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Ageing a positive experience

Thousands of Tasman residents turned out to the Age to Be Positive Ageing Expo in Richmond on Thursday 3 April 2014 where they took the opportunity to find out from over sixty organisations how to take full advantage of all the services and support that is available to them as they get older.

Speaking at the event the Minister for Senior Citizens, Jo Goodhew, commented on how ageing with a positive outlook is vitally important to an individual's health and wellbeing. She also discussed how, by the time a person gets to 60+ yrs old, they have a wealth of experience that it's vital we take advantage of, "You are the cornerstones of our families and communities" she said. "Too often our ageing population is compared to a natural disaster – a tsunami, a flood or a tidal wave of grey. Society has to accept that yes, there are challenges that will need addressing to ensure that our ageing population is properly catered for, but there are also huge advantages in people living longer and being active members of our society for longer. The pros absolutely outweigh the cons."

Tasman District Council has a Positive Ageing Policy, which has also been echoed in Nelson City Council's Social Wellbeing Policy, that specifically looks at the things that have a direct impact on our region's ageing population and provides direction on how to best manage them. This policy can be found at

www.tasman.govt.nz/policy/policies/nelson-tasman-positive-ageing-policy/

The Positive Ageing forum, which organised the Expo, is led by the Tasman District Council with support from Age Concern, the Ministry of Social Development and Nelson City Council.



From left: Gail Collingwood (Chair, Positive Ageing Forum), Jo Goodhew (Minister for Senior Citizens) and Mayor Richard Kempthorne open the Age to Be Positive Ageing Expo.

Message from the Mayor

Water it seems, in all its forms, is in the news this week. On the first day of the month we received a cheque from the Government in the form of a Ministry of Civil Defence and Emergency Management reimbursement of \$317,000 to support work undertaken by the Council as a result of the December 2011 weather event. This welcome support is in addition to two previous payments from the Ministry.

Moving from the world of too much water to the opposite end of the spectrum. Despite the heavy rain of Cyclone Lusi the fine weather our District has experienced since is beginning to have an effect. At the time of writing this there is talk of the Dry Weather Taskforce being reconvened with the possibility of water restrictions being re-introduced.

It is against this backdrop of extremes that we have begun initial discussions around the District's Long Term Plan, which is due next year. As cited in earlier comments we will be looking at the fundamental decisions about what the Council commits to over the next three years and how we are going to pay for it. Core to this future planning is the management of our greatest resource – water.

Recently the Council released the necessary changes to the Tasman Resource Management Plan (TRMP) as our part in the multilayer approach to the issue of managing water on the Waimea plains. The other side of the cooperative solution is the Waimea Dam (previously called the Lee Valley Dam) proposed by the Waimea

Water Augmentation Committee (WWAC). While this solution has a number of compelling benefits there is a great deal of information and discussion to be had before the Council is able to, and makes, a final decision to inform the Long Term Plan review in 2015. The Council will need to consult with our community on the funding model for the dam. Key to this will be a new economic benefit analysis. Managed by the Nelson Tasman EDA, it will review and build upon the last piece of work done in 2009 to ensure the dam provides sustainable economic benefit well beyond its investment. Following the recent change to the TRMP we now understand the area's water management regime without an augmentation solution, WWAC has provided a decade's worth of information and we are now getting to the stage where we will begin to have serious discussions with the community prior to the Long Term Plan. Watch this space.

Mayor Richard Kempthorne



Flood modelling completed

Brightwater and Wakefield are located beside the Wai-iti and Wairoa Rivers and amongst several smaller streams, such as the Pitfure. The Council has received the results of investigations into flood modelling that enable it to better understand the flood hazard in these two urban areas and surrounding rural land.

The results show the majority of the two urban areas are not likely to be affected by large flood events, however some urban and rural areas are affected by floodwaters from the main rivers and smaller streams.

The new information will be used to inform the Council's infrastructure and regulatory activities. It will also be used in the upcoming strategic development reviews being undertaken, which are looking at future development for both townships.

"The modelling has not changed the flood risk, but gives us another

tool in understanding how flood waters might affect existing and future development. It has already been used to inform the design of new developments to help provide a better level of flood protection in the future." says Tasman District Council's Resource Scientist Glenn Stevens.

Two public information sessions on the results of the flood modelling were held recently so that the local communities could learn about the results and ask questions of Council staff.

