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Richmond roundabout upgrade underway

Work has started on improvements to the roundabout at the intersection of Salisbury and Champion roads.

The project involves:

- Putting extra lanes on the roundabout to cater for increased traffic as our region grows.
- Making it safer for cyclists and pedestrians (especially the many school children in the area) by adding raised crossings.
- Improvements to the water supply and other services at the same time.

Stage 1 – December 2020

Work on the water mains and other services is underway now. As this work happens alongside the road, there's little disruption to traffic.

As the water network is at a higher risk of contamination when we work on the mains, the Richmond water supply is being temporarily treated with chlorine to be sure it stays safe to drink.

The construction of a one-way access road off the Richmond Deviation (SH6) into Champion Road west will start this month.

Stage 2 – Starts January 2021

Work that will have an impact on traffic flow at the roundabout will start after the New Year break.

Here are the changes to look out for:

- A new temporary access road to Champion Road west – left turn only from Richmond Deviation (SH6) – to access the Aquatic Centre and the businesses in this area. They will all be open as usual so please call in and show your support.

- A temporary roundabout at the Templemore/Salisbury intersection to accommodate traffic detoured from Champion Road, via Kareti and Templemore Drives.

Work at the Salisbury /Champion roundabout will be done in four sections so the directions you'll be able to travel in will change. These things will stay the same throughout:

- You will always be able to go straight through the roundabout travelling between Richmond and Stoke.
- You will not be able to turn right from any direction on the roundabout.

Thanks in advance for your patience and understanding while we carry out this major project.

Keep up to date online at tasman.govt.nz/projects or download the Antenna app.

MEET YOUR REPRESENTATIVES

Councillor Celia Butler – Golden Bay Ward



Recently, the Local Government Commission decided a local board will not replace the Golden Bay Community Board. The Commission gave a lot of thought to the local board question and settled on the issue of the relationship between the Community Board and Council, and whether this is likely to benefit more from establishing a local board in Golden Bay or from undertaking to improve the relationship.

There is quite a lot of scope for the Community Board to have more responsibility now, but at the last election the local board issue wasn't on the horizon. So we have to consider what our Community Board members were signing up for when they stood, and take that into account as we move into the future. Also, none of us signed up for Covid-19, and the uncertainty of the cost of a local board was just too risky.

However, I will be active in the way forward. Incorporating the Community Board into planning at an earlier stage and having a more central role for Golden Bay issues are some of the things I will continue to work on as a member of the board and a councillor. I want to acknowledge the early start that Council environment and planning manager Dennis Bush-King has made on this.

In spite of appearances with lots of Kiwi visitors at times, a number of businesses are only just clinging on and there is a lot of uncertainty about the future. The closure of the BNZ is adding to that.

With Tasman being the second-least affordable region in the country, housing shortage and expense is critical. I am advocating for solutions which draw on new ideas.

Councillor Celia Butler
Golden Bay Ward

Cat bylaw to be considered

We're considering drafting a bylaw requiring cats to be microchipped in order to better protect public health and manage cat nuisance. Other benefits would include protecting native wildlife and helping reunite lost or injured pets with their owners.

The need for better cat management has been under consideration for some time and was highlighted by a number of public submissions to the Regional Pest Management Plan asking for more action in this area.

The Regulatory Committee has asked staff to report back with a draft bylaw to tackle some of the issues created by an unmanaged cat population, including:

- Nuisance and disease threats including cat trespass, transmission of disease through contact, and cat bites and scratches.
- Economic and environmental threats to pastoral farming and marine environments, including grazing animals, Hector's dolphins and the wider marine food chain, as a result of bacteria from cat faeces.
- Biodiversity threats from cats preying on small animals.

- The need to identify feral cats for pest control.

A bylaw that includes mandatory microchipping can have positive impacts for cat well-being and ensure better management of stray cats. We know, for example, that microchipping is the best tool we have for finding the owners of lost pets quickly.

Before any bylaw can be adopted, it is subject to a formal consultation process where feedback is sought from the community on what is being proposed. If the Council decides to proceed with a bylaw, a community consultation process will take place in 2021.

Caring makes a 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. This week, we're celebrating Māpua's Margaret Cotter.

Margaret Cotter has been central to Māpua community life for many years. Her love of people has seen her contribute decades of service, including volunteering at the Save the Children shop for more than 20 years, setting up the popular Pecha Kucha talks, and becoming involved in many different community groups. She also led the Māpua Hall's group of event coordinators for many major events and was instrumental in the rebuild of the new hall, which opened in 2013.

"A tireless fundraiser, she tramped the village, calling in to most of the houses in the area to make sure they were aware of the need to raise

funds to rebuild," says one of her nominators, Māpua's Trish Smith.

