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Waimea Water Management Plan change proposed

Following the severe droughts in the early 2000s, the Waimea Water Augmentation Committee (WWAC) was established, with the support of Council, to investigate the options available to increase water supply in the Waimea plains. The WWAC is comprised of representatives from all the key stakeholder groups with an interest in water management in the Waimea plains, including Tasman District Councillors.

The Tasman Resource Management Plan (TRMP) was amended in 2007 (Variation 52) to include interim water management objectives, policies and rules for the Waimea water management zones. This interim approach reflected the importance of investigating options as a solution to the serious water shortage issues already experienced in the Waimea plains, and to address potential future water demands.

As a result of nearly ten years of investigation and consultation by WWAC Council is now proposing a community dam on the Lee River as a solution to the water shortage issues of the Waimea plains.

The Council has decided to commence a Plan change process that will update and replace the interim provisions for the Waimea zones. The Plan change will accommodate a community dam on the Lee River and

provide an enhanced allocation limit and new low flow requirements for if the dam proceeds. The Plan change will also include provisions for water management in the event a dam does not proceed.

Decisions by Council to contribute funding towards the construction of the dam and mechanisms to fund construction and operation of the dam by water users will be made separately through the annual plan process. Consultation for the Council's 2013/2014 Annual Plan will commence 18 March 2013 with a closing date of 19 April 2013.

Information available

A large amount of documentation has been prepared for and by WWAC in support of a water augmentation dam on the Lee River, including feasibility studies, expert reports and cost/benefit analyses of the with dam and without dam alternatives. The Committee has also ensured that there has been public participation throughout this project and has held regular public meetings and produced regular newsletters.

All of the documentation produced so far is publicly available on the Council's website www.tasman.govt.nz

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Message from the Mayor

It is gratifying that the working party overlooking the restoration of the Moutere Hills Community Centre is beginning to make headway after the devastating fire earlier this year.

With the support of the insurance company the working group is getting close to finalising both short and long term solutions to enable the centre to provide services required to maintain its role as the focal point of the community.

After the success of the Sarau Festival in the aftermath of the fire I am more than confident of this community's resolve to push ahead and come through the challenges the fire presented.

We have recently received the Ombudsman's opinion regarding the Council's actions in the moving the hall on the Hope Recreation Reserve. We have accepted the opinion and recognise the significance of the Ombudsman's advice and the need to lead community consultation ourselves rather than rely on contractors.

We have, and will continue to, engage with our communities on issues of significance to people, settlements and the District as a whole.

As we are about to enter a number of significant decision points in the year, namely the Annual Plan and the Lee Valley Dam proposal, our engagement processes will be key to their success. The first invitation to take part in the plan changes necessary for the Lee Valley Dam proposal is in this edition of Newslines, with all the background material on the proposal on the Council's website. Please take the time to review this material.

Mayor Richard Kempthorne



Region's dunes in focus at national conference

The Dune Restoration Trust of New Zealand is holding its 2013 national conference in Nelson between the 5 and 7 March 2013. The theme for the conference is 'Nelson, a region of coastal diversity'.

The highlights of the conference include three field trips, to Tahunanui beach, Rabbit Island beach and the golden sand beaches around Kaiteriteri, plus an optional two-day post conference trip around Golden Bay's beaches and along Farewell Spit on the 8 and 9 March 2013.

The Trust has lined up a selection of inspiring speakers to talk about current research work and the features of our regions coast. There will also be a Regional Round Up session where delegates can exchange their ideas on how best to restore and protect our country's dunes.

For more information about the event please contact Kirsten Crawford on Ph. 027 278 5646 or Email info@dunestrust.org.nz You can find more information online at www.dunestrust.org.nz

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Timeframe for Key Plan Change Stages

The Council is aiming to have the Plan change process progress to hearings of submissions in October this year (hearings will be heard by independent commissioners). See the table below for the key stages:

28 February 2013	Council's Environment and Planning Committee to consider the briefing paper on issues and options for Waimea Water management, including recommendations and drafting for preferred options.
March 2013	Community feedback sought on preferred options.
11 April 2013	Proposed Plan changes finalized for approval by EPC.
27 April 2013	Public notification of proposed Plan changes.
May/July 2013	Submissions and further submissions.
October 2013	Hearings commence.

