



Anzac Day – Stand at Dawn

Anzac Day services will not be going ahead this year due to the COVID-19 restrictions. This is the first time since Anzac Day services began in 1916 that New Zealanders are not able to gather nationwide to mark the anniversary.

However, a virtual service will be happening and there are many ways you and your family can get involved.

Before Anzac Day:

- Decorate your letterbox or front window with poppies
- Create a poppy wreath
- Make some Anzac biscuits

On Anzac Day Saturday 25 April:

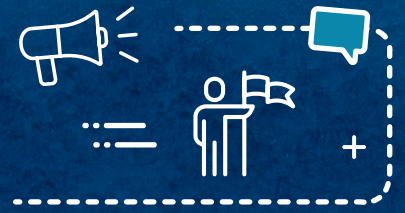
Stand At Dawn (6am) with your bubble, wear your poppy and listen to the special dawn service. You can stand at dawn either in front of the TV, in your courtyard, in your driveway, in your garden or even on your balcony.

Visit www.standatdawn.com for all the details.





MAYOR'S MESSAGE



Keep it up Tasman!

It's been a hugely challenging four weeks but we've learned this week that we are making progress and changes are on the way. Mayor Tim King encourages everyone to keep at it and not lose the gains we've made.



"I'm sure you have welcomed the news that we can move to Alert Level Three restrictions as of Tuesday 28 April.

"It's great to know all our efforts have meant that we are making progress. However, the last thing we need now is to take a step backwards. There are still Level Four restrictions in place for now and we

need to stay within these to make sure we can move to Level Three with confidence.

"It is now more important than ever we heed the key messages of stay home, maintain physical distancing and continue with the high levels of hygiene. As the Prime Minister said, we owe everyone who has lost

a loved one during the pandemic, those who are suffering the largest financial impacts and the essential workers who have worked through the lockdown, the respect of sticking with the restrictions at Level Four and also when we move to Level Three.

"So let's stay home, be kind and we'll get there together."



Council news direct to your inbox

News and updates about Council projects, services and consultations are now available direct to your email inbox.



COVID-19 restrictions mean we are not currently able to deliver Newsline to homes throughout the District each fortnight.

However, Newsline is still available to download from our website as usual – or you can sign up for a copy to be emailed to you, along

with other Council news. Visit the website, tasman.govt.nz and search on "latest Newsline" and follow the link to join the mailing list.

We know many of our residents prefer to read printed news, or don't have good internet access. To make sure we provide information in a

format that suits as many of you as possible, we have increased the frequency of our Newsline Updates in newspapers (now weekly – pick up a copy of the Nelson Mail on Wednesdays or the Golden Bay Weekly on Fridays).

Accessing Council services

Rest assured Tasman District Council is still working to provide the essential services our district needs to keep running and will do so at every alert level. Obviously things are different as we work to keep everyone safe. Here's what is happening at Level Four:

- You can contact us 24 hours a day, seven days a week by calling 03 543 8400. This is the best way to get in touch while we can't serve you in person.
- Our website, tasman.govt.nz has lots of information and some services you can do online so pay it a visit.
- Library services are currently all happening online. If you're not already a library member, sign up for a digital membership to access lots of great resources and content. Visit the membership page on the library website to get started.
- Playgrounds, mountain bike parks and tracks (except for Tasman's Great Taste Trail), boat ramps or community facilities remain closed, so keep exercising in your local area. Remember to stay in your bubble and keep that 2 metre distance from others.
- Rubbish and recycling collections continue as normal, same day, same time. Please take extra care to separately bag all tissues and cleaning items, especially wet wipes, to help protect the health of our hard working collectors.
- All five Tasman District Resource Recovery Centres are closed. If you live in a rural area where there is no kerbside rubbish collection, you can purchase pre-paid Council rubbish bags (available at supermarkets) and place them on the nearest collection route on the normal collection day. If absolutely necessary you can drop pre-paid Council bags at the Richmond, Māiri, Takaka and Murchison Resource Recovery Centres, where drop off bins will be available.
- While most Council staff are able to work from home to keep services ticking over, you will still see our contractors out working in the community. They are taking care of urgent and essential tasks like looking after our water supply, clearing blocked wastewater pipes, making roads safe and collecting rubbish. This work is authorised to carry on so just give them a wave of thanks from a safe distance for continuing to work for everyone's benefit.

