

NEWSLINE

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ISSUE 500



Newsline turns 500 – and 30!

This issue of Newsline represents a double milestone. Not only have we reached 500 editions, but this month also marks 30 years since our first newsletter arrived in letterboxes.

Originally a monthly publication, Newsline was first published in June 1991 and offered a four-page summary of Council-related issues and information that affected residents from Richmond to Murchison and across to Farewell Spit.

Newsline has undergone numerous changes in size, format and delivery frequency over the years, eventually becoming a fortnightly publication which is now also available online and via email.

The publication has documented growth and change within the region, acknowledging community achievements as well as the work of the Council through challenges such as the Tasman wildfires, Cyclone Gita and Fehi, and the Golden Bay floods and landslides of the early 2010s.

Census information from 1991 showed the Tasman District's population had grown 7.6 percent in five years to 36,300, while dwellings had grown 13.7 percent to 12,652. By the 2018 Census, those figures had grown to 52,386 and 19,770 dwellings.

The inaugural Newsline front page explained how we were tackling an annual domestic refuse disposal volume of 25 million kilograms or 695 kg per person, with the introduction of transfer stations and user pays rubbish bags. That volume is now more than 42 million kg or 745 kg per person.

We also collect around 3.3 million kg, or 68 kg per person, of recycling each year, and accept another 800,000 kg at our Resource Recovery Centres.

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NEW RECYCLING CALENDAR INSIDE!

MEET YOUR REPRESENTATIVES

Councillor Anne Turley – Moutere / Waimea Ward

The Tasman region has some wonderful people who volunteer many hours of community work to ensure our special places are cared for so everyone can enjoy them. Projects led by the community cover a wide variety of things – groups working together to facilitate building homes for the homeless, environmental groups planting trees and eradicating pests, and people building park furniture are just a few examples.

A recent good news story following repeated vandalism at Kina's Baigent Reserve, is the development of a covered barbecue area built by Nelmac and volunteers from the Tasman Area Community Association.

To help improve the area, security cameras have been installed and appear to be successful in curbing anti-social behaviour. The volunteers'

group barbecue was enjoyed after this year's beach clean-up where 140 kilograms of rubbish was collected. Over twice this volume was collected last year which seems to indicate that more people are taking responsibility around littering. It is a tribute to parents and teachers who are instilling the right values in our younger generation.

The fact that the group is prepared to set aside time to do the clean-up annually shows the calibre of these individuals. Thank you to all our volunteers.

**Councillor
Anne Turley
Moutere /
Waimea Ward**



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Newsline's first issue also featured alterations to the Richmond office, announced a nil rates increase for the 1991/1992 year and mentioned the additional pressure on our staff due to a rise of developmental activity in Tasman.

In the days preceding the internet, residents could send in a Fix-A-Gram – hard copy reports of roading, water and infrastructure issues that could be clipped from the pages of Newsline.

A breakdown of how your general rates were spent – then around \$1,000 – was also featured in issue one.

Interestingly, 10.3 cents of every dollar went towards district library services, 28.8 cents went towards capital works and maintenance of roads and bridges, 7.1 cents on refuse disposal, 6.1 cents for pipes and disposal of stormwater, and 7.5 cents towards development planning of the area.

Also featuring in the inaugural publication was a staff profile of the recently-appointed Environmental and Planning Manager, Dennis Bush-King. The scope of Dennis's role has evolved considerably, reflecting legislative changes, the shift to a unitary council in 1992 and the overall growth of the region.

He says despite various changes, the intent of Newsline remains the same. "It is a very important means of informing the Tasman community about the various and diverse Council issues that may affect Tasman residents and visitors in some way."

In his first column, then-Mayor Kerry Marshall lauded the newsletter as a chance to improve the lines of communication with residents and ratepayers.

We hope that Newsline will continue to do so as we look forward to what the next 500 issues will bring.



Tasman wildfire regeneration project gets \$1 million

A collaborative effort to regenerate the damaged landscape from New Zealand's largest wildfire is about to begin with the help of a \$1 million funding boost.

We have received just under \$1 million from Te Uru Rākau – New Zealand Forest Service, for the Teapot Valley / Pigeon Valley fire restoration project, with landowners Tasman Pine Forests Ltd contributing another \$70,000 in cash and resources to the project.

This project will run over a four-year period as part of Government stimulus funding through the One Billion Trees and Jobs for Nature programmes.

