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Great Taste Trail, Motueka. Photo © Dean McKenzie

Celebrate cycling in February

The settled summer days of February make it a busy month for cycling. The popular annual Go By Bike Day, Family Fun Rides, and our bike workshops will help everyone to make the most of it.

Take your bike instead of the car to work or school on Wednesday 12 February and enjoy a free breakfast, a chat, and spot prizes along the way. The Go By Bike Day Breakfast is from 7.00 am to 9.30 am in Richmond, Motueka, Golden Bay and Nelson, and encourages everyone to hit the streets on their bikes. To celebrate Go By Bike Day on 12 February, extra ferries will be running at 7.15 am and 6.00 pm, between Māpua and Rabbit Island.

Plan your commute to enjoy this beautiful ride. Thank you to Kiwi Journeys for their support.

It also acknowledges cyclists for every car they take off our roads by biking all year round instead of driving, Community Partnerships Officer Yulia Panfylova says.

“Go By Bike Day recognises cyclists who are doing a good thing for the environment, their community and their own health as well.”

The biker’s breakfasts will be held at Sundial Square in Richmond, the Museum in Motueka, the Junction Green in Takaka, and at 1903 Square in Nelson. Bring your reusable plates and cups to help reduce waste.

The Motueka and Golden Bay Family Fun Rides begin at 10.00 am on 15 February at Golden Bay

Recreation Park and 16 February at the Saltwater Baths. These fun events are open to everyone, and are all about celebrating and enjoying cycling. You’ll be able to test your skills on the bike ramps, and enjoy other activities including a slow bike race, cycle skills and an orienteering course.

Meanwhile, we are holding a number of cycle education sessions for both e-bikes and regular bikes this summer, for beginner and intermediate riders who want to get back out on their bike and gain confidence. Women-only bike maintenance sessions are also taking place in Motueka and Richmond.

See tasman.govt.nz and search on cycling courses for more details on where and when.

MEET YOUR REPRESENTATIVES

Abbie Langford – Golden Bay Community Board Chair

I live on a dairy farm in Golden Bay with my two small children. The Bay is a great place to raise kids; you go to an event and nine times out of 10 you'll know all the kids and families there. Everyone looks out for one another; it's a very supportive community.

I'm in this role because I believe a strong community with lots of opportunities for everyone is really important, and I value my position as a voice for Golden Bay. It's important to have an awareness of everyone in the community and support everything that makes it up: playgrounds, local events, and initiatives.

The Board is a strong voice and advocate for the Bay. Issues the

whole region is facing include climate change and ensuring greater sustainability and resilience. We've taken some big steps already, but being isolated, we do need to continue to make sure we can look after ourselves and that everyone is supported in an emergency, as Cyclone Gita showed us.

Freedom camping is another issue for Golden Bay, as well as a lot of other regions in New Zealand.

We need to find a way to make it work for tourists, the community and the environment.

The GCB has a good relationship with Richmond and I really like the fact that in Tasman we support each other and work together. I'm looking forward to working closely together to maintain that relationship.

Abbie Langford
Golden Bay Community Board Chair



NRSBU makes land purchase

The Nelson Regional Sewerage Business Unit (NRSBU) has agreed to purchase a block of land near Bell Island.

The property is 61 hectares, located on Best Island, and is currently used for farming. The NRSBU identified this property as a strategic purchase when it was advertised for tender in November 2019. Tasman District and Nelson City Councils, as joint owners of the NRSBU, gave approval to enter purchase negotiations.

The end use of the land is still in the feasibility stage, however an increased area for the discharge of treated wastewater to land is one possibility.

If considered feasible by the NRSBU, it would then need to apply for resource consent(s) to incorporate any additional land within its land disposal area. An application of this nature would be considered a fully discretionary activity and require public consultation.

In line with an independent valuation, the NRSBU purchased the property for \$3.1 million.

This amount is jointly funded by both councils.

Chair of the NRSBU Councillor Kit Maling says "This is a significant land purchase and offers a range of possibilities for future wastewater management and development. It is a clear demonstration of the NRSBU and both council's real commitment to exploring possible alternative ways of dealing with wastewater discharge, over and above our current water reuse scheme".

The land will pass into NRSBU ownership at the end of March 2020.

From the frontline of freedom camping

Sally Wood is managing the contract for Council to run the Freedom Camping Ambassador service trial around Tasman District this summer.

She says her team's experience of many of the campers they've met so far really challenge the stereotypes.

