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Annual Residents Survey 2012 – how is Council performing?

75% of residents surveyed said they are satisfied with how Council spends rates on the services and facilities it provides.

Since 1996, Council has regularly commissioned a survey of Tasman residents to get their views on a range of the services it delivers. For the last four years these surveys have been done every year.

A total of 400 residents over 18 years of age are surveyed, with interviews conducted spread across the five wards and across various age brackets to ensure a representative sample.

The results from the survey cover satisfaction levels with Council services and compares these against results for similar size local authorities around New Zealand to get a feel for how the Council is performing. The results are used to gauge the opinions of the District as a whole and are also broken down across the wards.

Commenting on the survey findings Mayor Richard Kempthorne said, "I always look forward to receiving the results of the Council's annual survey – it's vitally important that we understand where residents feel Council is performing well, and where it needs to improve. My focus is on the Council providing the core services to an acceptable level whilst keeping rates affordable; the direct feedback provided by the survey enables the Council to gauge how we are performing against this goal. Overall 36% of residents think Tasman is a better place to live today than it was three years ago, with only 6% saying it is worse. I take a lot of encouragement from this. Yes, there will always be issues that people

feel could and should be improved, but if respondents feel the District is developing well then I am confident we are on the right track."

A summary of the 2012 survey's findings can be found on pages four and five. The full survey results can be viewed at www.tasman.govt.nz/link/resident-survey

The independent residents survey was conducted by the National Research Bureau for Council during May/June 2012.

See
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Message from the Mayor

In recent days there has been media speculation about the Council's road delineation policy and the reasons for it.

The policy introduced in 2010 is focused on creating a consistent view of road marking throughout the Tasman District. Despite recent reports the policy is about creating clarity and enhancing safety. It provides guidance about roadmarking on the 1700kms of Council managed roads, not just rural roads.

Yes there have been some savings and they have been clearly reported; yes we are operating with a reduced roading budget as is nearly every local authority, however, it must be remembered this policy has been in since 2010 and is an ten year programme. In that time savings have been made which are being redirected back into the programme.

Within the policy, which covers all of Council managed roads, there is one section specifying the level of road markings on rural roads with less than 100 daily journeys, effectively the lower use roads in the District. The specifications are very clear regarding the need to identify hazards to ensure the safety of road users. It provides for

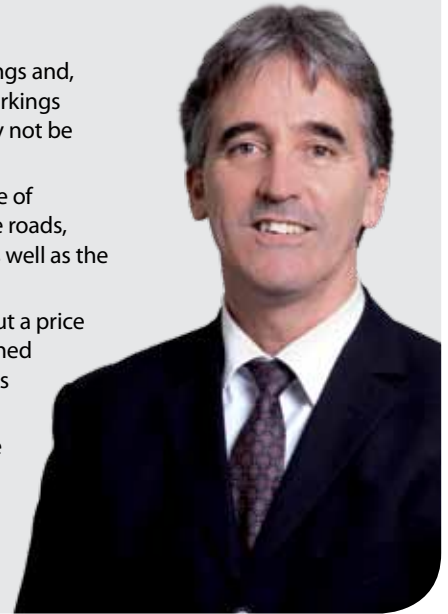
standardisation of such markings and, in some cases, it says some markings on sections of these roads may not be necessary.

The result has been an increase of roadmarking on some of these roads, particularly around hazards, as well as the removal of some marking.

We have not, and never will, put a price on safety. If people are concerned about sections of specific roads they should call the Council.

The policy is open for all to see on our website.

Mayor Richard Kempthorne



Saxton velodrome – a community facility with huge potential

Racing cyclists of all ages and abilities will have a first-class venue in the new velodrome at Saxton's Field, but the \$2 million facility is mainly community-focused, catering for school children and those new to cycling, says the trust behind the project.

The 333m outside track will be steeply banked at either end and made of either concrete or asphalt, depending on cost. A 300m inside circuit will offer a flat surface for recreational riders, and the arena in the middle includes a mock road layout for cycle safety training.

