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Representatives of the combined Pigeon Valley fire response team collect the Spirit of Service Award.

Pigeon Valley fire response wins Spirit of Service Award

We're proud to be among the organisations recognised with a national service award for our combined response to last summer's Pigeon Valley fires.

The Prime Minister's first annual Spirit of Service Awards, announced in mid-September, celebrate outstanding public service in New Zealand. The awards celebrate world-class leadership, outstanding public services and cross-agency initiatives underpinned by a spirit of service.

The joint winners of the Service Excellence Award for the fire response were Tasman District Council, Nelson City Council, Nelson Tasman Civil Defence and Emergency Management, Fire and Emergency New Zealand, Department of Conservation,

New Zealand Police, Ministry of Civil Defence and Emergency Management, Te Puni Kōkiri, Te Rūnanga O Toa Rangatira Inc, Te Ātiawa o Te Waka-a-Māui Trust, Ngāti Tama ki Te Waipounamu Trust, Ngāti Koata Trust, Te Rūnanga o Ngāti Rārua, Te Runanga o Ngāti Kuia, Ngāti Apa ki te Rā Tō Trust, and Te Rūnanga a Rangitāne o Wairau Trust.

The combined response to the Pigeon Valley fires transformed relationships between the eight Te Tau Ihu (Top of the South) iwi, councils, and government agencies in the region and changed the way iwi are included in emergency centre operations and decision making across New Zealand.

Minister of State Services Chris Hipkins says the public service is a place where a good idea can touch the lives of millions of New Zealanders.

"Public services protect the vulnerable and help to improve everyone's quality of life," he says. "They are essential to our economic development and prosperity. They strengthen our communities and bind us together as a society. Each recipient of these Spirit of Service Awards has demonstrated passion and commitment every day."

Last days to vote

Time is running out to cast your vote for Tasman's mayor, councillors, community board members, Nelson Marlborough District Health Board members and the voting system!



Voting closes on 12 October, so you need to get your voting documents in soon. If you are planning to post your voting documents, make sure to drop them in a NZ Post box or outlet by 8 October at the latest. You can also take your voting documents to any Tasman District Council service centre during office hours or drop them into the after-hours box.

On election day, Saturday 12 October, you can also take your voting documents to Tasman libraries before 12 noon.

Haven't received your voting papers?

If you haven't received your voting documents by now, you will need to apply for a special vote by calling 03 543 8554 or visiting a

Council service centre to pick up special voting papers.

You can also cast a special vote on the morning of election day until 12 noon at the Richmond, Motueka or Takaka libraries.

Voting system poll

This year, voting documents include a poll on whether Tasman District Council should change its electoral system to the Single Transferable Vote (STV) system from First Past the Post (FPP). The poll is a result of a valid public petition and will be binding for the 2022 and 2025 elections.

In FPP, voters tick a candidate and the one who receives the most votes is elected. In STV, voters rank candidates in order of their preference. A flyer explaining the two systems is included with the voting documents.

Candidate information: To help you choose your candidates, a printed candidate information booklet is included with your voting documents. Written profile statements are available on our website tasman.govt.nz/link/elections, and videos are available at tasmancandidates2019.nz.

Publication of results: The first set of results will be available on our website after 12 noon on election day, with the final count available by 17 October.

Help us plan for the future of Saxton Field

First stage consultation closes 16 December 2019

We're reviewing the way we manage Saxton Field – and we need your help to ensure a bright future for our region's largest sports, recreation and events venue.

Between 4 October and 16 December 2019 we'll be asking what you enjoy about Saxton Field, how happy you are with the opportunities provided for sport, recreation and play, as well as the natural environment and landscape. Most importantly we want to know: What's your vision for the future of Saxton Field?

The way we manage Saxton Field was last reviewed in 2008, so it's time we took another look to make sure our management plan is fit for purpose.

Saxton Field is your public space and this is your chance to let us know how you would like to see the park managed in future.

This initial round of consultation will help us write a first draft of the management plan. There will be another opportunity to comment on the draft itself in May 2020.

Have your say

Online: Visit tasman.govt.nz/feedback for more information and to fill in the survey.

In writing: You are welcome to submit written comments and suggestions, either via email to info@saxtonfield.nz or post c/- Tara Fifield, Community Development Department, Tasman District Council, 189 Queen Street, Private Bag 4, Richmond Nelson, 7050.

In person: Our consultant Rob Greenaway is happy to speak to your group or community organisation. Phone our Council office 03 543 8400 to arrange a time.

You are invited under s.41(5) Reserves Act 1977 to send written suggestions to Tasman District Council on the proposal to prepare a management plan for Saxton Field (this park is jointly managed by Nelson City and Tasman District Councils).