"On the whole people are camping responsibly and it is a shame that public opinion is affected by reports of the small minority who are not respecting the whenua and the people".

The team also believe, based on anecdotal evidence, the campers do bring economic value to the region.

One of the other concerns locals have is the environmental impact of freedom camping.

Sally says, "The bulk of the campers we have had contact with are very aware of their environmental impact and are doing the right thing.

"Most do understand what responsible camping is and many say that being on the road has taught them to be more resourceful and less wasteful."

They also report minimal rubbish left at sites and little evidence of the surrounding bush being used as a toilet.

Many campers also reported how friendly and welcoming the locals have been. As the season progresses, let's make sure our visitors and local people continue to enjoy positive relationships and make the most of summer in our beautiful region.

The Freedom Camping Ambassadors trial programme is funded through a tourism grant from central government and will run until the end of February.



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Thanks to the "Sheddies"

We are grateful to Tapawera Men's Shed for their community work in the region.

After a suggestion by Lakes-Murchison Ward councillor Stuart Bryant, the team have built picnic tables for St Arnaud, on behalf of the Rotoiti District Community Council, and have also installed concrete pads, exercise equipment, a table and a shade sail at the Tapawera Domain. This project involved most of the "Sheddies".

"This project was a great opportunity for the shed – it was outdoor work and involved the majority of our members," Chairman John Wilmshurst says.

MENZSHED Tapawera is a registered charity and was established in 2012 to provide a place for men in the Tapawera and districts community to learn skills from each other. Its aim is to engage and support all groups of men in the community to promote identity, sociability, companionship, physical activity, and education, and to share, disseminate and preserve the skills, abilities and interests that are relevant to the members and the community.

There are Men's Sheds throughout the region and more than 100 nationally. If you'd like to join a similar group in your area and help your community in this way, visit menzshed.org.nz.

No barriers to business

Good business depends on making sure all of your customers can access it.

The Nelson/Tasman region has an ageing population, which can mean accessibility issues for some. With people aged over 65 making up a growing proportion of our population, we all need to keep accessibility in mind when considering how we deliver goods, services, entertainment and recreational facilities.

Recently, the community-led Accessibility For All Forum produced The Barrier Free Business checklist. It helps businesses in the region update their services, shops or premises to ensure all people from across the spectrum of accessibility needs can still shop with them.

Research from the UK shows 83 per cent of people with memory problems have switched their shopping habits to places that are more accessible, so it makes sense to pay attention to different people's needs.

The Barrier Free Business checklist will help you see

how your business stacks up against the accessibility needs of many different people. It will help future-proof your business so it remains attractive and user-friendly for the changing needs of the population, including customers with strollers, sports injuries and those with visual and/or hearing impairment.

"It's a tool for businesses to think about their own needs and adapt where they see fit," says Councillor Dana Wensley.

"It will be good for business. We want to see people maintaining their social connections and getting out and about and supporting local retail and services."

Take a look at the checklist by searching 'Barrier-free Business' on our website. Hard copies are also available at Council offices. Keep in mind there are also legal requirements regarding access to your business – check these out with Council, or consult national standards and Building Act requirements.



Exercise equipment, table and shade sail built by the "Sheddies" in Tapawera



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A new future for Kingsland Forest?

This autumn, the southern side of the popular recreation destination on the flanks of the Barnicoat Range will be closed for pinus radiata harvesting.

The harvesting will begin on the south-eastern ridgeline, with public access diversions and closures to be advertised one month before harvest begins. Our priority is to keep as much of the forest open for recreational users as possible.

With the harvest comes the opportunity to think about the forest's future, so we can replant appropriately. Should the 100ha forest be replanted in pines for future harvest, or should we create a purely recreational and biodiverse forest for Richmond, replanting the land in native or permanent exotics? We are currently looking for feedback on this question, and it's a chance for you to have your say.

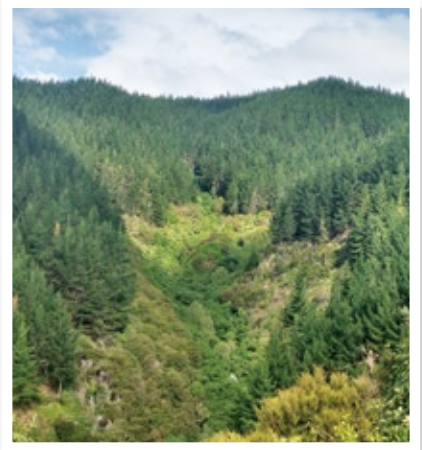
We are holding drop-in information sessions where you can talk with Council staff about this proposal, and there will be a hearing in Richmond on 16 March where you can speak in support of your submission if you wish.