The Pigeon Valley fire started on 5 February 2019 and burnt through an area of approximately 2,400ha in the Tasman District.

Of the total area burnt, 1,400ha was plantation pine forest managed by Tasman Pine Forests Ltd.

Patches of native bush and wetland areas within the pine plantation were also affected.

Tasman Pine Forests Ltd chief operating officer Steve Chandler said the company would be providing \$40,000 of cash contribution for purchase of tree seedlings and \$30,000 of in-kind contribution for felling of spars, weed control and boundary access during the four-year project period.

Three sites within the Teapot Valley catchment identified as Significant

Natural Areas will be restored in this project through a mixture of weed control, replanting in 10ha within the area, as well as direct seeding.

Our contract manager for the project Paul Sheldon said it was exciting to begin a new phase in the disaster recovery but also to develop techniques for future restorations in an unstable climate future.



Neighbourhood Greenway for Crescent Street, Richmond

Recently residents around Crescent Street in Richmond came to us seeking support to create a Neighbourhood Greenway.

Neighbourhood Greenways are streets where vehicle numbers and speeds are reduced to create a safer, more pleasant environment for everyone. Streets that become Neighbourhood Greenways commonly incorporate physical changes to ensure low speed environments.

For example, a Neighbourhood Greenway might be a street that is one-way for cars but allows people to cycle in either direction. They may also involve street closures, speed humps or cushions, and reduced speed limits.

Community meeting

We want to work with the local community to identify the best options for the neighbourhood.

Come along to the first co-design meeting to work together on solutions and concepts for the area: **Wednesday 30 June 2021, 5.30pm, Ernest Loney Memorial Hall, 4 Wensley Road, Richmond.**

Timeline

July/August 2021

We will work together to identify priorities and jointly work on a plan.

September/October 2021

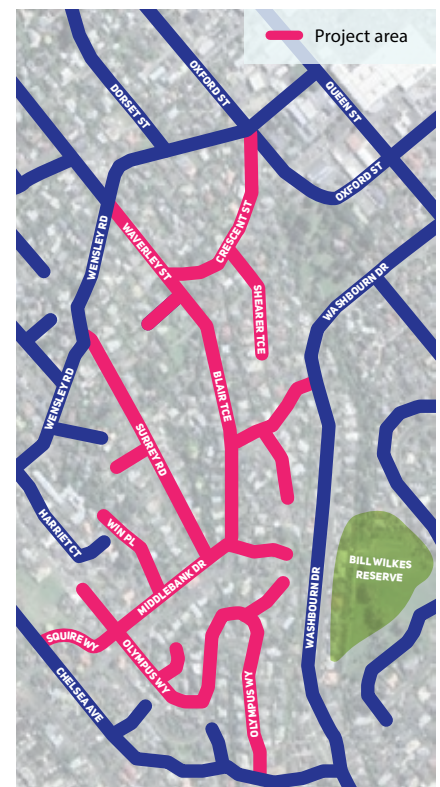
We will confirm temporary or permanent treatments that were proposed at the co-design meetings.

October – December 2021

Implementation stage.

February 2022

We will measure the success of the new design and make any appropriate adjustments.





Wilding Pine control project grows future forestry stars

Have you seen blocks of trees turning brown in the hills around our region, particularly around the Hackett area, in recent months? It all points to employment opportunities and important conservation work in action.

Our involvement in the Mt. Richmond Wilding Conifer Control programme has made some good progress in the first few months as dedicated crews take on often-tricky back country terrain to protect the biodiversity of the management area.

We are leading the local project in conjunction with forestry management company PF Olsen, who have engaged Action Forest Management Limited to do ground control work.

The project has been funded by the National Wilding Conifer Control Programme through the Ministry for Primary Industries as well as funding from the Kaimahi for Nature Programme through the Department of Conservation.

Ground control work was identified as a priority for Kaimahi for Nature funding by the Kotahitanga mō te Taiao Alliance – a top of the South Island alliance of iwi, councils and Department of Conservation, that works collaboratively to enhance resilience in natural landscapes and communities across the region.

A total of \$3.8 million will go towards eradicating wilding conifers in the Mt. Richmond Forest Park Management Unit – this encompasses both public and 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 the next four years, as well as the potential for ongoing work in the native vegetation restoration field in other areas of Tasman District.

Our Wilding Conifer Control project manager George Daly said the funding had been hugely beneficial, not only in curbing the spread of the conifers' seedbanks through the Richmond Ranges and beyond, but in providing local job opportunities.

