



## FANZONE BRINGS RUGBY WORLD CUP TO MOTUEKA

Backed by the Tasman District Council and Sport Tasman, Fanzone is coming to the Motueka Recreation Centre.

The Fanzone will enable the community to enjoy Rugby World Cup Semi-finals on Saturday 15 and Sunday 16 October 2011 and the Final on Sunday 23 October 2011 for FREE.

The Fanzone, as well as featuring a large 8 x 4 metre screen complete with digital surround sound to watch the matches on, will have live performances, beverages and food and even a supervised fun area for the kids. The entertainment will begin well before kick-off and the kids area will run up until the final whistle.

The Fanzone will create a festive atmosphere for the community to get together and be part of Rugby World Cup. "The Fanzone will provide a fun way to be involved in this huge international event whether you're a big fan of rugby or not," said Ria Ahearn, Fanzone Coordinator.

The recent upgrade to the Motueka Recreation Centre has created a facility well suited to hosting community events. So come enjoy the spectacle of the Rugby World Cup with friends and family.

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# MAYOR'S COMMENT

Adopting the Annual Plan last month marked the end of the 2010 year and heralded the start of the 2011 financial year for the Council.

It is going to be a productive and noteworthy year. The proposed union between Tasman and Nelson will be a key challenge to work through.

Despite the still challenging economic times the Council must continue to invest in the District to provide the necessary services and meet the expectations of those who live here. While the amalgamation debate continues with no definite outcome the Council continues to be committed to delivering excellent services at an affordable cost.

As the Annual Plan shifts from draft to actual and the work programme continues, the Council now has to switch its mind to the upcoming Ten Year Plan. One of the early elements is to engage with the community to review and test the outcomes desired by the communities we serve. There is a small story regarding this initial process within this issue of Newslines.

With the submission period for the Local Government Commission's amalgamation proposal currently open I have been invited to public meetings in Golden Bay 18 July 2011 and in Motueka 1 August 2011. These will be valuable meetings for those interested, and I urge you all to be interested, this is a once in a generation decision you are being asked to make. While the Council does not yet have a position it certainly has grave concerns about the quality of the information that has obviously been used to inform the recent decisions by the Local Government Commission. I will be discussing this issue at the meetings because I am concerned Tasman residents may be asked to vote next year with incorrect information at hand.

The Council will be contacting the Local Government Commission with the major concerns we have regarding the fundamental mistakes and the resultant flawed assumptions made in their reports. To this end the Council

will be finalising an open letter requesting that the mistakes be corrected and explanations be provided for the assumptions made on the basis of the errors within the reports.

I am of the belief, regardless of the outcome, the issue should be considered with the correct information, which it currently isn't able to be. If the proposal comes to a vote next year you really need to know what you are voting over and the ramifications of the decision.

In addition to the letter we will be sending a submission to the Local Government Commission from the Council on the draft reorganisation scheme and this will be made public as well.

– Mayor Richard Kempthorne



## COMMUNITY BOARDS POWERS SET TO INCREASE

In 2009 Mayor Richard Kempthorne and Chief Executive Paul Wylie investigated how various councils in the South Island worked with, and empowered their community boards. During that process they were impressed with the board structure they saw in Southland, and suggested improvements to Tasman's community boards based on that structure. These were considered by Council last August.

These improvements were recently amended in line with the framework set out by the Local

Government Commission for empowering the boards that suggests giving them the power to seek funding from outside sources for community projects, manage community halls, approve traffic measures such as Stop and Give Way signs, have the final say on the design of street furniture, approve street and park names, and grant consent for the removal of trees from Council-owned land.

Using that template, the Tasman District Council has now gone one step further in a draft

resolution giving its community boards control over community markets, allowing them to roll over financial surpluses from the targeted rates funding them, and removing the cost of the CEO's time from board budgets.

Councillors approved the draft resolution at their meeting on Thursday 30 June 2011.

The proposal has been referred to the two community boards, which will report to the next Council meeting on 11 August 2011.

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# MOTUEKA RECREATION CENTRE SET FOR FURTHER UPGRADES

More than \$200,000 is left in the kitty after the recent Motueka Recreation Centre upgrade, meaning that stage two of the work can begin.

The refurbishment, funded by \$1.2 million from the Tasman District Council Facility Rate, plus the Lottery Grants Board (\$750,000) and Canterbury Community Trust (\$100,000), saw the rollerskating rink extended 12 metres, with a wooden multi-use floor installed, a modern fitness centre (with funding from the Lion Foundation for equipment), new reception and office areas, new shower, toilet and changing facilities, as well as new carpet and paint throughout.

Several items in the original project scope were put on hold until the final build costs were confirmed, says Mike Tasman-Jones, Tasman District Council's Community Recreation Adviser. With \$204,000 still in hand, project manager Abel Properties Ltd can now tackle those jobs, which are:

- An air-conditioning unit and new easy-access stairway to the Group Fitness facilities upstairs
- Better sports stadium lighting
- Western carpark graded and sealed
- External signage completed
- A new covered bike rack.

All should be completed by 1 October 2011 in time for the Rugby World Cup Fanzone being hosted at the centre.

"It is really pleasing to see the completed work to date, but even more rewarding is to now be in a position to finish all the work that we had originally planned," says Mike.

