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Let us be the guide this summer

If you're a little unsure what to do this summer, let us guide you.

Summer is the time our region shines brightest. Our stunning weather and landscape mean there are few better places to be, and this year's *Summer Events Guide* booklet is your ticket to the best entertainment and activities the region has on offer.

The Nelson Tasman region is once again hosting a fantastic lineup of events with many firm favourites back again, some in a slightly

different format or venue to allow for Covid-19 requirements. It's packed with great reasons to be in the Top of the South over the holiday season for locals and visitors alike.

Everything you need to celebrate summer is here in this printed guide, brought to you by Tasman District Council and Nelson City Council, and with the generous support of our sponsors. You can download a copy from our website, tasman.govt.nz/summer-events-guide.

... And if that doesn't have enough to keep you occupied, you can get inspired by what's possible in

our region by downloading the *One Hundred Ways to Experience Nelson Tasman* guide from nelsontasman.nz/one-hundred-ways.

This handy guide highlights 100 diverse ways to experience the Nelson Tasman region with something for everyone. Whether you prefer to sit back and savour the unique flavours of a destination, recharge amongst nature, or get your adrenaline flowing with a bit of heart-pumping action, exploring our region your way has never been easier with *One Hundred Ways to Experience Nelson Tasman*.

MAYOR'S MESSAGE



It's fair to say that 2021 has been another challenging year for everyone in our community.

As we look forward to summer, we're hopeful that our recent run of slightly cloudy weather will improve and provide an opportunity for everyone to make the most of the great outdoors that the region has to offer.

One of the huge positives throughout the year has been the way that we have supported our local business community, particularly those in the hospitality sector that have faced some of the biggest challenges.

Wherever you are over the Christmas holiday – be it in Tasman or another part of New Zealand – keep up that support.

The many uncertainties that have characterised the last year are likely to continue into 2022. This has led to some strongly-held opinions and unfortunately some division.

I would hope that we can show an increased level of tolerance and respect for those who don't share our views and understand the difficult position of many people working on the frontline of retail, hospitality and essential services who are only doing what is required of them.

This holiday season is a great opportunity to take a break and connect with friends and family.

Despite the challenges we face, we live in an amazing part of the country. Spare a thought and reach out to those less fortunate for whom this time of year can present its own challenges.

This is an opportunity for us all to show the best of who we are as a community. Perhaps the best gift we can give is a bit of goodwill, compassion and kindness.

Whatever you are doing over Christmas and New Year – enjoy yourself, from all of us at Tasman District Council.

Mayor Tim King

Tākaka's Innovating Streets project awarded

An innovative project designed to improve the safety of an intersection in Golden Bay has won a national award.

The Golden Bay High School – School Zone Trial was one of 10 projects from around Aotearoa to be recognised for efforts to improve safety for all road users.

The award was presented by Waka Kotahi NZ Transport Agency who provided support and funding for the trial.

The trial was prompted by the Golden Bay High School's master

planning exercise which identified a lack of safe crossing for pedestrians and inappropriately high vehicle speeds.

The outcome of the trial was the approval for the installation of twin zebra crossings on Meihana Street and Rototai Road, a new footpath to connect these two crossings, as well as reopening the slip road linking Commercial Street, which was temporarily closed during the trial period.

Urban Mobility Manager at Waka Kotahi Kathryn King says their vision is an Aotearoa where children can bike, scoot or walk to school independently, explore their



neighbourhoods safely and where streets are pleasant, sociable places.

Construction of the new layout will happen during the 2021/2022 financial year.

Strong community interest in Reimagining Richmond South

Thank you to the 200 locals who participated in our Reimagining Richmond South community information events in November, and to the dozens of people who shared their views and local knowledge through our feedback form.

The Reimagining Richmond South project aims to help meet Tasman's growing housing demand by exploring how the area south of Richmond towards Hope could become a place where more people live, work, and spend time.

