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Māpua is one of the place names that gained a macron last year, changing its meaning

## Perfect your pronunciation – place names in Te Tai-o-Aorere



Don't wait for Te Wiki o Te Reo Māori to come around again to try and pronounce te reo Māori properly. Using Māori place names properly can be transformative.

For example, the New Zealand Geographic Board's changes last year included the simple addition of a macron (tohutō or pōtae/hat) to Māpua. This not only assists with its correct pronunciation, but changes the place name's meaning. 'Mapua' means tidal inundation or a kind of crying or sobbing; 'Māpua', however, means a place of abundance. The correct spelling and pronunciation help keep important stories behind place names alive.

Here are some commonly mispronounced place names in our District, and how to say them correctly, thanks to Tasman District Council / Te Kaunihera o te tai o Aorere kaihautū Te Waari Carkeek.

- Tākaka: Say 'Tākaka' with a long vowel in the first 'a' – TAAkaka
- Motueka: Move away from "Motchewayka" and say "Maw-too-eh-ka"
- Moutere: Forget "the Mootree": say it properly by pronouncing this beautiful area MOW-tere

- Mārahau: Don't say "Marrahow", use MARA-ho
- Pōhara: This popular beach destination should be pronounced PAW-hara
- Tōtaranui: Don't say "Tote-chranui" like those clueless Cantabrians – be a proud local and get your tongue around Taw-TARA-nui instead!

**Listen and learn: Check out the video on our website to hear the correct pronunciation of many of Te Tai-o-Aorere's place names.**



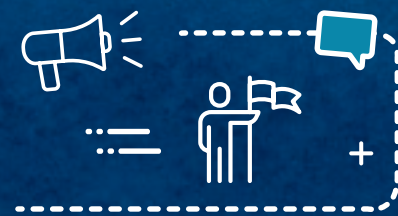
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# MAYOR'S MESSAGE



Like the rest of New Zealand, our District continues to experience the effects of the Covid-19 pandemic. I'd like to thank everyone for following the Government's alert level guidelines. Hopefully, a return to Level One will aid our region's continued recovery.

We are at the start of implementing the National Policy Statement for Freshwater Management and there are new rules and regulations around freshwater which people need to be aware of. We're fortunate to have generally great water quality in the region but it is very important that we maintain and improve it, where required.

While there will be challenges, if the Council and landowners can work together it will make implementation of these rules and regulations more efficient and effective and deliver better outcomes for us all. Search 'freshwater' on our website for more information.

Our public consultation on water safety has been extended until Friday 2 October. Most of our water supplies are chlorinated and we're proposing to permanently chlorinate the rest: Upper Tākaka, Hamama, Motueka, Riwaka / Kaiteriteri and Richmond. This process is part of the Council's response to ensure it meets the drinking water regulations that were reviewed following the 2016 Havelock North water supply contamination. Search 'water safety' on our website to make a submission.

Finally, please take the time to vote in the 2020 New Zealand general election on Saturday 17 October.

The right to vote should never be taken for granted. Everyone I meet has an opinion on what is important to them. The best way to influence the future direction of New Zealand is to vote.

You will also be asked to vote in two referendums: the binding End of Life Choice referendum, and the Cannabis Legalisation and Control referendum. You can find out more about these, along with all the election information, at [vote.nz](http://vote.nz).



**Mayor Tim King**

## New shared path coming to Māpua

Work will start at the beginning of October on a new shared pathway on Māpua Drive, providing a safer option for pedestrians and cyclists on this busy road.

The pathway will run along the Motueka side of Māpua Drive, from State Highway 60 to join the existing footpath outside 73 Māpua Drive.

The work is expected to take about seven weeks to complete. During that time traffic management will be in place so please look out for the signage and speed restrictions.

The project will involve:

- Tree-trimming and re-shaping of the bank along the path-side.
- Sections of concrete guttering to channel water run-off.
- Safety guard-railing along part of the pathway.

Once work is complete, the new permanent speed limit of 50km/h will come into effect on the current 60km/h section of Māpua Drive. This was agreed following the public consultation on speed limit changes carried out last year and will take effect from 17 November 2020.

# Annual residents' survey results are in

More residents rate Tasman District Council's reputation as good or very good compared with recent years, the results of our annual survey show.

Residents' opinions of our reputation have been steadily improving over the past three years. In 2020, 84% of residents felt the Council had a very good/good reputation, compared with 77% last year and 75% in 2018. This year, 12% feel it is poor/very poor, compared with 21% in 2019.

