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New phase for climate change work

As a Council, we are looking to better prepare our communities for the effects of ongoing changes to weather patterns and rising sea levels.

Many of the land use planning, asset and infrastructure decisions made today have long lifetimes. For example, subdivision is permanent; new houses will last for 80 to 100+ years; infrastructure pipes have a life of at least 80 years; well-constructed roads can last for centuries and so on. The decisions we make today will affect our children, grandchildren and future communities.

We're working to involve our Tasman Bay/Te Tai o Aorere and Golden Bay/Mohua communities in planning for how we can best respond to sea level rise and coastal hazards. The impacts of climate change affect us all, and in Tasman we continue to experience the effects of significant

weather and storm events.

In 2019 we released our coastal hazards map viewer, which shows the extent of low-lying coastal land that may be exposed to coastal hazards and a range of sea level rise scenarios.

In 2020, our focus was on developing a coastal risk assessment to understand Tasman and Golden Bays' vulnerability to coastal storm inundation and sea level rise.

The assessment quantifies how vulnerable a selection of assets, property, infrastructure and facilities may be. While the speed and severity of future sea level rise is uncertain, we do know that rising sea levels will have increasing implications for development and infrastructure in coastal areas. It will also have environmental, cultural and societal effects.

You can check out the coastal risk assessment, along with our coastal hazards map viewer, on our website

- visit tasman.govt.nz/link/coastal-management.

Following the Ministry for the Environment's 2017 Coastal Hazards and Climate Change Guidance, throughout 2021 we will continue working with our communities. This year our focus will shift to what we can do about the effects of climate change, including identifying issues and options for coastal management and ways we can improve community resilience over the short and long term.

There will be opportunities for landowners and the wider community to come together at future community engagement events, and we will publish details of these events once the work programme is confirmed on our website, tasman.govt.nz/link/coastal-management.

Our response to climate change is one of the key themes of the next Long Term Plan. Read more on page 3.

MEET YOUR REPRESENTATIVES



Councillor Barry Dowler

Well, wasn't 2020 a strange year for all. "Covid" was the most used word until 26 December when the word "hail" took over for the Tasman District.

Unfortunately, that word will be repeated for months, even maybe years to come. The effects of the damage throughout the District will vary. Some crops will be back next year, some may take two to three years to recover. The cost of

the event is totally unknown at this stage but includes the loss of crop, the loss of income, the loss of wages, and the downtime for some businesses due to building damage and flooding.

It is a real shame to be dealt to by this after we have already got through Covid, and it's potentially been more devastating for the District. Daily I am still being told of

the effects that some people and businesses are finding.

So, where to from here? Council is about to release its draft Long Term Plan for the next ten years. It's very important for those people who want to be involved to get their submissions in to help plan the future for the District. Council spends your money, and you are an important part of the decision-making.

Word from the street ambassadors

The Council funded Street Ambassadors programme is running throughout the summer to help keep people safe after dark. The team are trained to help young people and work alongside Police, Community Patrols and Māori Wardens.

The team covering New Year's Eve at Kaiteriteri reported an improved and positive atmosphere, dealing with fewer badly intoxicated and distraught young people. Their help was well received by all those they came into contact with. Especially popular were the Tasman District Council bike lights handed out to those cycling without lights and glowsticks to help

pedestrians be more visible in the dark.

The team were able to de-escalate one aggressive situation early in the evening and in the only violent incident (an assault) during the festivities, they were on hand to help manage the crowd and provide a statement to police.

Reminding young party goers to take

care around traffic was a constant theme for the evening and they were also able to provide first aid in the couple of instances where it was needed.

The Street Ambassadors team will continue patrolling the region every weekend and helping to keep young people safe as the summer party season continues.




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Planting the seeds for Tasman's future – responding to climate change

Over the next few issues of Newsline, we'll be examining some of the big choices we face as a council as we develop our Long Term Plan 2021 – 2031. What are the seeds we need to plant and nurture for Tasman to flourish in the future?

Not surprisingly, one of our major areas of focus over the next 10 years will be our response to climate change.

Our natural environment, our homes, workplaces and the areas we spend our free time, are already feeling some of the consequences of climate change. We are experiencing more frequent weather extremes and effects, including floods, droughts and fires. Much of our public infrastructure is built near our large coastline, which is inhabited by thousands of residents. As you'll see from our cover story, research and planning work related to our coastline is well underway.

We don't yet know how quickly climate change will affect our communities, or how severe those effects will be. But the Government's decision to declare a nationwide climate emergency has committed New Zealand to taking action now.

The Climate Change Response (Zero Carbon) Amendment Act 2019 requires us as a council to reduce our carbon emissions and prepare for and adapt to the effects of climate change.

