

Newsline



Keeping you informed about news and events in Tasman District



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Rates remission policy adopted

The Council has adopted a rates remission policy for those affected by natural disaster.

Following the rainfall-related events of December 2011, where a number of homes were destroyed or were made uninhabitable for months by debris flow, the Council was asked to explore how they could assist the ratepayers most drastically affected.

Such assistance requires a policy as the cause is very rarely isolated to one location and can happen on multiple occasions. A policy provides a consistent approach and allows for clear criteria to be set enabling all ratepayers to understand how the Council could assist individuals using public money.

Coming into effect from this month the Rates Remission policy for those affected by Natural Disaster allows the Council, at its discretion, to remit rates charged on any rating unit used for residential purposes if the land has been detrimentally affected by natural disaster

(erosion, falling debris, subsidence, slippage, inundation, or earthquake) rendering dwellings or buildings uninhabitable and requiring activities carried out on the land to cease.

Each application for a rates remission will be considered on a case by case basis following receipt of an application by the ratepayer. The extent and duration of any remission shall be determined by the Council, or where appropriate, a Council officer or officers acting under delegated authority.



The full policy is available at www.tasman.govt.nz/policy/policies/property-rates-policies/

Firefighters parade

Motueka firefighters paraded down the main street at Labour Weekend to celebrate 100 years of the Volunteer Fire Brigade.

The Saturday afternoon procession mustered fire engines ranging from a horse-drawn antique to gleaming state-of-the-art machines. Fire crews from surrounding brigades such as Nelson, Kaiteriteri, Upper Moutere and Ngatimoti joined the parade to pay their respects.

Little Flick, the much-loved Land Rover, sported a new coat of red paint, and the Motueka brigade's 1938 Ford V8 engine, which is still under restoration, glided past on a trailer towed by a Ford V8 car belonging to Senior Firefighter Tony White.

A display later at Decks Reserve entertained residents and visitors alike, with a chance to view the equipment up close.

A dinner-dance on Saturday night was the formal highlight of a weekend of reminiscing and laughter among the serving firefighters and their partners, ex-colleagues who came from as far as Auckland, and supporters who raised funds for equipment.

Message from the Mayor

Last week Jane and I were lucky enough to attend the Motueka Volunteer Fire Brigade centenary celebrations.

Our volunteers make our community. While supported by the national Fire Service, the Motueka volunteer fire fighters are just one such crew throughout the District. All the Tasman crews are committed volunteers who contribute to their community through this often dangerous task. Our fire-fighters join volunteers in other emergency services like St John and Search and Rescue.

We may take it for granted when the siren sounds in our town, watching the volunteers drop what they doing to race to the station. Be it in the car, ute or bike, these volunteers think nothing of it – it is part of what they do.

Camaraderie built on mutual trust and support between the fire fighters is very apparent. While at the celebration I was able to spend time with those who manage this operation and the common refrain was how increasingly difficult it is to find new blood for the brigades. It is not just a matter of people turning up and putting them in front of a raging fire. They all have to be trained, outfitted and prepared for what they may face in the line of duty. It's not easy and requires

commitment from all involved. However, saying that, there are few roles more important in our communities and their roles are multifaceted as we have seen in the last two Christmas-time natural disasters.

Events like the recent celebrations give us the opportunity to applaud and thank those who are giving up their days, nights and weekends to protect life and property.

I encourage those considering volunteering to talk to the service you are interested in. It is not an easy task, but the return is unquestionably gratifying. A huge thank you to all of the volunteers in our Emergency Services.

Mayor Richard Kempthorne



Motorbike training – last few spaces available

This Council is running a motorbike training course suitable for Progressive Riders – those riders on learner or restricted licences or new to full licence and riding bikes 250cc to around 500cc.

The course runs from 10.00 am – 4.30 pm on Saturday 17 November 2012 and is held at the

go kart track on the Moutere Highway.

The cost is just \$20.

If you are keen on attending contact Krista Hobday on Ph. 03 543 8551 or email krista.hobday@tasman.govt.nz. You can also sign up online at www.tasman.govt.nz



Baldwin Road stormwater upgrade

Construction of a watercourse realignment in Tasman has commenced. The existing unnamed waterway flowing adjacent to Baldwin Road and then into a culvert under three properties and Aporo Road is undersized and is considered to contribute

to known flooding issues. The new alignment will direct the watercourse into a new open drain to the south of the three properties and then into new twin culverts under Aporo Road and Kina Beach Road, before discharging to Marriages Stream.

