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Three Waters information filling up for Tasman

Analysis of the Government's Three Waters Reform proposal has provided further perspective for us, but questions around the implications, costs and timeline still remain.

A report examining the Three Waters Reform and what it means for Tasman, including the Government's projected savings and claimed benefits of transferring our three waters assets into one or more new water service entities, was presented at the 29 September Full Council meeting.

The community was also able to find out more about the proposal and ask questions when we held a Zoom webinar later that same day.

Tasman Mayor Tim King said the Council was putting a lot of time and effort into the implications of the proposals for our District as well as neighbouring top of the south councils and the wider local government sector.

Concerns centred on the loss of three waters asset ownership, potential loss of opportunity for

community input into how the three water services are managed and delivered and the complex nature of proposed governance structure involving multiple council and iwi.

A number of other factors which impacted on the assessment included the Water Services Bill and the role of the new Water Services Regulator, Taumata Arowai, on future investment requirements, costs and timeframes.

Tim said the greater implications of potential financial advantages need to be tested and considered against the greatly reduced levels of control over the three waters assets.

"We need to be sure that this proposal on the table is the right one for Tasman," Tim said.

No decision is required from us at this stage on whether to support the Three Waters proposal.

The current eight-week timeframe merely allowed councils to look at the information provided by the Department of Internal Affairs and to provide feedback.

A decision around next steps, timeframes and whether the reform is modified and remains opt out or becomes mandatory will be made by Government based on feedback from councils around the country.

A decision to support the Government's preferred three waters service delivery option is not lawful at present due to the Local Government Act (LGA) prohibiting us from divesting our ownership or interest in a water service except to another local government organisation.

We cannot make a formal decision on the three waters service delivery without making a Long Term Plan amendment. This will require public consultation as set out in the LGA.

"Once the Government has decided whether or not to modify the current reform proposal and determined the timing of the next steps based on the feedback received, we will engage with the community prior to making any decisions."

MEET YOUR REPRESENTATIVES

The topic that has hit my inbox the most over the past few weeks is the community expressing their views on the Three Waters Reform being run by central government.



I have had the benefit of participating in Council discussions, reading information provided by both the Department of Internal Affairs (DIA) and Tasman District Council staff, and attending the workshops held locally by the DIA team running the reform programme.

The concepts of protecting our natural environment from contaminants and being able to provide potable water for many are givens. The proposals that have been put out have some gaps that we need to continue to work

through and wherever possible, put forward our own solutions. These include matters around ownership and governance; provision for the local voice to be heard; the pricing strategy for services; and the financial modelling that underpins the future affordability of the three waters. There is also the matter of how and when there is consultation with the community. I expect we will hear more on these matters in the coming weeks.

I want to give a shout out to the Māpua & Districts Community Association and their efforts

to engage with and hear the youth voice in their community. Sometimes when you look around the various community organisations it is hard to see the youth presence. Māpua engaged with the local school and asked students what was missing for them in the community and what could be better. Student representatives came along to the meeting and spoke on behalf of their fellow students, it was a great window into understanding their perspective of the community.

Councillor Christeen Mackenzie
Moutere / Waimea Ward

How should we respond to sea level rise and coastal hazards in Tasman?

Many parts of Tasman District's coastline are vulnerable to storm inundation and/or coastal erosion.

Ex-tropical cyclones Drena (1997) and Fehi (2018) are two notable examples of storm surge events which caused significant damage. We know that climate change will increase the frequency and severity of these events.

We are continuing to work with communities to ensure we're better prepared for future sea level rise and coastal hazards. Conversations are currently underway to talk about and identify options that enable us to adapt.

Our options broadly fit into four categories; accommodate, protect, avoid and retreat.

Our Coastal Management Project Lead Diana Worthy said that these options are complex, all having challenges and opportunities, so it's important we start the conversation now.

"At this stage, our focus is to raise awareness and develop a common understanding about what we know and the options we have. It's likely that a combination of options will be required and that these will be staged over time.

"We want to understand the views of our communities and if there are alternative ideas for coastal management that we should consider. This will ensure we avoid narrowing down the options too early in the process," said Diana.



Visit our website to learn more about this project, our broad options, and share your views and ideas, visit: tasman.govt.nz/coastal-management.

Feedback closes on 15 October 2021. The feedback gathered will be used to inform next steps in the Coastal Management Project work programme.

Our long-term adaptive planning work will take several years, and the community conversation will be ongoing.

