

CYCLE TRAIL LINKS COMMUNITIES

The Brightwater and Richmond communities will soon be even closer to each other with the recent approval to construct a 70 metre suspension bridge over the Wairoa River as part of the Tasman Cycle Trail. The bridge will be sited near the southern end of Pugh Road (a no exit road) and over to the Two Rivers walkway north of Bryant Road.

The structure will be similar to a bridge in Hawera, pictured right, which was built over two years ago.

The design is likely to be an upward bowed shape with approximately seven metres clearance above the water (at normal river flows). The two towers at each end are likely to be in the order of nine metres high from the east river bank level.

The Nelson Tasman Cycle Trails Trust, who is managing the project, hope that construction can take place within the next few months.

Naming rights for the bridge are available and interest from local companies, groups or individuals is being sought, subject to the approval of Council.

For further information on the Tasman Cycle Trail project go to Council's website – www.tasman.govt.nz – or contact the Council's Development Engineer, Dugald Ley – Ph. 03 543 8400.



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MAYOR'S COMMENT

Since the last issue of Newsline we have had two public meetings focused on the current amalgamation issue in Golden Bay and Motueka. Organised by the respective community Boards the meetings gave the 130 and 80 attendees respectively the opportunity to hear from both sides and a chance to explore some of the keys issues.

Representation, governance at a local level, lost opportunities and the impact on rates were the topics attracting the most interest at both meetings in varying degrees. In Golden Bay the focus on the local governance, ie the role of the Community Board with the Local Government Commission's draft scheme, was not a new theme. The Council has been working

with the Bay's Community Board since last year to identify the role and responsibilities wanted by the Board. And the end result was nearly mirrored by the Commission's suggestions.

In Motueka the focus was more on the opportunities lost or otherwise and the possible impact on the rates paid by each areas' ratepayers. This is where the conversation was the most passionate with people wanting definite answers which will only be available if amalgamation occurs when such decisions are the responsibility of a new Council.

What is clear though is there are many opinions. They will remain opinions as many facets of the current discussion around the costs and the benefits have not

been quantified. This is a decision for the residents of both areas and I urge you to ask the questions, do a little research and look beyond the rhetoric.

The submission period on the draft reorganisation plan closes 19 August 2011, after which the Commission will be listening to the submissions and coming to a decision whether to proceed with the plan or not. It is an important stage and if you have something to say I urge you to share it with the Commission.

Mayor Richard Kempthorne



MOTUEKA GEARING UP FOR ALL BLACKS VISIT



Plans are afoot to have as many people as possible meet the two All Blacks coming to Motueka on Friday 2 September 2011 as part of a 'heartland' tour of New Zealand's smaller communities ahead of the Rugby World Cup 2011.

"It's going to be cool for the team to get to smaller towns where they may not have been before," says All Blacks Captain Richie McCaw. "Coming from a small town myself (Kuwrow, near Oamaru, population 339), I know what it's like living there while all the action seems to take place in the cities, so we're really looking forward to heading to heartland New Zealand, and hopefully the towns will also enjoy the day."

Tasman Mayor Richard Kempthorne says meeting any All Black is often the preserve of big-city residents, "and one that any small town would relish. We are working with Sport Tasman, the Tasman Rugby Union and local schools to create a memorable experience, especially for the children who wouldn't normally have the opportunity to meet their heroes in the flesh.

"It will also give these children and the local community the opportunity to pass on their messages of good luck to the team as they head to what many will view as the most important tournament of their careers."

The players will be hosted by Tasman District

Council and the Motueka rugby community. Representatives in the towns have already been contacted and plans are underway.

The names of the players who will be in Motueka won't be known until after the All Blacks Rugby World Cup squad is named on Tuesday 23 August 2011.

Sport Tasman CEO Nigel Muir says the New Zealand Rugby Union and the players had made a generous gesture, "and we will ensure as many Motueka people as possible have the ability to pass on their good wishes for the tournament." The programme for the Motueka visit will be released once it is finalised over the next week.