Margaret's other nominator, Lower Moutere's Mary Garner, says she is a "quiet, unassuming person, but visible at all levels of our community".

"She hides her light under a bushel really – she goes about the community doing good works all over the place and then when confronted with it, says 'Oh, I don't do anything'. You can almost guarantee that if anyone is having a difficult time, grieving or moving house, Margaret's presence is there."

Indeed, Margaret shrugs off her own efforts, but says Māpua is a special community.



"What makes it so is that there are so many people working for the good of the community and caring about people in the community, the hall, and everything," she says. "That's what really makes the community function – the caring."

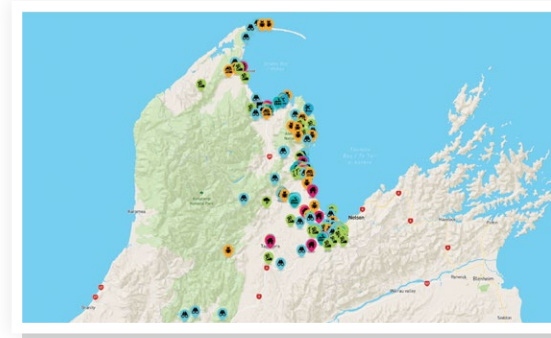
Have your say online!

There is one week remaining to share your local environment and development issues and opportunities. The online Tasman Environment Plan vision board and map tools are open for community feedback until Friday 11 December. What we hear from our communities will help shape the plan for how we look after our District for generations to come.

On the Tasman Environment Plan website you'll find lots of ways to have your say, learn more about some of our resource management challenges and opportunities, and read what your neighbours think about important topics.

We want to hear your views on how we should protect and restore our environment, build community resilience and provide for appropriate development of

Tasman's towns, local centres, rural areas and coastal places. Your views are valued as we work towards a new resource management plan for Tasman that we're calling Aorere ki uta, Aorere ki tai – Tasman Environment Plan. This new plan covers some big topics such as freshwater, housing, biodiversity, air quality, livelihoods, the marine environment, natural hazards, strategic infrastructure,



land disturbance and climate change.

Once this first round of feedback is closed, our policy team will begin processing all the issues and opportunities they've heard, before coming back next year with round two of engagement on some of our options.

Have your say online now at
environmentplan.tasman.govt.nz



Dovedale water treatment plant to be upgraded

New central Government legislation aimed at drinking water quality will mean cleaner water for Dovedale Rural Water Supply users in the future. The scheme has about 300 connections and serves a population of around 470 people.

The supply currently has a permanent boil-water notice, as the water doesn't meet drinking water standards. This will have to change under the new Water Services Bill legislation, Council utilities manager Mike Schruer says.

The Government is providing \$2.3 million of funding under the national \$761 million Three Waters Reform Programme stimulus scheme to help upgrade the Dovedale supply.

The work will involve an upgrade of the intake and the installation of sedimentation tanks, filtration system and pumping equipment.

"The goal is a more resilient, cleaner water supply with the eventual introduction of point-of-entry treatment using filters and UV in homes, subject to the approval of the water regulator," Mike says.

The bill was discussed in November at the Dovedale Rural Water

Committee's annual general meeting, along with the future operation of the Dovedale Rural Water supply and the Three Waters funding and upgrade plans. The committee is making a submission to central Government on the content of the draft bill to ensure the option of end point treatment is available to water supply schemes that are used predominantly for stock water and agricultural purposes.

Summer water sampling underway

In Tasman District, we're lucky to have so many places we can go swimming and enjoy watersports. On the whole, our rivers and beaches are great for swimming. Last year we achieved 97% compliance with safe water standards.

We monitor a range of sites throughout summer so we can be assured of good water quality. However, there can be issues at times, especially following heavy rain when there is a chance of contamination from run-off. To play it safe, you shouldn't swim in discoloured water, for at least the first 24 hours – and preferably 36 hours – after heavy rainfall.

You can see the results for the swimming spots we monitor most often on the national "Can I Swim Here" website, run by Land Air Water Aotearoa (lawa.org.nz). It's a great tool to check if there are any issues

with your favourite swimming spot before you head off. Plus, it covers sites all over New Zealand so you can check before you swim, wherever your holiday travels take you.

There's more local information on our website, tasman.govt.nz/link/swimming-water.

Toxic algae

We also keep a close eye on rivers for toxic algae (which could be harmful to pets or children if eaten) during the summer months and post results to our website. See tasman.govt.nz/link/toxic-algae. You can help us keep on top of it by reporting large

mats of algae when you see them. Email trevor.james@tasman.govt.nz with a photo of the algae attached, or call us on 03 543 8400.



