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## COLLABORATIVE WEBSITE TO ANSWER AMALGAMATION QUESTIONS



Residents and ratepayers with questions about the proposed Nelson Tasman Union poll have a new website.

Both Councils want their residents and ratepayers to make an informed vote on the proposal before the closing date of 21 April 2012.

[www.askaboutamalgamation.co.nz](http://www.askaboutamalgamation.co.nz) allows people to submit questions on the proposed amalgamation.

Residents and ratepayers can get factual information and be better prepared to vote in the coming poll.

- It aims to identify for residents the known facts within the proposal.
- Local Government Commission reports are the basis for answers.
- The site is not a free-for-all or a speaker's corner.
- Questions will be moderated, and if the answer is known they will be organised into topics for ease of use.

Visit: [www.askaboutamalgamation.co.nz](http://www.askaboutamalgamation.co.nz)

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# MAYOR'S COMMENT

At the end of this month a large number of residents are going to be asked, through the arrival of voting papers, whether or not you want Tasman to amalgamate with Nelson. This is hard on the heels of the consultation period for the Long Term Plan, which will close on 3 April 2012. Some may say why bother contributing to the planning process if we do not know if Tasman as a local government area is going to exist after November this year.

You are all by now aware of where I stand on the amalgamation debate. Regardless of the outcome of the vote on amalgamation we still need a current Long Term Plan. The reorganisation plan states that each Council's Long Term Plans will stay in force until at least 2015 when they will be reviewed as part of the legislated planning cycle.

Within the three year window these plans will determine what the current two, or proposed one Council will do over those three years to manage and provide for the fastest growing area in the country, and more importantly, they will determine how we will pay for it.

Add to this the recently publicised, but yet to be released, National Government's local government reforms. No-one has any real insight as to the impact of these reforms but until they are introduced and go through the legislative process we will be continuing to deliver the services and infrastructure necessary to maintain the Tasman way of life.

Over the next few months you have and will be asked by the Council, the Local Government Commission and the Government for your views on how your District should be managed. It is an important time and I urge you to play a role. It is not a time to sit back and watch.

*Mayor Richard Kempthorne*



## DRAFT LONG TERM PLAN 2012-2022 – MAKE SURE YOU HAVE YOUR SAY.

Time is running out for you to have your say on Council's Draft Long Term Plan 2012-2022. The closing date for submissions is 4.30 pm on Tuesday 3 April 2012.

The purpose of the Draft Long Term Plan is to get feedback on whether you think Council is planning to provide the right services and activities within the Tasman District over the next 10 years. Your views will help guide Council's decision-making, prior to the final plan being adopted in June 2012.

**The Draft Long Term Plan 2012-2022 comprises the following documents:**

- A Summary, which was sent out to all households in the Tasman District through a special edition of Newline on Friday 2 March 2012.

- The Draft Long Term Plan 2012-2022 (Volumes 1 and 2) containing the key changes Council is planning for 2012-2022, the services Council is planning to provide, the costs of the services and how the services will be funded.
- The "17 Settlements" document as supplementary information outlining what new projects and activities are being provided by ward and settlement within the District.

**The above documents, and information on how to make a submission, are available on Council's website at [www.tasman.govt.nz](http://www.tasman.govt.nz) and during normal office hours at Council offices and libraries.**

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# THE VOICE OF TASMAN YOUTH

The 2012 Tasman Youth Council (TYC) has officially formed, with 16 energetic young leaders from Waimea, Motueka and Murchison attending an overnight training Hui at Bridge Valley over the weekend.

The Hui included interactive workshops on communication, leadership, cultural diversity, and event planning, along with activities that tested the new TYC's team work and problem solving capabilities.

Since 1998, TYC has provided the all important link between the youth community of Tasman and Council. Their goal is simple; make Tasman a better place for young people.

**Potential projects planned for the year include:**

- Motueka Pool submission into Councils 2012-2022 Long Term Plan

- World Record Attempt
- Tasman's Got Talent (Quest)
- Charity Fundraiser: Providing suitable school shoes for those in need
- Amazing Race
- Outdoor Movies

To find out more about Tasman Youth Council, including who your local representatives are, and what they are up to visit: [www.jamonline.co.nz](http://www.jamonline.co.nz) or go to Facebook and search 'Jam.Tasman.'

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# WHERE DOES MY GLASS RECYCLING GO?

The glass you put out for kerbside recycling in Tasman reappears in new glass products from an Auckland glass manufacturer. Even the small percentage of old glass that is unsuitable for shipping north has another life, crushed and used in local roading and drainage.

The bins you place at the kerb are collected by Smart Environmental Ltd, Council's recycling contractor. The glass is colour-sorted at the kerbside and transported to the Richmond Resource Recovery Centre. From there it is loaded into shipping containers, bound for recycling in Auckland.

O-I New Zealand, who have been recycling glass since 1922, make new bottles and jars in seven colours: clear, amber, blue and four shades of green. The glass is formed in a high temperature furnace using silica sand, limestone, and soda ash. Glass can be fully recycled without any loss of purity and is able to be added to the manufacturing process.

Less energy is used to melt recycled glass than the raw materials, and so recycling saves raw materials and energy and reduces pollution and the amount of waste going to landfill. Penny Garland, of O-I, says the company recycled 100,000 tonnes of glass last year, and "we want all the tonnage we can get".

