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First World War history, stories and images preserved

A database of people from Nelson/Tasman who served in WW1 is now available for public searching having been launched in April by Mayor Richard Kempthorne, Nelson Mayor Rachel Reese and Nelson City Councillor Ian Barker.

The database lists the names of more than 2,500 men and women from the region who served during the First World War. The database is the end product of many years work by regional researchers and genealogists and includes the names of nurses, soldiers, Padres, and those men and women who served with Australian forces, the Royal Navy and the flying services of England.

It is one of the most complete records of any province in the country and is a tangible way of keeping alive the details and stories of those who served our region, and country.

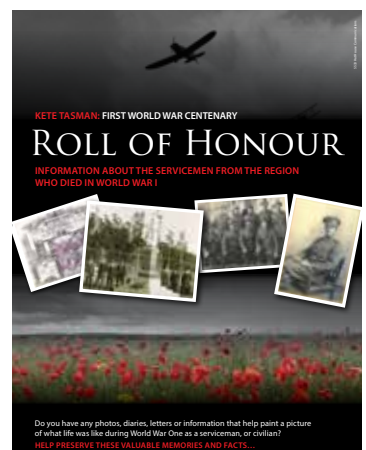
“I would like to congratulate all those who have put considerable time and effort into this very worthwhile project, with special thanks to the Tasman residents who were involved - Eileen Thawley, Syd Daughtrey, Coralie Smith, Pat O’Shea plus Mike and Cheryl Carnahan” said Mayor Kempthorne.

“This database started as physical lists of names derived from Memorials in the District and is now available for all to search online. Families of those who served in the First World War can also contribute their information, so that the valuable facts, experiences and images can be documented, preserved and added to our country’s history.”

For more information about WW1 activities and information at the Nelson Provincial Museum go to www.nelsonmuseum.co.nz/ww100

The names and stories documented as part of this project have also been used in creating an important community resource – Kete Tasman – held by Tasman District Libraries. You can find out more information on Kete Tasman at www.tasmanlibraries.govt.nz

The Nelson Provincial Museum is a Council-Controlled organisation with its shareholding structured as a 50/50 partnership between Tasman District Council and Nelson City Council.



Message from the Mayor

The Council has just completed hearing submitters to the Draft Annual Plan. Held in different venues throughout the District the hearing process provides submitters with the opportunity to further explain their submission and for myself and my fellow elected members the opportunity to ask questions. While many written submissions have been received, read and analysed, the hearings can provide submitters a further opportunity to highlight key points in their submission.

As stated before, this Draft Annual Plan is a continuation of the theme set last year, however it will not make the hard decisions any easier. The imperative to reduce our reliance on debt and keep rates to an affordable level will require a number of hard decisions to be made. We can't afford to fund everything within the District and the decisions required will need to be made on a priority basis. Unfortunately that is not going to make everybody happy.

We recently experienced a storm over Easter. Once again some areas of the District were hit worse than others, with a number of people losing the opportunity for a break only to spend the rest of the week cleaning up again. And once again we should be thankful for the contractors, Council staff, emergency services and residents who gave up their holidays to work through the five days to ensure lifelines were intact, roads were open and people were cared for where needed. Also once again we are assessing the repairs and the cost.

Mayor Richard Kempthorne



Cyclone Ita – the wind and the rain

The storm created by the tail of Cyclone Ita hit the region on the Thursday before Easter. And, while well forecast, there was certainly a sting in its tail.

After a period of consistent rain and severe wind, and related storm surges on Thursday/Friday, there was some promise of relenting weather conditions so people could enjoy the rest of the Easter break. Mid-morning Friday, as if according to a playbook, the rain did in fact ease and rivers began to recede.

Then the sting came and it became very apparent the rain was not going to stop in Golden Bay or in the ranges above Motueka, around Mount Arthur ranges, the Takaka Hill and further north. The rain became relentless and the rivers rose rapidly, most notably the Upper Takaka, Anatoki, Waingarō Wangapeka, Baton and Motueka rivers and the streams and creeks that fed them.

Surface flooding occurred, and slips onto the surrounding roads began to occur, effectively cutting people off. By Saturday afternoon, after two days of responding to emergency response calls, Civil Defence, Council staff, contractors and emergency services were able to move into repair mode.

