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First separated cycle lanes hit the road

The first phase of our Richmond Streets for People programme is underway with a test installation of separated cycleways on Salisbury Road.

This is the beginning of a project that comes with \$2.4m in Government funding that will create a network of safe walking and cycling spaces across Richmond.

Another project, which received \$840,000 from the Government, is underway on Māpua's Aranui Road.

Over the past three months, a group of community representatives have worked alongside our traffic engineers to come up with preferred designs.

On Salisbury Road, we're constructing cycle lanes that are about two metres wide on either side of the road with

800mm high plastic separators to create a distance between the vehicle lane and riders.

The test area is between the two raised crossings outside Waimea Intermediate School.

To allow space for the new separated cycle lanes, the existing painted median has been narrowed.

We will be asking our community to supply feedback on this new road layout after a few weeks of use, then we will reassess this pilot project at the start of April and make any necessary refinements.

We will install this infrastructure permanently in the future once we've received feedback and tweaked the layout if necessary.

For further details and background information, including a computer-generated video fly-through of the project visit shape.tasman.govt.nz/streets-people.

Salisbury Road is just the first site of the Richmond Streets for People project. Wensley Road, Queen Street, Hill Street and Champion Road will be going through a similar co-design process in the coming months.

Councillor Celia Butler, Golden Bay Ward

The holiday season is in full swing here in the Bay. Overseas tourists are back, mingling with Kiwi holiday makers.

Cafes, shops and galleries are humming, especially with the spells of wet weather, and the movie theatre is often full of visitors taking the opportunity to see Avatar and other films.

With some financial help from the Council, Golden Bay Promotions have kept the Visitor Centre open right through the border closures and the staff deserve a medal for that. Hopefully, the member



businesses are doing well. Bringing Kiwibank into the Visitor Centre has been worth the challenge.

Seeing visitors and locals enjoy beaches and rivers is rewarding for me as a Councillor, as we are so lucky to have clean swimming rivers and beaches as shown by Council monitoring. The prevailing easterlies have provided more than usual calm seas for kayaks.



There is a rich variety of campervans about once more, many still with the familiar blue self-contained stickers. With compliance staff working behind the scenes, freedom camping hasn't been noticeable thanks to the Freedom Camping Bylaw which seems to have lifted a weight off the District. The new pump station for self-contained campers in Motupipi Street will ease some parking pressure in the carpark too.

Show us your skills this summer

It's time to show us what you've got in this year's annual Skatepark Series. This annual summer event is a great chance to show off skateboarding, BMX and scootering skills and compete against other contestants from around Tasman and Nelson.

The series kicks off at McGazzaland in Wakefield on 11 February then moves to the Motueka Skatepark on 18 February followed by Richmond Skatepark on 4 March, and finishing up at Neale Park in Nelson on 18 March.

Alongside the four main events, there will be several smaller events, fun hands-on sessions with lessons

provided by a professional local instructor and skateboarding demonstrations by local athletes.

There will be a fundraising BBQ at each event hosted by Skate Nelson Bays, a subsidiary group of the Nelson Host Lions Club. Proceeds from the fundraiser will go towards ongoing work done by Skate Nelson Bays to improve wheel sports facilities and host more fun events around the region.

Entries can be taken on the day of each competition and helmets are compulsory for all competitors. You can also pre-register by private messaging @skatenelsonbays on



Instagram with your details, or you can enter in-store at CheapSkates Nelson.

Competition categories are Skateboard, BMX Bikes/Bikes and Scooters with age groups of under 12 years old, 12 to 17 years old and an open section for 18+ years.

Keep an eye on the Tasman Skatepark Series Facebook page or tasmanyouthhub.co.nz for updates.

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Nothing sweet about pest plant chocolate vine

Chocolate vine (*Akebia*) is listed as a sustained control pest in the Tasman-Nelson Regional Pest Management Plan (RPMP).

While it is too widespread to eradicate, the goal is to ensure that infestations don't cause significant impacts to property and native habitats.