Freight costs from the South Island have been challenging, she says, but O-I has developed an arrangement with Mainfreight where glass

is shipped regularly through Port Nelson to Auckland. Since June last year Council has shipped over 1000 tonnes of glass to Auckland for recycling.

**Residents can help in Council's glass recycling efforts following these tips:**

- Please remove bottle tops, jar lids and place them with your other recycling
- Please only recycle empty glass bottles and jars
- Light bulbs and fluorescent tubes, pyrex, china and crockery (cups, saucers, plates), drinking glasses, window glass, opal glass, glass bricks, medical and laboratory glass containers, can't be recycled. These glass types degrade the quality of the recycled product.

### Any questions?

If you have any questions regarding this or any other recycling issue, e-mail [waste@tasman.govt.nz](mailto:waste@tasman.govt.nz) and we'll do our best to address them in future issues.

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# SUSPENSION BRIDGE TO CROSS WAIROA RIVER

Work is about to begin on an 80 metre suspension bridge over the Wairoa River, providing cyclists and walkers with the missing link between Richmond and Brightwater.

The bridge forms part of Stage One of Tasman's Great Taste Trail, jointly funded by the Government and Tasman District Council and managed by the Nelson Tasman Cycle Trails Trust. The proposed Stages Two and Three of the Trail continue a triangular route from Richmond to Kohatu, up to Tapawera and through the Motueka Valley to Motueka and back to Nelson. These stages are dependent on sourcing funds.

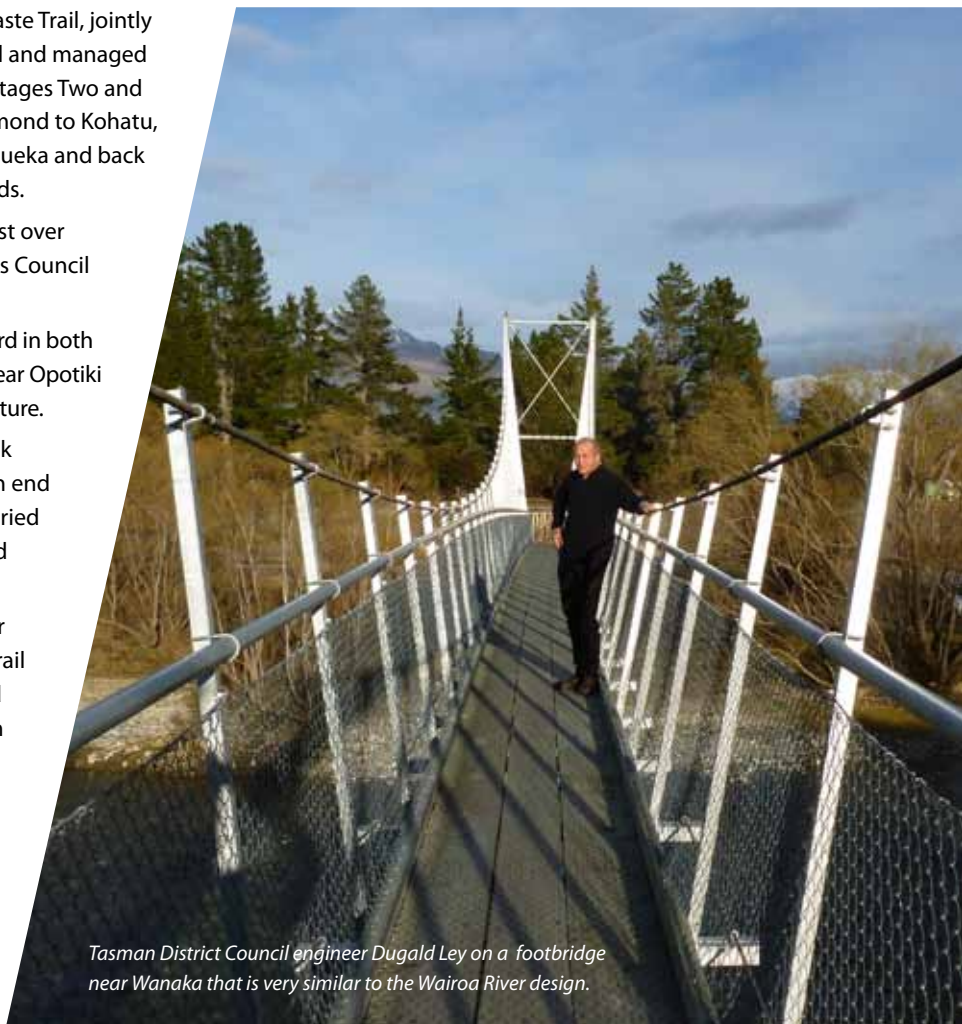
Edifice Contracts Ltd has won the bridge contract for just over \$265,000. It will be completed within three months, says Council engineer and project manager Dugald Ley.

Edifice are experienced bridge-builders with a track record in both New Zealand and Australia, he says. Their latest bridge near Opotiki in the Bay of Plenty is a similar design to the Wairoa structure.

For the technically minded, the bridge, designed by Nick Barber and Associates, will have 9m-high towers at each end to suspend 2 x 22mm-diameter cables connected to buried concrete anchor blocks. The deck will be 1.2m wide and very stable.