There was a variety of damage around the District, particularly in the ranges and on the coastal margins, some of which will be the subject of

discussion and work for some time. Of note, the Graham Valley road will remain closed for some weeks to anybody but residents and contractors and a number of the roads in that area, including roads through the Baton and Wangapeka, will be the subject of clean up activity for the same period.

As the Baton and Wangapeka rivers feed the Motueka River the Motueka West Bank area was impacted, as was the Riwaka area, particularly near the Resurgence.

A number of Golden Bay roads from the bottom of the Takaka hill through to just north of the town were most affected with surface flooding and closures. The damage caused will be visible and disruptive to traffic as repairs are carried out.

Within our reserves the most significant areas of damage were Rabbit Island, Stephens Bay and Parapara Esplanade. Throughout the District storm damage occurred to varying degrees; Rabbit Island – the majority of the 28 beach accessways require rebuilding where over 2 metres of dunes was eroded and many posts were snapped off, bent over or ripped out.

At Stephens Bay Reserve, the front beach completely washed away, and the bank on the esplanade reserve has slipped quite badly. Little Kaiteriteri saw minor damage, however the toilet block steps at Marahau have been undermined and will require repair.

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Torrent Bay – most of the protective plantings have been buried by sand rather than being eroded away. Erosion that did occur was relatively minor, though some fences and accessways will need to be repaired.

McKee and Kina Reserves – Gravel and debris has been washed into the reserves with only minor damage to the five beach accessways despite being clogged.

The Motueka foreshore came through relatively unscathed with one washout of cycleway/walkway path at the Staples Street end.

In Golden Bay there was varying damage in the reserves on the eastern side. Compared with the number of trees felled in Tata beach, Ligar Bay, Pohara and Clifton the beach erosion was relatively minor. It was a different story on the western side of the Bay with erosion and debris being the key damage predominantly due to storm surge from Rangihaeta Road north, with Parapara Esplanade and the Puponga – Collingwood Road most affected.

The true cost of the storm will not be known for a few weeks. Despite some assistance from Civil Defence and insurers there will be a financial impact to be taken account of in the latest Annual Plan.



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Managing farm and horticultural plastics

Plastic containers used on-farm for things like pesticides, herbicides and animal drenches can mount up fairly quickly and become a real problem for landowners. Another source of plastic waste that can become a challenge to manage is the plastic used to wrap silage bales. The good news is that there are easy to use and sustainable ways of managing these plastic wastes in Tasman.

Agrecovery provides an excellent rural recycling programme for plastic chemical containers. You can drop your used containers off at any of the collection centres **free of charge** where the manufacturer is part of Agrecovery. If the container isn't part of the Agrecovery programme you can still drop it off for a small fee. It is important that you remember to triple rinse your containers. If your farm produces a large amount of containers, you can arrange with Agrecovery to make a collection directly from your property.

The collection centres in Tasman are at:

Takaka: Rural Service Centre, 64 Meihana Street

Motueka: Mariri Resource Recovery Park, Robinson Road

Richmond: Richmond Transfer Station, Beach Road

Murchison: PGG Wrightson, 46 Hotham Street

More details about Agrecovery can be found at www.agrecovery.co.nz or by phoning 0800 247 326.

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if not managed well. Plasbak provides plastic bags and drums to put this material into and keep it neat and tidy between collections. A pack of three liners costs \$52 and the collection cost is \$40 plus gst per liner. These are available online or from your local rural farm supplier. You can get more information about Plasback on its webpage www.plasback.co.nz or by phoning 0508 338 240. Start thinking about how you are going to manage your silage wrap before you begin your winter feeding.

You may also have an Agrecovery bag for silage plastic. Agrecovery customers are reminded that the Agrecovery Silage Wrap Recycling programme is being discontinued. The final date for booking free collection of an Agrecovery recycling bag is 30 June 2014. Plasbak will continue to offer silage wrap collection after this date.

Don't forget that burning this sort of farm plastic waste has been banned in Tasman District. These two plastic recycling programmes are nationwide product stewardship programmes for these waste streams and provide sustainable waste management options for farmers.