Further information on the flood modelling, including the summary report, is available at www.tasman.govt.nz/link/brightwater-wakefield-flood-hazard

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Council welcomes flood recovery aid

Tasman District Council has received \$317,000 from the Government to help pay for the damage recovery costs that came from the devastating December 2011 floods.

“Between this and the New Zealand Transport Agency we have received a huge contribution to help the District recover,” said Mayor Richard Kempthorne. “Every bit that the Government puts in through civil defence and the Transport Agency is ratepayer money that doesn’t need to be raised, so it is a tremendous help.”

Civil Defence Minister Nikki Kaye who, along with Nelson MP Nick Smith, delivered the news said the financial support would relieve pressure on ratepayers.

“Central government does sit alongside them when a major event happens and ratepayers in our view shouldn’t be bearing the cost of a major event like that,” she said. “The payments include a contribution to the on-going costs of restoring river management systems, which were severely damaged by the flooding.” This includes removing gravel, which was moved during the floods and has created buildup and dams. Work is still ongoing from the 2011 floods that severely damaged homes and roads.

The Tasman District Council has put its infrastructure costs from floods and storms at just under \$16 million since May 2010.

The 2011 event cost just over \$10 million and it has recouped \$6.7 million of that from insurers and the New Zealand Transport Agency.

Draft Annual Plan 2014/2015 – make sure you have your say

Time is running out for you to have your say on the Council’s Draft Annual Plan 2014/2015.

The closing date for submissions is 4.30 pm on Tuesday 15 April 2014.

The Council released its Draft Annual Plan for public consultation on Thursday 13 March 2014. The summary is focused on the key changes the Council is proposing from the Long Term Plan 2012-2022, and the Council wants to know what you think. Your views will help guide its decision-making.

The Draft Annual Plan and Draft Annual Plan Summary are available for viewing on the Council’s website, www.tasman.govt.nz and during normal office hours at the following Tasman District Council Service Centres:

- Richmond, 189 Queen Street, Richmond
- Motueka, 7 Hickmott Place, Motueka
- Takaka, 14 Junction Street, Takaka
- Murchison, 92 Fairfax Street, Murchison

And libraries:

- District Library, Queen Street, Richmond
- Motueka Library, Pah Street, Motueka
- Takaka Memorial Library, Junction Street, Takaka.

The Draft Annual Plan 2014/2015 is a large document and the Council encourages people to view it electronically to minimise production costs. It can be downloaded from the Council’s website.

To ensure your submission is received on time please deliver it to your local Tasman District Council Service Centre; or email to annualplan@tasman.govt.nz; or fax to 03 543 8560.

Submission forms are available on the Council’s website and in the Newsline Draft Annual Plan Summary which was delivered to all properties in the Tasman District on 21 March 2014.



Pest of the month: Bathurst Bur (*Xanthium spinosum*)

Bathurst bur was recently found at a number of sites in the Appleby area. It is a particularly unpleasant pest plant that produces spines and burs. It is present in very low numbers throughout much of the North Island and parts of the South Island. It is still relatively rare in the Tasman-Nelson region, but it provided a reminder of the difficulty of achieving eradication. It is a native of South America that is thought to have arrived in New Zealand via Australia around 1863 as a contaminant in crop or pasture seed.

Bathurst bur is a distinctive multi-branched annual bush that can grow up to 1m high. Leaves are dark green on the upper surface, up to 7cm long and usually three-lobed. The stems carry one or two three-pronged yellow spines (15–50mm long) at the base of each leaf stalk. Flowers are creamy green and small, developing into brown coloured burs, 1-1.5cm long, with numerous small hooked spines (2–3mm long). The burs attach to wool, fur, clothing and any fibrous material. Two seeds are contained in each bur. Unusually, one seed will germinate in late spring while the other will germinate 2–3 years later but can remain dormant for up to 15 years, presumably a means of ensuring its survival during extended periods of drought.

The burs contaminate wool and can break shearers combs while the spines can damage the feet of stock and are a nuisance to pickers of hand-harvested crops. Bathurst bur competes strongly with many summer crops (it is a contaminant of maize and sorghum seed) and acts as a host of

some fungal diseases of horticultural crops. Seedlings, when very small, are known to be poisonous to stock, especially horses and pigs.

Bathurst bur is classified as a Total Control Pest in the Tasman-Nelson Regional Pest Management Strategy and occupiers are required to destroy all plants. Occupiers that suspect they have Bathurst bur on their property should contact a Biosecurity Officer at the Council on Ph. 03 543 8400 who can assist with its control and undertake further surveillance.



