



NEWSLINE THE MAG

Archdeacon Harvey Ruru blesses the ferry at the official opening of the Tasman Great Taste Trail cycleway.



UNIQUE LINK IN TASMAN'S GREAT TASTE TRAIL OFFICIALLY OPENS

New Zealand's Cycle Trail Ambassador Sarah Ulmer and Mayor Richard Kempthorne officially opened the new 6.8km section of Tasman's Great Taste Trail that runs through Rabbit Island on 2 October 2011.

The new section of cycle trail, which is suitable for all ages and fitness levels, runs in both directions from the entrance to Rabbit Island through to the Mapua estuary, where a brand new ferry has been built to transport cyclists and walkers across to Mapua's wharf area.

"Rides like this one are awesome. They are family-friendly and a great way of encouraging families and young people to get outside and experience the pure joy of riding a bike," Ms Ulmer says.

Hundreds turned up at Mapua Wharf to watch the blessing of the ferry, performed by Archdeacon Harvey Ruru, and to hear speeches from Mayor Kempthorne, Sarah Ulmer and Green Party MP Kevin Hague. In total it is estimated that 1000 people took the opportunity to ride the new ferry across the estuary during the day.

Tasman's Great Taste Trail is a joint project between Tasman District Council the Nelson Tasman Cycle Trails Trust and The New Zealand Cycle Trail.

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MAYOR'S COMMENT

The last week saw the end of the Local Government Commission hearings in the region. The Commission has indicated they are working towards a decision regarding the future of the amalgamation proposal before the end of the year. If the Commission does decide to proceed to a final reorganisation plan there will be a poll conducted in both Tasman and Nelson. The Commission has indicated such a poll would occur in late March to early April 2012. One thing that has stood out for me has been the passion within the written and oral submissions, either for or against the proposal. This process has provoked a great deal of feeling as well as reasoned arguments.

We welcome the latest addition to the Council, Councillor Paul Sangster representing Golden Bay. Recently elected through the by-election to replace Noel Riley who stepped aside for health reasons, Paul returns to the Council table in the seat he previously held from 1989 till 2004.

Paul's return is timely as we prepare the Council's Long Term Plan for the next ten years. While it is under review, and we are looking to manage any changes incrementally, it is important to the ongoing success of the District that we have a full quota of elected representatives from all wards available to make the strategic decisions for the draft plan before it goes out for consultation.

Mayor Richard Kempthorne



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The trail's overall objective is to create a 175km cycle trail in a loop around Tasman from Nelson, passing through Mapua, Motueka, Riwaka, Ngatimoti, Tapawera, Kohatu, Belgrove, Wakefield and Brightwater and back to Richmond. The trail is an economic development project aimed at generating lasting economic, social and environmental benefits for local communities.

New Zealand Cycle Trail Programme Manager John Dunn says Rabbit Island has been a popular day trip for some time and it's great to see that both locals and visitors alike will now have the chance to enjoy more riding on the island thanks to the new trail and cycle-friendly ferry service.

"There is a growing demand for cycle tourism. With its famous sunshine, and the considerable tourism infrastructure, including wineries, cafes and cottage industries, the Tasman region is in a good position to capture this growth," Mr Dunn added.



NTCTT chairman David Bonnett with Sarah Ulmer and Green MP Kevin Hague.

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NEW GB COUNCILLOR KNOWS THE ROPES

Former Tasman District Councillor Paul Sangster is back at the Council table, after winning the Golden Bay ward by-election to replace retiring Councillor Noel Riley.

Paul polled 788 votes, with Golden Bay Community Board member Mik Symmons second on 656, Sue Brown received 621 votes and Laurence Boomert received 138. Voter turnout in the postal ballot was 58.54%.

Mr Sangster, 61, narrowly missed out on election at the last full-Council poll, aiming to regain the seat he lost eight years ago after nearly two decades as a Councillor – on Golden Bay County Council before it was incorporated into the new Tasman Council.

He is a part-time dairy farm worker, plus helps to maintain the Pupu and Onekaka hydro-electric schemes, and has long family roots in the Bay.