Drop-in sessions

Council staff will be available to talk about the forest's future at Easby Park at the following times:

- Tuesday 11 February
4.00 pm – 7.00 pm
- Saturday 15 February
8.30 am – 12.00 pm
- Sunday 23 February
8.30 am – 12.00 pm

Note: As summer continues Kingsland Forest is experiencing increasing fire risk and if dry conditions continue, access restrictions will be put in place.





What does climate change mean for agricultural systems in Tasman?

To answer this question, the Council commissioned NIWA to update and expand on their 2015 climate change report by outlining changes to Tasman's climate over the next 80 years, and describing how these changes could influence animal and plant-based production in our district.

The NIWA report introduces future projections for six new climate variables. These are heatwave days,

growing degree days, heavy rain days, extreme rainfall, drought potential and soil moisture deficit days. Each climate variable has been modelled over two future climate change scenarios; one in which the progression of climate change has successfully been halted by 2100, and the other where greenhouse gas emissions have continued at current rates.

NIWA has projected that the Tasman District is to experience increased heatwave conditions compared to historic levels, but the southern

part of the region is likely to be disproportionately affected. This brings a range of effects, from animal health (heat stress, milk production) to plant development (weed growth, increased or decreased productivity of crops, shifts to drought resistant crops).

For more details, read the full report on our website, tasman.govt.nz/link/climate-action.

Sediment workshops coming up

In February and March 2020 Tasman and Nelson councils are providing practical and educational workshops on earthworks, focusing on reducing discharges of fine sediment to waterways.

Fine sediment contamination of streams, estuaries and our coast is a widespread and serious issue and while some is generated from natural slips and stream bank erosion, much of the impact comes from human land disturbance.

There are two levels of one day workshops tailored to earthworks contractors, land developers or consultants, surveyors and related professions. They offer practical tools and knowledge tailored for the earthworks and construction industry.

Dates available are 27 or 28 February and 12 or 13 March 2020.

The workshops will be presented by Graeme Ridley who has a wealth of experience in this field. Council staff will also present the latest relevant

State of the Environment information and rules.

Central government has also put the heat on improving the state of our waterways. There are now a raft of new rules on the horizon. These along with their potential implications will be discussed with you during the course.

To find more information or to register online, visit our website, tasman.govt.nz and search on sediment workshops. You can also send enquiries via email to pauline.webby@tasman.govt.nz.



Does your woodshed stack up with the best?

You could already be the proud owner of the Best Little Woodshed in Tasman, so enter our competition now to be in to win free firewood, chimney cleans and wood burner safety checks.

We're looking for people who've come up with the most ingenious ways of storing and drying their firewood. Summer is the best time to buy or gather wood so it's ready to burn for winter, and how you store it makes a big difference to how quickly it dries, how well it will perform in your woodburner,

and how much smoke it produces when burned.

In the Judges' Choice section, the best three wood storage ideas (e.g. woodshed, wood stack or ingenious wood storing solution) will receive a voucher for one cord of firewood from a Good Wood Supplier; and in the People's Choice section, photos

of entries will be posted on our Facebook page and the most popular wins its owner a free chimney clean and woodburner check.

Entries open on 31 January and close on 9 March, and can be uploaded on the entry page on our website.



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A sweet summer of skating

The Tasman Skatepark Tour 2020 has covered the district with competitions in Takaka, Māpua, Motueka, Richmond, Brightwater and Nelson.

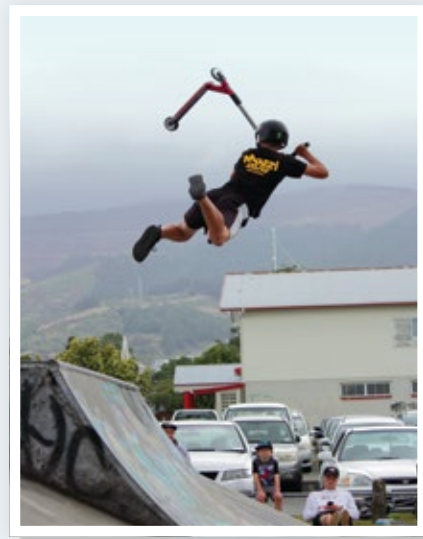
Riders of all ages competed for great prizes sponsored by Cheapskates, Village Cycles, Pic's Peanut Butter, Scooterbitz and Oblique Pro.