People or organisations with an interest in water management in the Waimea plains are encouraged to familiarise themselves with the feasibility studies, investigations and expert reports already completed and available before the Plan changes are publicly notified.

The short time frame is a result of the opportunity to take advantage of additional national funding sources, applying to water augmentation proposals provided relevant Plan provisions are in place and consents have been granted.

In addition, there is a need to update and replace interim water allocation provisions with a more definitive water management regime before existing water permits in the affected water management zones expire in 2016/17.

There has been some delay in completing the construction design and finalising costs but a proposed plan change can proceed independently from having this information available.

Plan Changes

The Plan Changes necessary to update water management provisions and provide for a community augmentation scheme will include provisions for;

- river flow regimes, including minimum flows that address ecosystem values
- equitable and efficient water allocation including security of supply standards
- consideration of permit transfers, allocation by crop and or soil type, efficient water use and responsive water management regimes etc
- assessment of costs and benefits of dam and no dam scenarios and integration with productive land policies
- meeting foreseeable future water demands, including out of catchment reticulation, and current and possible future urban and industrial water supply
- land use policies and rules that appropriately manage adverse effects through consents for dam construction and maintenance, including for activities such as indigenous vegetation clearance, land disturbance activities, activities in the beds of rivers, roading requirements, and gravel management.

These provisions will provide management regimes for both the "with dam" scenario and the "without dam" scenario, which will apply until such time as the dam is built (including the scenario in which no dam is ever built). Provisions will include transitional arrangements as necessary.

Hard work pays dividends on World Wetlands Day

To celebrate World Wetlands Day on 2 February 2013 Golden Bay Forest and Bird members and Tasman District Council Environmental Educator Claire Webster ran a 'Motupipi Estuary Rescue' event.

27 locals (ranging in age from 17 to 70) turned up to spend time with Otago University Marine Biologist Richard de Hamel. Richard was able to point out a number of interesting facts about the estuary, such as the big snails on the estuary mud are actually bigger because they

are sterile due to having a virus. As they can't expend lots of energy reproducing they just grow bigger.

Lugging spades, split mussel buoys or snow sleds the volunteers headed out across the estuary to dig out and retrieve nearly 100 discarded tyres, plus many tyre side walls, rubber matting, tyre tubes and lots of other items including two kitchen sinks! This debris will have been slowly leaking toxins in the surrounding environment.

Tasman District Council will dispose of the waste. Many thanks to everyone who helped out with this clean up

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Tsunami signs – can you help?

How do we know when there is a tsunami threat to Nelson? This is a question Nelson Tasman Civil Defence Emergency Management (CDEM) often fields, and the answer is – it depends on the source of the tsunami.

In New Zealand all tsunami alerts or warnings come from the Ministry of Civil Defence and Emergency Management with the support of GNS Science. This alert is then sent to the regional offices, in our case, Nelson Tasman Civil Defence Emergency Management, to let people in our region know.

Following an official alert, if the tsunami source is distant, or possibly even regional, new temporary tsunami warning signs will be erected at designated coastal areas and various inland sites around our region. These signs will only be deployed following an official alert.

The distinctive signs, as well as radio and warnings across all locally heard stations and the Nelson Tasman Civil Defence website nelsontasmancivildefence.co.nz are this region's only official alert systems.

Currently Nelson Tasman CDEM is in the process of finalising the 'adoption' of more than 30 tsunami warning signs around the region by various contractors and groups, who are responsible for their storage, maintenance, deployment and collection, but we could have many more, and you may be able to help.

If you feel strongly there is a need for signage near you or somewhere easily accessible, ensure that you can be a reliable contact and provide secure storage, you could become part of the region's tsunami warning network.

You can help spread the warning

If you think you or your organisation can help with the volunteer deployment of tsunami signs around our region, visit the website nelsontasmancivildefence.co.nz to register your interest. If your offer is accepted you will be given further information on how you will be alerted to deploy the signage, which will remain the property of Nelson Tasman CDEM. Final acceptance of all offers will rest with Nelson Tasman Civil Defence.

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Tsunami risk to the Nelson Tasman region

Distant tsunami sources are large undersea earthquakes that generate tsunami which then cross the ocean to strike New Zealand. Because of the travel times for the tsunami to cross the ocean there is realistic warning of many hours.