Bathurst Bur

Kerbside collections and Resource Recovery Centre opening hours over Easter

Opening hours and some collection days will be changing over the Easter weekend. All of the Council's Resource Recovery Centres will be closed on Good Friday, and Friday collections will be delayed until Saturday 19 April 2014. On all other days over the Easter and ANZAC weekends normal hours will apply.

	Resource Recovery Centres	Kerbside recycling and rubbish bags
Good Friday (18 April)	CLOSED	No collections – now on Saturday
Saturday 19 April	Normal hours	Collections
Easter Sunday (20 April)	Normal hours	No collections
Easter Monday (21 April)	Normal hours	Normal collections
ANZAC Day (Friday 25 April)	Normal hours	Normal collections

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World War One Roll of Honour launched

2014 is the 100th anniversary of the start of World War One. Although the battlefields were on the other side of the world, the War had a devastating effect on New Zealand society. Nearly 2,500 people from the Nelson-Tasman area served in some capacity. Most households had a family member serve or die in the war. Nearly one in five who served did not return.

As part of the centenary commemorations, Tasman District Libraries staff have digitized the World War One section of Cyd Daughtrey and Eileen Thawley's 'Roll of Honour' series.

The Roll of Honour contains information about the servicemen from Tasman and Nelson who were killed during the war. With links to further information about each soldier, you'll find the Roll of Honour on the library website in the Heritage section at Local History - Kete Tasman.

As well as viewing the Roll of Honour, you can also add your own family photographs, letters, or personal stories to the Kete. The Imaginarium at Richmond Library has sound recording, scanning and slide scanning equipment that you can use free of charge to turn your World War One materials into digital formats.

From April onwards, you can book Richmond Library staff to assist you to digitize and upload your family materials to Kete Tasman. For more information contact Karen Dickerson or Louise Gribbon at Richmond Library on Ph. 03 543 8500.

Easter hours

All Tasman Libraries will be closed on Friday 18 and Monday 21 April 2014 for the Easter break. The libraries will also be closed on Friday 25 April 2014 for Anzac Day.

Head to your local library and stock up on your holiday reading today!

School holidays

Yes, it's that time again! School holidays are almost here. And once again your library has a range of fun activities available for the children in your family. From storytimes to fabulous musical entertainment you're sure to find something of interest. Full details are at the library website Events page www.tasmanlibraries.govt.nz

And of course it's always worth visiting the library to browse among the exciting range of picture books, talking books, magazines and music for kids that's on offer. Why not try our great range of children's graphic novels or pick up a kids' DVD to while away a rainy afternoon.

Your library – opening worlds of imagination and inspiration

Teen Bingo at your library

Back at school and finding yourself in a reading rut? Can't figure out what to read next?

Challenge yourself to read more, to read something different and to have fun doing it! Teen Bingo is starting at Richmond, Motueka and Takaka libraries!

All you have to do is pick up a card, read books that match the descriptions and fill in the squares. Complete the first line on your bingo card and receive a spot prize. Finish the whole card and you go into the draw for prizes announced during Youth Week 2014.

Teen Bingo is open to any secondary school student. You can register online at the library website and download the bingo card. Or head into your library and ask to take up the challenge!

This teen promotion starts on Monday 14 April and ends Friday 16 May 2014.

World War One short story competition

As part of our World War One commemorations, Tasman District Libraries are joining forces with Nelson Public Libraries and Page & Blackmore Booksellers to run a short story competition: Nelson at War.

Local writers aged over 18 are invited to write a short story set in the Nelson region during or immediately after, and relating to, the First World War. There is no minimum word count, but stories must be no longer than 1500 words. Stories can be submitted electronically or in hard copy and must reach us by 4.00 pm Friday 30 August 2014.

A shortlist of ten stories will be selected and published on the libraries' OverDrive site. The winner and two runners-up will receive books supplied by Page & Blackmore Booksellers. Winners will be announced on Thursday 16 October 2014.

You'll find full information, competition terms and conditions and entry forms at your library website from 28 April 2014.

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Public Notices

Proposed Rates Remissions Policies Released

Statements of Proposal for:

- Policy on Remission on Low Value Properties (those valued at less than \$4,500)**
- Policy on Remission of Rates for Sporting, Recreation or Community Organisations**
- Policy for Early Payment of Rates in the Current Financial Year**
- Policy on Remission of Rates on Land Protected for Natural Conservation Purposes**

The Statements of Proposal for the above Rating policies are to improve the administration and reduce the costs of Council's Rating system.

