

# WHAT YOU CAN EXPECT TO SEE OVER THE NEXT 10 YEARS

## LEVELS OF SERVICE

Levels of service are what we have agreed to deliver to, and on behalf of, our communities. They are attributes for each activity that describe the service from our customers' perspective.

Levels of service are set through Tasman's 10-Year Plan, sometimes in response to community desire, and sometimes in response to statutory requirements.

Due to our self-imposed financial limits, there is little scope for us to significantly increase levels of service targets over the next 10 years. We have had to focus investment on meeting existing levels of service targets, and making improvements due to statutory requirements.

The following table summarises where we have planned works to achieve agreed levels of service targets or increase levels of service.

ACTIVITY	TYPE OF CHANGE	DESCRIPTION
Water	Improve compliance with NZ's Drinking Water Standards	Invest in meeting the requirements of the Drinking Water Standard New Zealand.
	Reduce water loss from the network	Invest in proactive leak detection and repairs, and on-going pipe renewal.
	Complete the investment in the Waimea Community Dam	Provide for water security for urban and rural users.
Wastewater	Reduce incidences of wastewater overflows into waterways	Invest in pipe and pump station upgrades.
	Improve network resilience	Invest in additional storage or standby electrical generation.
Stormwater	Maintain focus on mitigating flooding of habitable floors	Prioritise investment in network upgrades that mitigate flooding of habitable floors rather than nuisance surface water flooding.
Transportation	Increase the number of people using cycling and walking as a mode of transport	Invest in improved cycling facilities.
	Increase the number of people using public transport	Invest in expanded public transport services.
	Increase the length of sealed road resurfacing	Increase investment in routine road resurfacing from 2024/2025 onwards.
Waste Management and Minimisation	Improve waste minimisation and recycling infrastructure	Invest in Resource Recovery Centre, materials recovery facility and waste minimisation infrastructure improvements.

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ACTIVITY	TYPE OF CHANGE	DESCRIPTION
Rivers	Restore the agreed level of service of the Motueka River stopbanks	Invest in reconstruction and strengthening of priority areas of stopbank.
Reserves and Community Facilities	Improve community hall provisions	Invest in new Wakefield/Brightwater community facility.
	Improve aquatic facility provision	Invest in Motueka Community Pool.
	Enhance regional heritage research	Fund new regional museum research facility.
Libraries	Improve library services in Motueka	Invest in final stage of the new Library in Motueka.
Environmental Management	Review planning documents	Review and digitise Tasman's resource management documents.
	Increased climate change policy development work	Increased modelling, information dissemination and policy development for climate change and natural hazards.
	Freshwater improvement	A catchment management focused approach to, and increase, monitoring of freshwater
	Implementation of Tasman BioStrategy	More coordinated approach to biodiversity and natural systems

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### KEY PROJECTS OVER THE NEXT 10 YEARS

Here are some of the infrastructure projects we have planned to deliver.



#### KEY



WATER SUPPLY



TRANSPORT



WASTEWATER



WASTE MINIMISATION AND MANAGEMENT



RIVERS



STORMWATER



COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

\*MRF – Material Recovery Facility. RRC – Resource Recovery Centre. NRSBU – Nelson Regional Sewage Business Unit.

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### PROJECT AND FUNDING CHANGES

The following projects have changed<sup>1</sup> since the Consultation Document for Tasman's 10-Year Plan 2021–2031.

#### MOTUEKA COMMUNITY POOL

The Pool project, with one-third community contribution, has been brought forward. The Council has budgeted to start the business case in 2021/2022 (as previous studies are now outdated), for design in 2022/2023, and construction of the Pool in 2023/2024.

Bringing the business case forward will benefit the overall project in clarifying costs and design of the Pool, giving the Motueka Community Swimming Pool Committee and the Council information to consider in planning the next steps.

The Council agreed to move funding for the construction of the Pool to 2023/2024 once the business case and design is complete. Construction costs can be considered in a future Annual Plan, or a Long Term Plan, if required.