Paul will be sworn in to his role at a ceremony in Council Chambers on 20 October 2011.

MOSAICS REPRESENT PRIDE OF PLACE

The Cambridge Street playground in Richmond has recently had a further splash of colour added, with eight mosaics created by local youth being added to a fence. The mosaics acknowledge and celebrate the work of youth volunteers in the community.

The initiative was part of the Tasman District Council's Pride of Place project that saw the police and various youth organisations working together to address the issue of graffiti vandalism in the area.

St. Vincent de Paul Vinnies Youth Coordinator Philippa Winch, who was part of the steering committee, says a lot of work went in to researching the best ways of tackling graffiti vandalism. "What we found was that one of the best strategies is to foster an attitude of 'pride of place' amongst our young people by getting youth art out into the community in a positive way," she says.

The Garin College and Saint Paul's Vinnies were keen to take up the opportunity of being involved with this community project and consequently came up with the eight mosaic designs that took the students a term to complete. Philippa Winch says the first six of the designs represent what youth volunteers give to the community – contribution, hope, joy, freedom, talent and pride of place. The last two designs represent what young people gain from volunteering in the community – the opportunity to both grow and shine.

As part of this work, the Garin College Vinnies also created a short film about the Vinnies involvement in the Pride of Place project and the process they went through in creating the mosaics. Their film work was part of a national project run by the Inspiring Stories Trust, which saw students throughout the country creating short films about young kiwis making a positive difference for their peers, schools or



communities. Earlier this year, the St Vincent de Paul Nelson Area Vinnies came regional runners-up in the educational and child/youth development section of the TrustPower Community Awards.

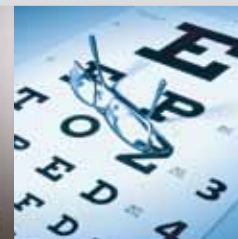
Tasman District Council Recreation Coordinator Paul McConachie says the Pride of Place project has certainly helped to create a sense of pride amongst the young people in our area as well as beautifying the park.

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KARAOKE CONTESTANTS ON FIRE

Two heats remain in the hunt for Tasman's next Karaoke Superstar, and the competition is already hot. Idol wannabes from heats in Motueka, Richmond and Murchison have booked their tickets to the grand final showdown at the Motueka A&P show on Sunday, 4 December 2011.

Your last chances to take the stage are on Sunday 23 October 2011, 5.00 pm at the Moutere Hills Community Centre, and Saturday 5 November 2011, 10.30 am at the Village Green, Takaka.

For more information, contact Tasman District Council Community Recreation Advisor Paul McConachie on Ph 03 543 8525, or visit www.tyc.co.nz

Karaoke Superstar 2011

Motueka Heat
Tasman Youth Council Presents...

Venue: Motueka Recreation Centre
Date: Friday 16 September, 5.00 pm
Contact: Jody Maru Ph. 03 528 8228
Registration forms can be collected from the Motueka Recreation Centre

Richmond Heat
Venue: Richmond Mall
Date: Monday 26th September, 4pm
Contact: Paul McConachie Ph. 03 543 8525
Limited spaces, pre register via contacting Paul McConachie

Murchison Heat
Venue: Murchison Area School
Date: Tuesday 4 October, 12.30 pm-1.15 pm (5-8 yrs) & 3.00 pm-5.00 pm (9-12, 13-18 yrs)
Contact: Kristi Dubois Ph. 03 523 9112
Registration open 19 September from school reception

Moutere Heat
Venue: Moutere Hills Community Centre and Sports Complex
Date: Sunday 23 October, 5.00 pm
Contact: Katrina McLean Ph. 03 543 2516
Register on the day or prior through the Community Centre

Golden Bay Heat
Venue: Takaka Village Green (west weather venue Takaka Village Theatre)
Date: Saturday 5 November, 10.30 am
9 - 12 years 11.30 am
13 - 18 years 12.30 pm
Contact: Dave Myall Ph. 03 525 8876
Register on the day

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For further competition info including songlist: www.tyc.co.nz or Paul McConachie Ph. 03 543 8525

