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Pressing play on FDS webinars and public consultation

Public consultation is underway on Tasman District and Nelson City Councils' joint Future Development Strategy (FDS) for the period 2022 – 2052.

The FDS outlines a proposal of consolidated growth focusing largely along State Highway 6. This proposal includes prioritising intensification of housing development in Nelson, Atawhai, Stoke, Richmond, Brightwater, Wakefield, Māpua and Motueka, along with managed expansion around Nelson, Stoke, Richmond, Brightwater, Wakefield and Māpua.

Some managed expansion is proposed around Tasman's rural towns of Murchison, Tapawera, St Arnaud and in Golden Bay.

A secondary part of the proposal is the development of a new community near Tasman Village and a large site at Braeburn Road in Lower Moutere.

The FDS will influence all of our futures; the location and availability of new housing and the types of

housing future generations will be able to live in, so it's essential that we get your feedback.

A consultation document summarising the strategy is now available online, at libraries and service centres. This provides an overview of the proposal, as well as submission forms to provide feedback.

You can also take part in our comprehensive online consultation programme which includes a series of community, stakeholder and general webinars open to everyone:

Community webinars focusing on specific areas:

- Friday 18 March, 6.00 pm
Golden Bay
- Monday 21 March 7.30 pm
Wakefield
- Wednesday 23 March, 6.00 pm
Māpua

- Wednesday 30 March, 7.30 pm
Tasman Village
- Monday 4 April, 7.45 pm
Brightwater
- Wednesday 6 April, 7.15 pm
Rotoiti District
- Monday 11 April, 1.30 pm
Murchison

Community webinars hosted by both Tasman and Nelson Councils:

- Thursday 24 March, 7.30 pm
- Monday 28 March, 12.30 pm
- Tuesday 5 April, 7.30 pm

Public consultation on the FDS continues until 5.00 pm 14 April 2022.

To take part in a webinar or make a submission, go to tasman.govt.nz/fds.

MEET YOUR REPRESENTATIVES



Councillor Celia Butler – Golden Bay Ward

Change on many fronts continues to keep us all on our toes. In this column, as a Golden Bay Ward representative, I am taking the opportunity to focus on our Council staff, who are all affected by the fast-moving changes.

CEO Janine Dowding has taken up a major government role for one year as Executive Director of the Local Government Reform process. I, along with other councillors, offer my congratulations and support both for Janine and Leonie Rae who is filling the CEO position while Janine is

away. Leonie has been the Council's deputy CEO and head of Operations.

During my time on Council so far, and that time has flown, I see that Council staff are its greatest asset; without the staff, there is no Council.

The legislative changes coming thick and fast from the government bring challenges for both staff, councillors and our community. For example, the long wait for some resource consent applications to be processed is due to a nationwide shortage of planners. A thought

to bear in mind when considering careers is that Local Government is nowadays an interesting, varied and challenging place to work.

It is appreciated that the vaccine mandate for our libraries is difficult for some unvaccinated who are used to spending time there. Protection of staff and users of the library are paramount concerns and an operational decision, not a vote in Council. It is being reviewed regularly in these uncertain times.



CEO to head Local Government Reforms

Our CEO Janine Dowding has moved into a new role heading the National Working Group charged with delivering the reform of New Zealand's local government sector.

As the Executive Director of the Review into the Future for Local Government, Janine will lead a team under the Department of Internal Affairs. She moved into the position on 14 March.

The role is a secondment of one year to the Department of Internal Affairs from her current Chief Executive role in Tasman.

The Council, in giving its support, has effectively suspended Janine's contract for the duration of the secondment to enable her to return and complete her contract term.

Janine is looking forward to taking all she's learned in Tasman and the wider Local Government sector into the new role and with the support of her sector colleagues, making a positive contribution to the future of New Zealand's local government.

Leonie Rae, previously deputy CEO and head of Operations, has taken over the CEO role in Janine's absence.