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Tackle food scraps to reduce your waste and emissions

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

We want to avoid unnecessary waste to landfill and we have an aspirational target of a 10 per cent reduction per person in waste going to landfill by 2030. While it will take some big changes to meet this target, there are some easy changes that you can make right now that will reduce your waste to landfill, save you money and reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

Food waste is a large part of our waste footprint – around 90kg per person, per year, and makes up just under 15% of all waste to landfill. New Zealand families waste about \$560 each year on food that is thrown uneaten into the rubbish bin. This adds up to a staggering \$872 million for the whole country, and means 122,000 tonnes

of edible food goes to landfill, generating greenhouse gases in the process.

There are some easy ways to cut down on your food waste. You can reduce the amount you throw out in the first place by paying more attention to meal planning and shopping – which also helps your wallet and waistline.

Visit lovefoodhatewaste.co.nz for practical tips on how to reduce food waste before you throw it out.

If you really have to clear out that fridge, composting at home is an excellent solution to reduce landfill emissions. And the results help your garden, too.

We provide support for composting, with tips and information on our website, and we also offer a subsidy on compost and worm bin purchases from qualifying retailers.

In November it's Kickstart Compost month – we'll be increasing our current subsidy from \$20 to \$30 for the month. Visit our website and search 'compost' for more information.



Awards haul for Richmond Aquatic Centre

The Richmond Aquatic Centre took away two awards at the recent CLM Annual Awards evening hosted in Rotorua – being named Fitness Centre of the Year and Café of the Year.

CLM operates more than 20 facilities throughout New Zealand. CLM chief executive Craig Carter said he was very proud of the service delivered by the Richmond Aquatic Centre. "The standard of the food and service is always outstanding and a benchmark for all our cafes in CLM. The Richmond Fitness Centre has had a great year and Byron and his team strive to provide their customers a great experience and help them achieve their fitness goals. This has resulted in some great growth for the Richmond Fitness Centre."



The Richmond Aquatic Centre team.

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Dry weather sparks water warning for Wai-iti Dam users

We're now well into spring and water levels are already looking low in the Wai-iti Dam at Kainui in Eighty-Eight Valley.

Rainfall has been lower than average for the year from 1 July 2018 to 30 June 2019, so we're asking dam users (irrigators along the Wai-iti River) to be aware of their water usage and be proactive about conserving it in preparation for summer conditions.

We're also asking users of Wakefield's public water supply to be aware of their water use, as our supply comes from bores that take water from the Wai-iti River. Currently, Wakefield water use is tracking higher than normal.

Last summer, the region experienced a severe drought including the driest two-month period on record.

It required very careful management of the Wai-iti Dam water to ensure a healthy river and meet irrigator needs.

The weather, combined with water use from fighting the Pigeon Valley fires, meant the dam was reduced to only about 14 per cent full by early March, the lowest level since it began to fill in 2005. Stage 2 water restrictions were put in place, meaning permit holders could only take up to 65 per cent of their permitted allocation. At its worst, the dam was down to about a week's worth of water, with levels so low that the lake level sensor had to be dropped three times.

This year, the new water bylaw will be in place to manage restrictions, which includes

a protocol for how we'll manage water use during a drought or in an emergency. It's possible that the dam won't refill before the 2019-2020 irrigation season begins, so we need to think about proactive water conservation to see us through the coming summer months. We're reminding residents using Wai-iti Dam water to conserve it where they can to help avoid water restrictions being put in place earlier than usual.

This is also a good reminder for everyone in the District to be mindful of your water use. Remember if you see a leak to call us on 03 543 8400 immediately so we can investigate. There are also lots of water saving tips on our website: visit tasman.govt.nz/link/water-tips.

Motueka bore water quality tests begin

This month we're beginning to test bore water quality across Motueka and the Riwaka Plains. Our aim is to identify any health risks to users and check for any changes to the groundwater quality from previous results in the area.

Some businesses and residents will have received invitations asking if they want to take part in this survey. There is no cost, but we will need your permission to access your property, sample water and record results. Those who take part will be provided with the results as well.

The sampling will run to December, and samples will be sent to an accredited laboratory for testing. The results of the survey do not mean that anyone will have to join the Tasman District Council reticulated water supply.

We're doing this because only about a third of Motueka houses are connected to

the Council water supply. Motueka is the largest town in New Zealand that doesn't have a fully reticulated supply. The area has an estimated 2000 private domestic bore water takes that source water from rivers and ground aquifers which are fed by river recharge and rainfall that soaks in through the land.