#### BOAT RAMP FACILITY

The Council has decided to bring the funding forward for a proposed new boat ramp facility at Waterfront Park in Māpua (expected feasibility/business case work to start 2021, with possible construction in 2023) on the basis that the Ramp has a one-third community funding contribution.

The current boat ramp is not suitable for launching of boats. The Council has decided to bring forward funding for a proposed new boat ramp facility at Waterfront Park in Māpua which will still be subject to any consents and other approvals prior to any construction.

The Tasman Bay Boat Access Study will continue. The purpose of the Study is to undertake a region review the needs of the Waimea boating community. Any recommendations that come from the Study will be considered as part of the next Long Term Plan.

### PUBLIC TRANSPORT SERVICES

We are proposing more frequent Richmond-Nelson public transport during weekdays from 2023/2024.

Another proposal is for new public transport routes, with at least four return trips per day for the Motueka/Māpua to Nelson route, and at least six return trips per day for the Brightwater/Wakefield to Nelson route, during the weekdays, from 2023/2024.

There was a strong desire in the submissions received to the Regional Public Transport Plan to make improvements around bus service frequency and for making these changes earlier than indicated in the Plan (in 2023, instead of in 2026).

With recommendations from the Tasman Regional Transport Committee, the Council has advanced the implementation of increased public transport services on the basis that it receives additional revenue. We anticipate new funding opportunities in response to the Ministry of Transport's Transport Emissions: Pathways to Net Zero by 2050. If unsuccessful, the additional revenue may need to be sourced through user fees, or implementation may need to be deferred.

### TE ĀWHINA MARAE

Te Āwhina Marae trustees propose to provide the whole Motueka community with a cultural, social, health, educational and arts hub, as well as developing some papakāinga housing and tourism opportunities for Māori. Their request to Council included a financial grant or a waiving of development contribution and building consent fees for their proposed redevelopment. The Council plans to contribute \$50,000 to the proposed Marae redevelopment. The Marae has also now been added to the list of Community Housing Providers in the Council's Development and Financial Contributions Policy. This gives the opportunity for the trustees to apply for a remission on development contributions charges for the redevelopment.

The Council considers this request to align with its strategic priority to 'contribute to a diverse society and celebrating our culture and heritage', and community outcomes, 'our communities have opportunities to celebrate and explore their heritage, identity and creativity', and 'our communities have access to a range of social, cultural, educational, and recreational facilities and activities'.

1. In addition to the changes following consultation on Big Choices summarised on pages 8 – 14.

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### KAPA HAKA AND TE MATATINI

The Te Tau Ihu o Te Waka Māori Cultural Council (Cultural Council) requested resource support from both Tasman District and Nelson City Councils for three national kapa haka events between 2021 and 2026. The Council agreed to fund \$35,000 per annum to the Cultural Council between 2023 and 2026, to assist with funding an events coordinator. We have also committed staff time to assist the Cultural Council with a funding application to the Ministry of Business, Innovation, and Employment's Regional Events Fund.

The Council values and supports cultural diversity and heritage and this commitment to these events will help share the cultural knowledge and experience across the District.

Another benefit to the District is that the events are expected to attract over 40,000 people, providing a boost in economic activity for the region.

### PROJECT DE-VINE ENVIRONMENTAL TRUST

The Council will increase funding to the Project De-Vine Environmental Trust from \$25,000 to \$35,000 per annum for 10 years to assist with the employment of a professional project director.

Project De-Vine is a group of volunteers and landowners that work to remove pest weeds across Golden Bay and Mārahau/Riwaka areas. Project De-Vine's work complements and benefits the biosecurity and biodiversity in the region. Without its efforts, the Council may need to undertake the work itself. The Council acknowledge that Project De-Vine's work, with the help of its volunteer membership, is important to the Tasman region.

### GOLDEN BAY GRANDSTAND

The Council has brought forward the budgeted \$900,000 contribution to the Grandstand to be made available from 2021/2022.

The Council has pushed this work forward with the aim of trying to have the upgrade of the Grandstand complete (or at least well underway) in time for the 125th A&P show in 2022.

