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Roundabout ready ahead of schedule

The major upgrade of the Champion / Salisbury roundabout has been completed well ahead of schedule. The quicker timeframe was a result of efficiencies being made throughout the construction process by our contractor, Fulton Hogan, including the use of specialised equipment.

The upgrade was needed as this is our busiest roundabout in Tasman District, with about 17,000 vehicles going through a day and that number is only predicted to grow. This creates congestion during peak hours and makes it very difficult for pedestrians and cyclists to cross the roundabout safely.

If you haven't used the upgraded roundabout yet, here are the layout changes you need to be aware of:

- There are raised tables on the approach to the roundabout on Champion Road and Salisbury Road which include zebra crossings and priority cycle lanes.
 - » Vehicles need to give way to pedestrians and cyclists on these crossings.
 - » Pedestrians and cyclists need to look for approaching vehicles and make sure it's safe to cross – never assume that drivers have seen you.
- There are two lanes out of Salisbury Road.
- There are two lanes out of Champion Road East.

We'd like to say a very big thank you to the residents, businesses and road users who were affected by this project. We appreciate your patience while we carried out this major upgrade. We believe the new, bigger roundabout will improve safety and better serve the community's needs.

MEET YOUR REPRESENTATIVES

Deputy Mayor Stuart Bryant – Lakes/Murchison Ward

We know roading and transport issues are of great interest to everyone, and we have been working with Waka Kotahi NZ Transport Agency to look at future options for roading around Gladstone Road, the Queen Street lights and Lower Queen Street area.

We've been meeting with them and stakeholders across the District and are now at the stage where we are developing preferred short, medium, and long-term interventions. We will consider these mid-May before seeking public feedback on the

preferred programme. We're aware this is a difficult area to get through, particularly for heavy traffic, and would like to see something sooner, but even the early interventions by Waka Kotahi would help.

The Lower Queen Street / Berryfield Drive intersection is becoming a real bottleneck at peak hour in the morning and evening. A solution – a signalised intersection – was planned for this financial year, but because of land purchase issues it will be carried through into the following year. If we are able to finish land purchases earlier, work will begin sooner.

Part of the solution to congestion will no doubt be building better

walkways and cycleways in our urban areas, as well as improving public transport services to reduce reliance on cars, as there will always be limited space in towns for cars. The Regional Transport Committee has recommended to the Council there be an allocation for faster delivery of cycleways in Māpua within the next three years. We are also considering bringing forward more public transport services if additional funding can be found without increasing our rates limits.



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Positive Ageing Expo a success

The annual Positive Ageing Expo was held at the Headingly Centre last month. About 2,000 visitors enjoyed the chance to find out more about local recreational, health and social services that make ageing in Nelson Tasman a positive experience.

The expo has been running since 2008 and attracts a similar crowd each year.

"With fabulous weather, visitors and stallholders were in great spirits," Community Partnerships Coordinator Gary Alsop says. "The 85 stallholders were kept extremely busy throughout the day from start to finish, but were very pleased with how the day went and the connections they made with the visitors. It also provided an opportunity for people to just catch up and have a cuppa."

The purpose of the expo is to bring people together, find ways to engage and connect with community groups and discover new ways to help each other. The overall aim is for everyone to improve their personal wellbeing.

Keynote speakers this year included University of Auckland professor Merryn Gott, who discussed the impacts of Covid-19 on older New Zealanders and how the media portrayed older people during lockdown. She was followed by

University of Waikato professor Bevan Grant and Age Concern Nelson Tasman elder abuse response advisor Mal Drummond, who hosted an interactive discussion about the growing concern of elder abuse.

There were also opportunities to try activities, including line dancing, Dru Yoga and Fit for Fun. "They were engaging and fun, attracting good numbers of people who wanted to try a new challenge," Gary says.



Joyce lends a hand to all

We're profiling 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 Golden Bay's Joyce Wyllie.

Joyce Wyllie has been actively involved in the community and community activities since 1981. Whilst holding down her job as a vet, she was in the volunteer fire brigade and on the local conservation board, as well as playing netball and performing in the orchestra. After having children, she was parent representative for the Correspondence School and in later years served on the Collingwood School Board of Trustees. She is still on the board even though her children are no longer at that school. She is also a celebrant and volunteers internationally, including a clean-up at Mt Everest.

In 1998 Joyce joined the Pākawau Rural Women and is currently President. Her nominators Joy Warren

and Marice Riley say she is a proactive member, always willing to assist with fundraising efforts. She has organised multiple farmer support meetings, farm safety days, first aid courses, quiz nights, and Pink Ribbon events, supporting breast cancer.

"Joyce is always first to put her hand up to help anyone in need," Joy and Marice say. "She personally helps local elderly with gardening and other tasks, especially those with health issues. Recently Joyce organised cakes and more for volunteers involved in a search and rescue operation in the Kahurangi Ranges.

