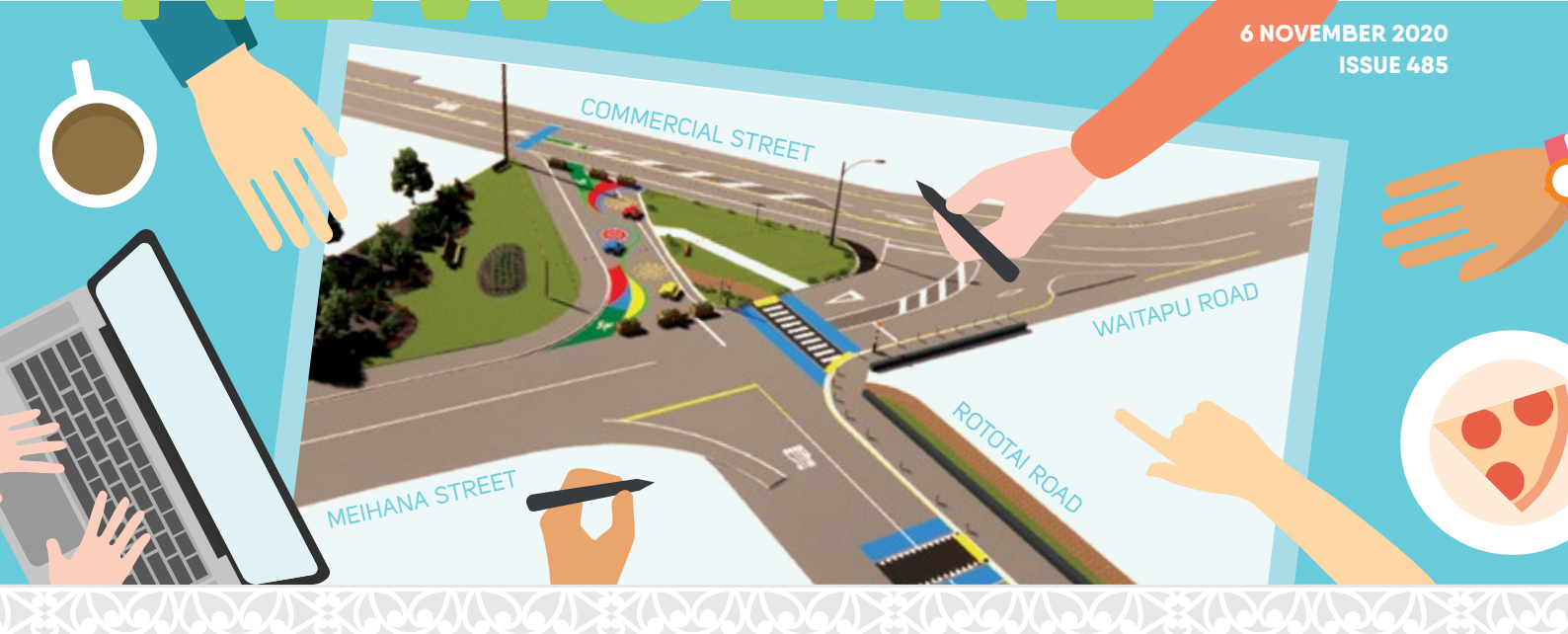


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## Tākaka Streets for People trial to begin in 2021

We're trialling a range of temporary changes, developed in partnership with the community, to improve safety at a key Tākaka intersection.

Earlier this year, we received funding from Waka Kotahi NZ Transport Agency to run two Innovating Streets for People trial projects – one in Tākaka and one in Richmond.

### Tākaka – Rototai / Meihana intersection

Over the past few months, we've been talking to the community to fully understand the concerns and gather ideas about this intersection – including an online survey, community drop-in session at the Tākaka Library and a workshop with Golden Bay High School students.

Most people were concerned about children's safety crossing Meihana Street and Rototai Road before and after school. Many also pointed out

that the complex intersection design is dangerous for cyclists. Students were concerned about the quality of the footpath and felt the area around the school was boring and unattractive.

As a result, we'll be trialling the following temporary changes, starting in early 2021. These include:

- Zebra crossing on a temporary raised platform across Meihana Street.
- Reduced speed limit of 30km/h and speed humps.
- Close off the one-way link road between Meihana and Commercial Streets (left turn slip lane). The tight left turn at Meihana / Commercial Streets will be eased by moving

the kerb and street light (this work should happen by the end of this year in preparation for the trial to start in early 2021).