Engineering Introductions – Ian McComb

Ian has worked as an Activity Planning Advisor at Tasman District Council for eight months, previously performing a similar role at Hamilton City Council for six years.



Ian's prime area of expertise is water – including drinking water, storm water and waste water. His main job is to undertake the forward planning

for engineering projects that have water as a key element. An example would be the Motueka and Takaka Wastewater Treatment Plants.

Ian has a key role in developing Tasman District Council's Activity Management Plans (AMP). AMP's provide the base information the Council needs when it is preparing its Annual and Long Term Plans.

An AMP describes the activity to be undertaken in each area, and identifies the assets needed. For example, water supply activity is dependent on the Council having water intakes, water treatment plants, pipes, and so on. AMPs also outline the performance measures the Council will monitor to check whether the activity is delivering the proposed level of service, and provide information on how the activity will be funded.

Ian is also currently working on preparing a Catchment Management Plan for the Richmond area. This includes reviewing recent flooding events and also water quality and environmental issues. This information, once fully mapped, will enable the Council to better manage its storm water infrastructure and catchments.

Ian is a keen cycle commuter, enjoying his ride along the railway reserve cycle trail from Nelson to Richmond. "It's a great way to start the day," said Ian. "I moved to the Nelson/Tasman region for many of the reasons a lot of people do – to enjoy the amazing countryside, great weather and creative atmosphere. My job really connects me to local issues and riding to work enhances that feeling. Some of the mapping work I'm involved in currently revolves around the area the cycle trail runs through so riding via that route each day often gets the brain working even before I get to work." His main interest outside work is medieval re-enactment including archery and traditional crafts like wood turning.

Writechoices

NZ Post Children's Book Awards events

It's Book Awards season again and first out of the blocks is the NZ Post Children's Book Awards. Richmond and Motueka libraries are celebrating our local writers' creativity with special evening storytimes. Bookings are essential for these. Plus we have an extra-special Saturday afternoon event with a hunting and fishing theme at Richmond on 17 May 2014. For full details go to the Events section of the library website www.tasmanlibraries.govt.nz.

Historic pub crawl – minus the beer!

Check out the 'Historic pub crawl of Tasman' display at Richmond Library during May. On show are photographs of historic hotels and inns in the Tasman region from the library's Waimea South collection and Nelson Provincial Museum's photographic collection. In addition there are various objects on display in the glass cabinets, including old bottles and other items recovered from an archaeological excavation of Richmond's Railway Hotel during its demolition in 2009. And you can browse a selection of books on pubs, beer, cider, wine, home brewing and bottle collecting. Thanks to Nelson Provincial Museum for its support and the loan of items for display.

Teen Bingo

Challenge yourself to read more, to read something different and to have fun doing it. Teen Bingo is on at Richmond, Motueka and Takaka libraries. There's still time to enter but you'll need to read fast. Teen Bingo finishes on 16 May 2014.

Teen Bingo is open to any Tasman secondary school student. All you have to do is register at the library website, download 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.

Law for lunch at Takaka Library

Do you have questions about wills and estates? Do you understand how relationship property law works? Head into Takaka Library on Thursday 29 May 2014 to find out more.

Peter Riley from Nelson Bays Community Law Service will be presenting two sessions, one on wills and estates from 12.00 pm – 1.00 pm and the other on relationship property from 1.10 pm – 2.00 pm. You're welcome to come along to both sessions or just one. Feel free to bring your lunch.

Learn another language online

We've just introduced another way for you to learn languages at the library alongside our more traditional books and CDs.

Eurotalk is a new e-resource available to you with your library card 24/7 via the library website.

Whether it's for travel, business or fun, Eurotalk Online helps you learn new words and phrases fast. Ranging from beginners to intermediate level, Eurotalk combines video with interactive speaking and listening exercises. There are 10 languages available from French to Arabic to Thai and including te reo Māori. You'll find Eurotalk in the e-library – e-resources A-Z section of the library website. Go to Eurotalk Getting Started page to find out how to register.

Your library – bringing you a world of new experiences

World War 1 short story competition

As part of our World War 1 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.

