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KEEPING YOU INFORMED ABOUT NEWS AND EVENTS IN TASMAN DISTRICT

The eBuses start next week!

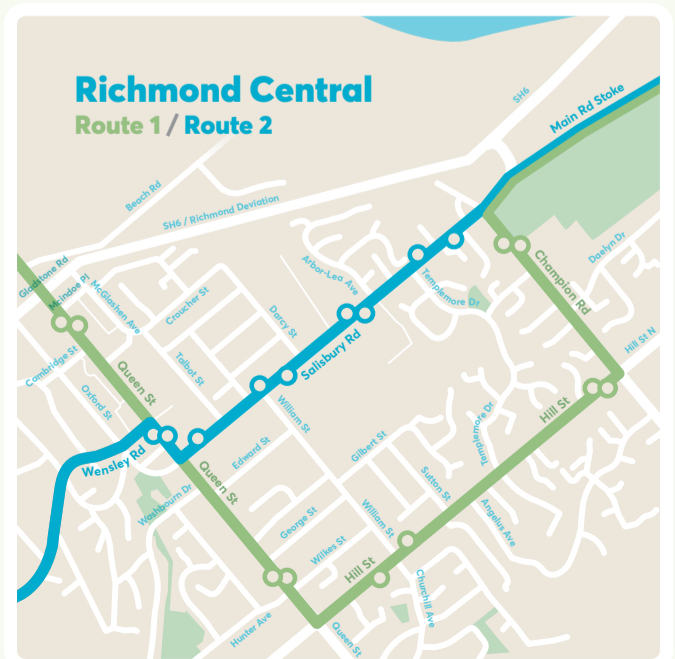
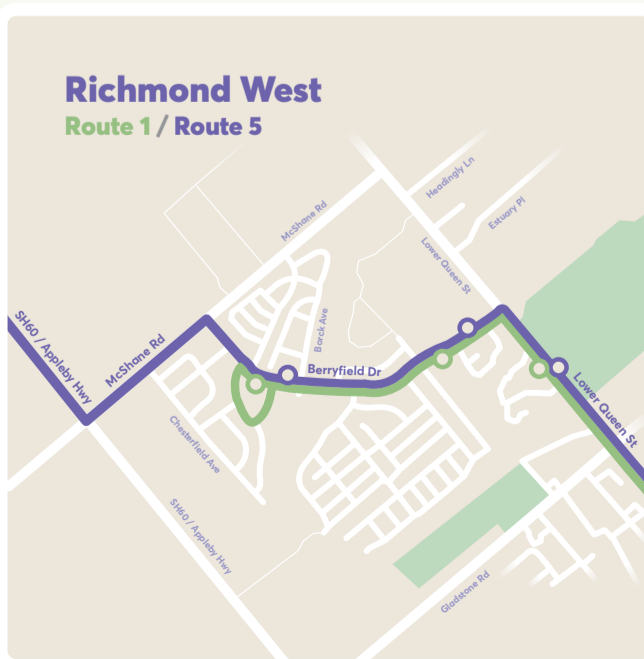