The project has obtained resource consent and the design incorporates both fish passage and river enhancement features. For further information please contact Mike Roberts (MWH New Zealand) on Ph. 03 543 37051.

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Tasman continues to manage well during challenging times

Tasman District Council presented its annual report on 19 October 2012, which details the projects, services and activities that it carried out from 1 July 2011 to 30 June 2012. The annual report is produced every 12 months and can be read in full at www.tasman.govt.nz. In this issue of Newline we break down the main activity undertaken by the Council during the period that the report covers and the key financial information.

Mayor and CEO's overview

Tasman District is shaping up well for the challenges it faces now and in the future as one of the fastest growing regions in New Zealand.

We are certainly pleased to finish the financial year with less debt than budgeted for in a somewhat testing year. Combined with an increase of working capital and continued growth in the value of the assets managed by Council on behalf of residents to \$1.130bn, the District's finances are in a good state.

During the year Council purchased \$38.1m of additional assets and spent \$92.9m on providing services, such as roads, water and recreation facilities. Council's total borrowings, which had been budgeted to rise to \$153.3m, ended the year at \$149.1m*.

Over the last 12 months Tasman has faced several significant weather events that had the ability to adversely affect the District's health and growth. Rainfall, flooding and debris flows severely affected many settlements, one of which resulted in the first Civil Defence Emergency experienced by our region since 1990.

Although these weather events have had an impact on both Council's work schedule and budgets it was very encouraging to see how positively the communities of Tasman responded to them. People took responsibility of their neighbours wellbeing and local businesses took on the challenges they faced to ensure their customers could still rely on their services. The focus at times was placed firmly on delivering the necessities of life and the communities across our District came through with flying colours.

Despite these challenges Council still managed to deliver on key projects during the year. Some of these were:

- Processing of over 1000 resource consent applications with 98% of non-notified and 91% of notified and limited notification applications processed within the statutory timeframes
- 96.8% of building consents were processed within the 20 working day timeframe
- Upgrading stormwater and wastewater systems in Motueka
- Upgrading wastewater systems in Murchison
- Commissioning the Takaka township fire mains
- Further development of Tasman's Great Taste Cycle Trail
- Notification of Part 4 of the Tasman Resource Management Plan on Rivers and Lakes
- Upgrading Mariri and Richmond Resource Recovers Centres
- 2012 representation arrangements and a by-election in Golden Bay were undertaken

- Activity associated with the Amalgamation proposal, through to the poll in April
- Running Ecofest with Nelson City Council – over 5000 attendees
- Rugby World Cup game delivery support, Fanzones and celebrations
- Reconstruction of James Road Bridge destroyed in 2010 Aorere River floods
- International Safe Community accreditation

Over the last 12 months Council has undertaken a number of consultation processes including the Long Term Plan 2012-2022 and the Annual Residents Survey, which enabled Council to consider and take into account residents views on the future direction of the District.

Our thanks go out to all those that gave up their time to participate and contribute – consultation is a vital part of Council's decision making processes and we will be working hard to ensure we continue to give residents the opportunity to have their voice heard on the issues that matter to them.

The rapid growth of Tasman District brings its own set of challenges and during the year Council has continued to work on the draft District plan change for Motueka West and Central, and continue to mediate on appeals for Richmond West rezoning. This work has the objective of providing appropriately zoned land to enable growth to continue in these major centres.

This good result shows our focus on delivering core services in a cost effective manner to our residents and ratepayers is the right direction.

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Summary of the 2011/2012 year

In a challenging year, Council has completed a large number of successful projects and initiatives. What follows is a selection of key actions in the 2011/2012 year.

Rainfall event

The most significant event for Council during the year was the heavy rainfall experienced in parts of Golden Bay and Richmond in December 2011. The sections of the map below show areas where the rainfall was over 600mm during a 48-hour period. A civil defence emergency was declared for the Nelson-Tasman region on 14 December 2011, the first such declaration since 1990. Feedback from the Minister of Civil Defence and Emergency Management was that the response to the rainfall event was well coordinated and that organisations worked well in managing the problems that arose during the event.

