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## How is Council performing? Annual Residents Survey 2013

**Over 70% of people in the Council's Annual Residents Survey said they are satisfied with how Council spends rates on the services and facilities it provides.**

Since 1996 Tasman District Council has commissioned a survey to capture residents' views on a range of services delivered by the Council. The survey is undertaken by the National Research Bureau (NRB) to ensure independence and impartiality.

A total of 402 residents over 18 years of age were surveyed, with the interviews spread across the five wards and various age brackets to ensure a representative sample. The survey was conducted by telephone between 17 and 26 May 2013.

The results cover resident's levels of satisfaction with Council services. They also provide data on where people find out information about the Council and on what Council decisions they approve or disapprove of. The information on levels of satisfaction with Council services has been compared to the peer group (similar local authorities) and the national average of all local authorities.

Overall the results are similar to those from the 2012 survey. The activities with the greatest change in level of satisfaction from last year's survey, indicating a perceived improvement, are parking in your local

area, footpaths, sewerage systems, Council's rubbish collection service, stormwater drainage and harbourmaster and maritime safety services. The activities with the greatest change in levels of being not very satisfied, indicating a perceived decline, are parking, environmental information and stormwater drainage.

The activities with the highest levels of satisfaction, those where it is perceived Council is doing a good job, are recreational facilities, parking in your local town, public libraries, kerbside recycling services, dog control, roads, footpaths and environmental information.

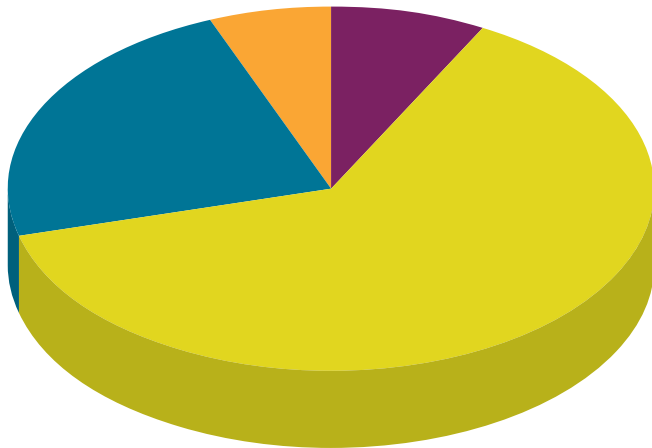
Some new questions were asked in this year's survey covering emergency management, Tasman's Great Taste Trail, trust and confidence in Council decision-making, satisfaction with Council's public consultation processes and Council's current debt levels. The results from the survey will be useful to Council in future decision making.

To view the full report, and those from previous years, go to [www.tasman.govt.nz/policy/reports/resident-survey/](http://www.tasman.govt.nz/policy/reports/resident-survey/)

See page 2 for a summary of the key findings.

## Rates issues

Overall, 71% of Tasman District's residents are 'very satisfied' or 'fairly satisfied' with the way rates are spent on services and facilities provided by the Council, 23% are 'not very satisfied'.



- Very satisfied (8%)
- Not very satisfied (23%)
- Fairly satisfied (63%)
- Don't know/unable to say (6%)

## Seen, read or heard information from Council

94% of residents say they have seen, read or heard information from Council in the last 12 months in the form of:

<b>Newsline</b>	<b>94%</b>
<b>Council adverts in newspapers</b>	<b>75%</b>
<b>Long-Term Plan</b>	<b>49%</b>
<b>Draft Annual Plan or Draft Annual Plan Summary</b>	<b>46%</b>
<b>Council adverts on radio</b>	<b>42%</b>
<b>Information from Council Offices or Libraries</b>	<b>40%</b>

## Sufficiency of information supplied by Council

79% of residents feel that there is 'enough' or 'more than enough' information supplied by Council, while 17% feel there is 'not enough' or 'nowhere near enough' information supplied.

## Contact with Council

Residents are most likely to contact Council Offices/staff (83%) first if you have a matter to raise with Council, while 9% make contact with a councillor.

Of the residents who had contacted Council in the last 12 months, 86% were satisfied with the service they received, 13% weren't very satisfied. This is an improvement on last years figures.

## Tasman's Great Taste Trail

55% of residents have biked or walked along part of Tasman's Great Taste Trail. 97% were 'very satisfied' or 'satisfied' with the experience.

## Emergency preparedness

69% of residents have an emergency kit or some emergency supplies in their house. 31% do not.