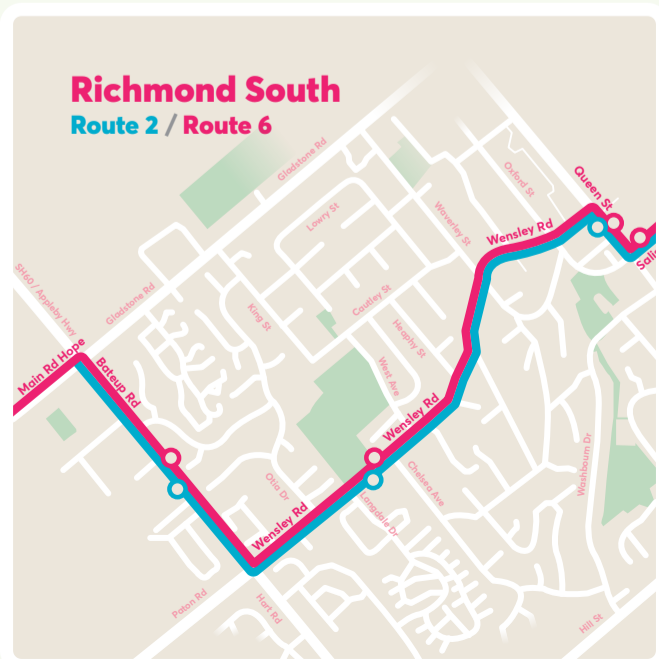
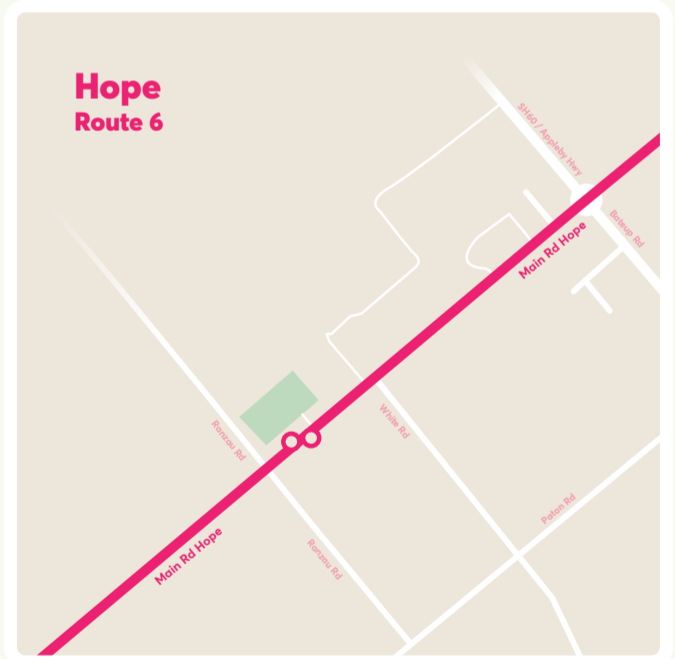
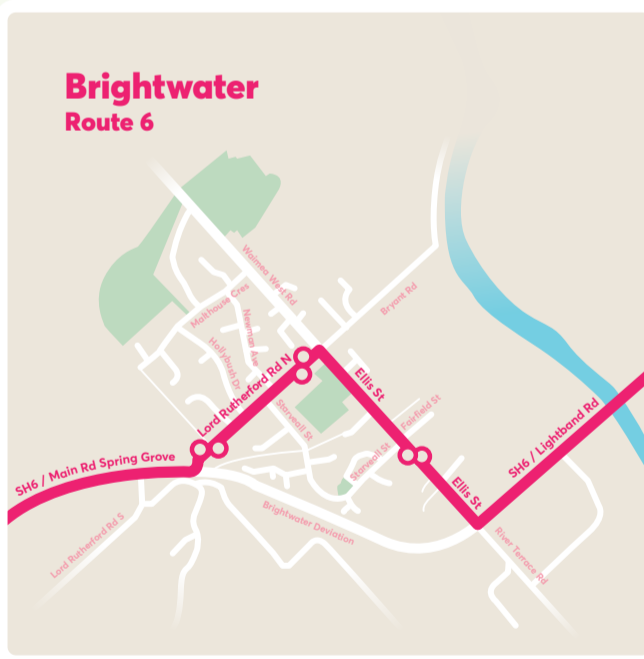
Our new eBuses are on the way. The new services begin next Tuesday 1 August.