This year scooter riders had a couple of extra treats. Popular YouTuber Scooter Brad gave a coaching session at Māpua and scooter specialist shop Scooterbitz attended the Motueka and Richmond events with their mobile shop full of scooter gear and parts.

Paul Hill, a managing director of Oblique pro and an organiser of

New Zealand Scooter Nationals paid a visit from Christchurch and was impressed by the skills and enthusiasm of Tasman scooter riders – "It is a very positive environment with the crowd and participants all very respectful and encouraging towards each other," Paul said.

If you've been a competitor or a spectator of this year event we would like to hear your thoughts – what you liked and what you think we should work on for next year. Please email your feedback to events@tasman.govt.nz.



Fire risk climbs as hot, dry weather continues

Due to recent strong winds and low rainfall, the fire risk across our region is increasing so we need to begin taking precautions.

Tasman District Council recommends people only use reserves early in the morning or in the evening when the fire risk is lower.

Please avoid high fire risk areas, such as reserves with forest or dense vegetation, in the afternoon when conditions are at their warmest.

The BUI (Build Up Index) is climbing above 60 (at the time of writing). The BUI is used by Fire and Emergency New Zealand (FENZ) and other

agencies to measure fire risk – it's "an indicator of the difficulty in suppressing a fire that has started".

If the BUI reaches 80, the Council will be seeking FENZ advice on the possibility of closing reserves that are considered high risk, such as Moturoa Rabbit Island, Rough Island, Kingsland Forest and Tunnicliffe Forest. At a BUI of 100, wider restrictions will come into force reserves will close.

Be aware that there is now a complete fire ban in all parks and reserves and please stick to it for everyone's safety. All wood fired barbecues on Moturoa Rabbit Island, Rough Island, around the Waimea plains and valleys have now been closed.

If you see signs of smoke or fire in any reserves please call 111 immediately.

CHECK THE FIRE RISK!

Let's keep Tasman free from fires this summer.

Go to checkitsalright.nz for the latest fire weather updates.





WATER MATTERS

Water restrictions in place for Tasman for the start of 2020

Water restrictions came into effect in Tasman from Monday 27 January.

The Tasman Dry Weather Taskforce met on Tuesday 21 January after consistently hot and windy weather. With no real rain forecast for at least the next 10 days, the Taskforce agreed to move to Stage One restrictions for the majority of areas on the Waimea Plains from Monday 27 January.

“The decision was made with triggers for restrictions in the Wairoa River at the gorge fast approaching. This year, following the decision to construct the Waimea Community Dam there are two triggers. For affiliated permit holders the trigger is 2500l/s and for unaffiliated permit holders the trigger is 2750l/s,” said Taskforce Convenor Dennis Bush-King.

The Stage One restrictions, meaning a cut in use by 20 percent of consented water take levels, applies in the Upper Catchment, Reservoir, Waimea West, Delta, Golden Hills, and the Upper Confined Aquifer zones on the Waimea Plains.

The Stage One restrictions will also be in place for the Motupiko zone.

Users in the Lower Confined Aquifer and Hope Gravel zones will have another week before rationing is likely to come in.

Dennis said, “Looking at conditions in Golden Bay and Riwaka, we think restrictions may need to be considered at the next meeting of the Dry Weather Taskforce.”

Under the new Water Supply Bylaw, as of Monday 27 January Phase A water restrictions are in place for Richmond, Hope, Māpua,

Ruby Bay, Brightwater, Wakefield and Redwood Valley.

You are not permitted to fill swimming pools, but they can be topped up. Watering grass and lawns is not allowed but as long as you use a hand-held hose, you can still water your plants and veggie gardens and wash buildings and cars.

These restrictions apply to homes, businesses and public organisations in the affected areas. We ask everyone else to conserve water wherever possible.

The Taskforce will be meeting weekly to assess conditions.

For further information on the restrictions and what they mean for households go to tasman.govt.nz/link/water-restrictions.

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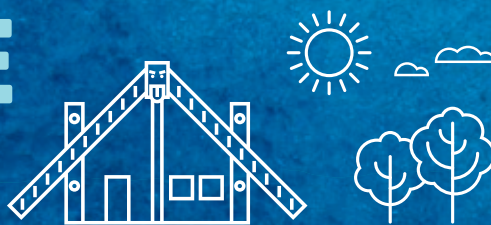


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Holiday hours

All Council offices and libraries will be closed on Nelson Anniversary Day 3 February and Waitangi Day 6 February.