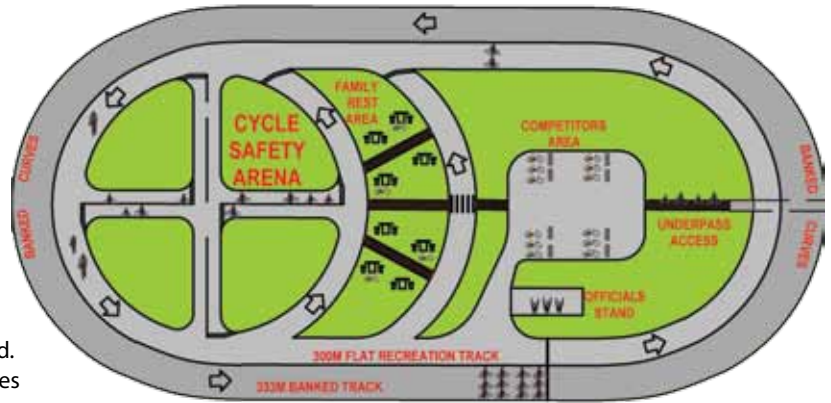
The velodrome has been allocated a total of \$1.6 million in the Tasman District and Nelson City Council Long Term Plans, with the Saxton's Velodrome Trust now setting about raising the extra \$400,000 needed to make the project possible. It will apply to charitable trusts and is actively seeking donations from the community and local businesses.

Trust chairman Rob Ford says the velodrome should be completed in 12-18 months. Schools have welcomed the project, with indications that they will include cycling in their sports programmes. Primary schools are keen to use the road safety arena.

The velodrome also complements the Councils' Get Moving campaign, encouraging people to walk and cycle more, he says.

The facility will be ideal for cycling "carnivals", which are growing in popularity and should draw competitors from throughout New Zealand. As the logistics of racing on public roads become more difficult, Rob sees the velodrome being the logical alternative.

"The velodrome will be an exciting new community facility," he says, and Tasman and Nelson is well-placed to cash in on its reputation as "The Heart of Cycling in New Zealand" with perhaps the highest muster of riders per capita in the country. The velodrome will also tie in with Tasman's Great Taste Trail, the regional network of cycleways and mountain bike tracks. For information on how you can get involved in fund-raising for the velodrome contact Rob Ford on Ph. 03 544 5470





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Check out the full programme at our new website www.tasmanlibraries.govt.nz

New library website

Check out the new look library website. Explore the Browse section to find some of the latest titles we've put on the shelves in the last month.

If you're looking for what's on at your local library go to the Events and Featured Events sections.

Visit us today at www.tasmanlibraries.govt.nz

Introduction to Family History at Richmond Library

If you're interested in researching your Family History but don't know where to start, this two session course is for you.

You'll learn how to store your information, what resources are available at Richmond Library and online as well as how to use Ancestry.com and FindMyPast.

The course runs on Thursday 13 and 20 September 2012, 1.30 pm – 3.30 pm at Richmond Library.

Places are limited. Ph. 03 543 8500 today to book.

Catalogue search tip

You're searching the library catalogue, you've found an item or article that you're interested in reading or requesting and now you're being directed to login using your User ID and PIN.

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If you've forgotten or don't have a PIN, phone your local library or go to the new library website www.tasmanlibraries.govt.nz My Library section to contact us online.

Happy searching!

Most popular magazines and DVDS

The most popular magazines over the past year were NZ House and Garden and Your Home and Garden. ReNew, a magazine that focuses on sustainable technologies with a DIY approach, was the highest issuing quarterly.

The most popular movie was Once - a quirky Irish drama featuring very cool music and a different spin on love and romance. Once has been our most popular movie for the past three years.

Taking out the honours for most popular TV programme was Persuasion, a dramatisation of Jane Austen's novel.

