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**Tasman, show your
community unity.**

**WE HAVE ADOPTED A
COMMUNITY FOLLOWING
CYCLONE GABRIELLE.
READ MORE ON
PAGE TWO.**

**ADOPT A
COMMUNITY**

**Ko Tātou
LGNZ.**

Green light for Motueka Skatepark upgrade

All systems are go for a full revamp of Motueka's skatepark, which even comes with a volcano at its centre!

We needed about \$370,000 to pay for the upgrade and a recent successful application to the New Zealand Community Trust for the final \$60,000 means it can now get started.

The additional \$312,000 of funding is made up of \$50,000 from Motueka Ward Reserves Financial

Contributions, \$40,000 from the Motueka Community Board, \$80,000 from the Rātā Foundation and \$142,000 from the Lottery Community Facilities Fund.

The project has been in the pipeline since 2018 when a group of BMX riders asked the Motueka Community Board for something a little more extreme at the 20-year-old park on Old Wharf Road.

We then asked people in the community what they'd like to see

incorporated into the facility and a preliminary design was put together.

This was tweaked to cater for multiple types of use, including skaters and scooter riders and all levels of experience. Resource consent was successfully applied for and the final design for this community asset was drawn up.

Now that the final money has come through, construction work can begin, which we hope will be late next month.

Councillor Chris Hill, Golden Bay Ward

The level of destruction wrought by Cyclone Gabrielle has been difficult to comprehend despite the shocking images and the stories being shared.



While our lives here in Tasman continue on, it is essential that we are able to provide support to those communities over the coming weeks and months.

Some residents here in Nelson Tasman are still cleaning up their properties from damage during the August storm and some will still be reeling from the loss of their homes.

During that time, staff from a range of agencies from other regions came here to help us, and likewise, some of our Tasman District Council staff have headed up north to assist them.

One of the ways that people are immediately helped after an emergency is through mayoral relief funds. Our own fund for the August storm was supported by a wide range of people and businesses

alongside the Government. They are easily accessible and assist people with their basic needs at the early stages following an event.

Local Government NZ has launched 'Adopt a Community', an initiative that connects councils with devastated communities to help support and raise funds.

Tasman District Council has chosen the Far North District Council to support given the lower level of Council support to date and the community challenges that are unique to their District. We also see similarities between their rural communities and ours, so we want to rally behind them.

We can support the Far North by making contributions to their Mayoral Relief Fund via this bank



MEET YOUR REPS



account: 12-3244-0022509-04, using the reference 'MRF' and 'Gabrielle'.

Please also keep the Far North in mind for any future potential fundraising efforts.

You can find a list of all the Mayoral Relief Funds looking for support at civildefence.govt.nz.

Golden Bay Community Board

This is the first column relating to Community Board matters in Motueka and Golden Bay.

Community boards are the voices at Council for their communities; boards are elected to advocate on behalf of their communities. We maintain an overview of Council services within our community and communicate with groups and individuals within our ward. Community boards are separately elected advisory bodies and not Council committees.

Golden Bay has the first column, and as a Board we want to use this opportunity to talk about what's happening in Golden Bay, what's coming up that's important for the

community to have a say in, and how people can get involved.

Our Community Board meetings are the second Monday of each month, starting at 1.00 pm, at the Tākaka Service Centre, and everyone is welcome to attend.

Our meetings always begin with a public forum, which is an opportunity to bring any issues to the Board for support and information. It's best to register to speak at the public forum, which you can do by calling into the Tākaka Service Centre any time before the meeting.



BOARD'S BUSINESS

Our first meeting for 2023 was on 13 February and we covered a wide range of topics. One item from the public forum was a request from the Golden Bay MenzShed asking for support for their proposed shed at the Rec Park. The Board provided a letter of support for this project.

We are always keen to hear about new projects that will benefit our community so please get in touch.



Free brekkie for bikers

Some say, "There's no such thing as a free lunch!" and that may be so, however there is such a thing as a free breakfast, especially when you're a cyclist.

Our bikers' brekkies are back and the next one is on Wednesday 22 March at Sundial Square in the heart of Richmond.

Get on your bike and join us for a free breakfast, coffee and giveaways.

It's an opportunity to catch up and have a chat with other riders

and find out a bit more about our latest Streets for People projects and other Richmond road safety improvements.