The fastest and cheapest way to travel is using a Bee Card. You can get one at the Four Squares in Wakefield and Māpua. They're also available at our Richmond Service Centre and Richmond and Motueka libraries, where if you qualify, you can load concessions onto your Bee Card which makes travelling easier and cheaper.

The brand new four times daily Motueka Express Service runs on weekdays departing from the library at 6.53 am, 9.53 am, 12.53 pm and 3.53 pm. The return journey from Nelson City leaves the central interchange at 8.27 am, 11.27 am, 2.27 pm and 5.27 pm.

The Wakefield Express Service runs six times a day on weekdays to Nelson City departing from outside the Village Hall at 7.04 am, 8.57 am, 10.57 am, 12.57 pm, 2.57 pm, and 4.40 pm. The return journeys leave the Nelson City interchange at 7.58 am, 9.57 am, 11.57 am, 1.57 pm, 3.57 pm and 5.25 pm.

Printed timetables will be available from our service centres and libraries, and there will be live tracking of buses and full timetables online at ebus.nz.





Richmond road safety improvements

Over the next 12 months, you'll notice a large number of works on roads around your neighbourhoods in Richmond.

Our exciting new programme includes pedestrian crossings, cycle lanes, and upgrades at intersections to make roads safer for all users.

To keep up to date with what is happening and where it's happening, head to shape.tasman.govt.nz. You'll find our interactive map in the Transport Choices Richmond Projects section.

You can zoom in on the individual works and get details about each one.

Alternatively, you scan the QR code above with your smartphone and go straight to the map or pick up a hard copy from our Richmond Service Centre on Queen Street.

If there is going to be work in your street, we will be in touch directly to let you know what's being done and when our contractors will be doing it because there will be times when traffic could be temporarily disrupted.



while performing u-turns or manoeuvring into parking spots. This poses a safety concern for pedestrians and cyclists, so please be careful not to drive on the footpath. Police are aware of the situation and are actively monitoring it.

... And a tip for those trying to navigate through Richmond, it is advisable to use the surrounding ring roads of Oxford Street, McGlashen Avenue, and Talbot Streets.

These alternatives offer quicker access to the ample off-street parking facilities available in the town centre, ensuring a smoother and safer journey for everyone.

U-turns hazardous

Ensuring the continued safety of Richmond's Queen Street is of utmost importance to us, as it holds the distinction of being one of the country's finest streets.

Four years ago, the street underwent a remarkable transformation, shedding its earlier identity as a flood-prone rural service hub that prioritised cars and commuter traffic. It emerged as a secure, accessible, and aesthetically pleasing modern street that caters to the needs of a rapidly expanding urban community.

Queen Street has been intentionally designed as a low-speed zone to enhance the safety of all road users, including pedestrians, cyclists, and drivers. However, we've noticed some drivers taking advantage of the absence of kerbs, encroaching onto the footpath space

Winter brings wet, cold and potholes

The dark and often rainy months from May to September are when our District roads and highways are most at risk from damage, with water the main culprit.

What's more, we can't do full road resealing or repair works over winter – these need warm and dry conditions.

When the surface starts cracking, it lets water into the underlying gravel layers, meaning more potholes form and more repairs are required.

Waka Kotahi, NZ Transport Agency, supplies up to 51 percent of our road maintenance funding, which they collect nationally from fuel taxes and road user charges. We depend on Waka Kotahi having enough funding available to meet our needs, but unfortunately, this has not been the case in recent years.

We have almost a thousand kilometres of sealed roads across Tasman District.

On average, these need to be resealed every 10 to 15 years to keep them waterproof, although in recent years there has not been sufficient funding available to complete the amount of resealing needed. This means some of our roads have aged beyond their design life and have become prone to cracking.

Our 10-Year Plan 2024 – 2034 proposes to increase the amount of funding for our roads to ensure enough resealing and repairs.

It will take time for the backlog of resurfacing work to be completed, so please look out for our maintenance crews and give them a thumbs up and join us in looking forward to fine and dry weather so the work can be done.



Do you know a community superhero?

Not all superheroes wear capes or leap tall buildings in a single bound.

Some are unassuming, moving among us virtually unheard of and unseen, working tirelessly in our Tasman communities. Some assist at sports clubs, volunteer in environmental groups or help with the administration of community organisations.

Every year, our Outstanding Community Service Awards officially recognise and celebrate these special people who make our communities tick. If you know one of these unsung heroes who works away quietly with little

recognition or reward, please get in touch and nominate them for one of our Outstanding Community Service Awards.

Nominations close on 31 August, with an awards ceremony planned for later in the year. Nominees must be residents of Tasman District and have been involved in a range of voluntary activities for 20 years or more.

Head to our website or one of our service centres to fill out a nomination form. Visit tasman.govt.nz/community-awards.

You're welcome in Tasman



September is when we celebrate community diversity by inviting newcomers to join activities during Welcoming Week. The idea is to get to know your neighbours down the road, your new colleagues and others who have recently moved to the area.

Tasman is a real melting pot of ethnicities with, at the latest count, people from more than 100 different ethnic backgrounds choosing to make our region their home.

Welcoming Week runs from 1 – 10 September, and this is when people are encouraged to connect with others. You could run open days at your business or guided tours of interesting places in your

neighbourhood that newcomers may not be aware of. How about a games evening, neighbourhood picnic or street party, or that old-time favourite, a potluck meal with food from around the world?

Our Welcoming Communities Officer Birte Becker-Steel can help with ideas and themes for events and even provide you with a kit set to hold a 'DiversiTea Party'. Email birte.becker-steel@tasman.govt.nz.