Changes at Level Three

There will only be limited changes as there are still many restrictions in place when we move to Level Three on Tuesday 28 April.

Mountain bike tracks

Mountain bike parks and tracks will reopen but we ask riders to be responsible. Reduce the risk by using nearby tracks you are experienced at riding.

Resource Recovery Centres

Normal opening hours resume from 28 April for most sites, but with limited services. The Collingwood site will only open on Thursday mornings from 9.00 am to 12.00 pm. Access will be managed to limit

numbers and customers may experience delays. One person only per vehicle will be permitted.

Sites will be changed to maintain physical distancing, avoid face-to-face contact and include hand washing and hygiene measures.

Sites will be open to all commercial customers for waste, greenwaste, cleanfill and scrap metal only, using contactless transactions.

Sites will open for domestic customers for waste and greenwaste disposal only, using contactless transactions (**Paywave only, no cash. Usual limits will apply – check with your bank**).

No recycling drop-off, no reuse shop activity and no whiteware, hazardous goods or other materials

where face-to-face contact or manual handling is required.

Please delay your trip to the Resource Recovery Centre or arrange contactless collection by a commercial waste company if possible.

Kerbside recycling and rubbish

Kerbside recycling and rubbish collection services will continue as normal. Glass makes up around 50% of all recycling and will continue to be sent to Auckland for recycling. The plant that processes other recycling (paper, cardboard, plastics and cans) will remain closed in Level Three and these materials will be sent to landfill. We'll be working with our contractor to reopen this plant once alert levels drop.



Concerned about your rates bill?

The last thing we want is for your rates bill to add stress for anyone at this time.

The Council has committed to a 0% rates income increase next year* as one way to try to ease the financial demands on our community.

If you need to talk to us about your rates bill please get in touch – we have a range of options if you need some extra flexibility.

If you are able to pay your rates on time as usual, please do. That will help ensure the continued delivery of essential services for our District and avoid the need to make up payments later.

The Council continues to provide essential services that help keep residents healthy and safe, such as drinking water, wastewater disposal, rubbish collection, essential transport networks, cemeteries, animal control and environmental and hazard management – as well as providing the bulk of staffing for Civil Defence Emergency Management in the region.

**excludes an allowance for population growth. The Council is achieving the overall 0% rates income increase by reducing the proposed general rate. Because our District has a high number of targeted rates determined by where people live and the services they receive, the overall amount individual ratepayers pay will vary.*

Options for rates payments

We can enter into flexible payment plans that would spread the timing of payments of your rates and avoid penalties on unpaid rates.

A payment plan could include:

- amendments to direct debit arrangements, or new direct debit arrangements
- a short-term pause of payments as part of an agreed payment plan
- spreading rates payments over a longer time frame

Non-payment penalties will not be charged when a payment arrangement is in place.

Find out more

- Phone (03) 543 8400
- Email rates@tasman.govt.nz
- Visit tasman.govt.nz/rates

Speed Limit Bylaw consultation extended



The public consultation on a proposal to change speed limits on four roads around the District has been extended into May.

The proposal is to set lower limits for three roads – Gibbs Valley Road, Hoddy Road and Wharariki Road and to extend an existing 50km/h speed limit on Abel Tasman Drive in Pōhara by 25 metres.

It had been due to close on 30 March 2020 but will remain open for feedback, in light of the Level Four alert restrictions.

Get all the details and make your submission at tasman.govt.nz/feedback.



Motueka by-election update – voting papers out now

Voting papers for the Motueka Ward by-election arrived in letterboxes this week.

Despite concerns from some Motueka by-election candidates about the opportunity to run a campaign under the current COVID-19 restrictions, the Department of Internal Affairs confirmed the administration of local government, including running by-elections, is an essential service and must go ahead as planned.