See you at Sundial Square between 7.30 and 9.00 am on Wednesday 22 March, rain, hail or shine!

Finding a blueprint for the Māpua Masterplan 2023

We recently resolved to build a masterplan which brings together several major Council planning processes in Māpua.

The structure plan, catchment management plan, reserve development, Council land commercial development, and waterfront area development will soon merge into a single plan – the Māpua Masterplan 2023.

By consolidating various Council processes into a single plan, we hope to ensure cohesive decision making in Māpua and make this a simpler process for everyone involved to have their say.

We have done early engagement with several iwi, who have signalled their interest in being involved in the process.

Development of the Māpua Masterplan 2023 is now underway, building off the work and community consultation done as part of the 2022 Māpua Structure Plan.

A steering committee will be responsible for the development of the Māpua Masterplan, including consultation and recommending a final masterplan to the Strategy and Policy Committee for adoption.

The masterplan programme will include an opportunity for the



community to have their say and be involved in the process through public consultation sessions. Dates for these sessions will be advertised in the coming month.

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Lateral thinking leads to innovative new bridge

Fulton Hogan's Nelson Quarries team has positioned a specially built bridge across the Waimea River, one of several innovations to minimise the environmental impacts of the new Challies Island quarry. It will also create better environmental outcomes.

The 30 metre bridge was built by Taylor's Contracting. It allows 80 tonne (laden) rigid dump trucks to cross the river from the new 22ha Challies Island site on the west bank, to the Appleby processing plant one kilometre downstream on the other bank, but can be removed in 48 hours if a major flood is forecast.

Fulton Hogan Divisional Manager of Quarries James Blacklaws says the bridge means no vehicle will come into contact with river water, one of the terms of the three-month-a-year Council extraction consent. This eliminates sediment discharge and allows continuous unimpeded fish passage.

Challies Island is on Council reserve land and will be turned into a wetland on completion, part of the Waimea River Park.

Fulton Hogan Environmental Manager Bruno Brosnan says it will be excavated in five stages, each remediated on completion. This means planting and rehabilitation on the first section could begin in two years.

"It's been a long consultation and planning process, with some lateral thinking from all concerned. The result is a much better environmental and social asset for the people of Tasman to enjoy."



Tasman's Great Taste Trail goes down either side of the quarry site, and there will eventually be walking and cycling tracks across the wetlands. This will be achieved by leaving some areas unexcavated, amounting to around 20 percent of the site.

Closures confirmed for Kingsland harvest

Closures and diversions are now in place for trails at Kingsland Forest Park due to a scheduled three-month harvest of a section of radiata pine.

This will be one of the last commercial harvests on the reserve as we move towards creating a recreational and biodiversity asset for Richmond.

We appreciate that the public desire for access will remain high and so our harvest plan now offers an alternative to a total closure.

Between now and the start of June, harvesting will hit high gear with logging and trucking operations, with the following closures:

- All mountain bike tracks
- Lookout Road
- Lodestone Gully track
- Tower Road

- Olivers Road
- Fowler Road
- Big Skid
- Jimmy Lee Creek / Grassy Saddle Walking Loop
- Pylon Road

The following will remain open during the harvest period:

- Dellside Reserve
- Easby Park
- Reservoir Road
- Cavers Track
- Henry Road
- Heaton Road
- Most of Silvan Forest

A number of efforts are being taken to manage environmental risk throughout the harvest period. These include the removal of slash and measures to minimise tree breakage and debris deposits during the felling process.

Harvesting will also involve the careful extraction of fallen trees in Lodestone Gully from slips during the August 2022 weather event.

Immediately after the harvest, an aerial distribution of grass seed will take place to ensure sufficient ground coverage and stabilise slopes.

Fencing and warning signs are in place at entry points around Kingsland Forest. These closures are in place to keep everyone safe – thanks for your patience as we move to improve this beautiful location.





Calling all newcomers to our region

Migrants, refugees and anyone else who's decided to make the Nelson and Tasman area your new home, the Positive Settlement Expo is especially for you.

We realise that it's not always easy to meet new people or have your questions answered by various local agencies during the work week, so we've organised the expo at Saxton Oval on Sunday 26 March from 2.00 pm.

Enjoy free and affordable food and drinks, meet foreign-speaking locals, cultural groups and communities,

and learn how organisations can help you settle.