The adjacent map shows the intensity of the rainfall during this event and the graphs show the 10 largest rainfall events in a 48 hour period over the last 50 years. The December 2011 rainfall was the highest level of rainfall for the three shown areas, and was significantly higher for Takaka.

Community coming together

The Declaration of Emergency lasted for the full two weeks permissible under the Civil Defence and Emergency Management Act. The Emergency Operation Centres at Richmond and Takaka were staffed for a good proportion of this time by council staff from Tasman and Nelson and other emergency services and welfare agencies.

Assistance was provided by other Councils, the Ministry of Civil Defence and Emergency Management (MCDEM), and the Department of Building and Housing. A dedicated team of geotechnical specialists, locally and from across the country, were also deployed during the emergency.

Council also very much appreciated the support and response by the community who faced very difficult circumstances during this emergency.

Cost associated with the recovery

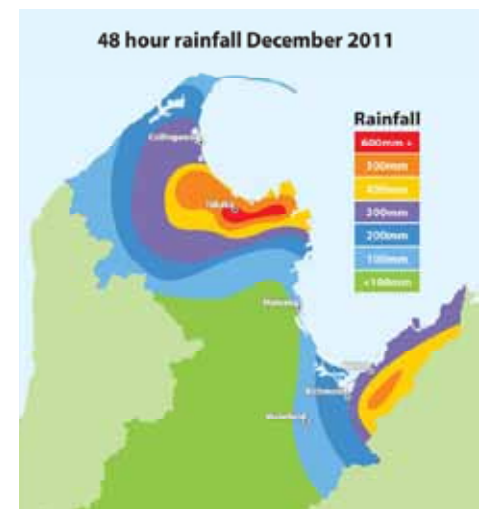
Total costs arising from the rainfall event was approximately \$10.1 million, of this \$6.7 million is expected to be recovered from sources such as the New Zealand Transport Agency, Ministry of Civil Defence and Emergency Management, Insurance and property owners (for private property damage). The balance of \$3.4 million has had to be met from Council's General Disaster Fund. Council had increased its contribution to this fund to \$900,000 for the 2012/2013 year and also decided to use \$3 million of the Port Nelson special dividend received in 2011/2012 to replenish the General Disaster Fund. This additional funding will mean there should be sufficient money available to cover the costs of the disaster recovery work.

The final costs will not be known until tenders are received and work completed in repairing assets.

Future work

Council has developed plans to reinstate as much of the damaged infrastructure as possible. This includes work on:

- Pohara Valley drinking water, stormwater and roading
- Haile Lane, Pohara
- Ligar Bay Creek
- Aniseed Hill slips
- Dellside Reserve
- Barrington Place stormwater
- Wainui Hill road



Infrastructure

Most of the money spent by the Council is for maintaining and improving infrastructure. A huge range of work has been carried out throughout the District on maintaining footpaths and roads, and putting in place services such as the upgrade of wastewater pump stations in Murchison.

Resource Recovery Centres and Reducing Waste

Upgrades were made at the Mariri and Richmond Resource Recovery Centres, with the Richmond Centre upgrade including a new compactor and motor home dump point.

Roading Upgrades

Improvements included installation of traffic signals at the Arbor Lea/Salisbury Road intersection, Aranui Road upgrade and improvements to lighting along Queen Street from Gladstone Road to Salisbury Road.

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Stormwater improvements

Improvements to stormwater management, including work at Little Kaiteriteri, Poole Street/High Street in Motueka and Patons Rock in Golden Bay.

Tasman's Great Taste Trail

This is a new cycleway and walkway in the Tasman region which will eventually be a loop of 175km running from Nelson Airport to Richmond, out to Tapawera, along the Motueka River Valley to Riwaka, and then back to Richmond through Motueka and Mapua. The development is a combined project with Central Government funding and the Nelson Tasman Cycle Trails Trust.

Safe at the Top

In July 2011 Tasman gained International Safe Community accreditation from the World Health Organisation (WHO). Other projects include Outdoor (tramping) Safety programmes and education and enforcement of the 20kmh speed limit for cars passing schools buses.

Road Safety Campaigns

During the 2011/2012 year 18 motorcycle/scooter training and up-skilling courses were run across Tasman/Nelson with 122 riders of all ages and types of bikes attending.

