

## A CRUISY RUN DOWN THE NEW HIGHWAY

*Below: Council's Transportation Manager Gary Clark, left, with Tasman Mayor Richard Kempthorne.*



A crowd well in excess of 2000 turned out for a sneak preview of the new Ruby Bay Bypass on Saturday 22 February 2010, helping to boost the coffers of local schools.

The \$30 million bypass from Dominion Road to just past Tasman Village is ahead of schedule and could be completed by the end of this year.

Early users took the chance to bike, skateboard, haycart-ride or walk a section of its 10.7km length – 3.5km has been sealed.

Foodstalls, a bouncy castle and helicopter rides raised funds for Mapua and Mahana Schools and the Tasman Bay Christian School (who had originally approached the New Zealand Transport Agency hoping to hold a fun-run). Trucks, diggers and graders were also on display. The project employs about 100 people.

Safety is a big reason behind building the new highway. It has just 11 side-road accesses, compared with 145 on the existing coastal route. A constant 100km/h will also replace the myriad of speed zones on the old road past Mapua and Ruby Bay.

Some 6000-7000 vehicles use the coastal highway each day.

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# MAYOR'S COMMENT

Tasman is a very diverse district – each community with its own priorities and desires. A key challenge that Council faces is identifying, evaluating and prioritising the requirements of our district as a whole and then allocating funding to ensure that the work gets done at the right time, and where it will have the greatest benefit.

There is always pressure on budgets and we need to prioritise work with a view on district wide benefit as well as local community desires.

This balance is something that the Council and I are very conscious to get right. The decisions Council makes as it strives to provide this service might not always be the most popular but, as tough as the decisions may be, they are always taken with the view of ensuring that Council provides the right services for our district, at the right time and within budget.

– Mayor Richard Kempthorne

## FUNDING LOOKS PROMISING FOR TASMAN LOOP

Tasman's cycling network is in with a good chance of \$2 million Government funding for the 175km Richmond-Kohatu-Motueka loop.

The grant is subject to a feasibility study, which is now underway and expected to be finished in May this year.

Thirteen cycle path projects nationwide will share \$50 million allocated by the Government. Nelson is asking for \$630,000 to extend the mountain bike trail from the Brook to Dun Mountain, the Maitai Dam and back to central Nelson.

In Tasman, the Richmond to Kohatu leg would be part of Nga Haerenga, the proposed national cycling trail, inspired by the success of the Otago Rail Trail. A report by the Tasman District Council, Nelson City Council and Nelson Cycle Trails says new local cycleways could attract 25,000 pedalling tourists a year, pumping \$5.1 million into the economy and generating 45 jobs.

Tasman Council Community and Recreation Adviser Mike Tasman-Jones says the feasibility study will look at potential funding and whether the preferred loop route works "on the ground". Some of the old railway corridor is in private hands and may not be available. Bridges would be needed, and investigators would consider using coastal trails or even the "iconic" Spooners Tunnel.

Apart from sparing cyclists a big hill, the 1350m disused railway tunnel would be a prize feature of the national trail.

The Tasman District Council also has plans to ultimately extend the big loop from Motueka to the new Kaiteriteri mountain bike park. Council Transportation Manager Gary Clark

says work on the loop could start next year. Funds have been allocated in the Ten Year Plan, but more will be needed from other sources.

Mike Tasman-Jones says the loop will be a great facility for recreational cyclists but also commuters and less confident riders.



# READY FOR THE WORST

Murchison knows all about natural disasters, so appropriately it has led the way for other communities by having its own Community Response Plan to deal with major emergencies.

The town is on a main transport route, has a large influx of tourists year-round and is vulnerable to being cut off by heavy rain, snow or slips.

Murchison, of course, took the brunt of the devastating 1929 earthquake that killed 17 people. More recently a snowstorm isolated the community for a fortnight, cutting all communication lines, power and roads.

To test the readiness of civil defence, the new plan, formulated by the Murchison Civil Defence team with help from the Nelson Tasman Emergency Management Office, was trialled on Waitangi weekend. Local Controller Gary Blackburn led the exercise, supported by a team drawn from many agencies, including the Volunteer Fire Brigade, Police, St John Ambulance and volunteers from the community – about 45 people in all.

The first step was to activate the Emergency Operations Centre. This tested procedures, radio communications and other equipment. Strategies were worked out to deal with, for instance, how to communicate with people in surrounding valleys or which volunteers could be called on to staff the centre.

