



Beaches remain open but forest reserve area closed

With continued hot dry weather, and after seeking advice from Fire and Emergency New Zealand, Tasman District Council has closed access to forestry plantation areas and a number of reserves.

Kingsland and Tunnicliff, up to Spooners Tunnel, forests as well reserves within the Lee and Aniseed Valleys, and the lookout point in Faulkners Bush are closed.

The forestry areas within Moturoa / Rabbit Island and Rough Island are closed as well.

Tasman's Great Taste Trail coastal access route at Moturoa / Rabbit Island remains open providing access to and from Māpua.

While the playground within Easby Park remains open for now, Dellside

and upper Easby Park are closed. For all other reserves we remind people to visit early in the morning or in the evening, when the fire risk is lower.

The decision to close access is made to protect public safety as the BUI (Build Up Index)* is now above 80. A key factor in deciding to close these areas is the risk of anyone in the reserves being overrun by fire before they can escape. Fire travels exponentially faster on uphill slopes than it does on flat ground and forest areas burn more intensely.

Signage will be in place at all the closed areas so please take note and stay out for you own safety.

Tasman District Council will assess the situation weekly and further closures may be needed if weather conditions stay the same. Any decisions will be made in consultation with Fire and Emergency NZ with protecting public safety as our top priority.

**The BUI is used by Fire and Emergency NZ and other agencies to measure fire risk – it's "an indicator of the difficulty in supressing a fire that has started".*

MEET YOUR REPRESENTATIVES



Councillor Anne Turley – Moutere / Waimea Ward

I hope everyone has enjoyed the summer holiday season and is looking forward to the year ahead.

I see a lot of challenges and opportunities for this term. As I meet with communities, I am grateful and inspired to see the work our volunteers do to enhance our special places and critical needs.

I am keen to continue focusing on climate change mitigation while ensuring there is an emphasis on

developing 'fit for purpose' regional infrastructure projects. I would also like to focus on the community's basic needs for water supply, safe roads, footpaths, cycleways, viable public transport options, and affordable housing. Our industries need improved links to the ports, and Motueka and Richmond urgently need traffic bypasses.

All these projects require funding and leadership. Local government is cumbersome and frustrating, both hindered and enhanced by

processes that take time. There is an urgency now to get things sorted.

Unfortunately, it seems our region has not to date been included in the latest Government infrastructure funding, so we will have to be wise with our decisions and maybe private enterprise can assist in filling some of the gaps.

Together we can achieve excellent outcomes and solve our problems.

Councillor Anne Turley
Moutere / Waimea Ward

Keep your bike Shiny Side Up

Love motorbikes? The Shiny Side Up Bike Fest is back. It aims to help keep motorcyclists the right side up on the roads, and the national event comes to Saxton Field on Sunday 16 February from 10.00 am to 4.00 pm. Entry is free.

There will be bike checks, adjustments and talks and

demonstrations by top international experts such as suspension guru Dave Moss and Britten racer Andrew Stroud. Demos include gaps, ramps and wheelies, stunt handling, and riding skills. There will also be a market area, food, and entertainment such as bouncy castles, a jousting platform and face painting, so it's fun for the whole family.

Transport technical officer Chloe White says, "It's going to be a really fun event for anyone who's into motorcycles, whether they're currently riding or not, and to learn about safety issues when riding."

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Current water restrictions

The following water restrictions are in place in Tasman District.

Public reticulated supply restrictions

Phase A restrictions are in force for Richmond, Hope, Brightwater, Wakefield, Redwood Valley, Eighty-Eight Valley and Dovedale.

You are not permitted to fill swimming pools, but they can be topped up. Watering grass and lawns is not allowed but as long as you use a hand-held hose you can still water your plants and veggie gardens and wash buildings and cars if necessary.

Phase B restrictions are in place for the Māpua / Ruby Bay supply.

Under these restrictions you can't water the lawns, fill or top up your pool or use water for play activities. You can still water veggie gardens and fruit trees with a handheld hose, timer system or bucket. Watering your amenity gardens and trees is only permitted every second day, again using a handheld hose or timer system (if your street address is an even number, water on even numbered days and likewise for odd numbers).

These restrictions apply to homes, businesses and public organisations in the affected areas.

Water permit holders

Stage 3 restrictions for water permit holders, not affiliated to the Waimea Community Dam are in place in Delta, Reservoir, Upper catchments, Waimea West, Upper Confined and Golden Hills. This means a 50% cut in their bona fide water take. The Lower Confined Aquifer and Hope Eastern Hills zones remain at Stage 1, a 20% cut in their water take.