The Positive Settlement Expo is brought to you collaboratively by Citizens Advice Bureau Nelson Tasman, Welcoming Communities Nelson and Tasman, Multicultural Nelson Tasman, Tasman District Council and Nelson City Council.

What's new on the website

There are some new things to check out at tasman.govt.nz.

New to Tasman

This section is full of handy information for anyone who is settling in Tasman from elsewhere in the country or around the world. Find out about accessing Council services, check out the links to a range of other services, including transport, education, work and business, housing, language support, fun things to do in our region and some great ways to connect with other people in the place you've decided to make your new home.

Tasman Rural Hub

This is a comprehensive information source for farmers and rural residents, with a section devoted to small land holdings. Covering all you need to know about on-farm regulations, mitigation, biodiversity, and biosecurity, we'll be keeping this section updated with any relevant information that will be useful for those in the rural sector. Be sure to visit the support and funding section to discover what help is available.

Motueka webcam

Wondering what the weather is doing in Motueka? How about the tide? We've added a new live-action webcam to our collection, and it



Motueka webcam

overlooks the Motueka channel. Check it out under our webcam section.

Check out Shape Tasman!

We have a new engagement platform – shape.tasman.govt.nz – that makes it easier for everyone to get involved in shaping our future. It's the place to go to have your say on current projects and follow the ones you're interested in for regular updates. We'll be using a range of different feedback tools including maps, surveys, forums, participatory funding and more.

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Subsidised pest animal traps available

If you are keen to carry out pest animal control on your property, you can purchase a subsidised pest trap through our backyard trapping programme.

Available traps are as follows:

- Victor snap trap in a wooden tunnel for rats: \$15.
- Trapinator traps for possums: \$20.
- DOC200 trap in a wooden box for stoats, weasels and rats: \$50.

These traps will provide their owners with many years of service.

The rat and DOC200 trap mechanisms are housed in strong wooden boxes, and a Council subsidy gives a 50 percent saving on the cost of manufacturing and materials.

These prices only apply to Tasman District Council traps bought in Tasman District or Nelson City. Nelson City Council also sell traps which may be priced differently.

Our subsidised traps can be purchased by Tasman residents at the following locations:

- Nelson DOC Visitor Centre, Millers Acre Carpark.
- Richmond Service Centre, 189 Queen Street.
- Motueka Service Centre, 7 Hickmott Place.
- Tākaka Service Centre, 78 Commercial Street.

We have all locations stocked up now so there should be plenty of traps available. However, there is a limit of one trap type per property.

We would like to thank the great team at the Waimea Menzshed for building the trap boxes for us.



For more information contact Mitch Seek, Biosecurity Officer, mitch.seek@tasman.govt.nz

Home insulation subsidies make a difference

We contributed \$60,000 to the Warmer Healthier Homes Te Tau Ihu Charitable Trust, for use over the first three years of our current 10-Year Plan 2021 – 2031. The Trust provides grants to retrofit insulation into qualifying owner-occupied homes across Te Tau Ihu (Top of the South).

The Trust works alongside the Energy Efficiency Conservation Authority's Warmer Kiwi Homes grant scheme. Our grant enables the Trust to leverage a further \$240,000 from central Government.

Within Tasman, the programme has helped to insulate 163 homes between July 2021 and November 2022, and there is still funding available for eligible homeowners.

Heating and insulation can make a massive difference to your health. Having adequate home insulation can also mean that you use less wood in your wood burner, which in turn helps reduce air pollution in winter.

To be eligible for a grant, you will need to be the homeowner (owner-occupied):

- Of a home built before 2008, and
- Have a Community Services Card or SuperGold Card with CSC endorsement, or live in an area identified as low income, or are families referred through the Ministry of Health's Healthy Homes Initiative.

Low-income areas are defined as being a New Zealand Deprivation Index 8, 9 or 10 area. In Tasman, this includes some areas of Richmond, Motueka, Brightwater and Tapawera in particular.

Homeowners can find out if they qualify for a grant (80 – 100% subsidy) by contacting the project contractor, Absolute Energy. Visit absoluteenergy.co.nz.