The Murchison Welfare Team, led by Dot Bradley, set up a Welfare Centre at the Murchison Recreation Centre. This assessed what services to provide and how communication would work. Standard operating procedures were developed.

While all this was happening "Exercise Milo" was run by the Nelson Tasman civil defence emergency response team, NZ RT2. A mock vehicle crash down a bank tested multi-agency skills. Following this RT2 held a joint exercise with St John. Twenty "patients" drawn from the local community simulated injuries ranging from trapped and crushed limbs to head injuries.

The exercise weekend left Murchison more confident it can cope with a civil defence emergency. Golden Bay and St Arnaud are next in line to trial their own emergency response plans once they are completed.

## It's your responsibility...

In most emergencies, you should be able to stay at home or your workplace. In these cases it is recommended that you stock the following items to help you get through:

- Torch with spare batteries (or wind up torch)
- Radio with spare batteries (check all batteries every three months or use a wind up radio)
- A change of clothes for all family members (wind and waterproof clothing, sunhats, and strong outdoor shoes)
- First-aid kit and essential medicines (check 'use by' dates every six months)
- Blankets or sleeping bags
- Pet supplies
- Toilet paper and large rubbish bags for your emergency toilet
- Face and dust masks
- Food and water for at least three days
- Non-perishable food (canned or dried food)
- Bottled water (at least three litres per person, per day for drinking)
- Plan how to get water for washing and cooking (check your hot water cylinder, pond, toilet cistern if it is free of chemicals)
- A primus or gas barbecue to cook on
- A can opener
- Check and replace food and water every twelve months.
- Supplies for babies and small children
- Food, formula and drink
- Change of clothing and nappies
- Toys or favourite activity

Make sure everyone in your house knows where your emergency items are kept.

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# BULLERFEST IS COMING

Whitewater thrillseekers are descending on Murchison for Australasia's biggest paddling event, the Teva Buller Festival.

The three-day event from 5-7 March 2010 includes Boater Cross, Kayak Slalom, Rafter Cross, Kayak Big Air and the infamous Rock the Buller Party.

The festival attracts about 500 paddlers each year, from as far as Auckland and Dunedin, with a good muster of locals. All skill levels are catered for.

Early registration starts on Thursday night at the festival headquarters in the new Murchison Recreation Centre. A Warm-up Party at the Riverview campground cafe kicks

off the fun.

On Friday the Kayak Boater Cross takes place on the Matakaitaki River. This pits heats of four paddlers against one another in a race down a short stretch of river.

The Welcome to Bullerfest Party at the Rec Centre that night features live music.

On Saturday the Kayak Slalom and Rafter Cross take place on the Buller. The slalom is at the testing O'Sullivan's rapid, 10 minutes south of Murchison. Rafter Cross involves teams racing for glory.

Sunday offers spectators a treat at a Big-Air ramp on the Buller near the Riverview campground, with the best tricks winning the day.

The weekend wraps up with a prizegiving – including plenty of spot prizes.



## 'FRIENDLY TOWN' HAS A DOUBLE

Ryu Takahashi, who is Japanese but has lived in Motueka for 11 years, points out that Newline fell into a trap with "friendly town" Kiyosato.

Our story on a visit by Kiyosato students contained background information relating to the town in central Japan. In fact Motueka's buddy town is on the northern island of Hokkaido.

"Honestly, I hadn't heard of the Kiyosato in Hokkaido until I came here," says Ryu, "and I also thought the friendly town of Motueka was Kiyosato in Yatsu-ga-take, so it's pretty fair enough for you to make such a mistake, but I hope me pointing this out will help for the future."

It does, thanks. So, the correct Kiyosato is a small town (population under 5000) whose main industry is agriculture, producing carrots,

wheat, potatoes – which are distilled to make a vodka-like drink – and onions. It is a winter skiing base and has natural hot springs. Kiyosato speed-skater Tomomi Okazaki, 38, has just competed at Montreal in her fifth Winter Olympics.

Motueka's Mary Lafrentz, who has visited Kiyosato five times, describes it as a very beautiful place. "To me it's like coming into Upper Moutere." Kiyosato has a "Motueka Park", planted out in 1997, and Motueka has Kiyosato gardens, with a Tea House opened last year.