This means there are many potential sources of contamination. As the water is not piped through a Council treatment plant, there is no testing or treatment to ensure water quality meets national standards – normally it's up to the property owner to test the water quality. However, we're offering to

do this for free in a range of locations to make sure we get a good spread of data from across the township. We need to know more about the quality of the water that so many in our community rely upon for their drinking and household use.

Find out more

For more information on the survey, visit tasman.govt.nz/link/water-quality or email Environment & Planning Science Officer (Groundwater) Melanie Westley on Melanie.Westley@tasman.govt.nz, phone 03 543 8680.

New library to be built in Motueka's Decks Reserve

Plans to build an 1100 square metre, single-storey library in Motueka's Decks Reserve to replace the existing library in Pah Street have now been confirmed.

The current library is too small for the size of the Motueka community and is no longer fit for purpose.

Earlier this year we ran a community survey to gauge support for the preferred new library site in Decks Reserve, in the area fronting Wallace Street between the Japanese Gardens and the iSite. The survey attracted 382 responses, of which 67% supported the preferred site.

Other results from the survey included:

- 71% support an 1100m² library
- 88% support a focus on good accessibility
- 87% support a focus on family friendly features
- 86% support a range of spaces for different uses

This feedback, combined with the results of a feasibility study and separate community

survey in late 2018, demonstrates strong support for a new library on the Decks Reserve site.

Tasman Mayor Richard Kempthorne said: "We have spent some time working through the various concerns that have come up through ongoing engagement with the community about the library development."

Richard said the conversation had covered whether the library's scope should be expanded to include a second storey to co-locate other services. It also covered potential future sea level rise.

"The outcome is that we will proceed with the development as a single-storey library between the Japanese Gardens and the iSite. The \$5 million budget for this project is going to be tight. Increasing the scope of the project by adding a second storey to the building, or co-locating other services

such as the Motueka Council service centre, would increase the cost significantly which could undermine the project proceeding."

"Future sea level rise implications, if no mitigation measures are available, are projected to begin having an impact on the site in around 2100. These will be dealt with through ensuring appropriate floor levels and other planning requirements to alleviate flood risk," Richard said. "We will continue to work with iwi throughout the library redevelopment process."

"The new library is going to be a fantastic community asset for Motueka, in a great central location with good access and parking."

Construction of the new library is planned to begin in 2020.

What's up with Bateup Road?

We understand the frustrations some residents are having with the ongoing upgrade of Richmond's Bateup Road.

The road has been open to two lanes for a while, but the roading contractor is currently fixing some aspects of the road to bring it up to an acceptable standard. This work is being completed under the 12-month defects liability period of their contract, so it is at no extra cost to ratepayers.

We acknowledge that some of the work so far has not been up to standard and we're determined to make sure the end result is of a high quality.

Since it began 18 months ago, the multimillion-dollar improvement project widened Bateup Road from Three Brothers Corner to Wensley Road, creating a shared walkway and cycleway. We have replaced a

drain with underground pipes, installed two underground storage chambers to collect excess stormwater. At the same time, power lines were moved underground and new fibre-optic cables were laid. The project also added a new water main that will eventually connect the Richmond Water Treatment Plant and a planned new reservoir at Richmond South.




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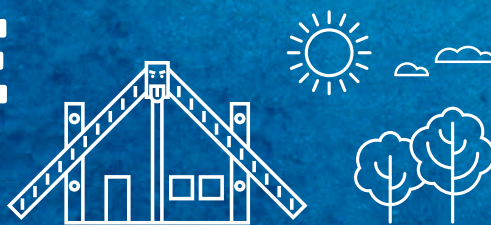
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NEWSLINE UPDATES



Bird Lane water main upgrade

We are upgrading a water main on the southern side of Wakefield's Bird Lane to cater for future growth, ensure water flow is sufficient for fire-fighting and provide residents with a more reliable water supply. It will also mean less disruption to residents if there are any problems with the pipes in future.

Work will begin on 21 October to install the new section of watermain. During the work, there will be diggers and workers in the berm, which will cause some noise, dust and vibration. Vehicle access to some properties may be restricted for short periods of time and there will also be speed restrictions on the road. The new watermain will become operational in mid-November, and the water supply will be interrupted for a few hours during this time. It's planned that all work will be finished by the end of November.

Find out more: For more information, search 'Bird Lane' at tasman.govt.nz, or email project manager Alistair Stevens on projects@tasman.govt.nz.

Kingsland Forest road and firebreak maintenance

From 2 October to 1 November, maintenance work will take place in the Kingsland Forest area.

Henry Road will be closed, but access will be available through Lookout Road.