Through this first stage of engagement, we've learned that many people value the rural feel and fertile soils of the area yet recognise the need for more housing and are interested to explore innovative ideas for providing a mix of accommodation that is sensitive to the landscape. Most feedback has suggested that any future housing should be of a medium-high density.

There's high demand for any new development in the area to feature cycleways and walking tracks, as well as parks, health services, places to eat, and schooling. Being able to buy fresh fruit and vegetables in the area is highly valued and something the community wants to keep.

This all provides useful direction for early planning efforts.

A full summary of feedback received will be available early next year ahead of community and landowner visioning sessions in March/April. The community vision for the area will be the foundation for detailed structure planning work that will



cover things like housing design and density, sustainable infrastructure requirements, how people will get around, where's best for reserves, and how we look after the environment and heritage.

Reimagining Richmond South is part of a wider Council programme of work on housing and community building.

Find out more about this project and sign up to stay informed at: environmentplan.tasman.govt.nz/reimagining-richmond-south.

Ensure you're camping in the right place this summer

We all know the Tasman region is an absolute gem. Our amazing towns, beaches and parks attract a lot of visitors, particularly during summer. But we need to ensure our locals and visitors camp responsibly.

All of Tasman's freedom camping sites are available on a first come first served basis. If the site is full, campers need to find suitable accommodation elsewhere and that's why we always recommend planning trips in advance.

Our website has maps of where you can camp including regular campsites and freedom camping areas.

Travellers need to be aware that there are different rules for different sites, depending upon whether campervans are certified self-contained or not, and these are all covered by our Freedom Camping Bylaw.

Following the guidelines in the bylaw will ensure campers are staying in the right location and are meeting the criteria of each site. Those criteria include that some sites are for self-contained vehicles only while others have rules on how many days you can stay etc. The bylaw is also available on our website.

Those choosing to stay at a designated self-contained freedom camping area must have a current self-containment warrant displayed on the front left-hand side of the windscreen. A self-containment

sticker on the lower right-hand rear side of a vehicle is optional but does assist the Council and Department of Conservation enforcement staff.

If you choose to camp, whether on private or public campgrounds, or freedom camp, please remember the Tiaki Promise – to care for people and places.

You can pick up useful tips and hints on our website, tasman.govt.nz/freedom-camping.



Exercise awareness of dog-prohibited areas this summer

Summer is here and with it comes warmer weather and plenty of opportunities to enjoy the outdoors with your friends and family.

Your pets – particularly the canine variety – will be just as keen to enjoy the few extra hours of daylight to run free and socialise with other dogs.

There are many places within Tasman to exercise your dog, both on and off the leash.

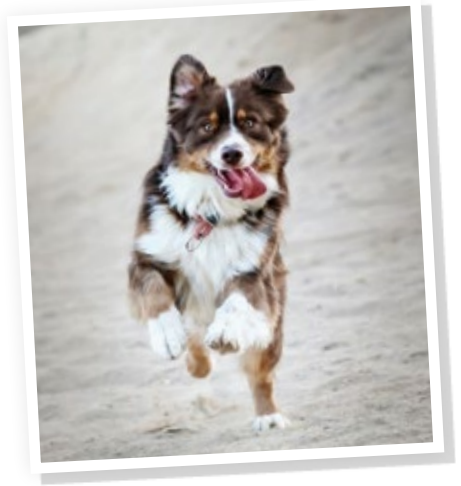
While there are designated areas specifically for dogs to be able to exercise, dog owners need to be aware that, as per our local bylaws, there are also a number of areas within our region which are prohibited to dogs during certain periods of the year and/or certain times of the day.

As well as already-outlined prohibited locations, the following areas are also off-limits to dogs over

the summer months (between 1 December 2021 and 1 March 2022).

- Collingwood Camping Ground
- Ligar Bay Beach (except between 5.00 am and 9.00 am)
- Pākawau Beach – camp frontage
- Patons Rock Beach in front of the settlement
- Tata Beach (every day from sunset to 8.30 am and over the period 20 December to 20 January each year from 10.00 am to 5.00 pm)
- Tukurua Beach – camp frontage
- Little Kaiteriteri Beach (except between 5.00 am and 9.00 am)
- Stephens Bay Beach (except between 5.00 am and 9.00 am)

If you are unsure where you can exercise your dog, please visit our website tasman.govt.nz, and view our dog exercise areas map. The website also outlines our dog bylaw regulations.