The 21-year friendship has allowed 64 Motueka students to visit Japan. Kiyosato offers 3-month, 6-month or year-long exchanges in which Kiwi students just have to cover their airfares and spending money. Melanie White and Glen Lancaster returned to teach and settle in Japan. Kiyosato students visit Motueka every year.

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# SPREADING THE LOAD AND BENEFIT

Tasman District Council, in partnership with Nelson City Council, supports the work of Nelson Tasman Tourism and in particular the destination marketing component.

The Tourism Targeted Rate, which Council introduced last year in the Ten Year Plan is used to directly fund Council's share of this work. The rate is targeted from those activities receiving a benefit from visitors to the region. At \$122.00 (excl GST) it collected \$92,700 for the 2009/2010 year.

The total budgeted for this proposed rate in the 2010/2011 year, after allowing for inflation, is \$95,583.

Council has taken the opportunity to review who the targeted rate is levied at, and how. Ideally all those that benefit from the delivery of destination marketing should be the sector that is specifically targeted. After much discussion, the Council has agreed to widen the scope of the ratepayers affected by the rate.

In addition to those already paying the targeted rate it is proposed to include in the Draft Annual Plan holiday homes that have fee-paying tenants for less than 90 days and those properties with multiple units.

These rating units have been identified for a number of reasons and have some benefit to the whole catchment of targeted ratepayers; those that benefit from destination marketing pay, there is a greater number that the rate is levied at reducing the amount paid by each ratepayer thus providing a greater level of fairness.

In effect the Tourism Targeted Rate will be levied to more ratepayers than currently identified. At this stage it is impossible to accurately quantify the number of these additional ratepayers. A working

estimate is that the number of targeted ratepayers could rise from less than 700 to 1,100.

As a result of this uncertainty the Council has resolved that if the change in the targeted rate is included in the Annual Plan they will commit to paying Nelson Tasman Tourism what they collect not a target sum. This will enable the rate levied to be fixed at a set sum.

Currently the charge is \$122 p.a. (GST excl). By extending the catchment the sum would remain at \$125.78 p.a. (GST excl) per unit.

The change to the targeted rate for tourism will be included in the Draft Annual Plan out for consultation next month.



## WOW COSTUMES PULL IN THE CROWDS

Golden Bay artists' conspicuous success in the World of Wearable Art Awards has given Takaka's museum a hit of its own.

An exhibition celebrating that proud record over two decades features 24 costumes, eight of which are on loan from WOW. The display has been pulling in the crowds since October – 8600 adults and 1660 children so far.

"Those are big numbers for a little place like this," says Collections Manager Jane McDonald.

The exhibit has spectacular outfits by Liza Eastman, Dominique de Borrekens and Mandy

Preston, plus Claire Prebble, who has since become well-known for her costume-making on the blockbuster sci-fi movie Avatar.

Claire, 24, was born and bred in Golden Bay and has worked at movie special effects company Weta Workshop since 2006. She travels the world working on projects.

She created her first costume for the WOW event when she was eight, and left school at 13 to pursue her passion. She finished her education at a work centre in Takaka.

In 2004 at the age of 18, she won the WOW Supreme Award – the show's youngest overall winner.

Claire's mother, Sarah Hornibrooke, also has an outfit in the Takaka exhibit.

Jane says the WOW display is creating spin-

offs for the whole museum. A class from Takaka Primary School visited recently as part of their art design curriculum, but pupils quickly gravitated to the spectacular models of Abel Tasman's ships and a scow.

The museum collects only objects or artefacts relating to the Bay because of limited storage space. Prominent displays focus on the Takaka tramway, New Zealand's oldest rocks and of course Dutch explorer Abel Tasman.

To correctly preserve photographs, paperwork, textiles and collection items, the museum runs 10 heat pumps round the clock.

It is funded by an annual grant from the Tasman District Council, topped up with donations and grants from charitable organisations.

# ANTIQUESHIP AHOY

Boaties from throughout New Zealand have cleaned out their bilges, pried open their varnish pots, decoked their boilers and headed to Lake Rotoiti for a weekend of "Glorious Hydromatic Relaxation".

The NZ Antique and Classic Boatshow, one of Tasman district's showcase events, embarks on its second decade in good heart, with 180 craft expected to take part on 6 and 7 March 2010.

Organiser Pete Rainey says the formula of boat displays on the land, and races on the water for vessels powered by steam, sail, oars and engines, is "tried and true".