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Councillor Anne Turley, Marion Satherley, David Martin, Mayor Tim King



Merit deserved for Māpua's Marion Satherley

Chances are that if an event has happened in Māpua, or a community issue needed to be dealt with, Marion Satherley has had a hand in it.

Marion's steadfast dedication to Māpua has been recognised with a Tasman District Council Outstanding Community Service Award.

In the 1980's when she realised the village's economy was being held back by a lack of suitably zoned land, Marion successfully lobbied the Council to allow the development of a light industrial area.

That process highlighted a need for local businesses to have a voice and was the catalyst for the formation of the Māpua and Districts Business Association, Marion was the liaison between it and the Community Association.

Around this time she became involved with the local Playcentre and Hall Committee and was instrumental in reshaping the now legendary Māpua Easter Fair, which back in the early 90s raised enough money for the Playcentre to get its own building.

Marion joined a group of concerned parents when there was strife at the local school and battled to get the Ministry of Education to act and make positive changes.

Her focus then turned to the Māpua Waterfront Working Group, which was in its infancy. Marion is still a member of the group and has been a keen driver of many projects including the development of Ngaio Park Reserve. She was also the chair and is current secretary of the Māpua and Districts Community Association.

Councillor Anne Turley who nominated Marion for the award says she goes the extra mile to ensure newcomers to the village feel welcome and continues to work hard to see that Māpua continues to thrive.

New raised zebra crossings for Salisbury Road

Salisbury Road will have new raised pedestrian crossings by the middle of this year.

In January 2021 we installed speed cushions approaching the zebra crossings on Salisbury Road. It was part of a Salisbury Road schools safety trial initiative responding to concerns the Police and schools had over safety in the area.

The feedback from the Police and schools has been positive so we are now going to install permanent raised zebra crossings, like those already in place at the Champion/Salisbury Road roundabout. These raised crossings help to keep vehicle speeds low and people safe at these busy pedestrian crossing points.

The crossings will be built as part of the tidy up process at the end of the Salisbury Road watermain installation project.

As part of the changes, the temporary speed cushions will be removed, but the cycle lane separators will be retained.



Thinking ahead for peace of mind

There is no age limit. No matter what your age, the best time to plan is now. Pre-planning and pre-payment leaves nothing to chance and gives you and your family one less thing to worry about. We are here to help answer your questions



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Have you seen the Blue Passion Flower pest plant?

Blue Passion Flower (*Passiflora caerulea*) is a climbing vine with 5–7 lobes on each thin mature leaf. It produces attractive white and purple hanging flowers 6–9 cm in diameter, from December to April. These are followed by round, inedible fruits, 3–5 cm in diameter, green ripening to yellow orange.

It is a rapidly growing vine that forms large masses in medium to high canopy, smothering vegetation and strangling host trees. It is mainly spread by birds, which can distribute the seed a moderate distance from the source plant. It can also grow from layering, putting down roots where stems touch the ground.

It is not currently included as a target species in our pest management plan, as it is a very recent emerging pest in our District. However, it is included in the National Pest Plant Accord, meaning it is an unwanted organism, and the sale, distribution or propagation of the plant is banned.

A significant new infestation was discovered in Nelson in 2021. Alarmingly, several moderate infestations have recently been discovered in Richmond, Hope and Murchison, and single plants at Best Island and Kaiteriteri.

This serious pest plant has not yet taken hold in Tasman, and we need your help to keep it that way. It will be

flowering and fruiting right now, so it is at the most visible stage. It is also the best time for control before the fruits drop and the seeds are spread.

If you think you have Blue Passion Flower on your property, or think you have seen it in the District, please urgently notify us on 03 543 8400.



Battery fires causing disruption

More than 10 tonnes of recycling had to be sent to landfill following a recent fire at the Materials Recovery Facility in Richmond.

