



## Three-month salvage operation comes to an end

At 2.39 am on Wednesday July 14, rescuers scrambled to a distress call from the fishing vessel *Mistral* which had run aground at Kaihoka Point on the rugged west coast of Golden Bay.

The only person onboard was airlifted to safety by the Nelson Marlborough Rescue Helicopter. That was the beginning of a salvage mission that would end nearly three months later.

Our Regulatory Services Manager Adrian Humphries was Regional On Scene Commander and pulled together our Oil Spill Response Team.

There were concerns that heavy oil, hydraulic fluid and diesel fuel could leak from the boat and contaminate the remote coastline, but an initial aerial inspection of the wreck site noted *Mistral* was fortunately upright and in good condition.

In discussion with the boat's insurer, it was decided complete recovery

of the vessel was too expensive and practically impossible.

Access to the wreck was difficult. It involved a two-kilometre quad bike ride from the nearest track then a 70-metre cliff climb, but nets, cables, ropes and other potential navigational hazards had to be cleared from the scene to make it safe.

Helicopters were called in to recover the debris, but this could only be done when the tides were right, and seven planned missions were thwarted by severe weather.

Specialised equipment was flown in, and the hull was pumped out, then more than 200 litres of heavy oil and hydraulic fluid were drained

from the wreck. In the end around eight tonnes of gear was plucked off *Mistral*.

The cost of the recovery effort was close to \$50,000 which was met by the boat's insurer.

The only thing left of the boat now is its bare steel hull, firmly wedged in rocks below the Kaihoka Point cliffs.



# MEET YOUR REPRESENTATIVES

The two topics I wish to share with you are housing and the government's proposed Three Waters Reform.

Some of central government's changes to mortgage interest rates and loan-to-value ratios does little to rectify the fact that so many in our community are desperate for a place to call home. This shortage of state and council-owned housing and with rents commensurate for low incomes has to be thought through again.

The tiny home project I have championed provides relief for

some, but a more resolute drive by central and local government to ensure that each one of us has a place to call home is priority number one for me.

Central government has requested feedback about its proposed Three Waters Reform programme – it has raised a lot of controversy and several councils have rejected the scheme outright. The large Tasman District requires something much better than a 'one size fits all' approach that might suit a city. Deficiencies with existing facilities are well known by our Council and staff.

Instead of spending precious resources on yet another centralised organisation, central government could set the standards to be achieved and provide the funding required for a specific programmed approach for our desired first-class 'three water' infrastructure. It could be a common-sense solution that would get things done without too much fuss.

**Councillor  
Trindi Walker  
Motueka Ward**



## Co-operation builds bridge that benefits the community

A highly successful collaboration between the Council and a private developer is about to be officially opened in the Richmond West residential development.

The new Meadows Crossing bridge spanning Borck Creek links both sides of Berryfield Drive in the rapidly growing housing area, providing a brand-new connection and alternative access to the development.

Due to our financial constraints the original plan was to construct a low-level culvert and roadway through Borck Creek that water would run across during larger flood events. However, the private company who own The Meadows development worked with us to find a way of getting a bridge built instead.

Design and cost share agreements were confirmed and by working closely together, construction was able to move forward. The result is a

structure that ensures safe passage by vehicles, cyclists and pedestrians every day of the year.

The new 70-metre-long Meadows Crossing has a partly cantilevered three-metre-wide shared path on the upstream side of the bridge which

will be a significant connector to the extensive network of pathways in the Richmond West area, including the paths within Borck Creek.

The Meadows Crossing will officially be opened by Mayor Tim King at a ceremony on Saturday 6 November.



# Looking at the ground underneath our feet

Land scientists are engaging in intense soil surveying and monitoring work with two soil surveys and a State of the Environment monitoring campaign getting underway this spring.