The show's reputation is growing every year through word of mouth among boaties, he says. "It's an irresistible attraction – the setting is spectacular, every boat has a story and the owners just get right into the informal and friendly spirit of the event."

Pete says the judges consider many factors in looking for the best overall boat to take home the Jens Hansen Trophy.

"They're interested in how the boat looks, its history and condition and the way it's constructed and engineered. It's not necessarily the most valuable or expensive boat that wins, but the one that stands out for the judges as being special, or memorable."

Previous winners have included an original Hamilton jet, a locally restored Idle-along, an almost original 1950s speedboat rescued from a Blenheim farm shed, a clinker that took 380 hours to restore and a 1902 Logan Brothers oil launch from Lyttelton.

Other prizes include best new restoration, best jet-propelled craft and the best themed display. A new award for the best steamboat

commemorates the input of Ron Culley, one of the earliest attendees of the show who is no longer well enough to take part.

Races will be held for yachts, row boats, Seagull-motored dinghies, poppers, canoes, child rowers and swimmers. A longer race up the lake on Sunday morning will be limited to non-planing hulls or motors 5hp and under.

Social activities include a lakeside barbecue on Friday night and a dinner and prize giving at the Alpine Lodge on Saturday night – naval dress suggested.

Boaties and show-goers are reminded that DOC has released kiwi into the Nelson Lakes National Park very close to where the show takes place, so no antique and classic dogs please.

For further information go to [www.itson.co.nz](http://www.itson.co.nz).



*Old timers build up a head of steam on Rotoiti.*

## RICHMOND FAMILY FUN RIDE THIS WEEKEND!

Saturday 6 March 2010 is the Richmond Bike Wise family fun ride. The ride starts at 10.00 am at the ASB Aquatic Centre. Come along with your bike and helmet, take part in the ride and then be in with a chance of winning one of the spot prizes, including a new

bike and helmet and swim passes for the ASB Aquatic Centre. For more information go to [www.bikewise.co.nz](http://www.bikewise.co.nz) or contact: Krista Hobday, Tasman District Council, Ph. 03 543 8551 or 027 405 6888, email: [krista.hobday@tasman.govt.nz](mailto:krista.hobday@tasman.govt.nz)





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# COUNCIL INTRODUCES LAST PART OF THE TASMAN RESOURCE MANAGEMENT PLAN

The Council has introduced the final part of its Tasman Resource Management Plan – Part IV (as Variation 68) dealing with the management of activities in the beds of rivers and lakes as a proposed variation to the Plan. It is inviting public submissions in support or opposition to the provisions of the new part of the Plan.

Part IV covers a range of river management issues and the impact of some of the provisions on the use of rivers will be of interest for a wide range of stakeholders.

Until now, existing regulations have meant that there are virtually no activities that can be carried out in a river without consent. Part IV of the Plan will now enable minor activities to be generally permitted and will set performance standards for those activities. Part IV also regulates other more significant bed activities and clarifies how such consents may be decided.

Among the things addressed in Part IV are the placing of structures like culverts, bridges and dams in rivers and streams; disturbances of the river bed for activities such as mining, gravel extraction and river erosion control; vehicles and stock movements across the beds; and some boating activities on the surface of rivers.

Part IV will also recognise Council's river management role to maintain safe and efficient floodways and maintain integrity of adjacent groundwater.

Part IV of the Plan will identify a range of methods in addition to the rules that are designed to implement the policies. These include education and advocacy, collection of information, further investigation, and maintaining and establishing partnerships with land managers and stakeholders.

The Council wants to continue the good working relationships with landowners in river catchments. It is keen to ensure the community continues to maintain instream values today and make sure they are also available for the future.

Some changes are also made to the existing parts of the Plan. Amendments to Part II, (Change 17) include provisions to manage effects of development on existing dam structures when considering applications for subdivision.

Proposed variations are also made to Parts V and VI of the Plan (Variations 69 and 70) to ensure consistency and integration with issues addressed in Part IV and include:

1. Additional policies and rules to manage water quality effects of activities, and provide guidance to management of rivers where water quality is degraded
2. Amendments to water diversion and damming provisions to ensure consistency within the Plan.

Information about the variations is available from Council offices and libraries. It can also be viewed or downloaded from the Council's website. Submission forms are available at all these places for anyone wanting to make a submission in support or opposition to the variation. Submissions close on 26 April 2010.