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ENVIRONMENT AWARDS ARE BACK

Those who work hard in our community to live sustainably are due for another pat on the back, with nominations now open for the 2011 Tasman-Nelson Environment Awards.

This year there are eight categories to choose from, including Environmental Leadership, Schools, Community Groups, Business, Rural, Sustainable Design, Best Use of Renewable Energy and Heritage. Entries are welcome until Friday 16 September 2011, with the awards to be presented on 17 November 2011 at the Theatre Royal (itself a previous award-winner).

"Here in the Tasman-Nelson region we are lucky to have incredibly innovative and inspiring people who drive projects as diverse as improving water quality to the conservation of heritage sites," says Rob Francis, Council's Environmental Education Officer. "The awards are all about promoting and rewarding these contributions."

Rob adds that the awards are well-supported financially. "It's a great tribute to our community that so many business leaders and community organisations are prepared to place visible value on our environment by stepping up as sponsors."

A new sustainable design category broadens out the previous urban design section, allowing many of the outstanding individual buildings developed over the last few years to be included.

Last year's award-winners were:

- Rural – Pepin Island Sheep Station
- Urban Design – Marsden Park Phase One

- Best Use of Renewable Energy – Stonefly Lodge
- Commercial/Emerging – Golden Bay Hideaway
- Schools/Primary and Secondary – Salisbury School
- Schools/Early Childhood – Golden Kids Early Learning Centre, Takaka
- Environmental Leadership – Dave Butler
- Community and Neighbourhood Groups – Spinyback Tuatara Education and Conservation Trust; Rocklands Road Weedbuster Group
- Heritage/Events and Culture – Karen Warren: 'Rolling Stones - Nelson's Boulder Bank'; Gerard Hindmarsh: 'Kahurangi Calling - Stories from the backcountry of Northwest Nelson'
- Heritage/Sites – Karen Warren: 'Rolling Stones'; Nelson Historic Theatre Trust: Theatre Royal Restoration

You can download nomination forms and criteria from the Tasman District Council website, www.tasman.govt.nz (search on 'environment awards 2011') or collect them from any Council offices or libraries. Start thinking about who has been doing great work and deserves a nomination – plus, of course, it is fine to nominate yourself or your group. Please return forms by Friday 16 September 2011.



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POSSUM CONTROL IN URBAN AREAS

Possum numbers are now so low throughout many areas within Tasman and Nelson that signs of possums like tree damage and vocalisation is much less common than in previous decades. This is primarily a result of the sustained control by the Animal Health Board over the last fifteen years to prevent the spread of bovine tuberculosis by possums into cattle and deer and from the ongoing control by DoC to reduce the destruction to our native flora and fauna.

Never the less, it is important not to lapse into a false sense of security. Being nocturnal, possums are difficult to observe. Adaptability is their strength, both in their opportunistic feeding habits and in their ability to live close to or within populated areas, which ensures their chance of survival and expansion. The urge to control is usually kindled by damage to prized roses and shrubs, peeled lemons, bark being stripped off fruit trees, or being rudely awoken at night by a possum sliding down the iron roof. However, the tools available for controlling possums in urban areas are limited.

It is illegal to use firearms and most toxins in urban areas. Leg-hold traps have been banned within 150m of a dwelling or in any area where there is a probable risk of catching a pet animal. Note that gin traps are banned and no traps of size 1½ (official trap size) or larger can be used unless they are padded.

There are several good control options suitable for taking out individual possums that are making visits to your property in the form of kill traps and cage traps. Kill traps such as the Timms are reasonably user-friendly and, with minor modification, can be set in a tree, away from little hands and pets. Using fruit or vegetable attractants and flour and curry powder lures on traps up trees will reduce interest from cats. When the trap is first positioned and fully lured with the flour and curry powder mix, it can be left unset for several nights to discourage curious cats.