Centre Manager Jody Maru says it has been fantastic to hear all the positive comments following the upgrade. "We have also had a number of our regular visitors commenting on some pressing issues that needed to be resolved. Now that these areas are being addressed we are confident our users will be totally satisfied."

"It has been a pleasure working with the Tasman District Council on this project," says Jody, who paid tribute to Mike Tasman-Jones, Property Manager Jim Frater, Community Services Manager Lloyd Kennedy, and Luke van Velthoven from Abel Properties.

Sport Tasman Chief Executive Nigel Muir says the Fanzone will be the icing on the cake for the centre, which will celebrate 25 years of service to the Motueka community in February 2012.

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# LIBRARY'S FIRST BIRTHDAY

The "new" Richmond Library has celebrated its first birthday since refurbishment, toasting a surge in membership, the number of items issued, and a 53% increase in people through the door.

Tasman Libraries Manager Glennis Coote says innovations such as the computer suites and the Imaginarium sound/video studio are drawing in a new generation of library users, especially teenagers and young males.

"It's become a much cooler place to be."

The \$2.2 million refurbishment also involved new entrances front and back, wider spaces with attractive displays, a meeting room, café, TV news screen, and better research facilities. (The library's precious historical documents and photos are being digitised via the Imaginarium.)

About 2,200 new members have signed up in the last year, taking the total membership to more than 14,000. Items issued topped 390,000, an increase of 22%, and the library recorded 275,000 visits.

Glennis says the Constance Barnicoat meeting room is being used by a wide variety of groups, such as pilates classes, the rock and mineral club and study groups. The room is available for after-hours use.

The café has given people a different impression of libraries, and classes in computer use and the internet are very popular.

The library has even hummed to the sound of music, with performances during New Zealand Music Month, and recently by Waimea College students as part of their NCEA studies.

"We are seeing people who have not been into the library for years," says Glennis.

Amid its bold step into the digital age, the library remains a quiet sanctuary in which to savour a good book.

Plenty to celebrate. For more information about Tasman District's libraries and what you can find at them go to [www.taslib.govt.nz](http://www.taslib.govt.nz)

## COMMUNITY'S VISION FOR TASMAN

As part of the development of the 2006 Ten-year Plan the community and Council developed a vision and a number of goals that residents and businesses wanted for Tasman. Council is in the process of reviewing these goals as part of the long term planning process and would like your views.

One of the changes made by Central Government last year to the Local Government Act was that the Community Outcomes no longer needed to be only broad outcomes owned by the whole community, but should be outcomes that Council aims to achieve. Accordingly, we would like your views on whether the current community outcomes are still current and appropriate.

You can have your say on the Community Outcomes by completing a short survey on

the Council's website, [www.tasman.govt.nz](http://www.tasman.govt.nz) (search for "community outcomes survey"), or email [info@tasman.govt.nz](mailto:info@tasman.govt.nz).

### Current Vision

An interactive community living safely in the garden that is Tasman District. He rohi Whakaarotahie. Noho ora ana I runga I te. Whenua ataahua. Ko te rohe o Tahimana.

### Current Community Outcomes

**Outcome 1** – Our unique and special natural environment is bountiful, healthy, clean and protected.

**Outcome 2** – Our built urban and rural environments are functional, pleasant, safe and sustainably managed.

**Outcome 3** – Our transport and essential services are sufficient, efficient and sustainably managed.

**Outcome 4** – Our vibrant community is safe, well, enjoys an excellent quality of life and supports those with special needs.

**Outcome 5** – Our community understands regional history, heritage and culture.

**Outcome 6** – Our diverse community enjoys access to a range of spiritual, cultural, social, educational and recreational services.

**Outcome 7** – Our participatory community contributes to district decision-making and development.

**Outcome 8** – Our growing and sustainable economy provides opportunities for us all.

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# THE 2011/2012 ANNUAL PLAN – WHAT DO YOU GET FOR YOUR RATES?

On the 30 June 2011 Tasman District's Councillors approved the District's Annual Plan and rates system for 2011/2012. The result is a general rate rise of 6.05%, which includes 1.98% to replenish the general disaster fund. The fund was depleted as a result of the two recent floods in Tapawera in May 2010 and in Golden Bay and Murchison in December 2010, and work to replace the James Road bridge. Inflation has accounted for 3% of the increase, which leaves an average 1.07% to account for increased expenditure. Overall rates increases, including general and targeted rates, will range from about 4% to 7% for most properties. However, some properties will differ from this because of the targeted rates that apply in various areas.

During the submission process on the Draft Annual Plan, Council received requests for additional expenditure of about \$24 million for the 2011/2012 year. Council considered that the impact on rates of meeting these requests would be unaffordable for our community, so it has declined nearly all of them.

## Examples of Total Rate Changes for Properties

To clarify the rates rises between 2010/2011 and 2011/2012, a selection of five properties from throughout the District have been summarised to provide a guide. Please note that these properties are a sample only and do not cover all situations for the 21,500 ratepayers in the District.

The following table is GST inclusive. It covers the total rates increases, incorporating the increases in the General Rate of 4.7%, Targeted Rates, and the additional 1.98% on the General Rate for replenishing the General Disaster Fund and replacing the James Road Bridge.