By hosting a Welcoming Week event, you become part of a growing movement of people across the world who recognise that building inclusive communities makes us stronger.



Matariki Light Competition winners

Congratulations to our two people's choice Matariki Light Competition winners!

In the household category, the winner is Gwen Nicholson (above right) with a massive 207 "likes". The classroom category was taken out by the Richmond

Primary School Year 3 & 4 Extension Class (above left) with an impressive 121 "likes".

Our winners have won their household and class a lunchtime shout.

A massive thanks to everyone who was involved in this competition; we had some creative and unique ideas!

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Small change to Community Board Discretionary Fund Policy

We have recently established a combined policy for how we allocate discretionary funding through our two Community Boards.

Both the Motueka and Golden Bay Community Boards receive Council funding, primarily from a targeted rate.

Part of this funding is allocated to the Boards' Discretionary Fund, which provides low-level funding towards projects, events and initiatives that would not gain direct Council funding.

For some time, only the Motueka Community Board used a Discretionary Fund but now both Boards have funds, and it is considered appropriate to have a combined Council policy.

The changes follow a review of policy and criteria earlier in the year, which was then approved by Council in April.

The combined policy includes generic criteria applicable to both Community Boards for the allocation of the funds

as well as specific criteria requested by each Board.

This aims to provide fairness of distribution while bringing us into line with Finance and Revenue Policy.

If you live in either ward, you'll still be eligible to apply for assistance. Applications are open all year, with decisions made at each meeting.

There is a maximum of \$500 allocated for project applications for the Golden Bay Community Board which must be completed within six months of receiving funding, and \$700 for the Motueka Community Board with successful applications completed within 12 months of receiving funding.

More about our grants and funding can be found here: tasman.govt.nz/grants.



Brightwater gets brighter

The entrance to the underpass near Brightwater School has been given a facelift thanks to the work of a local artist and some willing helpers from the school.

This project was funded through Creative Communities.

Arts Council Nelson applied on behalf of the Brightwater community, and employed the talents of artist Dani Hedges who has done other mural projects around Tasman for us.

She says working with these amazing kids from Brightwater School has been super fun.

"We worked together with shapes and colours, each creating their own designs for the underpass which we merged into two funky bright designs."

Dani says the students smashed out painting the design over a couple of sessions and she couldn't be prouder!

... And the team of young artists loved getting the opportunity to creatively improve a much-used and what was a slightly drab area behind their school.



WONDERFUL WATER



Keeping wastewater in its place

As a region that sees a lot of rain, we must design and manage stormwater networks that can cope with large quantities of water.

The stormwater network starts at individual buildings and usually runs alongside the building's wastewater system. For each system to run efficiently and do the job it is designed to, they must be kept separate.

When stormwater enters the wastewater network, it can cause overflows of wastewater into properties and flooding at wastewater treatment plants. These are health hazards.

We are going to be doing inspections of properties to try and cut the large volume of stormwater that has been getting into the wastewater network. Quite often it's an easy fix like ensuring pipes do not go to the gully trap or the gully trap has a protective raised border to prevent surface water from entering.



These inspections may result in:

- A boundary inspection device being installed on the dwelling connection outside the property enabling us to inspect flows, at our cost.
- A request to have the gully trap raised.
- A request to have an impervious extension raised around the gully trap.
- A request to have pipework inspected or tested.
- A request to remove all down pipes discharging into the gully traps.

The last four are at the property owner's expense.

As a guide, all gully traps should be at least 100mm higher than the surrounding ground and be at least 150mm below the overflow level of the lowest sanitary fixture like a toilet, shower or laundry outlet served by the drainage system.

Kerbside recycling to be paused

Our Richmond Materials Recovery Centre at Beach Road is about to shut down for essential heavy maintenance work. The recycling processing machinery is getting a spruce up, and while this is done we won't be able to process any recycling, so kerbside recycling collections are going on hold for two weeks.

Our contractor Smart Environmental is also using the opportunity to carry out major upgrades to their recycling trucks. They'll be refurbishing the glass bin lifting gear on four collection trucks, refurbishing the sidearm on the main recycling sidearm

truck and completing an internal body refurbishment on a dual combi truck.

This means all kerbside recycling in Tasman will stop from Monday 7 August and resume two weeks later, on Monday 21 August. Council rubbish bags will be collected as normal, but our drivers may be earlier than normal, so please have them out by 7.00 am.