For more detailed information please contact Mary-Anne Baker Ph. 03 543 8486, email [mary-anne.baker@tasman.govt.nz](mailto:mary-anne.baker@tasman.govt.nz).



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# ECOFEST 2010 – HOME & GARDEN TOURS



Do you have an urban garden full of incredible edibles? Are you living the 'good life' dream with your chooks, your worms and bees? Would you be willing to share your passion and knowledge with others?

Ecofest organisers are seeking locals with green thumbs and green minds to open up their gardens and homes as part of the event's popular home and garden tour series. This year, Ecofest turns ten and the tours are

taking on a slightly different format. They will be held on the weekend of 14-15 August 2010 and there will be urban and rural tour options available.

Organisers are currently seeking people with:

- urban edible gardens with plenty of winter veges that will be looking productive in August. You might also have chooks, bees, rainwater catchment etc
- Good examples of urban eco-homes – either new or renovated/retrofitted
- Lifestyle properties that feature both an eco-home and sustainable garden with waste and water management and conservation
- Good rural eco-homes that don't fit into the above category – both tailor made and retro-fitted.

Ecofest event organiser Jo Reilly says people

opening their homes and gardens don't have to be "eco-experts" they just have to be willing to share their ideas.

"The Ecofest Home and Garden Tours have become a really important part of Ecofest and not only demonstrate what's possible in the home and garden, but also help celebrate the individuals in our communities who are 'living the dream' of a greener, more sustainable way of life.

"Those who go on the tours find this really inspirational, which is what the event is all about. Ecofest is in its tenth year now so we are hoping to make this year's Home and Garden Tour the biggest and best ever.

"I'd encourage anyone interested to give me a call for a chat or, if you know someone who you think should enter, I'd appreciate it if you gave them a nudge in the right direction!"

For more information contact Jo Reilly on 03 543 3663 or email: [ecofest@xtra.co.nz](mailto:ecofest@xtra.co.nz).

## TURN YOUR CAMERAS ON THE SEA

Young environmental champion Mitchell Chandler has organised a photo competition for his fellow students to run alongside Seaweek from 7-14 March 2010.

The competition is open to all primary to secondary students in the Nelson/Tasman district. Categories are: In the sea, On the sea, Around the sea, with a \$20 prize for each (sponsored by Nayland Physiotherapy). One entry per student for each category. The photo must have been taken by the student, with no Photoshopping allowed.

Write the category, school name, your name, age, address and phone number on the back of the photo. Post to Mitchell Chandler, Seaweek Photos, 728 Main Road, Stoke, (or drop in his letterbox) to be received by noon Sunday 7 March 2010. Photos will not be returned unless accompanied by a stamped, self-addressed envelope.

Seaweek is a national celebration of our marine environment organised by the New Zealand Association for Environmental Education and sponsored by the Department of Conservation.

Mitchell, who is 13 and in Year 9 at Nayland College, won the Individuals and Families section in the Tasman Nelson Environment Awards last year for his work organising school students to clean up Poorman's Stream in Stoke.



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# USER-FRIENDLY FOCUS FOR NEW WEBSITES

Tasman District Council is launching a brand new Council website in June this year with a new Libraries website following in Spring 2010.

This redevelopment is being driven by Tama Easton who joined the Council as Webmaster late last year. Tama comes to the Council with over 20 years of online experience and is charged with the ongoing development and management of the Council and Libraries websites in-house.

The websites are being built from the ground up which gives Council an excellent opportunity to give them a strong customer focus. Tama has been attending Community

Board and Community Association meetings around the Tasman district asking the public what they would like to see in the new websites. He is also running an online survey allowing everyone the opportunity to have their say; go to [www.tasman.govt.nz/survey](http://www.tasman.govt.nz/survey) to let Council know what you'd like to see.

There will be three pillars to the main Council website:

- **Transaction Centre**  
The website will be able to take online payments and financial transactions. So you will be able to do your business with Council online at a time that suits you.
- **Communication Tool**  
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and you can let us know what you think.

#### Information Gateway

The website will give you access to the wide range of public information that Council has. Information like river flow, rainfall, property, rates, cemeteries and more will be available 24/7.

Once the websites are launched there will be ongoing development to bring additional services and information online. Development will be prioritised on a combination of public feedback, legislative requirements, customer needs and the technical ease of implementation.