Cage traps provide total security in that any non-target catches can be released unharmed. This type of trap must, by law, be checked daily. Before deciding on this option, it is important to appreciate that a trapped possum still has to be humanely destroyed. For more detailed advice or instruction on traps and sets, please contact a Biosecurity Officer at Tasman District Council on Ph. 03 543 8400.

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GOLDEN BAY DUNE GUARDIANS STAY BUSY

Coast Care volunteers help to stabilise dunes at Parapara.

Grass doesn't grow under the feet of the Golden Bay Coast Care group, which has nine planting days scheduled for the next two months.

Volunteers in "most locations in the Bay" plant 400-800 seedlings at a time, says group leader Rob Lewis. Spinifex and pingao go into foredunes, with a variety of species behind. Pohuehue, for instance, also helps to sustain stocks of copper butterflies, and penguins love to burrow in under the protection of its hedge-like growth, Rob says.

Tasman District Council supports Coast Care through funding from reserve financial contribution payments. That pays for 'advisory labour' and materials. The seedlings are grown in a Golden Bay nursery.

Rob says about half a dozen to 14 people turn up with their spades for each planting on the Council reserves. Larger groups number up to 25, and they are "generally the

same people each time". (Younger recruits most welcome.) The work usually lasts a few hours, with a coffee and muffin to finish.

Coast Care has been going for nine years.

The upcoming 2011 schedule is: Pakawau, August 21; Motupipi, August 28; Ligar Bay, September 10; Pakawau, September 11; Parapara, September 17; Collingwood, September 25.

NEW STREETLIGHTS SHINE BRIGHT

Just 14 outdated mercury vapour streetlights are left to be replaced on Tasman District Council property. Contractor Powertech has recently upgraded 204 lights to modern 'luminaire' globes, which double the light output while using less power.

"Mercury is pretty old-school now," says Roy Price of Powertech, but doesn't pose any health risks whilst in operation. Disposing of the lamps however can be a problem for the environment.

Rhys Palmer, of Council engineering consultants MWH, says the mercury vapour globes had to be replaced every three or four years. The new 70-watt luminaires use high-pressure sodium bulbs, drawing 10W less power than the old globes and giving probably twice the light output, he says.

Roy adds that the new luminaires include "cut-off" models which leak very little light upwards and sideways. Reflectors on the top and sides of the globe, combined with flat glass below,

direct the light more efficiently to the road or area underneath. These cut-offs do away with the need for 'shields' where street lights shine into bedrooms of nearby houses, for instance.

Council lights are also used for carparks and walkways.

Roy says the few remaining mercury globes are dotted around Tapawera, Kaiteriteri and Richmond.



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SPORTSFIELDS TAKE A HAMMERING

Burly rugby players can churn up a soft sportsground in no time – and a thousand seabirds do a job of it as well, says Glenn Thorn, the man who risks the wrath of coaches when boggy fields have to be closed.

The pressure was on during heavy rainfall in May, June and July this year. At one stage all 21 Tasman sportsgrounds were off-limits for a week – mercifully a rare event.

As Reserves Officer, Glenn must make the final call, after consulting widely with sporting codes. “We’ve had excellent communication with associations. We’re very thankful to teams who have respected our rulings.”

Grounds such as Jubilee Park in Richmond and Sports Park Motueka became such a mudbath that it was impossible to do line-marking. (Sports Park has an added seabird headache.)

Restoring a ground for the following season can cost \$10,000 or more, a sizeable chunk of the annual operation and maintenance budget of \$560,000 for all sportsfields.

Earlier in the season, as grounds became waterlogged, some innovative coaches switched to indoor venues for training. A rugby team donned running shoes and used the artificial hockey turf at Saxton Field, and one sports team thought outside the square and practised on the beach at Tahunanui. Others used the Upper Moutere recreation centre and school halls.

Richmond received double its usual rainfall for April to July 2011, with Motueka and Takaka figures up 70%. Upper Moutere’s rainfall total increased nearly a third.