We're asking people to hold on to recycling until the next collection week, however if you can't do this, you can bring it to your nearest resource recovery centre free of charge.

Overgrown footpaths create headaches

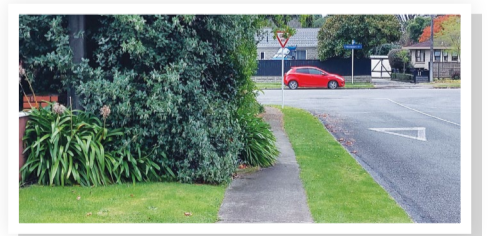
This is the time of year when plant growth has slowed, so now is an ideal time for a garden tidy-up before spring growth starts.

A widespread problem in our urban streets is where the shrubs and trees along property frontages take up footpath space. This makes it difficult for people, especially those in wheeled mobility devices, to safely use the footpath. It has a big impact on people's safety and their ability to access and move around in their community.

Most of the overgrown vegetation is from the gardens of private properties. This issue has become so widespread that it is not practical or cost-effective

for us to visit and individually notify every property that is causing a problem, so we're relying on residents to join us in dealing with this issue.

If the situation is bad and we receive complaints, we can call in contractors to complete pruning and then send invoices to property owners, but we'd rather that wasn't the case and ask for your help in keeping our footpaths clear.



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Councillor Christeen Mackenzie, Moutere-Waimea Ward

We have reached such an exciting milestone with the rollout of our enhanced public transport network from 1 August.

It's a big achievement in reaching this milestone, with many involved, but in particular, I want to acknowledge the work of the Nelson Tasman Community Transport Trust. Good things can start from small beginnings, and their work over the past few years has helped us get to where we are now.

Our public transport system utilising our electric bus fleet will help reduce our emissions as well as enhance community wellbeing. It's a great opportunity to ensure our community has access to places and opportunities

for participation, where previously transport may have been a barrier.

As the towns in our District grow, there is a greater need to ensure that there are appropriate community facilities in place to support the residents.

The recent needs analysis which has been completed for the Brightwater and Wakefield areas has shown that existing facilities in Brightwater need to be upgraded and Wakefield will need a new community facility to replace the 'earthquake-prone' hall.

With these types of initiatives, it is important that they are driven by the communities, and I look forward to being a part of this work.



Golden Bay Community Board

As you may be aware, there has recently been a 'Stop Co-governance' tour traveling Aotearoa and they recently held an event in Golden Bay.

As a Board, we were sad to see the 'Stop Co-governance' tour happening and coming to Golden Bay. However, we were also happy to see our community pull together, and stand up and say, no, this is not who we are, this is not what we want.

We as a Board do not condone, support or give any weight to the claims being made by the 'Stop Co-governance' movement. We will continue to foster and have strong links to local iwi and see the benefit, and the role, of local iwi/Māori into its decision-making and service delivery processes.

As individuals, it is everyone's responsibility to educate themselves and to have an understanding of what co-governance is, and what it will mean for Aotearoa. It is our responsibility to stand up and say, no, we won't listen to scaremongering and untruths.

Co-governance means partnership, equality and positive change for Aotearoa. We encourage everyone to find out more and have informed conversations.

There is lots of information to be found on credible sources – check out the Newsroom articles or Democracy Action on the net.

Waiho i te toipoto, kau i te toiroa – let us keep close together, not wide apart.

WHAT'S ON IN TASMAN



Second Hand Sunday

Sunday 20 August, 9.00 am – 2.00 pm.

Second Hand Sunday is a fun way for Nelson and Tasman residents to declutter and re-home unwanted household goods for free.

If you have items you want to give away, simply register online before 10.00 am Friday 18 August to be included on the list of participating addresses. Print off a poster to put on your mailbox and put your items on your driveway at 9.00 am on the day.

A list and map of participating addresses will be available to download from 12.00 pm Friday 18 August. Check out the map to plan your fossicking route and pick up some free second-hand items!

For more information and to sign up, go to tasman.govt.nz/shs.

Wellby Talking Cafés

- **Tuesday 8 August, 10.00 am – 11.30 am, Tapawera Community Centre.**
- **Tuesday 8 August, 1.30 pm – 3.00 pm, Richmond Library.**
- **Wednesday 9 August, 1.30 pm – 3.00 pm, The Wholemeal Café, Tākaka.**

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.