New in the library



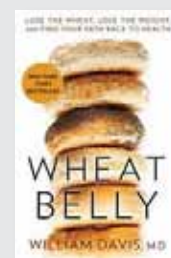
XO
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The Indigo Sky
by Alison Booth



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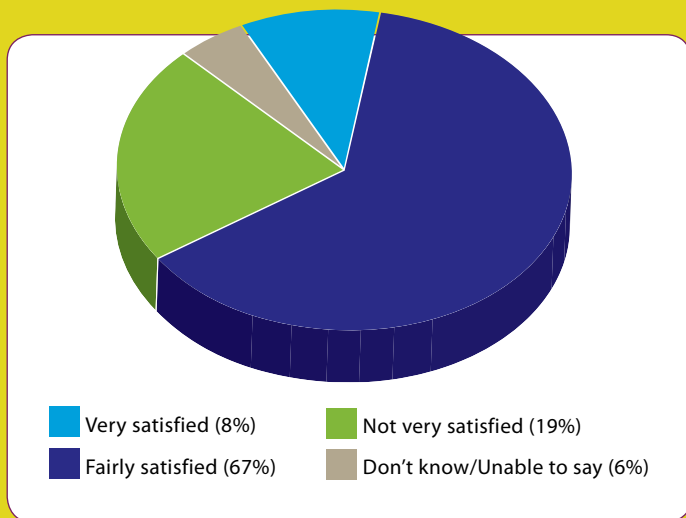
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...Tasman District Council Annual Residents Survey 2012 – continued from page one.

The independent residents survey was conducted by the National Research Bureau for Council during May/June 2012.

Rates Issues

Overall, 75% of Tasman District residents are 'very satisfied' or 'fairly satisfied' with the way rates are spent on services and facilities provided by Council, 19% are not very satisfied. This is a slight improvement on 2011 figures.



Contact with Council

Residents are most likely to contact Council offices or staff (79%) first if they have a matter to raise with Council while 7% would make contact with a Councillor. These are similar to the 2011 figures.

Of the residents who had contacted Council in the last 12 months, 82% were satisfied with the service they received, 17% were not very satisfied. This is an improvement on 2011 figures.

Seen, Read or Heard Information from Council

95% of residents say they have seen, read or heard information from the Council in the last 12 months in the form of:

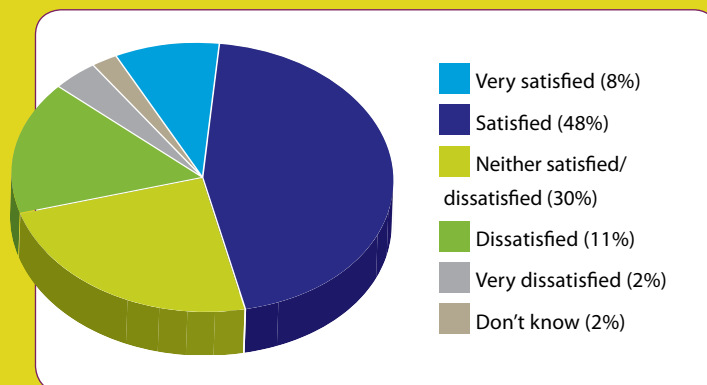
Newsline – The Mag	95% (95% in 2011)
Council advertisements in newspapers	70% (66% in 2011)
Information available from Council offices or libraries	37% (40% in 2011)
The Annual Plan	48% (40% in 2011)
Long-Term Plan	51% (42% in 2011)
Council advertisements on the radio	36% (35% in 2011)

Sufficiency of Information Supplied by Council

83% of residents feel that there is enough or more than enough information supplied by Council while 13% feel there is not enough or nowhere near enough information supplied.

Council Consultation and Community Involvement

Satisfaction with the way Council consults the public in the decisions it makes.



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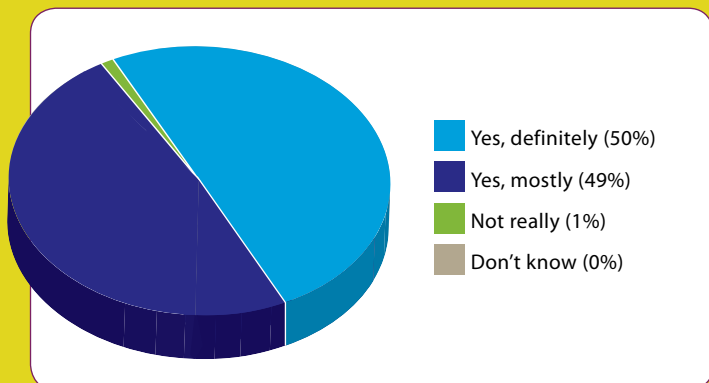
Recreational facilities (86%) and Council's kerbside recycling service (82%) are the facilities or services surveyed which have been most frequently used by residents or members of their households in the last year. Public libraries (81%) and public toilets (70%) were also widely used.