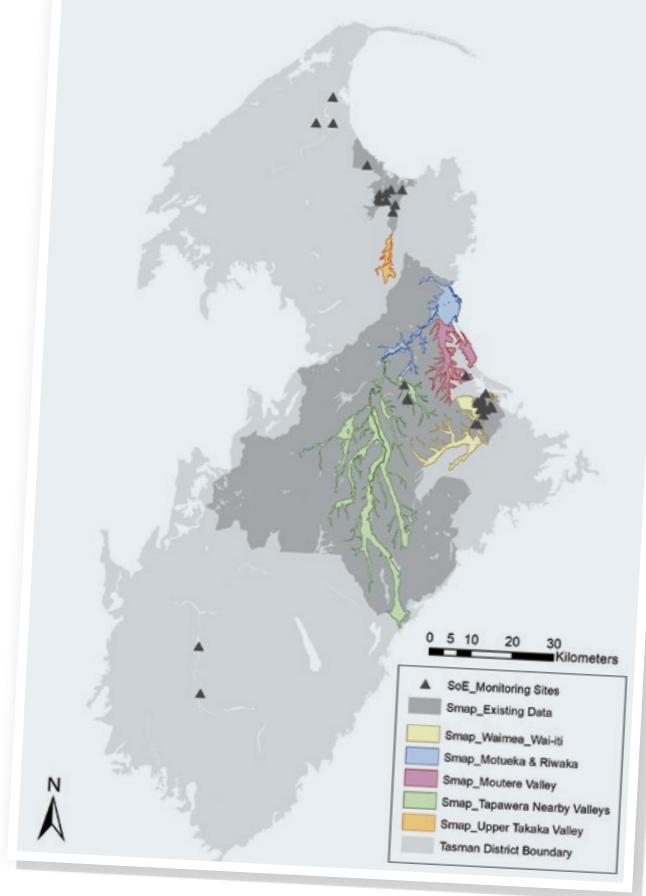
Surveying work will begin in early November when Manaaki Whenua Landcare Research scientists start mapping soils in Upper Tākaka, Moutere and Wai-iti. The mapping campaign is part of a three-year agreement between Ministry for Primary Industries, Landcare Research and the Council, to expand on the knowledge of soil resources in the District.

Resulting data will be shared with cooperating landowners and all soil maps will become freely available online on the national soil map (Smap) portal. Smap coverage will increase with more areas to be surveyed in autumn and spring 2022.

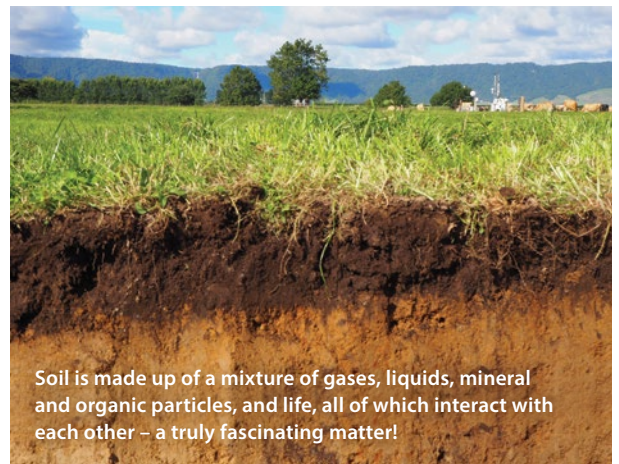
Knowledge about the state and functioning of our soils is crucial for understanding the effects different types of land use have. As one of the most complex biomaterials on Earth, soils are an integral part of every landscape. However, the support well-functioning, healthy soils provide to natural ecosystems and food production is being tested. The latest 2021 New Zealand Environmental Report showed 80 percent of all national soil monitoring sites failed to meet soil quality targets.

In addition to the Smap survey work, we will review the 35 State of the Environment soil monitoring sites across Tasman. We aim to contact landowners for access over the course of the next 12 months – if you have an interesting soil type on your land to report or would like to participate, please get in touch with us.

**For more information and links to the above, please visit [tasman.govt.nz](https://tasman.govt.nz) and search 'soil information'.**



Above: Smap study areas across the Tasman District for 2021/2022. The colours indicate the areas yet to be mapped with the 2021 field campaign focusing on the land around Upper Tākaka, Moutere Inlet and Valley, and Wai-iti. Triangles indicate the location of the State of the Environment soil monitoring sites which will be re-sampled in 2022.



Soil is made up of a mixture of gases, liquids, mineral and organic particles, and life, all of which interact with each other – a truly fascinating matter!