### NELSON TASMAN BUSINESS TRUST

The Nelson Tasman Business Trust requested additional funding to contribute to a part-time position that would focus on facilitating events and client advice specifically for Richmond and the wider Tasman District. The Council agreed to increase funding to the Trust from \$15,000 to \$25,000 per annum for 10 years.

The Council values and supports the work that the Trust does to enable businesses in the region to start and grow. The increase in funding is to meet the request that will enable more focus on businesses in Richmond and the wider Tasman District.

### SAXTON FIELD

The public requested additional projects, which were supported by recommendations from the Saxton Field Committee (which includes councillors from Nelson City and Tasman District Council). Therefore the Council has adjusted some of the budgets for Saxton Field.

The Council plans to reallocate funding and use savings from other Saxton Field programmed works and contribute \$36,000 for a pole vault facility in 2021/2022. The Top of the South Tasman Trust is also contributing funding to the project.

The Council also agreed to reallocate funding and upgrade flood lighting for the hockey turf to a LED system, earlier than planned. The work will start in 2021/2022. Nelson Hockey Association will also be contributing to the costs.

### MĀPUA TENNIS COURTS

The Council decided to bring forward funding for the planned work to resurface the Māpua Tennis Courts to 2022/2023.

The Council has made this change in response to support received through submissions on Tasman's 10-Year Plan 2021 – 2031.

This change was made on the basis that the Tennis Club would fund their own additional courts and floodlights.

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### SHARED SERVICES WITH NELSON CITY COUNCIL

Nelson City Council is our neighbour and many residents who live in Tasman work in Nelson city and vice versa. It is important that both Councils work closely together to provide joint community benefit. In 2015 our Councils jointly developed our Community Outcomes. Today they remain virtually identical, indicating that we are both striving to achieve the same goals for our communities.

We collaborate closely with Nelson City Council, which benefits the wider region and results in the provision of better services to ratepayers, improved efficiency and/or cost savings.

Examples of shared services, projects and programmes include:

- joint ownership, for example, Port Nelson and Nelson Airport
- joint capital funding, such as for the development of Saxton Field
- co-funding of services and activities, such as the Nelson Provincial Museum
- aligning service delivery, for example shared library services
- co-ordinated strategic planning such as a shared Future Development Strategy and the development of consistent engineering standards
- the provision of services, like those in place for hydrological and biosecurity functions
- a joint Business Unit operating and managing regional landfills; the Nelson Tasman Regional Landfill Business Unit (NTRLBU)
- a joint Business Unit operating and managing the Bell Island Wastewater Treatment Plant and the pump stations and wastewater reticulation that collect and deliver wastewater to Bell Island; the Nelson Regional Sewerage Business Unit (NRSBU), and
- a Joint Waste Management and Minimisation Plan that both Councils separately give effect to.

Some region-wide programmes are led by one council because it has particular expertise, so specialist skills do not have to be duplicated.

For example, Tasman District Council has taken the lead on developing the joint Regional Pest Management Strategy. In other cases a shared approach benefits customer service, for example the reciprocal lending agreement allows residents to use libraries in both council areas. We also work with other councils, including Marlborough District Council on a range of issues and in areas like shared rainfall measuring sites and the Top of the South Marine Biosecurity Partnership.

Some other joint Nelson Tasman projects, programmes and services are described below, under broad operational headings.

### ENGINEERING/INFRASTRUCTURE

Interconnected water supply services provide enhanced security of supply for both Councils, especially during an emergency situation.

Nelson City Council can currently provide a small proportion of Tasman's water supply needs, but lacks the infrastructure to supply large volumes. We provide water and wastewater services to some Nelson residents and business premises in Nelson South.

Cycleways between Richmond and Stoke involved the two Councils working together at the design stage. The Champion/Salisbury roundabout upgrade project is another example of shared funding, planning and construction.

Regional transport planning continues to involve both Councils. Regional advocacy to Central Government is co-ordinated through the Top of the South Land Transport Liaison Forum, involving Tasman District, Marlborough District and Nelson City Councils.