- Better define footpaths with colourful bollards and provide an alternative footpath for students through school grounds.
- Add some tables and seating, shade and colourful artwork on the road between two reserves to make the areas more attractive.

The trial will run for several months. We will then seek feedback from the Golden Bay community before deciding which, if any, of the changes should remain in place long-term.

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# MEET YOUR REPRESENTATIVES



## Councillor Anne Turley – Moutere / Waimea Ward

With the general election behind us and Covid-19 hopefully under control, we can enjoy the summer ahead and endeavour to improve the future of everyone in our region.

A recent highlight in my Brightwater neighbourhood has been the upgrade of Ellis Street. Businesses and residents both young and old had input, resulting in the consultation process winning an award. It's now nearing completion after delays due to Covid. Most of the work done has been underground and we also removed overhead powerlines, improved the village green, and replaced aged infrastructure. There was strong support for reducing speeds through the village, so traffic has had to

slow down to 40km/h – not so bad! The tired pre-war country village is now fresh and has morphed into an attractive, modern streetscape which is more user-friendly for a variety of different active transport modes.

Other villages are being considered for similar safety upgrades, hopefully starting soon with the Upper Moutere shared footpath from Upper Moutere School to the Moutere Hills Community Centre and Sunrise Valley.

With this in mind you can now engage with the Tasman

Environment Plan consultation process that has started, known as 'Aorere ki uta, Aorere ki tai', meaning 'from the mountains to the sea'. We need to hear about what is important to you, your special places and the environments you enjoy.

For more information you can visit your community associations, attend advertised events, read Newsline, or check online at [environmentplan.tasman.govt.nz](http://environmentplan.tasman.govt.nz).

**Councillor Anne Turley**  
**Moutere-Waimea Ward**

## Streets for People trial project update

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### Richmond – Croucher / D'arcy Neighbourhood

More than 250 people shared their ideas and concerns about the Croucher/D'Arcy neighborhood area through an online survey. There were lots of things they liked about living there but many were concerned about safety, especially for children, seniors and people with disabilities.

To address this the community has suggested lowering the speed limit to 30 km/h, rearranging parking on Elizabeth and Croucher Streets, providing safe crossing options on Talbot Street and improving the park.

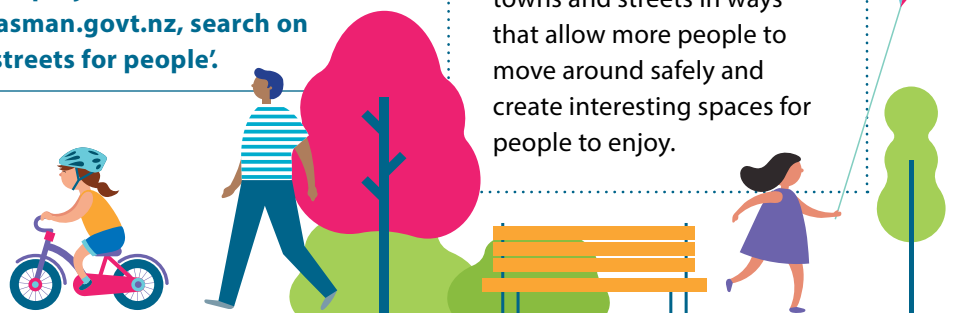
Two community co-design sessions were held in late October to flesh out these ideas further and we're now preparing some detailed plans of the possible temporary solutions to improve the area.

We'll advise residents of the outcome of that and the temporary solutions could be in place by early next year.

**You can keep in touch with the project on our website, [tasman.govt.nz](http://tasman.govt.nz), search on 'streets for people'.**

### About Innovating Streets for People

Innovating Streets for People recognises that, for many of us, the way we used and thought about our streets changed during the Covid-19 lockdown. We enjoyed playing, cycling and walking safely on our streets. The streets became a part of our community space, not just a way to get around. The aim of the fund is to support communities to shape their towns and streets in ways that allow more people to move around safely and create interesting spaces for people to enjoy.



# Volunteers moved by love of music and community

Over the next few months, Newsline will profile the winners of 2020's Outstanding Community Service Awards, paying tribute to those who work so hard to make our District richer for everyone. Our first award-winners are Tākaka brother and sister Diane and Terry Langford.

For the past 20 years, Diane and Terry Langford have hosted Fresh FM's weekly country music radio programme, a slot they've filled every single Saturday – except for the day of the Golden Bay Show.

'Saturday in the Country' is the only show of its kind, and award nominator, Ngatimoti's Coralie Grooby, says the siblings and the show are beloved in the country music world.