There will be no opportunity for some of the standard in-person campaigning activities, such as door-knocking or public meetings so candidate's options are more limited

to avenues such as social media, radio and newspaper.

A leaflet containing candidate profile statements was delivered with the voting papers this week. Completed voting papers must be returned by post. Voters will not have the option of hand-delivering voting papers if the Council's Motueka office remains closed for the duration of the election period.

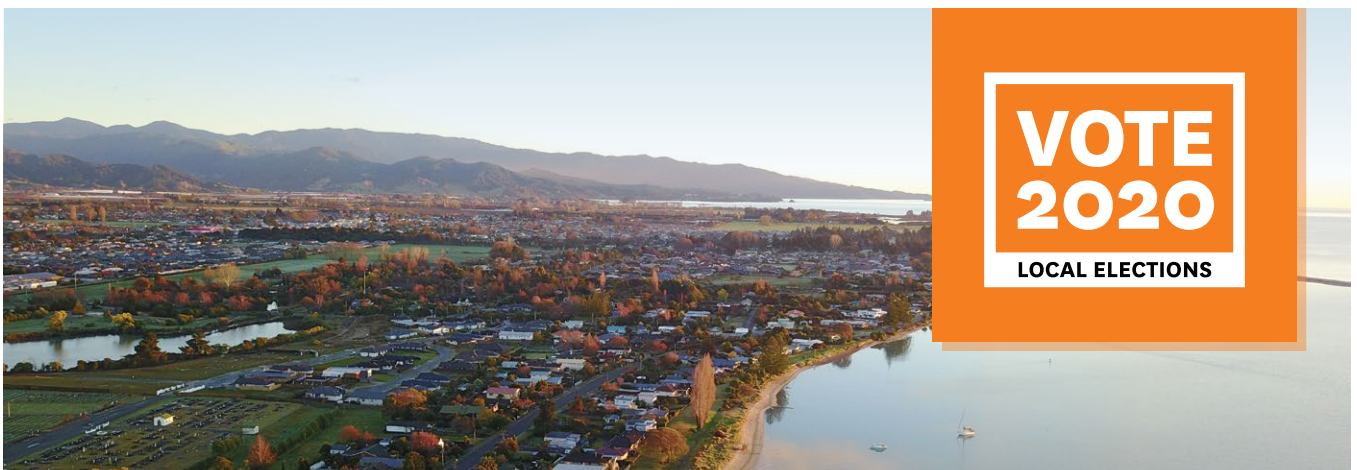
Voting officially closes at 12 noon on Tuesday 12 May 2020 but please post your vote no later than Thursday 7 May 2020 to ensure it arrives in time.

If our Motueka office is able to reopen in time, there may be an option to drop off completed voting

papers but residents shouldn't rely on this and are urged to vote early by post.

Our Electoral Officer may extend the close of voting in the by-election (for up to 14 days at a time) if it is believed electors are being denied the opportunity to cast a valid vote. We will be carefully reviewing the by-election as it proceeds with this in mind.

Detailed information on the voting process, including the location of nearby post boxes, was delivered with the voting papers. If you have questions please contact the Electoral Officer on 03 543 8554 or email sandra.hartley@tasman.govt.nz.



Youth on air

The COVID-19 lockdown has meant a little more innovation is required for regional youth radio show, The Jam, hosted by Māpua's Hannah Rose Pownall and Takaka's Hazel Molloy and sponsored by the Tasman Youth Council.

The teens alternate hosting the weekly shows, The Jam Motueka and The Jam Takaka, every Wednesday at 5.00 pm, and it replays the following Sunday morning at 1.00 am. The shows focus on music, news and events relevant to youth and air on Fresh FM. Hazel has been in the host's seat for nine months and Hannah Rose for two. (Hazel's slot is temporarily on hold until lockdown is over, but Hannah Rose is broadcasting from home).

Hannah Rose's passion is bluegrass, and she uses her slot to raise awareness about the music style. "I want to spread that love of bluegrass," she says. "It's a fun job, and that's the point of The Jam."

Her interest in radio was first piqued listening to Fresh FM in the car, and so far, she's enjoying being a broadcaster.