	Motueka Heat		Richmond Heat		Murchison Heat	
	Winner	Runner-Up	Winner	Runner-Up	Winner	Runner-Up
Junior 5-8 yrs	Anahera Hailes-Paku	Jasmyne Bailey	Poppy Ford		Harmonie Whitnall	Brodie Spence
Intermediate 9-12 yrs	Laquisha Edwards	Tiegan Maru	Gemma Christal	Ella Atkinson	Alysha Marie Tinetti	Jemma Gibson
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Continuing our portraits of Outstanding Community Service Award recipients, who were honoured by the Tasman District Council recently. This time, Motueka's Shirley Lunn and Elaine Wilson.

ENRICHED BY GIVING

Shirley Lunn says being a volunteer has enriched her life. "I've enjoyed it all and made a lot of friends," says the 82-year-old, who feels that she has had more time than some to give to community causes because she is a widow with fewer family commitments. That doesn't do her justice.

The Motueka Hospice Shop is one benefactor of Shirley's services. She has helped in the shop since it opened about 10 years ago, and also volunteers at the museum once a month.

She is part of the trust that maintains Motueka's clock tower, fundraising initially to repay the Tasman District Council for buying (and saving) the 11m landmark, built in 1950. The trust has funded maintenance, spotlights, a new mechanism, and a recent coat of paint. When the Plunket car-seat rental scheme started in Motueka some 30 years ago, Shirley put her hand up to be the volunteer co-ordinator.

"I used to keep the seats in the spare room and hire them out." She ran the service for a decade, and it's now based at the Plunket office.

Shirley was a regular behind the counter when the Motueka Information Centre (now the i-Site) first opened as well. She is secretary of the local RSA women's group, belongs to the Motueka Spinning Club, but has sidelined the Art Group because "I'm too busy doing the garden."

She helps Parklands School pupils with their reading, and is a regular visitor to friends in rest-homes or the Jack Inglis Friendship Hospital.



REPAYING A DEBT

Elaine Wilson, president of the Motueka Red Cross, is partly repaying a debt to the organisation harking back to 1968. After the Inangahua earthquake, "refugee" family members descended on her home in Christchurch. Mother, three younger brothers, sister and her two children, Elaine and husband Colin's own brood of four – the house was bulging.

"Red Cross were so good to me," providing towels and sheets, plus napkins for three babies. Elaine vowed that eventually she would return the favour.

She helps to staff the Motueka op-shop one day a week, plus her presidential duties. Her reward is "the pleasure of helping people who need help" – and the demand is growing, she says.

Elaine has seen three generations through Parklands School, with two great grand-daughters there at present. She was on the PTA, and once knitted 17 pairs of socks to kit a class out for winter.

She is a charter member of the Motueka & Districts Lioness Club, which began in 1984. She was president for two terms and held many other positions.

Elaine served on the Festival of Lights committee, and is a 15-year veteran of the Kiyosato Friendly Town Committee. She and Colin have hosted Japanese exchange students in their home for up to two months at a time (plus eight German students). The couple visited Kiyosato in 1997, and it was "lovely... different, but lovely."

When Colin was playing in the Motueka Municipal Band, Elaine pitched in with fundraising and activities. She recalls being secretary of the St Thomas Church cubs group as well – almost too much community service to remember. (When Newsline rang, she was making jam for a Lioness stall.)



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RIVERS – THE ARTERIES OF OUR LANDSCAPE

The health of our rivers is becoming a hot topic nationally. Clean water is vital for fish stocks, the river eco-system, community supplies, agriculture and horticulture. Rivers are also a cherished playground for Tasman residents (the Waimea River catchment is used for an estimated 110,000 swims each year).

The new National Policy Statement for freshwater management, which came into force on 1 July 2011, requires councils to step up a gear in managing this precious resource. A strong 'big-picture' focus on integrated catchment management is required and specific limits may be set for each catchment.

Thanks to a decade of monitoring by the Council, in cooperation with the Cawthron Institute, Fish and Wildlife Services and others, we now have a more definite picture about the health of our rivers, lakes and groundwater.