This exciting project will bring the Council's online services closer to what our residents and visitors want and need. If you have any queries or comments about the new websites please email [Tama.Easton@tasman.govt.nz](mailto:Tama.Easton@tasman.govt.nz)

## MUD, FUN AND FOOD ON THE MENU

Taste Tasman is getting down and dirty this year, with a muddy fun run held in conjunction with the festival on Sunday 7 March 2010.

The two kilometre slog through estuary sludge also includes a "freeze pit" with "an awful lot of ice," says Tasman School principal Pip Wells. Teams of two (entrants as young as five with a parent) can do a lap, and serious competitors will tackle the three-lapper Mud Addicts. Register on the day at 9.30 am.

The run has been organised by the Tasman Regional Sports Trust. Team fees also cover entry to Taste Tasman – after a hose-down, presumably.

Ex-Nelsonian Sharon O'Neill headlines the day's entertainment, which includes other bands, a magician and a fashion show by Rome.

Taste Tasman, run by the school and Tasman Area Community Association as a fundraiser, showcases local food and wine, products, arts and crafts.

The festival is partly funded by Tasman District Council's Community and Creative Communities Grants, but many other businesses and residents donate goods, services and time.

Sharon O'Neill will also take part in the last festival event, the Sounds of Tasman Music Seminar, offering people the chance to

learn from music industry professionals about songwriting, funding and the business generally.

The seminar will be held at the Nelson School of Music from 10.00 am to 3.00 pm on Wednesday 10 March 2010, with speakers including Alan Mansfield (producer and keyboard player with Dragon, Robert Palmer, Bette Midler) and Liam Ryan (PhD in music, musical director of the National Jazz Festival, recording artist and songwriter with Kiwi band The Narcs). Creative New Zealand is backing the event.

Taste Tasman begins at 11.00am. For further information go to [www.tastetasman.com](http://www.tastetasman.com)





# Community Recreation **MARCH 2010**

## Urban Links Map

The new updated Way2Go Richmond and Motueka Lanes and Linkages brochures are out now. The brochures have been re-designed to highlight the network of paths around the urban areas and to encourage the choice to go on foot or by bike for short trips. The maps clearly illustrate the walk/cycle paths that link to help create short cuts and also give information on some of the facilities in the areas and about a few key destinations.

## Canterbury Community Trust

Canterbury Community Trust has confirmed a donation of \$100,000 over two years to the Motueka Recreation Centre redevelopment and \$10,000 to support a variety of community events.

The support from Canterbury Community Trust enables Council to deliver on the potential of both these projects.

## In Your Neighbourhood

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Volleyball, badminton, petanque, soccer, touch rugby and lawn darts are just some of the sports on offer.

See the schedule below for the event nearest to you.

*Wednesday 3 March 2010*

3.30 pm – 5.00 pm  
Mapua Recreation Reserve, Mapua

*Wednesday 10 March 2010*

3.30 pm – 5.00 pm  
Moutere Hills Community Complex, Moutere

*Wednesday 17 March 2010*

3.30 pm – 5.00 pm  
Memorial Park, Motueka

*Wednesday 24 March 2010*

3.30 pm – 5.00 pm  
Murchison Recreation Reserve, Murchison

*Wednesday 31 March 2010*

3.30 pm – 5.00 pm  
Takaka Primary School, Takaka

*Wednesday 7 April 2010*

1.30 pm – 2.30 pm  
ASB Aquatic Centre Front Field, Richmond

*Wednesday 14 April 2010*

1.30 pm – 2.30 pm  
Goodman Park, Motueka  
In Your Neighbourhood is proudly presented by Tasman District Council, in association with Way2Go and SPARC, and is a FREE event for all who attend.

## Motueka Music Group's Concert

The 2010 concert series begins on 7 March 2010.

Robin Ward – International Harpist will be playing a programme of music from the 17th century to the present day. ([www.earlyharps.com](http://www.earlyharps.com))

Venue: Chanel Arts Centre, Motueka, Sunday 7 March 2010, 7.30pm

Tickets: \$20 Adult, \$5 High School Students. Tickets from Bobbs Fashions, High Street, Motueka or at the door.