SAVE MONEY WITH COUNCIL RUBBISH BAGS

Tasman District Council now offers two kerbside bag options, the small white bag and the newly introduced larger yellow bag.

The small bag is \$1.70 from Council offices, and the yellow bag – 30 percent larger – is \$2. Both offer excellent value for money and are also available at most supermarkets and stores in the district (prices can vary).

The kerbside bags can be used throughout the District and also if you are taking small loads to Council’s Resource Recovery Centres (RRC).

When it comes to rubbish and recycling, there are other smart ways to save money, regardless of whether you choose the bag collection service, a private collector or drop your rubbish at the RRC.

The first key is to separate your compostables from your rubbish. A recent survey of Council bags and private collections indicated that just under 50 percent of all waste was either food or greenwaste. Food waste and greenwaste can be composted at home – and Council offers a \$15 subsidy for your first compost, worm or bokashi bin. If you have to take your greenwaste to the RRC, keep it separate – it’s cheaper to dispose of than other rubbish.

Keeping your recycling out of the rubbish also saves money – about a third of most household rubbish is recyclable. Up to two recycling bins are available for each property on Council’s kerbside route. Again, if you are having a clean-out and a trip to the RRC, keep your recycling separate and you’ll pay less at the gate. It’s

free to offload your recycling materials (cardboard, paper, most plastics, cans and glass bottles), as well as scrap metals, oil and car batteries at the RRC.

When choosing your rubbish disposal options, there are a number of things to consider. For kerbside collections, work out how much you really need collected each week. “Pay-as-you-go” options are often better than weekly collections, as you pay only for the rubbish you dispose of, and are not tempted to “fill the bin” each week. Think about switching to a smaller bin, a bag option or a fortnightly collection.

If you are disposing rubbish at the RRC, plan ahead. Waste is charged on a cubic metre basis, so the less space it takes, the less it will cost you. Staff will measure your load and calculate the cost.



CONTROLLING ROADSIDE VEGETATION

Council controls roadside vegetation in rural zones 70 kmh and above to ensure that sight lines are maintained for motorists and that noxious plants are kept under control.

Landowners and residents can apply to Council to NOT have their road frontages sprayed. However, landowners and residents who choose the no spray option are responsible for maintaining their road frontages to Council specifications. These include:

1. The no spray area must be clearly visible to the spraying contractor at all times. Council-compliant marker pegs are compulsory.
2. Landowners/residents required to control vegetation growth along their road frontage to ensure road users are not impeded and all roadside signs and markers are clearly visible. Vegetation height should not exceed 300mm. Any stormwater drainage ditches need to be kept clear of excess vegetation.

3. It is the landowner/residents responsibility to eliminate all noxious weeds.
4. At intersections vegetation must be kept well clear to ensure good sight lines for traffic using the intersection.

Council is currently reviewing its "No Spray Road Frontages" database and has written to all "known" landowner/residents who have previously applied for their property to be included on the No Spray database. It is important that we keep this database current so that we can meet landowner's expectations in terms of not spraying the vegetation on their road frontage.

If you believe you should be on the No Spray database but have not received a letter OR you wish for your property which is in a rural zone 70 kmh and above to be included on the No Spray database, please contact Council's

Richmond office, phone 03 543 8400 or visit the website, www.tasman.govt.nz. You need to complete an application form.

Once we have received your application, Council's contractor will install Council-compliant non-spray marker pegs on your property boundary. Only Council-compliant marker pegs will be recognised by the spraying contractor for "no spray". It is important that the markers remain in place at all times and are clearly visible to the contractor.

These marker pegs are a one-off Council contribution to the non-spray programme. Lost or damaged marker pegs are the responsibility of the landowner and are available from Council's maintenance contractor, Downer at a cost of \$10 each (GST inclusive).

GOLDEN BAY BY-ELECTION

Nominations for the Golden Bay Ward by-election close at noon on Tuesday 16 August 2011.

