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Have your say on safe drinking water

We're looking at the best way to ensure we're supplying clean, healthy water through all the council-owned supplies in the district.

Most of our water supplies are chlorinated. We're proposing to permanently chlorinate the rest: Upper Takaka, Hamama, Motueka, Riwaka / Kaiteriteri and Richmond.

Check out the full consultation document online at tasman.govt.nz/feedback or collect a hard copy from your closest Council Service Centre or library. Your feedback is invited until Friday 4 September.

The proposal to chlorinate has been prompted by the findings of a government inquiry into the 2016 gastroenteritis outbreak in Havelock North after the town's drinking

water supply became contaminated with *Campylobacter*. 5,500 people became ill and 45 people were hospitalised. The outbreak is thought to have contributed to four deaths.

One of the key recommendations from the Havelock North inquiry that is relevant to our water supplies is having a multi-barrier approach to prevent contamination.

This is crucial because our water sources can be affected by a range of contaminants. A multi-barrier approach uses several methods to treat water, reducing the risk of contaminated water reaching the point of supply and people. Examples of barriers are:

- Source protection
- Filtration
- Ultraviolet treatment
- Chlorination (residual disinfection)

Public information sessions

The following public sessions will be held to discuss the proposal and answer questions:

- Richmond Public Library, Thursday 13 August, 4.00 pm – 7.00 pm.
- Motueka Memorial Hall, Thursday 20 August, 4.00 pm – 7.00 pm.
- Upper Takaka Community Hall, Tuesday 25 August, 5.30 pm – 7.00 pm.

How to have your say:

- Email your submission to info@tasman.govt.nz with 'Water Safety Consultation' in the subject line.
- Head to tasman.govt.nz/feedback to submit your feedback online.
- Post your submission to Water Safety Consultation, Tasman District Council, 189 Queen Street, Private Bag 4, Richmond 7050.

MEET YOUR REPRESENTATIVES



Councillor Dana Wensley – Richmond Ward

Since I last wrote this column so much has changed in the world and this region.

As a community, we pulled together during lockdown and are now faced with picking up the pieces. Some are struggling. Some are taking new opportunities. All of us are trying hard to move on with a future that is vastly different from that which we envisaged six months ago.

For the Council, it's time to make some hard choices. We do this through the Long Term Plan process.

As a Richmond Ward councillor, I will be working with my fellow

councillors to see that as the region intensifies, it does so in a way that is sustainable and still preserves our productive lands. Richmond is growing fast, and I was pleased to be able to advocate successfully for the Richmond Bus Loop, which has the dual aims of combatting traffic congestion, and offering a viable transport option for those who are unable to drive.

Our wider environment is also under stress. With our significant shoreline, climate change is having an impact on people around the region. This has been felt most keenly recently in areas of Golden Bay. The Council operates

within a strict regulatory framework handed down to us from central government. While as councillors we all seek to help our communities when they are in trouble, we are also called on to act for the good of the region as a whole, and comply with statutory obligations. It is not always easy to communicate this balancing act to our communities, but it is my belief that if we work closely with our residents, we can achieve common goals with patience and understanding of each other's views.

Councillor Dana Wensley
Richmond Ward
Regulatory Committee Chair

Brightwater speed limit change – 40km/h applies from 28 August

As agreed, following the public consultation carried out last year, the speed limit on Ellis Street in Brightwater will change to 40 km/h from Friday 28 August.

This applies to the section of Ellis Street 50m from Lightband Road (SH6) through to 50m prior to Lord Rutherford Road, shown on the map.

This change is driven by the need to provide safer and consistent speeds for busy school roads and town centre roads. The new speed limit is supported by changes made as part of the current Brightwater town centre upgrade.

New speed limit signage will be in place from 28 August to remind everyone of the change.



Start op shopping today!

Your guide to Tasman's best pre-loved clothes shops is available now on our website, tasman.govt.nz.

The Op Shop Guide Map shows you the best places around the Tasman region to pick up some pre-loved fashion. Second-hand shopping is a great way to save money and find unique pieces that suit your style.