In September 2019, the Council adopted the Tasman Climate Action Plan, recognising our role in limiting global temperature rise to 1.5 degrees Celsius.

Four goals were established through our Climate Action Plan:

1. The Council contributes to New Zealand's efforts to reduce greenhouse gas emissions (including net carbon emissions).
2. Tasman District becomes more resilient to the impacts of climate change.
3. The Tasman community is informed of climate change actions and options for response.
4. The Council shows clear leadership on climate change issues.

The choice we face

Where to spend our time, effort and funds to best prepare the Tasman community for the likely effects of climate change is a key decision we need to make.

In March and April we will seek your feedback on this during consultation

on our Long Term Plan.

In particular, over the next 10 years we propose to invest in:

- Identifying the vulnerability of critical infrastructure to natural hazards and climate change
- Long-term adaptive planning for sea level rise and coastal hazards
- More agile biosecurity and pest management response
- Annual monitoring of the Council's greenhouse gas emissions
- Active transport
- Public transport
- Waste management and minimisation
- Energy efficiency initiatives
- Extensive tree planting

We have received significant Government funding for climate change response projects, ensuring the full cost doesn't fall solely on Tasman residents.

How to get involved

Keep any eye out in future issues of Newsline, our website and Facebook page for updates on the Long Term Plan, including the period for providing feedback which opens in early March.



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Improving the Salisbury/Champion Road roundabout

We're in the process of the making this busy roundabout bigger, better and safer.

This includes:

- Putting extra lanes on the roundabout to cater for increased traffic
- Making it safer for cyclists and pedestrians (especially school children) by adding raised crossings.
- Taking the chance to make improvements to utility services at the same time.

Changes at the roundabout

Work at the roundabout will be done in four sections. Here's the layout for Section One, which is now in place. We'll move on to Section Two (the Raeward Fresh/Zink corner) in the coming weeks.

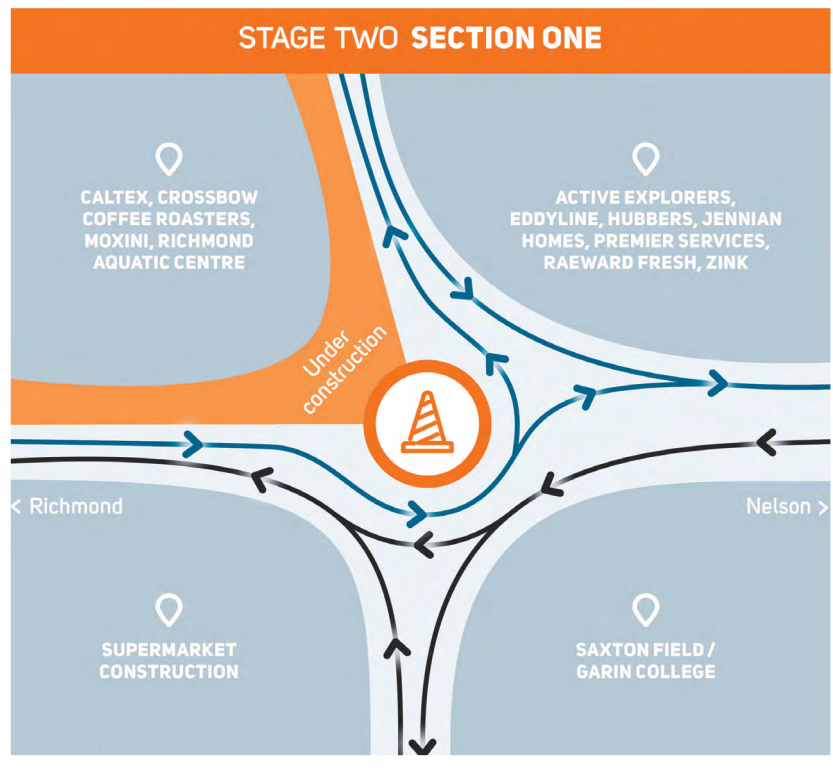
Two key things to remember:

- 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.

You can still get where you need to go

These options are in place to ensure you can get through and visit the places you need to:

- A temporary roundabout at Templemore/Salisbury for traffic detoured from Champion Road, via Kareti and Templemore Drives.
- A new access road to Champion Road West – left turn only from Richmond Deviation (SH6) - to access the businesses in this area (Active Explorers, Caltex, Crossbow Coffee Roasters, Eddyline, Hubbers Flooring, Jennian Homes, Moxini, Premier Services, Raeward Fresh, Richmond Aquatic Centre, Zink) which are all open as usual. See our website, tasman.govt.nz/projects for diagrams showing the easiest ways to access the businesses for each direction.