Rubbish and recycling will continue as per usual. You can find the recycling calendar online at tasman.govt.nz/link/recycling.



Upcoming Footpath Survey

During the month of February we'll be doing an assessment of our footpath network. The assessment will be done by Onsite Developments Ltd, which is a contractor engaged by Council. It will provide us with detailed photo imaging and condition assessments of the District's footpaths and access ways that we can use to identify where improvements or maintenance work is needed.

You may see a scooter assessment vehicle (like the one in the photo) travelling on public footways around the district.

The assessment vehicles are being driven by certified pavement inspectors and will travel at a brisk walking pace. Hazard lights and other warning devices will be in operation while the vehicles are operating.

The vehicle is clearly identifiable and operators will be vigilant and will give way to pedestrians.



Latest news from the Building team

The Building Assurance team is constantly striving to streamline their services to make them efficient and easier for people to use.

That means they'll be making changes to the way they operate from time to time. If you deal with the team regularly, they'll email you about any upcoming changes. If you want to keep in touch with that latest updates – visit the web page, tasman.govt.nz/link/building-updates.

The latest updates cover recent changes to building inspections bookings, final inspections, checking documentation, going on a waiting list, cancelled inspections and failed inspections.

Gardner Valley Road Moutere Highway intersection upgrade

Construction is underway to change the Gardner Valley Road and Moutere Highway intersection. We will construct a new section of road on Gardner Valley Road just north of where the intersection is now.

Once the new portion of road is ready, the section of Gardner Valley Road between the cemetery and the Moutere Highway will be closed off. This will straighten out the intersection and make it safer.

All work will take place in the road reserve, so there shouldn't be any impact on road users during construction.

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.

Event activity: Waka Ama Regatta
Date and location: 7 & 8 February, Kerr Bay

Event activity: Power Boat Regatta
Date and location: 29 February & 1 March, Lake Rotoiti

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

Sundial Square cart site – expressions of interest

Council has a vacant cart site at Sundial Square on Queen Street in Richmond. This was previously the site of a coffee cart operation.

Council is calling for expressions of interest to establish a mobile cart on this site.

Another coffee cart is one option, but anyone with a different idea for the site is welcome to submit. The main focus is to ensure it adds to the public's positive experience of Sundial Square.

The successful proposer(s) will be given a six month trial licence to occupy. The site will be available after 2 March 2020. A \$300 documentation fee will be required by the successful applicant.

Written proposals should be sent to Christina Ewing either in letter form, or email to christina.ewing@tasman.govt.nz. Proposals should be received before 4pm on 11 February and cover the following:

- What service will you offer? Preference will be given to services that are not available elsewhere in the immediate vicinity.
- Do you have an existing cart, or do you intend to acquire one? A photo of an existing cart should be provided. Preference will be given to submitters with an existing cart.
- What experience do you have? Preference will be given to experienced operators.
- When would the service be available? Weekdays only? Seven days? What hours?
- What weekly rental are you willing to pay?
- Please confirm you that understand your cart will need appropriate certification (i.e. electrical, food etc) and appropriate insurance cover.

Proposals will be considered by an assessment committee. We hope to notify the successful candidates no later than 18 February 2020.

The Tasman District Council reserves its right to not accept any of the proposals received.

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HAVE YOUR SAY



For details of our current consultations, head to tasman.govt.nz/feedback.

Tasman's Great Taste Trail – feedback needed

If you've ridden Tasman's Great Taste Trail lately, the Cycle Trails Trust would love to hear what you thought of it.

There's an online survey available at heartofbiking.org.nz/feedback and your feedback can help to keep improving this popular Trail. Plus everyone who leaves feedback goes in the draw for a monthly prize of a \$50 voucher from a local business.

Now's a perfect time for checking out Tasman's Great Taste Trail, share your thoughts and you'll be in to win.

What's the future for Kingsland Forest?

Consultation closes 6 March 2020.

We're proposing to gradually retire Kingsland Forest from commercial forestry operations as plantation forestry blocks mature and are harvested over the next 20 years. We're considering replanting in a mix of native and permanent exotic trees, allowing us to progressively improve recreational tracks and facilities over time. **Have your say:** We want to know what you think of the draft Kingsland Forest Development Plan. More information is available online at tasman.govt.nz/feedback, and at Council offices and libraries.