Local issues – Internet Access

87% of residents say they have access to the Internet.

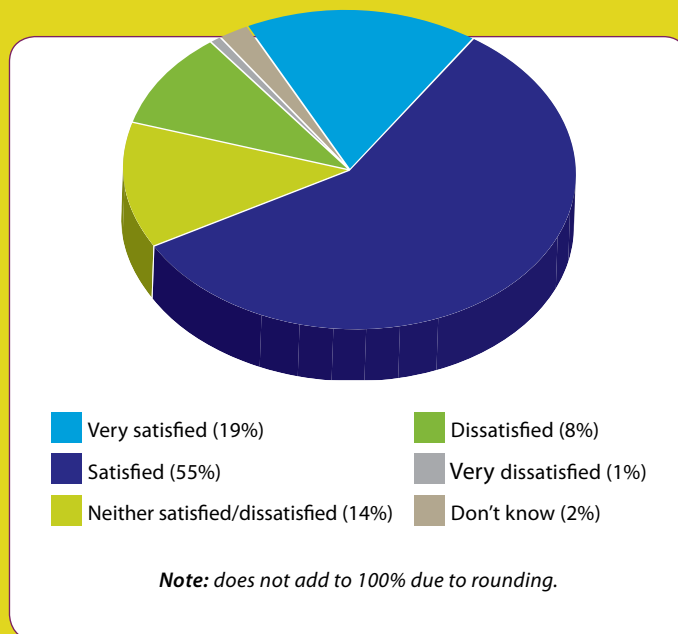
Perception of Safety

Is Tasman District generally a safe place to live?



Natural Environment

Satisfaction that the natural environment in the Tasman District is being preserved and sustained for future generations.



About the Survey

This NRB Communitrak survey was conducted with 400 residents of the Tasman District and was framed on the basis of the wards. All interviews were conducted on the telephone. The survey has a margin of error of plus or minus 4%. Figures do not always add up to 100% due to rounding.

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Public Notices

Rivercare Group Meetings

Motupiko / Upper Motueka / Tadmor / Sherry (1 October 2012)

Dove River (1 October 2012)

Lower Motueka, Riwaka, Little Sydney and Moutere (2 October 2012)

Takaka, Waingaro, Anatoki (3 October 2012)

Aoreere and Kaituna (3 October 2012)

Owners and occupiers of land within the Tasman District Council Classified X and Y River Rated Areas noted below are invited to a public meeting with the Council's Asset Engineer for Rivers, MWH Consultant and the Rivers Maintenance Contractor.

The purpose of this series of meetings is a follow up to the meetings held in March 2012 to discuss the Annual Operating Maintenance Programme and other River activities proposed for the 2012-2013 financial year.

River	Meeting Date / Location
Upper Motueka, Motupiko, Tadmor and Sherry Rivers	Monday 1 October 2012, 1.30 pm at Tapawera Community Centre
Dove River	Monday 1 October 2012 7.30pm at Dovedale Hall
Lower Motueka, (Andersons to sea) Riwaka, Brooklyn, Little Sydney & Moutere Rivers	Tuesday 2 October 2012, 4.00 pm at the Tasman District Council Motueka Service Centre, 7 Hickmott Place, Motueka.
Takaka, Waingaro and Anatoki Rivers	Wednesday 3 October 2012, 10.30 am at Recreation Park, Takaka Rugby Clubrooms, Takaka* *Note change of venue from last time.
Aoreere and Kaituna Rivers	Wednesday 3 October 2012, 2.30 pm at Collingwood Tavern

Enquiries to: Giles Griffith at Tasman District Council (phone 03 543 7244); or

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

For further information about rivers maintenance go to www.tasman.govt.nz

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Takaka 03 525 0020



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Resource Consent Applications

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 Service Centre. The full public notice may be found online at Council's website 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 Service Centres and on Council's website. Please note that the following is an abridged advisory notice only.

Applicant: Pattinson Family Non-Trading Trust.

Location: 389 Gardner Valley Road, Upper Moutere.

