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Takaka Valley, New Zealand

Takaka to Pohara cycleway project gains momentum

Construction of a 7.5 kilometre cycleway linking Takaka and Pohara is set to begin in September, providing a safe cycling and walking route between the two communities for schoolchildren, locals and tourists.

The Council is providing \$1 million towards the project and working closely with the Golden Bay-based working group, local landowners and iwi to finalise the cycleway's design.

Working group co-ordinator Debbie Pearson said it was great to see the project was now so close to construction.

"This is the first step in realising our community vision of a network of cycle-walkways that connect people and communities across Golden Bay. The route is an important priority for the

communities and has been worked on by many people over many years. It's exciting that with the support of the Council it is now coming to fruition."

The cycleway will be a gravel path, similar to much of Tasman's Great Taste Trail cycleway. It will run alongside the road, with just one road crossing. Users will need to cycle across the Motupipi Bridge initially, but the working group is also investigating options for funding and building an addition to the bridge for cyclists and walkers to use.

Budget constraints mean the addition is not part of the initial construction, but is likely to be added later as funding allows.

Find out more

- Head to www.tasman.govt.nz for more information.
- If you would like to receive email updates about this project, please email projects@tasman.govt.nz with "Takaka-Pohara Cycleway email updates" in the subject line.

Mayor's message

Well done to everyone who lowered their water usage while the region was in drought this summer. The Beat the Mayor competition has now closed and I'm preparing myself for a dunking.

Thank you to everyone who entered the competition. It is still very dry and although the drought has broken, its effects will have lasting impacts across our community. Farmers and horticulturalists have had significant impacts on their businesses. Our parks and sportsfields across the District were also significantly affected. We're working hard to get our grounds back up to scratch for winter sport, and I'd like to thank the sports associations who have been working constructively with us to manage their training and play schedules in the meantime.

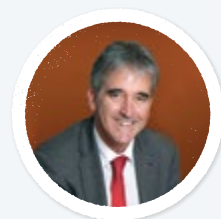
It was a pleasure for Jane and I to join Melissa Girvin and Debbie Bowdler at the National TrustPower Community Awards in Tauranga recently. They were our regional TrustPower Community Award winners for the work their group Beyond the Bridge carried out assisting property owners in the Riwaka Valley and Motueka Valley recover from the effects of Cyclone Gita. The national awards show the inspiring impact volunteers make within our community. I would encourage everyone to consider how you can be involved in helping others.

The Forest Fire Concert on Saturday 13 April organised by the Waimea Weekly was an opportunity for the community to show all our first responders how thankful we are for their hard work and dedication during the Pigeon Valley fire in February. The Warratahs put on a great show at the Richmond Showgrounds, and some special messages from the children of Wakefield and Appleby schools were broadcast. They summed up beautifully how grateful many of us feel for the work emergency responders carried out during the State of Emergency.

This year I will attend Anzac Day services at Motueka and Richmond. The services will be another opportunity for us to reflect on the sacrifices others have made on our behalf, and to appreciate how fortunate we are to have the peace and stability that allows us to enjoy living in our particular piece of paradise. I look forward to seeing many of you at these or other services across the District.



Richard Kempthorne
Mayor



In case you missed it...

A summary of recent Council meetings and the decisions made.

Engineering Services Committee – Thursday 11 April 2019

- Agreed to allow NZ Post to trial the use of Paxster delivery vehicles on footpaths in Tasman District, with a trial end date of 1 June 2021.
- Received a report on the monitoring we carry out of riverbed levels and the effect of gravel extraction. The report shows gravel extraction between 2004 and 2017 was sustainable.
- Engineering Services manager Richard Kirby advised an extremely tight construction market is making it challenging to deliver Council projects. Staff are looking into different procurement options to overcome this.

BEAT THE MAYOR WINNERS



A big congratulations to the winners of the Beat the Mayor competition, Philippa Beckman, Anita Stanbridge and Ruth Bagnall.

