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Mapua Wharf

Major upgrade of Mapua water network to begin

A \$6.2 million upgrade of Mapua's water and wastewater system is set to begin in mid-June.

The project will replace the existing fragile pipeline with a new, larger water main. The network is currently operating at a lower than ideal pressure, and pipe breaks interrupt the community's water supply too regularly.

Mapua has also outgrown its wastewater network. Parts of the wastewater system are frequently at capacity when it rains heavily which leads to overflows. There is little or no emergency storage or odour control at the existing pump stations.

The upgrade will significantly improve the infrastructure serving Mapua now and in the future.

The work will begin at Mapua Wharf and progress up Aranui Road and along Stafford Drive.

Local firm Donaldson Civil will carry out the work, which includes:

- A new water main running from Mapua Wharf to Pine Hill Road,
- A new wastewater pipe running from

Mapua Wharf to Ruby Bay,

- Refurbishment of the existing wastewater pump station at 72 Stafford Drive,
- Upgrade of the pump station at 102 Aranui Road, including installing an underground emergency storage tank and odour control, and
- Installation of odour control at the Ruby Bay pump station and tidying up the area around the pump station.

This is an extensive programme of work, which will take more than a year to complete. The upgrade is due to finish by the end of 2020. It will be carried out in sections, and will be timed to reduce disruption as much as possible. For example, construction will stop on Aranui Road in December and will not resume until mid-April 2020. We will aim to carry out work outside Mapua School during school holidays.

During construction, Donaldson Civil will have a public liaison manager available on a 24-hour phone number to address any

concerns. They will also be in touch with those living in directly affected properties on a daily basis.

The construction market in our region is extremely tight at the moment and prices have risen since the budget for this project was agreed. To carry out the most essential work within the available funding, we have reduced the scope of the wastewater work. Providing emergency storage for the Ruby Bay and Stafford Drive pump stations will be considered as a separate future project, as will increased wastewater capacity to service future growth north of Pomona Road.

Find out more

Head to tasman.govt.nz, search phrase "mapua upgrade".

Join the project email list for regular updates: Email projects@tasman.govt.nz; in the Subject line, type: 'Join Mapua upgrade mailing list'.

Mayor's Message

Tasman District is already experiencing the impacts of climate change. Over the past couple of years we have been hit by cyclones, storm surges, drought and fire.

This has really hit home to me personally as our family has been significantly impacted by the fire that started in Pigeon Valley. An increase in the severity and frequency of extreme weather is one of the effects we can expect to continue seeing in future.

The people of Tasman District are justifiably proud of our green landscapes, healthy environment and unique identity. We need to work together to conserve the elements of our way of life that we value the most.

Climate change represents a huge challenge for all of us, and there are few easy solutions. The Council has a large body of work underway to assess the likely effects on our communities and to formulate strategies for how we can best prepare and adapt for the future. This work will allow us to have conversations with our communities about how rising sea levels and more unsettled weather patterns will affect us all. Some of those conversations will be hard. We know it's essential that we have them.

I am heartened by the direction this work is taking. We have just approved a new Land Development Manual that anticipates climate change through more resilient infrastructure design, as well as encouraging urban design that creates a lighter load on the environment – such as better walking and cycling networks.


Through the Future Development Strategy we have been consulting the community about how we should manage growth with an awareness of rising sea levels. In July, a Council team will travel around the District presenting our coastal hazard mapping work, which will help us all understand how rising seas and coastal erosion may affect Tasman.

In addition, we are working on a climate response strategy/action plan for Tasman. The strategy could steer the Council towards reducing its emissions, support us in providing community leadership and provide direction for future planning for climate change adaptation. Working together with Zero Carbon Nelson Tasman and EnviroSchools leaders from local high schools, we've workshopped some initial ideas for inclusion in the strategy and we plan to continue working with these groups. One of the exciting ideas arising from these discussions is the proposed Nelson Tasman Climate Forum – this would help us take a broad regional approach to climate change.

While the Council can do a certain amount, as individuals we need to take meaningful action now to reduce emissions and make a difference for the place we call home.

This is a very important issue for us in the short and long term. We need to think of the impacts that our children and grandchildren will face in years ahead and commit to doing what we can to limit those.



 **Richard Kempthorne**
Mayor

In case you missed it

A summary of recent Council meetings and the decisions made.

