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Keeping you informed about news and events in Tasman District



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District's Speed Limits being reviewed

The speed-limits on Tasman's roads are currently the subject of consultation.

Approved in 2004, the current bylaw covers the speed limits on roads administered by the Council as opposed to the state highways managed by NZ Transport Agency. As part of the review, which must occur every 10 years, the Council has proposed to change the current limits in some places to better reflect the speed at which motorists travel.

Generally, this has led to the majority of proposed changes aimed at lowering limits, with a few increases. This process of setting limits is consistent with the Safe System approach, which underpins the national focus on reducing fatal and severe crashes.

Public consultation on the proposed speed limit bylaw opened on 23 February 2013 with the Draft bylaw, Statement of Proposal and Summary of information available on the Council website www.tasman.govt.nz, service centres and libraries.

The consultation period closes on 25 March 2013.



Review of the Tasman District Council Consolidated Bylaw – Chapter 4 – Speed Limits 2013

The Tasman District Council hereby gives notice that it has resolved, in accordance with Section 158 of the Local Government Act 2002, to review the Consolidated Bylaw Chapter 4 – Speed Limits Bylaw 2004.

Under the Special Consultative Procedure provisions of Section 83 of the Act, the following Summary of Information is provided:

Summary of Information

The Tasman District Council Consolidated Bylaw – Chapter 4 – Speed Limits Bylaw 2004 came into force on 30 September 2004. Since this date

the bylaw has been amended a number of times. The Council has now resolved to undertake a full review of the Bylaw.

This Bylaw sets out the speed limit for various local public roads (not State Highways) within Tasman District. Only the NZ Police can enforce speed limits.

The setting of speed limits is governed by the Land Transport Rule - Setting of Speed Limits 2003 and requires a number of factors to be considered when setting speed limits.

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Message from the Mayor

When the Council makes a decision it is done with the best interests of ratepayers in the District as a whole in mind.

This is the case certainly with the current decision-making around the Jackett Island situation. Despite some comment to the contrary we are not walking away from this issue, but we are also certainly not looking to burden the rest of the District's ratepayers with the cost of the options recently presented to us.

Any solutions identified will need to be sustainable, practical and cost effective. The Motueka Sandspit is part of a wider ecosystem and any location-specific solutions will have an impact on other areas. The outcome of this situation will need to benefit the coastal environment as well as ratepayers. We will be keeping everyone posted on the developments.

The Council's development contribution policy has been finalised and adopted. Developed in partnership with developers this policy is designed to meet the need for balance in attributing the cost of infrastructure development to those who initiated the need for it and

the ability to promote and support growth in the region.

The recently released Government discussion document on development contributions and their impact on housing affordability explores these issues. We believe the new Council policy goes a long way to meeting the concerns identified and we welcome further discussion with the Government on the issue. I urge you as with the other documents associated with Local Government reforms to take the time to read and contribute to the discussion.

Mayor Richard Kempthorne



Council's Duty to Consult Clarified

Councils have a duty to make themselves aware of the views of their communities and to have regard for those views when people have an interest in the decisions councils take. Consultation is the usual way to find out about peoples' views and preferences. Consultation is not required in every case and it is up to the Council to decide how best to consult when it does.

A complaint was made to the Ombudsman in 2011 that the Council failed to consult residents about a decision to relocate the historic building on the Hope Recreation Reserve. The Ombudsman's opinion on the complaint was released recently. The opinion makes it clear that the Council did fail to consult when it was required to; before the building was shifted. He did, however, acknowledge the Council's subsequent consultation about the permanent location of the building was managed satisfactorily.

The Ombudsman's opinion clearly spells out the Council's consultation responsibilities and the rights of the affected parties. We have accepted the opinion. It is unfortunate that we needed to be reminded of our responsibilities on this occasion.

At all levels in the organisation we need to know and meet the obligations that we have to engage communities in the decisions that affect them. The Council regrets that its failure in this case led to a complaint. We apologise to the complainant, other neighbours, the Management Committee, reserve users and the contractors and consultants who worked on the project for the challenges our failure to consult has created for them.

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Liquor bans deliver civilised New Year's

Extended liquor bans placed on Tasman communities late last year have delivered a quiet Christmas and New Year's Eve, delighting police.

Kaiteriteri was trouble-free at New Year's. Motueka officer-in-charge Sergeant Rob Crawford told the Nelson Mail that the popular holiday settlement used to be "bordering on riots". A decade ago he helped to arrest about 75 revellers, and "that was not unusual for those days".