Nature brightens up underpass

The gloomy Richmond Deviation underpass adjacent to the Aquatic Centre is being transformed into a gallery of public modern art.

Two sparrows from the first mural by Chrissy Zesk have been guarding the entry for several weeks, receiving many positive comments. The next part of the art installation to be added will be a fantail and a frog by two other artists.

Chris and his creative friends are hoping that their work will help to address vandalism and inspire taggers to create proper art. You can follow Chris on his Instagram, @chrissyzesk.



Join the conversation about Tasman's future growth

Our 2021 – 2051 Future Development Strategy (FDS) is underway and with it comes an opportunity to hear more about what is involved in the process.

The FDS is a joint undertaking between Tasman District Council and Nelson City Council which sets out where and how residential and business growth within Nelson and Tasman regions will occur over the next 30 years. It will replace the adopted FDS of July 2019.



Stage Three in this process involves initial stakeholder and online community engagement where staff will provide an overview of the project and seek feedback on some key questions. This stage will also provide an opportunity for anyone to suggest sites for future housing and business development. These suggestions will be considered in the preparation of the FDS.

As part of this community engagement, several webinars have been scheduled:

- Tuesday 5 October, 12.00 pm – 1.30 pm
- Friday 8 October, 10.00 am – 11.30 am
- Monday 11 October, 6.00 pm – 7.30 pm
- Wednesday 13 October, 3.30 pm – 5.00 pm

More information, including how to join the webinars, can be found at tasman.govt.nz/fds. If you have any further queries, please email futuredevelopmentstrategy@tasman.govt.nz.



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Māpua's mystery pump blockages continue

Our engineers are baffled by a recurring problem with blockages of sewage pumps in Māpua.

Over the past decade we have had problems in the Aranui-Higgs Road wastewater pump station catchment, with blockages caused by someone flushing clothing into the sewer system.

The latest spate of incidents started at the beginning of August and since then our contractor has had to attend to eight pump blockages caused by four t-shirts/singlets and five pairs of underpants.

Following a letter drop in 2017 the problem all but ceased, however last year there were 22 blockages caused

by clothing, and since 2011 we have spent more than \$31,000 dealing with the problem.

Pump blockages take several hours to clear. The pumps must be lifted out by crane, pulled apart, cleared, reassembled and reinstalled. These are new pumps and we're concerned that blockages caused by these bulky items of clothing could permanently damage them.

We have managed to establish the general area of where the garments come from but can't pinpoint the precise property. The green line

on the map above shows the area where we suspect the source of the problem is.

If you suspect this may be a member of your family, please speak to them and point out the problem they are causing. If you suspect it may be a neighbour, please contact one of our Wastewater Engineers in confidence and we can take it up from there.

In the meantime, please remember the sewage system is for wastewater only. Clothes, rags and wipes should be disposed of by other means.




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SUSTAINABLE TASMAN

Lake Snow a possible summer threat

There are concerns that Nelson's pristine clear Lake Rotoiti could be impacted by Lake Snow this summer.

We carried out water sampling in association with Department of Conservation (DOC) last summer that confirmed the invasive microscopic algae *Lindavia intermedia* is present in both Lakes Rotoiti and Rotoroa in Nelson Lakes National Park.

Lindavia can produce 'Lake Snow' which is a sticky, mucus-like substance that hangs under the water. Anglers may find it accumulates on fishing lines and lures and can be a nuisance by sticking to boats, motors, and people as well.

Further testing in autumn found *Lindavia* in Lake Rotoiti was increasing, which points to a significant risk of Lake Snow this summer.

DOC Nelson Lakes Operations Manager John Wotherspoon says this is extremely disappointing and concerning news.

"There is no known control or eradication method; it seems it is here to stay."

"Fortunately, it isn't toxic to humans or livestock and poses no risk from food sourced from the lakes. However, the impact of the algae on the lake's ecology and health is not understood."

John Wotherspoon says the priority now is to prevent the spread of *Lindavia* to the nearby small alpine lakes such as Rotomairewhenua / Blue Lake and Rotomanitua / Lake Angelus. Testing is yet to be done on these lakes.

"Of particular concern is Rotomairewhenua / Blue Lake which is world-renowned for the clarity of



its water. It would be devastating if *Lindavia* got a foothold there."