The Richmond plant, which is run by Smart Environmental, was shut for three days while damaged machinery was repaired. That closure meant that half of all kerbside recycling during that period had to go directly to landfill.

Investigators believe this latest fire was again caused by a lithium-ion battery from a discarded cellphone.

Tasman Operations Manager Andy Cardwell says the battery disposal situation is becoming a real problem.

He says in the latest emergency it was fortunate that quick work by

firefighters managed to contain the flames to a relatively small area.

“If it had spread into the recycling that was waiting to be processed, the result could have been catastrophic with potentially toxic fumes being released.”

This was one of a dozen fires at that facility and several other Tasman Resource Recovery Centres in the past 12 months. Our contractors are dealing with fires from these devices and large batteries from power tools that are not being disposed of correctly as well.

Andy says it is crucial that people carefully think about the way they dispose of old electronics – often known as ‘e-waste.’

You can drop batteries off for free at most Council Service Centres and all five Resource Recovery Centres.

Cellphones can be recycled through REmobile at Spark, Vodafone, 2degrees, Resene and Noel Leeming stores. E-waste (including batteries and cellphones) can be recycled at Weka Pekas Recycling near Motueka, and the Nelson Environment Centre.



Penguin protection plans for Port Tarakohe

Community input is being sought on a request to build a fence and restrict access to part of Port Tarakohe in Golden Bay to protect the breeding grounds of Little Blue Penguins.

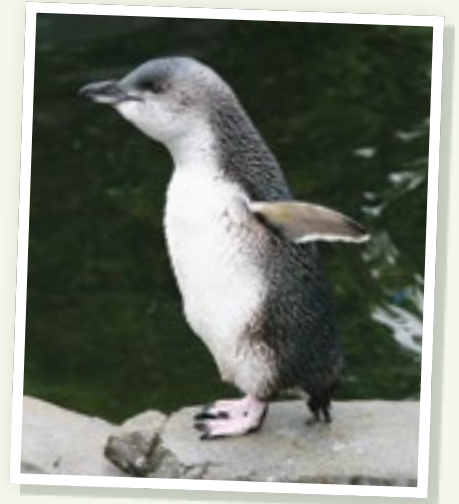
Representatives of the Mōhua/ Golden Bay Blue Penguin Trust have asked that we act to improve the protection of the colony at the Port.

The Trust want us to build a fence, including a locked gate, on the western arm of the Port to protect nesting penguins and prevent unsupervised public access during the nesting and fledgling session, from June through to February each year.

The estimated cost of installing the fence and gate is about \$20,000.

Because the fence is proposed to be built on public reserve land, we need to seek community feedback on the idea. Our Strategy and Policy Committee has agreed to ask the public for input on the proposal which is open for comment until Thursday 14 April.

Details are available on our website, tasman.govt.nz/feedback, and from our service centres and libraries.



Golden Bay Easter Sunday Trading Policy adopted

We have adopted an Easter Sunday Trading Policy, enabling shops throughout the Golden Bay Ward to trade on Easter Sunday if they wish.

The new policy will be in effect for Easter Sunday 2022, which falls on 17 April.

In May 2021, we delegated to the Golden Bay Community Board the power to prepare an Easter Sunday Trading Policy for the Golden Bay Ward, up to but not including its adoption, under the Shop Trading Hours Act 1990.

Consultation on a draft policy was undertaken from 29 October to 5 December 2021, allowing interested parties to submit before the Christmas period.

The Board acted as the Submissions Hearing and Deliberations Panel and met on 26 January 2022 to hear submitters and consider the

26 submissions received. The Board then voted to recommend that the policy be adopted by the Council.

In making the decision, it was acknowledged that Easter Sunday continues to be a day of significance for many – for religious reasons or because of the holiday weekend, many would rather not work. Under the Act, employees can still choose not work on Easter Sunday.