Engineering Services Committee - 23 May 2019

- Approved the construction of new footpaths in Lower Moutere (from the village to the Rec Centre), Mapua (from Dominion Flats to the existing path at Mapua Drive), on Lower Queen Street, Richmond and in Brooklyn (from Old Mill Road to Mickell Road).
- We have been successful in our application for Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment (MBIE) funding towards improvements to Tasman's Great Taste Trail. MBIE will fund

up to \$55,742 for facilities and coastal protection works. The improvements include shade sail, bike stands, tables and seating at the ferry landing on the northern end of Rabbit Island; rock protection around a 500m section of trail around the Waimea Inlet; and an information sign, bike stands, seating and a toilet at Kohatu.

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Outdoor burning in winter - tips to reduce smoke

Heading into winter, smoke from outdoor burning causes many problems. Calm, clear days with cold temperatures do not allow the smoke from outdoor burns to rise and disperse.

If you're burning in winter, you must take extra care because the smoke, odour and ash from outdoor fires can cause significant negative health, nuisance and amenity effects on neighbours and the local area.

Outdoor burns are banned year round in Richmond and Motueka townships. Other townships within Tasman and the outskirts of Richmond and Motueka are zoned 'fire sensitive' and outdoor burns are banned from 1 June until 1 September (unless burning diseased horticultural crops).

Where outdoor burning is allowed, it must be carried out using good practices and you

must make every effort to minimise smoke.

Tips for a successful burn

- Check the weather conditions, wind speed and direction and continue to check throughout the burn.
- Wind speeds of 10-25 kmh are ideal.
- Burn well-seasoned, dry vegetation only.
- Stack vegetation and untreated wood loosely. Do not compact the material.
- In winter only burn between 10.00 am and 4.00 pm. Do not add any more vegetation after 3.00 pm.

- Do not leave a fire to smoulder overnight – restart fires the next day.
- Get the fire burning hot as quickly as possible and keep it hot throughout the burn – lower temperatures mean more smouldering and more smoke.
- Minimise the frequency and number of fires as much as possible.

Find out more

Head to tasman.govt.nz for good practice guides and air discharge rules. Don't forget to check if you need a fire permit from Nelson Tasman Fire and Emergency NZ (checkitsalright.nz).

Stay safe on the road this winter

Winter driving conditions can be unpredictable. Here are some tips for safe winter journeys.

Slow down

- Take your time – it only takes a split second to lose control in wet or icy conditions.
- Avoid sudden movements. Accelerate smoothly and brake gently.
- When travelling uphill, use a higher gear than normal. When going downhill use a lower gear.

Plan your journey

- When conditions are bad, postpone your trip if possible.

- Check road conditions. Call 0800 44 44 49 for state highways, visit www.highwayinfo.govt.nz, or listen to local radio stations.
- Carry warm clothes in case you get stuck or break down. On a long trip, take food and something to drink.

See and be seen

- In fog, rain or snow, turn your lights on.
- Switch headlights on earlier in the day.
- Clear windows before driving. De-ice and wipe windows.

Watch for danger spots

- Ice lingers in shaded areas such as high banks, tall trees and road cuttings.
- Bridges can stay slippery longer than other road surfaces.
- Expect a dawn frost. If it is not frosty at 6.00 am, it could be an hour later.
- Slow down in glare from low winter sun.

Pick up a free windscreen ice scraper and cloth at Council offices and libraries.

New plan for the future of Motueka's parks and reserves

A new plan for managing Motueka's parks and reserves will provide an increased focus on ecological health, greater acknowledgement of cultural values, and ongoing improvements to maximise the public's enjoyment of these important community spaces.

Some of the key elements of the plan include:

- Development of the northern half of Riwaka Memorial Recreation Reserve by reinstating wetland/swamp forest habitat, upgrading the playground and adding seating.
- Development of the flat area at Brooklyn Recreation Reserve by extending the lowland forest towards the road and retaining a smaller area of open space.

- Improvements at the front of the Motueka Museum to make it more attractive and safer for pedestrians.
- Allowing the Huia Sports Club to build replacement clubrooms near the eastern boundary of Sports Park Motueka, and providing extra parking spaces.
- Create a future development plan for Decks Reserve, highlighting the area as the central heart of Motueka township and providing for the construction of a new library at the reserve.