Those water permit holders affiliated to the Waimea Community Dam in the Delta, Reservoir, Upper catchments, Waimea West, Upper Confined and Golden Hills are at Stage 2, which has been set by the Task Force as a 35% cut in their water take. The Lower Confined Aquifer and Hope Eastern Hills zones move to Stage 1, a 20% cut in their water take.

There is a cease take for the Moutere water surface users, while Moutere Eastern and Motupiko zones remain at Stage 1.

There are no restrictions in the Golden Bay catchments as yet.

Dennis Bush-King, Task Force Convenor advised stock owners that with continuing hot dry conditions forecasted for at least the next month, if they haven't already, to think seriously about their options.

In the meantime, we ask people to take note of and observe any restrictions that apply to them and for everyone else to conserve water as much as they can.

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Caring for our natural world

The importance of biodiversity to our natural world is crucial to life on Earth. Every different species in a healthy ecosystem helps create richness, stability, resilience and opportunity for each to flourish.

However, it's no secret that biodiversity is in crisis in New Zealand and indeed across the world. Some species and their ecosystems can only live here, while others have become the basis of our human culture and economy.

We all depend on our natural environment for survival, and that means we all need to do what we can to protect it from invaders as well as ensuring its health. To do this, we're creating a new strategy for restoring and sustaining our natural biodiversity and ensuring biosecurity in Tasman.

Taking advantage of the huge expertise in this region and with a desire to collaborate across organisations and interests, we've set up a working group of external advisors (see sidebar). By the end of 2020, the group will produce a draft Bio Strategy for the Council to consider. The purpose of this process is to help the Council, our community, and tangata whenua collaborate on how we can improve and secure biodiversity for everyone's benefit, by changing our practices and through active care and protection.

You'll have a chance to have your say. Follow us on Facebook for updates, or email paul.sheldon@tasman.govt.nz.

Tasman Bio Strategy Working Group

- Andrea Goodman, Kea Conservation Trust and Nelson Marlborough Conservation Board
- Damian Cloeter, Ministry of Fisheries
- Dave Richards, Farmer, Paturau
- David Sissons, Waimea Inlet Forum
- Debs Martin, Forest and Bird
- Hans Stoffregen, Department of Conservation Golden Bay
- Ian Shapcott (Shappy), Te Atiāwa
- Lew Metcalfe, Agricultural Policy & Sustainability Advisor
- Sky Davies, Tasman Environmental Trust
- Stewart Robertson, Tasman Bay Guardians
- Te Waari Carkeek, Tasman District Council Kaihautū
- Will Darling, Ruby Bay
- Peter Lawless, Facilitator



How's your woodshed stacking up?

Summer is the time to ensure you have enough seasoned, dry firewood to burn for winter, so take the opportunity to freshen up your woodpile and enter our Best Little Woodshed in Tasman competition.

We're looking for the people who've come up with the most ingenious ways of storing and drying their firewood so it's ready to burn; dry wood produces the best results in your woodburner and is cleaner for everyone. The best ideas could win firewood, chimney cleans and wood burner checks.

Entries are now open and close on 9 March, and can be uploaded on the entry page on our website, tasman.govt.nz – search on Best Little Woodshed competition.

Nelson Tasman Climate Forum Launch

The Nelson Tasman Climate Forum is officially launching on Saturday 29 February. Bringing together a diverse group of people and organisations from across the region, across economic sectors, social backgrounds and political lines, the forum will face the challenges that climate change poses to the Nelson Tasman region.

**Saturday 29 February 2020 1.00 pm – 4.00 pm,
Annesbrook Church, Saxton Road, Stoke.**

The launch will feature Climate Change Minister, James Shaw, School Strike 4 Climate leader, Raven Maeder, and Nelson City Council's new climate champion, Chris Cameron.

It will include a ceremonial signing of the Charter by anyone who wants to join the Forum.

Finally, a draft regional climate strategy will be workshopped, focusing on selected economic sectors, social issues and climate impacts. The Forum will work with urgency to implement the completed strategy.

Visit tasman.govt.nz/link/climate-action for more information and to register your interest in attending.

Tell us your amazing art idea

Applications invited until 10 March 2020.

Tasman District Council's Creative Communities Scheme has funding available to help groups and individuals running arts projects in our area. This could be the help your amazing art idea needs to get it off the ground.

Creative Communities provides funding to support community involvement in the arts – whether it's music, theatre, festivals, mural painting, outdoor sculptures, art in

public spaces, kapa haka, singing, art workshops or something else.