	CV	2010/2011 Rates	2011/2012 Proposed Rates	% Increase	\$ Increase
Richmond Residential	\$455,000	\$2,468.90	\$2,611.29	5.77%	\$142.39
Motueka Residential	\$285,000	\$2,219.90	\$2,363.91	6.49%	\$144.01
Golden Bay Farm	\$6,415,000	\$16,108.60	\$17,298.95	7.39%	\$1,190.35
Takaka Residential	\$270,000	\$2,107.00	\$2,223.16	5.51%	\$116.16
Murchison Residential	\$160,000	\$1,521.20	\$1,592.44	4.68%	\$71.24

Depending on particular circumstances and the effect of specific targeted rates, individual circumstances will vary from the above examples.

## Council's Financial Performance Summary

Council's overall financial summary (figures excluding GST):

	2010/2011 Budget \$	Ten Year Plan 2011/2012 Budget \$	Annual Plan 2011/2012 Budget \$
General Rates	27,713,000	30,008,000	29,779,000
Targeted Rates	24,892,000	29,833,000	26,644,000
Total Debt	142,004,000	161,941,000	153,316,000
Cash & Cash Equivalents	3,907,000	6,390,000	1,497,000

# WHERE YOUR RATES GO

Services provided and the proportion of rates proposed to be spent on operational costs for these services in 2011/2012.

## COUNCIL ENTERPRISES – 1%

- Forestry.
- Property.
- Council Controlled Organisations – including Nelson Airport Ltd and Port Nelson Ltd.

## GOVERNANCE – 7%

- Council Support.
- Elections.
- Representation reviews.
- Strategic Planning.
- Elected Representatives.
- Communication.

## COMMUNITY SERVICES – 21%

- Parks and Reserves – 598ha of reserve land and 47 playgrounds.
- Community Recreation.
- 24 Public Halls and Community Buildings.
- Community Facilities and Pools.
- Cultural Services and Community Grants.
- 4 Public Libraries.
- 12 Cemeteries.
- 64 Public Conveniences.

### Non-rate funded activities:

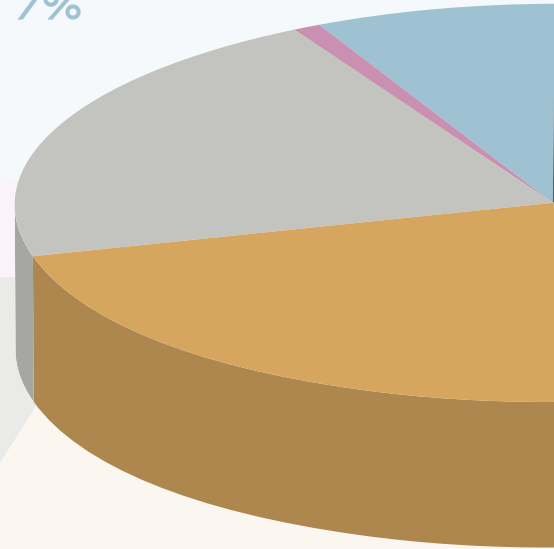
- 4 commercially operated Camping Grounds.
- Community Housing – 97 Pensioner Cottages.

### Key projects in 2011/2012 include:

- Mapua Waterfront Park and Old Wharf Road Youth Park development in Motueka.
- Brightwater Village Green project.
- Motueka swimming pool – investigation and design.

## SANITATION, DRAINAGE AND WATER

- Water – 16 water supply areas, 659km pipelines, 34 pumping stations, 11,387 domestic connections, 44 reservoirs, Wai-iti Dam.
- Wastewater – 14 Urban Drainage Areas, 323km pipeline, 2,250 manholes, 75 sewerage pumping stations, 7 wastewater treatment plants.
- Stormwater – 16 Urban stormwater drainage areas operating as a single club and 1 general district area, assets used include drainage channels, piped reticulation networks, tide gates, detention or ponding areas, inlet structures, discharge structures.
- Solid Waste – 1 operational landfill and 22 closed landfills, 5 resource recovery centres.
- Rivers – Council maintains 285km of rivers, assets include river protection works such as stopbanks, rock and willows.



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## ENVIRONMENT AND PLANNING – 13%

- Resource Policy
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- Environmental Monitoring
- Regulatory Services – animal control, building consents, health and liquor licensing and inspections, parking control
- Land Information
- Civil Defence Emergency Management
- Rural Fire
- Environmental Education
- Maritime Safety
- Biosecurity/Pest Control.

### Key projects in 2011/2012 include:

- Work on Richmond central business area, Motueka West, Mapua, Eastern Golden Bay, Western Golden Bay strategic development studies, completing the Rivers and Lakes section of the Tasman Resource Management Plan, reviewing water management provisions in the Motueka and Takaka water management zones, and reviewing the Regional Pest Management Strategy.
- Undertaking various resource investigations and “State of the Environment Monitoring”.

## TRANSPORTATION – 17%

- Roading - 1,680km of roads: 915km sealed, 765km unsealed, 467 bridges and footbridges, 184km footpaths, 21 carparks, 3,735 streetlights.
- Coastal Structures – wharves at Mapua and Riwaka, responsibility for Port Motueka, jetties and boat ramps, coastal protection works at Ruby Bay/Mapua and Marahau, operation of Port Taroakohe.
- Motueka and Takaka Aerodromes.