### About the survey

This NRB Communitrak survey was conducted with 402 residents of the Tasman District and was framed on the basis of wards. All interviews were conducted on the telephone. The survey has a margin of error of plus or minus 4%. Figures do not always add up to 100% due to rounding.



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# Further Notice of Election

Local Elections 2013

**YOUR VOTE  
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**Nominations have now closed for the 2013 triennial local authority elections. Listed on this page are details of the confirmed candidates for elections in the Tasman District area.**

Where elections are required they will be conducted by postal voting. Voting documents will be sent out to electors on the roll between 20 and 25 September 2013. Voting will open on Friday 20 September 2013 and will close at 12 noon on Saturday 12 October 2013.

## Enrolment and Special Voting Arrangements

Residents and ratepayers within the Tasman area who are not listed on the final electoral rolls for these elections can enrol at Post Shops, or at Council offices.

Special voting facilities will be available during normal office hours at the Richmond Office of Tasman District Council between Friday 20 September and Friday 11 October 2013 and from 9.00 am to 12 noon on Saturday 12 October 2013.

**For all Election enquiries please contact:**

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## TASMAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

(First past the post electoral system)

### Mayor (1 required)

CLARK	Maxwell
KEMPTHORNE	Richard (Independent)
MALING	Kit (Independent)
RICHARDS	Steve
WATSON	Gary

### Golden Bay Ward (2 required)

BOUILLIR	Martine
SANGSTER	Paul
TURNER	Reg (Independent)

### Lakes/Murchison Ward (1 required)

BRYANT	Stuart
WILSON	Sue (Independent)

### Motueka Ward (3 required)

BLACKHAM	Paul
CANTON	Peter (Independent)
DOWLER	Barry
FORDE	Tara
FRANCIS	Rob (Independent)
INGLIS	Jack
JEWELL	Gail

### Moutere/Waimea Ward (3 required)

ENSOR	Brian
KING	Tim
NORRISS	Trevor

As the number of nominations received did not exceed the number of vacancies, Brian ENSOR, Tim KING and Trevor NORRISS are declared elected unopposed as Members for the Moutere/Waimea Ward of the Tasman District Council.

### Richmond Ward (4 required)

CUMPSTONE	John
CURRIE	Gordon
EDGAR	Judene
GREENING	Mark
HIGGINS	Michael
MIRFIN	Zane Stuart (Independent)
PUGH	Janine
TURLEY	Alan

### Golden Bay Community Board (4 required)

BLACKIE	Alan
DELCEG	Michael
GAMBY	Leigh
GOWLAND	Dave
JOHNSTON	Lynne
MCLELLAN	Carolyn
PAWLEY	Jon

### Motueka Community Board (4 required)

COLE	Anna Louise
GLEW	Linda (Independent)
HAWKES	Paul
HORRELL	Richard Charles
LEEGWATER	Boris
LELONG	Dave
LODER	Russell (Independent)
OGILVIE	David
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# Rural Land Use and Subdivision

**Over the last 15 years the Tasman District has experienced continuing pressure for subdivision and development, particularly residential development, in rural areas including on land with high productive value.**

This is a powerful force for change in rural areas and the Council wants to discuss with the community to decide what you want to see happen, now and for the future. It is an issue that affects the whole District not just rural areas.

The main areas of change revolve around what people can do with their land and how this affects productive opportunities. In some rural areas which have become relatively urbanised, there is fragmentation of productive land; a decline in the amount of land available for soil-based production; and cross boundary effects from diverse and competing land uses.

Also, there are ongoing changes in the nature of productive activities. Some land is being farmed more intensively and more land is being used for horticulture and dairying than in the past.

As a result of these challenges, the Council has started a community engagement process to obtain information about:

- How rural housing rules could be changed to reflect demands from the rural community;

- The value to be placed on retaining productive land for productive purposes while managing the demand for subdivision; and
- How best to manage the effects of business activities in rural areas.

This is the first stage of a thorough review in which the preferences of the Tasman community are being sought. This round of consultation is focussed on setting a direction for the development of draft planning proposals. This is the beginning of a conversation, forming part of a plan change process that will provide various opportunities for people to contribute as it unfolds.

The Council has developed printed and online material to help those wishing to contribute to this consultation process. This material includes a background information paper and an issues and options discussion document which enables people to indicate preferences and comment on a number of key issues.