Future Development Strategy engagement feedback breaks ground in identifying sites and priorities

Feedback received during the first stages of engagement has helped identify some key preferences and sites of interest to progress the Nelson Tasman 2021 – 2051 Future Development Strategy (FDS).

Initial stakeholder and online community engagement took place in October 2021 and involved the suggestion of sites for consideration as new growth areas.

This engagement phase focused on introducing the project to the community and inviting feedback on the draft outcomes of the FDS. Separate hui were held with iwi, hapū and key stakeholders to help drive participation throughout the rest of the FDS process.

The Council teams have recently completed scoring of over 240 potential growth sites. The majority of these (155) are in the Tasman District, including growth areas

outside of the urban environment in places such as Tapawera, Murchison and Golden Bay.

Feedback received from the community and stakeholders during the engagement process included:

- A preference for intensification over expansion, particularly as it relates to the protection of highly productive land and accessibility.
- The importance of proximity to public transport, jobs and amenities in growth areas.
- Concerns over how affordability is addressed, social housing is provided as well as how the FDS will implement the Carbon Zero Act

and contribute to reduced greenhouse gas emissions.

- Importance of avoiding development in areas vulnerable to natural hazards, in particular sea level rise and flooding.

The draft FDS is expected to be completed by February 2022, followed by public consultation starting in March 2022.

The strategy is then expected to be finalised by July 2022.

More information can be found on our website tasman.govt.nz/fds, or email futuredevelopmentstrategy@tasman.govt.nz.

HOLIDAY HOURS AND SERVICES 2021/2022

WE'RE ALWAYS ON CALL OVER THE HOLIDAYS. FOR URGENT OR EMERGENCY ISSUES YOU CAN CONTACT US 24 HOURS A DAY ON 03 543 8400, OR VIA YOUR LOCAL COUNCIL SERVICE CENTRE NUMBER:
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Service centre hours

All offices and service centres including the AA Agency close at 3.00 pm Friday 24 December. All offices and services centres reopen Wednesday 5 January.

The Murchison service centre will reopen for normal hours between Wednesday 29 and Friday 31 December. It will then be closed between Saturday 1 and Tuesday 4 January, reopening with normal hours Wednesday 5 January.

Library hours

Friday 24 December – all libraries close at 3.00 pm.

Saturday 25, Sunday 26, Monday 27 and Tuesday 28 December – all libraries closed.

Wednesday 29 and Thursday 30 December – libraries open normal hours.

Friday 31 December – libraries open, Murchison closes at 4.00 pm, Richmond, Tākaka and Motueka close at 5.00 pm.

Saturday 1, Sunday 2, Monday 3 and Tuesday 4 January – all libraries closed.

Wednesday 5 January – all libraries open normal hours.

Rubbish and recycling

This year, rubbish and recycling collections over the Christmas and New Year period remain the same across the District due to Christmas and New Year's Day falling on a Saturday.

Our Resource Recovery Centres will be closed on Christmas Day and New Year's Day. Opening hours remain the same otherwise. Opening hours vary for each centre, you can find their regular hours on our website.

Please place your recycling bins and bags on the roadside in a location where our drivers can see them clearly. If you leave the area prior to collection day or have extra, you can drop your official rubbish bags and recycling at any Resource Recovery Centre free of charge.

Kaiteriteri and Mārahau rubbish and recycling

We are increasing the frequency of rubbish collection in Kaiteriteri over the busy summer season. From now until 20 February we will be picking up refuse daily on weekdays. Please ensure your bags are ready for collection by 7.00 am each morning.

There will also be weekly kerbside recycling collections in Kaiteriteri

and Mārahau this summer.