NEWSLINE UPDATES



Apply for rural sports funding

Applications for the Sport NZ Rural Travel Fund are now open. This fund offers help with travel costs for rural sports clubs and rural school teams and is designed to help young people aged 5 – 19 participate in local sports competitions.

This round of funding closes on Sunday 30 April. Head to tasman.govt.nz/grants to fill out an application form.

Rates invoice dates change

Our finance team is making a few tweaks to the way they do things.

From next month, we will send out our rates bills a bit earlier, but the payment dates will remain the same as before.

We're making some small changes to our systems, so instead of getting your invoice for the next rates period arriving in May, it'll come to you in mid-April – but don't panic because the payment date will remain the same as it always has.

The upside is it will give you more time between receiving the invoice and needing to pay, so will hopefully help with your household budgeting.

If you have any queries, give us a call and we can help you out.



New Stock Control & Droving Bylaw explained

We have a new Stock Control & Droving Bylaw which is designed to provide for the safe and orderly droving of stock along and across all roads within our District.

It's also designed to keep all road users safe and ensure the protection of freshwater from stock effluent on the road reserve.

But what does this mean in real terms?

We are running a special webinar, in association with Federated Farmers, from 7.00 pm on Tuesday 21 March to explain the ins and outs of the bylaw and answer questions.

To register for the webinar, go to our website tasman.govt.nz and search 'stock droving webinar'.

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.

Nelson Regional Sewerage Business Unit
Friday 10 March, 9.30 am. Nelson City Council, 110 Trafalgar Street.

Golden Bay Community Board
Monday 13 March, 1.00 pm. Golden Bay Service Centre, 78 Commercial Street, Takaka.

Environment and Regulatory Committee
Thursday 16 March, 9.30 am.

Audit and Risk Committee
Thursday 16 March, 1.00 pm. No public forum.

Nelson-Tasman Regional Landfill Business Unit
Friday 17 March, 9.30 am. Nelson City Council, 110 Trafalgar Street.

Motueka Community Board
Tuesday 21 March, 4.00 pm.
Motueka Library, Wallace Street.

Tasman District Council
Thursday 23 March, 9.30 am.

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WHAT'S ON IN TASMAN



Global café community conversations

- **Monday 13 March, 10.00 am – 12.00 pm, Tākaka Library.**
- **Thursday 16 March, 3.30 pm – 5.30 pm, Motueka Library.**

Come in and join us for a chat. We would love to know:

- How are we welcoming newcomers?
- What is working well?
- How could we be more inclusive?

Wellby Talking Cafés

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

Everyone is welcome 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.

Seniors Sing-Along in the Park

Thursday 16 March, 10.00 am – 11.30 am, Faulkner Bush, Wakefield.

Meet at the playground. For more information, visit facebook.com/ageconcernnelsontasman,

phone 03 544 7624 ext 5, or email ageconnect@ageconcernnt.org.nz.

Seniors Seated Exercise

Thursday 23 March, 10.00 am – 11.00 am, War Memorial Park, Richmond.

Meet by the Age Concern Office, 62 Oxford Street, Richmond. For more information, visit facebook.com/ageconcernnelsontasman, phone 03 544 7624 ext 5, or email ageconnect@ageconcernnt.org.nz.

Seniors Guided Garden Tour

Friday 24 March, 10.00 am – 11.30 am, Gardens of the World, Hope.

Please register for this event by contacting Age Concern. For more information, visit facebook.com/ageconcernnelsontasman, phone 03 544 7624 ext 5, or email ageconnect@ageconcernnt.org.nz.

Author talk: Gerard Hindmarsh

Monday 20 March, 5.30 pm, Motueka Library.

Local author Gerard Hindmarsh discusses his latest book *Kahurangi Out West: More Stories From Northwest Nelson*. This rich and colourful social history includes tales about drovers, loggers, mill workers, top secret coast watchers and more. Autographed books will be available for purchase on the night for \$40.

Docfest: Mavis

Monday 20 March, 6.30 pm, Richmond Library.

The first documentary on gospel/soul music legend and civil rights icon Mavis Staples and her family group, The Staple Singers. Featuring powerful live performances and rare archival footage. Book your spot by contacting Richmond Library.

Wriggle and rhyme

Motueka Library, Fridays, 10.00 am – 10.30 am. Richmond and Tākaka Libraries, Tuesdays, 10.00 am – 10.30 am. During term time only.

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