Hope to Wakefield speed review

The NZ Transport Agency is reviewing speed limits on State Highway 6 between Hope and Wakefield and they want to hear what you think about speed on this road.

Do the current speed limits feel safe, or not? What parts of the road do you think are more dangerous than others?

You can provide feedback online until **7 February 2020** at nzta.govt.nz/hope2wakefield

What do you love about your local parks?

Consultation closes 31 March 2020.

We're reviewing the way we manage Moutere/Waimea Ward parks and reserves, and we need your help to make sure these public spaces suit locals and visitors now and in the future. Over the next few months, we'll be asking you to tell us which reserves you use regularly, what you love about them, and any changes you would like to see to the way they are used or managed. The most important thing we want to know is: What's your vision for their future?

Have your say: Visit tasman.govt.nz/feedback for more information.

Alcohol licence applications

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

Do your trees hang low?

Now is a good time to check that the vegetation on your property hasn't become a nuisance. If you have a hedge, shrubs or trees that grow alongside a footpath it's up to you to make sure they don't make it hard for people to get past – including those with prams or mobility scooters. So please take a walk around your property and check if any trees, shrubs or bushes need a haircut.

Speed limit changes from 17 February

Following a public consultation last year, many local roads around Tasman District will have changes to their speed limits from 17 February.

New speed limit signs will be installed on the roads that have changed so please look out for those. A full list of the changes can be found on the website, tasman.govt.nz search on Speed Limits Bylaw.

COUNCIL MEETINGS



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

Golden Bay Community Board

Tuesday 11 February, 9.30 am. Public forum

Full Council

Thursday 13 February, 9.30 am. Public forum

Responsible Camping Strategy Deliberations

Friday 14 February, 9.30 am.

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WHAT'S ON IN TASMAN



Board Games Galore

Tuesday 4, Wednesday 5 and Thursday 6 February, Motueka Library. FREE.

Motueka Library banishes holiday boredom with board games galore. Learn to play something new, or have fun with an old favourite. There is Connect 4, Snakes and Ladders, Ludo, Scrabble, Checkers, Cluedo, Mouse Trap and more available all day.

Tasman Asian Night Food Fair

Saturday 8 February, 4.00 – 9.00 pm, Washbourn Gardens, Richmond. FREE.

Celebrating cultural diversity with Asian food and entertainment – a wonderful opportunity to learn about other cultures. Unity in diversity! If wet, the event will be rescheduled to Saturday 15 February.

Murchison A & P Show

Saturday 15 February, 8.30 am – 6.00 pm, Murchison Sport, Recreation and Cultural Centre and Domain. Adult \$10, family \$20, under 5 FREE.

Come celebrate the 100th year. All the fun of the show – trade, horses, flower show, baking competition plus other entertainment.

Nelson Wine & Food Festival 2020

Sunday 16 February, 11.00 am – 5.00 pm, Richmond A & P Showgrounds.

The New Zealand Army Band is returning to Nelson for a special performance playing an exciting repertoire of popular favourites, along with well-known local bands

Kramit, Sonaraw & Medicine Woman. Renowned Nelson wines, ciders, craft beers and local food specialties available. Tickets are now available, visit nwff.co.nz for details.

Elizabeth Knox Visits Tasman's Libraries

**Tuesday 18 February, 5.30pm, Takaka Library.
Wednesday 19 February, 5.30pm, Motueka Library.
Thursday 20 February, 5.30pm, Richmond Library.**

Acclaimed, multiple award winning New Zealand author Elizabeth Knox will be visiting Takaka, Motueka and Richmond libraries to talk about her new book *The Absolute Book* this month. Don't miss this rare opportunity to hear one of New Zealand's leading writers speak. Free.

Nelson Tasman Climate Forum Launch

Saturday 29 February 1.00 pm – 4.00 pm, Annesbrook Church, Stoke.

Save the date – get more details at tasman.govt.nz.

Māori Collections at Your Library

Have you discovered your library's collection relating to Te Ao Māori, the Māori world? The collection includes resources for learning te reo Māori, items by or relating to local iwi, books in te reo Māori, books about Māori arts and crafts, histories, myths and legends, karakia, protocol and much more. It's a treasure trove worth exploring.

Summer events

Find details of all the upcoming summer events at tasman.govt.nz, search on summer events.

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