"For the past 39 years, Joyce has been an integral part of the community and on a daily basis is busy helping people in so many ways."



Joyce says that for her, community service reminds her of a saying she once heard: "If you are wrapped up in yourself, you make a very small parcel!"

"So caring for and serving others is a great way of unwrapping myself," she says. "As well as hopefully being useful to someone else, volunteering gives me a feeling of satisfaction, a perspective on my good fortune and a sense of being part of something bigger than myself."

Plant a tree, grow a forest

Grab a spade and head to Dominion Flats Reserve on the weekend of 29 May for a community planting bee.

From 9.00 am until midday, volunteers will be planting 2,000 native trees grown by Titoki Nurseries and funded by the government's One Billion Trees Fund, helping increase biodiversity and beautify the area.

The reserve, which is next to the Ruby Bay bypass (Coastal Highway) off Māpua Drive, has already been transformed from a rather wet field filled with leftover roadworks spoil into a thriving native environment and haven.

The local community has driven the project, and they have put thousands of hours of labour into building paths, boardwalks, erecting signs, planting and weeding. The upcoming planting will fill in the gaps in one of the last unplanted areas.

The main force behind the project is a core group of volunteers who regularly attend Tuesday working bees and have made the reserve their own.

Join them on 29 and 30 May – sun, rain or hail. Bring a spade if you have one, sunblock, water and wear appropriate clothing. Refreshments will be provided.



Helen Bibby, Neville Bibby and Gillian Pollock from the Dominion Flats Team.

Burn only Good Wood this winter

We're now into the season of long nights and cosy fires. But this can also mean poor air quality in your neighbourhood, causing health problems and nuisance effects for many people. Help improve our air quality by only burning dry firewood in your wood burner. When you purchase your wood, make sure you buy it from a trusted source like one of Tasman's Good Wood suppliers.

The major cause of poor air quality in Tasman during winter is smoke from inefficient burning in wood burners. The way people manage their wood supplies and how they operate their burner plays a significant part in determining how much smoke pollution is produced.

Both Tasman and Nelson Councils promote the Good Wood Supplier scheme to encourage better wood burner operation. Good Wood suppliers can provide either green wood for drying, or seasoned firewood suitable for immediate use.

Burning dry and seasoned wood gives better heat for cost as well as lower emissions, so using Good Wood also saves you money.

For a list of suppliers head to tasman.govt.nz/good-wood.

We have provided funding to the Warmer Healthier Homes Te Tau Ihu Charitable Trust, who offer grants to retrofit insulation into qualifying owner-occupied homes across the top of the South. The Trust works alongside EECA's Warmer Kiwi Homes grant scheme.

To be eligible for a grant, you need to:

- Be the homeowner (owner-occupier) of a home built before 2008, AND have a Community Services Card or SuperGold combo card (with CSC endorsement); OR
- Own and be living in a home identified as being in an eligible area.

Homeowners can find out if they qualify for a grant (90 – 100% subsidy) by contacting the project contractor, Absolute Energy (absoluteenergy.co.nz).



Tips to fight winter air pollution

Storing firewood: Store wood in a dry place and stack it loosely off the ground in a criss-cross pattern to let dry air circulate around it.

Burn it hot: All wood burners can be operated in a way that reduces the amount of smoke they produce. Use dry, untreated firewood and keep a good flow of air going. Once your fire is burning brightly, head outside to check the smoke coming out the chimney. A thin wisp of light-coloured smoke is what you're aiming for.

Overnight: Please don't be tempted to bank up your fire and then turn the air flow down, as this is one of the biggest contributors to smoke haze overnight.

Clean your flue: Just like your car, your wood burner needs regular servicing.

Insulate: Check your home insulation to keep the warmth in. Having adequate home insulation can also mean that you use less wood in your wood burner, which in turn helps reduce air pollution in winter.

Do you qualify for a rates rebate?

If you're a low-income earner, you can have some of your rates credited to your rates account.

You can apply for a rates rebate if you pay rates on the address you live at, you were living at the address at the beginning of the rating year (1 July) and your name is recorded in the Rating Information Database as ratepayer.

You can't claim a rates rebate for the rates payable on a property that's used mostly for business, farming, commercial or industrial purposes,

or a home that isn't your usual place of residence.

Rebates are calculated based on your household income, rates and the number of dependents. The minimum income level is \$24,000. If you have received a rates rebate in the past, you should have automatically received an application form and guide last year. You have until 30 June 2021

to apply for a rebate for the current rating year.

If you aren't sure if you're eligible, call us before you go to the trouble of putting in the paperwork and we can check for you.

For more information and to find forms, call us on 03 543 8400 or search 'rates rebate' on our website.