Some main findings of the survey include:

- 90% – satisfied with recreational facilities
- 74% – Council supplies enough/more than enough information
- 74% – satisfied with footpaths
- 74% – satisfied with Resource Recovery Centres

Residents were also asked their preference for spending on services/facilities, with the three top areas being activities to encourage waste minimisation, roads and rivers and

flood protection.

Since 1996 National Research Bureau Ltd has carried out independent surveys to measure residents' satisfaction with our services. The survey is also known as the Communitrak Survey. We measure its results against the performance targets set out in the Annual Plan and also take them into account for future planning.

**The full survey results can be seen online at [tasman.govt.nz/link/residents-survey](https://tasman.govt.nz/link/residents-survey).**



## Help stop illegal dumping

Sadly, illegal rubbish dumping seems to be on the increase lately. There are some very good reasons why it is illegal – it can have a serious impact on our environment; some of the things dumped pose a health risk; and it looks like we don't care enough about the place we live in to keep it clean.

The clean-up costs are also mounting. It cost the Council \$36,000 to pick up illegally discarded or dumped waste in Tasman District last year. This may well be the tip of the iceberg as we know a lot of rural landowners pick up rubbish on the road reserve without alerting us, which is a great help.

If we can identify the people dumping the rubbish, we can either recover costs from them or prosecute them if that's appropriate. So, if you see anyone dumping rubbish illegally, please let us know. You don't need to intervene yourself, just a photo or licence plate number is normally enough for our compliance team to follow up.

Let's work together to keep Tasman clean.



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## Plan ahead in case dry weather continues

Tasman has experienced one of its warmest winters on record, with much less rain and snow than usual. At the end of August, our average rainfall levels since January were well below average.

- Tākaka 36% below average
- Riwaka 35% below average
- Moutere 41% below average
- Richmond 44% below average

A lack of rain affects all aspects of our District's water supply.

### Aquifers

Aquifers are large underground stores of water, like an underground lake. We rely heavily on aquifers to provide water over summer for irrigation and for our communities' household water supplies. Many of our aquifers take a long time to recover from a dry period. The Deep Moutere Aquifer, for example, is at an

all-time low for this time of year. Even the aquifers in the best situation, often those recharged directly from nearby rivers, are slightly below normal for this time of year. All our aquifers will rely heavily on rainfall being at or above normal levels through to the start of summer.

### Kainui Dam

The Kainui Dam boosts the level of the Wai-iti River over the irrigation season – this is important to maintain the health of the river and the life it supports. After two dry summers, the dam's reserves have run low. The dam is currently only 61% full. Sustained above average rainfall is needed to increase soil moisture levels and allow the stream that fills the dam to flow strongly enough to refill it. The current forecast shows that's unlikely before irrigation starts for the season.

### Rainfall outlook

The rainfall outlook for Tasman over the next month is mixed. One agency is expecting our region

to be influenced by westerlies, and the typical result of this is the Waimea and Moutere areas being drier than normal. Another agency however, is expecting near normal conditions across our District. No commentators are expecting above average rainfall, which we need to replenish moisture across all the region's water supplies.

### Soil moisture

Soil moisture, as you'd expect, mirrors the pattern of low rainfall. NIWA's sensor on the Waimea Plains has shown low soil moisture during the entire winter but has recently shown signs of recovery. Tākaka soil moisture levels have declined more recently. Soil moisture has the ability to recover quite quickly, and one good storm can replenish these levels.

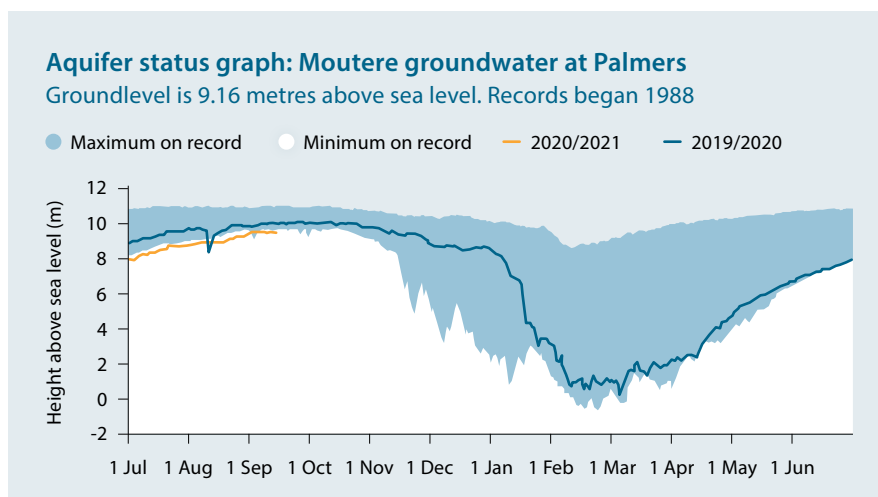
### Hope for the best, plan for the worst

Unless we get significant rainfall soon, we are likely to be in for a dry summer and we may need to impose restrictions on water use.