It will be picked up every Monday, starting Monday 27 December.

In Kaiteriteri, recycling can also be taken to the public recycling bin in the carpark opposite the beach.

Do you have more glass recycling than usual?

Please don't over fill your glass recycling crate, if you do, it won't be emptied. The contents can't sit above the top lip of the crate, and it shouldn't weigh more than 12kg. When the crates are overfilled the bottles can fall and break, risking injuries to our collection team and others. You are welcome to put out more than one crate. You can purchase additional crates from any of our Service Centres or Resource Recovery Centres for \$25.

Bus services

No Nbus services will be operating on Christmas Day. On all other public holidays over the Christmas and New Year period, the main routes between Richmond and Nelson will run on a Saturday timetable, and the Richmond Loop service will not be available. Visit nbus.co.nz for more information.

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WATER MATTERS

Rainfall not watering down risk of dry summer

While recent rainfall for Tasman District has eased pressure on our aquifers, only a few weeks of dry and windy conditions could increase the likelihood of water restrictions.

In the four months from July to October 2021 there has been 580mm of rainfall at Richmond, compared with the average of 331mm – 75 percent more than average.

Other areas have also exceeded the average rainfall, with July to October figures across the District between 30

percent (at Devils Boots), 53 percent (at Motupiko) and 55 percent (at Tākaka) higher than average.

The annual average rainfall for Richmond (January – December) is 957mm but this total has already been exceeded. Therefore, it will certainly be an above average year for rainfall.

Senior Water Resource Scientist Joseph Thomas says while the rainfall statistics indicate a good amount of rain has provided more water for river flows and aquifer recharge – residents still need to be aware of how quickly an extended dry spell in the coming three months can affect these conditions.

“Aquifer levels are mainly above normal in most of the District bar the Deep Moutere Aquifers. Most of the District aquifers are rainfall and river recharged and hence respond quickly with rain and high river flows, while the Deep Moutere Aquifers are only rainfall recharged but at a slow rate due to the overlying geology in the recharge area.

“Equally, dry periods with low rainfall and dropping river flows, combined with higher consumptive (irrigation/urban/industrial) demand in the summer, can accelerate drops in aquifer water levels which can lead to water restrictions being imposed.”

July to October rainfall (mm)	2021	Average	% difference
Devils Boots	1,259	964	+30%
Tākaka	1,134	731	+55%
Riwaka Valley	907	665	+36%
Moutere	560	382	+47%
Motupiko	659	432	+53%
Murchison	862	610	+41%
Richmond	580	331	+75%



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The year that was summarised in our Annual Report

Our full Annual Report was adopted on 16 December 2021, outlining our overall performance for the year covering 1 July 2020 to 30 June 2021.

We have 121 targets that we report on through the document. We achieved 75 of our targets fully and a further 10 were within five percent of the target.

Our accounting surplus is \$69.48 million. This is \$47 million higher than budgeted.

This has enabled us to record a lower total net debt position than budgeted, being \$168.9 million against the Annual Plan budget of \$199.7 million.

Among the non-financial performance highlights were 1.1 wastewater complaints per 1,000 connections compared with a mandatory target of 35, and a 1.5 hour median time to respond to urgent water supply call-outs, compared with a 2 hour target.

We also fully achieved nine local government mandatory performance measures in relation to wastewater and stormwater. A further two measures were within five percent of the target.

Throughout the year we have completed some important projects such as the Salisbury Road/Champion Road roundabout upgrade, and made progress on others such as the

Waimea Community Dam. Several of our projects have supported housing growth, especially in Māpua.

Importantly, we also completed the next iteration of Tasman's 10-Year Plan.

Several recreation projects were completed during the year, such as connecting Tapawera to Tasman's Great Taste Trail and the completion of Ngaio Park on the Māpua waterfront.

We have also continued vital work on the Tasman Environment Plan, a project to combine our various resource management tools into a single, comprehensive plan.

You can find a full copy of the Annual Report on our website, tasman.govt.nz/annual-reports.