Dugald says sponsorship naming rights are available for the bridge (contact the Council). Tasman's Great Taste Trail is part of the national cycleway 'Great Rides' project and connects to the trail already running from Lower Queen Street in Richmond along the old Railway Reserve and through Waimea Estates' vineyard, up Ranzau Road and along Pugh Road to the river. On the other side, the trail will follow Bryant Road to Brightwater, and on to Wakefield via Higgins Road.

For more information about Tasman's Great Taste Trail, visit the Council website, [www.tasman.govt.nz](http://www.tasman.govt.nz), and search under Recreation.



*Tasman District Council engineer Dugald Ley on a footbridge near Wanaka that is very similar to the Wairoa River design.*



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# THE PROPOSED AMALGAMATION – WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

From 29 March 2012 registered voters in Nelson and Tasman will begin receiving their voting papers to decide whether the Local Government Commission's Amalgamation proposal will go ahead.

In an effort to provide voters with information that may assist them to make a decision the summary below is sourced from the material available from the Local Government Commission website.

## The poll will close at noon on 21 April 2012.

If over 50% of the eligible votes received in each of the current Nelson and Tasman council areas are 'yes', then the proposed combined district council will come into being on 1 November this year. It would be called the Nelson Tasman District Council.

The proposed district council would take over the functions of both the Nelson City Council and the Tasman District Council and continue to provide council services under a new structure that will include a mayor and 16 councillors, voted for in elections to be held on 12 October this year.

The proposed Nelson Tasman District will be made up of eight wards – the current Tasman wards, with the exception of the Motueka ward which has been slightly amended, and three wards within the current Nelson City boundaries

### Membership of the Council

Within the proposal the Council will have a mayor and 16 members elected as follows:

- one member representing the Golden Bay Ward
- one member representing the Lakes-Murchison Ward
- two members representing the Motueka Ward
- two members representing the Moutere-Waimea Ward
- three members representing the Richmond Ward
- three members representing the Stoke Ward
- three members representing the Nelson Ward
- one member representing the Atawhai Ward.

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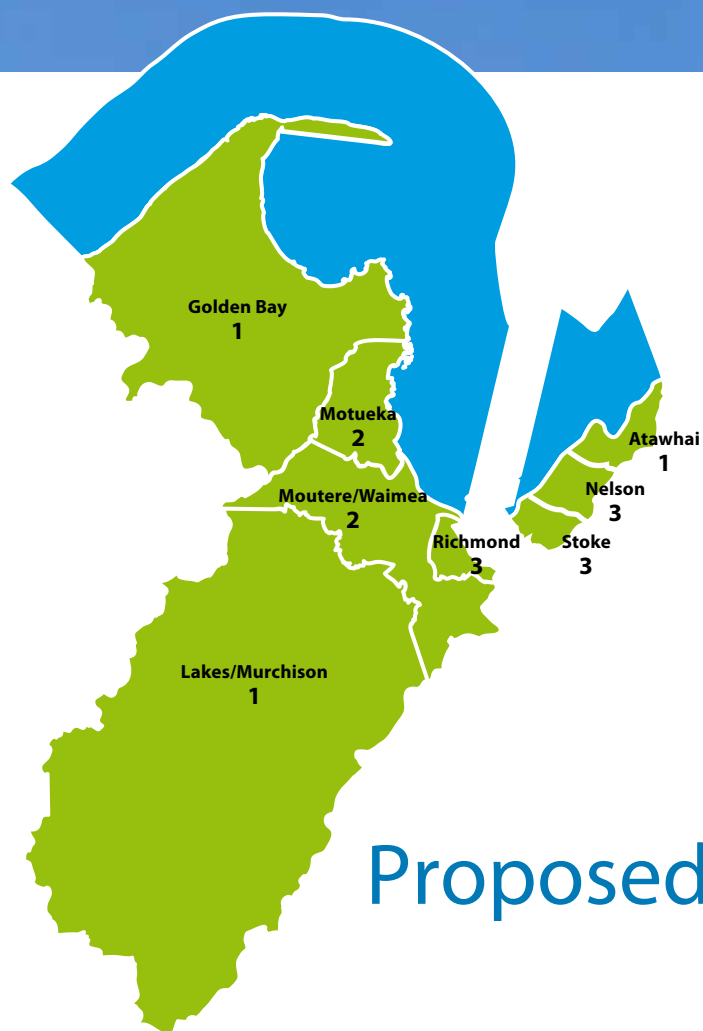
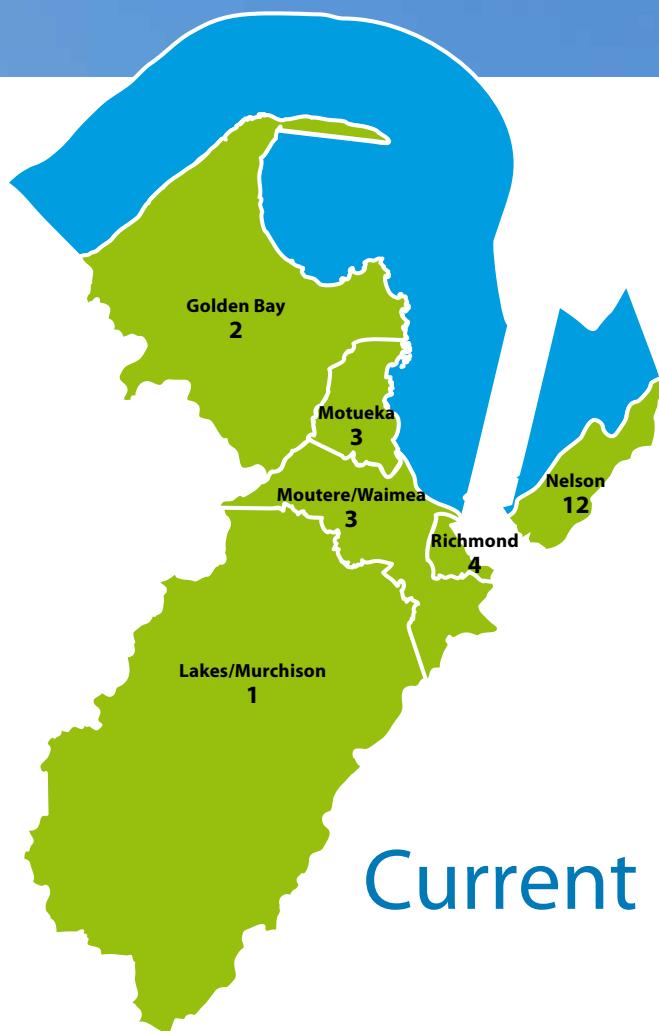
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## Committees

