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Public partnership and community response wins bid for Kina

An initiative by a group of Tasman Area community citizens, supported by the Tasman District Council, has resulted in the Council successfully tendering for the Baigent reserve on the Kina Peninsula. Tenders closed on Friday 30 August 2013.

"The small group of committed Tasman area citizens sought financial and logistical support from the Council to put in a tender," said Tasman District Council Chief Executive Lindsay McKenzie. "The opportunity to secure this land and to make it available again as an open space for public use was too good to ignore, especially given the enthusiasm of the people who approached us."

Hamish Rush of the Tasman Area Community Association said he was delighted with the outcome.

"There is no 'I' in 'team' and this result proves that! An amazing combined effort by the Tasman community and the Council has enabled a public benefit to be realised that would not have been possible for either party to achieve on its own," he said.

An overwhelming response from the wider Tasman community raised \$413,000 from 140 families. This money, combined with the Council's contribution of \$332,500, resulted in a successful bid securing the reserve and enabling access for all.

"Thanks must go to all the councillors and staff who supported this bid and they should hold their heads high, as their support of the Tasman community has resulted in access to this important piece of coastal land being secured for future generations. It's been a roller coaster ride for the local community, not knowing if we would ever regain access to what has been our playground for over 70 years, and we are thankful it has finally come to an end", Mr Rush concluded.

Future management of the reserve will be controlled by the Council with input from the community. The Tasman Area Community Association wants to be the representative body for the community that will liaise with the Council on issues that arise.

The Council's contribution is to be funded equally from the Waimea/Moutere and Motueka Reserves Financial Contributions Accounts. This funding arrangement was considered appropriate as Kina reserve users are likely to be primarily from the Motueka and Waimea/Moutere areas.

Public Feedback on Urban Density in Richmond

During the first half of 2013 the Council carried out an engagement process to obtain the community's views on higher density housing in Richmond.

Feedback was sought about the type of higher density housing that could work well in Richmond and in what areas it would be suitable. The Council was also looking for feedback on the reasons it was looking into higher density forms of housing and if, and how, the Council should encourage higher density development.

There were 55 responses via the Urban Density in Richmond Questionnaire and four registrations of interest for further information on the Council's website.

Response Summary

Feedback was very positive overall and it was generally accepted that the Council could do more to encourage higher density forms of residential development.

Common themes in support:

- There is a need for more compact housing for elderly people wishing to downsize
- There needs to be recognition of the issue and problems associated with urban sprawl
- There needs to be a diversity of higher density forms, spread around different locations
- Proximity to amenities, services and public transport is important, such as around the town centre
- High quality design and construction is very important with good outdoor private/shared space
- Accessibility of housing is important for the less able-bodied, as well as easy access to amenities and services
- We should look to European countries and learn from their experience.

Areas of concerns:

- Large areas of higher density housing and uniformity create poorer 'neighbourhoods' with associated social issues
- High rise is not favoured
- Effects of shading and lack of sunshine with higher buildings affecting neighbouring properties

- Higher density housing is a form of development driven by developers for profit
 - Ability of current infrastructure to cope with higher density housing.
- Six (10%) of the submissions were negative about the concept of higher density housing in its entirety, stating that it was not the Council's business, that Richmond was large enough or that the idea was driven by greed from developers or rates revenue.

Council Decisions

Since the feedback was considered the Council has decided further work about the possibilities associated with higher density housing in Richmond should be undertaken in advance of any changes to the Council's planning documents. This will happen over the rest of 2013 and early 2014 and includes:

- Examining further the effects of higher density on existing and proposed infrastructure
- Investigating non-Resource Management Plan change options for encouraging higher density development
- Further work on the parameters that define an 'appropriate location' for higher density development
- Ongoing community engagement, including consultation with developers
- Examining policies for other similar sized towns to Richmond, particularly design guidance for higher density developments.