## G.J. Gardner. **HOMES**

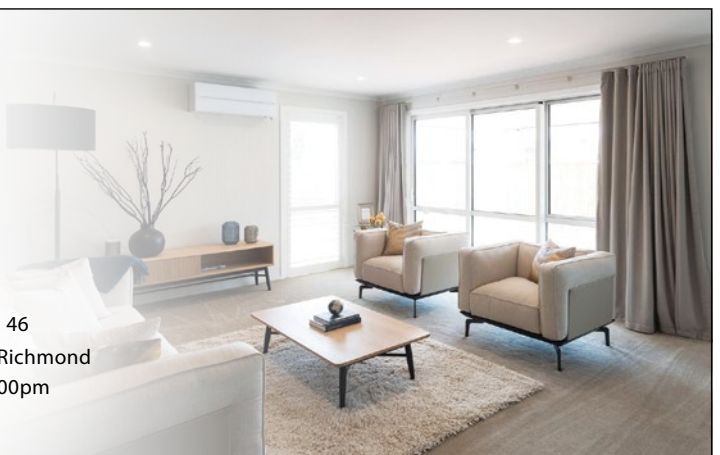
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## Progress flows on for stimulus projects

Central government's Stimulus Funding Programme has provided funding to local authorities for investment in drinking water, wastewater, and stormwater networks.

Six projects received funding within the Tasman District and are administered through our Programme Management Office. These projects make up around \$9.78 million of the total \$37 million worth of government stimulus funding in response to the Covid-19 pandemic.

Here's an update on each site:

- Work on the Richmond West trunk water main to link with State Highway 60 is continuing.

- The installation of emergency storage tanks at wastewater pump stations throughout the District has been completed. This project is currently going through the formal closing process.
- Despite a minor delay due to the pandemic, Motueka's Thorp Street water main renewal remains on target for completion, with no supply issues reported due to materials being sourced ahead of time.
- Construction of the replacement Pomona Road reservoir near Māpua is expected to be completed by the end of the year, with some final civil works required in early 2022.

- Work on the Dovedale source and water treatment plant upgrade is progressing well, with commissioning expected early next year.
- Pōhara's water treatment plant upgrade is also going well, despite the current extended lockdown restrictions in the Auckland region resulting in supply delays.

Due to the impact of Covid-19 restrictions, the deadline for completion of these projects has been extended until the end of June 2022. We estimate that all these projects will meet this extended deadline.

## Tell us your thoughts on Easter trading in Golden Bay

Public consultation on a proposed Easter Sunday Trading Policy for the Golden Bay Ward is now underway.

The Golden Bay Community Board (GBCB) is proposing that we introduce a policy enabling shops in Golden Bay to have the choice of whether or not to trade on Easter Sunday.

We recognise the importance of tourism-related trade and other business to our local economy. However, we also recognise Easter Sunday's religious significance as well as being a day of rest for many people.

In October, the GBCB considered a draft Easter Sunday Trading Policy and decided to consult with the Golden Bay community to obtain an understanding of the community's views on it.

The decision to adopt a policy can legally only be made by a council. However, the GBCB has been delegated powers to prepare a policy, consult on it and make recommendations on whether to proceed with it. This will go for consideration by the Council, who will then make the final decision.

If adopted, it is anticipated that the policy will be in place in time for Easter 2022.

We welcome submissions from any interested person or organisation until Sunday 5 December 2021. There will be an opportunity to speak to your submission in late January 2022.

**Pick up a copy of the draft Easter Sunday Trading Policy at one of our service centres or libraries, or view it on our website, [tasman.govt.nz/feedback](https://tasman.govt.nz/feedback).**



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## Rehome unwanted items with Second Hand Sunday

The next Second Hand Sunday is coming up on 14 November, offering you the opportunity to pick up that highly prized freebie or rehome items you don't need anymore.

We have changed the start time based on public feedback from our most recent survey. This Second Hand Sunday will start at 9.00 am.

If you have items you want to give away, simply register online to make sure you get onto the list of

participating addresses, print off a poster and put it on your mailbox on the day and then put your items out at 9.00 am and see who comes by to collect them. You are responsible for taking in anything you put out that doesn't get taken away on the day.

The list of participants will be available to download from our website or pick up from one of our offices from 12.00 pm, Friday 12 November. Once you have your list, head out to enjoy some treasure hunting – you don't need to register to participate.

Please be a considerate collector; if you like the look of something, take the whole item. Don't deconstruct or take only parts of an item.

The event will take place rain or shine. Remember to keep a safe distance from others and wear a mask when you are collecting items. This event will only go ahead at Alert Level One or Two.

**For more information and to sign up, go to [tasman.govt.nz/shs](https://tasman.govt.nz/shs).**

## Community feedback a helpful guide for coastal management planning

Our Coastal Management Project team have been processing feedback received through recent engagement on the four broad options for responding to sea level rise and coastal hazards.

The team received 71 in-depth feedback responses, snap feedback from another 15 people, and around 160 participants tuned in to one of our three webinars.