In addition to the Councillors the representation model within the proposal calls for the following committees to be established.

### A Rural Advisory Committee made up of:

- the Mayor of Nelson Tasman District
- one member nominated by Federated Farmers Golden Bay
- one member nominated by Federated Farmers Nelson
- one member nominated by Rural Women New Zealand Golden Bay
- one member nominated by Rural Women New Zealand Nelson
- one member nominated to represent fruit growers
- one member nominated to represent the wine and grape industry
- one member nominated to represent the forestry industry.

### A Māori Board made up of:

- the Mayor of Nelson Tasman District
- one representative of each iwi having rohe over all or part of Nelson Tasman District
- one representative of matawaka.

The members are to be nominated by each iwi or industry organisation or representative body through its own appointment processes.

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In addition to the Committees above the current community boards will remain with the following membership;

The Golden Bay Community Board will have four elected members and the member of the Council representing the Golden Bay Ward,

The Motueka Community Board will have four elected members and the two members of the Council representing the Motueka Ward.

Until at least 31 October 2015, the membership of the Council's committees must include a member from each of the Maori Board, Rural committee and community boards. The only exception is in the case of the Community Boards where they may not sit on any committee responsible for district finances.

### The Council's headquarters are to be located in Richmond.

The service centres currently provided by the Nelson City Council in Nelson and the Tasman District Council in Motueka, Murchison, Richmond and Takaka will continue in those locations for at least five years.

### Rating arrangements

The rating arrangements provided for in the revenue and financing policies and funding impact statements, included in the current Councils' long-term plans, continue to apply until the proposed Council adopts a new long-term plan in 2015 or amends the revenue and financing policies and funding impact statements in the current long-term plans.

The proposed Council must adopt the capital value system in 2015.

### Rating valuations

The valuation rolls of the affected local authorities continue in force until a general revaluation of the district as at 1 September 2013 is completed in accordance with the Rating Valuations Act 1998. For the avoidance of doubt, a general revaluation of the area of Nelson City must not be undertaken in 2012.

### Repayment of loans

Money borrowed by the affected local authorities is to be repaid by targeted rates over the area of the former district for which that money was borrowed

### Long-term plans

The long-term plans being currently prepared will continue in force in respect of their areas until a new long-term plan is made by the Council.

**Note: The long-term plans in place if the new Council is established will cover the period 1 July 2012 to 30 June 2022, focusing on the three-year period to 30 June 2015. A new Council will need to adopt a new long-term plan before 1 July 2015.**

### Looking for estimated cost information?

The Local Government Commission has an addendum report by Strateg-Ease on their website that supplements the LGC proposal with financial and service delivery information. This addendum is peer reviewed by Ernst and Young – also available on their website.

#### Information is provided on:

- Estimated costs of Councillor and Community Board remuneration costs
- Administration, financial and operating system issues and potential cost savings
- Estimated costs for the proposed Maori Board and Rural Advisory Committee
- Staff cost savings
- Transitional issues and costs

To read these reports, visit [www.lgc.govt.nz/nelsontasman](http://www.lgc.govt.nz/nelsontasman), visit any Library or Council office.

**If you have any further questions about the Local Government Commission's proposed amalgamation scheme?** Ask your question and staff from Nelson City and Tasman District Councils will answer to the best of their knowledge from the material provided by the Local Government Commission. Alternatively you can go to [www.askaboutamalgamation.co.nz](http://www.askaboutamalgamation.co.nz) and ask a question online – answers will be posted to the website and be viewable to everyone.

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# RABBIT ISLAND – GET MOVING FUN DAY

On Saturday 10 March 2012 over 200 people of all ages descended on Rabbit Island for the first 'Get Moving' family fun day.

