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You may have noticed an error in the edition of Newsline that arrived in your letterbox last week and that some content may appear a little familiar.

Unfortunately, an error in our printing process led to the inclusion of pages from an earlier edition of Newsline and we apologise for that. The problem has now been fixed at no cost.

In this new revised edition, you will read about:

- Our plans for the next 10 years and the four key areas we are focusing on
- The numerous future community projects we are funding and supporting
- How more than 7-million dollars is being spent on improving drinking water
- Proposed changes to local government and how they could shape Tasman
- The final changes to one of our 'Streets for People' projects
- ... plus, plenty more.



## Motueka Library on track for new chapter

Construction of the new Motueka Library continues to reach key building milestones as the \$5 million project moves closer to the start of its new chapter.

The 1,100m<sup>2</sup> purpose-built facility at Decks Reserve is due for completion in November and scheduled to open in February 2022.

Work began in September last year, with the screw pile floor put down in February and the mono-pitch roof installed in March.

The next milestones for the project involve the installation of windows and doors, first fit out of services such as wiring, as well as ceiling and wall bracing.

A low-carbon approach to construction has seen minimal steel and concrete used in favour of timber and other environmentally friendly materials, as well as implementation of passive heating and cooling systems.

The project has also received \$500,000 of external funding from Lotteries and the Rāta Foundation for sustainable upgrades including rainwater containment, insulation upgrades and solar power panels mounted on the roof.

The current library on Pah Street is 453m<sup>2</sup> – less than half the size recommended by the Library and Information Association of New Zealand for a community the size of Motueka.

Libraries Manager Glennis Coote said the enlarged space in the new library will allow enough space to comfortably deliver a wide array of programmes and events.

Quiet seating, study areas and the social area will provide comfortable seating and tables where people can meet up, socialise and collaborate. There will also be dedicated areas for children and teens, including an outdoor deck on the northern side of the building.

A spacious community room with capacity for around 60 people will be available for the public to run their own meetings, events and workshops.

“Our vision is to have the library truly be a place for everyone,” Glennis said.

Glennis said a larger library also offered more space to store and display collections, with 5,000 new items being added in time for the opening.

# MAYOR'S MESSAGE



Tasman's 10-Year Plan 2021 – 2031 was adopted on 30 June.

We now have a blueprint for what we intend to deliver, the costs of providing these services and assets and how we expect to fund them over the next 10 years.

It's fair to say that producing such a vital document has provided some challenges. The continuing uncertainty of the COVID-19 pandemic and the approach of several central government reforms which will affect councils throughout New Zealand, have not helped.

Our plan provides the infrastructure necessary to match the projected population expansion with the costs

being largely met by those who directly contribute to growth.

The big choices included in our consultation document reflect our commitment to climate change and a healthy and sustainable natural environment.

The decision to proceed with revised Option A to fund the Waimea Community Dam offers the best outcome for Tasman ratepayers. It means that the irrigators pay for most of their share of the cost overruns, rather than Council collecting their share through a targeted rate.

A tremendous amount of mahi has gone into the development of this plan, and the efforts of our Council staff and colleagues need to be acknowledged for their energy and effort throughout the process.

I also want to acknowledge the input from Tasman residents in helping us shape the plan – your engagement has been greatly appreciated. We look forward to delivering the projects and services that will help us meet the ongoing growth of our region.

**Mayor Tim King**

## Tasman's 10-Year Plan adopted

After months of deliberations, 1,719 public submissions and countless hours of work behind the scenes, Tasman's 10-Year Plan 2021 – 2031 has been adopted.

The plan was adopted at a full council meeting on 30 June, setting out the key projects and services planned for the Tasman District and how much the Council will invest in services and infrastructure.