The area is now much more family-friendly, he said, partly crediting the expanded liquor bans, imposed by the Tasman District Council at the request of Police.

Nelson Police area spokeswoman Barbara Dunn confirmed that Motueka Police have seen a huge change of attitude in relation to the consumption of alcohol, especially in the parks around the town's CBD, since the 24-hour ban was introduced. Members of the public have commented to officers about families being able to use parks and beaches without the presence of drunks, rubbish and offensive behaviour.

Motueka Police also say the liquor ban around the Riwaka area was instrumental in the lack of rubbish and serious offending that have plagued events there over previous years.

In the Richmond area, Police are awaiting two upcoming Sundial Square events to see if the wider liquor bans have made a real difference, says Ms Dunn. Officers were kept very busy in the aftermath of the Last of the Summer Fare last year with disorderly and drunk behaviour.

Late last year Council imposed 24-hour liquor bans in central Motueka and Takaka, plus parts of Riwaka. Meanwhile, Richmond, Mapua/Ruby Bay, Collingwood and Pohara were placed under 7.00 pm to 7.00 am curfews on the public consumption of alcohol.

Kaiteriteri's normal 7.00 pm to 7.00 am prohibition was brought back to a 4.00 pm start this season, and included Marahau. The ban covered the popular Kaiteriteri motorcamp, though campers were still entitled to enjoy a wine or beer on their sites.

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The main changes from the 2004 Bylaw are:

Map No.	Location & Road Name	Proposal	Existing Speed Limit Kph	Proposed Speed Limit kph
1	Collingwood Puponga Road Pakawau	To leave the existing holiday 50kph speed limit on Collingwood Puponga Road extending from the start of Pakawau village to the Pakawau Hall near the corner of Pakawau Bush Road in place. It is also proposed to leave the length of the 70kph speed limit through the Pakawau village unchanged.	50 (holiday) 70	50 (permanent) 70
2	Haven Road Collingwood	Extend out the Urban Traffic Area for a short distance along Haven Road to Collingwood Quay.	100	50
2	Bainham Main Road Collingwood	Put in place a 70kph speed limit extending along Collingwood Quay and Collingwood Bainham Main Road from Haven Road to a point just south of the Collingwood Cemetery entrance.	100	70
2	Takaka Collingwood Highway SH60 Collingwood	Takaka Collingwood Highway SH60 extending from the intersection with Collingwood Quay in a southerly direction for 270 metres. This proposal will need to be approved and gazetted by the New Zealand Transport Agency (NZTA).	100	70
2	Poplar Lane, Collingwood	Include Poplar Lane into the Collingwood Urban Traffic Area.	100	50
3	Patons Rock Road, Patons Rock	Extend the existing 50kph speed limit in a southerly direction along Patons Rock Road to a point measured 340 metres from Battery Road.	100	50