With the sun shining and the tide high the omens were looking good for a great day of activity and fun as everyone got involved in cycling, walking and running activities aimed at getting Tasman and Nelson residents more active.

57 joining the guided cycle rides around Rabbit Island's new trail network, many of whom commented on the quality and 'easiness' of the tracks, 110 tackled the orienteering course, the bike skills course was in constant use by young and old (and even some on off-road uni-cycles) and the free helmet and bike checks were kept busy ensuring everyone's kit kept working well and was safe.

The Get Moving Family Fun Day was an initiative of the Get Moving project. Set up by Tasman and Nelson Councils, Nelson Marlborough District Health Board, Sport New Zealand and Sport Tasman Get Moving aims to get everyone in our region motivated, active and out there enjoying the exercise. Go to [www.get-moving.org.nz](http://www.get-moving.org.nz) for more information.



## DO YOUR TREES HANG LOW?

Has your garden grown like mad over summer? Council is asking people to check that their vegetation hasn't become a nuisance to others.

If you have a hedge, shrubs or trees that grow alongside a footpath it's up to you to make sure they don't grow too far out, making it hard for others to pass.

Now is an excellent time to give plants a trim so take a walk around your property to check for any necessary haircuts. Make sure you consider whether the footpath is easily passable for those in wheelchairs, on mobility scooters, or with prams – don't just look at it from a pedestrian's point of view.

Is there enough room for people to pass each other? If not, reach for the clippers.

Overhanging tree branches are also a problem. If you have a tree growing near a footpath the branches must be trimmed right back to your boundary. Trees overhanging footpaths become a problem in wet weather when the water weighs the branches down and they drip on footpath users.

Please check your boundary and let common sense be your guide, because it is up to you to make sure nothing from your property is obstructing the footpath.

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# IT IS TIME TO THINK ABOUT KEEPING WARM IN WINTER



Now is the time to think about making sure your home is well insulated to keep the winter chills at bay.

A well insulated house makes great economic sense because it saves you money you might otherwise need to spend on keeping your house warm. Warm, dry homes are also healthier and more comfortable for your family to live in.

Did you know that insulation standards have been greatly improved since 2000? Insulation installed prior to 2000 is not likely to meet the current standards for good insulation.

Your house may be insulated, but it may not be as good as it could be. Insulation also deteriorates over time and its effectiveness will decrease. Flat, tired batts in your ceiling will need to be upgraded to ensure your house continues to be well insulated.

While you are thinking about insulation, you may also want to upgrade your heater. Open fires are the most costly and inefficient way of heating your house and you should think about upgrading as soon as possible. You might also consider upgrading solid fuel burners to more efficient models, especially clean air compliant models if you live in the Richmond Airshed to help improve air quality.

Funding to help with improving insulation and heating in your home is available through the Energy Efficiency and Conservation Authority (EECA).

For houses built before 2000 you can be eligible for up to 33% or \$1300 towards upgrading insulation. You can also get \$500 for upgrading your heating, although your house must be properly insulated to be eligible for this grant. There is more information at [www.energywise.govt.nz](http://www.energywise.govt.nz).

The Council also assists homeowners in meeting the costs of insulation and home heating upgrades by offering a voluntary property specific rate to help you pay the balance of any upgrade cost through its Warm Tasman programme. See [www.tasman.govt.nz/link/warmhome](http://www.tasman.govt.nz/link/warmhome) for more information.

You can get a free quote for the options available to upgrade insulation in your house from the registered service providers. They will also provide advice and assist with applying for the EECA subsidy and Council assistance to upgrade your heating.

**The Service Providers you can contact for more information about insulation and home heating options in Tasman are:**

Service Provider	Contact
Absolute Energy Ltd	Ph. 03 547 2503
CozyCool Limited	Ph. 0800 26 99 26
Air Con Nelson Limited	Ph. 03 544 1616
Kiwi Insulation	Ph. 0508 467 852
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# TAKAKA WASTEWATER UPGRADE GIVEN GREEN LIGHT

The Takaka wastewater upgrade was given approval to proceed from the Tasman District Council on Thursday 15 March 2012.

The approval to proceed came after months of Council, working with a community working group, looking at the options available for the necessary upgrade to the current plant.

The current plant, which treats wastewater from Takaka, Pohara, Ligar Bay and Tata Beach, has reached its capacity and an upgrade was needed to maintain the conditions of the resource consents. In undertaking the upgrade a number of concerns were raised by the community including:

- Council's purchase of land close to residential properties
- Potential of contamination of groundwater in Takaka from the disposal of treated effluent through the Rapid Infiltration Beds
- Odour generation
- Visual impacts of the upgraded plant
- The potential for increased flooding of private land resulting from the upgrade.

Each of the concerns has been worked through to the satisfaction of the working group with

a number of conditions and alterations made to the design to accommodate and mitigate the concerns raised through the process. In addition to the engineering and environmental solutions a rigorous monitoring scheme is in place to ensure the plant operates as planned.

"Waste water plants are never popular but are recognised as essential, this outcome has balanced the concerns and costs to arrive at a solution that will meet the needs of the Golden Bay community well into the future," said Trevor Norriss, Tasman District Council Engineering Committee Chair.

Work will commence on the upgrade in June 2013 and will be completed within a year.