Philippa, Anita and Ruth all reduced their household water use to less than 97 litres a day during the drought – blowing Mayor Richard Kempthorne's effort out of the water! Well done!

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New policy to guide planning for ageing population

Tasman's population is ageing, and the number of people aged over 65 in our District is projected to almost double over the next 20 years.

Looking ahead, we want Tasman District to be a vibrant age-friendly community where older people are valued, visible and socially connected. The services, activities and housing we offer should be accessible and affordable.

We've developed an Age-Friendly Policy to help us achieve this. The policy will guide our planning to explicitly consider the needs of the growing number of older residents. We think many of these initiatives will benefit people of all ages and abilities.

Age-friendly highlights

Some of the key aims of the policy include:

- Increasing opportunities for older people to enjoy social connection and healthy lifestyles

- Improving the accessibility of Council service centres, libraries, public toilets and parks
- Supporting a range of accessible and affordable transport and mobility options for older people
- Enabling and encouraging smaller, accessible and affordable housing
- Improving the accessibility of Council information, using a range of communication methods to engage with older residents

New initiatives that are planned include:

- Accessibility audits
- Providing information on housing choices and on housing maintenance and modification

- Richmond bus loop
- Support for community transport services
- Education on appropriate behaviour for footpaths and shared pathways
- Microphones at Motueka and Golden Bay Community Board meetings

Find out more

Head to www.tasman.govt.nz/link/age-friendly for more information.

Copies are also available at Council offices and libraries, or phone 543 8400 if you'd like a printed copy to be posted to you.



The top three woodsheds

Tasman's Best Little Woodshed winner crowned

Congratulations to the winners of our Best Little Woodshed competition, Ricky Hovenden and Kevin Heslop of Wakefield and Steven Armour of Brightwater.

Earlier this year we launched the Best Little Woodshed competition to find great local examples of how to keep wood stored and dried, ready to use over the cold autumn and winter months.

Our winners were chosen by a panel of Tasman District councillors, who were looking for woodsheds that epitomised best practice wood storage, including:

- Wood is off the ground to avoid moisture seeping up from below
- Air flow can reach the sides of the pile
- Top of the pile is covered to keep rain off
- Innovation of woodshed design and aesthetics

Overall woodshed winner Ricky Hovenden said: "My woodshed is a practical build to keep my wood dry and the pavers keep my shoes clean while getting wood in. I get my

wood a year in advance so there's no issue with having wet wood. Once a bay in the shed is empty, I fill it up so the wood can dry out in time for next winter".

Good wood storage is important to ensure firewood is dry and won't cause smoke pollution when burned.

Our winners each received a voucher for a cord of firewood.

Where to find Good Wood

If you're not able to gather your own firewood like Ricky does, you can purchase wood from a Good Wood supplier. When you choose a Good Wood supplier, you're opting for a trusted source of dry firewood that will burn well, helping to keep your home warmer and our air cleaner.

Good Wood suppliers can provide seasoned firewood, suitable for immediate use.

Head to www.tasman.govt.nz/link/good-wood for a list of suppliers.

Let's clear the air

Over autumn and winter, wood burners can be a major contributor to air pollution. Luckily, all wood burners can be operated in a way that reduces the amount of smoke they produce. They key things to remember are:

- Use dry, untreated firewood
- Keep a good flow of air going

Once your fire is burning brightly, head outside to check the smoke coming out the chimney. A thin wisp of light-coloured smoke is what you're aiming for.

Please don't be tempted to bank up your fire and then turn the air flow down, as this is one of the biggest contributors to smoke haze overnight.



WATER MATTERS

Drought takes toll on parks and sportsfields

The effects of the drought Tasman District experienced this summer will be felt for some time to come, including in our local parks and sportsfields.

During the height of the drought, we stopped watering these areas completely in some parts of the District to do our bit to preserve the community's dwindling water supplies.

It is always a balancing act during times of water shortage to maintain public areas that are highly valued and well-used by our community, and which can be costly and time-consuming to repair and replant. In most years we continue to water these areas sparingly.