[www.motuekamusic.com](http://www.motuekamusic.com)

## Walk to Work Day

Wednesday 10 March 2010 – free breakfast and giveaways for participants at the Queen Street courtyard entrance to the Richmond Mall, from 7.30 am to 9.00 am.

## The Tasman District Council Community Development Fund

The fund enables Tasman district's smaller communities to enhance their town or to attract visitors. The first closing date is 12 March 2010.

The guide and application form are available from council offices and on Council's website – [www.tasman.govt.nz](http://www.tasman.govt.nz)

## Free information for parents of teenagers

Parents of teenagers are able to sign up to a free information service provided by Health Action Trust.

The aim is to support parents by keeping them informed about things that are aimed at them which they might not otherwise hear about. The updates are available either by email or postal delivery and are sent

approximately two to three times per month. Notices will be relevant to parents and/or teenagers, and will include information from organisations holding workshops, public meetings and other events such as school-leaver courses and youth forums in the Nelson/Tasman area.

Parents who would like to join the list can either email [rose@healthaction.org.nz](mailto:rose@healthaction.org.nz) or send their postal details to: Parent List, Health Action Trust, PO Box 691, Nelson 7040.

## Motueka District Museum

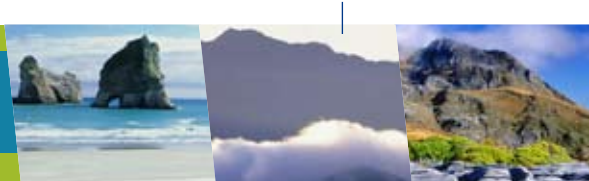
Current exhibition – Piki Ki runga, the climb to the top of Marble Mountain. The story of the Takaka hill.

Opening hours are Monday – Friday 10.00 am to 4.00 pm until Easter then Tuesday – Friday 10.00 am to 3.00 pm. Free admission, donation appreciated.

Contact Mike Tasman-Jones, Community Recreation Advisor Ph. 03 543 8403.

## Trustpower Community Award Nominations

Nominations are now open. More information in Thursday 1 April 2010 edition of Newsline the Mag.



# NEWSUPDATE

## RESOURCE CONSENTS

The Council has received applications for resource consent, which have been publicly notified in The Nelson Mail. The applications and supporting information may be examined in any Council office. The full public notice may be found online at Council's website ([www.tasman.govt.nz](http://www.tasman.govt.nz)). Any person may make a submission on the applications in accordance with Section 96 of the Resource Management Act 1991. Submission forms are available from Council offices and on Council's website. Please note that the following is an abridged advisory notice only.

**Applicant:** Tui Educational & Spiritual Trust.

**Location:** McShane Road, Wainui Bay.

**Consent Type, Application Number and Proposal:**

**Land Use Consent (Application) RM090350**  
To approve a management plan for further development of the Tui Educational & Spiritual Trust Community over the next 10 years including the following elements:

- Construction of nine additional dwellings, bringing the total number of residential buildings to 27;
- Construction of four accommodation cabins for participants attending Treefield events; and
- Reclassification of the dwelling known as Dawn Cottage to an office/storage shed.

**Land Disturbance Consent (Application) RM090894**

To undertake earthworks in a Land Disturbance Area 2 to create nine new building platforms and access to those sites, involving the excavation of approximately 10,000 cubic metres of material.

**Submissions due:**

4.30 pm on Friday 12 March 2010.

## COMMUNITY NOTICES

### Creative Communities Arts Funding Available

The next funding round closes 31 March 2010 for projects that start after 1 May 2010.

Projects must take place within Tasman district and/or produce benefits that are largely experienced within Tasman district, increase participation in the arts, and strengthen local arts sector.

The guide and application form are available from council offices and on Council's website – [www.tasman.govt.nz](http://www.tasman.govt.nz)

## COUNCIL NOTICES

### Tasman District Council Navigation Safety Bylaw 2005:

#### Speed Limit Suspension and Reservation of Kerr Bay Lake Rotoiti

**Saturday 6 and Sunday 7 March 2010**

The NZ Antique and Classic Boatshow will be holding an event at Kerr Bay, Lake Rotoiti between 9.00 am and 5.00 pm on both Saturday 6 and Sunday 7 March 2010.