Long-serving Councillor Noel Riley has resigned due to ill health. His replacement will join Councillor Martine Bouillir on the Tasman District Council. By-election candidates must be nominated by two people who are on the electoral roll for the Golden Bay Ward. Candidates must be New Zealand citizens and

enrolled as a parliamentary elector anywhere in the country.

Voting papers for the postal ballot will be distributed to all ratepayers and residents listed in the Electoral Roll for the ward. Voting opens on Monday 12 September 2011 and completed voting papers must reach the Electoral Officer by noon on Wednesday 5 October 2011. A preliminary result will be available almost immediately.

Only those people on the roll will receive voting papers or be entitled to vote. The preliminary roll is available for inspection now at Council's service centres and office and closes at 4.00 pm on Tuesday 16 August 2011.

Residential electors may enrol or amend their details on this roll by completing an enrolment form available at Council, calling 0800 36 76 56 or by visiting www.elections.org.nz. For more information go to www.tasman.govt.nz and search keyword 'by-election'.

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RURAL SUPPORT AND HELP

Those who live on the land are at the mercy of the weather and market downturns. A little-known group that understands the pressures can extend a helping hand.

The Top of the South Rural Support Trust is a charitable organisation with a rural coordinator who works with individuals, families or groups. These people may not be coping with the climate, social, financial or physiological pressures that are creating relationship difficulties and personal stress.

The Trust was on the job after recent floods in Golden Bay, Murchison and Tapawera. Trust members worked closely with Civil Defence and the Emergency Management Committee of the Tasman District Council, advising of farmers' needs.

Top of the South coordinator Ian Blair says that after Tapawera's deluge he visited properties accompanied by a clinical psychologist, to give landowners a chance to talk about

the trauma. Rural males "tend to bury their problems in their own minds," he says.

Financial pressure, such as the downturn in the grape growing sector, can also be addressed. Ian, a former farm consultant, says he has walked landowners through preparing a new budget and approaching the bank. The services of the Trust are free and confidential.

In the case of a widespread crisis such as drought, the Trust has organised field-days for farmers and orchardists to share their problems.

Ian says the Trust acts as a first-aid service, pointing landowners to other agencies. It doesn't have the funding for long-term relationships with clients.

Trust members know the challenges well, hailing from land-based enterprises such as farming, horticulture, viticulture and Rural Women. The Trust also works very closely with MAF and other Government welfare agencies to establish the best lines of assistance.

There are 23 Trust branches nationwide. The Top of the South chapter was formed in liaison with the Tasman District Council after a hailstorm in the mid-1990s drove many growers to the point of financial ruin. Ian now covers from Marlborough to Golden Bay and as far south as Springs Junction.

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RICHMOND AIR QUALITY STABLE

Richmond air quality has stayed close to the record improvements charted last year despite a cold snap in late July 2011. The amount of fine particles in the air shows a clear downward trend over the last few years. As of 2 August 2011 there were eight exceedances this winter of the national standard for PM10 (particulate matter less than 10 micron in size). This is one more than for the same period last year, and the risk period of inversion conditions that lead to poor air quality is drawing to a close.

Inversions happen in times of little wind when dense cold air becomes trapped under less-dense air, keeping pollutants close to ground level.

Last year Richmond's PM10 exceedances were in single figures for the first time since monitoring began in 2000. Prior to last year the number of these 'bad air days' was over 20, and in the early to mid-2000s they usually totalled more than 30 annually.

The rate of replacing older, polluting wood-burners with clean heating options closely matches the reduction in PM10 in the air.

The effort of many Richmond residents, and the associated expense, who have cleaned up their fire emissions is paying off for everyone.

Domestic wood-burners are by far the biggest source of PM10 (almost 90% as determined by air emissions inventories in 2010). Even if you live in a part of town with cleaner air, you are still exposed when you drive around or do business in Richmond.

As good as the air improvement is, we can't become complacent because the early part of the winter was wetter and warmer than normal. Rain clears the air, and of course when it is warmer people don't light their fires as much. Plus air inversion conditions are less prevalent.