The Council approved the four Statements of Proposal for public consultation at its meeting on 19 February 2014. The full Statements of Proposal are set out in the Draft Annual Plan 2014/2015 and a Summary of Information is contained in the special edition of Newsline dated 21 March 2014.

The above documents are available for viewing on the Council's website at www.tasman.govt.nz and during normal office hours at the following Tasman District Council Service Centres:

- Richmond, 189 Queen Street, Richmond
- Motueka, 7 Hickmott Place, Motueka
- Takaka, 14 Junction Street, Takaka
- Murchison, 92 Fairfax Street, Murchison

And libraries:

- District Library, Queen Street, Richmond
- Motueka Library, Pah Street, Motueka
- Takaka Memorial Library, Junction Street, Takaka.

Submissions are invited on the Draft Annual Plan and/or the four proposed rating policies, and must be received by 4.30 pm on 15 April 2014. Please post to:

Submissions on 2014/2015 Draft Annual Plan
Tasman District Council, Private Bay 4, Richmond 7050

Or deliver to your local Tasman District Council Service Centre; or email to annualplan@tasman.govt.nz

Submission forms are available on the Council's website and in the Newsline Summary, Draft Annual Plan 2014/2015 and 17 Settlements document.

Nominations sought for Richmond Residential Density Advisory Group

Ensuring there is a range of accessible and affordable housing forms in Richmond is a significant issue for the community. Would you like to play a part in considering how this is achieved?

The Council is setting up an advisory group to facilitate community and professional involvement in the Richmond Residential Density project. The advisory group will assist in the consideration of where and how higher density housing in Richmond should be managed by the Council.

Nominations for membership of the advisory group are being invited from people with an interest in Richmond's housing market. The 14 member group will be made up of nine external representatives from relevant professional bodies, the community and Iwi together with one ward Councillor and four Council officers.

The key document informing the advisory group is the Richmond Urban Density Investigation Report of 2012.

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.

Nominees should fill out the online application or print out the pdf version and send it to the Council. Go to www.tasman.govt.nz and search 'Richmond Density'.

Nominations must be received by 4.00 pm, Thursday 17 April 2014.

Situations Vacant

Kina Reserve Caretaker

Expressions of Interest are invited for a part-time caretaker to live at the Kina Reserve to undertake tasks associated with camping in the Reserve.

You will have to provide your own self-contained accommodation or live nearby.

Further information is available by contacting Francie Wafer on Ph. 03 543 8468 or by writing to her at:

Tasman District Council
Private Bag 4, Richmond, Nelson 7050.

Expressions of Interest close on Tuesday 22 April 2014.

Road Closures

Proposed Closure of Road to Vehicle Traffic

In accordance with the Transport (Vehicle Road Closure) Regulations 1965, the public is advised that for the purpose of allowing the Nelson Car Club Inc to hold a motor sport event the following road will be closed to ordinary vehicles for the periods and times indicated below.

Proposed Road to be closed to Ordinary Vehicles and Period of Closure

Tadmore-Glenhope Road 4.3 km from the intersection of SH6 and 2.7 km south from the intersection of Tui, Kereru and Tadmore-Glenhope Roads.

From 8.00 am to 5.00 pm on Saturday 3 May 2014.

Any person objecting to the proposal should lodge notice of their objection before Friday 18 April 2014 to the office of the Tasman District Council, 189 Queen Street, Richmond.

Community Notices

Mapua Easter Fair

Sunday 20 April 2014, Mapua Domain.

Come and join in on a great day of food, crafts and festivities. It's a fun day out for all with over 300 crafts and food stalls on offer as well as Fairy Grotto, Children's Area, Cafe, Main Stage, Chocolate Wheel, Raffles and so much more. Enjoy a fantastic Easter at one of the country's largest family friendly one day events.

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Public Notices

Triennial Election dates for Community Hall and Reserve Committees 2014

Brightwater Recreation Reserve and Hall Committee
7.30 pm, Monday 14 April 2014, Brightwater Hall.

Onekaka Hall Management Committee
7.30 pm, Monday 14 April, Onekaka Hall.

Upper Takaka Recreation Reserve Committee
7.00 pm, Tuesday 15 April 2014, Upper Takaka Hall.