There's a huge upside for our planet too. The fashion industry is known to be a huge contributor to pollution around the globe. Continuing pressure to reduce costs and speed up production means that environmental corners can be cut.

The speed at which fashions can change means more and more clothes are simply thrown away, creating a huge amount of textile waste.

The guide shows the locations of the shops as well as giving some handy hints on how to make your clothes last longer and the best way to donate clothes to your favourite op shop. Grab a copy of the guide from our website or your nearest library and start shopping smarter today.



Ride the new Richmond Loop!

The new Richmond bus loop is up and running six days a week. It starts and finishes in Queen Street to make it easy to visit shops and services in Richmond and to connect to the Nelson and Stoke bus routes.

The route travels to Hill Street and Champion Road in the east and to Lower Queen Street and Three Brothers Corner in the west.

This is a hail and ride route, meaning there are only a few formal bus stops but you can wave down the bus anywhere along the route where it is safe and legal for the bus to stop.

Just make sure the driver can see you.

See the route maps and times on our website, tasman.govt.nz and search on 'buses'.

The full loop is only one fare zone, \$2.50 for adults but only \$2 when you use the new Bee Card.

Bee Card is a pre-paid "tag on-tag off"

card that makes it cheaper and easier to catch the bus. It's free until the end of October and the minimum top up amount is \$5.

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SUSTAINABLE TASMAN

Let's clear the air – clean burning tips for home heating

Over the winter months wood smoke from home heating causes many problems.

Calm, clear days with cold temperatures don't allow the smoke to rise and disperse; instead it sits low to the ground under a temperature inversion layer. Wood burner smoke can cause significant adverse health and environmental effects, as well as being a nuisance to your neighbours and your local community.

Applying best practices when using your wood burner can significantly reduce the amount of smoke produced, ensure more efficient

burning and is more cost effective. Remember to never burn treated or painted timber as this exposes you to dangerous chemicals.

All wood burners can be operated in a way that reduces the amount of smoke they produce.

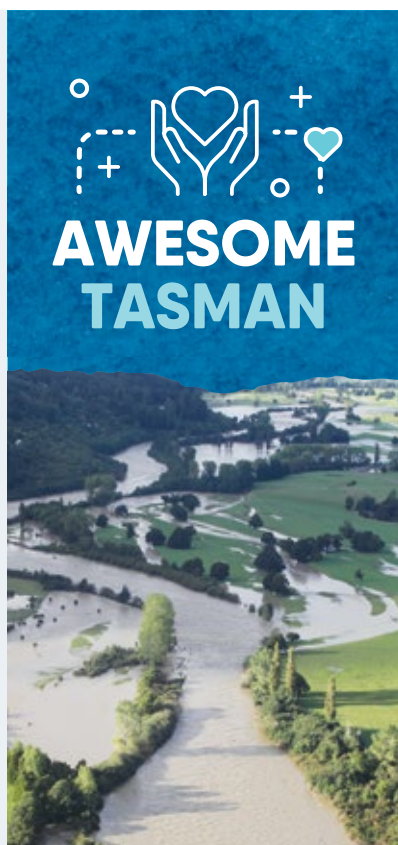
- Use dry, untreated firewood
- Keep a good flow of air going

Once your fire is burning brightly, head outside to check the smoke coming out the chimney. A thin wisp of light-coloured smoke is what you're aiming for. Please don't be tempted to bank up your fire and then turn the air flow down, as this is one of the biggest contributors to

smoke haze overnight.

If you're purchasing wood, make sure you buy from one of the Council approved Good Wood suppliers – check out the full list on our website.

See our home heating best practice pamphlet at tasman.govt.nz/link/good-wood.



Government funding to support flood protection

The recent announcement of \$7.5 million of government funding to strengthen several sections of the Motueka River stopbanks has been welcomed.

The funding represents 75% of a \$10 million project. Council will consider the overall project and the local \$2.5 million contribution required at a meeting on 10 September.

The existing flood protection scheme was built in 1956 to protect the townships of Motueka and Riwaka from frequent flooding in the lower reaches of the river.