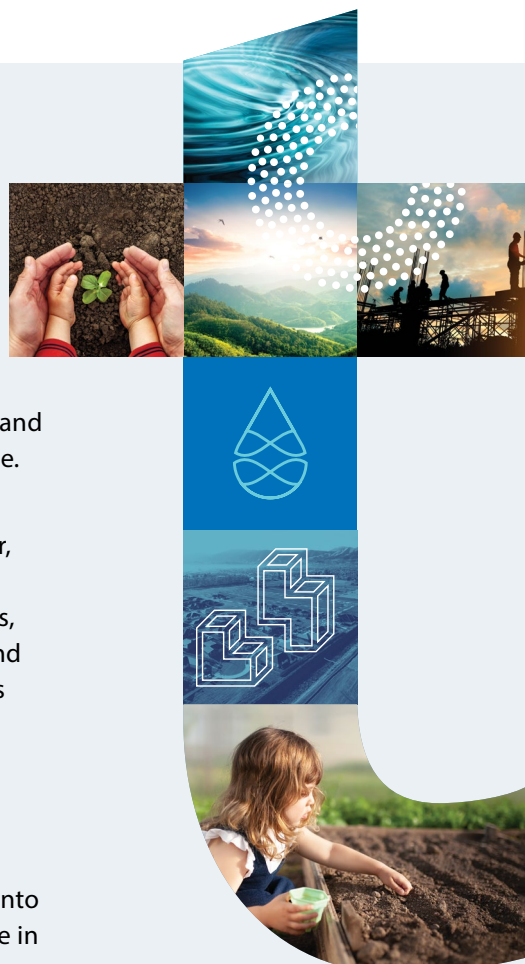
Overall, Tasman's 10-Year Plan 2021 – 2031 aims to;

- Ensure there is sufficient zoned and serviced land available to develop new homes and businesses.
- Respond to climate change.

- Focus on building, renewing and maintaining our infrastructure.
- Deliver on priority work programmes – roading, water, wastewater, stormwater, environmental improvements, climate change, recreation and important community spaces and facilities.

The Council has lowered its proposed net debt cap from \$282 million to \$250 million.

The LTP 2021 – 2031 will come into effect on 1 July 2021 and will be in force until 30 June 2024.



## 2021 – 2031 at a glance

Here are some of the key investments we have planned for the next 10 years to ensure Tasman thrives.

- **Replacing / renewing water, wastewater, roading and stormwater infrastructure**  
2021 – 2031 · \$110.5 million
- **Improve digital technology and information services**  
2021 – 2024 · \$13.3 million
- **Walking and cycling improvements**  
2021 – 2031 · \$40.1 million
- **Regional Museum Research Facility**  
2023 – 2024 · \$3.2 million
- **Water safety and source improvements**  
2021 – 2031 · \$16.5 million
- **Waste management and minimisation improvements**  
2021 – 2031 · \$23.4 million
- **Rivers improvements (e.g. stopbanks)**  
2021 – 2031 · \$20.0 million
- **Other water, wastewater and stormwater improvements**  
2021 – 2031 · \$136.6 million
- **Growth related infrastructure**  
2021 – 2031 · \$95.8 million
- **Motueka Community Pool**  
2023 – 2024 · \$3.2 million
- **Brightwater/Wakefield multi-purpose community facility**  
2026 – 2029 · \$8.6 million
- **Iwi partnerships and capacity building**  
2021 – 2026 · \$2.3 million
- **Economic development and tourism**  
2021 – 2031 · \$4.35 million

Refer to our activity management plans for detailed lists of all the investments we have planned for the next 10 years – [tasman.govt.nz/activity-management-plans](https://tasman.govt.nz/activity-management-plans).



## The Big Four – Key Choices

Through Tasman's 10-Year Plan 2021 – 2031 Consultation Document we sought public feedback to inform our decision-making process on four key choices.

### Choice 1 – Homes for our community

The Council agreed to proceed with its preferred Option A to provide the necessary infrastructure to meet housing and business demand across the District.

Option A means spending \$124 million over the next 10 years to meet the forecast demand for infrastructure development across Tasman District.