## MOTUEKA RECREATION CENTRE IN MOOD TO CELEBRATE

The Motueka Recreation Centre is gearing up for its 25th birthday party in May 2012, with an evening of tribute and "fun".

The 'Rec' technically clocked up its quarter-century milestone in February this year – a long and successful road from ex-apple packhouse to the sport and recreational hub of the town.

A host of sports clubs established the centre in 1987. It was run by an independent trust initially, and two years after construction the facility was debt-free thanks to donations, aided by a huge voluntary effort from sports and service clubs.

The centre was gifted to the Tasman District Council in the early 1990s, and in 2010 underwent a \$2.1 million refurbishment, funded by Council and various trusts. Notable donors over the years have included

the Canterbury Community Trust, the Lottery Grants Board and businessman Sir Patrick Goodman.

The Rec is now home to indoor cricket, roller hockey, inline skating, gymnastics, table tennis, volleyball, weight training, martial arts, badminton, a fitness centre, youth programmes, a climbing wall, café and adjoining cinema. It hosts conferences and other large functions, including the Rugby World Cup Fanzone last year.

The annual door-count is a staggering 280,000 visits, in a town of 7000 residents – reason enough to celebrate at the official birthday bash on 19 May 2012.

Brent Maru, Facilities Manager for Sport Tasman (and former Rec Centre manager), says the evening will include 25-year presentations to four founding members: Dot Craze and Ronnie Wilkins (netball), Richmond Grant (seido karate) and Richard Horrell (judo), who are all still active in their codes.

The Paul Madsen trio then kicks off the fun – a chance for the community to say "Wow" a quarter century on from the day volunteer firefighters hosed down that packhouse shed in preparation for its new life, says Brent.

Tickets for the party are on sale now from the Recreation Centre, with the bargain package being \$100 for a table for eight. Singles are \$20 and couples \$30. There will be a cash bar.

## NAVIGATE THE CHOPPY SEAS AHEAD

Canadian expert Nicole Foss will give a talk at the Richmond library later this month as part of a national tour.

Foss will examine the global financial system and the increasing competition over resources such as energy, water and land. She will discuss how families and

communities can prepare for challenging times ahead.

Foss is an energy industry consultant and financial analyst, plus co-editor of the online forum, [www.theAutomaticEarth.blogspot.com](http://www.theAutomaticEarth.blogspot.com) (where she writes under the surname Stoneleigh).

Her Richmond talk – "Building Lifeboats: How communities and families can navigate the choppy seas ahead" – is on Thursday 29 March 2012, from 12.30 pm - 1.30 pm, in the library meeting room, 280 Queen Street, Richmond. Koha donation.

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SBL Group has four new buses on the service. The big buses “kneel” at stops, making it easier for passengers to get on and off. They also have ramps for wheelchairs and pushchairs, plus bike racks on the front, meaning Richmond commuters can cycle to work and catch the bus home.

The first Nbus leaves Sundial Square at 7.00 am, with the last bus back departing at 7.00 pm from the SBL depot in Nelson. The usual late-late bus services will remain.

Fares are \$3.20 adult and \$2.70 for a child using 10-trip concession cards. The 30-trip pass is even cheaper, as are student fares. Ten-trip cards can be bought from the driver, and 30-trip ones from the Tasman District Council office in Richmond, plus the Richmond Library. You can also buy them at Nelson City Council offices and the SBL depot.

According to AA estimates, catching a bus between Richmond and Nelson is almost \$1 cheaper than taking the car (based on a one-person car). Buses also ease congestion – a single bus can take more than 40 cars off the road.

NBus, which is subsidised by the Nelson City Council, will add another four buses to its fleet in April.

If you haven’t tried NBus yet, use the voucher below to take a free ride on any week-day service next week. You can also visit the website, [www.nbus.co.nz](http://www.nbus.co.nz), and enter to win a free 10-trip ticket.

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### School holidays are here again!

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### NZ Book Month at Takaka

March is NZ Book Month. Borrow a New Zealand book from Takaka Library and go in the draw to win great prizes!

### Hands On

#### Writing Mashup for 10-14 year olds

What do scissors, glue, a pile of old magazines & coloured paper have to do with writing? Join us for a fun collage poetry workshop & find out. Materials supplied.

Thursday 19 April 2012, 10.00 am – 12 noon at Richmond Library.

Bookings are essential.

Cost: \$2. Pre-payment is required to confirm booking.

#### Drum Fun for 10-14 year olds

Drum up some cool beats at a fun percussion workshop with William McLetchie of Tribevibe Drumming. Instruments supplied.

Friday 20 April 2012, 2.00 pm - 3.00 pm at Richmond Library.

Cost: \$5. Pre-payment is required to confirm booking. Book at the library.

#### Card Making for 9-12 year olds

Fancy cutting, layering, stamping, gluing and other fabulous fun!

Wednesday 11 April 2012, 10.00 am–11.30 am at Takaka Library.

Cost: \$5. Book at the library.

### Bavarian cooking at Murchison Library

Join Katharina Erdl and learn how to make some traditional Bavarian dishes.

Thursday 29 March 2012, 1.30 pm - 3.00 pm at Murchison Library.

Cost: \$10 – numbers are limited so book now at the library to secure your space.