Tasman District Council, DOC, Ministry for Primary Industries and Fish & Game New Zealand are all working to combat the spread of the microscopic algae which is easily carried on watercraft, trailers, clothing, boots, animals, tramping equipment and fishing gear.

It only takes one droplet of contaminated water or one small piece of the 'slime' to infect a new water body.

Free water bottle fills with RefillNZ

Refilling your reusable water bottle is not only a thirst quencher but is also kinder to our environment.

New Zealanders throw away an estimated 168 single use plastic bottles per person, every year. This adds to our landfills and contributes to the plastic pollution in our oceans.

Now there is a simple app-based solution. It's called RefillNZ and there are dozens of sites right across

Tasman and Nelson where you can fill your drink bottles for free.

RefillNZ is on a mission to help people live more sustainably – in ways that are easy and good for the planet and us, by reducing plastic pollution at source.

The RefillNZ app makes it easier to find free tap water in cafés, council venues and public drinking fountains.

Participating sites have a RefillNZ sticker in their window to show that they are a refill station where you



are welcome to go in and fill up your bottle without any obligation to make a purchase from the participating outlet.

Simply download the app, find a refill station and fill your own bottle.

Golden Bay Youth Council needs you

Moves are underway to give the young people of Golden Bay a clearer voice in the community with plans to re-establish the Golden Bay Youth Council.

Applications for the 2022 Youth Council are open now with young community leaders between the ages of 12 and 24 being sought to join.

Youth Councillors participate in conferences and hui, and organise projects that are important for young people. The Youth Council brings the desires and concerns of young people to the attention of

Tasman District Council and central government.

It also provides first-hand experience of local government to young people.

For more information about the Golden Bay Youth Council, email Jess Jacquier at youth.council@gbwct.org.nz.



Your flood history could help us all in the future

We maintain detailed records of floods that occur across the entire region in our hydrological database, but sometimes a mark on a wall or an entry in an old diary can hold valuable historical information that we may not be aware of.

This information has tremendous value and is widely used by both the Council and wider public to reduce the risk of harm to humans and livestock. It's also a tool widely used by planners to avoid damage to structures, crops and other assets around Tasman.

Occasionally we find a record of a flood from long ago which has been marked as a line on someone's shed or other structure and our hydrological staff are keen to record as many of these marks as possible before they are lost.

If you have a mark from a flood long ago and would like it recorded, please contact us on hydro@tasman.govt.nz with your name, contact details, plus the location, along with the date of the flood if known.

Alternatively, you can contact us on 03 543 8400 and ask for the Duty Hydrologist.



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Maritime events

Event activity: Jet Boating Giant Slalom
Date and location: Sunday 10 October 2021, Waimea River

Event activity: Waka Te Tasman
Date and location: Friday 12 and Saturday 13 November 2021, Kaiteriteri

Further details and any new events may be viewed at tasman.govt.nz/maritime-events. The Harbourmaster has granted authorisation for these events under the provisions of the Navigation Safety Bylaw 2015.

What weight is your glass crate?

Blue recycling crates are for clear, green or brown clean glass bottles and jars. The contents can't sit above the top lip of the crate, and it shouldn't weigh more than 12kg. Glass that sits above the top lip of the crate may seem harmless, but it poses a risk to our drivers and also passing members of the public if it were to fall off while being lifted. Remember too, broken glass in the crate is dangerous and will also result in the crate being rejected.



Grants to support youth

Did you know we offer grants of up to \$500 to students 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 Iiti Outdoors and other experiences, conferences and workshops. The grant is provided to support the personal development of young people living in Tasman. Applications are accepted all year around.

To be eligible, you must:

- Live in Tasman District.
- Be aged between 15 – 20 years.
- Be applying to a programme / project / training which has a central focus on youth leadership.
- Provide a report back to us.

Don't miss the chance to enjoy a potentially life-changing opportunity. Get all the details and make your application now at tasman.govt.nz, search 'youth leadership grant'.

PROPOSED TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURES



Closure of roads to ordinary vehicular traffic

Pursuant to the Transport (Vehicular Traffic Road Closure) Regulations 1965, notice is hereby given that for the purpose of a Nelson Car Club and Westland Car Club Rally, the following road will be closed to ordinary vehicular traffic for the period(s) indicated hereunder.

During the period of closure, the following provision will be made for ordinary vehicular traffic which would otherwise use the roads: **Matakitaki Road** from approximately 9.5km from the start of Matakitaki Road for 9 kilometres.