This will allow both greenfield development and infill housing / intensification of our towns and suburbs.

The cost to service new growth will be largely met by developers through development and financial contributions, so will have a limited impact on rates.

### Choice 2 – Waimea Community Dam allocation cost overruns

The Council agreed to proceed with a revised version of its preferred Option A to meet the irrigators' share of the \$54.5 million needed for the project.

This means some Council and all irrigator debt associated with the overruns will be held in Waimea Water Ltd (WWL), a joint venture company of the Council and Waimea Irrigators Ltd (WIL).

Part of the interest on that debt will be paid via WWL water charges to the Council; the rest via WWL water charges to WIL and its water charges to its shareholders.

The cost to an average residential ratepayer for the irrigators share of the cost overruns under revised Option A is estimated to be \$5 a year over a five-year period.

After that time, the debt servicing by the Council will shift to WIL, to

be covered via water charges to its shareholders.

### Choice 3 – A new company model for Nelson Airport and Port Nelson

The Council opted for Option C, to establish a new company as a funding vehicle only.

Joint owner Nelson City Council has agreed to the same option.

### Choice 4 – The Council's proposed response for adapting and responding to climate change

The Council opted for the preferred Option A to provide an affordable level of investment over the next 10 years.

In addition to business as usual expenditure we plan to invest in a number of new initiatives to implement our Climate Action Plan, including;

- Monitoring greenhouse gas emissions and reduction planning (\$0.3 million)
- Energy efficiency and renewable energy initiatives for Council buildings (\$0.6 million)
- Energy efficiency initiatives in Water Supply and Wastewater (\$1.2 million)





## Project and funding changes

The following projects have changed since the Consultation Document for Tasman's 10-Year Plan 2021 – 2031.

### Motueka Community Swimming Pool

The pool project, with one-third community contribution, has been brought forward.

The Council has budgeted to start the business case in 2021/2022, design in 2022/2023, and construction of the pool in 2023/2024.

Bringing the business case forward will benefit the overall project in clarifying costs and design.

### Boat Ramp Facility

The Council has decided to bring the funding forward for a proposed new boat ramp facility at Waterfront Park in Māpua. This expected feasibility/business case work will start in 2021, with possible construction in 2023, on the basis that the ramp has a one-third community funding contribution.

The Tasman Bay Boat Access Study will continue. Any recommendations that come from the study will be considered as part of the next 10-Year Plan.

### Public Transport Services

We are proposing more frequent Richmond – Nelson public transport during weekdays from 2023/2024.

Another proposal is for new public transport routes, with at least four return trips per day for the Motueka / Māpua to Nelson route, and at least six return trips per day for the Brightwater / Wakefield to Nelson route, during the weekdays, from 2023/2024.

### Te Āwhina Marae

Te Āwhina Marae trustees propose to provide the whole Motueka community with a cultural, social, health, educational and arts hub, as well as developing some papakāinga housing and tourism opportunities for Māori. The Council plans to contribute \$50,000 to the proposed Marae redevelopment.

### Kapa Haka and Te Matatini

The Te Tau Ihu o Te Waka Māori Cultural Council requested resource support from both Tasman District and Nelson City Councils for three national kapa haka events between 2021 and 2026.

The Council agreed to fund \$35,000 per annum to the Cultural Council between 2023 and 2026, to assist with funding an events coordinator.

The events are expected to attract over 40,000 people, providing a boost in economic activity for the region.

### Project De-Vine Environmental Trust

The Council will increase funding to the Project De-Vine Environmental Trust from \$25,000 to \$35,000 per annum for 10 years to assist with the employment of a professional project director.

Project De-Vine is a group of volunteers and landowners that work to remove pest weeds across Golden Bay, Mārahau and Riwaka. Without its efforts, the Council may need to undertake the work itself.

### Golden Bay Grandstand

The Council has brought forward the budgeted \$900,000 contribution to the Grandstand to be made available from 2021/2022. The Council has pushed this work forward with the aim of trying to have the upgrade of the Grandstand complete (or at least well underway) in time for the 125th A&P show in 2022.