Landscapes and Coastal Environment feedback events

As part of the process to create the new Tasman Environment Plan, we've released draft maps identifying Tasman's Outstanding Natural Landscapes and Features, and Coastal Environment.

Mapping these areas is a legal requirement and this work also responds to community feedback about how valued our landscapes and coastal environment are. In a few years, the final areas identified will have extra protections to help preserve their unique features, histories, and access to the outdoors.

It's important to know this work is not about stopping existing, legally established activities – it's about safeguarding our valued landscapes and coast from specific future activities that would impact what makes them so special.

We want to hear from landowners and affected people about their future land aspirations and views on whether our draft boundaries are in the right place.

In March, we sent letters to the owners of property within one or more of the draft areas and have since shared information about this work through popular online events, newspapers and our website.

Our next step is to meet with and learn from our communities. To do this, we have organised a series of feedback events across the District in May and June.

The open events are an opportunity to meet with Council planners and the authors of the Landscape Study and Coastal Environment Study to give your feedback. We will have jumbo maps available, and we hope you will join us for some kai and conversation.

Working together will mean the final areas are correctly identified and that protective controls on activity (such as rules in the plan) are sensitive to future aspirations.

To find out more visit the website: environmentplan.tasman.govt.nz.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Motueka: Sunday 23 May, 8.00 am – 1.00 pm, Motueka Sunday Market, Decks Reserve Carpark, Wallace Street

Wednesday 26 May, 4.00 pm – 7.00 pm, Tasman District Council Meeting Room, 7 Hickmott Place.

Tākaka: Monday 24 May, 2.00 pm – 7.00 pm, Tasman District Council Service Centre, 78 Commercial Street.

Mangarākau: Tuesday 25 May, 11.00 am – 2.00 pm, The Nugget Café, 2125 Dry Road.

Collingwood: Tuesday 25 May, 4.00 pm – 6.30 pm, Collingwood Memorial Hall, 9 Tasman Street.

Mārahau: Wednesday 26 May, 11.00 am – 2.00 pm, Mārahau Community Hall.

Richmond: Thursday 27 May, 10.00 am – 3.00 pm, Heaphy Room, Tasman District Council, 189 Queen Street

Thursday 3 June, 4.00 pm – 7.00 pm, Constance Barnicoat Room, Richmond Library, 280 Queen Street.

Murchison: Monday 31 May, 3.00 pm – 7.00 pm, Murchison Recreation Centre, 82 Waller Street.

Ngatimoti and Moutere: Tuesday 1 June, 4.00 pm – 7.00 pm, Moutere Hills Community Centre, 1539 Moutere Highway.



Tapawera: Tuesday 1 June, 10.00 am – 1.30 pm, Tapawera Community Centre, 95 Main Road.

St Arnaud: Wednesday 2 June, 10.00 am – 1.30 pm, Lake Rotoiti Community Hall, 22 Main Road.

Wakefield: Wednesday 2 June, 4.00 pm – 7.00 pm, St John's Worship Centre, 120 Edward Street.

Māpua: Thursday 3 June, 10.00 am – 1.30 pm, Māpua Bowling Club, 84 Aranui Road.

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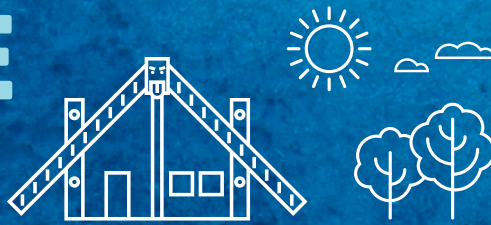
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Preparing Māpua for future development

Māpua residents may have noticed some earthworks occurring along Seaton Valley Road recently. This is being done to create a stormwater detention basin for a nearby subdivision on Māpua Drive and for future development in the area.

Tasman District Council Activity Planning Manager Dwayne Fletcher says the works will create a bund (an embankment used to control the flow of stormwater) at the front of the site to improve detention capacity for current and future developments. It will also protect the road formation, which currently acts as a bund.

Between 2,000 and 2,500m³ of clay sourced from the spoil of the Pomona Road Reservoir project is being used in the construction. The \$3.2 million reservoir project is creating a new concrete tank with additional capacity to support residential and business growth.

Dwayne says the work was intended to be a few years away, but the high quality clay coming out of the Reservoir project offered “a double win” in providing a nearby site for disposal of the clay as well as cost savings for the bund project.

The Māpua Drive subdivision will be able to get new titles after August, once the water moratorium is lifted following Council works.



No more cheques

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

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, or by phoning us on 03 543 8400.

Next steps for the 10-Year Plan

Consultation closed on 24 April with over 1,700 submissions received. We then held hearings for people to speak to their submission between 4–7 May. We will now deliberate and decide what changes will be made to Tasman’s 10-Year Plan between 17–21 May. The Council is scheduled to consider and adopt the final 10-Year Plan on 30 June. Keep updated on the process at LTP.tasman.govt.nz.