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Map No.	Location & Road Name	Proposal	Existing Speed Limit Kph	Proposed Speed Limit kph
4	Abel Tasman Drive, Tata Beach/ Ligar Bay	Revoke the 70kph permanent speed limit and 50kph holiday speed limit along Abel Tasman Drive at Ligar Bay and introduce a 60kph permanent speed limit with no holiday speed restriction	70 & 50 Holiday Speed Limit	60
4	Nyhane Drive, Nyhane Drive West, Leisure Lane, Matenga Drive, Tata Beach/Ligar Bay	Put in place an Urban Traffic Area with a 50kph speed limit enclosing the Ligar Bay settlement and encompassing Nyhane Drive, Nyhane Drive West, Leisure Lane and Matenga Drive.	100	50
5	Falconer Road, Bay Vista Drive, Richmond Road, Pohara	Extend the existing Urban Traffic Area with a 50kph speed limit to include Falconer Road, Bay Vista Drive and Richmond Road.	100	50
6	Abel Tasman Drive, Glenview Road, East Takaka	Revoke the existing 70kph speed limit on Abel Tasman Drive and 50kph speed limit on Glenview Road at Motupipi settlement and put in place a 60kph speed limit encompassing the same sections of road.	70 & 50	60
7	Abel Tasman Drive, Takaka	Revoke the existing 70kph speed limit on Abel Tasman Drive near Sunbelt Crescent and put in place a 60kph speed limit encompassing the same section of road.	70	60
7	Rototai Road, Arapeta Place, Takaka	Revoke the existing 70kph speed limit on Rototai Road from the northern 70/100 speed limit sign extending in a southerly direction for 670metres. And extend out the Urban Traffic Area with a 50kph speed limit encompassing Arapeta Place and including the section of Rototai Road.	70	50
8	Central Takaka Road, Park Avenue, Takaka South	Leave in place the existing 70kph speed limit along Central Takaka Road and 50kph speed limit on Park Ave	70 & 50	70 & 50
9A & 9B	Riwaka Kaiteriteri Road, Kaiteriteri	No change is proposed to the existing speed limits to Riwaka Kaiteriteri Road or Kaiteriteri settlement	80,50 & 30	80, 50 & 30
10	Riwaka Brooklyn	No change is proposed to the existing speed limits in this area	80,70 & 50	80,70 & 50
11A & 11B	Marchwood Park Road, Queen Victoria Street, Motueka North & South and Lower Moutere	Diminish the Urban Traffic Area by revoking the 50kph speed limit applying to Marchwood Park Road and Queen Victoria Street extending from a point 50 metres north of College Street in a northerly direction to a point 10metres north of Marchwood Park Road intersection. And put in place a 70kph speed limit enclosing Marchwood Park Road and the said portion of Queen Victoria Street.	50	70
12A & 12B	Marriages Road, Mamaku Road, Horton Road, Awa Awa Road, Permin Road, Brookview Heights, Williams Road, Dee Road, Kina Peninsula Road, Tasman	Put in place an 80kph speed limit on the following roads: • Aporo Road from a point 300metres south of Williams Road and extending in a northerly direction to point 70metres south of Kina Beach Road; • Kina Beach Road from Aporo Road to the existing 70kph speed limit near Dee Road; • Baldwin Road extending from the existing 50kph speed limit to the road end; • And the entire length of the following roads: Marriages Road, Mamaku Road, Horton Road, Awa Awa Road, Permin Road, Brookview Heights, Williams Road, Dee Road and Kina Peninsula Road.	100	80
12A	Aporo Road, Tasman	Revoke the 70kph speed limit on Aporo Road through the Tasman Village and put in place a permanent 60kph speed limit.	70	60
13A	Stafford Drive, Mapua Drive, Ruby Bay	Revoke the 70kph speed limit on Stafford Drive and Mapua Drive from the existing speed limit sign near Seaton Valley Road on Mapua Drive extending along Stafford Drive to the existing speed limit sign near Brabant Drive and put in place a 60kph speed limit.	70	60
13A	Pine Hill Road, Ruby Bay	To put in place a 60kph speed limit on the entire length of Pine Hill Road from Stafford Drive to the road end.	100	60
13A	Pine Hill Road West, Pomona Road, Foley Road, Ruby Bay	To put in place an 80kph speed limit on the entire length of the following roads: Pine Hill Road West, Pomona Road, Foley Road.	100	80
14	Mapua Drive, Mapua	To put in place an 80kph speed limit on Mapua Drive extending from The Coastal Highway SH60 to the existing 100/70 speed limit sign just east of Seaton Valley Road	100	80
15	Moutere Highway, Upper Moutere	No change is proposed to the existing speed limit to the Moutere Highway through Upper Moutere.	50	50

Map No.	Location & Road Name	Proposal	Existing Speed Limit Kph	Proposed Speed Limit kph
16	North & South Queen Street, Richmond	To put in place a 30kph speed limit on Queen Street extending from Salisbury Road to Gladstone Road.	50	30
17	Lord Rutherford Road, South Brightwater	To put in place an 80kph speed limit on Lord Rutherford Road South extending from the 50/100 speed limit sign to Higgins Road	100	80
18A	Eighty Eight Valley Road, Wakefield	To extend out the Urban Traffic Area with a speed limit of 50kph along Eighty Eight Valley Road to a point 250metres west of Genia Drive intersection.	80	50
18A	Eighty Eight Valley Road, Wakefield	To revoke the remaining section of 80kph speed limit on Eighty Eight Valley Road extending as far as Totara View Road and put in place a 70kph speed limit.	80	70
18A	Totara View Road, Kilkenny Place, Gossey Drive North, Edward Street, Wakefield	To revoke the existing Urban Traffic Area with a speed limit of 50kph on Totara View Road, Kilkenny Place, Gossey Drive North and a portion of Edward Street between Gossey Drive North and Gibbs Valley Road. And put in place a 60kph speed limit on the said roads and road sections referred to above.	50	60
19	Tapawera	No change proposed	50	50
20	St Arnaud & Rotoroa	No changes proposed	50 & 30	50 & 30
21	Murchison	No changes proposed	70 & 50	70 & 50
22	Parapara	No changes proposed	50	50
23	Marahau	No changes proposed	60 & 30	60 & 30
24	Rabbit Island	No changes proposed	70	70
25	Hope	No changes proposed	70	70