Since beginning in December last year, around 9,300ha of land has been covered in and around the Forest Park.

The project is currently employing seven people and includes both

helicopter herbicide application and ground control through a method called 'drill and fill'.

Holes are drilled at 100mm intervals in the trees at a depth of at least 40mm and filled with an approved herbicide.

The trees are left standing and can take up to 18 months to die as they break down naturally and slowly dismantle back into the soil.

Manager of Action Forest Management Robin Thompson said there had been "some real success stories" amongst the personnel recruited, including the company's first two female silviculture crew members and a number coming from outside forestry or conservation backgrounds.

Wilding Pine Ground Control work was winding down for the winter. However, the new recruits will assist with tree planting of over 600ha between July to September.

Once the annual season has been completed, some personnel may be selected as permanent employees.



Which is my

RECYCLING WEEK?



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Te Kaunihera o

te tai o Aorere

Attach me to your fridge as a handy reminder of your collection days!

**BINS
OUT BY
7.00 AM!**

- Rubbish bags are collected every week.
- Glass and other recycling is collected every two weeks.
- Your collection day is printed on your recycling bin.
- Place rubbish and recycling at the kerbside by 7.00 am.
- Holiday changes to collection days: The collection scheduled for Good Friday 2022 will move to Saturday.

 Week 1 collections
 Week 2 collections

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WHAT CAN GO IN

Plastics 1, 2 and 5, paper, cardboard and cans only

Look for numbers on the bottom of plastics



Clean plastics, lids off (No's 1, 2, 5)

Clean tins and cans

Clean, flat paper and cardboard



WHAT CAN'T GO IN



Plastics 3, 4, 6, 7, liquids, rubbish, polystyrene, plastic bags, batteries, garden waste, food waste, disposable nappies, hot ashes, oven ware, electrical goods, engine oil bottles, automotive parts, paint and chemicals, bubble wrap, ceramics, crockery and porcelain, lids, toothpaste tubes.



What goes in your blue crate?

Glass. Only recycle empty, **unbroken** glass bottles and jars (clear, brown, blue and green).

No windows, glass bakeware, or mirror glass – these can't be recycled. **Please don't overfill your bin as bottles may fall and break.** Glass will not be collected if over the rim of the crate. Maximum weight 12kg. Contact the Council for a second bin if you need one.

007 Bond Street
Richmond
Thursday Week 1
This bin is not to be removed
from this property

What day is my bin emptied?

Your recycling will be collected every two weeks. The sticker on the side of your bin shows if your collection is Week One or Week Two, then the day of the collection. Check your collection week on the front of this calendar.

For more information visit tasman.govt.nz



Ashes issue prompts reminder

Our waste contractor is concerned about increasing numbers of incidents of vacuum cleaner dust and ashes from fireplaces being dumped in recycling bins around Tasman.

Dumping dust and ashes into yellow top wheelie bins is bad for the recycling process because it contaminates loads and can affect the health of drivers as they are getting a mouth full of dust when they empty the bins.

The other problem is that if ashes are still warm they can cause fires in bins, or even worse, in the trucks.

Here are some tips for great recycling:

- Rinse – dirty containers can stop whole batches being recycled.

- Put lids in the rubbish – they are too small to be recycled, they can be the wrong plastic, and can trap liquids.
- Antenno – download the Antenno app and get automatic reminders the night before your recycling day.



Berryfield intersection improvements

Lower Queen Street is now safer for road users thanks to a collaboration between Nelson Marlborough Institute of Technology (NMIT) and Tasman District Council.

Concerns were raised about safety at the intersection of Berryfield Drive and Lower Queen Street.

A process is underway to make permanent and more significant changes at the intersection, but it was recognised a solution needed to be found in the interim.

We have worked alongside NMIT, whose Richmond campus entrance is on the opposite side of Lower Queen Street, to reach a satisfactory temporary solution.

That entrance to the campus has now been closed with traffic directed to an alternative entrance further west along Lower Queen Street.

The road has been widened, the Berryfield Drive traffic island has been shortened, and a new turning lane has been marked on the road in the newly created space.

Our Transportation Manager Jamie McPherson says this positive outcome wouldn't have been possible without the support and agreement of NMIT.

He urges drivers to take care while they get used to the new and improved intersection layout.

Meanwhile, the long term planned upgrade of the intersection is progressing. This is expected to include traffic lights, further road widening, as well as measures to cater for pedestrians, cyclists and buses.