There's nothing we can do about the weather but we can all take steps now to make our water go further if the rain doesn't arrive.

If you hold a water consent, you should plan now for the upcoming irrigation season. Start considering how you can get the best use from and conserve your water resource if restrictions are needed.

If you keep livestock, start thinking about how a shortage of water may



affect available feed and if you'd be wise to store feed in advance. You can also contact the Ministry for Primary Industries for advice on managing livestock when drought conditions are predicted.

Even if you have a lifestyle property or small holding and only run a small amount of stock or crops, you could also start planning how you might manage if water rationing is in place for long periods over summer.

If your home or business is supplied water through our reticulated network, we've got lots of easy water savings tips on our website, [tasman.govt.nz/water-tips](http://tasman.govt.nz/water-tips). The general advice is:

- Try to do one thing each day that will result in a saving of water.
- Never put water down the drain when there may be another use for it such as watering plants or cleaning.

- Get the whole family involved in water conservation.

### Stay informed

If water restrictions become necessary, the best place to keep up to date with the latest information is the website, [tasman.govt.nz](http://tasman.govt.nz). There will be links on the home page that will show the relevant restrictions for both water resource consent holders and those on the Council water supply.

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## Water infrastructure projects to bring jobs, investment

We've identified a list of projects to include in the first phase of a reform programme for New Zealand's three waters infrastructure – unlocking \$9.78 million in central Government stimulus funding for our District.

This funding is to support economic recovery through job creation and to maintain investment in water infrastructure renewals and maintenance.

The three waters reform programme seeks to reform current water service delivery into larger scale providers and to realise significant economic,

public health, environmental and other benefits over the medium to long term.

Our proposed priority projects include:

- Pōhara Water Treatment Plant – upgrade
- Dovedale Rural Water Supply – alternative intake and network configuration
- Richmond South Water Main – new trunk main between Richmond West and SH60
- Pomona Road Reservoir – replace and upsize
- Hill Street Trunk Main – upgrade to improve link between high level storage

- Wastewater Pump Stations Emergency Storage – 24-hour overflow storage
- Thorp Street Water Main Renewal – replace suspect water main.

The following projects will also be added to the list as backup:

- Redwood Water Treatment Plant Upgrade
- Murchison Water Treatment Plant Upgrade
- Motueka Firefighting Booster Upgrade
- Salisbury Road Water Main Renewal – replace suspect water main.

The delivery plan for these projects will be supplied to Crown Infrastructure Partners for review and approval this month.



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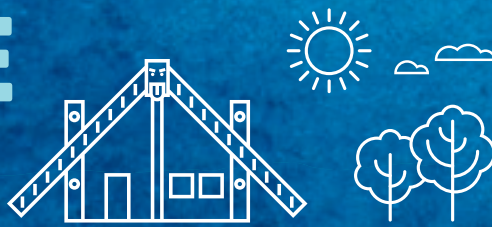
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## Help us plan for future business growth

As part of the new national guidelines around planning for urban development, councils for growing areas such as Tasman need to demonstrate that we have sufficient space allocated for the future growth of business activities in our region. We also want to make sure that in the future we have the right type of business land in the right location, ensuring that all our towns and centres are well supplied. To get a clearer picture of what the future may hold, over the next few weeks we'll contact many businesses in the district and ask them to complete a survey to tell us about their future plans.

We realise the huge challenges presented to businesses by Covid-19 will pose significant hurdles for many future plans. However, we are required to report to the Government on our business land supply by mid next year. We'd still like to hear what your thoughts are for the future. We know we'll need to ask the same questions again in a couple of years' time. If you don't receive an email or a letter from us and would like to be part of the survey please contact Jacqui Deans, Growth Co-ordinator, at [jacqui.deans@tasman.govt.nz](mailto:jacqui.deans@tasman.govt.nz)

## Maritime event

**Event activity:** Waka Ama Racing. Area reservation and uplifting of 5 knot speed rule applies.

**Date and location:** Friday 13 and Saturday 14 November, Kaiteriteri.

Further details for these and any new events may be viewed at [tasman.govt.nz/link/maritime-events](https://tasman.govt.nz/link/maritime-events).

The Harbourmaster has granted authorisation for this event under the provisions of the Navigation Safety Bylaw 2015.

