

# NEWSLINE

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Wiz Kid and the Biscuits at the Youth 2020 Spring Music Festival

## Fun for the young during Youth Week

A fun-filled week for youth begins on 8 May with plenty of free, engaging activities. No matter what your interest, there's something to do – whether you're keen on music, sport, dance, skating, art, yoga, puzzles, or other activities.

All events are free and open to people aged between 12 and 24.

Starting Youth Week on Saturday 8 May is a beginners' mountain biking adventure at Moturoa/Rabbit Island from 3.00 pm – 4.30 pm. You'll just need an off-road bike and helmet (if you don't have one, let the organisers know), and instructors will be on hand to teach you the basics and even some tricks.

On Monday 10 May, learn about one of New Zealand's official languages at the Richmond Library: sign language. This afternoon session for beginners will teach you how to sign letters and words, and a sign language interpreter will be on hand so you can find out what they do.

There will be a pop-up library and BBQ in Tākaka, a youth music performance in Richmond, a skate

and paint session in Motueka and youth escape rooms at the Motueka and Richmond libraries. There are also some events designed specifically for girls such as a fitness session, yoga, hip-hop and boxing.

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**Most of these events require registration, so check the event pages on [tasmanyouthhub.co.nz](https://tasmanyouthhub.co.nz) to find out everything you need to know to register.**

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# MEET YOUR REPRESENTATIVES



## Councillor Chris Hill – Golden Bay Ward

At a recent council meeting, I was struck by an impactful presentation made by the Golden Bay Marine Restoration Group. They are seeking support for sustainable practices from both the community and marine scientists, and showed an impressive video of the marine life that has formed on and around the old Onekaka Wharf ruins.

This group formed in response to their shared concerns over the state of their local inshore coastal marine environment, and want to find ways to protect special areas of marine life.

One of the projects they are exploring is the introduction of concrete reefs which have been successfully used in other parts of the country. The group is cohesive, focused, resourced with

a range of experience and talent, and has a vision.

These are the attributes commonly found in a range of our community groups that have formed around a particular kaupapa, groups that often present at Council seeking support. Project Devine, Golden Bay/ Mohua Affordable Housing Project, Tākaka Hill Biodiversity Group,

and many others are addressing significant issues within our rohe.

They are highly effective and resourceful and are at the heart of our communities. They certainly have my respect and appreciation. Let's support them as much as we can.

**Councillor Chris Hill  
Golden Bay Ward**

## Get funding for your community project

Do you have an exciting community project in the pipeline? Community Grants help get some of our most valuable community projects off the ground, and the next round is about to open for 2021.

Funded from rates, the grants are good value for money with an estimated \$3 – \$5 return for every \$1 spent. Applications open on 1 May and close on 31 July.

Funding is available for projects that are either Tasman-based or will benefit Tasman residents, meet a community need and have community support. Priority will be given to projects that align with our community outcomes

and can show financial support from other sources as well.

Grants are available for projects that fit into the following categories:

- Community and economic development initiatives
- Arts/culture/heritage/museums
- Festivals and events
- Youth and children
- Social services
- Environment
- Emergency services
- Sports and recreation facilities.

*Please note that each year, more funding requests are received than money available. The Community Grants Subcommittee's decision is final and no correspondence will be entered into.*

Visit [tasman.govt.nz/grants](https://tasman.govt.nz/grants) for more information and to apply. Contact our Community Partnerships Coordinator Gary Alsop with any questions, email [gary.alsop@tasman.govt.nz](mailto:gary.alsop@tasman.govt.nz)





# Jobs for Nature supply panel confirmed

In February we invited applications for the Jobs for Nature programme supply panel.

A wide range of contractors will be needed to deliver the five-year environmental programme, which is being funded through a variety of grants from central government. The aim is to stimulate the economy and offer employment opportunities to those without work as a result of the ongoing effects of Covid-19.

There was strong interest and a panel of 39 suppliers has now been appointed, ranging from sole trader type businesses through to large companies.

Mayor Tim King says "We're pleased with the response we've had from a wide range of businesses. We have secured the diverse range of skills and experience that will be needed as we work our way through delivering these important projects. As well as new job opportunities, this programme offers business

continuity and positive flow-on economic benefits for our District."

The projects they will be involved in delivering will all have an environmental focus and include:

- Plant supply and restoration planting
- Weed control in targeted areas
- Fencing waterways
- Creating and improving wetlands
- Improving fish passage
- Ecological specialist advice.

# Pool owners: Be aware of safety requirements

Everyone loves cooling off in a home swimming pool during the hot days of summer. But pools can also be dangerous, and pool owners need to think about how to keep young children away from them. Tragically, statistics show that many drownings in residential swimming pools have been young children.