Queen's Birthday holiday

All Tasman libraries will be closed on Monday 2 June 2014 for the Queen's Birthday. Stock up on library books, DVDs and magazines in plenty of time and enjoy a relaxing long weekend.

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Public Notices

Notice of Intention to Grant a Lease for Part of Tapawera Recreation Reserve

Notice is given of the Tasman District Council's intention to grant a lease of part of the Tapawera Recreation Reserve, under Section 54(1)(b) of the Reserves Act 1977.

The lease area will be that formerly used by the local Scout Troop. The local Scout Troop has not been active for a number of years.

The Tapawera Menz Shed group has an agreement with Scouting NZ to acquire its building, subject to Menz Shed obtaining a lease for the land from Council.

It is intended to grant a five-year lease to the Tapawera Menz Shed, to undertake various activities associated with indoor and outdoor recreation.

The lease will be for a land area of approximately 340 square metres, and will essentially be limited to the area occupied by the existing building. The lease will only cover the land.

The ownership of the building will transfer from Scouting NZ to the Tapawera Menz Shed group if the lease is granted.

Further information may be obtained by contacting Robert Cant on Ph. 03 543 8400, or via email robert.cant@tasman.govt.nz. Written submissions or objections should also be sent to Robert Cant. Submissions or objections will be received until 4.00 pm on 11 June 2014. Please advise if you would like to be heard in relation to your submission.

A copy of this notice, together with a plan of the lease area will be available on the Council's website.

Notice of Proposal to Extend a Lease of Part of Brightwater Recreation Reserve

Tasman District Council is calling for submissions under the Reserves Act 1977, on its intention to extend a lease of part of the Brightwater Recreation Reserve.

The Wanderers Sports Club currently has a lease on Centennial Park in Brightwater. The Club has requested an extension of the lease area to accommodate building extensions. The extensions would be built behind the southern wall of the current changing rooms. The extensions will provide for extra changing facilities and a 'warm up room'. A small extension to the existing deck is also planned.

If the club is granted an extension to its lease area, it will begin the task of fund raising for the extensions. The physical improvements are likely to gradually occur as demand and money allows. Any changes to the building are likely to be some time in the future, and will require normal building consents.

The extensions will require the relocation of an existing shed.

Plans of the proposed extensions and any other further information can be obtained by contacting Robert Cant on 03 543 8400, or via email robert.cant@tasman.govt.nz. Written submissions or objections should also be sent to Robert Cant. Submissions or objections will be received until 4.00 pm on 11 June 2014. Please advise if you would like to be heard in relation to your submission if a hearing is required.

Copies of this notice, plus plans of the proposed extensions, will also be available on the Council's website

Water metering

The Measurement and Reporting of Water Takes Regulations 2010 requires the reporting of water use for the whole calendar year, from 1 July to 30 June each year, rather than just the historical summer season.

For Consent holders who use water all year around e.g. industry and frost protection, you are required to make water meter returns each and every week.

To assist you in meeting the Regulation requirement of weekly readings during winter, the Council will accept a final reading and duplicate this reading through until Spring when water use generally commences again.

Telling the Council when water use ends is very important so that the Council's discretion can work. If you commence water use prior to Spring please contact the Council also. Ph. 03 543 8400

For Consent holders who have ceased water use please supply a final reading. For those who have already let the Council know you have ceased water use, thank you.



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Public Notices

Triennial Election dates for Community Hall and Reserve Committees 2014

Lake Rotoiti Community Hall Management Committee
7.30 pm, Friday 23 May, Lake Rotoiti Community Hall.

Notice of meeting – Keep Richmond Beautiful AGM

Tuesday 13 May 2014, Council Chambers. Afternoon tea starts at 2.45 pm with the main meeting starting at 3.00 pm. Peter Wilks presentation at 3.30 pm.

Tasman Speed Control Bylaw consultation

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.

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

Rates reminder

Invoices for the fourth rates instalment of the 2013/2014 year were issued on 1 May 2014 and are due for payment by 31 May 2014. Payments received after 3 June 2014 will have penalties applied. If you haven't received your invoice, or would like to speak to someone about your rates, please contact the Council on P. 03 543 8400.