Instead of bringing in more rules, Tasman District Council aims to foster non-regulatory ways of managing water quality. The success of the Aorere and Sherry catchments shows that non-regulatory, collaborative approaches can work very well.

Mayor Richard Kempthorne will kick off the series of workshops throughout the District, the first in Murchison on 14 November 2011. These gatherings will provide communities with the latest information on water quality, and foster discussion on how the resource should be managed – and Council wants to hear your views.

It is hoped that these workshops will generate interest in setting up more catchment groups. Richard and workshop discussion facilitator Glen Lauder bring a wealth of experience to the subject of managing freshwater resources, both being involved in the Land and Water Forum (a gathering of major stakeholders at a national



level to address declining water quality). Other workshop speakers include local farming and catchment group leaders, Barbara Stuart from NZ Landcare Trust, Council Resource Scientist Trevor James, and Shirley Hayward of Dairy NZ.

Workshop venues:

Buller area – Murchison Community Centre, Monday 14 November 2011, 7.00-9.00 pm, followed by supper.

Mid-Motueka and Motupiko catchment – Kohatu Hotel, Tuesday 15 November 2011, farm-focused session, 11.00 am-1.00 pm, followed by lunch.

Moutere Hills – Moutere Hills Recreation Centre, Tuesday 15 November 2011, 7.00-9.00 pm, followed by supper.

Golden Bay – Takaka, Kotinga Hall, Wednesday 16 November 2011, farm-focused session, 11.00 am-1.00 pm, followed by lunch.

Motueka – Cricket Pavilion, Pah Street, Monday 21 November 2011, 7.00-9.00 pm, followed by supper.

Waimea area – Richmond Library (Constance Barnicoat Room), Wednesday 23 November 2011, 7.00-9.00 pm, followed by supper.

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COUNCIL TO TAKE OVER TARAKOHE BOAT RAMP

Tasman District Council will take over management of the Tarakohe boat ramp in December 2011. The ramp is administered at present by the Pohara Boat Club but has been owned by the Council since it took over the running of Port Tarakohe in 1996.

The Council also plans to install a cash- or card-operated barrier arm, plus lighting and security cameras to replace the current honesty box system. Cameras will also cover the boat storage area for added security.

Under the new arrangement, Harbour Manager Allan Kilgour will take over responsibility for the ramp.

"While new to Golden Bay, barrier arms are not uncommon in harbours and marinas in the region," says Council Communications Adviser Chris Choat. "The boat ramp at Ward Street, Port Motueka, has operated this way for several years."

Pohara Boat Club members will be able to buy annual ramp passes, with other users paying either by cash or bankcard. Fees are currently

\$50 a year for club-members and \$5 per launch for casual users.

Mayor Richard Kempthorne welcomed the new arrangement, which was agreed after discussions over three years with the club. The barrier arm and security measures should be in place before Christmas, he said. "By ensuring that individual components of the port such as this are self-funding, we can reduce the annual subsidy to the port from rates and still keep the fees fair and reasonable."

A loan will cover the cost of the ramp work, so it will return a profit from year one, said Richard.

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Tasman/Nelson follows on Sunday 28 April 2013 with the whole country digital by the end of that year.

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Tasman/Nelson viewers will be able to receive digital television either by satellite or UHF aerial, but you will still need a set top box to access the Freeview or Sky service.

A new television set is not needed as almost any television can go digital with a set-top box and the right aerial or satellite dish. Second television sets will need separate set top boxes. If recording is important to you, you may want to consider a new digital personal video recorder that enables you to receive the digital TV signal and record the programs.

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CRESCENT STREET EXIT RESTRICTED

Safety concerns and poor sightlines have prompted the partial closure of Crescent Street in central Richmond. Traffic can no longer turn into Wensley Road from Crescent Street, being directed instead from Blair Terrace down the northern end of Crescent Street to exit at Oxford Street.