The Building (Pools) Amendment Act 2016 came into force on 1 January 2017. It requires us to carry out three-yearly inspections of all the residential swimming pools in the District to ensure each one has adequate protections and safeguards against drowning.

We still have many swimming pools

to inspect to meet this requirement, and we are working hard to catch up with the backlog. Our compliance officers will visit and inspect all residential properties with swimming pools within the next few months. There is a standard fee associated with this inspection of \$160/hr – Council pool inspections are charged at the cost of a general

building inspection, including additional charges if more than one hour of the inspector's time is taken to achieve compliance.

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**For more information about swimming pool requirements in our District visit [tasman.govt.nz](http://tasman.govt.nz) and search 'swimming pools'.**

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# Have your say on the Richmond Streets for People trial

Waka Kotahi NZ Transport Agency set up a fund called Innovating Streets for People, for trial projects that supported communities to shape their towns and streets to allow more people to move around safely, as well as create interesting spaces to enjoy. One of the projects we received funding for is the Croucher / D'Arcy neighbourhood in Richmond. We've now begun trialling changes to the streets to see if they work for the community.

A section of Elizabeth Street was closed at the Talbot Street intersection in early April, with Florence Street narrowed to one lane for a short section to encourage slower speeds and road sharing.

Speed humps and planter boxes were installed, as well as picnic tables and fruit trees at Burbush Park playground and reserve on Fauchelle Avenue. Drop-off parking spaces have been created at the kindergarten too.

## Have your say

There will be a survey open from 1 – 31 May for people to have their say on the Richmond Streets for People trial project. To give your feedback, visit [tasman.govt.nz/streets-for-people](http://tasman.govt.nz/streets-for-people)



## Region to host massive cultural events

With our help, a national kapa haka event is coming to the region this spring – the first of three such events that will attract tens of thousands of performers and visitors over the next few years.

Te Mana Kuratahi is a biennial event showcasing competitive kapa haka at primary school level, bringing together teams from different regions. Held at the Trafalgar Centre from 31 October to 4 November, it's the first time it'll be held in the Nelson Tasman region, and is a chance for all people, regardless of ethnicity, background or age, to come together to share and celebrate Māori culture.

It's the first of a trio: In 2024 the Te Tau Ihu O Te Waka a Maui Māori Cultural Council will host Te Kura Tuarua (National Secondary Schools

competition), and in 2026, the Te Matatini (premier adult competition) will be held; that event is expected to attract around 50,000 performers and visitors.

The events can be thought of as a series of cultural Olympics, with organisers anticipating the first event alone will attract more than 50 whakataeae (competition) teams from 13 regions, with each team having between 24 and 40 performers. More than 15,000 people are expected to visit the region – about the same as estimated for the Nelson Rugby

World Cup semi-final matches in 2011 – with a conservative economic impact of about \$3.4 million.

Community partnerships officer Gary Alsop says "It's fantastic that the Council has shown their support to get behind the Te tau Ihu O Waka a Maui Māori Cultural Council to deliver such a significant event that will showcase primary school kapa haka in the Tasman region."

Considerable volunteer resource is required to support and contribute to the event's success, and it's estimated that 200 volunteers will be required over the five days of the event.

## More Three Waters projects are rolling out

Three more infrastructure projects that have benefitted from central government funding will be getting started around the District.

### Pōhara water treatment plant upgrade

The water treatment plant requires an upgrade to comply with the NZ Drinking Water Standards (DWSNZ) and Water Safety Plans. The tender for construction has been awarded to Downer and work will begin on site in early June.

### Dovedale rural water treatment plant upgrade

There will be an upgrade of the water treatment plant including the lower intake and pump. This also includes installation of sedimentation tanks to improve water quality to comply with the DWSNZ and mitigate supply disruption during high sediment content in the raw water supply. Downer will also undertake this work on our behalf with work due to start on site in June.

### Thorp Street, Motueka – water main replacement

This project includes the replacement of approximately 2.1km of water mains, along with associated rider mains in Thorp Street, between Old Wharf Road and Fearon Street. The current water main is at the end of its useful life, with breakages occurring more regularly, causing

ongoing water supply outages and risk of contamination. The tender has been awarded to CJ Industries, and work is due to start at the end of April with the aim of completing it by the end of the year.