Keep up with the Tasman District Council Lowdown

Hear news items from the Council about current public consultations, Council and community projects, topical interviews, plus a range of notices about activities and events in the Tasman District.

Tune in to Fresh FM on Monday 11.40 am or Wednesday 5.40 pm.

Nelson-Tasman 104.8, Golden Bay 95.0.

Road Closures

Proposed Road Closure

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

Riwaka-Sandy Bay Road – from 9.00 am to 4.00 pm, Saturday 1 June 2014.

Any person objecting to the proposal should lodge notice of their objection before Friday 23 May 2014 to the office of the Tasman District Council, 189 Queen Street, Richmond.

Council Meetings

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

Golden Bay Community Board

Takaka Fire Station, Motupipi Street, Tuesday 13 May 2014, 9.00 am. Public forum

Motueka Community Board

Motueka Office, 7 Hickmott Place, Motueka, Tuesday 13 May 2014, 4.00 pm. Public forum

Engineering Services Committee

Tasman Council Chambers, 189 Queen Street, Richmond, Thursday 15 May 2014, 9.30 am. Public forum

Community Grants and Facilities Subcommittee

Tasman Council Chambers, 189 Queen Street, Richmond, Wednesday 20 May 2014, 10.00 am. No public forum

Environment and Planning Committee

Tasman Council Chambers, 189 Queen Street, Richmond, Thursday 22 May 2014, 9.30 am. Public forum

Full Council

Tasman Council Chambers, 189 Queen Street, Richmond, Thursday 29 May 2014, 9.30 am. Public forum

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Russ's corner improvements

The Council has decided to undertake a number of sign and lighting improvements to address the safety issues that have made Russ's Corner the second highest crash spot in the District.

The junction, at the intersection of Golden Hills Road and Redwood Valley Road in Waimea, has long been considered a safety black spot with local residents calling for improvements following a fatal crash in 2011, and a number of minor of crashes at the site each year.

The Council's Engineering Services Committee reviewed a number of options put before it to help increase safety at the junction and approved Improvements to the directional signage and also the street lighting.

Council staff will monitor the performance of the improvements. Other measures will be considered if safety concerns remain.

The work will be undertaken during the next 12 months.

Great white butterfly autumn breeding surge underway

The Department of Conservation (DOC) is asking Tasman residents to step up searches for the destructive great white butterfly's caterpillars and eggs, to help minimise an autumn breeding surge.

Bruce Vander Lee, who manages the Great White Butterfly eradication programme for DOC, said: 'The adult butterflies are currently laying their last round of eggs for the year. Residents can do their bit to minimise butterfly numbers this autumn by searching their gardens and reporting any sightings of eggs or caterpillars.'

'The Department has about 30 staff searching gardens, but we can't do the job alone. We've had amazing support from the Nelson Tasman community, with around 1300 reports made to the Ministry for Primary Industries hotline (0800 80 99 66) since breeding began in September.'

Currently only found in Nelson Tasman, the great white butterfly poses a serious economic and environmental risk. Left to spread, it will cost the country millions of dollars a year to protect commercial vegetable crops and threatened native plants, and put 300,000 hectares of forage crops for the meat and dairy industries under threat. Even the local home gardener is vulnerable.

Mr Vander Lee said: 'Because the adult butterflies can fly between properties, we need to search gardens several times over a period of months to make sure we've found all the eggs and caterpillars. This is a huge task and is made easier when the community is searching and reporting their finds.'

The Department of Conservation website has extensive information about what great white butterfly eggs and caterpillars look like, what plants to

check, what vegetables are favoured, and what to do if you find them.

The website also has information on cover crops gardeners can plant to prevent the butterfly from visiting their garden. These crops also help combat harmful soil fungi.

If you find eggs or caterpillars, DOC encourages people not to remove them but to report them to the Ministry for Primary Industries Exotic Pest and Disease hotline toll-free on 0800 80 99 66.

'With assistance from the public the butterfly population in the area has been suppressed but there is still a need to be vigilant with the autumn breeding surge underway,' said Mr Vander Lee.



For more information visit the Department of Conservation website on www.doc.govt.nz and search for great white butterfly.

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