Ngaio Park grows

Māpua Wharf's new Ngaio Park development is expected to be completed by the end of July.

Named after the prominent Ngaio tree on the site, this development has been a special project for us.

Due to its significant archaeological status, the park is being crafted with a sympathetic approach to its cultural history, so as little digging as possible has been done on the site. The primary objective has been to build on top of the land rather than disturb it with earthworks.

The final phase of the Ngaio Park project will be the installation of tables, seats and bike racks all made from recycled timber to fit in with the natural landscape of the wharf precinct. This will be followed by plantings of coastal native plants.

It's always been difficult to get grass to grow in the very sandy soil, so this has been overcome with the use of an extremely realistic synthetic turf which is guaranteed to look good year-round.

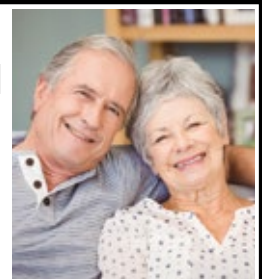


Thinking ahead for peace of mind

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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WHAT'S ON IN TASMAN



Community planting days

Join the Battle for the Banded Rail community planting efforts.

- Sunday 27 June, 9.00 am – 1.00 pm, Stringer Creek (Westdale Road, opposite The Playhouse Café).
- Sunday 4 July, 9.00 am – 1.00 pm, Hoddy Peninsula DOC Reserve (access from 57 Hoddy Road, park on the road).

Please bring gloves, a spade and drinking water. Wear solid footwear and clothes suitable for the weather conditions.

For more information, email bandedrail@gmail.com or phone Kathryn on 03 544 4537.

Fireworks Extravaganza

Sunday 11 July, 4.00 pm.
Golden Bay Rec Park Centre.

Come and join us for a family-friendly professional fireworks display. Gates open at 4.00 pm, entertainment from 4.30 pm and fireworks at 6.15 pm. Pre-sale tickets are \$8 each or \$30 for a family of four. Under fives are free. Gate sales will be \$10 each. Visit the Rec Park Centre on Facebook for more information.

Badminton

Tuesdays, 6.00 pm – 7.00 pm.
Murchison Sport, Recreation & Cultural Centre Sports Hall.

\$2 per person. All welcome, however under 16 must be accompanied by an adult. No experience necessary, all equipment provided.

Music for Minis / Kindy Gym (0 – 5 years)

Tuesdays, 9.30 am onwards.
Murchison Sport, Recreation & Cultural Centre Function Room.

Music followed by Kindy Gym for the kids and a cuppa for the adults. All welcome.

Older & Bolder (50+ years)

Tuesdays, 1.00 pm – 2.45 pm.
Murchison Sport, Recreation & Cultural Centre Function Room.

Older & Bolder is a free group get together. Attendees are asked to bring a plate to share for afternoon tea. Coffee and tea provided. All welcome, but sessions are designed for ages 50+.

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CELEBRATE MATARIKI

EVENTS IN TASMAN



Te Uma Urupā. Photo: Ngāti Rārua Ātiawa Iwi Trust

Matariki is the Māori name used to describe the entire star cluster also known as Pleiades. It signifies reflection, hope, our connection to the environment, and the gathering of people. Matariki is also connected to the health and wellbeing of people.

Just before sunrise during New Zealand's winter, the cluster is visible as a faint sparkle of tiny dots when you look towards the northeast horizon. Its appearance signals the end of one year and the beginning of another, the Māori New Year.

Celebration

This year a dawn celebration will be held at Te Uma Urupā on Saturday 3 July. A fifty-seater coach has been organised to transport people from Te Āwhina Marae to Te Uma where there will be taonga pūoro / traditional musical instruments, karanga / welcome call, karakia / blessing ceremony, pūrākau / stories, parakuihi / breakfast and, of course,

time for plenty of tātai whetū / star gazing. **Space is limited, so please register by emailing juanita.semmens@ngatirarua.iwi.nz.**

Matariki rock auction

High school students from NMIT Trades Academy Arts & Design have created stunning Matariki inspired designs and painted them on rocks which will be auctioned off on our Facebook page to raise funds for each student's chosen charity. The auction opens on 25 June and runs until 9 July.

You can see these amazing pieces of art at our Richmond office reception and on our Facebook page from 25 June.

Richmond shines

Central Richmond is joining the Matariki celebration too. Queen Street is being adorned with strings of sparkling stars lighting up above the roadway, and Washbourn Gardens will be lit up with lights too. These will be switched on during the hours of darkness throughout July.