## Sport NZ Rural Travel Fund – apply now!

The Sport NZ Rural Travel Fund applications are now invited until 31 October. The Sport NZ Rural Travel Fund offers help with travel costs for rural sports clubs and rural school teams. The fund is to help young people aged from 5 to 19 to participate in local sports competitions. Sport NZ fully funds the Rural Travel Fund, which the Council administers locally on their behalf. The next funding round closes on 31 October 2020. Head to [tasman.govt.nz/link/grants](https://tasman.govt.nz/link/grants) to check out the funding guidelines and complete an application form.

## Second Hand Sunday returns

Second Hand Sunday is back on 18 October, so if you've been feeling the urge to spring clean your home and property, now is a good time to do it. Second Hand Sunday is a fun way to declutter and re-home unwanted household goods for free – anything from chairs, books, clothing or leftover bits and pieces from building projects – and a good chance to scour the region's streets looking for pre-loved treasures.

### How to take part

- This is a joint effort between Tasman District Council and Nelson City Council, so you'll need to register your address online at [nelson.govt.nz/second-hand-sunday](https://nelson.govt.nz/second-hand-sunday) to take part.
- On the day, print off a letterbox poster, put your items out on your driveway by 10.00 am, and bring any leftovers in at the end of the day.
- Download the participant list on the Friday before, or pick up a copy from any Council office.
- Please don't put out food, dangerous goods like faulty electrical equipment, or chemicals. The event will take place rain or shine.

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## Monday information sessions for seniors

Age Concern Nelson Tasman is offering a series of informative talks and workshops on a variety of topics relevant to being 65+. The cost is \$3 per session, registrations are required. All sessions are in the Age Concern Hall, 62 Oxford Street, Richmond.

Upcoming sessions include:

- 28 September, 10.00 am – 11.30 am, Budgeting/Money workshop with Lisa Dyer from Nelson Budgeting Service.

See the full list of sessions planned for the rest of the year on the website, [ageconcernnt.org.nz](http://ageconcernnt.org.nz).

## Changes make applying for rates rebates easier

The application process for the rates rebate scheme for the 2020–2021 year has changed to make it easier for people. The declaration within the application form no longer has to be witnessed by a Justice of the Peace or a Council staff member, making the whole process possible online or by post.

Applicants should also be aware the recent increase in superannuation payments will have an effect on eligibility.

**Questions about rates rebates?**  
Phone us any time on 03 543 8400.

## COUNCIL MEETINGS



For now, public access to meetings will be via Zoom video conferencing. See [tasman.govt.nz/link/meetings-calendar](http://tasman.govt.nz/link/meetings-calendar) for access details.

**Animal Control Subcommittee**  
Friday 25 September, 10.00 am.

**Strategy and Policy Committee**  
Thursday 1 October, 9.30 am.  
Public forum.

**Full Council**  
Thursday 1 October, 11.00 am.  
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# WHAT'S ON IN TASMAN



Believe it or not, 2020 is three quarters done! It's been quite a year so we've got our fingers crossed 2021 will be less "interesting". In the meantime, take it easy with these library events.

## School holiday programme

Wondering what the kids are going to do during the holidays? Never fear, we have got you covered. Kids can build a birdhouse, celebrate New Zealand creatures through collage, make a hanging pot plant, have fun at Techy Time, take part in a scavenger hunt and much more. Visit [tasmanlibraries.govt.nz](http://tasmanlibraries.govt.nz) for the full programme taking place across the District.

## Alzheimer's and Dementia Myth-busting in Motueka

In this special workshop at Motueka Library on Wednesday 30 September, 1.30pm – 2.30pm, learn ways to reduce

the risk of developing dementia by making a few lifestyle changes. We will also explore myths and facts surrounding Alzheimer's. Attendance is limited at Level 2, so phone 03 528 1047 to book your spot. Free.

## The Issues Desk visits Tākaka

Check out the latest episode of our radio show, The Issues Desk. In episode 4, airing for the first time at 3.30 pm on Thursday 24 September, we visit Tākaka Library for the annual school book quiz, talk to library users about the library, and read some fantastic poems by Golden Bay poets. You can find The Issues Desk on the FreshFM website.

## Free outdoor movie night

**Friday 25 September 2020, Washbourn Gardens, Richmond. Food trucks open and fun family activities from 6.00 pm. Movie begins at 7.00pm.**

Come along and enjoy Aladdin, starring Will Smith. Get your magic carpets ready for a beautiful journey to Agrabah!

For more information visit [tasman.govt.nz/events](http://tasman.govt.nz/events).

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