More Information

Copies of the full report to the Council on the Richmond Urban Density Community Feedback are available on the Council's website: www.tasman.govt.nz/link/urban-density

For more information contact policy planners:

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The Motueka Roundabout revamp

Residents may have noticed that the roundabout at the Southern entrance to Motueka has recently been given a facelift. Originally planted by community group Altrusa several years ago the formerly lovely roundabout was well overdue for updating.

While the Council's parks and reserves contractors maintain the site, as it is on a state highway, the area is owned and controlled by the New Zealand Transport Agency (NZTA) and managed on its behalf by OPUS.

Initial planning for the facelift was all done voluntarily, with the Motueka Community Board and Keep Motueka Beautiful actively involved. Local nurseryman Pete Taia (Westbank Natives) came up with a concept landscaping plan and Karina Amy (Vista Design) drew up the graphics to present to the Council.

The plan was changed slightly to allow for NZTA's requirements

and the side gardens adjacent to the roundabout were added to the project. Once the concept was approved, Pete was tasked with growing the specific varieties of plants at his nursery.

Richard Smethurst and landscaping contractors Nelmac put all the planning into action in early September, and the area was planted within a week. NZTA provided the traffic management at no cost, which in such a busy spot was a fair proportion of the overall investment. However, it was down to the volunteers at Keep Motueka Beautiful, the skill of Pete and Karina and the support of the Community Board that got the project across the line.

Together with the Motueka sign, the new landscaping creates a visually pleasing entrance to the town as a welcome to visitors and locals alike.

Funding for the project was provided by the Council and Keep Motueka Beautiful.

Godwits return celebrated

Every year, around the second week of September, the first of the godwits arrive from their breeding grounds in Alaska. To celebrate this event, the Motueka Arts Council and Ornithological Society, have planned a series of art and information activities.

Viewing of the godwits feeding in the Motueka Estuary

Date: Sunday 29 September 2013, 10.00 am – 12 noon.

Place: Old Wharf, Motueka Quay (near the Janie Seddon wreck)

The Ornithological Society members will have telescopes for you to watch the godwits feeding in the estuary. There will be a tent with information about the godwits life cycle, and photos of other birds seen in our estuaries.

Art Exhibition "Godwits, estuary and shore birds of Motueka."

Date: 2 – 29 October 2013

Place: Upstairs at The Sprig and Fern, Riwaka Hair Salon and Steph Willis Dental rooms.

Invited artists will be exhibiting and selling their works.

Photographic slide show, "Birds of the local Estuaries," by Rebecca Bowater, FPSNZ.

Date: 16 October 2013, 7.30 pm.

Place: SeniorNet rooms, 42 Pah Street, Motueka

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2013/2014 summer irrigation water metering begins soon

This message is for holders of water resource consents (water permits) in the Tasman District that are subject to water metering.

Weekly meter readings re-commence for the summer season from Monday 28 October 2013.

For those consent holders who know they are not using any water for the entire 2013-2014 water year, you will need to advise the Council of this prior to the 28 October 2013 to avoid any unnecessary follow ups.

The Council will send out a "pre-summer-season" letter to all consent holders towards the middle of October 2013:

- The pre-season letter will be sent by email for those consent holders who send returns by e-mail or through the Council's

webpage. If your email address has changed from last season please advise the Council as soon as possible.

- The pre-season letter will be sent by post to consent holders who use prepaid return cards.

If you wish to change your return method or you have any queries surrounding water metering requirements, please contact the Council as soon as possible.

The Council staff members responsible for the water metering project are:

Jim Trembath: Ph. 03 543 8412, Email: jim.trembath@tasman.govt.nz

Vicky Thorn: Ph. 03 543 8567, Email: vicky.thorn@tasman.govt.nz

Champion Road Stormwater – Project update

During the storm event of December 2011 a large amount of gravel and debris became active within the water catchment above Champion Road. This debris flowed down with the water and blocked the stormwater culverts. The result was water flowing down Champion Road and causing damage to a number of private properties.