The full Statement of Proposal is available for viewing during normal Council hours at the following Council offices:

Main Office, 189 Queen Street, Richmond
 Motueka Service Centre, 7 Hickmott Place, Motueka
 Golden Bay Service Centre, 78 Commercial Street, Takaka
 Murchison Service Centre, 92 Fairfax Street, Takaka

And libraries:

District Library, Queen Street, Richmond
 Motueka Library, Pah Street, Motueka
 Takaka Memorial Library, Commercial Street, Takaka

The Statement of Proposal is also available on the Council website at www.tasman.govt.nz

Submissions to this bylaw review are invited from Saturday 23rd February 2013.

Submissions can be made online at www.tasman.govt.nz or posted to the Engineering Secretary, Tasman District Council, Private Bag 4, Richmond 7050 or via email to robyn.scherer@tasman.govt.nz or delivered to any of the Council offices or libraries noted above.

Submissions should include your name, address, telephone number and email address and should state if you wish to speak to the Council in support of your submission.

Submissions close at 4.30 pm on Monday 25 March 2013.

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Seaweek 2013



Seaweek takes place from 2 - 10 March 2013 and the theme for 2013 is "Toiora te Moana - Toiora te Tangata, Healthy Seas - Healthy People". Seaweek is the only nationwide event dedicated to learning from the sea and developing a better understanding of what sustainability might mean in the marine world.

Seaweek is an annual, national celebration of the sea coordinated by the New Zealand Association for Environmental Education (NZAEE). It provides special opportunities to experience the beauty and mysteries of, and learn more about, the diversity and significance of our marine environment.

Seaweek is all about learning from each other and sharing experiences about and around the sea. Below is a list of local learning opportunities:

- Seaweek events for school children at Port Nelson - March 4 - 8
- Seaweek event for school children at Motueka Sea pool - March 5
- NZ Dune Restoration Trust Conference at Tahunanui - March 5 - 7
- Community Guided Snorkel Day at Cable Bay - March 10

The Cawthron Institute is also running a special photography competition to celebrate Sea Week. The annual Cawthron Seaweek Photography Competition started on Wednesday 20 February 2013 and closes at 4.00 pm on Friday 8 March 2013. To enter just go to the 'Friends of Cawthron' Facebook page, read the competition conditions and upload your image on their wall with your name and the category that you're entering.

For more information contact:

Rob Francis, Environmental Educator at Tasman District Council
Ph. 03 5438484 Email. rob.francis@tasman.govt.nz

For further information about local events please go to:
<http://www.seaweek.org.nz> or join the Seaweek team on Facebook at www.facebook.com/NzaeeSeaweek

New road to Motueka Cemetery

The development of a new road to Motueka Cemetery will not disturb any graves, and offers the chance to enhance the area, says Tasman District Council Reserves Officer Stephen Richards.

The new entranceway from Old Wharf Road, to be named Memorial Drive, is necessary to accommodate the adjoining Puketutu subdivision. Much of the existing vegetation along the Cemetery driveway will be lost, but Council will transplant some species into the main Cemetery area. Otherwise "there's no physical change within the structure of the Cemetery," says Stephen.

The subdivision developers are required to relocate some of the rhododendrons into the new Cemetery entranceway during stage three of their scheme.

Six opportunities for development have been identified:

- Establish five new evergreen tree species between the sealed driveway and gravel parking area. These plantings replace the cherry trees lost from the driveway re-location and soften the open space of the carpark.

- Rhododendrons are available for relocation into the Cemetery from the old driveway.
- Replace three "farm-style" gateways to match originals.
- Two dozen cypress trees will be lost along the old driveway. Establish four new cypress in the central Cemetery behind the original concrete fence and gates.
- Seal gravel parking areas.
- Plant replacement trees (i.e. holm oaks) between the aging wattles on the southern side of the Cemetery. Room also exists for new tree plantings (i.e. evergreen oaks) along the eastern boundary.