Chocolate vine fills a similar ecological niche to old man's beard, and left unchecked will spread to neighbouring properties, smothering other plants.

It's a fast-growing vine that mainly spreads by growth, but its seeds are also spread by birds.

Chocolate vine thrives in shady conditions. It can spread rapidly across the ground, forming dense mats that prevent new seedlings from growing

and smothering native ground cover, shrubs and young trees.

You can see fragrant purple chocolate/vanilla smelling flowers from August to October. Seed pods contain white pulp and small black seeds that are spread by birds from October onwards.

Under the RPMP, the occupier is responsible for chocolate vine control on their property. We recommend that vines are either dug out or sprayed.

If spraying, cut vines at waist height and then spray below this point with either:

- 150 ml *Glyphosate 360* and 10 ml of penetrant /10 litres or;
- 60 ml *triclopyr 600 EC* and 10 ml penetrant /10 litres.



If foliar spray is unsuitable, glyphosate gels can be used. Cut vines near the ground and apply a small amount of gel to both sides of the cut.

Once under control, replant with native akakiore (*parsonsia heterophylla*), puawhananga (*clematis paniculata*) or one of the many non-weedy, exotic climbers available in garden centres.

Tell-tale tracks drive estuary care reminder

We are asking everyone visiting our coastal and estuary areas to be aware of preserving the biodiversity of these locations and what effect their actions might have on their environment.

Recently, we've discovered some significant damage to an important planting site which is part of our Waimea Delta Wetland Enhancement project.

Unfortunately, this is not an isolated event. We have also seen similar damage occurring to Kuawa sedgeland also located in the enhancement area.

Elsewhere in the District, community concerns have also been raised around vehicles operating in close proximity to significant shorebird nesting areas, particularly in Golden Bay / Mohua.

The Waimea Delta damage appears to have been caused by ATV / quad bikes being driven through the plantings.

It is possible that this particular incident might have been accidental or that the damage happened while riding in darkness.

Nonetheless, actions like this derail the hard work that we and others within the community have put in to rejuvenate the area.

As well as creating a thriving wetland, we want to ensure the Waimea Delta is a safe environment for the wildlife making a home there.

The site has been selected by several experts as having huge potential for restoring habitat for marsh birds including the critically endangered matuku (Australasian bittern).

Please – take care of what's beneath your feet when walking through the vicinity of the enhancement area, refrain from using vehicles and watch for signage indicating vulnerable spots.



Make sure you count

The next census is on Tuesday 7 March 2023 and it's important that we are involved because it helps us set the future direction of Tasman District.

The census is a nationwide survey that happens every five years and every person in the country on the night of Tuesday 7 March 2023 needs to fill it out.

By taking part in the census, you help create a better understanding of your community and what it needs.

People's responses are combined to produce statistics that provide a picture of life in Aotearoa New Zealand and how it is changing.

Your identity is kept private and confidential.

Census information provides us with practical data to make decisions about funding and the provision of Council services that affect you, your whānau and your community.

Stats NZ is doing some things differently this year.

There will be more census collectors and greater assistance for people who want help filling out their census forms.

You will have more choice about how you take part too by either filling out census forms online or on paper, and there will be more alternate formats to support disabled people.



Stats NZ will deliver instructions about how to do the 2023 Census to every place where people live or stay. Look out for these instructions from next month.

To learn more about the 2023 Census, visit census.govt.nz.

Input on inlet management sought

The Waimea Inlet Coordination Group is seeking your feedback on a revised draft Waimea Inlet Management Strategy and Action Plan.

The Waimea Estuary is the second largest estuary (3,462 ha) in the South Island. It is a shallow, tidal lagoon type estuary with a large barrier sand island (Motuora / Rabbit Island) separating the estuary from Tasman Bay.

It is home to internationally significant migratory bird species and nationally significant rushland values and other endangered or threatened species. These include birds such as bartailed godwit, white heron, royal spoonbill, little egret, Australasian bittern, and banded rail, and plants such as coastal peppergrass and grey salt bush.