During the April 2013 record rain event, a repeat of the 2011 flooding caused further significant damage to private properties.

Both Tasman District and Nelson City Councils agreed that a "joint solution" was the only way to resolve the problem. Tasman District Council approved funding in the 2013-2014 Annual Plan of \$500,000 for the upgrade of the stormwater culverts in upper Champion Road.

Work to Date

The existing 525mm diameter stormwater pipe has been extended and a steel debris screen is currently being made to attach to the headwall of the extended pipe. A large open grate has also been constructed to take overflow water from this culvert. This pipe replaces the smaller entrance culvert pipe that existed prior to the flooding.

The open roadside drain from 126 to 118 Champion Road has been cleaned, widened and deepened.

The small driveway entrance pipes for properties 126 and 118 Champion Road have been replaced with a single 450 mm diameter pipe.

A swale has been formed in front of 126 Champion Road.

Discussions are progressing for the installation of an additional shallow swale.

Ongoing Maintenance

Prior to any forecasted storm events Council staff will ensure the culverts are cleared out to ensure that any gravel has been removed from the downstream channel directly below the Champion Road culverts. It is estimated that between 800-1000 m³ of gravel has been removed since the April 2013 event.

In the event that the Council needs to redirect water, a supply of sandbags is stored at the culverts. There is also access to a digger at short notice.

Future Works

Council staff have been working with the Nelson City Council to provide an effective design for the replacement of the culvert and the improvements needed for the downstream water course. It has been agreed by all parties that the design must have the capacity to carry 22,000 litres/second. Council staff intend to replace the existing twin 900mm diameter culverts with a 6 metre wide box culvert. Final design of the culvert, inlet and outlet structures and rock armouring is progressing.



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Engineering introductions: Shane Jellyman

Shane Jellyman is a Water Quality Officer at Tasman District Council, working as part of the Engineering team in Richmond, overseeing structural work that is related to the flow of stormwater in our District.

Originally from Kaikoura Shane graduated from the University of Canterbury where he studied geography and hydrology – with a particular focus on the impact people have on their environment. Arriving in Nelson six years ago Shane worked for MWH, where he was part of the team that worked on Council projects. He started working in-house at the Council three months ago.

Shane is a great communicator, which is a key to success in his role. He oversees structural engineering work related to stormwater that is being carried out by Council's contractor, Downer, making sure that it achieves the desired outcome and comes in on time and on budget.

One project Shane has been working on recently is the flooding problem that was experienced on the corner of Washbourn Gardens and Oxford Street in Richmond during the last two big rain events that hit our region. This intersection flooded badly in the extremely heavy rain affecting homes, businesses and traffic flow.

Shane has worked hard to find a solution that will address the problem in a cost effective way with minimum impact on those who live close by. Oxford Street resident Kelli Campbell, one of the affected property owners says Shane has been excellent to work with. "He has kept us well informed throughout the project, and even when there were delays, Shane let us know what was happening. It has been really good dealing with him, he has been very professional and has kept to his commitment to find a solution to the flooding that has affected our property".

When he's not fixing issues with stormwater infrastructure Shane likes to go hunting, play his guitar or make home brew.

Calling Young Leaders!

Tasman District and Nelson City Councils have included a new award in the Schools category of the Tasman Nelson Environment Awards.

Do you know anyone who is currently at College and doing a great job leading change in the environment? Great leadership takes many forms – it could be someone who's formed an action group; been a spokesperson or has done something which has really made

a difference to our environment. An award of \$200 will go to the winning student. Go to the Tasman District Council website www.tasman.govt.nz/link/youth-environmental-leadership to download a nomination form – we can't wait to hear your stories. If you'd like more information or advice on what to enter, contact the Environmental Education Office on Ph. 03 543 8484 or Email: rob.francis@tasman.govt.nz

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Tasman Community Grants 2013

Tasman District Council's Community Grants closed on 30 August 2013 with 147 applications requesting a total of \$337,460 from the available pool of \$174,000.