Also a number of public meetings are being held throughout the District where we will be having a discussion about the issues and options. The meeting schedule is set out below. At most of the venues, the meetings will have two parts. The first part will provide people with the opportunity to drop in and discuss matters with key staff. In the second part, a short Council presentation on issues and options will be followed by a workshop session.

**Further information can be found on Council's website [www.tasman.govt.nz](http://www.tasman.govt.nz)**



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# Rules Review

## Drop in sessions and public meetings

Venue	Date	Time
Riwaka Hall	9 September 2013	Public Meeting: 7.00 pm – 8.30 pm
Brightwater Hall	10 September 2013	Drop in Session: 3.00 pm – 5.00 pm Public Meeting: 7.00 pm – 8.30 pm
Ngatimoti Hall	11 September 2013	Drop in Session: 3.00 pm – 5.00 pm Public Meeting: 7.00 pm – 8.30 pm
Murchison, Beechwoods Cafe	13 September 2013	Drop in Session: 1.00 pm – 3.00 pm
Tapawera Centre	16 September 2013	Public Meeting: 7.00 pm – 8.30 pm
Takaka Bowling Club	17 September 2013	Drop in Session: 3.00 pm – 5.00 pm Public Meeting: 7.00 pm – 8.30 pm
Lower Moutere Hall	19 September 2013	Drop in Session: 3.00 pm – 5.00 pm Public Meeting: 7.00 pm – 8.30 pm
Richmond Council Chambers	20 September 2013	Public Meeting: 7.00 pm – 8.30 pm

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# Pest of the Month – Boneseed

**Boneseed (*Chrysanthemoides monilifera*) is a native of South Africa and was introduced as a garden plant for its yellow daisy-like flowers. It forms a 2-3 metre high shrub with ribbed stems and woolly serrated leathery leaves. Its attractive bright yellow flowers appear from September to February and this aids identification and locating infestations.**

Bone seed is found in coastal sites where it tolerates shallow soils, rock outcrops, salt-laden winds, fire and drought. It rapidly colonises disturbed sites and outgrows native plants. Boneseed is readily spread by birds that eat the black fleshy berries, each containing one large seed, which is then passed by the bird, some distance from the parent plant. The seeds have a very hard coating, hence the name boneseed. This coating allows the seed to remain viable for a long time.

Plants are relatively easy to control as you can hand pull them when they are flowering, before they form seed. Leave them to dry and rot down. If seed is present, remove and destroy it. Plants that are too large to be pulled can be cut off at ground level and the stump treated with 100 ml per litre of glyphosate or Vigilant gel.

In our region, the Nelson Port Hills Containment Area has a major infestation where boneseed is too widely spread to justify treatment. Outside this containment area, occupiers must control all plants. This includes Rabbit Island, Kina Beach and Peninsula, Jackett Island, Motueka, Kaiterteri, Pohara, Parapara and Collingwood.

The Tasman-Nelson Regional Pest Management Strategy has classified boneseed as a Progressive Control plant, which requires occupiers to control it outside of the Nelson Port Hills Containment Area. Occupiers who think they have the plant and want further information on control methods and herbicide types, can phone a Biosecurity Officer on Ph. 04 543 8400.



## Industry Training Graduation

**Over 50 graduates received certificates acknowledging their achievements in a broad spectrum of industries at the 2013 Industry Training Graduation, held on Tuesday 13 August 2013 at the Annesbrook Church and Community Centre.**

Industries represented included hairdressing, the electrical supply industry, building and construction, community support services, engineering and manufacturing, horticulture, civil construction, first line management and security, agrichemical, the automotive and seafood industry, retail, plumbing and gasfitting.

The Tasman and Nelson Mayors were present to acknowledge the graduates and their achievements, along with Bill Findlater, the CEO of the Nelson Regional Economic Development Agency. A large number of friends, family and employers of the graduates were also there to join in the celebrations.

The Nelson Tasman Industry Training Graduation is one of many such annual events that take place throughout the country to celebrate the individuals who have taken the time and put in the hours to attain a qualification while working in their industry of choice.

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## 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 or Service Centre. The full public notice may be found online on Council's website ([www.tasman.govt.nz](http://www.tasman.govt.nz)). Any person may make a submission on the applications in accordance with Section 96 of the Resource Management Act 1991. Submission forms are available from Council Offices, Service Centres and on Council's website. Please note that the following is an abridged advisory notice only.