Nelson City and Tasman District Councils share a joint regional landfill business unit. The Nelson Tasman Regional Landfill Business Unit (NTRLBU) manages and operates the York Valley Landfill as the regional landfill and manages the closed landfill at Eves Valley.

The Nelson Regional Sewerage Business Unit (NRSBU) is operated jointly by our Council and Nelson City Council to treat the municipal waste (mainly domestic sewage) from Nelson City and Richmond, Wakefield, Brightwater (the Waimea Basin) and Māpua in the Tasman District.

There is some co-ordination of bylaws where issues span Council boundaries, including the Trade Waste Bylaw.



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### COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

The Saxton Field development is a good example of how the development of one regional facility benefits residents of both Tasman and Nelson. With Nelson, we have invested significantly in developing the facilities, and have signalled further commitments to future development in our respective 10-Year Plans. A joint committee oversees the development, management and marketing of the Saxton Field complex.

Some community policy development is undertaken collaboratively, e.g. the Regional Places and Spaces Strategy, which also involved a range of other agencies and councils.

The Nelson Regional Development Agency (NRDA) runs the 'It's On' website which showcases events in the Nelson Tasman region.

Tasman Libraries work with Nelson and Marlborough Libraries, Nelson Marlborough Institute of Technology and the Nelson Provincial Museum on The Prow website, which details historical and cultural stories across the region. Tasman Libraries are part of partnerships with Marlborough District Libraries and other libraries in the South Island for the purchase of some books and e-books. Tasman libraries, Nelson libraries and Nelson Historical Society have helped fund the digitisation of the Nelson Mail newspaper as part of the National Library's Papers Past service.

Other shared activities in this area include the Positive Ageing Expo, Summer Events Guide and the Found Community Directory.

### ENVIRONMENT/PLANNING/REGULATION ACTIVITIES

We are a partner with Nelson City Council in the Nelson Tasman Civil Defence Emergency Management Group (CDEM). The CDEM Group is jointly resourced by the Councils and operates a regional Emergency Operations Centre based in Richmond. The Civil Defence Emergency Management Plan for the Nelson Tasman region was reviewed and consulted on in 2018.

The two Councils work together on aligning monitoring programmes, including estuarine monitoring and industrial land needs. We manage Nelson City Council's air quality, water level and rainfall data and provide flood warnings through a Hydrological Shared Services contract.

Along with Marlborough District Council and Nelson City Council, we are a partner with the Ministry of Primary Industries (MPI) in the Top of the South Marine Biosecurity Partnership. The main aim of the group is to build systems and processes for the early detection and prevention of marine invasive species

We also work together on the management of growth in our region, including, combined monitoring and reporting on housing and business trends as required under the National Policy Statement for Urban Development. In addition, the Councils work together on the joint Future Development Strategy for the wider Nelson/Tasman region. The Strategy must be reviewed every three years and identifies location, timing and sequencing of future development capacity over the long term for urban development. Together we also co-ordinate coastal oil spill contingency planning and management.

Under the Joint Waste Management and Minimisation Plan, we collaborate on a range of community engagement programmes, events and activities such as Second-hand Sunday and Kickstart Compost Month. The purpose is to enable our communities to avoid or reduce their waste. We also collaborate on combined regional enviroschools events such as Moturoa Mission at Rabbit Island/Moturoa.

There are a variety of regional environmental forums that both Councils participate in, such as the Waimea Inlet Forum, the Mount Richmond Forest Park Management Unit Stakeholder Group, and the Kotahitanga mō te Taiao Alliance, along with other partners.

### CORPORATE AND ECONOMIC ACTIVITIES

Marlborough, Nelson and Tasman Councils have jointly procured insurance including for building assets.

With Nelson City Council, we are part of the Aon South Island collective, which is a local government scheme insuring water supply, wastewater, stormwater and flood protection assets.

We share our planning and asset information, including for the preparation of our Long Term Plans and strategic plans.

Top of the South Maps is a joint initiative between both Councils to provide common geographic and map information to the public.

The Nelson Regional Development Agency (NRDA) is owned by Nelson City Council, but funding is provided from both Councils.