The new draft Plan aims to improve the health of the Inlet and people's enjoyment of this special place.

The Waimea Inlet Management Strategy was created in 2010 to bring together groups committed to the sustainable future of the Waimea Inlet.

These groups include Tasman District and Nelson City Councils, Tasman Environmental Trust, Department of Conservation, Fish and Game, Te Taihū iwi, and other local community organisations.

In 2015, these groups formed an inter-agency coordination group to commit resources to the Strategy, creating the Waimea Inlet Action Plan in 2019.

Together we have been implementing this plan and making significant progress in protecting and restoring the health of the Inlet.



The current Strategy and Action Plan along with annual reports on the group's progress can be viewed at tasman.govt.nz, search 'Waimea Inlet Management Strategy'.

Written feedback can be submitted online at tasman.govt.nz/feedback until 10 March 2023.

Community projects \$5.64 million Better Off after funding approval

We recently received approval for \$5.64 million to benefit community and iwi outcomes through tranche one of the Government's Three Waters Better Off Support Package.

This is part of a \$22.55 million total allocation to the Council in recognition of the significant transfer of responsibility for three waters service delivery.

Chief Executive Leonie Rae said the funding is "a meaningful investment that will make Tasman an even better place to live, work and play through the delivery of initiatives, with projects spread across every ward."

A series of workshops, discussions and meetings with community boards, Te Taihū iwi, and local Councils in 2022 helped identify projects that would most benefit the top of the south.

With the funding agreement signed, we are now able to kick off this work in 2023.

Investing in community facilities	\$735,000
Waimea Community Facility	\$200,000
Motueka Community Pool	\$100,000
Te Noninga Kumu / Motueka Library	\$70,000
Tapawera Community Hub	\$50,000
Moutere Hills Community Centre	\$140,000
Whai Oranga Wellbeing Centre	\$75,000
Marae contributions	\$100,000
Supporting recreation activities	\$1,290,000
Tākaka Youth Bike and Skate Park	\$50,000
Murchison Pump Track and Playground	\$250,000
Moturoa / Rabbit Island	\$435,000
Kingsland Forest Park	\$555,000
Active and public transport projects	\$1,740,000
Transport Choices (Waka Kotahi co-funded)	\$717,000
Streets for People (Waka Kotahi co-funded)	\$333,000
Pōhara and Kaiteriteri shared pathways (MBIE co-funded)	\$490,000
Motupipi Street footpath extension	\$200,000
Te Taihū iwi / Council cadetship scheme	\$300,000
Urban Development Agency – investigation study, jointly with NCC*	\$75,000
Water Services Act 2021 – work to meet the new requirements	\$1,000,000
Programme management – supporting project delivery and reporting	\$500,000

*Nelson City Council

The Citizens Advice Bureau Nelson Tasman needs you!

If you've ever wondered what to do about a noisy neighbour, if there's a group of Morris Dancers in the area, or what grants are available for your group, you've probably contacted the Citizens Advice Bureau Nelson Tasman (CAB).

After serving NZ communities for over 50 years, CABNZ is one of our most widely recognised and trusted organisations. Last year, over 255,000 people talked to a CAB volunteer, and more than 10 million website pages were viewed at cab.org.nz.

In Nelson Tasman, CAB volunteers answer all kinds of questions. For example, what to do when you've bought a lemon, want suggestions for a 90th birthday venue, or your rights with housing, employment, relationships, immigration, powers of attorney etc.

Sometimes questions need a bit of creative research, like discussing ideas with a man about a special birthday present for his wife of 50 years or helping settle an argument by researching an obscure historical fact.

Volunteers say the variety of questions is fascinating, researching answers keeps their brains agile,

and they enjoy learning new things, helping people, and drawing on their life skills and wisdom.

As more services go online, call centres go off-shore and printed forms and information are reduced, CAB provides an important people-centred service for folk who prefer talking things through.

Will you be one of them? The friendly CAB team are searching for more volunteers for 2023.