### Key projects in 2011/2012 include:

- Turner’s Bluff realignment and safety improvements.
- Tasman Loop of the New Zealand Cycleway – second year of a three year project.
- James Road Bridge replacement.
- Mapua Wharf upgrade.

## SUPPLY – 41%

### Key projects in 2011/2012 include:

- Lee Valley Dam investigations.
- New water main in Poole Street, Motueka.
- Richmond East water supply upgrade.
- Tapawera water supply pipeline renewals.
- Upgrade of Breaker Bay and Honeymoon Bay wastewater pump stations.
- Wastewater treatment plant upgrade and upgrade of mains in central Motueka.
- Stormwater improvements in Little Kaiteriteri, Motueka, Patons Rock and Collingwood.
- Lower Motueka River flood control design and investigation.
- General Disaster Fund replenishment (accounts for 1.98% increase to general rate)



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# SMART IRRIGATION PRODUCES DOUBLE PAYOFF

Smarter irrigating can save time and money as well as reduce impacts on the environment. Free workshop explains how.

Some irrigators are throwing money away in water and power bills, says Council's Water Resource Scientist Joseph Thomas, with inefficient systems being the biggest single cause of waste, he says.

More even distribution of water and well-timed application are not only kinder on the pocket, but reduce run-off containing nutrients that cause headaches further down the line. Efficient irrigation systems also mean much better use of a scarce and precious resource.

"It's a win-win," says Joseph.

About 70% of irrigators use meters. The rest apply their water in variable fashion ranging from rough-guess to degrees of monitoring. Joseph mentions that water meters can help significantly reduce consumption.

A free workshop for irrigators in August 2011 will cover such cost and energy-saving measures, plus outline the new national metering regulations, which came into force last November. The new regulations require that meters must be capable of recording data

electronically, and must be independently verified every five years – to confirm accuracy within a 5% margin.

Many of the present meters would struggle to comply with the new regulations, says Joseph.

Topics at the workshop include:

- Soil, Climate & Crop Water Use – work out how much water your soil holds
- Water Budgets & Practical Irrigation Scheduling, including the use of computer models
- Monitoring soil moisture
- Water Metering 101.

The Irrigation NZ workshop will be held at Seifried's Function Centre from 1.00 pm to 4.00 pm on Tuesday 2 August 2011. Contact Katie Greer at the Council on Ph. 03 543 8455 or email [katie.greer@tasman.govt.nz](mailto:katie.greer@tasman.govt.nz) to register your attendance.

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- **Soil, Climate & Crop Water Use** – How do you work out how much water your soil holds? What do the different measures mean and where do you get relevant data from? Considerations when installing your own climate stations?
- **Water Budgets & Practical Irrigation Scheduling Options 1** – What is a water budget? Why is it important for scheduling your irrigation applications? Soil moisture monitoring – Placement, installation and interpreting the data?
- **Water Budgets Practical Irrigation Scheduling Options 2** – Computer models for irrigation scheduling – What's available and how do I use it?
- **Water Metering '101'** – What meter should I choose? What is verification?
- **Getting the Most from your Water Meter** – Simple benchmarks of water use efficiency (production, beneficial use & energy)

There will be plenty of local case studies, opportunities to ask questions and practical ideas for you to take back to your own farm and system.

For further programme and speaker information go to [www.irrigationnz.co.nz](http://www.irrigationnz.co.nz)

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# WELL DONE, TRADE GRADUATES

Apprentices and trainees will have their success recognised at the 2011 Nelson Tasman Regional Industry Training Graduation on 25 July 2011.

The ceremony, for those who have completed their training on the job through an Industry Training Organisation (ITO), offers friends, family and employers the chance to give trainees a well-earned pat on the back.

The event is supported by the Mayor's Taskforce for Jobs, the Tasman District and Nelson City Councils, and the Nelson Regional Economic Development Agency.

Graduates come from a wide range of industries, all important to our regional economy, including Seafood, Building, Mechanical, Electrical, Horticulture, Civil Infrastructure, Automotive and Retail. Most graduates have juggled work, study and family commitments to achieve their qualifications – which takes real dedication and motivation. The ceremony takes place on Monday, 25 July 2011 at the Annesbrook Church and Community Centre, Saxton Road West,



Stoke, starting at 6.30 pm and finishing about 8.30 pm. For more information, visit the Economic Development Agency website or contact Teresa Eddy, 03 545 6858.

## WHEN TO USE YOUR HEADLIGHTS

### For cyclists...

You're legally required to use your lights during the 'hours of darkness'. 'Hours of darkness' means from half an hour after sunset to half an hour before sunrise, or at any other time when there isn't enough light to see a person or vehicle that is 100 metres away.

When you ride on the road during the legal hours of darkness, your bike must have:

- a steady or flashing rear-facing red light that can be seen at night from a distance of 100 metres
- a steady or flashing forward-facing white light that can be seen at night from a distance of 100 metres.

### For motorcyclists...

You must turn on either your moped or motorcycle's headlight or daytime running lights during daylight hours if your motorcycle or moped was manufactured on or after 1 January 1980.