A range of other improvements such as new play equipment, landscaping, walkway linkages, public toilets and parking are also planned for some parks and reserves. The improvements will be carried out over the next several years, as funding allows.

Find out more

You can read the full plan at tasman.govt.nz/link/motueka-rmp.



The team behind our water

Last year, Tasman District Council and Downer New Zealand entered into a new form of operations and maintenance contract for our water supply, stormwater and wastewater services across the District.

The contract focuses on a collaborative partnership designed to ensure we can provide our ratepayers with the best levels of service at the least cost over the lifetime of our infrastructure assets. A collaborative partnering contract encourages openness, risk-sharing, trust and a team approach between the parties, and is the best method to share responsibilities and financial information in a transparent manner.

The overarching philosophy is to balance the water, stormwater and wastewater work programmes against our expected levels of service.

To achieve this, the Council and Downer have agreed a target outturn cost (the estimated total cost for the planned work programme) for operations and maintenance based on the agreed work programme and key performance indicators.

Together, we are the team that delivers water to your taps, diverts rainwater away from your homes and businesses and removes and treats your wastewater.



Above: Downer contract manager Jasper Snyder and Tasman District Council utilities manager Mike Schruer are part of the team behind our water.

Public meeting for Redwood Valley rural water supply

7.00 pm, 13 June 2019, Redwood Valley Hall.

Everyone who receives their water supply from the Redwood Valley Rural Water Scheme is invited to a public meeting to discuss re-establishing a user committee for the scheme.

The committee will act as a voice for those who take water from the scheme, representing their interests and liaising with the Council when there are issues affecting the Redwood Valley water supply.

A committee was originally formed in the mid-1970s but hasn't been active in recent years.

The meeting will also cover some of the topics that already do or may affect the scheme in future, such as:

- Planned upgrades to meet national drinking water standards and their cost implications
- Illegal tampering with restrictors and other infrastructure
- Access over private land to maintain water supply infrastructure
- Managing water demand during the fire and drought
- Likely drought restrictions until the Waimea Community Dam is built

Find out more

If you're interested in being part of the user committee, or wish to discuss anything relating to the scheme before the meeting, contact Helen Lane on 03 543 8400 or email helen.lane@tasman.govt.nz.

Navigation safety notice

Temporary reservations and speed limit uplifting for maritime events between 1 April and 1 September 2019.

The Tasman District Council Harbourmaster has granted authorisations for the following known events.

Event date: 1 April - 1 September 2019

Location: Lee River

Activity: Closure due to road widening

Due to navigation safety requirements, water users not involved in these events may be excluded from defined areas during these activities. Notices will be placed at nearby access points during these events. Further details for these and any new events may be viewed at tasman.govt.nz/maritime-events.

Notice given pursuant to the provisions of the Navigation Safety Bylaw 2015.

Take the Newsline survey to be in to win!

We're always looking for ways to improve Newsline. Help us by filling in the survey and you'll go in the draw to win one of five family passes to the Richmond Aquatic Centre, or a coffee voucher to a local cafe.

District Council, Private Bag 4, Richmond 7050. You can also complete the survey online at tasman.govt.nz/feedback. Survey closes on 14 June 2019.

Return your completed survey to any Council service centre or library, or pop it in the post addressed to: Newsline survey 2019, Tasman

Where do you live?

How old are you?

What ethnicity are you?

What is your gender?

How long have you lived in Tasman District?

- Less than a year;
- 1 – 3 years
- 3 – 10 years
- More than 10 years

Do you receive a copy of Newsline every fortnight?

- Yes No

How regularly do you read Newsline?

- Always Sometimes
- Frequently Never

If never, why?

Which information do you find useful in Newsline? Tick as many as you like.

- Council decisions
- Mayor's Message
- Current roadworks and closures
- Upcoming events, workshops and activities
- Libraries programme
- Water Matters column

Projects and initiatives happening in my area

Council services; grants

Other (please specify).

Which information do you find least useful in Newsline?

- Council decisions
- Mayor's Message
- Current roadworks and closures
- Upcoming events, workshops and activities
- Libraries programme
- Water Matters column
- Projects and initiatives happening in my area
- Council services; grants
- Other (please specify)

What would you like to see more of in Newsline?