Many respondents highlighted the force of nature, having witnessed coastal hazards first-hand, and they stressed the importance of work to prepare for future events and rising seas.

Coastal Management Project Lead Diana Worthy thanked all those who got involved. "We're appreciative of everyone who considered and provided feedback on the four

broad options of accommodate, protect, avoid, and retreat.

"We received comments on the costs, effectiveness, and impacts of the protection options, reflecting the complexity of how we can look after existing development where possible.

"There's support for temporary accommodate options such as raising floor levels or relocatable dwellings where appropriate and the option to not allow new development on low-lying coastal areas is widely supported.

"There are mixed views on retreat options. Some people suggested we

must start planning now for retreat, while others were of the view that it should be a 'last resort' option. This feedback raises the challenges associated with retreat for society as a whole," said Diana.

Diana added there was a strong theme around considering the effects of climate change on coastal species and ecosystems.

This feedback will be summarised and published on our website in the coming months. Our Coastal Management Project will take several years to complete, and the community conversation will be ongoing.



# Centennial celebrations to take flight

The skies above Tasman will rumble to the sound of vintage aircraft as the 100th anniversary of the first aircraft to fly to Nelson is celebrated on Thursday 11 November 2021.

Captain P.K. 'Shorty' Fowler in Avro 504K (of New Zealand Aero Transport Co.) with passengers Tom Newman and mechanic Ted Ranish, flew the pioneering flight from Wellington in just over two hours on 11 November 1921.

Due to high winds and flying low – and with fuel running out – the Avro 504K aircraft was forced to make an emergency landing at Greenmeadows in Stoke. Soon after, the aircraft continued to its destination of Spring Grove, near the Newman farm.

Nelson Tasman's geographical isolation was never the same again after this pioneering 1921 flight.

The anniversary of Nelson Tasman aviation provides the opportunity to celebrate the contribution of aviation to the region – to honour the pioneers, recognise the aircraft, personalities, innovations and events – and how the aviation industry has helped develop the whole Nelson Tasman area.

One of the highlights of the celebrations will be the involvement of vintage aircraft.

It will be all eyes on the sky as restored de Havilland DH83 Fox Moth re-enacts the first flight to Nelson while a de Havilland DH89 Dominie pays tribute to early Nelson airline pioneers and especially Cook Strait Airways who operated the DH89.

The vintage aircraft will fly over Nelson and Stoke between 1.00 pm and 1.15 pm – at the same time as a commemorative plaque unveiling at Greenmeadows.

At around 2.30 pm the aircraft will do a fly-over of Brightwater, Spring Grove and Wakefield. At that time at Spring Grove, a plaque and information panel will be unveiled.

There will also be opportunities for the public to book scenic flights from Motueka Aerodrome aboard the vintage aircraft during the weekend.

**Full details of the Centennial Celebrations are available on the Nelson Airport website.**



1921 Avro 504K Fox Moth

1921 Spring Grove – Tom Newman, Christina Newman, Alexander Thomson (Mrs Newman's father), Captain Philip 'Shorty' Fowler (pilot), Ted Ranish (mechanic) and William Arnold (Landowner). [F.N. Jones Collection]

## Tasman projects successful in first round of Infrastructure Acceleration Fund

We have been invited to submit further proposals for three projects to the next stage of the government's Infrastructure Acceleration Fund (IAF) process.

Managed by Kāinga Ora, the IAF is a contestable fund of at least \$1 billion nationally, to allocate funding for key infrastructure to enable housing development within five years.

The three Tasman projects to get through the first round represent 621 homes – 100 in Tākaka, 200 in Motueka and 321 in Wakefield.

Mayor Tim King said being invited to the next stage validates the

successful partnership shared with developers and the Council.

"The IAF is the funding catalyst enabling us to bring forward a number of developments to benefit the areas within our District hardest hit by the housing situation.

"While we were unsuccessful with applications for other projects in the District, we are pleased to get through to the next phase for these three projects."

The next stage will involve investigating all infrastructure demands, the comparative investment by landowners,

links to transport and engagement with iwi.

"We have until 16 December to furnish the extra information and make the Council decisions to bring forward planned investment to leverage the IAF funding. This decision may require a degree of consultation."

We will be working with developers to develop the proposals further and clarify the potential impact on the Council's finances. Staff will discuss these with the Council before seeking formal approval of our proposals for submission in December.