**Applicant:** Gunsboro Limited

**Location:** 217 Hamama Road, Takaka

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

**Water Permit (Application RM130269)**

To take water from the Waingaro River at rates of 76 litres per second, 42,250 cubic metres per week for the irrigation of 141 hectares of pasture (and if granted, to be amalgamated with existing permit RM030073). The proposed intake site is on the described property and is located within the Marble Aquifers (Te Waikoropupu) Recharge Area.

Note: If consent is granted it would replace water permit RM120528 granted in August 2012 for a downstream pumping site outside of the Marble Aquifers (Te Waikoropupu) Recharge Area.

**Land Use Riverbed Consent (Application RM130270)**

Relates to the applicant's existing intake structure.

**Submissions due:** 4.30 pm on Friday 6 September 2013.

**Applicant:** Vodafone New Zealand Limited

**Location:** Birds Clearing, crest of Pikikiruna Range, above Pohara, Golden Bay

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

**Land Use Consent (Application RM130427)**

To establish and operate a telecommunication facility at Birds Clearing as part of the Rural Broadband Initiative.

The proposal comprises a 30 metre tall monopole mast plus lightning rod. One carousel antenna platform will be attached to the monopole at a height of approximately 28 metres accommodating up to 12 antennas.

Two 1.2 metre diameter dish antennas will be attached to the monopole at a height of 20 metres.

The permitted activity height standard for masts or poles will be exceeded by 5 metres, and the antenna platform does not comply with the 1 metre diameter standard.

The proposed facility will comply with the National Environmental Standards for Radio Frequency Emissions.

**Land Use Consent (Application RM130538)**

Earthworks for the facility will involve upgrading the access track within the site, trenching for a cable, forming a platform 12 metres x 12 metres, and excavations for the foundations of the monopole.

The site is in a Rural 2 Zone and a Land Disturbance 2 Area as defined by the Tasman Resource Management Plan.

**Submissions due:** 4.30 pm on Friday 6 September 2013.

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## Council Meetings

Agendas and Minutes for Council Meetings can be viewed on Council's website at [www.tasman.govt.nz](http://www.tasman.govt.nz)

### Community Services Committee

Tasman Council Chambers, 189 Queen Street, Richmond, Thursday 5 September 2013, 10.15 am. Public forum

### Audit Subcommittee

Tasman Council Chambers, 189 Queen Street, Richmond, Thursday 5 September 2013, 3.00 pm. No public forum

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# Mapua Recreation Reserve Tree Removal

Council's Parks and Reserves Department recently engaged a tree consultant to carry out an assessment of all the trees in Mapua Recreation Reserve (the Domain).

The population of trees in the reserve are all of a similar age and over recent years there have been tree failures due to storm damage. It was felt necessary to plan for the management of this area to ensure that in years to come we have trees coming on that are able to replace any likely failures. We are currently seeking

feedback on what the community would like to see planted in the reserve. Residents who are neighbouring the reserve will be contacted with a copy of the report.

Arborists will soon be removing the trees considered to be most hazardous and staff will be monitoring the health of the existing trees. If you would like to see a copy of the tree report or discuss these trees further please contact Kathy Tohill-Curnow on Ph. 03 543 8492 or Email [kathy.tohill-curnow@tasman.govt.nz](mailto:kathy.tohill-curnow@tasman.govt.nz)

## Engineering introductions: Dr Gill Bullock

Dr Gill Bullock is the new senior water quality officer in the Council's Engineering Department based at the Richmond office.

Originally from Burton-on-Trent in England (world-renowned for its beer brewing), Gill studied at Liverpool, Newcastle and Cranfield Universities. Her doctorate study investigated disinfection by-products caused by conventional treatment in swimming pools.

This involved using a scaled down swimming pool in the laboratory and having to mix a 'urine analogue' (fake wee - recipe provided by NASA) to dose the pool to analyse disinfection by-products. This is in no way connected to the beer brewing!

Gill moved to New Zealand in 2006 joining MWH in Nelson as an environmental scientist.

In her current role, Gill works closely with the Council's maintenance contractor, Downer, to ensure our residents have a continual supply of clean drinking water. She also manages new water connections and water quality enquiries. Gill has an in-depth knowledge of the Council's 16 water supplies - all of which require ongoing maintenance, repairs, compliance sampling and upgrades.

Gill also writes Public Health Risk Management Plans. This work involves investigating every public health risk associated with a particular water scheme along with a plan to deal with those risks.

In her future work Gill will be working on treatment plant upgrades so that the quality of the water supplied meets the New Zealand Drinking Water Standards.



Dr Gill Bullock opening a scour valve at the Pohara water supply intake

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