Regional tsunami sources are where a tsunami may strike within one to three hours of the trigger event. For our region such tsunami will typically arise from undersea earthquakes relatively close to the New Zealand coastline. For example, undersea earthquakes along the east coast of the North Island. Limited warning of a regional sourced tsunami may be possible but not in all cases.

Local tsunami sources in the Nelson Tasman region are primarily local earthquakes where the sea floor is ruptured. Local source tsunami may also include landslides into the sea, undersea slumping or even volcanic activity. Tsunami from local sources could strike the closest parts of the coastline within minutes of the trigger event. Other than feeling a significant earthquake there will be no warning of such a tsunami.

What places are being considered for the tsunami signs:

Cable Bay	Kina
The Glen	Motueka Wharf/Port
Trafalgar St	Main HWay, Motueka
Port Nelson	Kaiteriteri Camp x 2
Wakefield Quay	Marahau x 3
Rocks Rd x 2	Takaka Township
Back Beach, Tahunanui x 2	Takaka
Monaco	Pohara
Roundabout at SH6 and SH60	Port Tarakohe
Lower Queen St	Ligar Bay
Rabbit Island	Totaranui
Mapua Wharf	Tukurua Camp Ground
Ruby Bay Camp site	Collingwood x 2

But we could have many more signs deployed with your help. Contact Nelson Tasman CDEM if you can help us keep our community informed.

Temporary Walkway Closure

For the purpose of Tree Felling in York Park.

The following walkways (including access ways) will be closed for the week starting 4 March 2013:

- York Park Walkway
- Link Park to York Park Walkway

The access ways leading from:

- The Motueka Cemetery (near 82-86 Trewavas Street)
- Access way between 82-86 Trewavas Street
- Access way between 98-100B Trewavas Street
- Access way next to 124 Trewavas Street

Please note the dates may change as the tree work is weather dependant.

Queries please contact Kathy Tohill-Curnow, Ph. 03 543 8400.



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Sport NZ Rural Travel Fund

The fund's aim is to subsidise rural sports teams travel costs, for 5-19 year olds, to enable them to take part in regular competition. The Sport NZ Rural Travel Fund scheme is open for applications now and closes on 30 April 2013. There is a total of \$11,156 available for distribution. This is the final round for the 2012/2013 financial year.

Tasman Creative Communities Scheme

The funds aims is to support local projects that increase access and participation in arts activity. The current round is open for applications now and closes on 10 March 2013. There is a total of \$18,862.05 available for distribution. This is the final round for the 2012/2013 financial year.

Application forms can be downloaded from www.tasman.govt.nz or contact Mike Tasman-Jones on Ph. 03 543 8400.

Get Moving BikeWise Family Fun Rides

Rides are taking place in Motueka and Richmond. The Takaka event is no longer going to be a road ride but is a Children's Day event based at Takaka Primary School on Sunday 24 February 2013.

The Motueka ride on Sunday 17 February 2013, starts at the Skate Park on Old Wharf Road at 1.00 pm and follows the path around the estuary before finishing back at the Skate Park for prize giving at 2.00 pm.

The Richmond ride on Sunday 3 March 2013 starts at 1.00 pm from Lower Queen Street. Suitable for most ages, skills and fitness levels (the ride is 6.5 km). Look for signs 500m from Landsdown Road corner, off street parking is available. An alternative ride for for more experienced cyclists with moderate fitness (15 km) leaves the ASB Aquatic Centre at 1.00 pm.

Age 2 Be – Positive Ageing Expo

Friday 5 April 2013, 10.00 am–3.00 pm at the Headingly Centre, Richmond.

The Age to Be Positive Aging Expo promise to have something for everyone again in 2013! Along with 60 stallholders there will be

seminars, demonstrations and a chance to have a go at a range of activities as well as getting quick health checks.

This is the fifth Age to Be Expo and, with in excess of 2000 people attending last year's event, it is proving to be a popular opportunity to get the information to ensure we all make the most of our senior years.

There's plenty of groups, clubs, services and government agencies that help give us all the best opportunity to age positively. The Expo provides the opportunity to come along and talk to them, find out what they do and how to get involved. Demonstrations include Men's Shed giving wood turning, wood carving and DiY demonstrations, you can have a go at Tai Chi or get on a bike and have a ride on Tasman's Great Taste Trail.

Some further highlights will be "how to make gardening easier" sessions and the Age Concern Nelson seminar.