Funded by Creative New Zealand, the Creative Communities Scheme is designed to support opportunities for communities to participate in the arts. There is a focus on art projects that have a broad community involvement, involve young people or projects that support the diverse arts and cultural traditions of local communities.

If you think that fits with your project, we'd love to hear from you.

Visit tasman.govt.nz/link/creative-communities for more information and to complete an application form.



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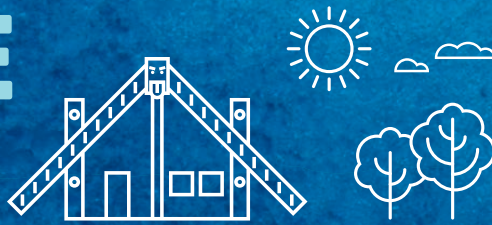
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Second Hand Sunday 8 March

Everyone's favourite way to re-home household goods for free is coming back. Second Hand Sunday returns on Sunday 8 March. You can register via the website, tasman.govt.nz – search on Second Hand Sunday and start thinking about what you're ready to recycle or what you're going to be on the lookout for on the day.



Speed limit changes from next week

Following a public consultation last year, many local roads around Tasman District will have changes to their speed limits, effective from next week, Monday 17 February.

New speed limit signs will be installed on the roads that have changed, so please look out for those. A full list of the changes can be found on the website, tasman.govt.nz search on Speed Limits Bylaw.

Upcoming maritime events

The Harbourmaster has (or may soon) grant authorisations for the following events. These events may affect public use of the maritime area for a certain period of time.

Event activity: Power Boat Regatta

Date and location: 29 February & 1 March, Lake Rotoiti

Event activity: Classic Boat Show

Date and location: 7 & 8 March, Lake Rotoiti

Event activity: Sailing regatta

Date and location: 14 & 15 March, Lake Rotoiti

More information about the Harbourmaster's directions for events is available at tasman.govt.nz/link/maritime-events.

Gardner Valley Road Moutere Highway intersection upgrade

Construction is underway to change the Gardner Valley Road and Moutere Highway intersection. We will construct a new section of road on Gardner Valley Road just north of where the intersection is now.

Once the new portion of road is ready, the section of Gardner Valley Road between the cemetery and the Moutere Highway will be closed off. This will straighten out the intersection and make it safer.

All work will take place in the road reserve, so there shouldn't be any impact on road users during construction.

North West Motueka new water supply

Work on installing a new water supply system in the north-west urban area of Motueka is well underway. We're installing new water pipes, meter boxes, valves and hydrants. This will enhance the drinking water supply in the area, provide new points for water connection and ensure there is sufficient water flows for firefighting.

To find out more about where the upgrades are taking place, visit tasman.govt.nz – use the search phrase 'North West Motueka water'.

Road Resealing coming up

From the middle of February through to early March, we'll be asphaltting some roads around the district as part of our annual renewal programme.

Work will be happening on the following roads during this time:

- Main Road, Lower Moutere
- Motueka Valley Highway
- Lower Queen Street
- Sandeman Road
- Wensley Road
- Cambridge Street
- Riwaka-Kaiteriteri Road

Our contractor, Downer will be doing all they can to minimise disruption but please look out for any signage in place and take care around the work sites.

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ROAD CLOSURES

Proposed road closures

Applicant: Richmond Unlimited

Event: Queen Street Quest

Location: Queen Street, between McIndoe Place and Night 'n Day, plus Croucher street for the length of Sundial Square

Date and time: Saturday 18 April, 6.00 am – 2.00 pm

Objections close: Thursday 5 March

Applicant: The Golden Bay RSA

Event: ANZAC Day

Location: Commercial Street, Takaka (SH6), between Junction Street (adjacent to Golden Bay Pharmacy) and Pioneer Park

Date and time: Saturday 25 April, 8.30 am – 10.30 am

Objections close: Thursday 5 March

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HAVE YOUR SAY

For details of our current consultations, head to tasman.govt.nz/feedback.

What's the future for Kingsland Forest?

Consultation closes 6 March 2020. We're proposing to gradually retire Kingsland Forest from commercial forestry operations as plantation forestry blocks mature and are harvested over the next 20 years. We're considering replanting in a mix of native and permanent exotic trees, allowing us to progressively improve recreational tracks and facilities over time. **Have your say:** We want to know what you think of the draft Kingsland Forest Development Plan. More information is available online at tasman.govt.nz/feedback, and at Council offices and libraries.