Over the past 64 years the stopbanks have degraded in some places, reducing their effectiveness.

“Subject to Council approval, the programme will prioritise improvements to sections of stopbanks that provide the greatest benefit to the communities relying on them,” says Mayor Tim King.

“The stopbanks have proved their worth more than once since their construction and they must be maintained. The funding will also provide valuable jobs locally as the work is carried out.”



A decade of river plantings

Since 2010, we have been planting native species along our rivers to gradually change the riparian zones from places full of exotic weeds to attractive areas rich in biodiversity.

The effort over the past decade has paid off. We have now planted about 150,000 native trees and plants along Council-maintained rivers, mostly in the Waimea, lower Motueka, Wai-iti, Moutere and Sherry rivers – that’s about 15,000 individual plants every year. The work is carried

out under our river maintenance contract so is integrated into other river work.

The plants all come from local seed specific to Tasman’s ecological zones. As well as planting edge species that are relatively fast growing, like flax, toetoe and pittosporums, each year we also plant around 1,000 long-lived, forest giant species such as rimu, mataī and kahikatea in the more established sites where there is sufficient shade and shelter. In 2019, we switched from plastic guards to locally-developed cardboard planting guards to protect the young plants and to make maintenance easier.

The riverside sites are maintained intensively for up to three years, with occasional attention after that to curb any weed invasions. Though we don’t see the natives as replacements for willows in terms of river bank stability, they do work in concert with them. The planting sites are mostly chosen for where the public can most appreciate them, such as near bridges and roads, but we also plant out on many spots known only to locals. We hope you enjoy the new native growth the next time you pass by one of our region’s beautiful rivers.



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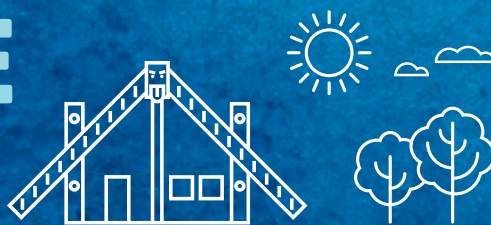
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Changes to payment options at Resource Recovery Centres

Please be aware that from 1 October 2020, we will no longer be accepting cheques for payment at our Resource Recovery Centres. We're making this change for several reasons: to reduce the risk of dishonoured payments; because cheques are being phased out by many banks; and they are now only used by a very small number of customers. Since May 2020 customers have had the option of paying by credit card and we now accept PayWave at all sites.

Community planting days

Head along to a fun family planting day on the Waimea Inlet.

- Sunday 16 August, 9.00 am – 1.00 pm, Greenslade Park, Rough Island.
- Sunday 23 August, 9.00 am – 1.00 pm, Bronte Peninsula on Stringer Embayment (access from 76 Bronte Road East, park on Bronte Road).

Please bring gloves, spade and drinking water. Wear solid footwear and clothes suitable for the weather conditions.

For more information and future planting day dates, visit the website tet.org.nz or email bandedrail@gmail.com.

Golden Bay Local Board consultation

The Local Government Commission has released its consultation document on the application to establish a local board in Golden Bay and its financial implications for the whole district. Read the Local Government Commission document on their website, lgc.govt.nz. A copy of the Council submission on the proposal is available on our website. Submissions are invited until Friday 14 August 2020.

Triennial Election Meetings

The following triennial committee election meeting is to be held:

- Brightwater Hall / Recreation Reserve Management Committee: Tuesday 25 August at 7.00 pm at the Brightwater Hall.

If you have any queries please contact Francie Wafer on 03 543 8400 or francie.wafer@tasman.govt.nz.

Only plastics 1, 2 and 5 in your recycling please

We are now only accepting plastics containers labelled as 1, 2 and 5 as these can be recycled locally. Plastics numbered 3, 4, 6 and 7 are no longer able to be recycled in New Zealand so they must go in your rubbish from now on.

Please think about the plastics that you buy (check the number in the recycling triangle, usually found on the base to make sure you're getting 1, 2 and 5) and reduce plastic use where you can.

Non-recyclable plastics... their number's up!