New freedom camping ambassadors out and about this summer

Last summer's trial of Tasman's Freedom Camping Ambassadors went so well that we're doing it again this year.

The ambassadors will be visiting popular freedom camping sites in Tasman again this summer holiday season to help holidaymakers camp responsibly.

Thanks to \$100,462 from the Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment's Responsible Camping Funding, we are able to extend the period that the ambassadors will be out and about,

from 2 December until 26 March, and also increase the number of days per week they can work. The money is part of an \$8 million pool earmarked to help councils nationwide tackle New Zealand's freedom camping issues this summer.

Youth and Community Works, which also runs the successful Tasman Street Ambassadors safety programme (more information below), will draw from their pool of trained people for the jobs.

"The role of the ambassadors is to promote caring for the environment, helping campers



find appropriate camping sites, and telling them the rules around freedom camping in our District, such as how long they can stay and where the appropriate locations are," community partnerships officer Yulia Panfylova says. "Covid-19 means we may not have the same numbers of international visitors this year, but Kiwis are keen campers as well."

The Council has recently been reviewing changes to the Freedom Camping Bylaw, including camping sites. Any changes will be detailed in the 18 December issue of Newsline.

Street ambassadors promote summer safety

The team helping keep everyone safe over summer is back from Friday 4 December.

As the Christmas and summer social season ramps up, Tasman's Street Ambassadors will be out and about promoting safety in Richmond, Motueka and surrounding communities (Māpua, Riwaka, Kaiteriteri, Brightwater and Wakefield), just as they have for the past nine years.

The Street Ambassadors are skilled youth workers who, in partnership with Police, Community Patrol and

Māori Wardens, help to keep people safe after dark every summer. This year, they'll be on the streets from early evening to late night on Fridays and Saturdays, running right through till February 2020.

Ambassadors promote positive messages around personal health and wellbeing, communicate relevant Council bylaws (drinking in public places, freedom camping) and share information on youth and

community services, facilities, events and programmes.

They'll also help with actively defusing aggressive behaviour and minimising harm from drugs and alcohol.

The Street Ambassador service is provided by Tasman District Council and delivered by Youth and Community Works.

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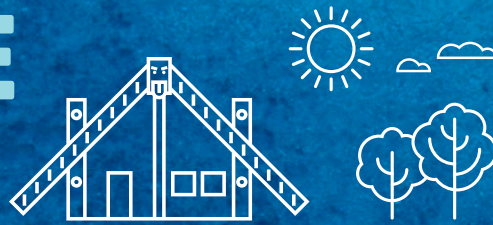
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Local Alcohol Policy review complete

A review of our Local Alcohol Policy was completed by the Strategy and Policy Committee at its meeting on 5 November 2020. Following a public consultation process, it's been confirmed that no changes will be made to the existing policy, which has been in place since 2015. The most significant impact of the policy is to limit the hours that licensed premises may trade, compared to the default national maximum trading hours permitted by the Sale and Supply of Alcohol Act 2012. Thanks to all those who gave feedback. The policy is due for review no later than 2026.

Positive Ageing Expo – registrations open

The Positive Ageing Expo will be back in 2021, showcasing the recreational, health and social services available in Nelson Tasman to make ageing a positive experience.

The next expo is on Friday 16 April 2021 from 10.00 am – 3.00 pm at the Headingly Centre, Richmond. Stallholder registrations are now open until Sunday 21 March 2021.

Head to tasman.govt.nz/link/positive-ageing to book a stall, or contact Community Partnerships Coordinator Gary Alsop, call 03 543 8980 or email gary.alsop@tasman.govt.nz.



Proposals to classify reserves in Moutere-Waimea Ward

We're proposing to classify reserves located within the Moutere-Waimea Ward (207 separate parcels of land in total), to give them a specified purpose. Submissions close on 15 March 2021. Find out more at tasman.govt.nz/feedback.




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Summer is the perfect time to sort your firewood!

Now is the time to start collecting or purchasing your firewood so you can dry it in time to use in your wood burner next winter. Green wood will not burn efficiently, leaving you with a cold house and a smoky fire which contributes to air pollution.

How you store your firewood is important – keep wood off the ground to avoid moisture seeping up from below, make sure air flow can reach the sides of the pile, and cover the top of the pile to keep rain off.