What would you like to see less of in Newsline?

Would you like to see/read Newsline:

- More often (eg. weekly)
- The same (eg. fortnightly)
- Less often (eg. monthly)

What other sources of information do you read about Tasman District Council?

- Online
- Printed newspaper
- Radio
- Social media

Would you read an online version of Newsline?

- Yes No

How would you prefer to receive news and information from Tasman District Council?

- Regular printed newspaper (eg. Newsline)
- Regular online newsletter sent by email
- On Council website
- Social media (eg. Facebook)
- Advertising in traditional newspapers (eg. Waimea Weekly/Motueka Guardian/GB Weekly)
- Other (please specify)

Do you find Newsline easy to read?

- Yes No

If no, why not?

Are there any changes we could make to the design of Newsline to make it easier for you read (eg. Print size, colour, layout etc)? Please specify.

If you'd like to go in the prize draw please provide your name and a phone number, email or postal address.

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Business case for Port Tarohe to be developed

We're working on a business case for the development of Port Tarohe. This project is partially funded by the Provincial Growth Fund. A business case means agreeing on and costing out the work to provide for current and future needs. A business case is not an approval process, it is a costing and design exercise to help inform future decision making about further investment in the port. Port Tarohe is a community asset that provides for both recreational and commercial opportunities. The Port plays a pivotal role in providing recreational and commercial access to the wider Tasman District, it provides sheltered boat launching, it is the home to 'learn to sail' operations and cultural waka ama experiences along with recreational fishing off the existing breakwater.

A business case for Port Tarohe needs to:

- ensure social and economic resilience,
- comply with regulations,
- meet operational needs for current and future recreational and commercial users,
- account for climate change, and
- retain and protect this community asset for future generations.

We have been talking to recreational users, community representatives and key local advocacy groups to help guide the initial development of a draft business case. We expect to carry out full community consultation on the draft in July. Find out more at tasman.govt.nz.

Battle for the Banded Rail community plantings

Come and join us at a community planting day on the Waimea Inlet.

- Sunday 9 June, 9.00 am – 1.00 pm, Manuka Island. Follow sign to Manuka Island from Redwood Road.
- Sunday 16 June, 9.00 am – 1.00 pm, Bronte Peninsula North. Park on Cardno Way (off Bronte Road East).
- Sunday 30 June, 9.00 am – 1.00 pm, Hoddy Estuary Park. 232 Coastal Highway near Research Orchard Road.

Please bring gloves, spade and drinking water. Wear solid footwear and clothes suitable for the weather conditions. Morning tea will be provided (coffee courtesy of Pomeroy's).

Battle for the Banded Rail is a Waimea Inlet Forum project working with local communities. For more information, email bandedrail@gmail.com or phone Kathryn on 544 4537.

Dominion Flats reserve public planting days

9 June, 9.00 am - 12.00 pm - rain or shine. Meet at the Mapua Drive entrance. Wear suitable clothes and gumboots, gardening gloves. Morning tea provided. Contact Helen Bibby on 027 459 3989.

Don't spread freshwater pests this hunting season

With duck hunting season underway, Tasman District Council and the Ministry for Primary Industries are reminding hunters of the importance of cleaning equipment between waterways to avoid the spread of freshwater pests including the invasive alga didymo.

"Unwanted freshwater pests such as didymo, lake snow, and hornwort pose a serious threat to our rivers, streams and lakes" says biosecurity and biodiversity team leader Paul Sheldon.

"We are asking hunters moving between waterways to check, clean and dry any equipment that has come into contact with river or lake water – particularly boots. Some freshwater pests, like didymo and lake snow, are microscopic and can be spread by a single drop of water."

Paul says before leaving a waterway people should check items and leave any weed or debris they find at the waterway.

"All items should then be cleaned for at least one minute with a five percent solution of biodegradable dishwashing solution. That's about one tablespoon of detergent per 250ml. Absorbent materials such as boots require longer soaking times to allow thorough saturation. To ensure didymo cells are dead, the item must be completely dry to the touch, then left dry for at least another 48 hours before use."

For more information visit mpi.govt.nz/check-clean-dry.



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HAVE YOUR SAY:



Find details for all our current consultations at tasman.govt.nz/feedback.

Speed limits – tell us what you think

Survey closes 14 June 2019.