"It's a much-loved programme, and I think they do a really fantastic job," Coralie says. "They have a passion for country music and they're very community-minded as well."

Diane, a staff member at the Tākaka Library, and Terry, a dairy farmer, are also members of the Marble Mountain Country Music Awards and Annual Mardi Gras, and are involved with the Tākaka Drama Society. Diane helps run the associated costume hire service, as well as acting in productions, and Terry

lends his skills to sound production, stage lighting, carpentry, metal work and wiring.

"What I've learned over the years of doing the radio show is not to try doing it all yourself," Diane says.

"The whole family was involved and helped each week as we programmed what we were going to play. Over the years we have had a large number of listeners who sent in lists of songs they would like to



hear and sometimes it took us quite a while to find those songs. That is not such a problem these days as we can use the internet, but back then we just had the music that we owned ourselves."

Diane says a community runs on connections. "And if you don't make those connections and give back to the community, that community starts to fall apart. Nobody wants that."



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## Taking action on climate change

A year ago, we adopted an internal Climate Action Plan to help us address our carbon emissions as an organisation and do our bit to combat climate change.

The first annual review shows we've made good progress on creating a more efficient and sustainable organisation.

Some of the achievements include replacing fluorescent lights in Richmond Library with efficient LEDs, saving about \$10,000 a year. We have planted more than 100,000 trees and native shrubs; mapped our region's coastal hazards and sea level rise threat; and finished our initial round of community engagement around those issues.

On the road, we added the new Richmond loop to our bus network, made fares cheaper, and introduced electronic ticketing with our Bee

Card. When we needed to replace vehicles, we chose hybrid models; our fleet now includes five hybrids and one e-bike. We've also built new active transport infrastructure in Golden Bay and Richmond, and worked with ChargeNet to install an electric vehicle (EV) charger in Murchison.

Ongoing and future work includes reviewing and increasing public transport use; installing an EV charger in St Arnaud; more active transport infrastructure; and investigating how to capture emissions from the Eves Valley landfill.

All these measures will help increase our community and infrastructure's

resilience to climate change. On this, Council policy advisor Anna Gerraty quotes Dr Bernard Simmonds, a much-missed and highly-valued member of the team working to implement the plan.

"A few days before he passed away, we thanked him for a task he'd completed for us: summarising the impacts and implications of climate change on Tasman District," she says. "Bernard's reply to this message was: 'No problem – climate change is a huge issue that we all need to be working toward fixing! We are glad to incorporate Bernard's sentiment into our work at Council.'"

## Tasman Youth Council needs you!

The Tasman Youth Council is accepting new members for 2021. This is an excellent opportunity for young people who are passionate about their local community and want to make a positive difference in our region.

The role is also a great opportunity for anyone who is interested in politics and wants to learn how decisions are made and what role the community plays in these decisions. Youth Councillors participate in conferences and hui, as well as organising projects that are important for young people. They advocate for youth issues and ideas and support infrastructure

projects such as skate parks, street art, reserves, youth hubs and more.

Anyone between 12 and 24 years old living in Tasman District is welcome to join. There are four Youth Councils around the District – in Golden Bay, Motueka, Murchison and Waimea.

**To join, please fill out a short form on [tasmanyouthhub.co.nz/join](https://tasmanyouthhub.co.nz/join).**



# New fast-track contracting process supports local jobs

A new fast-track process for awarding some construction contracts means we can start work on several projects sooner than planned, giving security of income to local contractors and job security for their workers.

The new process, developed in consultation with the Civil Contractors Federation, is being used to award contracts worth less than \$2 million. The contracts are allocated fairly to local contractors that have the necessary capacity and skills, and who have a proven record on similar projects.

While this dispenses with the usual formal tendering processes, it still includes checks and balances to ensure good value for money for the Council and ratepayers.

Six projects, worth a total of about \$8 million, will soon be awarded. This is in addition to six projects awarded in June, worth a total of \$6 million.

Engineering Services Manager Richard Kirby says the work provides a significant income stream for the local construction sector, helping provide job security for their staff.

“The construction industry has an important role to play in stimulating the regional economy post Covid-19. In speeding up the procurement process, we are providing the sector with greater certainty and guaranteed cashflow over the next 12 months.

“We know the Council needs to play its part in supporting our economy and community through this difficult time. We’ll be delivering close to \$30 million in co-funded economic stimulus projects over the coming years, supported by

significant Government investment through Jobs4Nature and “shovel-ready” funding.