"No-one's there and it's just you speaking into the mike, but there's a little feeling at the back of your head that everyone's listening to you," she says. Operating the mike, computer and mixing desk was an

early challenge but she's got the hang of it now.

"Now I've learned how to do it, I'll never listen to a radio in the same way again knowing there are all these control panels and the work that goes into it."

Hazel enjoys keeping her shows music-filled and humorous, as well as informative. "It's good to know what's going on in the region but also important to have a laugh."

She has covered topics including the climate strike, COVID-19 and youth, as well as general issues and a range of music.

She says the experience is helping her with schoolwork, such as fact-checking for broadcast, and it's also helped her develop a gift of the gab.

"It's been really good; last year at school we had to talk about a random subject for as long as we could, and I talked about one for 17 and a half minutes. The rest of the class were like two minutes, so the radio has helped me that much. I'll carry on with The Jam for as long as I can be there."



DO YOU WANT TO MAKE YOUR COMMUNITY BETTER?
ARE YOU INTERESTED IN POLITICS?
DO YOU ENJOY WORKING AS PART OF A TEAM?

JOIN THE TASMAN YOUTH COUNCIL!

Fill in an online expression of interest form at tasmanyouthhub.co.nz/join and your local Youth Council Coordinator will get in touch via email.





Most water restrictions lifted

The recent rain has allowed us to lift most water restrictions except for those permit holders in the Moutere Eastern and Western Groundwater zones, which remain at Stage 1. The cease take restriction also remains in place on the Dove River.

All restrictions on public reticulated residential supplies, with the exception of Dovedale which

remains on Phase B restrictions, have now been lifted.

Thanks to everyone for their water saving efforts while the restrictions were in place.

Please remember that water is precious and we need to use it wisely all year round.

COMPOST MULCH AROUND trees and SHRUBS



Avoid watering your garden **OR CROPS DURING THE HEAT OF DAY**



Long Term Plan 2021–2031 early engagement extended

In light of the potentially huge, but still not fully known impact, of the COVID-19 virus and our response to it, we have extended the Long Term Plan early engagement process. Public feedback on the *2020 Vision for Tasman* document is now invited until 12 June 2020.



This extended date will allow residents to comment on any COVID-19 response and recovery initiatives, as well as on the Council's proposed strategic priorities. You will also be able to share your ideas about the overall vision for our region for the next 10 years.

This approach enables us to still seek early community feedback

to inform the development of the LTP 2021–2031. This is a very important part of the planning process, while acknowledging that the current pandemic has diverted everyone's focus and energy for the time being.

For anyone who has already provided feedback, thank you – your views will still be included.

If you feel you want to give more or different feedback in light of recent events, you are welcome to do so.

All the relevant information, alongside an online submission form is available on our website, tasman.govt.nz/feedback.



Our Netherlands Friendly Town recognises former mayor Richard Kempthorne

Tasman enjoys international Friendly Town relationships that help encourage economic and cultural relations. Two are with Japanese cities, Kiyosato and Motueka as well as Fujimi Machi and Richmond. Tasman also has a relationship with the Netherlands' former municipality Grootegeest (now part of the Westerkwartier municipality), which is particularly significant because Abel Tasman, the earliest recorded European visitor to New Zealand in 1642, was born in the area.

Recently, Tasman's former mayor Richard Kempthorne and his wife Jane were honoured at a ceremony in the Netherlands, where Richard was presented with the inaugural Westerkwartier Medal of Honour.

The medal recognises "the limitless effort in creating a warm relationship" between the two districts.

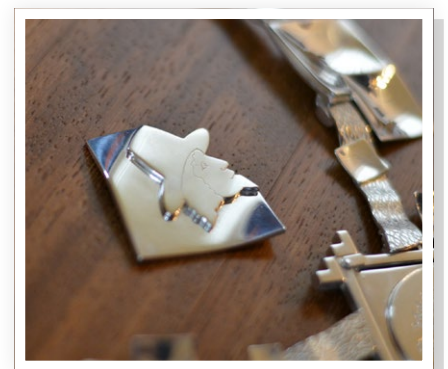
Richard says the award was "really nice of them".