The Tasman District Council's Grants and Community Facilities subcommittee will consider all of the applications with the applicants notified of the outcome in mid-October 2013.

Tasman District Council Community Grants provide funding support to community groups so they can deliver local projects and services.

'Use it or Lose it' Week

'Use it or Lose it' is a week of activities, events and information sessions held between Sunday 29 September – Friday 4 October 2013 in celebration of International Day of the Older Person. Come and check out some of the great activities and information available to help you stay fit – physically, mentally and socially.

All Week

Richmond Senior Citizens – 62 Oxford Street, Richmond. Quizzes, Housie, Indoor Bowls, Crafts, Lunches, Rummikub, Exercises and much more. Call Elaine Mead Ph. 03 544 5654 for more details or call in and pick up a programme Monday to Friday 10.00 am–1.00 pm.

Richmond Town Hall – All Fitness and Social Recreation Classes free this week. Ph. 03 543 3955 for more details or call in and pick up a flyer.

Nelson Bays Primary Health – Diabetes Awareness & Heart Health Education display at the Richmond Library.

Supporting Families with Mental Illness – 9.00 am–2.00 pm Tuesday and Wednesday. Come along to Supporting Families at the Community House in Decks Reserve, Motueka and find out about the range of services to support older people who are the carers of a family member who suffers from a mental illness. Drop in for information about our support group, services or for information on carers' rights. Contact Trish on Ph. 03 528 7790.

Monday 30 September

'A Game for Life' – 9.00 am – 12.00 pm at Table Tennis Stadium, Saxton Field. Social table tennis for older people – all equipment provided – wear non-marking shoes. Only \$5 includes morning tea. Call Kay Hazeldine Ph. 03 547 5066.

Drop in, Richmond Town Hall –

12.30 pm - 3.30 pm. Come and have a chat with the Sport Tasman staff at the Town Hall and find out about the range of activities for the active, not-so active or to help keep you active.

Tuesday 1 October – International Day of the Older Person

Use it or Lose it at the ASB Aquatic and Fitness Centre, Richmond. Free entry to Seniors from 9.00 am – 3.00 pm.

Age Concern – 1.30 pm - 3.30 pm at Richmond Town Hall, 9 Cambridge Street, Richmond. Come and join us for some toe-tapping entertainment and a lovely afternoon tea. RSVP to Sue Tilby Ph. 03 544 7624.

Green Prescription – 1.30 pm - 3.30 pm at Richmond Town Hall, 9 Cambridge Street, Richmond. Come and have an educational, motivational or simply supportive chat with the Nelson Bays Primary Health staff.

Wednesday 2 October

Natural Burials Talk – 2.00 pm. Come along to the Natural Burials Park at Motueka Cemetery for a short talk about the whys, whats and hows of natural burials. Dress for the weather; it's outdoors rain or shine so bring an umbrella if necessary! Also bring a folding chair if you need something to sit on. Koha.

Thursday 3 October

Diabetes Awareness & Heart Health Education talk – 2.00 pm – 4.00 pm in the Barnicoat Room, Richmond Library. Diabetes Education and Awareness Co-ordinator for Nelson Bays Primary Health, Bee Williamson is available to provide information to help raise awareness of the signs and symptoms of diabetes and help dispel the myths and beliefs surrounding diabetes.

Friday 4 October

'A Game for Life' – 9.00 am – 12.00 pm at Table Tennis Stadium, Saxton Field. Social table tennis for older people - all equipment provided - wear non-marking shoes. Only \$5 includes morning tea. Call Kay Hazeldine Ph. 03 547 5066.

'Use it or Lose it' Week is an initiative of the Nelson Tasman Positive Ageing Forum.

For more information and for activities in the Nelson area go to www.tasman.govt.nz/recreation/events

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Public Notices

Nominations for Waimea Plains Freshwater and Land Advisory Group

Do you want to be involved in decision making for water quality management in the Waimea Plains?