If this sounds like you, contact CAB Nelson Tasman before Tuesday 7 February on 03 548 2117 or nelsontasman@cab.org.nz.

Motueka Stopbank Phase Two nears completion

We've made some great progress on our Lower Motueka River stopbank refurbishment project, with four of the five sites essentially complete and providing over 3km of flood protection measures.

Phase One was completed in late 2021 and Phase Two started in March 2022. Phase Two involved work at River Road, Lyndhurst Drive, Parker Street and Douglas Road.

We have now reached the finishing stages of these locations, while work

is progressing well on an extension of work at the end of Whakarewa Street.

Repairs have involved adding compacted clay-fill to sections of the existing stopbank. The aim is to resolve two types of issues:

- Raising the crest of the stopbank in areas where it is no longer high enough to provide protection from a 1-in-50-year flood event.
- Repairing the stopbank in areas where it might have weaknesses that could cause it to fail in a large flood event.

The refurbishment improves the integrity of the stopbanks and provides safer access for ongoing maintenance.

Funding of \$10 million has been made available for refurbishment to improve their condition and provide additional climate change resilience.

The project has received \$7.5 million of funding from Kānoa – Regional Economic Development & Investment Unit. This funding contributes towards projects that build more resilient river communities.

Phase Three work is due to start soon at Peach Island and the Plant and Food Research Centre. We are also working with iwi to explore opportunities for environmental rejuvenation.

All sites are scheduled for completion by the end of summer 2024.



Toxic algae warning for Wai-iti

At the time of printing, toxic algae coverage in the Wai-iti River has approached high enough levels to be a serious risk to dogs and potentially those playing in the river if they are not careful to avoid it.

The toxic algae is now a problem in the lower Wai-iti, but parts of some other rivers such as the Waimea, Motueka, Lower Motupiko, Sherry, Moutere, Tākaka and potentially other rivers could be affected also.

The popular swimming sites on the Lee River and Roding River do not appear to be affected.

The warning will be in place until the next rainfall event that will cause enough flow to wash the toxic algae off the rocks.

It starts as mats on the bed of the river but can become detached and accumulate at the shoulders of the river and around debris on the banks after long periods of low flow.

All dog owners and parents with toddlers should become familiar with what the algae looks and feels like. It can also have a distinctive musty smell which is attractive to dogs. However, it is usually only a



problem if the dog eats it. If you do see any of this alga, it would be wise to put your dog on a lead, and we strongly advise preventing your dog from scavenging or playing in or near the water if the alga is present.

If you, your dog or other animals are sick after being in or near the affected river, consult your doctor or vet immediately.

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Tasman's 2021/2022 year summarised in Annual Report

Our 2021/2022 Annual Report document was adopted by Council in December, outlining our overall performance for the year covering 1 July 2021 to 30 June 2022.

Delivering our usual services and continuing to adapt to a fast-changing world has provided challenges, particularly with the ongoing impact of a pandemic, supply chain issues and coming to grips with far-reaching government reforms.

However, we were able to fully or nearly achieve the majority (73%) of our performance targets over the 12 months.

Some of the key projects we achieved included:

- Opening the new Motueka Library, Te Noninga Kumu.
- Salisbury Road water pipeline upgrade.
- Pomona Road reservoir upgrade.
- The new Tasman Wastewater Bylaw.
- Moutere-Waimea Ward Reserve Management Plan finalised.
- Walking and cycling improvements across Tasman.
- Motueka Town Catchment Management Plan adopted.

In terms of our financial performance:

- Our Standard and Poor's credit rating is 'AA with a stable outlook'.
- General revenue has increased as a result of growth in the District being higher than expected.
- Total rates revenue for the year was \$82.31 million, and revenue from all other sources totalled \$170.40 million.
- We are in a lower total net debt position than budgeted, being \$212.5 million against the Annual Plan budget of \$217 million.
- Total net assets now total \$2.14 billion – an increase of \$375.8 million since 2021.
- There was an operating surplus of \$23.5 million against the budgeted surplus of \$19.8 million.
- Our accounting surplus is \$92.6 million – \$68.5 million higher than the budget.