Pursuant to powers provided to the Harbourmaster by the Tasman District Council Navigation Safety Bylaw, the speed limits imposed by the Tasman District Council Navigation Safety Bylaw in relation to vessels within 50 metres of another vessel, or within 200 metres of shore or a structure are suspended for those vessels taking part and controlling the event, and exclusive use of a reserved area is provided to the event organisers. The area reserved exclusively for this event will include all of Kerr Bay, Lake Rotoiti out to a line which heads due east from a point 200 metres south of the Brunner Peninsula. The reserved area will therefore include the water ski access lane and those areas of water immediately adjacent to the launching ramps and beach at Kerr Bay.

For the dates and times detailed above, the organisers of the NZ Antique and Classic Boatshow shall have exclusive use of the area defined above and will be required to ensure that craft or persons not involved in the event do not enter the reserved area unless the permission of the event organisers has been obtained. Vessels wishing to transit through or enter the reserved area during the event may do so only after consulting with the event organisers, and then may do so when, and under such conditions that the event organisers may choose to specify. Vessels entering or within the reserved area are requested to comply with any directions given by the event organisers or event officials relating to passage through that reserved area as if it was a direction given by the Harbourmaster.

Other conditions have been imposed and may be viewed by contacting the Tasman District Council's Harbourmaster at the Richmond office.

## COMMUNITY NOTICES

### Richmond Bike Wise Family Ride

**Saturday 6 March 2010.**

Start 10.00 am, at the ASB Aquatic Centre.

### Encouragement Grants

Funding up to \$500 is available for groups/organisations from the Motueka Arts Council, for projects within the Motueka region in performing or visual arts. Applications close on the last day of every month except December. Projects should not start until at least one month after applications close. For further information and application forms please contact Shirley Frater, Ph 03 528 7104 or Pam Marchant, Ph 03 526 8515 or download from [www.tasman.govt.nz/index.php?GrantsandFundingForms](http://www.tasman.govt.nz/index.php?GrantsandFundingForms) (Creative communities arts funding Motueka forms).

### Waimea College Fundraiser

Please help our local College to build the new Gymnasium by investing in the brick cladding. You can take a virtual tour, see who has invested, and buy bricks at [www.waimea.school.nz](http://www.waimea.school.nz) or contact Tracy, Ph. 03 544 6099.

### 24 Hour Emergency – Phone your local office

<b>Richmond</b>	<b>03 543 8400</b>
<b>Murchison</b>	<b>03 523 1013</b>
<b>Motueka</b>	<b>03 528 2022</b>
<b>Takaka</b>	<b>03 525 0020</b>

[info@tasman.govt.nz](mailto:info@tasman.govt.nz) [www.tasman.govt.nz](http://www.tasman.govt.nz)

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## COUNCIL MEETINGS

**Agendas and Minutes for Council Meetings can be viewed on Council's website at [www.tasman.govt.nz](http://www.tasman.govt.nz)**

### Golden Bay Community Board

Collingwood Fire Brigade Hall, Tuesday, 9 March 2010, 9.00 am. *Public forum*

### Motueka Community Board

7 Hickmott Place, Motueka, Tuesday, 9 March 2010, 4.30 pm. *Public forum*

### Community Services Committee

Tasman Council Chambers, 189 Queen Street, Richmond, Thursday, 11 March 2010, 9.30 am. *Public forum*



The bird life on the beach and estuary is fantastic.

Each issue we will be asking residents what they love about their small piece of Tasman. Are there hidden walks that everyone should know about, local sights that make their hearts sing or simply the best latté this side of Rome? This issue we look at Collingwood.

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# FORGING BONDS WITH TASMAN'S BIRTHPLACE

Tasman School pupils have stretched a hand across the globe to the birthplace of the Dutch explorer who gave our region its name.

Abel Tasman was born in the municipality of Grootegast, which has a Friendly Towns agreement with Tasman district. When a delegation from Holland visited a few years ago, the idea of a penpals link was mooted. Eighteen pupils from Tasman have now put pen to paper, detailing their lives, pets, likes and dislikes etc, attached photos and posted them to Aquarel school in Grootegast. Teacher Sue Shand explained that future correspondence will be mostly by email, but this first contact was also a chance for her to assess the pupils' written work.

The plan is for each Tasman youngster to buddy up with a pupil in the Netherlands. Mayor Richard Kempthorne visited Tasman School recently to share his knowledge of Grootegast and fire the pupils' enthusiasm for the exchange. It shouldn't be a problem. The 70-strong school has several youngsters of Dutch extraction, and more with other European ties.






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