This is your chance to let us know the speeds you think are safe and appropriate on our different road types.

Head to tasman.govt.nz/feedback to complete the survey.

Paper copies are available at Tasman District Council offices and libraries.

Alcohol licence applications

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

Moorings and coastal structures review

Consultation closes on 12 July 2019.

Consultation is now open on proposed changes to the rules for boat moorings and other coastal structures in Tasman District.

The rule review will lead to changes to the provisions for moorings in the Tasman Resource Management Plan, and the introduction of a new bylaw.

Have your say

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

Information is also available at Council offices and libraries.

Lease for Wanderers Gymnasium
Brightwater Recreation Reserve

Submissions close on 18 June 2019.

We intend to grant a new five-year lease to the Wanderers Sport Club for their Wanderers Gymnasium, located in the former Bowling Club building on Brightwater Recreation Reserve – 10 Charlotte Lane, Brightwater.

Have your say: To submit feedback, email info@tasman.govt.nz with the subject line: Wanderers Gymnasium Brightwater Recreation Reserve. You may post hard-copy submissions to Margot Wilson, Tasman District Council, Private Bag 4, Richmond 7050. If any objections are received, we will hold a formal hearing. Please advise whether you would like to appear if there is a hearing. All feedback becomes public information.

Find out more: Contact Margot Wilson on 03 543 8400.

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Apply for a rates rebate before
30 June

The deadline for applications for a rates rebate for the 2018/2019 rating year is 30 June 2019. Rebates are based on your household income, the amount of your rates, and the number of dependents you have. You can estimate if you're eligible for a rebate using your income for the year ending 31 March 2018 at dia.govt.nz – search phrase 'rates rebate'.

Application forms and more information are available at Council offices or online at tasman.govt.nz.

COUNCIL MEETINGS:



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

Community Grants Subcommittee
Tuesday 4 June, 9.30 am.

Golden Bay Community Board
Collingwood Fire Station, Elizabeth Street, Collingwood. Tuesday 11 June, 9.30 am. Public forum

Community Development Committee
Thursday 13 June, 9.30 am. Public forum

Audit and Risk Committee
Thursday 13 June, 2.00 pm. No public forum

Community Awards Subcommittee
Sabine Room, 189 Queen Street, Richmond. Tuesday 18 June, 9.30 am. No public forum

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Community Grants applications open

Are you planning a great community event or project – but need a little help to make it happen? Applications for our Community Grants are open now and close on 31 July 2019. Funding is available for Tasman-based projects that meet a community need and have community support. Priority is given to projects that can show financial support from other sources as well.

Online applications

Visit tasman.govt.nz/link/grants to download the Community Grants from Rates Application Form. Work on the application at your own pace – and save as you go. Send the completed application back to us using a simple online form.

Find out more

Email Community Partnerships Coordinator Lani Evans, lan.evans@tasman.govt.nz.

Museum remembers Murchison earthquake

At 10.00 am on Monday 17 June, the Murchison Museum will hold a service to commemorate the 90th anniversary of the 7.8-magnitude Murchison earthquake.

Join us as we remember the 17 lives lost and reflect on the difficulties the community faced. Check out the earthquake display at the same time.

Funding for community arts projects

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 \$1000.

Find out more: Head online: tasman.govt.nz (search phrase 'creative communities'). Contact: Community Partnerships Coordinator Lani Evans, phone 03 543 8400, email lan.evans@tasman.govt.nz.

Outstanding Community Awards nominations open

If you know of individuals or groups that you think deserve recognition for all their hard work, you can nominate them for an Outstanding Community Service Award.

Without fuss or fanfare, these are the people who undertake good work on behalf of neighbours, friends, schools, clubs, churches and service organisations, and make our community an awesome place to live. The Outstanding Community Service Awards allow us to formally acknowledge individuals who have volunteered on behalf of their communities for 20 years or more. Nominees must be residents of Tasman District.

Find out more: Nomination forms and criteria are available at tasman.govt.nz/link/outstanding. Nominations close on 30 June 2019.

Community funders roadshow

Find out how your community organisation can apply for local funding. Join us at an information session:

- Wednesday 5 June, 1.00 pm – 2.30 pm at Community House, Motueka
- Thursday 6 June, 10.00 am – 12.00 pm at Rec Park Centre clubrooms, Takaka

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