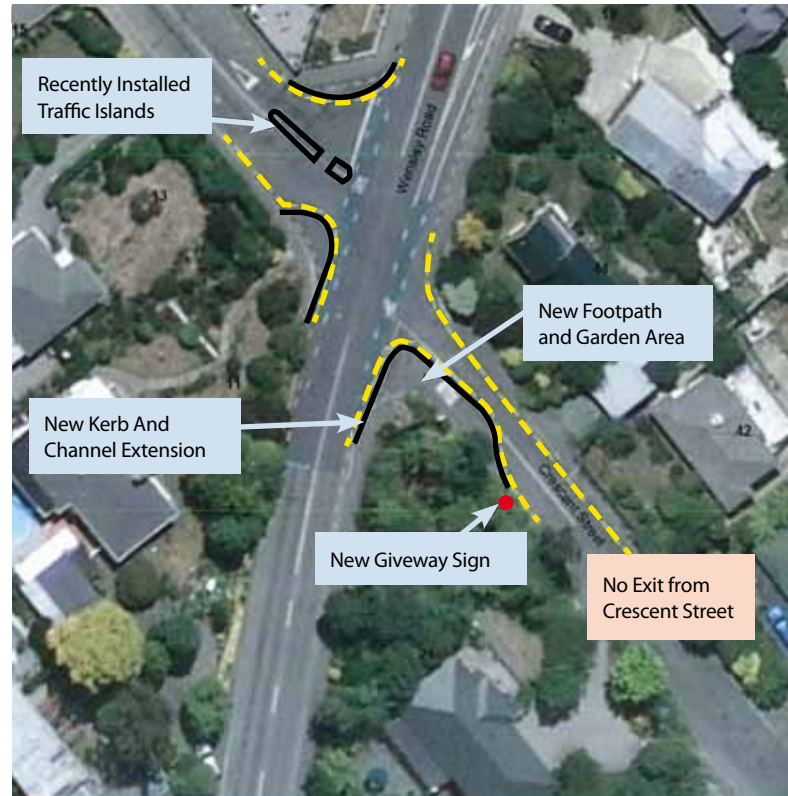
Traffic from Wensley Road can still turn into Crescent Street and can also still go straight ahead from Waverley Street into Crescent Street.

Tasman District Council engineers say that in addition to poor visibility, the gradient is steep at the Wensley intersection which added to the challenge for drivers. Partial closure of Crescent Street will also improve safety for crossing pedestrians and mobility scooters.

Crescent Street residents and other locals were given the option of complete closure at the intersection, or the partial solution, with the majority opting for the latter.

Under the new Blair/Crescent scheme, some parking restrictions have been imposed near Shearer Terrace.

Meanwhile, the new Salisbury Street traffic lights in Richmond are nearing completion. The lights will regulate traffic flow to and from Arbor-Lea Ave and Waimea College. The cost of the new signals has



COUNCIL STAFF RESPOND TO RENA CRISIS

Tasman District Council has sent a team of qualified staff to Tauranga in response to the Rena crisis.

Part of national rotating team – all trained in marine oil spill response – the staff were deployed soon after the scale of the situation became apparent. They join staff from many Regional Councils, port and other marine-related companies as part of the clean-up efforts.

“While staff train for emergency situations like this, it is one of those events that we hope is never going to occur,” said Mayor Richard Kempthorne.

“Unfortunately it has, and we are all weighing in to support what is rapidly becoming a national event. We may live in different parts of the country but we are all still part of the New Zealand community and can be relied on in times of need.”

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Applications close 31 October 2011.

SPARC RURAL TRAVEL FUND

The aim is to subsidise rural sports teams travel costs, for 5 - 19 year olds, to enable them to take part in regular competition.

Applications close 31 October 2011.

TASMAN CREATIVE COMMUNITIES SCHEME

The fund supports local projects that increase access and participation in arts activity.

Applications close 10 November 2011.