Consent Type, Application Number and Proposal:

Land Use Consent (Application RM120328)

Consent to establish and operate a farm park comprising of:

- animal display area incorporating trails, rides and a gift shop selling tickets and refreshments (sit down and take away, except liquor);
- retail farm shop for the sale of small goods;
- restaurant and café including the sale of liquor;
- one free-standing sign at the entrance of the property up to 2 square metres in area.

Discharge Permit (Application RM120330)

To discharge in excess of 2000 litres per day of wastewater of a domestic nature to land.

Land Use Consent (Application RM120331)

To carry out earthworks, works in a watercourse and diversion of instream flow associated with the formation of tracks, recontouring and installation of bridges, boardwalks and culverts, and ponds.

Submissions due: 4.30 pm on Friday 14 September 2012.



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Public Notices

Summary of Information for Statement of Proposal Draft Tasman District Council Consolidated Bylaw Chapter 3 Control of Liquor in Public Places Bylaw 2012

This summary is made to fulfil the purposes of Sections 83(1)(a)(ii) and 89 of the Local Government Act 2002. The summary contains details of the Statement of Proposal to replace the existing Tasman District Council Consolidated Bylaw Chapter 3 Control of Liquor in Public Places Bylaw 2007 (existing Bylaw).

A. Changes from the existing Bylaw in general terms relate to the areas covered by the liquor ban in Brightwater and environs, Collingwood, Kaiteriteri and environs, Mapua and environs, Motueka and environs, Murchison, Pohara and environs, Richmond and environs, Riwaka and environs, Takaka and environs, Tapawera and Wakefield and environs. Changes are also intended to the times that the existing Bylaw is in force. Those time changes include a 24 hour liquor ban for the CBDs in Motueka, Richmond and Takaka, and for part of the year in Riwaka. The earlier start applied to the Kaiteriteri liquor ban area is extended to cover a wider period of the holiday season. Remaining areas have liquor bans commencing at 7.00 pm, compared with 9.00 pm in the existing bylaw.

Change to the definition of "Public Place" is included to align with the definition in the Local Government Act 2002. Full detail of these proposed changes are contained in the draft Tasman District Council Consolidated Bylaw Chapter 3 Control of Liquor in Public Places Bylaw 2012 (the draft Bylaw).

B. The full Statement of Proposal including the draft Bylaw may be inspected during ordinary office hours at the following places:

Tasman District Council, 189 Queen Street, Richmond	Tasman District Council, 7 Hickmott Place, Motueka
Tasman District Council, 92 Fairfax Street, Murchison	Tasman District Council, 78 Commercial Street, Takaka
District Library, Queen Street, Richmond	Motueka Library, Pah Street, Motueka
Takaka Memorial Library, Commercial Street, Takaka	

- C. A copy of the full Statement of Proposal may be viewed or copied from the Tasman District Council web site at: www.tasman.govt.nz/link/liquor-ban.
- D. All submissions on the proposal are to be in writing and posted or delivered to: Katie Greer, Executive Assistant, Environment & Planning, Tasman District Council, Private Bag 4, 189 Queen Street, Richmond 7031, or they may be emailed to info@tasman.govt.nz or faxed to 03 543 9524. Forms for making an electronic submission are available on the Tasman District Council web site at: www.tasman.govt.nz/link/liquor-ban.
- E. Submissions will be received at any time from Monday 20 August 2012 up to 4.30 pm on Friday 21 September 2012.

Request for Information for Prequalification to Supplier Panels 2012 Update

Tasman District Council is inviting Contractors to apply or update their information for prequalification onto one or more of the eleven (11) Supplier Panels. If a Contractor wishes to tender for any Tasman District Council physical works contracts valued at less than \$500,000 they will need to be prequalified. In accordance with Council's Procurement Strategy this will not preclude Council from going to open tender for work valued at less than \$500,000 if it so decides. To view and/or download the Request for Information (RFI) document, and make an application, all contractors (whether already prequalified or not) will need to log into the LG Tenders website (www.lgtenders.co.nz). The RFI details conditions and the non price information the contractor must supply in order to be assessed for inclusion in one or more Supplier Panels. Applications will be received up to 4.00 pm on Wednesday 12 September 2012. Applications will close at the time and date stated and only online submissions via LG Tenders will be accepted. Hard copy and electronic applications submitted by facsimile, e-mail and the like will not be accepted.