### Nelson Tasman Business Trust

The Nelson Tasman Business Trust requested additional funding to contribute to a part-time position that would focus on facilitating events and client advice specifically for Richmond and the wider Tasman District. The Council agreed to increase funding to the Trust from \$15,000 to \$25,000 per annum for 10 years.

### Saxton Field

The public requested additional projects, which were supported by recommendations from the Saxton Field Committee. The Council plans to reallocate funding and use savings from other Saxton Field programmed works and contribute \$36,000 for a pole vault facility in 2021/2022.

The Top of the South Tasman Trust is also contributing funding to the project.

The Council also agreed to reallocate funding and upgrade flood lighting for the hockey turf to a LED system, earlier than planned. The work will start in 2021/2022. Nelson Hockey Association will also be contributing to the costs.

Nelson City Council has also reallocated funds within their Saxton Field budgets to go towards both projects.

### Māpua Tennis Courts

Based on support received through submissions, the Council decided to bring forward funding for the planned work to resurface the Māpua Tennis Courts to 2022/2023.

This change was made on the basis that the Tennis Club would fund their own additional courts and floodlights.

[Visit \[tasman.govt.nz/ltf\]\(https://tasman.govt.nz/ltf\)](https://tasman.govt.nz/ltf)  
for more details.



# Community effort reduces Tasman's carbon footprint

In the past month nearly three quarters of a tonne of carbon has been saved by a small group of Tasman residents who are keen to make an environmental difference in their lives.

They are members of the FutureFit programme and have completed close to 300 actions to reduce their carbon footprint.

FutureFit provides instant snapshots of your impact on the planet and, because everyone's footprint is different, it gives you personalised actions and reminders by sending you a text or email reminder at the start of each week.

The free programme shows how all individual actions add up to make a collective difference to our emissions. It's the small things that add up to make a big difference.

The most common actions completed by Tasman FutureFit members were not using takeaway coffee cups at cafés, washing clothes in cold water and taking shorter showers. Using the washing line instead of a dryer,

having meat free days and buying only in season New Zealand grown fruit and vegetables also added to our community's carbon savings total.

**If you're keen to join the FutureFit programme to help reduce your carbon impact, or maybe get a team of colleagues, family or friends together to challenge each other, head to [futurefit.nz](http://futurefit.nz).**

## Outstanding Community Service Awards

Often the unsung heroes of Tasman District fly under the radar, working tirelessly in the background in roles that keep the wheels of numerous community groups and organisations turning.

Without fuss or fanfare they undertake all manner of good work on behalf of neighbours, friends, schools, clubs, churches and service organisations. Their commitment is unstinting; their generosity and dedication is unquestionable.

Now is the time for these fabulous people to be officially recognised in our annual Outstanding Community Service Awards.

Nominations are now open for this year's awards. Nominees must be residents of Tasman District and

have been involved in a range of voluntary activities that have benefited their community for 20 years or more.

Nomination forms are available on our website and at all our service centres and libraries. They give an outline of the type of information you need to include, so please use them when nominating someone for an award.

Nominations close at the end of August. Winners will be presented with a framed certificate at a special ceremony in December.

**For more information and to apply, visit [tasman.govt.nz](http://tasman.govt.nz) and search 'community awards'**



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# WATER MATTERS

## Drinking water improvements across Tasman

We are spending close to seven and a half million dollars on significant upgrades of water treatment plants to improve drinking water quality. Construction will start within the next month on five major water treatment projects.



### Dovedale

Water for Dovedale comes from a small stream, Humphries Creek, which is a tributary of the Dove River. The Dovedale system supplies about 300 connections, through a phenomenal 150 kilometre network of pipes.

The new 2.3-million-dollar Dovedale treatment plant includes the installation of a clarifier and an inline filtration system which means any organic material that gets into the supply can be removed more effectively.