See Council's website for details on how to apply www.tasman.govt.nz

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PUBLIC NOTICES

Navigation Safety Action: Extension of Temporary Reservation of wastewater pipeline corridor across Waimea Inlet between Bells Island and Monaco

Pursuant to provisions of the Tasman District Council Navigation Safety Bylaw 2005 (Amended 2006) and the Local Government Act 1974, the Tasman District Council and Nelson Harbourmasters granted a temporary reservation to March Civil Ltd of a corridor of the waters of Waimea Inlet between Bells Island, Saxton Island and Monaco, for the installation and maintenance of a wastewater pipeline between 14 February 2011 and 20 October 2011. Due to unanticipated delays, this has been extended until 31 January 2012.

The effect of the temporary reservation is to allow contractors involved in the project to control access to or across the reserved area, including defining or closing navigable channels for small craft, in the interests of safety. Closures will be notified by signage at Best Island, Rabbit Island, Monaco and Akersten Street boat ramps, and by broadcast on local marine radio stations from time to time. Sheet piles will be temporarily installed. These will be marked with yellow retro-reflective tape in most cases, with those defining the available channel(s) for navigation showing port or starboard lateral mark characteristics. Usual hours of work on the project will be 7.00 am to 6.00 pm, but navigation restrictions may be in force at any time.

Mariners are required to observe and use only the marked route(s) across the reserved area, and take care that their wake, speed or proximity does not cause risk of harm to contractors (who may be involved in underwater operations), or risk of damage to structures including equipment and pipes.

A number of other conditions have been imposed on March Civil Ltd, which may be viewed by contacting either the Harbourmaster on Ph. 03 543 8433 or 027 246 1904, e-mail: harbourmaster@tasman.govt.nz or Gary Kennedy of March Civil Ltd during office hours on Ph. 027 245 4481.

Public Notice of Right to Demand a Poll on Electoral System

On 11 August 2011, the Tasman District Council decided to retain the First past the Post (FPP) electoral system for the 2013 and 2016 local government triennial elections. This is the system that the Council has used in past elections for Council and community boards.

Notice is given under section 28 (1) of the Local Electoral Act 2001, that electors of the Tasman District Council have the right to demand a poll on the electoral system to be used at the next two triennial general elections (2013 and 2016) of the Tasman District Council.

The choice is between the First Past the Post (FPP) and the Single Transferable Vote (STV) electoral systems. Unless a poll determines otherwise, the FPP electoral system will continue to be used for the Tasman District Council.

A valid demand for a poll must be:

- made in writing;
- signed by at least 5 percent of eligible electors of the Tasman District Council. This will require 1,690 elector signatures;
- delivered to the office of the Tasman District Council, 189 Queen Street, Richmond, 7020 by Tuesday 28 February 2012.

Every elector who signs a demand must also set out in it his or her full name and the address for which he or she is qualified as an elector of the Tasman District Council.

For further information, please contact Lloyd Kennedy, Electoral Officer, Ph. 03 543 8434.

ROAD CLOSURES

Closure of Road to Ordinary Vehicular Traffic

Pursuant to the Transport (Vehicle Road Closure) Regulations 1965, notice is hereby given that for the purpose of allowing the Nelson Drag Racing Association to carry out drag racing at the Motueka Aerodrome the following road will be closed to ordinary vehicular traffic for the periods and times indicated hereunder.

Any person objecting to the proposal is called upon to lodge notice of the objection before **Friday 18 November 2011** to the office of the Tasman District Council, 189 Queen Street, Richmond.

Proposed Road to be closed to Ordinary Vehicular Traffic and Period of Closure:

Queen Victoria Street, from King Edward Street to Green Lane.

Period of Closure: 9.00 am to 4.00 pm – Saturday 26 November 2011.

COMMUNITY NOTICES

Rider Training – Learn how to be a better motorcycle and scooter rider

Sunday 30 October 2011 – Advanced Riders on road training

Saturday 3 December 2011 – Progressing Riders at a training venue

Sunday 4 December 2011 – Advanced Riders at a road training venue

Saturday 11 February 2012 – Progressing Riders on road training

Sunday 12 February 2012 – Advanced Riders on road training

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RESOURCE CONSENTS

The Council has received an application for resource consent as detailed below. The application includes an assessment of environmental effects. The application and supporting information may be examined in the main office of the Tasman District Council (Richmond) and the Motueka, Takaka and Murchison Service Centres during normal office hours.