# NEWSLINE UPDATES



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## Arts funding closing soon

Our Creative Communities Scheme has funding available to help groups and individuals running arts projects in Tasman, but applications close Wednesday 10 November. Creative Communities provides funding to support community involvement in the arts – music, theatre, festivals, mural painting, outdoor sculptures, art in public spaces, kapa haka, singing, art workshops and more.

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.

For more information visit [tasman.govt.nz/creative-communities](https://tasman.govt.nz/creative-communities).

## Old Mill Road partially closed

The Tasman Alliance will be starting work on an upgrade on the Old Mill Road stop bank between Anderson Road and 21 Old Mill Road on Monday 1 November 2021. The work includes removing the existing stop bank and replacing it with a new formation and rebuilding the road.

Due to the nature of the site and construction area needed, the road will remain closed for the 11-week construction period with detours in place until early February 2022.

Thank you in advance for your patience and respecting detour signage as we work to improve the flood defences in your area.

## Read the summary feedback on Richmond's future transport needs

Thanks to everyone for their involvement and feedback on the Richmond Transport Programme Business Case. It was great to get so many responses from Tasman and Nelson residents and businesses. Around 330 people attended community drop-in sessions and 1,184 pieces of feedback were submitted.

You can see the summary of the feedback received at [nzta.govt.nz/projects/richmond-transport-programme-business-case](https://nzta.govt.nz/projects/richmond-transport-programme-business-case).

The business case is expected to be completed at the end of 2021. With your feedback taken onboard, the programme is being finalised and we are seeking approval from Waka Kotahi and the Council to support future funding applications to deliver the short-term programme.

## 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](https://tasman.govt.nz/meetings-calendar) for the Zoom link.**

### Joint Committee of Nelson City and Tasman District Councils

Tuesday 2 November, 9.30 am.  
No public forum.

### Full Council

Thursday 4 November, 9.30 am.

### Golden Bay Community Board

Tuesday 9 November, 9.30 am.

### Saxton Field Committee

Wednesday 10 November, 9.30 am.

### Strategy and Policy Committee

Thursday 11 November, 9.30 am.



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# WHAT'S ON IN TASMAN



## Nelson marine safety expo

**Sunday 31 October and Saturday 13 November, 10.00 am – 2.00 pm, Akersten Street Boat Ramp.**

Don't miss this opportunity to get ready for a safe summer of boating!

- Free safety checks
- Visual engine checks
- Life jacket checks
- Information on locator beacons and use of marine radio
- Demonstrations
- Display boats
- **Great prizes to be won!**



## Take and make crafts

Drop by your local library to pick up a fun take and make kit. Motueka Library has a regularly changing selection of creative craft kits, while Richmond Library has a weekly turnaround of kits for adults and children. Tākaka and Murchison libraries are also in on the game! Visit [tasmanlibraries.govt.nz](http://tasmanlibraries.govt.nz) to see what kits are available, and when, at your local library; or simply drop in to see what's there. Free!

## Let's get digital

Feel like technology has moved a little too fast? We can help. If you want to use Zoom like a pro, buy and sell goods on TradeMe, create photo books, shop online, master Facebook, watch TV or films online for free, make the most of your smartphone camera, find out how to be safe online, and many other things; we have the workshop for you. It's time to get digital with free computer workshops at the Richmond Library. Talk to a library staff member, visit [tasmanlibraries.govt.nz](http://tasmanlibraries.govt.nz) or email [teresa.besley@tasman.govt.nz](mailto:teresa.besley@tasman.govt.nz) to find out more and book your spot.

## Lunch and learn in Māpua

**Wednesday 3 November, 12.00 pm – 1.00 pm, Māpua Community Hall, 72 Aranui Road.**

Cybercrime is on the rise, with many New Zealand businesses and individuals falling victim and feeling tremendous impacts. In this short talk, Melonie Cole from Mindshift will help us get to grips with cyber security. Come along to this lunch and learn for a lunchtime of great networking, inspiration and support. Get your free ticket online at [ntbt.co.nz](http://ntbt.co.nz).

## Staying safe driving course

**Wednesday 10 November, 10.00 am – 12.30 pm, Murchison Recreation Centre.**

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

If you would like to attend this course, please register with Age Concern by contacting Jackie MacIntyre on 03 544 7624 ext 4, 021 195 8108 or email [community@ageconcernnt.org.nz](mailto:community@ageconcernnt.org.nz).

## Social volleyball

**Wednesdays, 6.00 pm – 7.30 pm, Murchison Recreation Centre Sports Hall.**

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