Funding drop-in sessions

Come along and find out about the funding and resources available from Tasman District Council, Department of Internal Affairs and the Rātā Foundation, to support your community group or organisation. This is also a good opportunity to discuss your idea or project, get tips about submitting an application, or simply just how to find the information.

Sessions

- Thursday 20 May, 11.00 am – 1.30 pm, Motueka Library
- Friday 21 May, 11.00 am – 1.30 pm, Tākaka Library
- Monday 24 May, 11.30 am – 1.30 pm, Richmond Library
- Tuesday 25 May, 11.00 am – 1.30 pm, Murchison Rec Centre

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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 for details.

Nelson Tasman Regional Landfill Business Unit

Friday 14 May, 10.00 am. Nelson City Council, 110 Trafalgar Street, Nelson. Public forum.

Nelson Regional Sewerage Business Unit

Friday 14 May, 12.00 pm. Nelson City Council, 110 Trafalgar Street, Nelson. Public forum.

Commercial Committee

Friday 14 May, 1.30 pm.

Deliberations – Long Term Plan

Monday 17 May, 9.30 am.

Deliberations – Long Term Plan

Tuesday 18 May, 9.30 am.

Motueka Community Board

Tuesday 18 May, 4.00 pm. Motueka Service Centre, 7 Hickmott Place, Motueka. Public forum.

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Let's talk Antenno

Tell us what you think about the Antenno app in Tasman, and go in the draw to win one of three \$50 Prezzy cards. Survey open until Friday 28 May. Just five quick questions.

Scan the QR code below to take the survey, or you can find the link on our website, where you can also read more about Antenno: tasman.govt.nz/antenno



Deliberations – Long Term Plan

Wednesday 19 May, 9.30 am.

Full Council

Thursday 20 May, 9.30 am. Public forum.

Waimea Inlet Group

Friday 21 May, 9.00 am. Heaphy/Wangapeka Room, Tasman District Council.

Deliberations – Long Term Plan

Friday 21 May, 9.30 am.

Strategy and Policy Committee

Thursday 27 May, 9.30 am. Public forum.



Innovating Streets for People surveys

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. We received funding for two local neighbourhoods: one in Richmond and one in Tākaka. We've been trialling changes to the streets to see if they work for the community and are now seeking feedback on these changes.

You can have your say on the Croucher / D'Arcy neighbourhood trial in Richmond until Monday 31 May, and on the Commercial and Meihana intersection trial in Tākaka until Monday 17 May.

For more information and to give feedback on both these projects, visit tasman.govt.nz/streets-for-people.

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WHAT'S ON IN TASMAN



Take part in Second Hand Sunday this Sunday 16 May!

The next Second Hand Sunday is on this Sunday, 16 May in Nelson and Tasman, offering you the opportunity to pick up that highly prized freebie or get rid of items you don't need anymore.

If you have items you want to give away, simply register online before 10.00 am on Friday 14 May to make sure you get onto the list of participating addresses, print off a poster and put it on your mailbox on the day.

The list of participants is available from 12.00 pm, Friday 14 May. You can download it from our website, or pick up a copy from your local service centre and head out to enjoy some treasure hunting. You don't need to register to participate.

The event will take place rain or shine, but please respect the 10.00 am start time.

Homeowners are responsible for taking back in anything that doesn't go on the day.

For more information and to sign up, go to tasman.govt.nz/shs.



Life of a Playwright

Richmond Library, Tuesday 18 May. Talk from 1.00 pm – 2.00 pm, followed by a meeting of the Richmond Writing Group from 2.00 pm – 3.00 pm. Free.

We are excited to welcome poet, playwright and teacher Gaelynne Pound for a special talk. Gaelynne's plays are on the surface, light-hearted but they address contemporary universal issues. Her poetry tends to be darker and is primarily social commentary on everyday issues. Everyone is welcome.

Lockdown quilt visits Motueka

Visit Motueka Library throughout May to view the beautiful community quilt we created to remember our collective experience during Level 4 Lockdown. The quilt was created by children from Riwaka School's Room 7 students during 2020, as well as

adults throughout Tasman District, and pieced together by local textile artist Christine McGuigan. The quilt will visit Tākaka in June.

Digital Dilemma?

If you need a hand understanding your phone, computer or other digital device, we can help. Our Digital Learning and Digitisation Specialist runs regular free Digi Drop-In sessions that anyone can attend, with any digital dilemma.

- **Richmond Library, Tuesdays, 11.00 am – 1.00 pm.**
- **Motueka Library, Thursdays, 11.00 am – 1.00 pm.**
- **Tākaka Library, first and third Monday of the month, 11.00 am – 1.00 pm.**
- **Murchison Library, first Friday of the month, 1.30 pm – 3.30 pm.**



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