Motueka winter art workshops

The Motueka Arts Council is running art workshops in Tasman for all ages and experience levels from 30 July to 10 September, bookings essential. The workshops include drawing, concrete sculpting, clay, singing, eco-printmaking,

weaving (fabric and flax) and the art of bonsai. Prices to suit all wallets. Visit motuekaartsCouncil.com/members-events for the full programme and to register.

Staying safe driving course

Thursday 17 August, 10.00 am – 12.30 pm, Waimea Plains Clubhouse, Richmond.

Age Concern is holding a free classroom-based workshop to refresh your driving skills and learn more about safe driving practices. Sharing knowledge and up-to-date changes on our roads, with videos and question time, facilitated by Age Concern and an experienced driver instructor.

Author talk: Alistair Hughes

Friday 4 August, 1.00 pm – 2.00 pm, Tākaka Memorial Library.

Come along and hear Alistair Hughes talk. *Picturing the News: Two decades as a news media artist and designer.* From documenting the Christchurch quake, to Covid and the passing of Queen Elizabeth II, Alistair Hughes has illustrated and designed award-winning visual references for all of Stuff's newspapers and online. Along the way, he also produced regular cartoons and interviewed some fascinating personalities, including Sir Michael Palin, Bill Nighy and Graham Norton.

Author talk: Linda Jane Keegan

Wednesday 9 August, 10.30 am – 11.30 am, Tākaka Memorial Library.

A beginner's guide to publishing picture books. Linda Jane Keegan is an author, editor, library assistant and parent. She will share her publishing journey and experience in the industry, covering manuscripts, finding a publisher, resources and more.

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Nelson Tasman Insights Business Survey

The Nelson Tasman Insights Business Survey 2023 wants to hear from you! This annual survey needs to hear from as many Nelson Tasman businesses as possible so it can best represent the region. The survey collects information on current and emerging issues in the region. Taking around 10 minutes, it is easy and quick to complete. It consists of less than 30 questions, which are mostly multiple choice for ease of answering. The insights gained from the survey will be published in a consolidated and anonymised format. Please rest assured that all feedback received will be treated in the strictest confidence. You can complete the survey here: <https://bit.ly/3XlucC4>.

Register your dogs now

You only have a few days left to register your dogs before penalty fees kick in. All Tasman dogs need to be registered, and any dogs that are still unregistered and unpaid on 1 August will incur a 50% penalty fee. Registration fees are \$53 for an urban dog and \$32 for a rural dog. Visit tasman.govt.nz/dog-registration.

Vegetation control – roadside spraying

Local roads

We are responsible for the chemical and mechanical control of vegetation within the road reserve. Chemical control is split into two main activities, the control of vegetation around roading infrastructure and dealing with invasive pest plant species. This includes the use of knock-down and residual herbicides to remove problematic vegetation growing in the road reserve and around street furniture. The active herbicides authorised under our resource consent are norflurazon, oryzalin, simazine, terbutylazine, glyphosate, metsulfuron, haloxyfop, triclopyr and picloram/triclopyr.

Treatment methods are foliar and basal spraying. Residents can request their rural or peri-rural property frontage not be chemically sprayed and instead undertake the vegetation control themselves. If you wish to apply for your property to be added to the "no spray" list, please contact Nikki Shepherd on 03 543 7234 or nikki.shepherd@tasman.govt.nz.

State highways

Waka Kotahi contractors undertake a vegetation control programme to ensure roadside vegetation does not affect the safety or operation of state highways. This programme includes the spraying of chemical herbicides including the following active ingredients: glyphosate, metsulfuron, terbutylazine and triclopyr. You can register your property as a 'no spray' zone, which requires a commitment to maintain a property's highways frontage to specifications provided by Waka Kotahi, by contacting Mitch Hutchings on 03 373 2036 or mitchell.hutchings@wsp.com.

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.

Creative Communities Subcommittee

Wednesday 2 August, 10.00 am. No public forum.

Environment and Regulatory Committee

Thursday 3 August, 9.30 am

Saxton Field Committee

Tuesday 8 August, 9.30 am. Saxton Netball Pavilion, Stoke.

Tasman District Council

Thursday 10 August, 9.30 am.

Joint Nelson Tasman Regional Transport Committee

Friday 11 August, 1.00 pm.