The intake structure is also being improved so water can be diverted away from the system when severe weather reduces the quality. Storage capacity is being increased with the construction of larger water tanks.

### Pōhara

At the Pōhara plant on Haile Lane we are spending close to 1.6 million dollars to double water storage capacity and install ultra-filtration

systems. The site works will begin in August with the new water system on tap by next April.

The new Pōhara plant will give greater security of supply, especially over the peak summer period when the population swells with holidaymakers and demand for water increases significantly.

### Brightwater and Wakefield

For the 1.3-million-dollar Brightwater and Wakefield water treatment plants upgrades we are using the same contractor which means both projects can be coordinated leading to cost savings.

The latest technology in filtration is being installed with ultraviolet treatment also being used. Site works for both are about to begin and are scheduled to be completed by the end of January 2022.

### Motueka

The new 2.5-million-dollar water treatment facility in Parker Street

will be able to provide water which meets the New Zealand Drinking Water Standards regarding protozoa and bacteria removal, for the whole Motueka community. The plant will include UV treatment, cartridge filtration and chlorination and is expected to be online by next March.

Many residents in the area still draw water from old private bores which can be at risk of contamination. This project will make significant improvements to the quality of drinking water available for more than 200 of those properties. Pipes are already in the ground to distribute the water and these nearby households can connect to the new drinking water system for free.

The first phase of work of drilling and testing back-up supply bores is underway on the site, with the construction of the new treatment building, water tanks and pumping equipment following soon.

# Snapshot shows steady delivery of PMO projects

As the rollout of our government economic stimulus projects continues, we have received some positive feedback in meeting delivery targets.

Our Programme Management Office (PMO) was established in October to assist with the delivery of additional government funding for projects in response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

In delivering the 21 projects and \$37.5 million of total stimulus funding over the next five years, the programme has helped us fast track important infrastructure upgrades and provide work opportunities for locals affected by COVID-19.

Several projects have already reached completion, while all funding agreements have now been signed and are in delivery stage.

Four community halls around our region received money for much-needed improvements through the Provincial Growth Fund's (PGF) Renovation of Town Hall and War Memorials initiative.

The PGF also funded roading and draining initiatives to remove trees and other rural roadside hazards as well as improving roadside drainage to reduce surface flooding.

This initiative exceeded its target of creating employment for 36 staff, many of whom had lost their jobs due to the effects of COVID-19.

Six projects funded under the Crown Infrastructure Partners (CIP) programme included the delivery of the Dovedale and Pöhara Wastewater Treatment Plant upgrades, installation of emergency storage tanks at pump stations, the Richmond West Trunk Watermain and Māpua reticulation and Pomona Road Reservoir upgrade.

All projects were required to be on site by the end of July and completed by March next year. They are currently on track to meet these deadlines.

A CIP representative visited us on 22 June to check out the progress of our stimulus funded utilities projects, taking in a tour of the Māpua reticulation / Pomona Road Reservoir site as well as Motueka's Thorp Street water main renewal.

Project Management Adviser Chris Blythe said the feedback received offered a pleasing assessment which had been replicated in the progress of other projects that we are involved with.

"They were very impressed with the progress we're making, the tidiness of the worksites, and how we're leveraging our existing project delivery processes to keep the projects on track."

Elsewhere, the Department of Internal Affairs has provided funding through until 2022 to bolster our libraries' workforce.

The Motueka River stopbank refurbishment, which aims to reduce the risk of stopbank failure and subsequent flooding, is being funded under the Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment's Climate Resilience Programme.

Momentum is building on Jobs for Nature projects such as the Freshwater Improvement Fund – Wetland Restoration and Fish Passage remediation, while the Mt Richmond Forest Park Wilding Conifer project has covered 9,300 hectares since December 2020.

The Teapot Valley / Pigeon Valley fire restoration project has been initiated, thanks to funding and resources from Te Uru Rākau – New Zealand Forest Service's One Billion Trees programme and landowners Tasman Pine Forests Ltd.