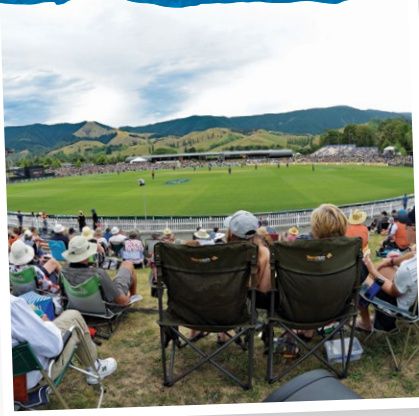
Good Wood suppliers are a trusted source of dry firewood and can provide either green wood for drying, or seasoned firewood suitable for immediate use. Head to tasman.govt.nz/good-wood for a list of suppliers.

Maritime event

Event activity: NYE Fireworks

Date and location: Thursday 31 December, Torrent Bay

Further details for this and any new events may be viewed at tasman.govt.nz/maritime-events. The Harbourmaster has granted authorisation for this event under the provisions of the Navigation Safety Bylaw 2015.



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 on the website tasman.govt.nz. Printed copies are available at Tasman District Council offices and public libraries in Richmond, Motueka and Tākaka.

COUNCIL HUI



Unless otherwise stated, all meetings will be held at the Council Chambers, 189 Queen Street, Richmond. Access to meetings will continue to be available via Zoom video conferencing for those who are unable to attend in person. See tasman.govt.nz/meetings-calendar for details.

Golden Bay Community Board

Tuesday 8 December, 9.30 am.
Collingwood Fire Station, Elizabeth Street, Collingwood. Public forum

Operations Committee

Thursday 10 December, 9.30 am.
Public forum

Nelson Regional Sewerage Business Unit

Friday 11 December, 1.30 pm. Public forum

Tasman Creative Communities

Tuesday 15 December, 9.30 am.
Motueka Service Centre, 7 Hickmott Place, Motueka. No public forum

Motueka Community Board

Tuesday 15 December, 4.00 pm.
Motueka Service Centre, 7 Hickmott Place, Motueka. Public forum

Tasman Bio-strategy Governance Group

Wednesday 16 December, 1.00 pm

Strategy and Policy Committee

Thursday 17 December, 9.30 am.
Public forum

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WHAT'S ON IN TASMAN



Golden Bay Santa Parade

**Saturday 12 December, 10.00 am,
Commercial Street, Tākaka.**

Come and celebrate Christmas with family and friends by watching the fabulous floats and, of course, everyone's favourite, Santa.

New World Motueka's Teddy Bears' Picnic

**Sunday 20 December, 10.00 am –
1.00 pm, Thorp Bush, Motueka.**

Bring your favourite teddy, pack a lunch and enjoy the activities on offer. Face painting, sports equipment, rides and more. Lots of free giveaways!

Summer at the Library

Pick up your Summer At The Library booklet from Tākaka, Motueka, Murchison or Richmond Library from Monday 14 December. It includes the school holiday programme as well as other fun workshops and activities for adults. We have pop-up Christmas card workshops, drop-in Techy Time sessions, all ages art spaces, teen sewing circles and more. Plus, keep an eye out for our Spine Poetry Competition, Summer Photo Celebration and a Kōtahitanga Cloak Project for Waitangi Day. For all the details visit tasmanlibraries.govt.nz.

Celebrate Christmas with Carols by Candlelight

**Sunday 20 December, Washbourn Gardens, Richmond.
Entertainment from 6.00 pm, carols from 8.00 pm.**

When you take part in Carols by Candlelight this year, you're joining in with a rich Antipodean Christmas tradition. The story goes that Melbourne radio announcer Norman Banks came up with the idea in 1937 while walking home from his Christmas Eve night shift. He passed a window and saw an elderly woman singing to Away in a Manger on the radio, her face lit by candlelight. Wondering how many others spent Christmas alone, Norman had the idea to gather a large group of people to sing Christmas carols together by candlelight, and 10,000 people attended the first event in Alexandra Gardens the following Christmas. From there, it spread around the world.

For the first time in 83 years, there will be no carols in Melbourne this year due to the Covid-19 lockdown. We're in the fortunate position of still being able to

enjoy this tradition here, so come out to serene Washbourn Gardens and celebrate Christmas with your community.

Our special guest performer is Emily Burns, a Queenstown-born global theatrical entertainer whose career includes leads in musicals Mamma Mia!, Mary Poppins, Legally Blonde and Evita.

Bring a picnic before the carols and listen to live music by Gerry and the Actrix. The kids will be entertained with face painting, giant bubbles, a special set of children's Christmas songs, and a visit from the big man in red himself. Candles will be available for a gold coin donation, with all funds going to New Zealand Riding for the Disabled. If it's wet, the venue will be Motueka Memorial Hall, which seats 450 people.

Follow the event's Facebook page for any updates.

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