If your moped or motorcycle was manufactured before 1 January 1980, you must turn on your moped or motorcycle's headlight during the hours of darkness, from 30 minutes after sunset until 30 minutes before sunrise.

### For other vehicles...

You must turn on your vehicle's headlights:

- from 30 minutes after sunset, until 30 minutes before sunrise

- at any other time when you can't clearly see a person or vehicle 100 metres away.

For motorcyclists and other vehicle drivers please also remember to dip your headlights:

- when other vehicles are coming towards you, so that you don't blind the oncoming driver
- when you are following other vehicles
- when a police officer is directing traffic
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The position needs to be an entry-level position that requires no pre-requisite skills or experience and the employer needs to have a training plan to help the young person develop new skills.

An initial payment of \$3,000 will be made at the start of the employment period, followed by a further payment of \$2,000 after the employee has worked for six months.

Employers are responsible for the normal employee costs, including PAYE, GST, ACC levies, and holiday pay as well as ensuring health and safety requirements are met.

For more information and to register your interest, please phone the Work and Income Employer Line on 0800 778 008.

## CLIMATE CHANGE IMPACT OUTLINED

The impact of climate change on New Zealanders' health, properties, infrastructure, environment and industry will be discussed at a seminar in Appleby in early August 2011. Climate Scientist Dr Jim Salinger, Lincoln University's Professor Caroline Saunders, and business journalist Rod Oram will bring the latest information on climate change science and how it affects industries in our area.

The seminar is supported by Tasman District Council and Nelson City Council. Details were featured in the 17 June 2011 edition of Newline.

Dr Salinger will outline climate change science and its impacts on farming and communities.

Professor Saunders will speak on what all this means for trade, carbon footprinting and business opportunities in a changing world.

Rod Oram will talk on emissions trading and compare New Zealand's climate change targets with our trading partners' and what this means for trade.

The seminar is on Wednesday 3 August 2011, at 3.00 pm: Seifried Estate, Appleby (focus on rural sector) and 7.30 pm: Victory Room, Trafalgar Centre, Nelson (focus on urban sector).

**RSVP – Attendance at these seminars is free of charge, but please confirm if you wish to attend as follows:**

- Wednesday 3.00 pm, Appleby: [rob.francis@tasman.govt.nz](mailto:rob.francis@tasman.govt.nz)
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## Half a million people visit Tasman libraries

That's right, over the last 12 months we've recorded visitor numbers of more than 520,000 - our highest ever total and an increase of more than 110,000 over last year. That means an average of 10,000 people visit Tasman District's libraries each week!

The number of items issued has also reached record numbers. During the past year more than 730,000 items were borrowed from our libraries - that's around 14,000 items each week. If all 730,000 items issued were laid end to end they'd reach all the way from Richmond to Takaka and back. That's a lot of items to re-shelve once they've been returned!

Our busiest day during the past year was 5 January 2011 when we issued 9,250 items and had 3500 visitors!

People visit our libraries for a variety of reasons - to find information, use our computer facilities, attend meetings or courses, meet friends, relax, read the newspaper and, of course, to borrow books, magazines, CDs or DVDs.

The library is your connection to people, places, ideas and creativity. If you haven't visited one of our libraries recently then come in and take a look around. You might be surprised by what we have on offer.

## Mothers – re-boot your laugh!

A series of four conversations with Anne Harvey – 'strengthening the woman within the mother'. Anne is the author of "Sons to men" and mother of four sons.

Join us at Richmond Library 6.00 pm – 7.00 pm, 16, 23, 30 August 2011 and 6 September 2011.

Numbers are limited so reserve your place – Ph. 03 543 8500.

Gold coin donation for a single session or \$5 for all four sessions.

## Takaka winter series

Looking for something interesting to do on a chilly winter's afternoon?

Join the team at Takaka Library for another stimulating and entertaining winter series. Every Friday from 15 July 2011 onwards at 1.30 pm. Full details are available on our website [www.taslib.govt.nz](http://www.taslib.govt.nz)

## Motueka Library book group

Are you interested in discussing your favourite book, viewing new books, meeting new people and having some fun? And all in your fantastic local Motueka library? If this sounds like you, contact Helen or Sandee on Ph. 03 528 1047.

## "Getting started with Family History" at Takaka Memorial Library

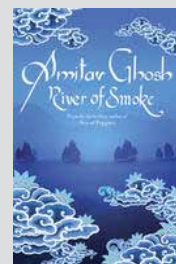
In June, our intrepid Reference Librarians from Richmond ventured over the hill to run an excellent introductory session on searching for one's ancestors at Takaka Memorial Library. The course was oversubscribed so we hope to run another later in the year.

If you're interested in starting out on the fascinating journey of researching your family history, contact Tish to ensure your place at the next course Ph. 03 525 0059.

## New to the library this month

### River of smoke by Amitav Ghosh

Set in 19th century Canton at the height of the opium trade with Europe and India, "River of smoke" follows the fortunes of traders and other individuals as they pursue romance, riches and a legendary rare flower.





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# ECO CHALLENGE 2011

Take the Challenge and try something new to Futureproof Your Family! Go along to one of the 2011 Eco Challenge workshops, collect your entry form and bring it along to Ecofest to enter the draw to win a terrific prize pack. One entry per workshop attended!