The developers of Puketutu subdivision, Keep Motueka Beautiful, Motueka RSA and Motueka Community Board will be consulted before landscaping details are finalised for the new entrance from Memorial Drive. Cemeteries are revered spaces within our communities for both personal and heritage reasons, so we also want to hear your views. Submission forms are available on the Council website, www.tasman.govt.nz. Submissions close on 28 March 2013.



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Pest of the month: Chinese pennisetum

Chinese pennisetum (Cenchrus purpurascens) is an erect perennial clump-forming grass growing 50 - 70 cm high that produces attractive purplish, bristly flower spikes rather like small bottle brushes between December and February. Plants are easiest to identify during this time as they are similar in appearance to many other erect grasses or sedges. However, they do have another distinctive feature to assist identification - a pinkish and flattened stalk at the base of the plant.

Preferring heavier ground, often in association with rushes and other swamp grasses, Chinese pennisetum will also grow happily along tracks, in creek beds and

invade developed pastures where seeds readily attach to passing animals. Livestock grazing does not prevent dense swards developing.

Native to East Asia, it was first recorded in New Zealand in the 1940's. In the Tasman-Nelson region, known distribution is limited to the Lee, Sherry and Slippery catchments and part of the lower Motueka Valley.

Chinese Pennisetum only grows wild in a few places in New Zealand and is listed as a Progressive Control pest under the Tasman-Nelson Regional Pest Management Strategy. If you suspect you have Chinese Pennisetum on your property or have seen it somewhere in the region, please contact the Biosecurity officers at Tasman District Council on Ph. 03 543 8400.



Courses aimed at reducing motorbike and scooter crashes

Moto NZ has funded the Top of the South region to run a campaign to promote the locally run motorbike and scooter training and up skilling courses. These courses are tailored to suit riders on any size of motorbike or scooter, riders of all ages and riders with different levels of riding experience.

The courses have been running for five years and this additional funding has provided an opportunity to promote the courses to a wider audience in order to increase the number of local riders who take part in some training and up skilling. Unfortunately in the Top of the South too many motorcyclists and scooter riders are crashing and being injured and this training provides an opportunity for all riders to learn some new skills and learn how to avoid crashes.

Tasman District Council, Nelson City Council and Marlborough District Council are leading the campaign.

Further details on these courses can be found on the website www.ridetolive.co.nz. This website can also be used to express your interest in attending one of the training courses.

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Stopping distances stun many drivers

How quickly can you stop your car in an emergency? At 60km/h, it takes nearly twice the distance compared with halting the vehicle at the urban speed limit of 50km/h.

Complacent motorists are stunned to discover the difference, which is why the Tasman District Council and Nelson City Council are organising a series of demonstrations to show the public just how long it takes to stop a car at various speeds.

The displays are on public streets outside schools in eight sites throughout the District from 18-22 March 2013. Roads will be closed (with controlled access for residents) and an experienced driving instructor takes his vehicle up to runs of 20km/h, 50km/h and 60km/h, starting and braking from the same spot each time. Schoolchildren measure the distances – then discuss the daunting scenario at 100km/h.

Tasman Road Safety Co-ordinator Krista Hobday says people of all ages are encouraged to come along to the eye-opening demos, and hopefully learn some tips that could save lives. The 20km/h run reflects the speed limit past a stationary schoolbus, and 60km/h is the speed that many urban drivers slip into without realising the consequences.

The stopping demonstrations also take place in Nelson. Fulton Hogan, Classic Hits 89.6 and More FM are sponsoring the demonstrations. Tasman's series starts in Tapawera on Monday 18 March 2013, and finishes with a double dose in Richmond on Friday 22 March 2013. See the Public Notices page in your local paper for times and locations.



New Community Garden for Richmond

A new community garden for Richmond is a step closer to becoming a reality, now a location has been selected at Nelson Marlborough Institute of Technology (NMIT)'s Richmond campus.

On 20 February 2013, a Memorandum of Understanding was signed between NMIT and a Richmond Community Gardens steering group, for land at the back of NMIT's campus in Lower Queen Street, Richmond to be used to establish a new community garden. The site was previously used for horticulture training and includes paddocks and outdoor garden beds.

NMIT Director of Finance and Corporate Services Martin Vanner said NMIT was happy to look at opening up part of its Richmond Campus free of charge to the community to get the project going. NMIT already has a community garden on site at its Marlborough Campus in Budge Street, Blenheim which runs very successfully.