Rain gauge upgraded

Council provides an extensive river monitoring system to provide early warning of flood events. During the year a number of river sites were upgraded. This work provides Council with improved information on rainfall patterns and should enable improved information to be provided to farmers, trampers, residents and Civil Defence staff sooner.

Amalgamation Proposal

The amalgamation proposal between Tasman District and Nelson City was the main focus of governance work over the year. This work concluded once the poll was held in April 2012, with 74% of Tasman voters voting against the proposed amalgamation.

Representation arrangements and By-election Review

Every six years Council reviews the representation model and voting systems. The process is currently in its final stages with one appeal being considered by the Local Government Commission. In September 2011 Council held a by-election in Golden Bay following the resignation of Cr Noel Riley. Paul Sangster was elected to fill this post.

Iwi and Maori contribution to decision making

A number of steps have been taken to enable greater contribution by Māori in decision-making processes. Some of the recent actions are inclusion of Iwi representatives on important working groups such as the Waimea Water Augmentation Committee and Lower Motueka River Flood Control project. In the last year iwi and Council have also appointed Rev Andy Joseph as Council Kaumatua to assist the Mayor and Chief Executive with Māori protocol.

Community Board delegations

Council proposed a number of improvements to the delegations to the Golden Bay and Motueka Community Board powers. Consultation with the Community Boards resulted in further refinement and new and increased delegated powers were provided to the Boards in August 2011.

Contributions to Central Government Policies

During the year Council has responded to a number of Government proposals including the National Environmental Standards (NES) on Plantation Forestry, NES on Soil Contamination, and The Productivity Commission's report on Affordable Housing.

Consultation processes

The largest consultation process run by Council during the year was on the Draft Long Term Plan 2012-2022. Nine hundred and one submissions were received covering the full spectrum of Council activities. Other opportunities taken up by residents to have a say on the Council's decision making processes included the Joint Waste Minimisation and Management Plan and the Regional Land Transport Programme.

Customer Service

During the twelve-month period to 30 June 2012 Council received over 90,000 phone calls and 74,000 enquiries at its customer services counters. Council provides key services to the public including water, sewerage and stormwater services. A total of 82.8% of Customer Service Requests (CSR) for faults to be fixed were responded to and completed within the specified Council timeframes. This is higher than the previous year of 75% of customer requests.

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Environment

One of the important roles that Council has as a unitary authority is its environmental work. This includes ongoing monitoring and regulation of land, water and air quality.

Planning for the Future

Tasman is one of the fastest-growing regions in New Zealand with the population estimated to have increased by 1.6% in the year ending 30 June 2011 (this is the latest estimate from Statistic New Zealand). Accordingly it is important that the Council plans for this growth and at the same time protects the environment that people move here to enjoy.

Environmental Awards

The Tasman Nelson Environment Awards recognised the hard work our community does to protect and enhance our environment. There were 59 entries to the awards.

Resource Consents

Council completed processing of 950 non-notified applications during the year, with 98% processed within statutory timeframes. 63 notified or limited notification applications were processed and 91% of these were within the statutory timeframes.

Building Consents

96.8% of building consent applications were processed within 20 days, this was an increase from 94.3% in the previous year.

Ecofest

Over 5,000 people attended the event. A mini Ecofest was held in Golden Bay in May 2012 which was popular for locals and visitors.

Pest Management Strategy

In conjunction with Nelson City Council we consulted on an updated Pest Management Strategy. Twenty six submissions were received and hearings held in September 2012.

Coastcare and the Beach Clean-up

Council continued its support of the Coast Care programme throughout the District with help from many volunteers. Thousands of plants were planted during the year. More than 1,000 people took part in the Annual Beach Clean-up last November removing tonnes of rubbish from the 293km of beaches in the Tasman District.

Rivers and Lakes – Tasman Resource Management Plan

A significant achievement for the year was the notification of Part 4 of the Tasman Resource Management Plan, Rivers and Lakes.

Air Quality

There were 16 exceedences of the National Environment Standard in Richmond during the year, five more than in the previous winter. Council has updated its target for Air Quality as part of the 2012-2022 Long Term Plan.

Community Events

Highlights included the celebration of 25 years of the Motueka Recreation Centre in February, Poetry in the Vineyard, the South Island Masters Games, participation in the Rugby World Cup and the opening of Tasman's Great Taste Trail ferry service between Rabbit Island and Mapua.