Resealing roads near you

The Tasman Alliance has started the annual programme of road resealing in various locations throughout Tasman.

Resealing is completed to renew the waterproof layer that protects the road structure and provides skid resistance on the road surface.

Residents directly affected by the works will be notified by a letter drop or door knock prior

to works starting. Thank you for your patience allowing us to undertake this critical work in a timely and safe manner.

For more information, check out the 'current road works and closures page' on our website, tasman.govt.nz.

Covid restrictions in Tasman

Find out more about Council services and facilities under the new Covid-19 Protection Framework (traffic light system) on our website, tasman.govt.nz.

COUNCIL HUI



Meetings resume in February 2022. For the full schedule, visit tasman.govt.nz/meetings-calendar.



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WHAT'S ON IN TASMAN



Richmond Market Day

Thursday 30 December, 9.00 am – 3.00 pm, Queen Street, Richmond.

Shopping, fun and entertainment for all the family at the biggest market in the Top of the South! Market stalls line Queen Street along with fun entertainment such as face painting, buskers, stilt walkers, magicians and more. For more information visit facebook.com/RichmondMarketDay.

Higgins Heritage Park Steam Up and Community Craft Fair

Sunday 2 January, 9.00 am – 3.00 pm, 222 Pigeon Valley Road, Wakefield.

A fabulous day for all with art displays, craft stalls, plants, fresh fruits, a steam traction engine, jigger and honey train rides, food and drinks available and all museum sheds open in a friendly country environment. There's something for everyone! A vaccine pass is required for this event. For more information visit facebook.com/higginspark.

Lunchtime Concerts on Sundial

Every Friday from 14 January to 11 February, 12.00 pm, Sundial Square, Richmond.

Grab your lunch and enjoy free performances from around the world over five Fridays this summer. For updates see tasman.govt.nz/events.

Summer Movies Al Fresco

Friday 7 January, *The World's Fastest Indian*, 9.00 pm, Washbourn Gardens, Richmond.

Sunday 9 January, *International Jam Pot* at 7.30 pm, *The World's Fastest Indian* at 9.00 pm Village Theatre and Junction Green, Tākaka.

Friday 14 January, *Coco*, 9.00 pm, Washbourn Gardens, Richmond.

Pack a picnic and gather the whole whānau – movies start at dusk. If it looks like rain, please text 'Is it on?' to 021 776 623 after 7.30 pm on the night. Please stay in your bubble at the movie with one metre spacing from other bubbles. \$2 adult, \$1 child.

Tata Titanic Cardboard Boat Race

Sunday 9 January, 2.30 pm, Tata Beach, Golden Bay.

\$10 per boat, spectators free. An epic battle of creativity and boat building skills. Build your boat out of cardboard, then race it around a course at Tata Beach. Will you stay afloat, or capsiz? For more information visit recparkcentre.co.nz.

Treasure Hunt

Friday 7 January, 10.00 am – 12.00 pm, Bill Wilkes Reserve, Richmond.

A fun treasure hunt the whole family can enjoy. Meet by the bridge at the

entrance to the reserve. For event updates visit facebook.com/ParksProgramme.

Amazing Race

Friday 14 January, 10.00 am – 12.00 pm, Easby Park, Richmond.

Weave your way through nature as you complete the challenges to make it to the end. This event can be done as an individual, with friends or as a family. Meet by the playground. For event updates visit facebook.com/ParksProgramme.

Art in the Park

Thursday 20 January, 10.00 am – 12.00 pm, Washbourn Gardens, Richmond.

Let the beauty of the surrounds inspire your artistic skills and bring out your creative flair, then top it off with a picnic for the whole family. Meet by the stage area. For event updates visit facebook.com/ParksProgramme.

Activity in a bubble

Need some respite from the sun? Bring your family bubble to Richmond or Tākaka Library for a fun, interactive activity involving robotics, crafts, fort building or some other exciting activity. Just phone Tākaka Library (03 525 0059) or Richmond Library (03 543 8500) for more information and to book your spot. Free.

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