Weed control and planting efforts for the Waimea Inlet Enhancement Project and Waimea Inlet Billion Trees Phase 2 are underway with 27,000 plants to be planted this winter at Rough and Best Islands as well as Mamaku Wetland.





# Ngaio Reserve opening

Māpua's newest park is officially opening, and you are invited. Ngaio Reserve will be officially opened with a public ceremony at 10.00 am on Sunday 18 July.



# Changes to local government

Important changes are coming regarding the landscape of local government and how our Council may operate in the future.

## Resource Management

Following a review commissioned in 2019, the Government has decided to repeal and replace the Resource Management Act 1991 (RMA) with three new Acts:

- The Natural and Built Environments Act
- Strategic Planning Act
- Climate Change Adaption Act.

The new laws aim to improve the natural environment, enable more development within environmental limits, provide an effective role for Māori, and improve housing supply and affordability.

It also aims to reduce and simplify planning processes, time and costs.

An exposure draft of the NBA was released on June 29, before it heads to a select committee.

The new Acts are intended to be introduced to Parliament later this year.

## Three Waters Reform

Central and local government have acknowledged urgent challenges facing local government water services and infrastructure, and the communities that fund and rely on these services.

The Three Waters Reform aims to address the ability to plan, fund and finance reliant water systems whilst meeting safe drinking water standards and national and local environmental objectives.

Responsibilities for water services are proposed to be transferred to a small number of water supply entities.

These publicly-owned entities, established by statute, will own wastewater, stormwater and drinking water assets and be responsible for all infrastructure needs.

Once more information about the entities is released, we will need to consult on and make the decision on

whether to be part of the Three Waters Reform and transfer our three waters infrastructure to any new entity.

It is expected that our decision to opt in or out will be made by November 2021.

## Local government review

In April, a review into the Future for Local Government was established.

The scope of this review comprises the function, role and financing of local government, as well as creating a system that strengthens Treaty partnerships, through the role and representation of iwi / Māori.

An interim report presented to the Minister in September will signal the probable direction of the review and key next steps.

Following public consultation, a final report will be presented to the Minister and Local Government New Zealand in April 2023.



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# Waimea Inlet planting yields best outcomes from rough terrain

Planting is underway at two sites in phase two of our efforts to rehabilitate our coastal area.

The Waimea Inlet One Billion Trees (Phase 2) Project is part of central government's Jobs for Nature programme.

There are 27,000 plants to be planted this winter; 22,000 at Rough Island and 3,000 at Best Island. Another 2,000 are scheduled for planting at Mamaku Wetland, near Māpua, in the coming months.

The Best Island project is creating an area of estuarine edge vegetation and lowland forest to provide a native habitat buffer over a 2500m<sup>2</sup> area.

This work is being overseen by Ashton Oliver of Richmond-based Environmental Forest Services.

The work at Rough Island covers around seven hectares, replacing pine that has been harvested six years ago

with pioneer species such as Mānuka, Kānuka, Ake Ake and Karamu.

Our Jobs for Nature project manager George Daly said some natural regeneration was occurring around the fringes of the nearby wetland. The planting aimed to complement that as well as leave a buffer zone for more growth.

Work started in mid-June, with the planting expected to be completed by the end of July. Around six staff have already put more than 7000 plants in the ground.

Local firm FuturEcology has been contracted to carry out the planting, and has the maintenance contract of the site for the next three years.

Plants are eco-sourced and grown within the local area. Once in the



ground, they are protected with a bio-degradable plant guard instead of a traditional plastic guard.

FuturEcology Managing Director Rob Fryer said the Rough Island project was a good fit for his company's objectives.

"It's restoration work and that's what really interests us – it's more than just putting a plant in the ground – it's getting things established for the long-term restoration of a habitat."

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## Free car seat checks extended!

