spaces, and in a way that promotes social wellbeing
- Avoid developing land of high productive value and areas prone to sea-level rise.

We've used that feedback to develop three scenarios, which we are now consulting on. The scenarios are:

Scenario 1: Enable housing choice while addressing sea level rise

Scenario 1 focuses development in areas that are both affordable to develop and not at risk of future sea level rise.

Areas that may be subject to long-term sea-level rise are excluded, including parts of central Nelson, Tahunanui and Mapua.

About 40% of the future growth would be accommodated by intensification of existing populated areas such as Nelson South, Stoke, Richmond, Motueka, Brightwater and Wakefield. About 60% of growth would take place through expanding existing centres

into outlying land in areas such as Kaka Valley (Maitai Valley area), Saxton, Richmond South, Brightwater and inland of Mapua and Motueka.

Scenario 2: Enable housing choice while protecting productive land

In scenario 2, development is focused in areas that are affordable to develop, and that don't require take-up of high-value productive land for housing.

That means land south of Richmond, Brightwater, Mapua, coastal Tasman and Motueka has been excluded, as have possible development areas at Murchison and Takaka.

About 50% of growth would occur through intensification and 50% through expansion into areas such as Kaka Valley (Maitai Valley area), Pigeon Valley, Stringer Road and Seaton Valley.

Scenario 3: Combination of outcomes

This scenario balances the need to provide enough land for housing with the desire to avoid areas at risk of sea-level rise or land with high productive value.

This scenario would allow development in some of the areas excluded under scenarios 2 and 3, such as:

- Nelson city centre
- Richmond south
- Seaton Valley Flats
- Central Takaka and Murchison
- New development areas located some distance away from existing centres

Under this option, about 30% of growth would be through intensification and 70% through expansion.

Have your say at tasman.govt.nz/feedback.



Recovery team provides help to residents affected by fire

To assist in land remediation the recovery team, made up of staff from Tasman District Council and other agencies, has visited all private properties affected by the Pigeon Valley fire.

There were 80 visits in total to assess damage suffered due to the fire and the firefighting activities on 52 properties. These visits will allow funding to be sought to assist in remediating the land damaged by the firefighting.

Other support we've provided includes ringing affected landowners to check in and see how they are doing and provide an opportunity to talk if they wish to. We're also reminding people that if they feel they need additional counselling support they can access this through their GP. We are helping people access the Mayoral Disaster Relief Fund where appropriate and offering

additional welfare support through the Rural Support Trust or Te Putahitanga. We also offer call back and for those who wish it.

Now that the fire is fully controlled and all initial visits have been completed, the recovery team no longer need the powers given to them under the Civil Defence and Emergency Management Act. Those powers included being able to manage, coordinate and direct recovery activities in the public interest. The transition period allowing these powers expired at 8.00 am on 27 March 2019.

Ministry of Social Development (MSD) payments

By 22 March 2019 MSD had made 700 payments for a total of \$206,879. Please note that this number and amount is what MSD can accurately identify as a Civil Defence Payment for the "Nelson-Tasman 2019 Fires" event. There may be additional payments related to, but not specifically coded to the event. Payment was made for bedding, clothing, food, petrol, loss of income and other reasons. The number of payments identified to the event have tapered off significantly since the beginning of March.

Headingly Lane water main replacement

Replacing this major water pipe will make repairs and maintenance easier and faster.

We're installing a new water main along Headingly Lane to connect the Richmond water treatment plant on Lower Queen Street to the Champion Road water main, which runs along the coast to the Champion Road reservoir.

The new water main is needed to replace the existing pipe, which runs beneath the Nelson Pine Industries plant where access for repairs and maintenance is difficult.

What to expect: The work will require diggers, trucks and equipment to work in the roadway, so lane closures, speed restrictions, and at times road closures will be necessary to keep everyone safe.