SALISBURY / CHAMPION ROAD ROUNDABOUT UPGRADE STAGE TWO – STARTS JANUARY 2021

--- Detour route ● Temporary roundabout - - - Temporary access road

Thanks for your patience.

As we progress through the different sections of Stage Two, we fully appreciate that it will be disruptive, especially with other construction work underway.

Traffic will move more slowly while this work is happening so please be patient and allow extra time for your trip.

Keep up to date with progress on tasman.govt.nz/projects.



Take action today to lighten your carbon load

We're getting on board with FutureFit – a tool to help you take action to reduce your carbon footprint.

FutureFit assesses your carbon impact in various categories – transport (usually the biggie), power, food, and living. FutureFit lets you set reminders, actions and goals, with team challenges and acknowledges your progress to sustainable living.

FutureFit gives actions tailored especially to you and your personal dashboard highlights your carbon savings, showing how you are making a difference.

The measurements and calculations made by FutureFit are science-based, using a combination of data from the Motu Economic and Public Policy Research and Statistics New Zealand to assess the carbon in your personal footprint.

The data is derived from a combination of New Zealand-based

emission and household spending data and the personal information you enter.

Making a positive difference to climate change will take a family, a village, a city, the planet – we must share in the responsibility.

Take five minutes to get a snapshot of your footprint and start your FutureFit journey today at futurefit.nz, empower others to get on board, and let's celebrate our success.

Reflecting on an unusual year

It's been a year unlike any other in living memory, and our 2019/2020 Annual Report reflects the global uncertainty in which we're living. However, Tasman is well-placed for recovery.

Despite our community facing unprecedented challenges during the Covid-19 pandemic, the Annual Report shows we have not just maintained essential infrastructure and community services during lockdown and recovery, but we have also managed to make progress on a number of key projects across the District, including the Waimea Community Dam, Motueka Library, and Brightwater Town Centre Upgrade.

Of the 121 non-financial performance targets we set, we fully achieved or nearly achieved 80 per cent of them, an improvement on our achievement rate of 69 per cent in the 2018/2019 year. Our debt is

also lower than forecast, with our net debt of \$156.2m below our self-imposed cap of \$200m, and almost \$35m lower than the forecast \$191m. We ended the year with a \$26.9m accounting surplus.

A particular highlight was a better collaborative relationship with iwi, supported by our appointment of Te Waari Carkeek, our Kaihautū, and our Kaumātua Archdeacon Emeritus Harvey Ruru QSM and Jane du Feu MNZM, who we welcomed to the Council in late 2019.

The projects we've worked on have been diverse. There have been significant infrastructure projects to support growth, especially in Richmond, as well as important

upgrades across the District to improve our water, wastewater and stormwater networks. We also celebrated the completion of several exciting new recreation projects, such as the Tākaka to Pōhara cycleway. In the office, we have been busy developing long-term strategic documents to guide the Council's response to issues such as population growth, the economy, the environment, and climate change, so we can continue investing in our region and supporting projects that stimulate the economy and help provide employment.



Work underway on wilding conifer removal projects

Contracts have now been awarded and work is underway on two projects to remove wilding conifers in our region.

The Mt Richmond Forest Park and Tākaka Hill are the focus areas for the projects, both receiving Jobs for Nature funding through the Ministry of Primary Industries. For the Mt Richmond project, the Department of Conservation Jobs for Nature Fund has also contributed, specifically to further increase nature-based employment opportunities.

Mayor Tim King says, “We’re pleased to have been able to get the ball rolling on these projects. We were able to start at the time of the year when we can make a real impact on these invasive pest trees. Both projects will also provide opportunities for locals to gain employment and learn new skills that will hopefully benefit them in future.”

Mt Richmond Forest Park Project

A total of \$3.6 million will go to this project to eradicate wilding conifers in 28,000ha of Mount Richmond forest and adjoining private land. This will enable more ground teams to be used in preference to aerial spraying, improving results in parts of the park that are more accessible by foot. The project will provide training and employment for workers over four years, as well as the potential for ongoing work in the native vegetation restoration field in other areas of Tasman District.

The first stage of the programme will use just under \$500,000 of the funding and will be coordinated by PF Olsen. The project forms part of the Kotahitanga mo te Taiao Alliance Strategy.

The remaining work will go out to tender.

Tākaka Hill Project

The Tākaka Hill Biodiversity Group Trust has been awarded the contract for eradicating established wilding conifers from Tākaka Hill lands bordering the Abel Tasman and Kahurangi National Parks.

The Trust will employ four staff full time for three months through Kaitiaki O Ngahere Ltd, which will ensure appropriate training where necessary. This will help ensure that their staff continue to have work and allow them to expand their workforce by training new recruits among the work-displaced and/or new jobseekers.