"The community gardens project has a great fit with NMIT's sustainability policy and our commitment to working with community groups. We are also looking at getting some of our students involved by incorporating some joint work on the new community gardens into a number of our trades academy and horticulture programmes," Martin Vanner said.

A spokesperson for the Richmond

Community Garden steering group, Karen Lee said the NMIT site had been selected from a shortlist of four or five possible sites due to factors such as size, accessibility and access to water. Karen Lee said she and the steering group were excited to see the project move ahead and they hoped the Richmond community would come along to an on-site Open Day being planned for Sunday, 10 March 2013, (2.00 pm – 4.00 pm) to share their ideas.

"We have a great site - now we need to hear from the Richmond community about how they want the community garden to run.



Zero Waste Grants Open

Tasman District Council's Zero Waste Grants are available for projects and initiatives that promote waste minimisation and help to educate communities about the importance of reducing waste. Funding is available to schools, early childhood education centres, community groups and businesses. This is a contestable fund.

Closing date for applications: Friday 5 April 2013.

For further information about the fund and to download an application form, go to www.tasman.govt.nz or contact Mary Curnow at Waste Education Services, part of the Nelson Environment Centre on Ph. 03 545 9176 ext 3 or Email marycurnow@nec.org.nz

Representatives from Ukraine, Bangladesh and Myanmar are the poster faces of Race Unity Day 2013.



A rich cultural mix celebrated

One in five people living in the Tasman region was born overseas. Our region has the third-largest percentage per capita of overseas-born residents, and of course Tasman hosts many students and rural employees on work visas.

Race Unity Day celebrates all the cultures that make up New Zealand, from our forbears to the more recently arrived. The

colourful event takes place at Victory Square Park on Sunday, 17 March 2013, from 11.00 am to 4.00 pm.

Cultural performances from various ethnic communities complement a wide choice of traditional foods on offer. There are also activities for children. Entry is by gold coin donation.

The Nelson Multicultural Council event is now in its 13th year.

Inanga Spawning Survey needs your help

Following the success of last year's Inanga Spawning Survey – which found significant spawning at all but one site out of 20 – Tasman District Council will hold another series of surveys (19-22 March) and requests your assistance once again.

The information gained from this survey helps the council to protect these areas for whitebait, and the ecological benefits to the whole ecosystem are considerable.

Once you have your eye tuned in, anyone can make a good finder of inanga eggs (a magnifying glass helps). The survey team will work mostly near Motueka and in Golden Bay. Volunteer searchers receive brief tips on how to survey for inanga eggs and then get straight into it.

For details on meeting times, please contact Trevor James, Resource Scientist, on Ph 03 543 8562, or refer to the Council website, www.tasman.govt.nz



Writechoices

Barbara Else at Richmond Library

March is New Zealand Book Month. Starting off our celebration of New Zealand writing is Wellington author, Barbara Else. We're delighted to have Barbara visit us at Richmond Library on Thursday 7 March 2013, 1.30 pm – 3.00 pm.

Barbara's first novel was the best-selling *The Warrior Queen* (1995). She has since published four other novels of contemporary satire and one historical novel (*Wild Latitudes*, 2007).

As well as editing many anthologies of children's stories, Barbara has also written four children's books, including the multi award winning *The Travelling Restaurant* (Gecko Press, 2011).

Barbara will talk about her writing, in particular the challenges of writing a follow up novel.

Copies of Barbara's books will be available for purchase and signing. And afternoon tea will be provided. We look forward to seeing you there!

Celebrate NZ Book Month

Other events happening at Richmond Library for NZ Book Month include

- Local poets live on Thursday 21 March 2013, 12.00 noon - 1.00 pm
- Feel the love – spice up your lunch hour with our local romance writers on Thursday 28 March 2013, 12.00 noon - 1.00 pm

And if you're interested in writing as a hobby or with a view to becoming a published author, you can book into a creative writing workshop with

local author, Jan Trafford at Richmond Library on Saturday 23 March 2013, 9.45 am - 1.00 pm.

Jan's work for teens and children has been widely published throughout Australasia and the Pacific.