Community Cottages

The addition of four new units in Hill Street, Richmond at Aotea Flats. These increased the number of units available to 101 units throughout the District.

Libraries

During the year the libraries added a further 17,535 items and now provides 85% of the current recommended standard for New Zealand library books and other items available for borrowing.

Council's Five Year Financial Performance Summary

	2012 \$(000's)	2011 \$(000's)	2010 \$(000's)	2009 \$(000's)	2008 \$(000's)
District General Rates	29,985	27,835	26,421	25,082	23,698
Net Surplus	1,486	9,368	1,622	6,331	7,591
Working Capital	(4,761)	-44,381	-67,372	-7,634	-10,088
Public Debt	155,612	139,587	115,953	96,074	77,263
Current Ratio	0.84	0.36	0.20	0.71	0.57

Under NZ IFRS Council must disclose the actual loans repayable as current based on the expiry date of the loan facility. If the Council expects, and has the discretion, to refinance and roll over these loans, then it can classify the obligation as non-current. Otherwise, the loans would need to be classified as current. This is the reason why our working capital for the 2012, 2011 and 2010 financial years are significantly different to previous years.



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Public Notices

Navigation Safety Bylaw: Temporary Reservation and speed-limit uplifting for Waka racing in the Kaiteriteri/Marahau area

Tasman District Council's Harbourmaster has granted a temporary reservation of the Kaiteriteri swimming and water-ski areas and a limited speed-limit uplifting for those involved in the annual 'Waka te Tasman' event, between the hours of 4.00 pm and 8.00 pm on Friday 16 November 2012 and 8.30 am and 5.00 pm on Saturday 17 November 2012.

The effect of the temporary reservation will be to prevent other activities including water skiing or swimming from occurring within that area for the time specified.

Event marshalls have the authority to require other users to vacate these areas as required, but may allow limited use when racers are well offshore. An uplift of the 5 knot speed restrictions has also been granted to waka ama and support vessels directly involved in the event between Anawera Point and Guilbert Point, including Fisherman Island but excluding Otuwhero Inlet and Little Kaiteriteri.

A number of conditions imposed on the organisers of the event may be viewed by contacting the Motueka Waka Ama Club, or Tasman District Council's Harbourmaster on Ph. 03 543 8400.

Waimea Inlet Forum Talk

**The Waimea Inlet Geological History and Sedimentation Impacts
Thursday 8 November 2012, 7.30 pm Constance Barnicoat Room,
Richmond Library**

All welcome, no charge

Learn about how the Waimea Inlet was formed geologically and what is happening in the estuary over more recent times, from two eminent experts in this area. Mike Johnson is a geologist who has been working in the Top of the South since 1970 specialising in mapping and geohazards. Mike will talk about how the Waimea Inlet and it's associated spits and islands have been formed and Trevor James, Resource Scientist, Tasman District Council, will report on the issue of sedimentation in the Waimea Inlet and the impact of erosion control measures.

Public Meeting – Earthquake Strengthening

The New Zealand Historic Places Trust is hosting a public meeting on earthquake strengthening for owners of heritage listed properties in the Tasman District and Nelson City areas and other interested parties.

Key speaker will be Win Clark, a leading structural engineer and Executive Officer for the NZ Society for Earthquake Engineering.

Also a speaker from the insurance industry will be present.

**22 November 2012, 5.30 pm – 7.30 pm, Nelson Baptist Church,
193 Bridge Street, Nelson.**

Win Clark presented to the Royal Commission into the Canterbury Earthquakes and has spoken around New Zealand on how earthquake prone buildings can be strengthened. All welcome, no booking necessary

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Road Closures

Aniseed Hill Road

Council wishes to advise that Aniseed Hill Road will be closed for two weeks to enable slip remediation works to be carried out. The closure will commence on Monday 5 November 2012 and will end on Friday 16 November 2012.

To enable vehicle access during the works programme, the contractor CJ Industries will open the road at the following times each day.

10.00 am – 10.10 am

12 noon – 12.30 pm

2.00 pm – 2.10 pm

4.00 pm – 4.10 pm

NOTE – the road will be open from 5.00 pm each evening until 8.00 am the following morning. The road will be OPEN during the weekend.