Access for cyclists using the Great Taste Trail will be provided throughout the road closures required for stage one, however there may be short delays at times. The work will take place in stages between April and June 2019.

Stage 1: Pipe installation in the roadway at the seaward end of Headingly Lane. *Traffic reduced to one lane. Full road closures required at times.*

Stage 2: Pipe installation in the berm at the Queen Street end of Headingly Lane. *Traffic reduced to one lane. Speed restrictions in place.*

Stage 3: Laying the pipe across Borck Creek to Lower Queen Street. *No impact on road users.*

Stage 4: Installing the pipe across Lower Queen Street to the water treatment plant. *Traffic reduced to one lane at night on Lower Queen Street.*

Local elections – over to you

Elections for Tasman's mayor, councillors, Community Board members and Nelson/Marlborough District Health Board members will be held in October this year.

Thinking of becoming a candidate?

Candidate nominations open on 19 July and close on 16 August 2019.

To stand for Council, you must be:

- a New Zealand citizen
- aged over 18
- enrolled on the electoral roll.

There are no special qualifications required. Elected members come from all backgrounds and walks of life.

An effective elected member will bring a broad range of skills to the role, such as:

- decision making and strategic thinking
- communication and community engagement

- relationship building and collaboration.

Find out more

For more information head online to tasman.govt.nz/link/elections.



Dam works underway

The first stage in building the Waimea Community Dam has started. The three-year project began in early March with site works to create access to the Lee Valley site.

This was followed by the burying of a mauri stone, a mark of respect to Papatūānuku the earth mother and a blessing bestowed on the site and the structure that will be located there. The first phase is expected to take about six months.

The second phase includes construction of the dam itself. The concrete-face rock fill dam will be about 53 metres high, 220 metres long, and 6 metres wide at the crest.

About 430,000 cubic metres of rock will be used to build the dam or be recycled on site. This phase is expected to take about 18 months, finishing around October 2021.

Once the dam is in place, the reservoir will fill up naturally for several months, with the final commissioning in February 2022. The lake created by the dam will contain approximately 13 million cubic metres of water.



Poutama drain widening

Rapid growth and housing development in the Berryfields area means better stormwater systems are needed, so we can channel stormwater out to sea quickly and avoid flooding.

We're digging out part of the Poutama drain to widen and re-contour it so it can cope with increased stormwater flows. The excavated material will be used to fill in a temporary stormwater sediment retention pond at Berryfield Drive.

What to expect:

The work will require diggers, trucks and compacting equipment to work in the drain and the pond. This work will create some noise, but we'll try to minimise that and will only work during the daytime.

The work will be ongoing from March – May 2019.

Find more information at www.tasman.govt.nz.



Schools rewarded for water saving efforts

Congratulations to five Tasman schools who took part on our schools water saving competition in February and March.

Henley School, St Paul's Catholic Primary School, Waimea College, Hope School and Brightwater School all entered the competition and implemented a range of measures to reduce their water consumption while water restrictions were in force this summer.

Each school will receive \$300 for their efforts, and the opportunity for a student representative to dunk Mayor Richard Kempthorne along with the winners of the Beat the Mayor competition. Some of the strategies the schools took included turning off urinals at nights and weekends, checking for leaks, adjusting toilet cistern levels, closing school pools and encouraging all staff and students to conserve water. A huge thank you to the schools for doing their bit during the drought.

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Motueka Kai Fest

Sunday 7 April 2019, 10.00am - 3.00pm,
Decks Reserve, Motueka

This annual signature event celebrates Motueka's abundant produce with local food stalls and demonstrations, a parade and pageant honouring the elements and gods that make things grow, music, performances and circus displays. If you want to take part in the cook off, and for other info, visit the Facebook page or website: www.motuekakaifest.nz. Entry is free.

Mapua Community Association news

A new design for upgrading the Ngaio Tree reserve area (the green space between the Golden Bear and the waterfront) will be presented with a 30-minute brainstorming session at the 8 April association meeting. Council representatives will also be at the meeting to discuss the Nelson Tasman Future Development Strategy and the proposed design for the new playground by the tennis courts.