What do you love about your local parks?

Consultation closes 31 March 2020. We're reviewing the way we manage Moure/Waimea Ward parks and reserves, and we need your help to make sure these public spaces suit locals and visitors now and in the future. Over the next few months, we'll be asking you to tell us which reserves you use regularly, what you love about them, and any changes you would like to see to the way they are used or managed. The most important thing we want to know is: What's your vision for their future?

Have your say: Visit tasman.govt.nz/feedback for more information.

Tasman's Great Taste Trail – feedback needed

If you've ridden Tasman's Great Taste Trail lately, the Cycle Trails Trust would love to hear what you thought of it. There's a survey available at heartofbiking.org.nz/feedback and your feedback can help to keep improving this popular Trail. Plus everyone who leaves feedback goes in the draw for a monthly prize of a \$50 voucher from a local business. Now's a perfect time for checking out Tasman's Great Taste Trail, share your thoughts and you'll be in to win.

COUNCIL MEETINGS

Unless otherwise stated, all meetings will be held at Council Chambers, 189 Queen Street, Richmond.

Saxton Field Committee

Tuesday 18 February, 9.30 am. Saxton Netball Pavilion, Stoke. Public forum

Motueka Community Board

Tuesday 18 February, 4.00 pm, Motueka Service Centre, 7 Hickmott Place, Motueka. Public forum

Operations Committee

Thursday 20 February, 9.30 am. Public forum

Strategy and Policy Committee

Thursday 27 February, 9.00 am. Public forum

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Murchison A & P Show

Saturday 15 February, 8.30 am – 6.00 pm, Murchison Sport, Recreation and Cultural Centre and Domain. Adult \$10, family \$20, under 5 FREE.

Come celebrate the 100th year. All the fun of the show – trade, horses, flower show, baking competition plus other entertainment.

Family Bike Fun

Saturday 15 February, 10am, Golden Bay Recreation Park, Takaka, Sunday 16 February, 10am, Saltwater Baths, Motueka. FREE.

Celebrating cycling and open to all! Test your skills on the bike ramps and other activities including a slow bike race and orienteering course. There will be bike mechanics to give your bike a quick check.

Nelson Wine & Food Festival

Sunday 16 February, 11.00 am – 5.00 pm, Richmond A&P Showgrounds. Tickets available online through Ticket Rocket \$20 + booking fees, children under 12 years and under free.

Elizabeth Knox Visits Tasman's Libraries

We're excited to be welcoming Elizabeth Knox, one of New Zealand's most highly regarded, multiple award-winning authors on The Absolute Book Tour of Tasman. Come along to one of three free talks with Elizabeth Knox:

- **Takaka Library: 5.30 pm, Tuesday 18 February**
- **Motueka Library: 5.30 pm, Wednesday 19 February**
- **Richmond Library: 5.30 pm, Thursday 20 February**

Copies of *The Absolute Book* will be available to purchase at the Takaka and Richmond events.

Swap Meet, Bazaar & Car Display

Saturday 22 February, 8.00 am – 3.00 pm, Nelson Speedway, Lansdowne Road. \$5 entry.

Come along to the annual vintage and classic car display! Browse over 130 unique stalls, showcasing second hand car parts, antiques, collectibles and fun items, along with food and drink carts and a bouncy castle for the kids. Free car parking on site. For site bookings email, swapmeetnelson@gmail.com.

Flash Electrical Beach Fun Day

Wednesday 26 February, 5.30 pm, Kaiteriteri Beach. FREE.

Sing-a Long in the Park for seniors

Thursday 27 February, 10.00 – 11.00 am, Washbourn Gardens, Richmond. Meet at the Fuchsia House. FREE.

Photobook Classes at Richmond Library

Thursday 27 February or Thursday 26 March.

Gather together all those old family photos languishing in an old box and transform them into a gorgeous personalised photobook. We'll show you how to use the Vistaprint website to create a one of a kind keepsake in this free computer class. Contact Richmond Library on 03 543 8500 to find out more and to book your spot.

Makete Pō

Friday 28 February, 4.00 pm – 8.00 pm, Washbourn Gardens, Richmond.

Celebrate Te Ao Māori, enjoy Māori arts and crafts, experience the friendly whānau atmosphere, eat some kai and enjoy live entertainment. Entry is free but be aware that some stalls may only take cash. Nau mai, Haere mai!

Nelson Tasman Climate Forum Launch

Saturday 29 February 1.00 pm – 4.00 pm, Annesbrook Church, Stoke.

Save the date – get more details on page 5.

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