### Book groups at your library

#### Richmond Library book group March meeting

Usually Tasman Talks Titles, Richmond Library's book group, meets on the 3rd Wednesday of the month. But for a change, this month we're meeting on the 4th Wednesday – 28 March 2012, 3.00 pm – 4.00 pm.

If you enjoy reading and talking about books, come along, have a cuppa and find your next great read!

#### Babbling Books – Motueka's new book group

Babbling Books now meets on the first Tuesday of the month at 5.30 pm at Motueka Library. Next meeting is Tuesday 3 April 2012.

#### Motueka teen book group

Meets again on Wednesday 4 April 2012 at 3.45 pm at Motueka Library.

#### Tasman Young Adult Book Club

Are you a 12 – 15 year old who enjoys books, music and film?

Our next meeting is on Thursday 29 March 2012, 3.30 pm at Richmond Library. Join us for a snack & book chat!



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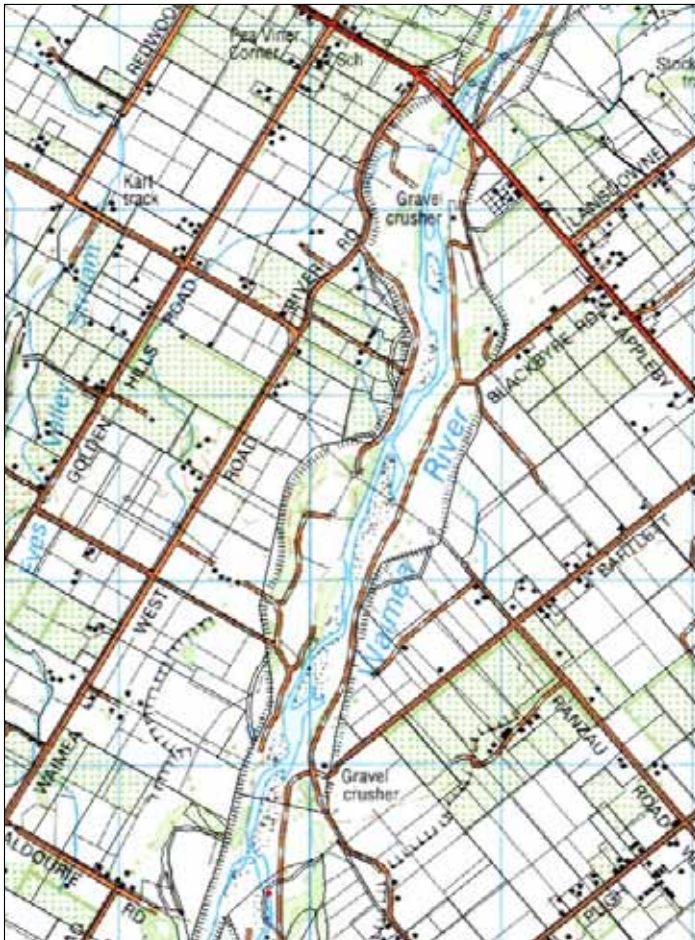
### Waimea River – closure for Jet Boat Slalom Event

Between 8.00 am and 4.00 pm on Sunday 25 March 2012, the waters of the Waimea River, as shown on the map (see below), are reserved for a Jet Boat Slalom event and public open day, organised by the Nelson/Marlborough branch of Jet Boating NZ.

A speed-limit uplifting is also in force, only for certain vessels directly involved in the Event.

Public access to the river between the Appleby Bridge and where Bartlett Road allows access to the riverbed (red dot on map) is prohibited during this period, in the interests of safety. This includes, but is not limited to: wading, angling, swimming (including dogs), boating, kayaking, rafting, and 4WD crossings.

Contact Clive Workman on Ph. 0274 473 617 with any enquiries.



## PUBLIC NOTICES

### Rivercare Group Meetings

**Motupiko / Upper Motueka / Tadmor / Sherry (26 March 2012)**

**Dove River (26 March 2012)**

**Lower Motueka, Riwaka, Little Sydney and Moutere (27 March 2012)**

**Takaka, Waingaro, Anatoki (28 March 2012)**

**Aorere and Kaituna (28 March 2012)**

Owners and occupiers of land along the Tasman District Council Classified X and Y River Rated areas - the Dove, Motupiko, Tadmor, Sherry, Upper Motueka, Lower Motueka, Riwaka, Little Sydney, Brooklyn, Moutere, Takaka, Waingaro, Anatoki, Aorere and Kaituna rivers are invited to a series of public meetings.

The purpose of the meetings, hosted by the Council's river engineers and contractors, is to discuss the maintenance programme and activities for these rivers in the current 2011-2012 year as well as the draft maintenance programme for the 2012-2013 year.

River	Meeting Date / Location
Upper Motueka, Motupiko, Tadmor and Sherry Rivers	Monday 26 March 2012, 1.30 pm at Tapawera Community Centre
Dove River	Monday 26 March 2012, 7.30 pm at Dovedale Hall
Lower Motueka, (Andersons to sea) Riwaka, Brooklyn, Little Sydney and Moutere Rivers	Tuesday 27 March 2012, 4.00 pm at Tasman District Council Motueka Service Centre, 7 Hickmott Place, Motueka
Takaka, Waingaro and Anatoki Rivers	Wednesday 28 March 2012, 10.30 am at Tasman District Council Golden Bay Service Centre, 78 Commercial Street, Takaka
Aorere and Kaituna Rivers	Wednesday 28 March 2012, 1.30 pm at Collingwood Tavern

Enquiries to:

Giles Griffith, Tasman District Council (Ph. 03 543 8400); or

Rick Lowe at MWH New Zealand Ltd (Ph. 03 546 0673)

### "A Good Harvest"

Want to hang on to a good harvest and preserve the taste of summer?