## BUSINESS

**Tuesday 16 August: 3.00 pm**

### Futureproofing & Managing Risk in the Horticulture Industry

This seminar looks at the opportunities and challenges in a constantly changing world, and how NELMAC is meeting these challenges, with Rob Fryer, NELMAC.

Location: NELMAC Whakatu Nursery, Atawhai Drive, Nelson (between Miyazu gardens and Whakatu Marae).

Cost: FREE

Enquiries: Robert Fryer on 03 546 0910 or email: [rob@nelmac.co.nz](mailto:rob@nelmac.co.nz)

**Wednesday 17 August: 6.30-8.30 pm**

### Futureproof Your Business – Managing the Unmanageable

Listen to first-hand experience of the problems that arise when businesses can't operate, and practical, common sense actions that all businesses can and should act upon.

With Paul Lonsdale, Christchurch Central City Business Association Manager, and Carol Taplin, Enterprise Facilitator, Nelson.

Location: Victory Room, Trafalgar Centre

Tickets: \$20 per person.

Information and tickets available from all Council offices from 20 July.

## PUBLIC – ALL FREE!

### Nelson

**Saturday 30 July: 10.00 am-12 noon**

#### How to create a cheap & easy veggie garden

With Jocelyn Winters of Victory Community Health Centre & Gardens.

Location: Victory Community Garden, Corner of St Vincent and Totara Streets, Victory.

Enquiries & Registrations: 546 8389 or e: [victorygardens@victory.school.nz](mailto:victorygardens@victory.school.nz) Limited to 12.

Raindate: Saturday 6 August.

**Saturday 30 July: 10.00 am, 11.00 am & 12 noon**

#### How to install insulation

With Absolute Energy – the insulation specialists.

Location: Home Energy Centre, Pascoe Street, Tahunanui.

Enquiries: 03 547 2503.

**Saturday 30 July: 2.00 pm**

#### How to draughtproof your home

With Bunnings, the DIY experts.

Location: Bunnings, Saxton Road.

Enquiries: 03 547 1640.

**Saturday 6 August: 11.00 am & 1.00 pm**

#### How to install a rainwater barrel

With Rain Saver Systems.

Location: Home Energy Centre, Pascoe Street, Tahunanui.

Enquiries: 03 548 7044.

**Saturday 6 August: 1.00 pm-3.00 pm**

#### How to Build Your Own DIY Hot Water System

With Albie Burgers, DIY energy enthusiast!

Location: Nelson Environment Centre, 1 Braemar Pl, Upper Franklyn Street, Nelson.

Enquiries & Reservations: Elizabeth Hovell on 03 545 9176 Extension 0. Limited to 12 people.

Cost: Koha please.

**Saturday 6 August: 2.00 pm**

#### How to earthquake-proof your home

With Bunnings, the DIY experts.

Location: Bunnings, Saxton Road.

Enquiries: 03 547 1640.

**Wednesday 10 August: 7.00 pm**

#### How to get the most out of alternative energy for your home

With Richard Popenhagen, Eco Building Advisor, Nelson City Council and David Francis, Sustainable Business Advisor, EDA.

Location: Hybrid Homes & Living, 76 Achilles Avenue, Whakatu Carpark.

Enquiries: 03 548 8660.

**Saturday 13 August: 2.00 pm**

#### How to save water (fix washers, install water saving devices, etc.)

With Bunnings, the DIY experts.

Location: Bunnings, Saxton Road.

Enquiries: 03 547 1640.

**Saturday 13 August**

#### Nelson/Waimea Eco-home Tour

With Host Richard Popenhagen.

Tickets on sale at all Council offices from 20 July.

**Saturday 13 August**

**Urban Edible Garden Tour**

With Host Jocelyn Winters.

Tickets on sale at all Council offices from 20 July.

**Richmond**

**Wednesday 3 August: 10.00 am**

**How to buy sustainably at the supermarket**

With Nicola Galloway

Location: FreshChoice Richmond, Richmond Mall.

Enquiries: Please reserve your space by emailing: nicola@nicolagalloway.com  
Strictly limited to 8.

**Wednesday 3 August: 7.00 pm**

**How to make butter & yoghurt and information on other common dairy foods you can make at home**

With Karen Trafford of Wangapeka Dairy, and thanks to Mapua Country Trading.

Location: Richmond Town Hall, Cambridge Street, Richmond.

Enquiries: Please reserve your space by emailing: mctworkshops@gmail.com  
Strictly limited to 30.

**Wednesday 10 August: 7.00 pm**

**How to buy sustainably at the supermarket**

With Nicola Galloway.

Location: FreshChoice Richmond, Richmond Mall.

Enquiries: Please reserve your space by emailing: nicola@nicolagalloway.com  
Strictly limited to 8.

**Thursday 11 August: 11.00 am and 2.00 pm**

**Creating an Emergency Kit – it's easy & cheap when you know how!**

With Civil Defence.

Location: Richmond Mall, Richmond.

Enquiries: 03 546 9525 or email  
Debbie.degeus@ncc.co.nz

**Motueka**

**Saturday 30 July: 10.00 am-12 noon**

**How to create a cheap & easy veggie garden**

With Grant Douglas of Motueka Community Gardens.