However, in July 2011 about 60% of days were significantly cooler than the long-term average, which led to most exceedances through this period. The new national standard for air quality stipulates no more than three exceedances a year by 2016, and from 2020 onwards a maximum of one exceedance.

OUTSTANDING RESPONSE TO AWARDS

Locals have got behind their volunteers with 109 nominations received for the TrustPower Nelson Tasman Community Awards. Nominations for the Awards closed on Friday 15 July 2011. The TrustPower Nelson Tasman Community Awards, which recognise and reward volunteers for the outstanding contribution they make to the local community, are run in conjunction with the Tasman District and Nelson City Councils.

TrustPower Community Relations representative Suzi Luff says she is excited that so many generous and hard working community groups will be celebrated through this year's Awards.

"The Community Awards are all about recognising the hard work of these groups who are the community's unsung heroes. They work tirelessly and give so much for the benefit of those who live in the Nelson and Tasman regions.

Through the TrustPower Community Awards we will celebrate and honour these volunteers and their hard work. And a big 'thanks' must go to the people who nominated these wonderful groups," says Miss Luff.

The Awards cover five categories; Heritage and Environment, Health and Wellbeing, Arts and Culture, Sport and Leisure, and Educational and Child/Youth Development. The category winners receive \$500 and runners-up receive \$250. The Supreme Winner will take home \$1,500, a trophy, framed certificate and an all-expenses paid trip to the TrustPower National Community Awards.

The TrustPower Nelson Tasman Community Awards will be announced and presented at a function on Monday 29 August 2011, to which all nominated organisations will be invited. The National Community Awards are being held in the Ashburton District in March 2012.

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PUBLIC NOTICES

Penalty Fees

Dog Registration forms were mailed out at the end of May to all dog owners on Council's database, with payment due by 1 July 2011. Council then allowed owners until 31 July 2011 to pay the standard registration fee.

All dogs that remained unregistered at the beginning of August have incurred a penalty fee of 50% on top of the standard urban or rural registration fee. Owners of these dogs have been sent an invoice with the penalty fee. This payment needs to be made as soon as possible.

Owners of dogs that are currently unregistered are advised to contact Dog Control at Council and register their dog(s) immediately.

Owner of any dogs that are unregistered after 01 September 2011 will be liable for a \$300 Infringement Fine for each dog plus the registration and penalty fee. Your dog(s) will also be liable for seizure.

Motueka Flood Control Project

Council staff will be consulting on stage 'c' of the Motueka Flood Control Project later this month. Landowners and residents are invited to attend one of the following sessions:

Tuesday 23 August 2011 – 3.30 pm – 5.00 pm – Open Day

Thursday 25 August 2011 – 10.30 am – 12.00 pm – Open Day

Thursday 25 August 2011 – 7.00 pm – 8.30 pm – Public meeting

All meetings will be held at the Memorial Hall, Pah Street, Motueka.

Any enquiries contact Sarah Downs at Tasman District Council, Ph. 03 543 8542.

Tasman District Council Grants From Rates

Tasman District Council allocates approximately \$164,000 for grants to community organisations. These grants are made to organisations whose services and projects provide wide community benefit and wellbeing.

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Council Enterprises Subcommittee

Tasman Council Chambers, 189 Queen Street, Richmond, Wednesday, 17 August 2011, 9.30 am. *No public forum*

Corporate Services Committee

Tasman Council Chambers, 189 Queen Street, Richmond, Thursday, 18 August 2011, 9.30 am. *Public forum*

Audit Subcommittee

Tasman Council Chambers, 189 Queen Street, Richmond, Thursday, 18 August 2011, 1.00 pm or at conclusion of Corporate Services Committee. *No public forum*

Environment and Planning Committee

Tasman Council Chambers, 189 Queen Street, Richmond, Thursday, 25 August 2011, 9.30 am. *Public forum*

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Gold coin donation for a single session or \$4 for all four sessions. Numbers are limited so reserve your place – Ph. 03 543 8500.