However, this year the risk to our community's water supply in the Waimea area reached critical levels and we stopped all outdoor watering – just as we asked residents and businesses to do.

The effects of being without water for several weeks has had a significant impact on sportsfields, plants and trees in some areas.

Sportsfields

The effect of the drought on our sportsfields ranges from minor to extreme loss of turf cover in several cases. This has affected

the grounds' availability for winter sports, particularly rugby and football.

We're working with sports associations and clubs to manage this, and in some cases games will be moved to other grounds to ensure the safety of players, and to allow the fields to be resown and begin regenerating in the window we have left for grass growth before winter.

Most areas will require additional work in spring to ensure their continued recovery.

Keep off the grass signage

In several areas there are signs up reminding you to stay off the grass while it recovers. Please don't go onto these grounds – we are asking you to stay off them so they can recover enough to be safe and usable in this and future years.

Plants and trees

The lack of water had a widespread impact on plants and trees in parks and reserves throughout the District. In some areas established shrubs and trees have died off completely. In many places it is not yet clear what the long-term impact will be.

Some plants and trees that became stressed may recover. They will be more vulnerable to other shocks, such as storms or root interference from construction works.

We will be keeping a close eye on plants and trees over the next 12 months. Any that pose a danger to public safety will be removed, but we do not plan to undertake widespread tree removal as we hope many will recover over the coming years.

Replacement plantings will take place in some areas over autumn and winter.



Damaged turf at Jubilee Park, Richmond, 18 March 2019

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.



New public playground for Marahau

A new playground has opened at Newhaven Reserve in Marahau – the first public playground for the coastal community.

The playground project was initiated by the Marahau Residents' Association. Over the past 12 months we have worked with the association and with Marahau's youngest residents to design, fund and build the new boat-themed play area.

Over the next few months, plantings and seating will be installed around the playground to complete the development.



Access and parking for Saxton Velodrome completed

The access road for the Saxton Velodrome is now complete, with entry from Champion Road linking to a new parking area beside the velodrome.

Now this access is available, the informal route from the internal road through Saxton Field will be closed to motor vehicles. We have closed this route to prevent the internal road from becoming a rat run for commuter traffic, which would pose safety concerns for the public using the facilities at Saxton.

We appreciate this will add a couple of minutes to the journey for those travelling to the velodrome from Stoke and other parts of Nelson. In future years we will look at options for providing safe access to the velodrome from the Stoke side of Saxton Field.

About the Saxton Velodrome

The Saxton Velodrome, completed last year, is a fantastic free public facility for cyclists of all ages and stages. The learn to bike area is a great spot for young riders to practice their road rules and biking skills - and is great fun for those on roller blades, scooters and other wheels too.

The competition-standard race track is also available for the public to use for free when not booked for club training or races. The velodrome, access road and parking are provided jointly by Tasman District Council and Nelson City Council.

Check your broadband ahead of the Rugby World Cup

The Rugby World Cup is one of New Zealand's favourite sporting events. This year you'll need to make sure you are connected to the best broadband so you can see full coverage in September.

While some Rugby World Cup matches will be available free-to-air on TVNZ the majority will only be available through the Spark Sport app and over broadband.

Check what's available

- Enter your address in to the broadband checker at chorus.co.nz.
- Choose the fastest plan you can.
- Fibre is best for live streaming. If it is available but you're yet to connect make sure you order early. You can compare plans from different providers at broadbandcompare.co.nz.

If fibre is not available at your address, make sure you've still got the best connection possible. Upgrading to VDSL – the fastest broadband available over copper – can be as easy as giving your provider a call.

Six new VDSL cabinets near Ngatimoti, St Arnaud, Tapawera, Moutere and Wakefield have recently been upgraded.

Get in early

If fibre or VDSL isn't available at your place, keep an eye on local fibre-enabled pubs, clubs and community groups. Many will be arranging viewings closer to the time.