Our free car seat check promotion that we ran in June in association with Nelson City Council and Baby on the Move has been so successful that it's being extended until the end of July.

Baby on the Move owner Marianne Hart Biggs says the store's qualified staff have undertaken more than 100 car seat checks with around 95 percent of those requiring some form of change to their installation or harness.

She says people have appreciated that these checks are non-judgmental and are all about safety and education. The main thing people

need to remember is that a car seat installed incorrectly can perform poorly in a crash.

Many issues were easy to remedy like incorrect or loose belt paths, and whether harness adjustments or locking clips were required. But it was also discovered that dozens of harnesses weren't fitting properly, and a snug fitting harness can prevent internal injuries in a crash.

Marianne says another issue that arose was with the use of the Isofix locking system. This is a popular installation method for car seats, but the qualified child restraint technicians found many children had outgrown the weight requirements for that method so the car seat had to be reinstalled via the seat belt.

The checks also identified many car seats had passed their expiry date or were getting close to expiring.

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**To book a free car seat check before the end of July call 03 547 2555, email [nelson@babyonthemove.co.nz](mailto:nelson@babyonthemove.co.nz) or message Baby On The Move – Nelson on Facebook.**

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# Final changes coming to the Croucher/D'Arcy neighbourhood



The Streets for People trial has ended in D'Arcy and Croucher streets in Richmond. We would like to thank all those who took part in the community meetings and surveys as we focused on making the streets safer for everyone.

Community feedback was vital in this project and alongside the traffic and speed data we collected has led to the adoption of several changes.

- Elizabeth Street will re-open within a month.
- Florence Street narrowing will be removed, this includes the planter boxes.
- There will be a trial of a limited number of daytime 180-minute parking spaces to provide some visitor spaces. Those limits will only apply between 8.00 am and 6.00 pm allowing overnight parking for residents.
- Some of the parking spaces that were removed from Elizabeth Street

will be reinstated. Research shows parking can provide benefits to the wider community and can help lower traffic speeds. However, residents' concerns about having car parks on both sides of the road, making it too narrow, have been noted so not all spaces will be reinstated.

- We plan to upgrade the Talbot Street zebra crossing with a raised speed table. These raised tables are designed to reduce vehicle speeds to around 30km/h where pedestrians cross. International data shows that if a collision does occur with a pedestrian at that speed there is a significantly reduced risk of death or serious injury, compared with 50km/h.
- No-stopping hatching across the intersections of Florence Street / Salisbury Road and D'Arcy Street / Salisbury Road will be painted towards summer when temperatures warm up.

Further changes will be investigated in September after budgets for the new financial year are confirmed. These include:

- Construction of a speed table across Elizabeth Street at the Talbot Street intersection.
- A speed table at the intersection of Florence and Elizabeth Street to slow cars around the kindergarten. These should discourage through traffic, or "rat running" using those streets.
- Widening the footpath between Linden Court and Talbot Street.

Another area of concern raised during the consultation process was the playground at Burbush Park. This playground will be assessed as part of the wider District playground review and will be considered for an upgrade.

Next year we intend to update our speed management plan for residential streets and will be looking for community feedback to shape the document.

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# NEWSLINE UPDATES



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## Register your dogs now

Register your dogs by 31 July 2021 to avoid penalty fees. In Tasman, it only costs \$50 to register an urban dog or \$30 for a rural dog. 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](https://tasman.govt.nz/dog-registration).

## 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](https://tasman.govt.nz/grants) for more information and to apply.

## 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.

### Motueka Community Board

Tuesday 20 July, 4.00 pm. Motueka Service Centre, 7 Hickmott Place, Motueka. Public forum.

## Roadside spraying in rural areas

Our roading maintenance contractor is responsible for vegetation control within the road reserve and this includes the use of knock-down, residual and brushweed herbicides to remove vegetation growing in the roadway and around street furniture.