Takaka winter series

The winter series banishes those winter blues. Head into Takaka Library and be entertained by these wonderful speakers.

Friday 12 August 2011 at 1.30 pm Chris Petyt tells of his adventures on the high seas as a Fisheries Observer.

Friday 19 August 2011 at 1.30 pm Mandy Richards will take you on bike trips around the world.

What's on for kids at the library

Takaka Babytime – a fun, hands-on session for the under-twos every Wednesday at 11.00 am.

Motueka Funtime – fun with stories, music, movement and crafts for 3-4 year olds every Tuesday 2.00 pm - 2.30 pm. Richmond Tiny Tots – stories and songs for under-twos every Tuesday 10.00 am - 10.30 am.

Teen Blind Date With A Book at Takaka

Motueka teens have done it. Now it's Takaka teens turn!

Are you ready for the challenge of reading outside your comfort zone?

Register at Takaka Library for Teen Blind Date With A Book and take home a mystery book parcel to read. You may even win a spot prize!

The Teen Blind Date With A Book promotion runs from 15 August 2011 to 9 September 2011 and is open to anyone from Year 8 to Year 13 classes.

Enter the Prow quiz and be in to win!

The second Prow quiz starts Monday 8 August 2011 and runs till Friday 2 September 2011.

The quiz is available on The Prow website www.theprow.org.nz or from your nearest public library - you'll find all the answers at The Prow.

Correct entries go into the draw to win one of six \$50 Bookseller's book vouchers.

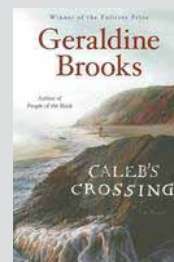
German language collection

Are you a student of the German language? Or is German your first language? Takaka Library has a small collection of German language fiction that is available to everyone in Tasman District.

If you want to know what titles we have, search the library catalogue at www.taslib.govt.nz using "German language fiction" as your subject search term. You can then reserve the books you're interested in reading and they'll be delivered to your local library.

New to the library this month

Caleb's Crossing by Geraldine Brooks



In 1665, a young man from Martha's Vineyard became the first Native American graduate of Harvard College. From the few facts that survive of this extraordinary life, Brooks creates a luminous tale of passion and belief, magic and adventure.



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ESTUARY CAPTURED IN ALL MOODS

Photographers from as young as six and as old as 88 turned their lenses on the Waimea Estuary in June as part of a competition for Matariki, the Maori new year.

Ruth Hesslyn's richly textured shot of an estuary channel took first prize overall and won \$300.

Competition organiser Elspeth Collier says the nearly 200 entries reflected all aspects of the estuary, from wild spaces to power pylons, wading birds to the MDF plant. Territory ranged from Monaco to Mapua, and a "really good" standard of photos included many from schoolchildren.

The competition was run over two consecutive Sundays in the latter half of June, giving a contrast of pictures from grey day to sunny, and all stages of tide.

Elspeth, who is a photographer herself and part of the Waimea Estuary Forum that is taking a holistic view of the waterway's future, says the competition has furnished a good stock of images for people "to get an understanding of what is out there". The 3455ha Waimea Estuary is the biggest in the South Island.

The exhibition photographs can be viewed online on the Waimea Inlet Facebook page, and the best of the entries were displayed at the Richmond Library in the first week of August 2011.

Other winners: Over 18 winner: Cherie Palmer. Highly Commended: Joshua Donnelly, Caroline Foster, Hilary Gregory.

13-18 winner: Jimmy Wright. Highly Commended: Adam Cookson, Briony Blackmore, Clodagh O'Farrell.

12 and under winner: Oliver Chandler. Highly Commended: Gracie Kroos, Macy Morgan, Jack McCarthy.

Judges were JJ Luck, a picture editor; Rebecca Hamid, director of the RH Gallery at Woollaston's vineyard; and Andrew Greenhough, a winemaker and art collector with a particular interest in photography.

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