Community Notices

Notice of Annual General Meeting – Richmond Community Forum

Tuesday 25 September 2012 at 7.30pm Tasman District Library Meeting Room, Queens Street, Richmond. All welcome. Agenda:

- Minutes of previous meeting.
- Ratify name change of organisation to Richmond Residents Association
- Adoption of Annual Accounts
- Election of Officers
- General Business.

Notice of Annual General Meeting – Mapua & Districts Community Association

Notice of general meeting – Monday 10 September 2012 at 7.00 pm – Mapua Community Hall (supper room), have your say in our public forum held as part of the general meeting – casual visitors or potential new members – all welcome!

Notice of Annual General Meeting – Our Town Motueka (Inc)

Wednesday 26 September 2012, 5.30 pm to 7.00 pm at Hotel Motueka. (refreshments provided).

Guest – Speaker Darren Ward, Business Coach 'Shift Happens – Is traditional advertising dead?'

Darren will give a short talk on the 'change' happening right now and how to bring your business the new customers it needs. Wake up to the 'shift' that will benefit your business in the future.

Council Meetings

Agendas and Minutes for Council Meetings can be viewed on Council's website at www.tasman.govt.nz

Golden Bay Community Board

Fire Brigade Hall, Collingwood, Tuesday
11 September 2012, 9.00 am. Public forum

Motueka Community Board

Motueka Office, 7 Hickmott Place, Motueka, Tuesday
11 September 2012, 4.00 pm.
Public forum

Environment and Planning Committee

Tasman Council Chambers, 189 Queen Street,
Richmond, Thursday 20 September 2012,
9.30 am. Public forum



Champion flyers winging in

Godwits will start arriving in our estuaries in the next few weeks, exhausted from a 11,700km non-stop flight from Alaska, just to spend the summer with us.

A feat worth applauding, and once again the Motueka Arts Council is holding a Welcome to Godwits Celebration, which also serves to remind people of the importance of protecting our estuaries so they remain a sanctuary and place of sustenance for these magnificent travellers.

The Celebration is on Sunday 23 September 2012, 10.00 am to 1.00 pm, along the Motueka waterfront. Telescopes will be set up by the Nelson Ornithological Society on the old wharf (near the wreck of the Janie Seddon) so you can view the godwits feeding in the estuary. Information on the godwits' life cycle, and the other birds that reside in the estuary, will be set up in a marquee. Further along Motueka Quay, artists will be working on their paintings.

Children can learn about the godwits' diet, and can also have a go at making a sand or driftwood sculpture. This activity is open to all ages, and takes place at the beginning of the sandspit – entry off Staples Street, or across the pipeline from the walkway at the northern end of Motueka Quay.

Make it a family day out by biking or walking along the waterfront. Bring your binoculars. If the weather is really bad, the displays will be in the Motueka Recreation Centre, Old Wharf Road.

On Wednesday 26 September 2012, ornithologist Rob Schuckard will give a talk about the catching and banding of godwits, which he has been involved with since 2004. Learn about the movements of the godwits and other Arctic waders around the top of the South Island. The talk is at 7.30 pm at the SeniorNet rooms, 42 Pah Street, Motueka.

2012 Outstanding Community Service Awards

Half a dozen tireless volunteers were honoured by the Tasman District Council recently with Outstanding Community Service Awards.

At a ceremony held at the Tasman District Council Chambers on 17 August 2012, Mayor Richard Kempthorne said the awards were aimed at "recognising the host of people throughout our District who work quietly away without pay and with precious little recognition to make our communities better places to live. Our communities simply couldn't function without the work of volunteers like these," he said.

The Outstanding Community Service Awards are an annual event, and nominations close on 30 June each year. Nominees must be residents of the

Tasman District and have been involved in a range of voluntary activities that have benefited their communities for 20 years or more.

2012 Award Recipients were:

Kaye Halkett – Richmond

Glenis Leppien – Motueka

Barry Cashman – Golden Bay

Valerie Scowen – Richmond

Ann Inglis – Motueka

George Duff – Golden Bay

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