Period or periods of closure: Saturday 4 December 2021, 8.00 am to 5.00 pm.

Alternative provision for ordinary vehicular traffic: Residents and milk tankers will be let through the closure area between races.

It will be an offence under the above regulations for any person otherwise than under authority of an authorised period to use the roads for ordinary vehicular traffic during the period of closure.

Applicant: Our Town Motueka Incorporated

Event: Starlight Christmas Parade

Location: Wallace Street (from High Street entrance down to Decks Reserve car park entrance) and also Pah Street (down to just before Grey Street) for float assembly. Pah Street road closure will move up closer to High Street as the floats join the parade.

High Street (between Wallace Street and Pah Street).

Date and time: Friday 3 December 2021, 4.00 pm to 9.00 pm.

Applicant: John McIntyre Promotions Ltd

Event: Nelson Airport K2M Multisport Event

Location: Aranui Road (from Tahi Street to the Māpua Wharf Entrance).

Date and time: Sunday 5 June 2022, 7.00 am to 7.00 pm.

Objections close 5.00 pm, Friday 15 October 2021.

Please send objections to megan.bell@tasman.govt.nz.

COUNCIL HUI



Under Covid-19 restrictions, meetings will take place in person and via Zoom video conferencing. Public forum presenters are required to present via Zoom. Visit tasman.govt.nz/meetings-calendar for the Zoom link.

Nelson-Tasman Regional Landfill Business Unit

Friday 8 October, 10.30 am.

Golden Bay Community Board
Tuesday 12 October, 9.30 am.

Audit and Risk Committee
Wednesday 13 October, 1.30 pm.
No public forum.

WHAT'S ON IN TASMAN



Tasman National Art Awards and Exhibition

Sunday 3 October – Saturday 16 October, 9.30 am – 4.30 pm. Māpua Community Hall. Free admission.

Māpua is the location once more for this prestigious exhibition and for two weeks the community hall will be transformed into a national art gallery. Don't miss the opportunity to view, enjoy and possibly purchase works of art by artists from all corners of New Zealand. The judges make their selection for the awards, but the public can also vote in the People's Choice Award. Numbers will be limited to 100 people and full safety protocols will be in place.

Community planting days

Wednesday 6 and Wednesday 13 October, Moturoa / Rabbit Island.

Keep Richmond Beautiful is having community planting days, subject to being at Alert Level Two or below. Visit their Facebook page for more information and any further updates, facebook.com/KeepRichmondBeautiful.KRB or call Greg on 03 544 7085.

Badminton in Murchison

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

\$2 per person. All welcome. If you are under 16 years, you must

be accompanied by an adult. No experience necessary and all equipment is provided.

School holidays

Grow and explore at your local library these holidays. Take part in our ever-popular scavenger hunt or pick up one of our fun and creative 'take and make' craft kits. There's something for everyone these school holidays. For more details visit tasmanlibraries.govt.nz.

CreativeBug

Alarming, Christmas is not that far away. And there's something about buying gifts which can feel a little impersonal (not to mention expensive). Instead of spending money on generic gifts from a shop, create something unique for your family and friends using CreativeBug. CreativeBug is an online treasure trove of craft projects. You can find tutorials available on our libraries website, for free, with your library card.

Older road users support

From time-to-time Age Concern run courses to help older road users feel safer and more confident as they travel around the community.

If you would like to attend any of the below driving courses, please register with Age Concern by contacting Jackie MacIntyre on

03 5447624 ext 4, 021 195 8108 or community@ageconcernnt.org.nz.

Life without a car

Monday 11 October, 10.00 am – 11.30 am, Age Concern Hall, 62 Oxford Street, Richmond.

Adjusting to life without a car doesn't mean losing independence and freedom. This information session highlights a range of possibilities to remain mobile, offers alternative ways of getting about in the community, suggests many options to stay involved and enjoy activities, gives valuable insights into adapting your lifestyle and encourages living positively and staying connected.

Staying safe driving course

Monday 18 October, 9.30 am – 12.30 pm, St Johns Hall, 15 Courtney Street, Motueka.

Wednesday 10 November, 10.00 am – 12.30 pm, Murchison Sport, Recreation & Cultural Centre.

Are you an older driver who would like to brush up on your road knowledge or do you know someone who does? These free classroom-based courses will help you re-familiarise yourself with traffic rules and safe driving practices. They will also increase your knowledge about other transport options and help you remain independent for longer.



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