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Free training: how to keep your hull clean

Learn from experts about how to get the most from your anti-fouling.

Good hull maintenance means you use less fuel, get to your destination faster, and do not spread marine pests.

A free training session is being held on Saturday 25 May 2019, 1.00pm to 4.00pm, at the Nelson Marina. New rules in Marlborough ban highly fouled vessels from moving in and out of the region, while existing rules in Tasman and Nelson require control of Mediterranean fanworm (*Sabella spallanzanii*). Carboline New Zealand, a leading manufacturer of marine paints, is teaming up with councils and Nelmac to bring you this opportunity to understand more about anti-fouling. Any queries ring or email Peter Lawless, Top of the South Marine Biosecurity coordinator at 021 894 363 or tosmarinebio@gmail.com

Note: This is a drop-in session. Arrive any time from 1.00pm to 3.30pm and we will include you.

Sport NZ Rural Travel Fund applications closing soon

The Sport NZ Rural Travel Fund offers help with travel costs for rural sports clubs and rural school teams. The goal is to help young people aged between 5 – 19 participate in local sports competitions.

Sport NZ fully fund the Rural Travel Fund, which we administer locally on their behalf. The next funding round closes on 30 April 2019. Head to tasman.govt.nz/link/grants for criteria and how to apply.

Holiday hours and services

All service centres and libraries will be closed to observe holidays on:

- Good Friday - Friday 19 April
- Easter Monday - Monday 22 April
- Anzac Day - Thursday 25 April

Recycling and rubbish collections

- Resource Recovery Centres are closed on Good Friday - 19 April.
- Collections scheduled for Good Friday 19 April will be collected on Saturday 20 April instead.
- Easter Monday 22 April is a normal collection day.

Bins out by 7.00am.

For urgent or emergency issues you can contact the Council 24 hours a day on 03 543 8400.

You can also phone your local Council Service Centre number to get through to the after-hours service.

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.

Find out more

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

APPROVED ROAD CLOSURES



Applicant: Golden Bay RSA

Event: Anzac Day Parade

Location of road closure: Commercial Street, Takaka.

From number 19 to number 81 Commercial Street. Alternate route: Motupipi Street, Junction Street and Reilly Street.

Date and time: Thursday 25 April 2019, 8.30 am to 10.30 am

Applicant: Richmond/Waimea RSA

Event: Anzac Day Parade

Location of road closure: Queen Street, Richmond.

From Sundial Square to Cambridge Street. Oxford Street, Richmond. From Wensley Road to Gladstone Road (SH6).

Date and time: Thursday 25 April 2019, 10.00 am to 12.30 pm

Applicant: Nelson RSA

Event: Anzac Day Parade

Location of road closure: Aranui Road, Mapua. From Higgs Road to the tennis courts.

Date and time: Thursday 25 April 2019, 10.00 am to 12.00 pm

Applicant: Richmond/Waimea RSA

Event: Anzac Day Parade

Location of road closure: Whitby Way, Wakefield. From Edward Street to Wakefield car park entrance.

Date and time: Thursday 25 April 2019, 9.00 am to 12.00 pm

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

Nelson and Tasman are growing fast. 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 to help us refine the options that will shape the future of our communities.

Have your say: 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.

Public information sessions

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

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

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

Public toilets for Ben Cooper Park

Public toilets will soon be available at Richmond's Ben Cooper Park. We have redeveloped two existing toilets connected with the Dart Club at the park, creating a new ramp and entrance to provide fully accessible public toilet access. The toilets will be open to the public during the day from late April.

The bigger picture – managing stormwater, protecting the environment

A new holistic approach to managing stormwater in Richmond aims to improve flood resilience as well as protect our waterways and the environment.

Stormwater management in Richmond has traditionally focussed on the collection of stormwater from roads and roofs to convey it rapidly towards the coast through a network of pipes and drains.

Past flood events in Richmond have shown us that our piped network does not have enough capacity to deal with extreme rainfall. Our expected population growth, in combination with the effects from climate change such as increased rainfall and rising sea levels, will put even more strain on our stormwater network and the environment.