Richmond Aquatic Centre lane pool closed for retiling

From 25 March to 25 May 2019, the lane pool at the Richmond Aquatic Centre will be closed while tiles are removed and replaced. All the other pools at the centre will remain open.

Several of the existing tiles on the lane pool are cracked or chipped and must be replaced to ensure the safety of everyone using the lane pool. Thanks for your patience while the work is carried out.

Queen Street bus stops moves on 11 April

On Thursday 11 April the bus stop outside the police station on Queen Street will move permanently, to be sited outside the Warehouse (opposite the Tasman District Council office main entrance).

The new bus stop location will provide greater shelter for increasing numbers of passengers, as well as reduce the risks for pedestrians in a busy area. There will be signage at the bus stop to remind passengers of the change.

Golden Bay Wharf Trust is looking for trustees

The trust is looking for two further trustees to sit on the five member board. The trust is focused on the restoration and preservation of our historic wharves including Milnthorpe, Waitapu, Collingwood, Maungarakau and the old granite wharf at Motueka.

In volunteering their time and experience, trust members will provide governance and management advice towards achieving the goal of unrestricted public access to these historic assets.

Applications for the trust board roles close Friday 3 May 2019.

For further information and to apply please contact

Paul Sangster: Mobile 027 328 5791

Email: paul.sangster@tasman.govt.nz

Youth musicians set to Rock the Bay

Youth event Rock the Bay returns to Golden Bay with a new date and a new venue.

Takaka's Village Green will host a free all-ages music gig featuring some of the finest in Golden Bay musical talent, taking place on Saturday 6 April, between 4.00 – 7.00 pm.

Not only will young people feature exclusively on stage, but they will also feature behind the scenes, undertaking a range of production roles.

Participating musicians will be provided with mentoring and training from industry professionals, with a Bandcamp101 workshop taking place during the lead up to the afternoon concert.

Rock the Bay is supported by the Tasman District Council, Creative NZ, Ministry of Youth Development, Fresh Choice Takaka and is part of a region wide youth development project to strengthen connections and provide leadership opportunities for Tasman young people.

Rock the Bay is strictly alcohol and drug-free. Health and Safety Event Workers will be on hand.

Change to Richmond water billing

We're changing when we read meters and bill for water in Richmond, which may mean you receive your bill at a different time of year.

In the past we have read all the meters for Richmond across a four-month period, with payment due at different times for different parts of Richmond.

From now on, all meters in Richmond will be read every April and October. Your water bills will be due for payment on 20 May and 20 November.

As a result, you may find your first bill this year is higher or lower than usual. This doesn't mean you are paying any more or less than usual for water, it just reflects a longer or shorter billing period.

Forest fire concert – date change

A concert to give the community the opportunity to say thank you to emergency services and Civil Defence personnel involved with the Pigeon Valley fire will take place on Saturday 13 April.

Come along to listen to the Warratahs and friends and show your support for our hard-working first responders.

Saturday 13 April, Richmond Park Showgrounds, Lower Queen Street, 1.00 pm.

ROAD CLOSURES



Proposed closure

Applicant: Fulton Hogan Limited

Event: Waimea Dam road construction

Location of road closure: Lee Valley Road - from the Taylors quarry to the end of Lee Valley Road

Date and time: From 8.00 am to 6.00 pm on the following dates:

Tuesday 14 – Thursday 16 May 2019

Tuesday 28 – Thursday 30 May 2019

Tuesday 25 – Thursday 27 June 2019

Tuesday 23 – Thursday 25 July 2019

Tuesday 13 – Thursday 15 August 2019

Date objections close: Friday 19 April 2019

If you have an objection to a road closure please email info@tasman.govt.nz.