Other trails will be affected briefly throughout the period. Please pay attention to the signs and don't enter work areas for your own safety.

2019/2020 Summer irrigation water metering begins soon

This message is for holders of water resource consents (water permits) in the Tasman District subject to water metering.

Weekly meter readings re-commence for the summer season from Monday 28 October 2019.

For those consent holders who know they are not using any water for the entire 2019-2020 water year (1 July - 30 June), please let us know prior to 28 October to avoid any unnecessary follow ups.

We will send a letter to all consent holders towards the middle of October.

- The pre-season letter will be sent by email for those consent holders who send returns by email or through our webpage. If your email address has changed from last season please let us know as soon as possible.
- The pre-season letter will be sent by post to consent holders who use prepaid return cards.

If you wish to change your return method or you have any questions about water metering requirements, please get in touch as soon as possible.

Contact: Neil Green: 03 543 7216, neil.green@tasman.govt.nz or Vicky Clarke: 03 543 8567, vicky.clarke@tasman.govt.nz

Alpine Fault Magnitude 8 (AF8)

We can't predict earthquakes, but we can prepare for them.

Public science talk: Old St John's Nelson, 23 October, 7.00 pm.

Takaka Resource Recovery Centre redevelopment underway

Work has begun to make the Takaka Resource Recovery Centre safer and easier to use.

The two-stage project includes construction of a new waste handling area on the lower level of the site and improvements to the recycling drop-off area on the upper level.

This site is now more than 20 years old and we need to replace some key assets. The waste compactor is near the end of its useful life and is not well located and the tipping pit is prone to blockage. We also need to provide more space on the upper level to make recycling safer and more convenient.

Stage one will be complete by December this year. As part of the second stage of work, a new weighbridge and kiosk on the upper level will be installed in the New Year.

During construction we will relocate the greenwaste and scrap metal drop-off to the upper level in order to keep our contractor and users safe. Any temporary changes will be signposted and staff on site will be happy to help.

Transport show – Higgins Heritage Park

5 – 6 October 2019, 10.00 am – 4.30 pm, Pigeon Valley, adults \$5, children \$2.

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Air quality exceedance

We're required to publicly notify exceedances of the National Environmental Standards for Air Quality. As part of our data validation process, the winter 2019 data required adjustment to account for instrument variations.

The Richmond Airshed particulate matter less than 10 microns in diameter (PM₁₀) had concentration that exceeded an average 24-hour concentration of 50 micrograms per cubic metre (µg/m³) at the Richmond Central Location on the following dates:

Day	PM ₁₀ Concentration measured (µg/m ³)	Extent of PM ₁₀ Exceedance (µg/m ³)
25 June 2019	55	5
26 June 2019	53	3
27 June 2019	51	1
28 June 2019	58	8

The total number of exceedances in Richmond to date this 2019 winter season is four.

Find out more: More information about air quality monitoring can be found on our website, head to tasman.govt.nz/link/air-quality.

New Public Water Supply Bylaw adopted

The Tasman District Council has adopted a new bylaw to protect and manage the community's access to safe, secure water.

The bylaw includes a water restrictions protocol for how we will manage water use during a drought or an emergency.

The Consolidated Bylaw Chapter 10 – Public Water Supply Bylaw 2016 (Amended 2019) came into effect on 1 October 2019.

You can view a copy of the bylaw on our website, tasman.govt.nz, or at any Council service centre or library.

Ngatimoti Festival

Sunday 27 October 2019, 10.00 am - 4.00 pm, rain or shine. \$2 per person.

Come and join us for a great day in the beautiful Motueka Valley. Live music and entertainment all day. Activities for all the family. A huge range of great food, craft and produce stalls.

BYO shopping bags, plates and cups. Recycling facilities available. Thank you for taking your rubbish home.

Hoddy Estuary Park closures

Hoddy Estuary Park will be subject to periodic closures between 9 - 11 October for tree felling. Large eucalyptus trees around the car park and the board walk by the reservoir have succumbed to last summer's long dry season. We will close the gate at the vehicle entrance to allow us to safely remove the trees.

Upcoming maritime events

The Harbourmaster has (or may soon) grant authorisations for the following events. These events may affect public use of the maritime area for a certain period of time.

Date and location: 25 January 2020, Tata Beach/Ligar Inlet

Activity: Cardboard boat race

More information about the Harbourmaster's directions for these events is available at tasman.govt.nz/link/maritime-events.