The Council is setting up an advisory group to enable greater involvement by the community and stakeholders in developing the water quality management provisions for Waimea water resources.

Nominations for membership on the advisory group are being invited from people with a significant interest in water management in the Plains.

The ten member advisory group will be made up of councillor and iwi representatives and eight members of the community. The purpose of the group will be to consider the existing and potential future water quality challenges in the Waimea Plains and develop solutions for managing the water quality effects of land use activities.

Any recommendations from the advisory group will contribute to further development of policy and rules in the Tasman Resource Management Plan. The Council's Environment and Planning Committee will select the Advisory Group members from the nominations received. A person seeking membership can be self-nominated or nominated by another person or organisation, however members will be appointed as individuals, not as organisation representatives. In considering membership of the group the Council will take into account the balance of interests required for:

- the geographic spread of members,
- knowledge of the range of water body uses and values, and
- the ability of the applicants to work in a collaborative, consensus-seeking manner

Further information and online application forms are available on Council's website or application forms can be obtained from Council offices.

Nominations must be received at the Council by 4.00 pm, 1 November 2013.

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Community Notices

Community Plantings

Community plantings in Tasman District are in full swing and we are keen for volunteers to lend a hand and plant for an hour or so. There will be a cup of tea after each planting. Families are welcome too, all you need is a sturdy pair of shoes and a spade if you have one. The remaining plantings for this year are:

Stephens Bay – 28 September 2013 at 10.00 am

Murchison Riverside Planting – 12 October 2013 at 10.00 am, at the end of Hotham Street

Murchison, Kahikatea Walkway – 19 October 2013 at 10.00 am, take the entrance off SH60 in front of the golf course

For further information please contact Kathy Tohill-Curnow on Ph. 03 543 8492.

Notice of Meeting – Motueka / Kiyosato Friendship Committee AGM

Monday 7 October 2013 at 7.30 pm, Tasman District Council Meeting Room, Hickmott Place, Motueka.

The Motueka / Kiyosato Friendship Committee is holding its AGM. Everyone welcome.

Council Meetings

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

Full Council (Inaugural meeting)

Tasman Council Chambers, 189 Queen Street, Richmond, Thursday 24 October 2013, 9.30 am. No public forum

Full Council

Tasman Council Chambers, 189 Queen Street, Richmond, Thursday 31 October 2013, 9.30 am. Public forum

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Correctly secure your child in an approved child restraint.	Until their 5th birthday	UNTIL THEIR 7th BIRTHDAY
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Correctly secure your child in an approved child restraint if one is available in the vehicle (and if not, in any child restraint or safety belt that is available).	From their 5th birthday until their 8th birthday	FROM THEIR 7th BIRTHDAY UNTIL THEIR 8th BIRTHDAY

These changes will help reduce preventable deaths and serious injuries to children travelling in vehicles.

Your child restraint must be fitted correctly. For expert advice contact a certified child restraint technician via www.nzta.govt.nz/childrestraints.

If you have further queries contact NZTA on Ph. 0800 822 422 or contact your local Plunket office.

Further Notice of Election

Nominations have now closed for the 2013 triennial local authority elections.

Where elections are required they will be conducted by postal voting. Voting documents were sent out to electors on the roll between 20 and 25 September 2013. Voting opened 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 are available during normal office hours at the Richmond Office of Tasman District Council until 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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Electoral Officer, Tasman District Council
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Ph. 03 543 8554
www.tasman.govt.nz

The Big Beach Clean Up is on again



Following on from successful events in previous years, this year's spring clean of our beautiful beaches is scheduled for Saturday 9 November 2013.

www.doc.govt.nz/getting-involved/events-and-awards/regional-events/nelson-tasman/

Coordinated by DOC with support from Tasman District and Nelson City Councils as well as Nelmac, this event encourages people to get hands on tidying up their favourite stretch of coastline. Online registrations opened on 9 September 2013, and information can be found on

For more information contact Janice Gravett at DOC on Ph. 03 528 1810.

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