HAVE YOUR SAY:

Tasman District Council's Draft Schedule of Charges 2019/2020

Statement of Proposal

The Council can set a Schedule of Charges to recover some costs associated with Council services. Some of these charges are set by statute, and others by the Council. All charges are reviewed each year to determine whether they need to change or not.

The Council approved the draft Schedule of Charges for public consultation at its meeting on 28 March 2019. The draft schedule covers the year from 1 July 2019 to 30 June 2020. Some charges are proposed to increase this year.

The full Schedule of Charges is available for viewing on our website at www.tasman.govt.nz and during normal office hours at the following Tasman District Council Offices and libraries:

- Richmond Office, 189 Queen Street, Richmond
- Motueka Office, 7 Hickmott Place, Motueka
- Takaka Office, 78 Commercial Street, Takaka
- Murchison Office, 92 Fairfax Street, Murchison
- Richmond Library Queen Street, Richmond
- Motueka Library, Pah Street, Motueka
- Takaka Memorial Library, Junction Street, Takaka

Submissions are invited on the draft Schedule of Charges, and must be received by 5.00 pm on Friday 3 May 2019.

Submissions may be made online at tasman.govt.nz/feedback or delivered to your local Tasman District Council office.

Regional Pest Management Plan decisions released

After discussions with our community in 2017 and 2018, the Nelson City and Tasman District Councils have released their decision on the Regional Pest Management Plan (RPMP).

The plan details how we will eradicate or manage unwanted pests in our region, with the aim of protecting the environment and the economy.

The decisions were first notified on 30 March 2019. People who have submitted on the plan can lodge an appeal through the Environment Court.

Public feedback has been incorporated into the plan, and you can find a full copy at tasman.govt.nz/link/rpmp.

Richmond catchment management plan

Submissions close Wednesday 1 May 2019

A new holistic approach to managing stormwater in Richmond aims to reduce flood risks to the community, as well as protect our waterways and the environment.

You're invited to have your say on the draft Richmond Catchment Management Plan.

You can read more about the plan and complete an online submission form at tasman.govt.nz/feedback.

COUNCIL MEETINGS:

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



Golden Bay Community Board

Takaka Service Centre Meeting Room.
Tuesday 9 April, 9.30 am. Public forum

Creative Communities Subcommittee

Motueka Service Centre, 7 Hickmott Place, Motueka. Tuesday 9 April, 10.00 am.

Engineering Services Committee

Thursday 11 April, 9.30 am. Public forum

Tasman Regional Transport Committee

Monday 15 April, 9.30 am. Public forum

Plantation Forestry Submissions

Hearing
Monday 15 April, 1.30 pm. No public forum

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COMMUNITY RELATIONS



Services and Parades Thursday 25 April 2019

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 Golden Bay Pharmacy at 8.45 am for 9.00 am service at the Takaka Memorial Reserve

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

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



Tyson wins hearts at Positive Ageing Expo

Tyson, a big-hearted part-Clydesdale who brings joy by visiting rest homes and care facilities in the region, proved a big hit at this year's Positive Ageing Expo.

The 10-year-old horse had a rough start in life but now enjoys a happy and fulfilled retirement, giving back to the community by bringing smiles to everyone he meets.

Tasman District Council community partnerships coordinator Mike Tasman-Jones said Tyson was an honoured guest at this year's expo on Friday 22 March.

"We were very excited to have him there, he has a lovely gentle presence and he definitely stole a few hearts."

More than 1500 people attended this year's expo, checking out the 80 stalls.

The emphasis was on participation. As well as the chance to meet Tyson, visitors to the expo enjoyed activities as diverse as flower decoration, making a pedal powered smoothie, yoga, Legends Fitness Class, getting hearing and blood tests, having a massage, riding an e-bike, and making an origami heart for Christchurch.

This year's expo continued the theme of the Five Ways to Wellbeing: Being active, learning, connecting with others, keeping our heads in the present, and giving to others.



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