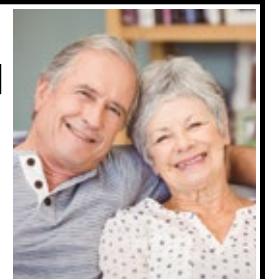
**These projects have received funding from central government through the Three Waters Stimulus and Reform Fund.**

### Thinking ahead for peace of mind

There is no age limit. No matter what your age, the best time to plan is now. Pre-planning and pre-payment leaves nothing to chance and gives you and your family one less thing to worry about. We are here to help answer your questions

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# Next steps for the Long-Term Plan

Tasman's 10-Year plan public consultation process is over and we've been busy considering your feedback. During the consultation process, councillors and staff attended public meetings across all wards in the District, and we received more than 1,000 submissions.

Key themes that have emerged so far have been mixed views on our four key issues of homes for our community, Waimea Community Dam additional cost allocation, responding to climate change and a new company for Nelson Airport and Port Nelson. We have also had quite a range of feedback on the proposed Motueka pool and transportation across the district.

We will hear submissions between 4–7 May, and then deliberate and

decide what changes will be made to Tasman's 10-Year Plan between 17–21 May. Council is scheduled to consider and adopt the final 10-Year Plan on 30 June, and it will then become effective on 1 July 2021.

Thank you to everyone who took the time to contribute by considering the plan and offering their views.

**Keep updated on the process by visiting [LTP.tasman.govt.nz](http://LTP.tasman.govt.nz).**



## No more cheques

From Monday 31 May 2021, we will no longer accept cheques as a method of payment.

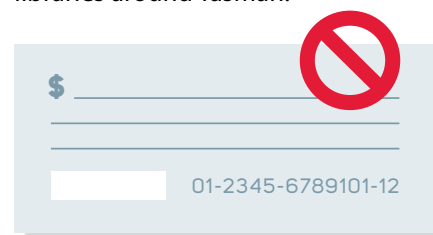
We're doing this because all the major New Zealand banks are discontinuing the use of cheques and cheque books, due to the changing ways their customers bank with them.

We have many other ways for you to pay your council bills. The easiest and most convenient way of making or receiving a payment is electronically. There are multiple options, including via direct debit, automatic payment, direct credit, telephone banking

and online credit card payment available on our website. You can also continue to pay in person at any of our service centres with cash, EFTPOS or credit card.

If you need help with making the move to electronic payments, please contact your bank in the first instance. You can also speak with a member of our customer services team in person at your local service centre, by emailing [info@tasman.govt.nz](mailto:info@tasman.govt.nz), or by phoning us on 03 543 8400.

Our libraries can help you as well. If you're struggling to understand how to use your device, then our libraries' digital learning and digitisation specialist can help you out. Our Digi Drop-in sessions happen at all of our libraries around Tasman.



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# Now's your chance – tell us what you think of us!

The annual survey of Tasman residents' satisfaction with Council begins on Saturday 1 May.

This survey will gather feedback from residents about the services we provide and the decisions we've made. We have commissioned Research First to carry out the survey on our behalf from 1 – 31 May. This year, participants will be contacted by both landlines and cellphones.

Participants will be randomly selected from residents living in our communities. If you are contacted by Research First about this survey,

we would appreciate it if you would take the time to participate. Your feedback is very important to us and it will help shape the future of the services and facilities we provide to the community.

Although the results of the survey are made public, individual survey respondents' details are confidential.

We understand that some people may be concerned about scam calls.

Research First is an independent market and social research company based in Christchurch. They conduct research on behalf of many public and private organisations around the country, including numerous local councils.

**You can find out more about Research First by visiting their website, [researchfirst.co.nz](http://researchfirst.co.nz).**

## Safe stopping distance demonstrations for Tasman kids

In late March, nearly 2,000 students, along with their parents and teachers, learned how going over the speed limit by just a few kilometres an hour can have drastic, if not deadly consequences.

Statistics show that a driver hitting a person at 30km/h means that person has a 90% chance of survival, with the chance of survival decreasing to 20% at 50km/h and 5% at 60km/h.

The students were drawn from 14 kindergartens, primary schools and high schools around Tasman.

They first watched a professional driving instructor demonstrate coming to an emergency stop at 20 km/h, which is the legal speed to pass a school bus in either direction when it is picking up or dropping off students.

The driver then demonstrated how travelling at 60 km/h instead of 50 km/h means it is not always possible to stop in time when the unexpected happens.

At some of the demonstrations a speed feedback sign graphically showed all onlookers how a driver's stopping distance doubled when he increased his speed by only 8 – 10 km/h.

The aim was to remind students that they are vulnerable road users and that drivers are not always focused on the road or driving at safe speeds, so students must be extra aware and cautious when using or crossing the road. The demonstrations also remind drivers to watch their slight speed increases in residential areas, take extra care around schools and children and to focus on the road rather than their phones.

Tasman was lucky to be able to hold last month's biennial demonstrations, with Nelson demonstrations postponed due to Covid-19.