For more details or to register contact Jan at jantraff@xtra.co.nz Cost: \$25.00

For full details of what's happening across Tasman and Nelson Libraries check out the Featured Events page at www.tasmanlibraries.govt.nz

Blind Date with a New Zealand Book

Motueka Library is running Blind Date with a New Zealand Book throughout the month of March. Choose one of the brown paper wrapped parcels, have it issued on your library membership and go into the draw to win a book voucher. The parcels will contain staff picks which are the crème de la crème of New Zealand writing and include all genres.

Teens book clubs at Richmond Library

We realise that you can be into quite different things depending on how old you are!

So from this month at Richmond Library teens have the choice of two book groups to attend.

If you're 12-15 years old, your book club will meet at 3.45 pm on Thursday 28 February 2013.

If you're over 15 years old, there's a book group for you at 3.45 pm on Friday 1 March 2013.

And if you're around 15 and can't decide, contact Melissa on Ph. 03 543 8394 for more information.

Head into Richmond Library and catch up on the latest books, movies and music that other teens are enjoying.

Upcoming Family History courses

Our popular Family History courses are back. If you're starting out on the journey to discover your ancestors, this two-session course is for you. Learn where to start, what resources are out there, how to record and store your family history and much more.

The course runs on Thursday 4 and 11 April 2013, 10.00 am – 12.00 noon at Richmond Library.

Numbers are limited so phone 03 543 8500 to book your place.

Homework Help for Parents

Are you sick of Googling for information for homework and assignments and getting thousands of hits? Need to find some reliable sources on the Internet? Come to one of our Homework Help sessions at Richmond Library. You'll learn how to make the most of the totally reliable, easy to use e-resources available from our website.

Homework Help for parents of Primary School children is on Tuesday 5 March 2013 7.00 pm - 9.00 pm.

There are two sessions available for parents of High School students on either Tuesday 12 March 2013, 10.00 am - 12.00 noon or Tuesday 19 March 2013, 7.00 pm – 9.00 pm.

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Proposed Plan Changes

37: Richmond West and South Greenway

40: Review of Fault Rupture Risk Area and Slope Instability Risk Area

41: Update of Heritage Schedule

Summary of Decisions Requested by Submitters and Opportunity for Further Submissions

Summaries of Decisions Requested

In response to submissions received on Proposed Changes 37, 40 and 41 to the Tasman Resource Management Plan, Council has prepared a summary of decisions requested.

The summary of decisions requested by submitters, along with copies of all original submissions (including submission point numbers) is available to view at Council's Richmond office. The summary can also be viewed online at www.tasman.govt.nz/link/trmp-summaries

Further Submissions

Any person who represents a relevant aspect of the public interest or who has an interest in the proposed changes greater than the general public may make a further submission to the Council in support of or in opposition to the submissions received. Further submissions can be sent to Tasman District Council, Private Bag 4, Richmond, Attention Manager Policy, to be accepted by Council for a period closing at 4.00 pm on Monday 18 March 2013. Forms for making further submissions are available at the Richmond office, on Council's website or by contacting Pam Meadows Ph. 03 543 8581 or email pam.meadows@tasman.govt.nz

Further submissions must be in writing clearly indicating which parts of the original submissions are supported or opposed, with reasons. Further submissions must state whether or not the submitter wishes to be heard in support of the submission and provide an address for service or contact address.

Please note: In making a further submission to the Council a copy must be sent, within five working days, to the person or persons who made the original submission.

Hearings

After the further submission opportunity has closed, the Council will hold hearings into all submissions and all submitters (original or further) may be heard. After the Council has considered the submissions and made its decisions, any submitter who is not satisfied with the decision has the right to appeal to the Environment Court.

Information on the Further Submission Process

For more information please contact:

Neil Jackson Ph. 03 543 8485 or Email neil.jackson@tasman.govt.nz or

Steve Markham Ph. 03 543 8427 or Email steve.markham@tasman.govt.nz

Community Notices

Notice of meeting – Brightwater Community Association Inc.

Rose Biss – Policy Planner at Tasman District Council will be attending our March meeting. Rose is providing us with an update on the Strategic Review for Brightwater. Details on the flood modelling exercise will be covered, along with other relevant points identified around our Village.

Tuesday 5 March 2013, at 7.30 pm, Brightwater School Staffroom.

Everyone welcome.

Community Notices

Children's Day activities in Motueka

"Treasure our Children" Children's Day events will take place over the weekend of Saturday 2 and Sunday 3 March 2013.

Saturday 2 March 2013:

10.00 am – 1.00 pm: Build sand and driftwood sculptures at the top of the Motueka sandspit.