Tapawera Recreation Reserve and Hall Management Committee
7.30 pm, Tuesday 15 April 2014, Memorial Hall, Tapawera.

Kotinga Hall Management Committee
7.30 pm, Wednesday 23 April, Kotinga Hall.

Tasman Speed Control Bylaw consultation begins

The Council is looking to begin consulting on amendments to the current Speed Control Bylaw.

As part of the first stage of the process the Council is running a pre-engagement exercise. The views of Tasman communities are being sought on any areas they consider a speed limit review could be included as part of any changes put forward under the special consultative process. The Council is interested in your thoughts. Responses are required by 30 May 2014 as part of the first part of the community engagement process.

Submissions can be made either via the online submission form found on the Council's website or by completing forms located at Council Service Centres and libraries.

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Council Meetings

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

Full Council

Tasman Council Chambers, 189 Queen Street, Richmond, Thursday 17 April 2014, 9.30 am. Public forum

Corporate Services Committee

Tasman Council Chambers, 189 Queen Street, Richmond, Thursday 24 April 2014, 9.30 am. Public forum

Full Council – Annual Plan Hearings

Murchison Sport Recreation & Cultural Centre, Waller Street, Murchison, Wednesday 30 April 2014, 10.30 am. No public forum

Full Council – Annual Plan Hearings

Motueka Memorial Hall, 12 Pah Street, Motueka, Thursday 1 May 2014, 9.30 am. No public forum

Full Council – Annual Plan Hearings

Tasman Council Chambers, 189 Queen Street, Richmond, Friday 2 May 2014, 9.30 am. No public forum

Full Council – Annual Plan Hearings

Takaka Fire Station Hall, 6 Motupipi Street, Takaka, Monday 5 May 2014, 10.00 am. No public forum

Full Council – Annual Plan Hearings

Takaka Fire Station Hall, 6 Motupipi Street, Takaka, Tuesday 6 May 2014, 10.00 am. No public forum

Full Council – Annual Plan Hearings

Tasman Council Chambers, 189 Queen Street, Richmond, Wednesday 7 May 2014, 9.30 am. No public forum

Community Development Committee

Tasman Council Chambers, 189 Queen Street, Richmond, Thursday 8 May 2014, 9.30 am. Public forum

Communications Subcommittee

Tasman Council Chambers, 189 Queen Street, Richmond, Thursday 8 May 2014 at conclusion of Community Development or 1.30 pm. No public forum

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Hard work and vision pays off

After years of effort, Hoddy Estuary Park was officially opened for public use at the end of March.

Speaking at the opening Cr Judene Edgar said the park, which has been vested in the Council as a reserve, was a wonderful gift to the people of the Tasman District. It was the result of years of 'great collaborative work' between the Hoddy Park Estuary Trust members, the Hoddy family, and motivated individuals and organisations.

The land has been transformed through plantings, revegetation, pathways and the addition of public toilets, to become a peaceful place to enjoy nature at its best. It features a lake with a boardwalk and viewing platforms, a large grassed meadow area with native plantings and picnic benches. It also includes a wetland area, which will provide habitat for endangered species such as the Banded Rail.

Special tribute was paid to the Hoddy Park Estuary Trust members, including founding chair Peter Owen, current chair Simon Jones, and MP and Patron Nick Smith.

Other organisations who have contributed include the Waimea South Garden Club, Canterbury Community Trust, Richmond Rotary, Mapua Sea Scouts and the Tasman District Council.

The land was part of the Appleby Research Orchard, funded by the Government and supported by industry, to help establish apples as a major export crop for the region and the country. The 4.5ha block, which adjoins the Waimea Estuary on the Appleby Coast was set to be developed for housing before the Trust stepped in to preserve the land as a public reserve. The park is named after a highly respected orchardist, the late Peter Hoddy.

"Share the road" truck road safety project

On Monday 31 March 2014 nearly 400 Golden Bay children, teachers and parents took part in a truck road safety project at Takaka High School.

Fulton Hogan kindly brought one of their new trucks and a digger along and Gerry Tonkin from the Police introduced the session and talked to the children about truck blind spots and just how hard it can be for a truck driver to see children near their truck. Each child was then given the opportunity to sit in the cab of the truck and experience this for themselves.

Krista Hobday from Tasman District Council organised for the schools to have this opportunity, but would like to express thanks to the team at Fulton Hogan, Gerry and the schools that allowed their students the time to take part, especially those schools that had to travel to take part in this project.



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