Then this is the workshop for you.

Nelson Environment Centre and Rural Women NZ invite you to a workshop and the launch of the new Rural Women NZ cookbook at the Victory Community Centre, Totara St., Victory, 3 April 2012, 2.00 pm – 5.00 pm.

The workshop will cover:

- the principles of preserving
- learning how it's done
- tasting some yummy samples
- taking home recipes and inspirational ideas about preserves and their uses

Cost: \$5 per person

To register contact: Elizabeth Hovell, Office Manager, Nelson Environment Centre. Ph. 03 545 9176, e-mail: info@nec.org.nz

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## COMMUNITY NOTICES

### Amalgamation Debate Richmond

Public Meeting 7.30 pm Tuesday 3 April, Richmond Town Hall. A chance to hear Richmonds' 4 ward councillors' views on the Local Government Commissions' document and ask questions. Chaired by Nick Moore, Chairman Richmond Residents Association.

### Whenua Iti Outdoors AGM & evening with Hazel Nash

25th Anniversary Finale Celebration – Sunday 1 April 2012, 4.00 pm, Whenua Iti Outdoors, Moutere Highway, Lower Moutere, Tasman.

### Meet the Motueka Ward Councillors

Monday 3 April 2012, 11.30 am to 1.00 pm, Motueka Service Centre, 7 Hickmott Place, Motueka.

## RESOURCE CONSENTS

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

**Applicant:** W & J Gessler.

**Location:** 1469 Motueka Valley Road, Ngatimoti.

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

**Subdivision Consent (Application RM120045)**

To subdivide a 30.6983 hectare property into two allotments as follows:

- Proposed Lot 1 having an area of 23 hectares and containing the existing dwelling.  
The applicants have volunteered restrictive covenants. An existing QEII covenant area will be unchanged.
- Proposed Lot 2 having an area of 6.7 hectares and containing the established vineyard, café infrastructure and buildings.

**Variation of Subdivision Consent (Application RM041406V1)**

To delete a condition on the previous subdivision consent that prevents any further subdivision of Part Lot 2 DP 6329 within a 20 year period.

The land has a Rural 2 zoning according to the Tasman Resource Management Plan.

**Submissions due:** 4.30 pm on Friday 30 March 2012.

### 24 Hour Assistance – Phone your local office

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Murchison	03 523 1013	Takaka	03 525 0020

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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)**

### Tasman Creative Communities Subcommittee

Motueka Office, 7 Hickmott Place, Motueka, Wednesday 28 March 2012, 10.00 am. *No public forum*

### Environment and Planning Committee

Tasman Council Chambers, 189 Queen Street, Richmond, Thursday 29 March 2012, 9.30 am. *Public forum*

### Joint Shareholders Committee

Meeting Room, Nelson City Council, Halifax Street, Nelson, Friday 30 March 2012, 1.30 pm. *No public forum*

### Corporate Services Committee

Tasman Council Chambers, 189 Queen Street, Richmond, Thursday 5 April 2012, 9.30 am. *Public forum*

### Audit Subcommittee

Tasman Council Chambers, 189 Queen Street, Richmond, Thursday 5 April 2012, 1.30 pm or at conclusion of Corporate Services. *No public forum*

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# CYCLISTS OFFERED TRAIL TO LAKES

The proposed Golden Downs cycle trail has received Ministry of Economic Development approval to join the national network, and should be signposted within a matter of weeks.

The 56km "trail" uses the road that leaves SH6 just south of Wakefield heading for Lake Rotoiti. It travels through the lowlands of 88 Valley Road, along the upper reaches of the Motueka River and over Kerrs Hill. Riders then have the choice of continuing to St Arnaud, or turning on to Tophouse Road for an unsealed way to the start of the Rainbow Valley Trail to Hanmer Springs – also approved by the Ministry along with the "Molesworth Muster" trail linking Blenheim to Hanmer via Molesworth Station.

David Bonnett, who heads the Nelson Tasman Cycle Trails Trust, has ridden the Golden Downs route himself and describes it as "excellent".

He is in the process of consulting with communities along the route and liaising with Federated Farmers nationally. The trail could be signposted by early April 2012, he says.

Routes such as Golden Downs use quiet, high-quality roads to connect the 18 "Great Rides" of the national cycling network, which are mostly off-road paths built to a required standard of surface and gentle gradient. Golden Downs will link Tasman's Great Taste Trail (a Nelson-Motueka-Kohatu triangle) to the St James Trail, north of Hanmer.

Proponents say Golden Downs will become an attractive route for touring cyclists heading from Nelson to the West Coast, or from Marlborough to Nelson, Tasman or Golden Bay. More tourist traffic will flow into both Wakefield and St Arnaud, boosting business for accommodation providers and food outlets along the way.

The Tasman District Council has given formal approval, via the Engineering Services Committee, to the Golden Downs trail.

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