Only put plastic types 1, 2 & 5 in your yellow bin.



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Keep in touch with Antenno

Council is using a free mobile app called Antenno that sends you alerts and notifications about places and topics you care about, like reminders about recycling or road closures.

There are two ways you can use Antenno: receive notifications from us about the places you have marked as important to you, or reporting issues and giving feedback.

Antenno lets you choose the places you want to be alerted about, so you're not being alerted about things that don't affect you. You can expect to see updates from Council on a wide range of things.

For reporting issues, the app conveniently adds the location to a photo and so we can log the problem, including a description of it and your contact details. It's an easy way to get in touch with us.

Antenno is simple and easy to use and no personal information or log on details are required. Download it for free from your app store today.



Takaka Resource Recovery Centre upgrade

Work on Stage Two is underway including a new weighbridge and kiosk, and improvements to the recycling drop-off area on the upper level. Construction will be happening until October. This means a diversion will be in place on site. For access to the rubbish and greenwaste drop-off area on the lower level, you will need to drive around the work site, past the recycling drop-off area. The temporary road layout changes are signposted and staff on site are happy to help.

Dog Control Bylaw changes

We are consulting on a proposal to make two amendments to the Dog Control Bylaw in Golden Bay. They are:

- Allowing dogs under leash control to come back into Commercial Street, Takaka; and
- Allowing dogs back onto Tata Beach all year round except from sunset until 8.30 am every day.

You can see the full proposal on the website, tasman.govt.nz, at the Takaka Council Service Centre or Library.

Submissions are invited until 4.30 pm Wednesday 19 August.



COUNCIL MEETINGS

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

Tasman Creative Communities

Tuesday 18 August, 10.00 am.
Motueka Service Centre, 7 Hickmott Place, Motueka.

Motueka Community Board

Tuesday 18 August, 4.00 pm.
Motueka Service Centre, 7 Hickmott Place, Motueka. Public forum.

Strategy and Policy Committee

Thursday 20 August, 9.30 am.
Public forum.

Commercial Committee

Friday 21 August, 1.30 pm.
Public forum.

Joint Shareholder Committee

Tuesday 25 August, 1.30 pm.
Public forum.

Audit and Risk Committee

Thursday 27 August, 1.30 pm.
Public forum.

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WHAT'S ON IN TASMAN



There is so much going on at your local library throughout August. Visit the What's On page on our website, for the full schedule of events. Highlights include:

Stitching workshops

Kim Lawrence will be hosting a free Stitching Bee at Motueka Library on Tuesday 18 August, 10.00 am – 12.00 pm and a Cross

Stitch Workshop at Richmond Library on Saturday 15 August, 10.00 am – 12.00 pm (Eventbrite bookings essential). At both workshops you will have the opportunity to work on your contribution to our fabulous Community Quilt Project.

Three writing workshops

Journalist turned memoir and life story writer Charlotte Squire will be running writing workshops at

Richmond Library on Tuesday 18 August, 1.00 pm – 2.00 pm, and at Motueka Library on Thursday 27 August, 11.00 am – 12.00 pm.

You can come along to Takaka Library on Tuesday 18 August, 1.00 pm – 2.30 pm to take part in some fun writing exercises with Diane Covington-Carter. All three events are free and everyone is welcome. Remember to bring a pen and paper.

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New water main construction starts

Work has started on a new replacement water main that will cross Moturoa / Rabbit and Best Islands to link to Māpua.

The current water main is in poor condition and also won't cater for growth in Māpua. It's had numerous breaks, which could affect the water supply to the Māpua community. We currently have to operate the water network servicing Māpua

at reduced pressure to help protect the old pipe. Once the new water main is installed it will resolve these issues.

As the pipe route passes through areas of cultural significance, local iwi have been involved during the design and consenting process and have cultural monitors ready to assist with the project. Construction is expected to be completed by the end of February 2021.

Moturoa / Rabbit Island access

There will be very little disruption to the wider community from construction as it's mainly happening on forestry land. There may be restricted access to some areas for cyclists and walkers at times so please look out for any signage in place and stay away from work areas for your own safety.



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