“Not all of these projects qualify for fast-tracked procurement because it’s appropriate that higher-valued contracts still go through a full formal tender process. But they will all contribute to our region’s recovery while bringing a whole host of benefits for our infrastructure, environment and community wellbeing.”



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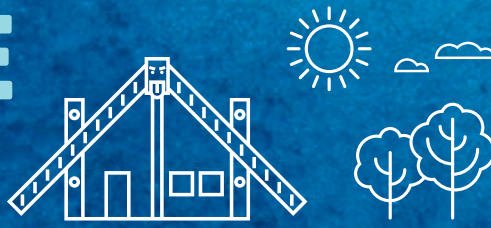
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# NEWSLINE UPDATES



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## Speed limit changes in Māpua

From Tuesday 17 November 2020, the speed limit on sections of Māpua Drive, Seaton Valley Road, and Stafford Drive (as shown in yellow on the map) will change to 50km/h. The change was confirmed following the public consultation carried out in 2019. Other changes consulted on at the time have already taken effect, however this change was held over until we were due to build a new shared path in the area, which is now well underway.

This new limit will make it safer for everyone living in and passing through this area. Signs will be installed to remind everyone of the change.



## Proposed changes to Freedom Camping Bylaw

Submissions are invited until 16 November on some proposed amendments to the Freedom Camping Bylaw 2017.

These include:

- Removal of the Waitapu Bridge site – Waka Kotahi NZ Transport Agency is taking over control of the area and we no longer have jurisdiction for freedom camping.
- Removal of the Taupata Gravel Reserve – due to continued concerns with danger to nesting birds and difficulties with effective policing.

- Removal of the Waikoropupū Springs Road Reserve – area now under Department of Conservation control and Council has no jurisdiction.
- Addition of a new area on the former Rototai Tip site.
- Amending the location of the site on Decks Reserve to accommodate the new library construction.
- Amending the permitted camping area at Alexander Bluff Road Reserve to identify more precisely the area where camping is allowed.

You can read the full statement of proposal online at [tasman.govt.nz/feedback](https://tasman.govt.nz/feedback) or see a hard copy at Council offices and libraries in Tākaka, Richmond, Motueka and Murchison.

- Email your submission to [info@tasman.govt.nz](mailto:info@tasman.govt.nz) with 'Freedom Camping Bylaw Consultation' in the subject line.
- Head to [tasman.govt.nz/feedback](https://tasman.govt.nz/feedback) to submit online.
- Post your submission to 'Freedom Camping Bylaw Consultation', Tasman District Council, 189 Queen Street, Private Bag 4, Richmond 7050.

Submissions are open until 4.30 pm Monday 16 November. Anyone who wishes to do so will have the opportunity to speak in support of their submission at a hearing on Wednesday 18 November.



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# NEWSLINE UPDATES



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## Free dog microchipping

Take advantage of our dog microchipping clinics in November – it's free for dogs registered in Tasman District. Microchipping is a legal requirement for most dogs, and it's also the best tool we have for reuniting lost pets with their owners.

- **Motueka:** Saturday 21 November, 8.30 am – 9.30 am, Council Service Centre, 7 Hickmott Place, Motueka.
- **Golden Bay:** Saturday 21 November, 11.30 am – 12.30 pm, Rototai Beach Reserve.
- **Tapawera:** Saturday 28 November, 8.30 am – 9.30 am, Tapawera Recreation Reserve (on Matai Crescent).
- **Murchison:** Saturday 28 November, 11.30 am – 12.00 pm, carpark behind library (behind 92 Fairfax Street).
- **Richmond:** Every Friday morning by appointment, call 03 544 3207, Richmond Dog Pound, 121 Beach Road, Richmond.

## Hall committee elections

The Pakawau Hall Committee will hold its triennial election on Tuesday 17 November at 7.30 pm at the Hall.

The Hope Hall / Recreation Reserve Management Committee triennial elections will be held on Wednesday 18 November at 7.30 pm at the Hope Hall.

## Dog Bylaw changes now in effect

Changes to the Dog Bylaw recommended by the Golden Bay Community Board and approved by the Council came into effect from 1 November. Dogs on a leash are now permitted in Commercial Street in Tākaka. Previously they were prohibited from part of the street and had been for some years. At Tata Beach dogs are prohibited all year round from sunset to 8.30 am. Between 20 December to 20 January dogs are banned from sunset to 8.30 am and also from 10.00 am to 5.00 pm, however you can take your dog on a leash to access watercraft using the boat ramp during this time. The restrictions are in place to help protect the birdlife in the area. The Golden Bay Community Board recommended the changes following a robust community consultation process which saw 338 submissions received. The Board also heard in person from 16 submitters at a meeting at the end of August.