Any person may make a submission on the application in accordance with Section 96 of the Resource Management Act 1991. The submission must be in the prescribed form (Form 13) and copies of this form are available from Council offices and are on the Council's website (www.tasman.govt.nz).

The submission form should be addressed to the Council's Resource Consent Administration Officer and may be either: (1) hand delivered to any of the Council offices; (2) mailed to Private Bag 4, Richmond 7050; (3) faxed to the Council on (03) 543 9524; or (4) e-mailed to the Council (e-mail address: info@tasman.govt.nz). The submission form must be received by the Council no later than **4.30 pm on Monday 31 October 2011**.

A copy of your submission must be sent to the applicant as soon as reasonably practicable after serving your submission on the Council.

Applicant: Department of Conservation.

Location: Wainui Falls Road, Wainui Bay, Golden Bay.

Legal Description: Legal Road.

Consent Type, Application Number and Proposal:

Land Use Consent (Application RM110684)

To construct a public toilet facility with a 9000 litre containment tank at the Wainui Falls Road car park.

Applicant's Address for Service:

Department of Conservation, Private Bag 5, Nelson 7042, Attention: Chris Clode.

COUNCIL MEETINGS

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Engineering Services Committee

Tasman Council Chambers, 189 Queen Street, Richmond, Thursday 27 October 2011, 9.30 am. *Public forum*

Full Council

Tasman Council Chambers, 189 Queen Street, Richmond, Thursday 27 October 2011 at conclusion of Engineering Services Committee. *No public forum*

Regional Transport Committee

Heaphy-Wangapeka Room, 189 Queen Street, Richmond, Friday 28 October 2011, 9.30 am. *No public forum*

Full Council

Tasman Council Chambers, 189 Queen Street, Richmond, Thursday 3 November 2011, 10.15 am. *Public forum*

Golden Bay Community Board

Fire Station Hall, Collingwood, Tuesday 8 November 2011, 9.00 am. *Public forum*

Motueka Community Board

Motueka Office, 7 Hickmott Place, Motueka, Tuesday 8 November 2011, 4.00 pm. *Public forum*

Corporate Services Committee

Tasman Council Chambers, 189 Queen Street, Richmond, Thursday 10 November 2011, 9.30 am. *Public forum*

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Tasman became the 51st state of America over three days at the end of September, with a main-street parade, hotrods, Harleys, a Block Party, hotdogs and "tailgate" barbecues.

The Richmond Festival events around the Rugby World Cup were to honour the US Eagles team, who were based in the area prior to their match against Italy.

Festivities kicked off – literally – with an all-day Tasman 7s Invitational tournament at Jubilee Park on Sunday 25 September 2011, involving 24 junior, senior and social rugby club teams from the Top of the South exhibiting an enterprising and free-running style of 7s rugby. Live music, cultural events and exhibitions complemented the on-field action.

The following Monday, more than 900 people, from a range of organisations, schools and community groups, marched in a parade down

Queen Street at midday, to the cheers of a vocal 2000-plus crowd. Sundial Square was packed afterwards for rockabilly music, rock'n'roll dancers, cheerleaders, kapa haka etc, and the large contingent of classic American cars, Jeeps and motorbikes parked up on display.

Ten members of the Eagles, US Ambassador David Huebner and Tasman Mayor Richard Kempthorne were on hand. Tasman's finest food and beverage stalls provided a fusion of uniquely American and Kiwi taste treats, including spare ribs and donuts.

Richmond's House of Travel won the shopfront decoration contest with a tribute to all things American.

On the Tuesday, the A&P showgrounds in Richmond were jumping as a Tailgate Party put fans in the mood for the USA vs Italy match at Trafalgar Park in Nelson.

In true tailgate fashion, colourful mini-parties popped up in the carpark areas. Once again, those with a taste for American-flavoured food were well catered for, and on stage the Gypsy Pickers, with support from the Krazy Kats, kept the toes tapping.

Younger patrons enjoyed a programme of rugby-type sporting challenges, and USA-themed buses shuttled fans to the game.

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