### Death and injury risk percentages

Impact Speed	Death	Serious Injury	Slight Injury
60	95%	3%	2%
50	80%	3%	17%
40	32%	26%	42%
30	10%	15%	75%

# NEWSLINE UPDATES



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## COUNCIL HUI



Unless otherwise stated, all meetings will be held at 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](https://tasman.govt.nz/meetings-calendar) for details.

### Positive Ageing Forum

Monday 3 May, 1.00 pm. Richmond Library, Constance Barnicoat Room, 280 Queen Street. Community group

### Long Term Plan Hearing

Tuesday 4 May, 9.30 am.

### Long Term Plan Hearing

Wednesday 5 May, 10.00 am. Golden Bay Rec Centre, Tākaka Valley Highway.

### Regulatory Committee

Thursday 6 May, 9.30 am. Public forum

### Long Term Plan Hearing

Thursday 6 May, 1.30 pm.

### Long Term Plan Hearing

Friday 7 May, 9.30 am. Motueka St Johns Hall, 15 Courtenay Street, Motueka.

### Golden Bay Rec Park Management Committee

Monday 10 May, 9.30 am. Rec Park Centre, 2032 Tākaka Valley Highway, Tākaka. Public forum

### Golden Bay Community Board

Tuesday 11 May, 9.30 am. Tākaka Service Centre, 78 Commercial Street, Tākaka. Public forum

### Saxton Field Committee

Wednesday 12 May, 9.30 am. Saxton Field, Netball Pavillion. Public forum

### Operations Committee

Thursday 13 May, 9.30 am. Public forum

### Nelson Regional Sewerage Business Unit

Friday 14 May, 1.00 pm. Nelson City Council, 110 Trafalgar Street, Nelson. Public forum

### Commercial Committee

Friday 14 May, 1.30 pm.

## Keep Richmond Beautiful AGM

The next meeting will be held at 3.00 pm on Wednesday 12 May at the Tasman District Council Chambers. All welcome.



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# WHAT'S ON IN TASMAN



## Rehome unwanted items with Second Hand Sunday

### Second Hand Sunday is back on 16 May!

It's 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. This is a joint effort between Tasman District Council and Nelson City Council so you can pick up treasures all over the region.

#### How to take part:

- 1 Sort and collect your items.
- 2 Register your address online before 10.00 am on Friday 14 May to go on the participating households list.
- 3 Download the participant list, or pick one up from any Council office after 12.00 pm on Friday 14 May.
- 4 Print the letterbox poster to show on the day.
- 5 Put your items on your driveway.
- 6 Bring in any remaining items at the end of the day.

The event will take place rain or shine. Please don't put out food, dangerous goods like faulty electrical equipment, or chemicals.

Visit [tasman.govt.nz/shs](https://tasman.govt.nz/shs) for more information and to sign up.

## Lunch & Learn Māpua

Wednesday 5 May, 12.00 pm – 1.30 pm,  
Māpua Community Hall.

This presentation will share how you can use your website as an asset to showcase your ideas and demonstrate resourcefulness, leadership, and innovation in the Covid-19 era. Register by getting your free ticket on the website, [ntbt.co.nz](https://ntbt.co.nz).

## Kapa Kōrero

Mondays 10.00 am – 11.00 am, Richmond Library.

Fridays 11.00 am – 12.00 pm, Motueka Library.

Nau mai haere mai! Connect with others and practice te reo Māori in a relaxed setting at your local library. Whether you are just setting out, or a fluent speaker, all levels are welcome and encouraged to join in. It's free, and anyone interested in practicing their te reo is welcome.

## Wild Seas to Greenland

Wednesday 12 May, 2.00 pm, Tākaka Library.

In 2017, yachting journalist Rebecca Hayter sailed from the UK with veteran ocean racer Ross Field on a quest to sail the Northwest Passage. For Rebecca, it was a personal journey as a sailor and a voyage of research as a journalist. Come to Rebecca's talk about this amazing journey, and the book she wrote about it. It's free to attend and everyone is welcome.

## Deaf Jam

Saturday 15 May, 11.00 am, Richmond Library.

Celebrate New Zealand Sign Language Week with this special documentary screening. Deaf Jam is the story of deaf teen Aneta Brodski's bold journey into the spoken word slam scene. In a wondrous twist, Aneta, an Israeli immigrant, meets Tahani, a hearing Palestinian slam poet. The two women embark on a collaboration/performance duet creating a new form of slam poetry that speaks to both the hearing and the deaf. It's free but you need to book your seat – email [library@tasman.govt.nz](mailto:library@tasman.govt.nz). This film is suitable for speakers of American Sign Language and/or English.

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