EVENTS AT YOUR LOCAL LIBRARY

Taonga pūoro with Hamuera Robb

Richmond Library, Thursday 8 July,
5.30pm.

Come to a very special talk with Hamuera Robb (Nelson Provincial Museum's Kaitiaki Taonga Māori) to see, hear about, and listen to taonga pūoro – Māori wind instruments. It's free, but you need to book your spot. Contact Richmond Library on 03 543 8500 or email library@tasman.govt.nz to register.

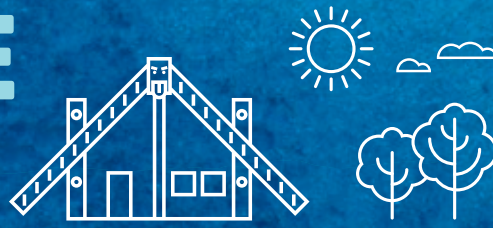
Harakeke whetū

- Motueka Library, Wednesday 7 July, 3.00 pm – 4.30 pm.
- Richmond Library, Thursday 8 July, 2.30 pm – 4.30 pm.
- Tākaka Library, Tuesday 13 July, 10.00 am – 12.00 pm.
- Murchison Library, Wednesday 14 July, 1.30 pm – 3.00 pm.

Come along to one of the drop-in sessions taking place across the District and weave a whetū (star) from flax. It's free, and all materials and instructions are provided.

For the full list of events taking place at your library, visit tasmanlibraries.govt.nz.

NEWSLINE UPDATES



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Register your dogs now

It's time, register your dogs by 30 June 2021. In Tasman, it only costs \$50 to register an urban dog or \$30 for a rural dog, however penalty fees will apply for late registrations. You can register your dog online, in person or by mail.

If any of your details have changed, such as your address or the number of dogs you own, you also need to let us know.

Visit tasman.govt.nz/dog-registration.

Youth leadership opportunities

We have partnered with the Lions Club to bring you another two \$500 grants for young people aged 15 – 20 in Tasman to participate in youth leadership opportunities. This can be used for activities such as The Spirit of New Zealand, Outward Bound, Festival for the Future, Whenua Iti Outdoors and other experiences, conferences and workshops.

If 2021 is the year to challenge yourself, you can find out more and apply on our website. Visit tasman.govt.nz and search 'youth leadership grant'.

Tell us your amazing art idea

Our Creative Communities Scheme has funding available to help groups and individuals running arts projects in Tasman.

Creative Communities provides funding to support community involvement in the arts – whether it's music, theatre, festivals, mural painting, outdoor sculptures, art in public spaces, kapa haka, singing, art workshops or something else.

Funded by Creative New Zealand, the Creative Communities Scheme is designed to support opportunities for communities to participate in the arts. There is a focus on art projects that have a broad community involvement, involve young people or support the diverse arts and cultural traditions of local communities.

Applications are open until Saturday 10 July 2021. For more information and to complete an application form, visit tasman.govt.nz/creative-communities.



River management meetings

We are holding the annual river management meetings throughout the District in early July.

All interested members of the public are invited to discuss river management issues and works. Topics will include flood protection, riparian maintenance and erosion control which may be significant to the area you live.

- **Waimea Catchment:**
Monday 5 July, 10.00 am,
Richmond Council Chambers.
- **Upper Motueka Catchment:**
Tuesday 6 July, 3.00 pm,
Tapawera Community Rooms.
- **Dove River:** Tuesday 6 July, 7.00 pm,
Dovedale Hall.
- **Lower Motueka Catchment:**
Wednesday 7 July, 4.00 pm, Motueka
Service Centre.
- **Aorere Catchment:** Thursday 8 July,
11.00 am, Collingwood Tavern.
- **Tākaka Catchment:** Thursday 8 July,
3.00 pm, Golden Bay Shared
Recreation Facility.

For further information, please contact Rivers and Coastal Engineering Officer Shane Jellyman on 03 543 7260 or email shane.jellyman@tasman.govt.nz.



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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 this round of funding is open until 31 July 2021.

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.

Visit tasman.govt.nz/grants for more information and to apply.

Last chance for a rates rebate

If you're a low-income earner, you can have some of your rates credited to your rates account. You only have until 30 June 2021 to apply for a rebate for the current rating year.

For more information search 'rates rebate' on our website.