"It's so good to have the relationship between Westerkwartier, where Abel Tasman comes from, and the people of Tasman District, which recognises

the history we share," he says. "When they were out here in December 2018 there was a reconciliation between the iwi that was there at the time of Abel Tasman, Ngāti Tumatakōkiri, and the iwi that are there now, Mohūa / Golden Bay manu whenua Ngāti Tama, Ngāti Rārua and Te Atiawa. It was a great relationship for the visitors to be a part of and for the iwi of the area as well."

Richard says there are many similarities between the cultures and people of the Tasman District and Westerkwartier. But they end when it comes to geography; though the

area is similar to Tasman in that it's predominantly rural with urban centres, the highest mountain in the region is just 17 metres above sea level.





Making your petrol dollars go further

We're all saving petrol during the lockdown, and enjoying cleaner air and quieter roads as a result. Here's how to improve your car efficiency to make those fuel savings last for when life eventually goes back to normal.

- Did you know that a vehicle can burn up to 30 percent less fuel when maintained correctly? A surprising contributor to this is under-inflated tyres, which burn more fuel because they have more rolling resistance. That means more force is needed to turn the

wheels so more fuel is consumed. Under-inflated tyres can lower fuel mileage by about 0.4 percent for every 1-PSI drop in the average pressure of all tyres. Check your tyre pressure at least once a month; tyres naturally lose 1 to 2 PSI in pressure every month, so don't ignore them for too long.

- Another issue is corroded battery cables, which cause the alternator to work harder, using more fuel. Have them cleaned with each engine check-up.
- Using the manufacturer's specified motor oil, and changing it per factory recommendations, can improve fuel economy as well.

- The next time you get your oil changed, have the air filter checked as well. Replacing a dirty air filter with a clean one can save up to 10 percent on fuel costs.
- Clean out your boot! The less weight in your vehicle, the better your fuel economy.



Want to start composting? Now's good!

If you have extra time on your hands at home, why not get started with home composting? It's easy and you can get started without needing any special equipment.

All you need to do is gather together your garden waste and other organic scraps and mix them in a heap. Worms and other critters will do the rest. It's a simple way to help the environment. The nutrients in plants have come from the soil

and putting them back in the soil will support this precious resource.

You can make an enclosure around the area where you want to start your heap. It should sit directly on the soil, preferably not in the full sun.

Start with a 10 – 15cm layer of coarse twiggy materials to ensure good drainage and entry of air. Then add:

- kitchen and garden waste
- manure, soil, blood and bone or a compost activator.

If the compost heap is regularly turned it will be ready in 3 – 4 months. Otherwise it will take between 9 – 12 months to mature.

For more details and tips for great compost, visit tasman.govt.nz and search composting.





How is the coastal management project going?

Climate change has been in the global media recently as the coronavirus pandemic has unintentionally benefited the world's climate. Many countries have imposed some form of lockdown which has resulted in a reduction in emissions and dramatic improvements in air quality.

As well as mitigating climate change, we need to work together to ensure that we, as a community, are prepared and ready to adapt to our ever-changing environment, sea level rise and natural hazards.

Last year we launched a project aiming to enable our Tasman Bay / Te Tai-o-Aorere and Golden Bay / Mohūa communities to work towards long-term planning for sea level rise and coastal hazards. Our first round of community engagement (22 July – 27 September 2019) sought feedback on the community values

that may be affected by sea level rise and coastal hazards; any observations of coastal hazards around our district; and any comments on our coastal hazards map viewer. The feedback was summarised into a report which is available on the website, tasman.govt.nz (search Climate Change).

This feedback is helping to inform our future work programme. Following the Ministry for the Environment's Coastal Hazards and Climate Change Guidance (2017), we've now started work to consider

"what matters most" by identifying areas, objects or experiences that the community values and that may be impacted by sea level rise and coastal hazards, and to assess their risk and vulnerability.

While our community engagement last year was the first opportunity to talk about the effects of sea level rise and coastal hazards, it won't be the last. Long-term adaptive planning work will take several years to complete and the community conversation will be ongoing.