Location: Motueka Community Gardens, Old Wharf Road (opposite Motueka Rec Centre).

Enquiries & Registrations: 03 528 0404.

Raindate: Saturday 6 August.

**Wednesday 3 August: 2.00 pm**

**Natural cleaning solutions to make and buy**

With Arcadia Organics.

Location: Arcadia Organics, 265 High Street, Motueka.

Enquiries: 03 528 7840.

**Saturday 13 August: 9.30 am**

**How to create an Emergency Kit & adapt what you've got at home**

With Civil Defence.

Location: Motueka Public Library.

Enquiries: 03 546 9525 or email  
Debbie.degeus@ncc.govt.nz

**Golden Bay**

**Saturday 6 August: 2.00 pm**

**Emergency Kits & How to Get Prepared**

With Civil Defence.

Location: The Wholemeal Café, Takaka.

Enquiries: 03 546 9525 or email  
Debbie.degeus@ncc.co.nz

**Sunday 7 August: 12 noon-4.00 pm**

**Local Food Connect**

Local food production and exchange. Demonstrations, yummy food, music, discussion.

Location: The Community Organic Gardens, 24 Waitapu Road, Takaka.

Enquiries: Laurence Boomert on 03 525 8229.

**Wednesday 10 August: 10.30 am-12 noon**

**Green Economic Development/ "Green Collar Workers"**

Location: The Wholemeal Cafe, Takaka.

Enquiries: Charlotte Squires 03 525 7455 or Laurence Boomert 03 525 8229.

**Thursday 11 August: 5.30 pm start**

**The Great Local Food Cooking Competition!**

With Tasman District Council and the Wholemeal Cafe.

Location: Wholemeal Café, Takaka.

Enquiries: Claire Webster at Tasman District Council on 03 525 0020.

**Saturday 13 August: 2.00 pm-3.30 pm**

**Toolkit for an Extended Crisis**

What thinking and what tools are available to us to meet emergencies of longer duration?

Location: The Wholemeal Café, Takaka.

Enquiries: Laurence Boomert on 03 525 8229.

**Tuesday 16 August: 10.00 am-11.30 am**

**How to grow more food in the Bay easily & how to have a Group Veggie Garden**

With Sol Morgan and Claire Webster.

Location: The Wholemeal Café, Takaka.

Enquiries: Claire Webster at Tasman District Council on 03 525 0020.

**Wednesday 17 August: 7.00 pm**

**Film Screening: The Economics of Happiness.**

This 67 minute doco looks at the why and how to re-building more human scale, ecological economies.

Followed by discussion.

Location: The Wholemeal Café, Takaka.

Enquiries: Laurence Boomert on 03 525 8229.





# PROFILE: CHRIS STRANG

## ENVIRONMENTAL MONITORING OFFICER

### What is your main role?

I'm part of the Hydrology team that collects environmental data and provides information to people, predominantly for water resource management and flood warning. This means I spend a lot of time in the field carrying out monthly measurements, calibration and maintenance inspections of a network of over 100 sites that automatically record river level and flow, rainfall, groundwater, and sea level around the region. We also assist in water quality, air quality and flood monitoring programmes.

### What are some of the challenges you encounter?

Last year, as part of a region-wide upgrade to more modern instrumentation, I upgraded the site monitoring flow and rainfall on the Wangapeka River. Initially the new gear ran really well but, as the river began to drop,

sediment started blocking a small outlet of the sensor, which has required more maintenance and a few creative adaptations to get it running smoothly again.

### Are there any misconceptions getting in the way?

Not really. We often get asked "How many fish have you caught today?" when we're seen standing in a river, or thought to be heading off on a holiday as we load up a kayak as part of our equipment to measure the flow on some of our larger rivers. But generally people are pretty interested in what we do, we have good support from local landowners, and of course most people have an interest in the weather and how much rain has fallen lately.

### What's the most curly question or situation you have encountered recently?

After all the rain we had in May I was asked by a member of the public 'Is this due to global

warming? Wow – where and how does one begin to answer that.

### What's the most satisfying part of your job?

Being in the great outdoors for three or four days a week in some of the most beautiful scenery one can ask for, whether it be standing in the Wangapeka or Baton Rivers with snow-capped mountains in the background, paddling our hydrology kayak around to the sea-level recorder at Little Kaiteiteri, or best of all visiting the high-altitude rainfall sites on mountaintops of upper river catchments.

### Tell us your favourite hideaway in Tasman District.

Marahau is definitely one of my favourites, especially if you have young kids as the rock pools that appear when the tide goes out are a wonderland for little exploring eyes and hands. Not forgetting the wonderful walks right there on your doorstep and the mountainbiking in the forest behind Kaiteiteri.

## NATIVE PLANTS NURTURED IN WAKEFIELD

Doug South reckons he has put 2500 hours into nurturing native bush at Wakefield – fitted around 10-hour shifts in his day job – but he's not complaining. As president of the Wakefield Bush Restoration Society since it was formed in 1999, he has seen areas such as Faulkner's Bush and Edward Baigent Reserve transformed with native plantings, tracks and boardwalks.

"It's come along in leaps and bounds," he says. "We've learnt a lot on the way ... We're basically down to maintenance mode now."