Air quality exceedance

We measure the amount of PM₁₀ (very fine particulate matter smaller than 10 microns) in the air. The monitoring sites are located in Richmond Central (Richmond airshed) and a temporary site is located in Motueka (rest of the region airshed). The National Environmental Standard for Air Quality for PM₁₀ is 50 micrograms per cubic metre (µg/m³).

The PM₁₀ concentrations exceeded the 24-hour concentration of 50 micrograms per cubic metre (µg/m³) on the following dates in Richmond Central:

Day	PM ₁₀ concentration measured (µg/m ³)	Extent of PM ₁₀ exceedance (µg/m ³)
3 June 2021	54	4
4 June 2021	55	5

The total number of exceedances in Richmond for winter 2021 is two.

In winter, most PM₁₀ in Richmond comes from wood burning. Burning only dry wood in a compliant woodburner can reduce PM₁₀.

For more information visit our website tasman.govt.nz and search 'air quality'.

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 25 June, 9.30 am. Public forum.

Tasman Regional Transport Committee

Tuesday 29 June, 9.30 am. Public forum.

Full Council

Wednesday 30 June, 9.30 am. Public forum.

Positive Ageing Forum

Monday 5 July, 1.00 pm. Constance Barnicoat Room, 280 Queen Street, Richmond Library. Community group.

Joint Committee

Tuesday 6 July, 9.30 am. Nelson City Council, 210 Trafalgar Street, Nelson. No public forum.

Strategy and Policy Committee

Thursday 8 July, 9.30 am. Public forum.

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Rural sports travel funding evens the playing field

Tasman's young sports people who travel big distances to play their favourite sports each week have been passed some extra support for away games.

The latest round of Sport NZ Rural Travel Fund grants have been allocated, with \$17,550 set to benefit more than 600 kids from 10 clubs throughout Tasman.

Fully funded by Sport NZ and distributed through our community grants subcommittee, funding is to assist with travel costs involved with participating in local sports competitions.

Applications are open to rural sports clubs and school teams with young people aged 5–19 years.

There are two funding rounds each

year, which close on 30 April and 31 October respectively.

April's recipients were netball, swimming, rugby, hockey and football teams from Motueka, Golden Bay, Tapawera and Murchison, some of whom make round trips of 300km on numerous occasions throughout the season.

The grants will also serve to boost the high level of girls involvement in their chosen codes, including a group of eight Tākaka rugby players who travel to Motueka twice a week to play due to a lack of team opportunities in Golden Bay.



Financial assistance is provided in the form of petrol vouchers or covering the hire of a van or bus.

Community Partnerships Coordinator Gary Alsop said it was important that we offered opportunities for kids to participate in sport through the funding, something that was so crucial to their social and physical development.

Application forms for the October funding round are available at our offices, libraries and on our website.

[Visit **tasman.govt.nz/grants for more information.**](https://tasman.govt.nz/grants-for-more-information)

Motueka, Riwaka and Brooklyn air quality monitoring

We have an ongoing monitoring programme to better understand if there are air quality issues in the Motueka, Riwaka and Brooklyn areas.

This programme spans several years and involves temporary monitoring of PM₁₀ and/or PM_{2.5} over late autumn and winter. This is to understand if there are air quality issues associated with home heating and/or outdoor rural burning in the wider area, which may require permanent monitoring and a need to introduce management tools. The National Environmental Standards for Air Quality (NES-AQ) only require the identification and monitoring of airsheds where air quality standards are likely to be breached.

This winter we are continuing temporary monitoring in Motueka

at Goodman Ledger Park using a NES-AQ approved monitoring instrument, monitoring PM₁₀.

We are also monitoring at several locations in Riwaka and Brooklyn using 'dustmote' sensors (PM_{2.5}) and monitoring meteorological conditions. This is to better understand the impacts of outdoor rural burning, which can make a short-term and localised but significant contribution to poor air quality.

You can find more information on our website, search 'air quality study'.

Outdoor burning and fire sensitive areas

While outdoor burns are banned year-round in Richmond and Motueka townships, other townships within the Tasman District and the outskirts of Richmond and Motueka are zoned 'fire sensitive' and have a

ban on outdoor burning from 1 June until 1 September (unless burning diseased horticultural crops).

Where outdoor burning is allowed, it must be carried out using good practices and every effort must be made to minimise smoke. See our outdoor burning best practice guidance on our website, search 'air quality management'.

For outdoor burning, don't forget to check if you need a fire permit from Fire and Emergency NZ at checkitsalright.nz.