The Council and the Board also recognised the importance of tourism-related trading to the Golden Bay economy. Enabling local shops to choose whether they open

on Easter Sunday will help attract and support visitors to the region over the Easter period.

We will be asking for feedback around adopting a similar policy in other Wards during the next residents survey, which will take place in May 2022.

Enforcement of the Act is carried out by the Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment. Employers and employees in Golden Bay are encouraged to become familiar with their obligations and rights under the Act.





Significant ramifications for Tasman from new government drinking water rules

This year, our community's water supplies will become subject to greater scrutiny and will need to meet higher standards for safety and environmental stewardship.

The new Government water services regulator Taumata Arowai is charged with making sure all drinking water supplies meet the new requirements and will have some strong enforcement powers to ensure councils and private water providers comply.

Taumata Arowai and the Water Services Act 2021 are a direct result of the Havelock North drinking water crisis in 2016, when contaminated drinking water caused

an outbreak of gastroenteritis that saw 5000 people fall sick.

There will be implications for us as a Council, including increased costs, but there will also be significant ramifications for many members of our community with private water supplies. The new rules apply to any water scheme that supplies more than one household – affecting anyone with a bore or storage tanks that even one or two neighbours also draw water from.

This could include the likes of farms supplying water to worker accommodation. However, it doesn't apply to properties that have a private water supply solely for the use of a single household.

Taumata Arowai is currently seeking public feedback on several drinking water aspects of the regulations, including drinking water standards, quality assurance rules, aesthetic values, environmental performance measures and acceptable solutions for roof water supplies, rural agricultural water supplies and spring and bore water supplies.

Public submissions close on 28 March.

It is extremely important that everyone on a private water supply in Tasman is aware of the implications.

Further information is available at taumataarowai.govt.nz

Cost increases for the Waimea Community Dam

Providing long-term benefits of a high quality, safe and enduring dam remains a priority, despite a recent reforecast of the cost to build the Waimea Community Dam.

Waimea Water Limited (WWL) recently advised shareholders of a revised estimated cost of completion for the dam to \$185 million, requiring an additional \$20 million from the earlier estimate in June last year.

Continued challenges with geology, inflation and construction pressures arising from the pandemic are key among the reasons for cost increases.

The dam is now 70 percent complete with significant elements now constructed, including the rock-filled

embankment, lower spillway, flip-bucket and plinths.

WWL reported that it expects the dam structures to be completed between July and September this year, ready for the reservoir to be filled this spring.

However, the risk of delay remains due to further Covid-19 site restrictions, resource and material constraints within a very constrained construction sector and the delivery of internationally sourced components.

Tasman Mayor Tim King said the latest estimate was another blow in an incredibly challenging project, but it was important that the dam continues to be engineered and built to the highest standard.

"Unfortunately, we have struck the most challenging time to build a large and complex infrastructure project".

"In the face of such challenges, it is easy to lose sight of just how important the dam is to the future of our District."

"Once finished, the dam will secure the region's water supply for the next 100 years, improve water quality, accommodate growth, and underpin the economy".

We will consider the impacts of the cost increase and options to respond by the end of March as part of the annual planning process for the 2022 – 2023 year.

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Covid restrictions in Tasman

Get the latest information about Council services and facilities under the Covid-19 Protection Framework (traffic light system) on our website, tasman.govt.nz.

Did you win a Prezzy Card?

Thank you to everyone who took part in our recent communication survey! Your feedback will help us provide you with the information you want, and in the best way possible.

The winners of the five \$50 Prezzy Cards are Jillian Eyles (Richmond), Margaret de Morton (Motueka/Riwaka), Frank and Wendy McKay (Richmond), Terry Beach (Richmond) and Gaye Waide (Māpua/Ruby Bay/Tasman).

In the next issue, we will provide a summary of the feedback we received.

Need help with rural sports?