10.00 am – 1.00 pm: Clay play with Johnna at Decks Reserve, beside iSite.

11.00 am: The Motueka Library has storytelling and activities for 4 to 10 year olds.

12.30 pm – 2.30 pm: Scarecrow making at the Community Gardens in Old Wharf Road.

Sunday 3 March 2013:

10.00 am: Stories and morning tea at St Thomas and St Andrews Churches.

10.30 am – 1.30 pm: the giant family Pool Party behind Parklands School with non-stop activities including games, races, bouncy castle, sausage sizzle, a puppet show – and swimming!

Family Fiesta – Motueka South School

Saturday 23 March 2013, 11.00 am – 3.00 pm.

Entertainment for all the family, including two shows by Simon Holst (tickets for these shows cost \$15 and include free entry to Fiesta)

Food, old fashioned games and amusements. Entry to the Fiesta by Gold Coin.

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 7 March 2013, 9.30 am. Public forum

Audit Subcommittee

Tasman Council Chambers, 189 Queen Street, Richmond, Thursday 7 March 2013 at conclusion of Corporate Services or 1.30 pm. No public forum

Golden Bay Community Board

Collingwood Fire Station, Collingwood, Tuesday 12 March 2013, 9.00 am. Public forum

Motueka Community Board

Motueka Office, 7 Hickmott Place, Motueka, Tuesday 12 March 2013, 4.00 pm. Public forum

Full Council

Tasman Council Chambers, 189 Queen Street, Richmond, Thursday 14 March 2013, 9.30 am. Public forum

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Lake beauties dressed for an outing

The chugga-chugga of steam engines will harmonise with the throaty roar of sleek 1940s racing boats at Lake Rotoiti for the Antique and Classic Boat Show on 2-3 March 2013.

The annual weekend of "Glorious Hydromatic Relaxation" comprises racing in the afternoons at Kerr Bay, complemented by onshore displays of classic steam boats and replicas, wooden boats from the Picton Clinker Club, yachts of all ages and sizes, Chris-Craft racing runabouts, veteran Hamilton jets, gleaming cedar kayaks and funky old dinghies.

Prizes are awarded at a "Saturday Night Fever" dinner at Rotoiti Lodge. Awards include best vessel overall, best new craft, best rowing craft, jet-propelled boat, sail-powered craft, best restoration, motor-powered craft, themed display, steam boat and a People's Choice Award. Judges are looking for boats with a yarn to tell, as well as fine craftsmanship.

The show is in its 15th year and has become a national drawcard for devotees of mahogany and shiny brasswork.

Take a picnic, or food and drink are available lakeside. Please note, Lake Rotoiti is in a national park containing fragile kiwi populations, so no dogs allowed.



Little Toot, overall winner in 2012, is a scaled-down version of a working tug. It was built by Nelsonian Clinton Skelton in Valencia, Spain, and shipped home.

Avenue of historic trees for Mapua

Submissions close on Friday 1 March 2013 for the transformation of Mapua's main artery, Aranui Road, into a verdant avenue from the Ruby Coast highway through the village to the wharf, with a nod along the way to the area's orcharding past.

Work on the road will not be completed until 2023, with a proposed roundabout at the highway to follow, but the Council felt it was important to give residents early notice to co-ordinate with any other public, business or private development in the meantime.

The undergrounding of power and telecommunications services along Aranui Road

will provide more scope to widen pavements, enhance street lighting and plant more trees to provide character. These will be mainly crabapple and pear to reflect the area's past as a shipping point for orchard produce. Kowhai near the wharf will blend with plantings at the new Waterfront Park.

The road itself will incorporate more raised crossing points for pedestrians and cyclists.

All these concepts have been developed in consultation with Mapua School, the Mapua & Districts Community Association, Mapua Walk and Cycle Group, Mapua Business Association, R Cycle Trust, Mapua Magic, Hills Community

Church, the Mapua Hall committee and village and wharf businesses.

The Aranui Road makeover continues a rebound for Mapua after the cleanup of the Fruitgrowers Chemical Company site. The village has already become one of the most vibrant quarters of Tasman District, with upmarket shops, galleries, cafes and bars, mostly centred in the pedestrian-friendly zone around the wharf area. The ferry link to the Rabbit Island cycleway has also spawned an influx of summer cyclists.

More details on the "Master Plan" are on the Council website, www.tasman.govt.nz.

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