Copies of the report and summary are available on our website, tasman.govt.nz.

NEWSLINE UPDATES



Maritime events

Event activity: Tata Titanic Cardboard Boat Race

Date and location: Sunday 29 January 2023, Tata Beach, Golden Bay

Event activity: Nolex 22 Racing (Nationals)

Date and location: Saturday 4 to Monday 6 February 2023, Port Motueka

Event activity: Waka Ama Racing

Date and location: Saturday 11 and Sunday 12 February 2023, Kerr Bay, Lake Rotoiti

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

COUNCIL HUI



Meetings will take place in person and via Zoom. For details and the Zoom link visit tasman.govt.nz/meetings-calendar. Unless otherwise stated, all meetings will be held at Council Chambers, 189 Queen Street, Richmond.

Saxton Field Committee

Tuesday 7 February, 9.30 am.
Saxton Netball Pavilion, Stoke.

Submissions Hearing – Best Island Recreational Reserve

Tuesday 7 February, 9.30 am.

Joint Nelson Tasman Regional Transport Committee

Friday 10 February, 2.00 pm.
No public forum

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Tasman Asian Night Food Fair

Saturday 11 February, 4.00 pm – 9.00 pm, Washbourn Gardens, Richmond. Free.

Celebrating cultural diversity with Asian food and entertainment – a wonderful opportunity to learn about other cultures. If wet, the event will be rescheduled to Sunday 12 February.

Tata Titanic Cardboard Boat Race

Sunday 29 January, 10.00 am, 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 capsizes? A very fun event for spectators and competitors.

Summer Movies Al Fresco

Sunday 5 February, Whina, Decks Reserve, Motueka.

Gather a group, a picnic, load up the couch and join us from 7.30 pm to play giant board games, talk with each other and watch the glorious summer sunset. Movie starts at dusk. \$2 adult, \$1 child. If it looks like rain, please text 'Is it on?' to 021 776 623 after 7.30 pm on the night.

Wellby Talking Cafés

- **Tuesday 14 February, 10.00 am – 11.30 am, Burning Edge Café Tapawera.**
- **Tuesday 14 February, 1.30 pm – 3.00 pm, Richmond Library.**
- **Wednesday 15 February, 10.00 am – 11.30 am, Motueka Library.**

Wellby Talking Cafés welcome everyone for a relaxed cuppa to start your journey connecting with others who enjoy the same things. You can pop in for a quick chat or stay for a longer conversation with friendly people. There is no need to register, just turn up on the day.

Discover more about Te Tiriti o Waitangi / Treaty of Waitangi

Wednesday 1 February, 6.00 pm – 8.00 pm, Richmond library.

Nau mai, haere mai ki ngā tangata katoa. We're holding an introductory workshop for newcomers and other interested community members to learn about the Treaty of Waitangi.

Every year on 6 February we enjoy a public holiday: Waitangi Day, which marks the signing of the Treaty of Waitangi.

Would you like to gain a better understanding of New Zealand's founding document?

- What is the relevance of Te Tiriti for (new) residents of Aotearoa?
- Which historic events have happened since the first signing?
- How has it been interpreted and what was the impact of this?
- What does this mean for us and our responsibilities today?

Registration is essential as places are limited. Contact 027 700 3139 or birte.becker-steel@tasman.govt.nz.

Fortune favours the bold

Teens! It's time to put pen to paper and turn your poetic genius into poetic glory as you write a poem based on the phrase 'fortune favours the bold'. Simply email cat.budai@tasman.govt.nz with your original poem by 1 February and be in to win!

Film fest

If you love classic films and documentaries, then you need to check out our monthly Movie Night and DocFest screenings at Richmond Library. February's screenings are black and white 1934 classic *The Gay Divorcee* on 8 February, and *Matisse: Exhibition On Screen* on 20 February, both at 6.30 pm. To book your spot phone 03 543 8500. Free.



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