“The MPI support achieves two things for landowners on Tākaka Hill,” trust chair Dr Jackie Cook says. “It helps sustain expert land care work during the post-COVID recession, and it lets us bring forward the complex job of managing wilding conifer growth, stopping seeding into the national parks. We are delighted by MPI’s and the Council’s support of this community-led project.”

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Reminder when paying rates online

A friendly reminder: When you make electronic payments such as rates or water, you must quote the account number so we can allocate the payment to the right account.

For rates, this is your valuation roll number, which you can find near the top of your rates invoice usually starting with a 1. For water, the number is near the top of your water invoice and starts with a W.

Other Council accounts will also have a reference near the top of the invoice.

If you move house, please remember to update your online banking reference – or you may find yourself paying someone else's rates.

We want to allocate your payment to your account but, despite our attempts at detective work, occasionally we have to return funds to the account it came from due to lack of information.



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Survey seeks your views on water

Nelson Tasman water advisory group Water Futures is conducting an online survey to find out more about residents' views and concerns around water issues in our region.

"It's vital that the region's councils and the Government continue to increase understanding about people's views and level of knowledge around water," Water Futures chair Morgan Williams says.

Williams is a local resident and former Parliamentary Commissioner for the Environment.

Water Futures is an independent group of Nelson Tasman residents whose goal is to contribute to thoughtful consideration and decisions about water-related issues in the region.

The survey is available now at surveymonkey.com/r/ourwater.

Those who complete the survey go into a draw for one of two \$50 Prezzy cards.

Williams says the survey will close at the end of January and results will be made public on the group's website, as well as being presented directly to local and national Government by Water Futures.

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Temporary chlorination of the Richmond water supply

18 January – end of February 2021

As part of the Champion/Salisbury Road roundabout project, work is resuming on the water mains upgrade.

As the water network is at a higher risk of contamination when we work on the mains, the Richmond water supply will be temporarily treated with chlorine to be sure it stays safe to drink. Chlorination started on 18 January and will continue until the end of February 2021.

This is usual practice when we do major work on the water supply and does not in any way pre-empt or affect the decision Council is still to make on the proposal to permanently chlorinate the supply.

You can read more about water chlorination on our website, tasman.govt.nz/chlorination

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Sarau Festival

Sunday 31 January, 3.00pm – 9.00pm

Moutere Hills Community Centre, Moutere Highway, Upper Moutere. Entry \$6 per adult, children free.

This is a late afternoon festival to celebrate the fabulous Moutere Valley and its people. Find out about hop growing, together with the other interesting crops and crafts in the valley.

William Shakespeare's the Comedy of Errors

Tuesday 26 and Wednesday 27 January, 6.30pm – 8.30pm

Washbourn Gardens, Richmond. Pay what you decide.

This summer we bring you Shakespeare's most farcical play. Slapstick and mistaken identity, shipwrecks and puns, bungling servants and Dukes. All delivered in Shakespeare's delicious verse.

Summer Movies al Fresco: Moana

Friday 5 February, 9.00 pm

Washbourn Gardens, Richmond. Adult \$2, Child \$1.

Moana Waialiki is a sea voyaging enthusiast and the only daughter of a chief in a long line of navigators. When her island's people can't catch any fish and the crops fail, Moana sets off on an epic journey across the Pacific to seek the cause and the solution.

If it looks like rain, please text "Is it on?" to 021 776 623 after 7.30pm. If wet this movie will still screen in Richmond Town Hall.

Bike Month is coming to your town!

February is Bike Month, a celebration and promotion of cycling for fitness, fun and sustainable transport.

Go By Bike Day - Motueka, Richmond and Takaka

Wednesday 10 February 2021, 7.30am – 9.00am

Takaka – The Junction Green; Motueka - Motueka District Museum; Richmond – Sundial Square. Free

Free coffee (first 50 coffees), light breakfast and spot prizes for cyclists.

A big thank you to our sponsors My Ride Richmond, Sport Tasman and the Golden Bay Recreation Centre.

Family Bike Fun

Sunday 14 February, 11.00am. Saltwater Baths, North Street Motueka.

Sunday 28 February, 11.00am. Golden Bay Recreation Centre, Takaka. Free.

This is fun event open to all and is about celebrating and enjoying cycling. Test your skills on the bike ramps and improve your bike maintenance skills. A great day out for the whole family, so get those bikes dusted off and the sunscreen out.

Second Hand Sunday

Do you have things to re-home after Christmas? Put Secondhand Sunday on 14 February in your diary and put your unwanted items out so others can benefit! Find out more and register online: tasman.govt.nz/link/shs



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