The Sport NZ Rural Travel Fund offers help with travel costs for rural sports clubs and rural school teams. The fund helps young people aged 5 – 19 participate in local sports competitions. Sport NZ fully funds the Rural Travel Fund, which we administer locally on their behalf. The next funding round closes on 30 April 2022. For more information visit tasman.govt.nz/grants.

Lower Queen Street resurfacing repairs

The Tasman Alliance will be doing pavement repairs and resurfacing on Lower Queen Street between Stratford Street and Gladstone Road/Richmond Deviation from Monday 28 – Thursday 31 March between 7.00 pm and 7.00 am.

Due to the amount of traffic using this intersection during the day, it is scheduled for night works. If weather conditions are poor, work will be done the next fine night. The work will be done with as little disruption and noise as reasonably practicable. Work that requires machinery that makes more noise will aim to be done before 8.00 pm.

Traffic restrictions: The left turn lane, straight ahead and right turn lanes at the traffic signals on Lower Queen Street at Gladstone Road will be intermittently closed on these nights. The detour route will be via McGlashen/McIndoe/Queen Street. The North bound lane on Lower Queen Street from Gladstone Road travelling towards Stratford Street will remain open. Drivers of heavy vehicles are advised to travel via Gladstone Road to The Appleby Hwy (SH60) and then McShane Road to get back on to Lower Queen Street and the same route in the opposite direction of travel.

If you have any concerns, please contact Steve Elkington on 03 543 8575.

COUNCIL HUI



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

Submissions Hearing (Draft Wastewater Bylaw)
Thursday 24 March, 1.00 pm

Nelson-Tasman Regional Landfill Business Unit
Friday 25 March, 9.30 am

Tasman Regional Transport Committee
Tuesday 29 March, 9.30 am.
No public forum

Golden Bay Rec Park Management Committee
Wednesday 30 March, 9.30 am.
No public forum

Full Council
Thursday 31 March, 9.00 am

Operations Committee
Thursday 31 March, 11.00 am

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WHAT'S ON IN TASMAN



Christine Leunens author talk

Thursday 31 March, 6.30 pm,
Richmond Library.

Join us for an evening with Christine Leunens, Nelson's internationally renowned bestselling author of *Caging Skies* – adapted to the Academy Award-winning film *Jojo Rabbit*. Christine will be talking about her new book, *In Amber's Wake*, "a powerful tale of love, loss, obsession, and destructive choices, interwoven with seismic political events" (NZ Listener). Bookings are essential. To book your spot, phone 03 543 8500 or email library@tasman.govt.nz. My Vaccine Pass required. Free.

Three Languages Poetry Competition

Richmond, Murchison and Tākaka libraries are running an exciting poetry competition which we want everyone to enter! To enter, you need to write a poem of no more than

50 words which includes the words maunga (mountain), awa (river), moana (ocean), whenua (land) and whānau (family). You can compose your poem in te reo Māori, English, NZ Sign, or a combination of these. Simply drop your poem at a participating library, or email it to pania.walton@tasman.govt.nz by 31 March. Terms and conditions apply.

Be in to win with the Motueka Library

From Saturday 19 – Friday 25 March at the new Motueka Library on Decks Reserve, Wallace Street, either join the library or use your Tasman District Libraries card and be in to win one of three \$50 gift baskets. To join the library, simply drop in to the library with your personal ID such as a driver's licence or a bank card. If you are under 18 years of age, you will need a parent or guardian to sign on your behalf.

New access system operating at Port Tarakohe launching ramp

The Port Tarakohe boat ramp barrier arm has been upgraded and there is now a new access system in place.

The new system no longer accepts coins – it's cashless and operates by Tap-n-Go.

Initially there were a few teething problems, and the barrier arm was damaged by someone attempting to raise it manually.

The new arm can be activated remotely by Port Tarakohe staff, so if users discover a problem, please contact the port manager and he can lift the barrier.

Users can now pay by EFTPOS, credit card and PayWave or the annual swipe card system which is still available.



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