For more information contact Council's contractor, CJ Industries – Des Corrie-Johnson, Ph. 021 228 4166 or Selwyn Steedman, Transportation Networks Engineer, Tasman District Council, Ph. 027 246 0300.

Kaiteriteri-Sandy Bay Road

The public is advised that the Kaiteriteri-Sandy Bay Road will be closed for two weeks to enable tree felling operations from Monday 5 November 2012.

Details of the works are:

- Full road closure between Kaiteriteri township and Tokongawa Drive – week of 5 November 2012 from 8.30 am to 12 noon and 12.30 pm to 3.30 pm
- Full road closure between Sandy Bay-Marahau intersection and Tokongawa Drive – week of 12 November 2012 from 8.30 am to 12 noon and 12.30 pm to 3.30 pm

Note – the road will be open from 12 noon to 12.30 pm each day.

The road will be OPEN during the weekend.

For more information contact Council's contractor, Fulton Hogan – Eamon Powick, Ph. 027 246 2204 or Selwyn Steedman, Transportation Networks Engineer, Tasman District Council, Ph. 027 246 0300.

Council Meetings

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

Corporate Services Committee

Tasman Council Chambers, 189 Queen Street, Richmond, Thursday 8 November 2012, 9.30 am. Public forum

Audit Subcommittee

Tasman Council Chambers, 189 Queen Street, Richmond, Thursday 8 November 2012, 1.30 pm or conclusion of Corporate Services.
No public forum

Golden Bay Community Board

Fire Brigade Hall, Collingwood, Tuesday 13 November 2012, 9.00 am.
Public forum

Motueka Community Board

Motueka Office, 7 Hickmott Place, Motueka, Tuesday 14 November 2012, 4.00 pm. Public forum

Community Services Committee

Tasman Council Chambers, 189 Queen Street, Richmond, Thursday 15 November 2012, 9.30 am. Public forum

Writechoices

Getting started with e-books and e-readers

Are you planning to buy an e-reader but you're not sure which one's right for you?

Come to our introductory e-reader session at Richmond Library on Monday 12 November 2012, 10.00 am - 12 noon.

Check out some of the models that are available in New Zealand and learn how to use Overdrive to borrow library e-books.

Numbers are limited – Ph. 03 543 8500 to book your place.

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Summer Reading Programme is almost here

Our annual Summer Reading Programme for 5-11 year olds is nearly here. And the theme this year is The Great Book Mystery. This year you can register online for a place in the programme.

Enrolments will be open on the library website from 9.30 am on Monday 10 December 2012.

Encourage the fun of reading for your children. Sign up for the programme and use your library this summer.

Teen Media Group

Want to create your own short movie or book trailer and learn how to add effects and music?

Come along to the next meeting of the Teen Media Group at Richmond Library and have fun creating digital media with your peers.

The group is for 12-15 year olds and uses the Imaginarium to experiment with iMovie and Garageband.

Next meeting is Thursday 8 November 2012, 3.30 pm – 5.00 pm. See you there.

Catalogue Search Tip #3

I just want to see what books the library has – how do I do that?

Last month we looked at how to do a basic search in the catalogue and what kind of results you might get.

A lot of you just want to see what books we have in the library.

Go to the library catalogue at www.tasmanlibraries.govt.nz

Before you enter your search words, click on the "Search options" link - it's just below the Keyword, Title, Author buttons.

This takes you to a new screen – blue in colour – divided into 2 parts.

Look at the right-hand side of the screen in the "Limit your results" section.

You'll see "Catalogue only" with a tick box beside it. Click on the tick box.

Now enter your search words as usual in the search box at the top of the screen.

Click "Search" – and you'll just get the books and other hard copy items that the library owns.

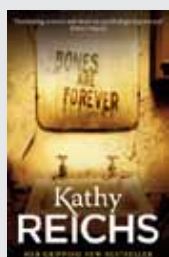
While you're in your results screen, look at the left-hand sidebar – "Refine your search" - and you'll see that "Catalogue only" is ticked there. That's the other place that you can change things to get the kinds of results you want.

Happy searching.

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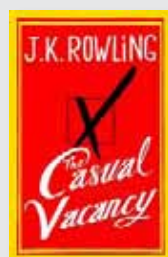
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by Lee Child



Bones are Forever
by Kathy Reichs



Simple Pleasures
by Annabel Langbein



The Casual Vacancy
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