The Age Concern seminar titled 'Talking about the tricky stuff!' will be a thought provoking one hour presentation on:

- A real story highlighting the pitfalls for family when things take a serious turn
- Living wills – what are these and how can your wishes be respected?
- Wills – the importance of having these in place
- Handing over decisions – the importance of having an Enduring Power of Attorney
- Funerals – practical information on planning for funerals

The Expo will also offer CarFit checks. These offer older drivers a free check on how well they personally 'fit' their vehicle. The CarFit check takes about 20 minutes ensuring each participant 'fits' their vehicle properly for maximum comfort and safety.

The event is aimed at older adults and their families. Admission is free with complimentary tea, coffee and biscuits provided. Lunch will be available for purchase.

If your group would like to have a stall contact Mike Tasman-Jones on Ph. 03 543 8400 or e-mail mike.tasman-jones@tasman.govt.nz to get a registration form.

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Public Notices

Tasman District Council Navigation Safety Bylaw:

Speed Limit Suspension and Reservation of Kerr Bay Lake Rotoiti, 2 and 3 March 2013.

The NZ Antique and Classic Boat Show will be held at Kerr Bay, Lake Rotoiti between 9.00 am and 5.00 pm on both 2 and 3 March 2013.

Pursuant to powers provided to the Harbourmaster by the TDC Navigation Safety Bylaw, a speed-limit uplifting has been granted and most of Kerr Bay, including the water ski access lane, swimming area and those areas of water adjacent to the launching ramps and beach has been reserved for the event.

For the dates and times detailed above, the organisers of the Antique and Classic Boat Show shall have exclusive use of the reserved area. Vessels wishing to transit through or enter the reserved area during the event may do so only after consulting with an event Marshal in person or on VHF channel 17, and then may only do so when, and under such conditions that the event organisers may specify.

Other lake users are encouraged to use the ramp and beaches of West Bay for access during the event. Persons wishing to waterski should perform deep water starts more than 200m from shore outside of the reserved area while the reservation is in force. Provision has been made for rental paddle-craft use near the water taxi jetty in Kerr Bay.

Other conditions have been imposed and may be viewed at www.tasman.govt.nz/recreation/boating-fishing/special-events-and-activities

Temporary Reservation and speed-limit uplifting for multisport races in Kaiteriteri area, 2 and 3 March 2013

The Kaiteriteri Beach Adventure Race has been granted a reservation of part of the waterski area at Kaiteriteri; and a speed-limit uplifting between Kaiteriteri and Ngaio and Adele Islands; from 1.30 pm to 2.30 pm on Saturday 2 March 2013 and 2.00 pm to 3.30 pm on Sunday 3 March 2013.

The effect of the temporary reservation will be to prevent other activities including water skiing from occurring at the Kaiteriteri water ski area for the time specified. An uplift of the 5 knot speed restrictions has also been granted to paddlecraft and support vessels directly involved in the Event in the wider area specified above.

Persons wishing to waterski at Kaiteriteri during this event should use the ski areas in the Abel Tasman National Park area. The closest are at Stillwell Beach or Adele Island spit. Swimmers and other water users close to shore in the wider Kaiteriteri area should beware of racing paddlecraft.

Conditions have been imposed which may be viewed at www.tasman.govt.nz/recreation/boating-fishing/special-events-and-activities

Community Notices

Nelson Lakes Festival

16 – 17 February 2013. Celebrating 170 years of European association with the area, the weekend will feature historical displays, archives and history trails. On Saturday 16 February 2013 there will be a Waka Ama regatta and on Sunday 17 February 2013 there will be a market beside the Lake at Kerr Bay, featuring local artists and artisans. The weekend will also be a fundraiser for local emergency services. Come on up for a family friendly weekend – FREE ENTRY! www.festivalnelsonlakes.co.nz

Sundial Jam

Friday 22 February 2013, 4.00 pm – 9.00 pm, Sundial Square, Richmond.

Pack a picnic and get along to Sundial Square for a dose of Tasman's finest entertainers performing live especially for you!

Free entry. Info: Ph. 03 543 8525 or Email paul.mcconachie@tasman.govt.nz

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

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 on Council's website. Please note that the following is an abridged advisory notice only.