A new approach

These challenges mean we need to change the way we approach stormwater management. The Richmond Catchment Management Plan brings together stormwater and flooding information, environmental information, and social and cultural information.

Once finalised, the plan will provide long-term direction for the management of stormwater within the Richmond area.

Have your say before 1 May

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

HAVE YOUR SAY:

Have your say on any of these topics at www.tasman.govt.nz/feedback.

Draft Schedule of Charges 2019/2020

Submissions close Friday 3 May 2019.

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. Some charges are proposed to increase this year.

Alcohol licence applications

Current applications for alcohol licences, including information on how to object, are advertised on our website.

COUNCIL MEETINGS:

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

Positive Ageing Forum

Richmond Library. Monday 29 April, 1.00 pm.

Regional Pest Management Committee

Wednesday 1 May, 9.30 am. Public forum

Full Council Meeting

Thursday 9 May, 9.30 am. Public forum

Full Council - Annual Plan Hearings

Friday 10 May, 9.30 am. Public forum



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Easter and Anzac Day opening times

We hope you have a lovely Easter break. Your local Tasman District Library will be closed on Friday 19 April, Sunday 21 April, Monday 22 April and Thursday 25 April. We hope you've stocked up on heaps of books, DVDs, CDs and magazines to keep you going while on your break.

Sending our love to Christchurch

In the wake of the awful events of March 15 in Christchurch, Tasman District Libraries invited library users to make a simple origami heart to show their love and support of Christchurch's Muslim community. As a result, hundreds of beautiful handmade hearts were made, some of them with heartfelt messages. In early April we took 230 of these hearts to Christchurch to deliver them to Christchurch's Muslim community on behalf of all those in our community who made them. Thank you Tasman and Golden Bay for your kind heartedness and warmth.

Arty April School Holiday Programme

There's still one week remaining in the April school holidays and plenty of fun events are taking place at your local libraries. Teens are invited to take part in Spoiler Alert! our teen reading competition that continues until 10 May. The Arty April Scavenger



Hunt is also in full swing across all of Tasman's libraries. And don't miss out on drop-in Techy Times at Motueka Library and Murchison Library, as well as games, author talks, storytimes and more!

Visit our website for further details:
www.tasmanlibraries.govt.nz

Sweet and Sour

Do you love jams and marmalades? Whether you're a seasoned jam and marmalade maker, a beginner, or just like to eat them, you'll love the Jams and Marmalades tastings, recipe swap, and tasty trivia session at Motueka Library this month. It's free and everyone is invited. Motueka Library, Friday 26 April, 11.00 am - 12.00 pm.

Law For Lunch

On Thursday lunchtimes throughout May, Richmond Library will be host Trevor Irwin from Nelson Bays Community Law in a series of lunchtime law sessions. Find out about wills and trusts, dealing with neighbours, tenancy issues, and health and disability matters. 12.00 pm - 1.00 pm, on most Thursdays in May. Visit our website for exact dates.

Down The Bay With Philip Simpson

Ethnobotanist and renowned local author Philip Simpson will give a author talk at Motueka Library on Monday 6 May at 6.30 pm. Philip will talk about the amazing national park on our doorstep – The Abel

Tasman National Park. Philip's book is a natural and cultural history of the Abel Tasman. Cash book sales will be available for \$79.99. Don't miss this opportunity to learn about our local history and environment.

Book Art Competition

Calling all artists, young and old! Motueka and Takaka libraries are running a book art competition in June. It might seem a long way away, but now's the time to start cleaning your paint brushes, brushing up on your snipping skills, and warming up your hot glue gun. The idea is to take an old book and turn it into a wondrous work of art – let your imagination be your guide! Book art submissions will be accepted from Tuesday 4 June until Friday 28 June. The competition is open to all age groups and there are prizes to be won. For entry forms and further information visit Motueka or Takaka libraries.



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