## Youth employment website

Youth Employment Success has launched in Nelson Tasman, helping to engage and support young people into employment opportunities with youth-friendly employers in the region. We're proud to be one of the employers featured on YES. Find out more at [youthemployer.nz](http://youthemployer.nz).



## COUNCIL HUI

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

### Golden Bay Community Board

Tuesday 10 November, 9.30 am.  
Pakawau Community Hall, 1299 Collingwood-Puponga Main Road, Golden Bay. Public forum

### Joint Committee

Tuesday 10 November, 9.30 am.  
Nelson City Council, 110 Trafalgar Street, Nelson. Public forum

### Accessibility for All Forum

Friday 13 November, 10.00 am.  
Public forum

### Saxton Field Committee

Tuesday 17 November, 9.30 am.  
Saxton Netball Pavilion. Public forum

### Community Grants

Tuesday 17 November, 9.30 am.  
No public forum

### Joint Shareholders Committee

Tuesday 17 November, 1.30 pm.  
Nelson City Council, 110 Trafalgar Street, Nelson. Public forum

### Civil Defence Emergency Management Group

Tuesday 17 November, 4.00 pm.  
Nelson City Council, 110 Trafalgar Street, Nelson. Public forum

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# WHAT'S ON IN TASMAN



## Perspective Made Easy

**Monday 9 and Monday 16  
November, 1.30 pm – 3.30 pm,  
Motueka Library. Cost \$10.**

Join local artist Marian Painter in a fascinating art workshop. Find out how to improve your drawings of buildings, still life and landscapes. Phone 03 528 1047 to book your spot in one of these two workshops.

## Documentary Film Fest

**Throughout November,  
Richmond Library.**

Be amazed by the Landfill Harmonic – a Paraguayan musical group that plays instruments made entirely out of garbage; find out about Van Gogh's obsession with Japan; discover the weird world of migratory beekeepers and their truckloads of honey bees which travel across the USA pollinating crops in the absence of local honeybees; and be wowed by the talented teens in Fame High. To find out more and to book your spot, phone 03 543 8500.

## Christmas Banner workshop

**Tuesday 10 November, 10.00 am –  
12.00 pm, Motueka Library. Free.**

Make a Christmas felt banner in this fun workshop with Kim Lawrence, either as a decoration for your home, or as a sweet gift for a friend or family member. Bookings not required.

## Have your say – Aorere ki uta, Aorere ki tai: Tasman Environment Plan

Tasman District Council staff and councillors will be out and about this spring to hear your views about our environmental and development issues and opportunities.

### Upcoming drop-in events:

**Takaka:** Saturday 7 November,  
10.00 am – 2.00 pm, Takaka Council  
service centre, 78 Commercial St.

**Murchison:** Monday 9 November,  
3.30 pm – 7.00 pm, Murchison  
Recreation Centre, 82 Waller Street.

**Riwaka:** Thursday 12 November,  
3.00 pm – 6.00 pm, Riwaka School,  
20 School Rd.

**Tapawera:** Tuesday 17 November,  
4.00 pm – 7.00 pm, Tapawera  
Community Centre, 95 Main Rd.

**Motueka:** Wednesday 18 November,  
4.00 pm – 7.00 pm, Tasman District  
Council meeting room, 7 Hickmott Pl.

**Richmond:** Saturday 21 November,  
9.00 am – Sunday 22 November  
4.00 pm, info stand at the Richmond  
A&P Show, 359 Lower Queen St.

**Marahau:** Monday 23 November,  
3.30 pm – 7.00 pm, Marahau  
Community Hall.

[environmentplan.tasman.govt.nz](http://environmentplan.tasman.govt.nz)

## Saxton Field Reserve Management Plan review

The draft Saxton Field Reserve Management Plan review is available for public submissions until 10 December 2020.

The draft plan sets out the vision, policies and methods for enhancing Saxton Field's recreation, sport, landscape, natural and cultural values. The draft plan does not propose any significant changes to how Saxton Field is developed or managed, however, we are proposing some key changes, which we are keen to hear your feedback on. The draft plan and details on how to make a submission are available at [tasman.govt.nz/feedback](http://tasman.govt.nz/feedback). Printed copies are available at Tasman District Council offices and public libraries in Richmond, Motueka and Tākaka.

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