Applicant: Ben Nevis Holdings Limited

Location: Wakefield, between Totara View Road, Edward Street, and Church Valley Road

Consent Type, Application Number and Proposal:

Subdivision Consent (Application RM100948)

To subdivide Lot 2 DP 428109 and Part Section 2 Block 2, Waimea South to:

- create 97 new lots for rural residential development containing areas between 5000 square metres and 2.9 hectares;
- carry out this subdivision in 19 stages over 15 years.

Land Use Consent (Application RM120718)

To allow the height of future dwellings on 28 of the proposed allotments in subdivision application RM100948 to exceed the crest of the Identified Ridgeline by up to 4.0 metres

(Lots 20, 21, 26, 28, 30, 31, 33, 34, 35, 38, 39, 40, 41 and 44 – 58).

The proposed development is within the Eighty Eight Valley Rural Residential Zone which includes an Identified Ridgeline as defined by the Tasman Resource Management Plan.

Submissions due: 4.30 pm on Tuesday 5 March 2013.

Council Meetings

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

Commissioner Hearing (Nelson Pine Industries)

Tasman Council Chambers, 189 Queen Street, Richmond, Monday 18 February 2013, 10.30 am. No public forum

Full Council

Tasman Council Chambers, 189 Queen Street, Richmond, Thursday 21 February 2013, 9.30 am. Public forum

Commercial Subcommittee

Tasman Council Chambers, 189 Queen Street, Richmond, Friday 22 February 2013, 9.30 am. No public forum

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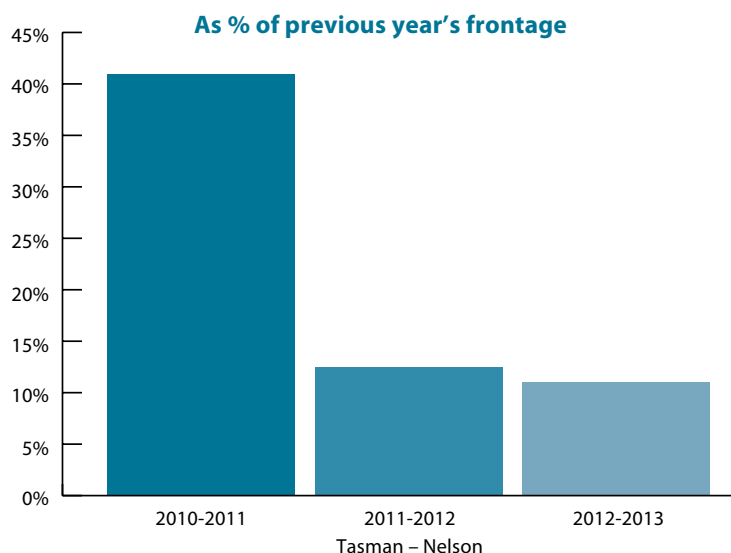
Controlling Argentine ants

Argentine ants are small brown ants that have been present in Tasman District for the last eight years. They are a major domestic pest, infesting gardens and invading houses and commercial and industrial buildings. They cultivate aphids and scale insects for their honey dew. They live in underground nests where they multiply rapidly during the warmer weather and quickly build up to large numbers. If uncontrolled, they can make it very unpleasant outdoors for children, pets and bbqs. The ants sometimes move indoors seeking food and moisture.

The traditional method of control has been Xstinguish, a bait that is applied on a grid pattern over the property. It needs to be applied in the evening to keep it moist as long as possible. Best results are achieved if baiting is coordinated with neighbours. The weekend of 16-17 February 2013 is the weekend recommended for baiting in Richmond and Brightwater. A Council contractor will be treating the edges of the footpath and kerb during this weekend.

A new product is now available for use by residents for controlling ants. X-it Ant is a spray that can be used at any time and applied to control ants on hard surfaces (concrete, asphalt). It is a synthetic pyrethroid with a residual effect that ants will unknowingly take to their nests where it can be transferred to other ants. On soft surfaces where a spray will not be effective, Biforce granules can be used on soil, lawns and bark gardens as well as compost heaps and shrubbery. One advantage of these products is the protection it provides from re-invasion. We will be interested in hearing from residents about its effectiveness.

The Council has been using X-it Ant on roadsides for the last two years to control ants. An analysis of the results of surveillance of road frontage over the last four years show a marked reduction in ant spread along foot paths as a result of using this product. This is shown in the following graph. It is encouraging to see the benefit arising from the use of a product that have undergone a long period of development and testing.



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