The active herbicides authorised under our resource consent are norflurazon, oryzalin, simazine, terbuthylazine, glyphosate, metsulfuron, haloxyfop, triclopyr and picloram/triclopyr. Methods for treatment are foliar and basal spraying.

Residents can request that their rural property frontage not be chemically sprayed and instead undertake vegetation control themselves.

On approval, we will mark the “no spray” area with red marker pegs. Rural residents who choose the “no spray” option must control the vegetation growth along their own property frontage to ensure road users are not impeded and all roadside signs and markers are clearly visible.

Vegetation height should not exceed 300mm and stormwater drainage ditches need to be kept clear of excess vegetation.

At intersections vegetation must be kept well clear to ensure good sight lines for traffic using the intersection.

If you wish to apply for your property to be added to the “no spray” list, please contact Nikki Shepherd, Technical Officer Transportation, Tasman District Council, phone 03 543 7234 or email [nikki.shepherd@tasman.govt.nz](mailto:nikki.shepherd@tasman.govt.nz).



## Moturoa / Rabbit Island – Nelson Marlborough Fish & Game pheasant hunt

Public access to the eastern half of Moturoa / Rabbit Island will be closed for three organised game bird hunts this winter. The closure will include all of the beach front at the eastern end. The last of these hunts will take place on Saturday 17 July, 8.30 am – 3.00 pm (Sunday 18 July reserve day). For more details contact Jacob Lucas at Nelson Marlborough Fish & Game on 03 544 6382.

## Motueka Valley's new footbridge installation

A survey of residents last year identified the need for a footpath and footbridge along Motueka West Bank Road between Old Mill and Mickell Roads. The project was put at the top of the priority list and now about 300 metres of shared pathway has been constructed with a new pedestrian and cycle bridge being installed on 16 July. The bridge will be lifted into place by crane alongside the Brooklyn Stream Bridge which means West Bank Road will be closed for up to three hours starting at 9.00 am.

## Roadside spraying on State Highways

Contractors employed by Waka Kotahi NZ Transport Agency, undertake an ongoing vegetation control programme to ensure roadside plants do not affect the safety or operation of the region's state highway network. This programme includes the spraying of chemical herbicides including the following active ingredients: glyphosate, metsulfuron, terbuthylazine and triclopyr. People wishing to register their property as a “no-spray” zone, which requires a commitment to maintain a property's highways frontage to specifications provided by Waka Kotahi, may do so by contacting Nicole White on 03 548 1100 or at WSP, Private Bag 36, Nelson.

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# WHAT'S ON IN TASMAN



## Community planting

Join the Battle for the Banded Rail community planting efforts.

- **Sunday 18 July, 9.00 am – 1.00 pm, Research Orchard Road Reserve.**

Please take gloves, a spade if you have one and drinking water. Wear solid footwear and clothes suitable for the weather conditions. Morning tea is provided.

For more information, email [bandedrail@gmail.com](mailto:bandedrail@gmail.com) or phone Kathryn on 03 544 4537.

## 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+.

## Pop-Up Library – Motueka

**Tuesday 20 July, 10.00 am – 2.00 pm. New World Motueka.**

You'll be able to combine your supermarket shopping with a library visit when our Pop-Up Library visits Motueka's New World supermarket. You'll be able to get books, find out about our programmes and events for children and adults, as well as discover our online and e-Resources.

## Constellation Creation

**Wednesday 21 July, 10.00 am – 12.00 pm. Richmond Library.**

In a magical mix of stitching and

star gazing, come along and stitch a Matariki constellation using needle, thread and embroidery hoop. It's free and materials are supplied. Space is limited though so arrive on time to ensure you get a spot.

## School holiday shenanigans

There's so much going on at your library during the school holidays. There are events for the very young, right through to the teens in your life. Think Winter Bingo for teens, scavenger hunts, fairy tales and legends galore, craft, board games and more. To really delve into the details, visit [tasmanlibraries.govt.nz](http://tasmanlibraries.govt.nz) and have a squizz.

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