Each year volunteers gather to plant, weed and build. This year's working bee at Faulkner's Bush takes place on Saturday 13 August 2011, starting at 10.00 am, with lunch laid on. A thousand seedlings, destined for an area behind the Scout den near Treeton

Place, should be in by lunchtime, says Doug, but it depends on the turnout.

The plants are provided by the Tasman District Council and Titoki Nursery, "They're all natives and all grow within this area."

Volunteers are asked to dress warmly and bring a spade or other digging tool. The working bee will be held the following Saturday if wet.

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## PUBLIC NOTICES

### Dog registrations deadline 31 July 2011

Dog registrations expired on 30 June 2011 and anyone who keeps a dog aged three months or older is required to register their dog by 31 July 2011.

Registration forms for all dogs currently on Council's database were posted at the end of May 2011. If you have moved from another area, or have changed address within the Tasman area, and did not receive a registration form, please immediately contact the Council office on Ph. 03 543 8400 to update your details so that a form can be sent to you.

The fee for dogs that have not been registered by 1 August 2011 will increase by 50% on top of the standard urban or rural registration fee.

If you have any queries, please call Tasman District Council Dog Control on Ph. 03 543 8400.

### Public Information Meetings – the Nelson Tasman union proposal

A panel of speakers, including representatives from Tasman and Nelson Councils and Local Government representatives. Questions for the panel, (which will be answered on the night along with questions from the floor) accepted now to [gbc@tasman.govt.nz](mailto:gbc@tasman.govt.nz) or at Tasman District Council's Takaka Service Centre. Organised by the Golden Bay Community Board.

Monday 18 July 2011, 7.00 pm, Takaka Primary School Hall, Wadsworth Street, Takaka.

Monday 1 August 2011, 7.00 pm, Conference centre, Top Ten Holiday Park, Fearons Bush, 10 Fearon Street, Motueka.

## COMMUNITY NOTICES

### Are You the Region's Most Prepared Family?

Ecofest's theme this year is "Futureproof Your Family". Classic Hits Nelson are seeking a family up for the challenge to live out of their Emergency Kit at Ecofest at the Trafalgar Centre, from 4.00 pm on Friday 19 August 2011 until 4.00 pm on Sunday 21 August 2011. Only a secure grass area and portaloos will be provided. Everything else will need to be brought in as a part of your Emergency Kit. "Challenges" will be set over the weekend, plus there will be demonstrations by the Urban Search and Rescue team and support from Civil Defence.

Are you up for the Challenge? The Region's Most Prepared Family will win a family holiday to Sydney from Mondo Travel.

Please visit the Classic Hits website for more information:

[www.classichits.co.nz/nelson](http://www.classichits.co.nz/nelson)



### 24 Hour Assistance – Phone your local office

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

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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)

#### TRMP Hearing No 61

Tasman Council Chambers, 189 Queen Street, Richmond, Tuesday, 19 July 2011, 9.30 am. *No public forum*

#### TRMP Hearing No 61

Tasman Council Chambers, 189 Queen Street, Richmond, Wednesday, 20 July 2011, 9.30 am. *No public forum*

#### Tasman Creative Communities Subcommittee

Motueka Office, 7 Hickmott Place, Motueka, Monday, 25 July 2011, 10.00 am. *No public forum*

#### Communications Subcommittee

Motueka Office, 7 Hickmott Drive, Motueka, Tuesday, 26 July 2011, 9.30 am. *No public forum*

#### TRMP Hearing No 61

Tasman Council Chambers, 189 Queen Street, Richmond, Wednesday, 27 July 2011, 9.30 am. *No public forum*

#### Community Services Committee

Tasman Council Chambers, 189 Queen Street, Richmond, Thursday, 28 July 2011, 9.30 am. *Public forum*

#### Joint Shareholders Committee

#### (followed by CD Emergency Management)

Nelson City Council Chambers, Trafalgar Street, Nelson, Friday, 29 July 2011, 1.30 pm. *No public forum*



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## POOLSIDE MATARIKI DELIGHTS ALL AGES

Students from Salisbury School in Richmond burst into waiata to open the Matariki Family Fun Day at the ASB Aquatic Centre recently. Their long skirts and flax piupiu swung to the rhythms of the song as it carried over steamy pools.

Matariki is the Māori name of the star constellation Pleiades. Its eastern dawn sighting, near the end of May, signals the end-of-harvest celebration and planning for new plantings. The uniquely New Zealand mid-winter festival lasts a month between new moons.

Celebrations at the Richmond pool complex involved adults and children joining in Māori games led by Maihi Barber and Tania Corbett of Te Āwhina Marae. People relaxed in the pools to listen to Donna McLeod reciting her poetic story of Matariki and all its connections for Māori.

Many pool-goers were surprised to see eels from Reservoir Creek in a bucket and available to touch. Mel McColgan, of Waimāori, and Tom Kroos talked about how the endemic longfin eel species can live up to 100 years, reproducing just once.

Music featured again when Cindy Batt and her sons played the kōauau, or Māori flutes, to encourage people to make their own out of bamboo. It may have been raining outside, but the Aquatic Centre proved a great venue to connect family to Matariki celebrations.



Israel Batt-Waitere releases a shortfin eel back into Reservoir Creek. (Photo: Adie Leng)

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