COUNCIL MEETINGS:

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

Full Council Meeting

Thursday 10 October, 9.30 am.
Public forum

Inaugural Full Council Meeting

Thursday 24 October, 9.30 am.
No public forum

Full Council Meeting

Thursday 31 October, 9.30 am.
No public forum



ROAD CLOSURES

Closure of roads to ordinary vehicular traffic

Pursuant to the Transport (Vehicular Traffic Road Closure) Regulations 1965, notice is hereby given that for the purpose of a Westland Car Club Rally the following road will be closed to ordinary vehicular traffic for the period(s) indicated hereunder.

During the period of closure the following provision will be made for ordinary vehicular traffic which would otherwise use the roads: Matakītaki Road from the end of tar seal for 10 kilometres down Matakītaki Road

Period or periods of closure: Saturday 30 November 2019, 8.00 am to 5.00 pm

Alternative provision for ordinary vehicular traffic: NIL

It will be an offence under the above regulations for any person otherwise than under authority of an authorised period to use the roads for ordinary vehicular traffic during the period of closure.

Objections close: 5.00 pm, Friday 18 October 2019. Please send any objections to megan.bell@tasman.govt.nz

Proposed closure

Applicant: Nelson Drag Racing Association

Event: Motueka Drag Races

Location: Queen Victoria Street - from Green Lane to King Edward Street including Marchwood Park Road

Dates and times:

- Saturday 23 November 2019, 7.30 am to 4.00 pm
- Saturday 1 February 2020, 7.30 am to 4.00 pm (alternative rain date Sunday 2 February 2020)
- Saturday 29 February 2020, 7.30 am to 4.00 pm (alternative rain date Sunday 1 March 2020)
- Saturday 28 March 2020, 7.30 am to 4.00 pm

Objections close: Monday 28 October 2019

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October is all about words at Tasman District Libraries as we kick off our inaugural Word Feast – a smorgasbord of wordy fabulousness to dive into and dine upon! There is a poetry competition, a reading challenge, author talks, journaling classes and more.

Word Feast

Visit our website to see the full range of more than 40 wordalicious events for both adults and children taking place at Motueka, Murchison, Richmond and Takaka libraries. There are four creative journaling workshops taking place at Motueka Library; The 10pm Question by Kate De Goldi will be read aloud by librarians at Richmond Library; Jay the Rumbustical Pirate will spin tall tales at Takaka Library, and more.

Youth Maker's Market

Celebrate and support our creative, entrepreneurial young people at the Richmond Youth Maker's Market at Richmond Town Hall on Tuesday 8 October between 12.30 pm and 2.00 pm. More than a dozen of our local youngsters have crafted their own items for sale and will be setting up stalls for cash sales. Stock up on beautiful handmade creations such as potpourri, bath salts, chocolate, fudge, lotions and balms, tote bags and more for Christmas.

Limerick competition

Children and adults are invited to pick up an entry form at any one of our libraries and enter our fabulous Limerick Competition. Limericks are fun, fast and have a great rhyming rhythm. Whip one up, enter our competition and go in the draw to win a

prize. Instructions for writing limericks are provided on the entry form. Have fun!

School holiday programme

The October school holidays are upon us! Visit our website for the full range of fun events taking place. There's a drop in Techy Time and an Up-Cycle Cardboard Box challenge at Motueka Library; Bracelet Making and Word Games with Librarians at Richmond Library; two Robotics Workshops at Takaka Library and much, much more. Most events are free but some require booking, so check out the programme as soon as you can.

Making movies with Stef Harris

Want to know how an international award-winning movie is made in Motueka? Join film maker Stef Harris at Motueka Library to find out what it took to make Blue Moon. Event takes place on Wednesday 16 October at 6.00 pm.

I Spy ... reading challenge

Have you started the I Spy ... reading challenge yet? Drop in to Motueka, Murchison, Richmond or Takaka Library and pick up your I Spy ... reading card. You'll expand your reading horizons and discover new authors and genres – and it's fun of course! Choose five options out of nine –

such as read a graphic novel, read a book by a Māori author, listen to an audio book, read a book you heard about on the radio, read a book by an author with the same first name as yourself and more. All kids and adults are invited to take part and receive a reading challenge completion reward.

Author talk – Lindy Kelly

Multiple award-winning author and playwright Lindy Kelly will talk about her books and life as a writer. The talk will take place at Richmond Library on Tuesday 15 October from 1.00 pm – 2.00 pm. Lindy has 25 published books including three novels, one of which topped the bestseller list in New Zealand. She writes for both children and adults and her work includes fiction and non-fiction, plays and many award winning short stories.

For more information about events or services at your library, visit our website: www.tasmanlibraries.govt.nz. You can also find us at [Facebook.com/tasmanlibraries](https://www.facebook.com/tasmanlibraries)

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