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So, what's the Plan?

This issue of Newsline introduces our plans for the coming financial year and how they affect you – your rates, the facilities and services you can expect us to provide, and our priorities for spending.

The Annual Plan 2016/2017 will deliver what was promised – lower rates increases, tight control over debt and a commitment to the same levels of service.

Engaging with you using a new approach

Because we are not planning to do anything significantly different to what is in our Long Term Plan (LTP), a formal public consultation process is not required.

But that doesn't mean you are excluded from the process. We'll be visiting Tasman's communities over the next month, and attending community events, residents' association meetings and community boards where you can learn more about what the Annual Plan contains, the new process and what it means. Staff and councillors will be available to talk with you about what the plans are for Tasman and your community. Let us know your thoughts and priorities to help us set future plans and work programmes. All the details are on our website (also see timetable on page 3 of this edition of Newsline).

However, we are formally consulting on our fees and charges. You can view the list of charges and fill in a submission form at www.tasman.govt.nz/feedback.

Rates search

Want to know how much your rates will be in 2016/2017?

Visit tasman.govt.nz/link/rates-search and enter your property details (address or valuation number) to see your current and proposed future rates.

What is an Annual Plan?

The Annual Plan sets out what we will do, how much we plan to spend and what income we expect to receive during the 2016/2017 financial year. This annual review allows ratepayers to see how we are performing against the targets we set, in consultation with the community, in our comprehensive Long Term Plan. The Long Term Plan covers a 10-year period (the current plan is for 2015–2025) and is reviewed every three years. The Annual Plan 2016/2017 is Year 2 of the Long Term Plan 2015–2025.

Mayor's Message

It's the time of year where Council shares the Annual Plan for our District with you. This sets out what we are going to be delivering to you in the coming year including priorities for our District.

We are proud of our successes – reducing spending and keeping rates increases down, while still making progress on some major projects and maintaining or enhancing the levels of service we provide to the community.

Some of the work we have done over the past year includes our improved recycling service, the extremely popular Mapua Shed 4 development and beginning work on the Golden Bay Community Recreation Facility. We have greatly improved the wastewater treatment plant for Takaka, which is better for the environment and the new Richmond Water Treatment Plant to ensure a continued supply of safe, clean water.

We intend to continue focus on prudent financial management and operating within our means, sticking to the commitments that we made to you in the Long Term Plan 2015–2025.

In the meantime, we would like to hear your feedback on the Council's intentions for the coming year.

Take the time to read a bit about our Annual Plan and what it means for you. We would love to see you at one of our community meetings or events – come along for a chat and let us know what your aspirations for your community are.

Mayor Richard Kempthorne



Consultation on rural land rules closing soon

We are entering the final days of consultation on changes to rural land rules and we want to know what you think of the proposals.

Find out more and fill in a submission form online at tasman.govt.nz/feedback, or at any Council service centre.

Everything's free on Second Hand Sunday!

Head along to the giant treasure hunt that is Second Hand Sunday on 13 March – it's like a garage sale, but everything is free.

A list of the addresses that will have free stuff on offer will be available on our website from midday on Friday 11 March: tasman.govt.nz (search phrase "Second Hand Sunday").



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Tasman's Great Taste Trail open

Tasman's Great Taste Trail has reopened, but please be aware flood damage repairs are ongoing at the Lower Queen Street, Richmond, end of the track.

Because flooding washed away some sections of the trail as it approached the Waimea Cycleway Bridge, a diverted track has been created so you can travel around the impassable sections. You may need to hop off your bike and walk for a short distance as you negotiate this area.

Council staff and contractors have been working to repair the trail after heavy rain at the end of February damaged the track and saw tree branches swept down the river become lodged against the cycleway bridge. The trail was closed from Lower Queen Street to Moturoa/Rabbit Island for nearly a week while the branches were removed, the bridge repaired and a track diversion created.

We expect the repairs to be completed by the end of March.

Annual Plan meetings – stop by for a chat

We'll be attending a meeting or community event near you to discuss the Annual Plan – come along for a chat with councillors and staff about your hopes for Tasman's future.

Timetable

Tuesday 15 March: Tapawera and Districts Community Council, Tapawera Community Centre, 7.30 pm

Thursday 17 March: In Your Neighbourhood, Mapua Precinct, 4.30 – 6.30 pm

Saturday 19 March: In Your Neighbourhood, Richmond Aquatic Centre, 9.00 am – 12.00 pm

Tuesday 22 March: Motueka Community Board, Motueka Service Centre, 4.30 pm

Wednesday 30 March: Richmond Mall, 11.00 am–3.00 pm

Sunday 3 April: In Your Neighbourhood, Motueka Market, 9.00 am – 12.00 pm

Tuesday 5 April: Moutere Hills Community Association, Moutere Inn, 7.00 pm

Wednesday 6 April: Richmond Mall, 11.00 am–3.00 pm

Saturday 9 April: In Your Neighbourhood, Wakefield Village Green, 9.00 am – 12.00 pm

Monday 11 April: Murchison Community Association, MESI building, 2.00 pm

Monday 11 April: Mapua Community Association, Mapua Village Hall, 7.00 pm

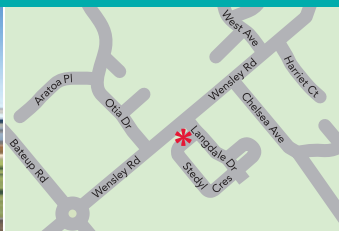
Tuesday 12 April: Golden Bay Community Board, Takaka Fire Station, 9.00 am

Tuesday 12 April: In Your Neighbourhood, Takaka Village Green, from 2.00 pm.

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Aorere River

Wetland upgrade to protect Aorere River

An upgrade of the wetlands at the Collingwood Wastewater Treatment Plant is set to begin in March, and will ensure continued protection of the Aorere River from wastewater contamination.

The wetlands, which are part of the treatment system at the Collingwood plant, are undergoing some improvements to repair small seeps and eroded embankments, raise low points and improve flow through the wetland to reduce the risk of overflow. The Council is also planting over 400 additional native wetland plants in the wetland cells.

The wetlands are made up of five cells and the sides separating the cells have collapsed over time. We will be rebuilding the cell sides with rock, and rebuilding external wetland embankments to prevent any seepage. Then we will replace clogged and broken pipes between the

wetland cells. This will allow flows to pass through to the UV treatment system without overflowing.

The treated and disinfected wastewater from the plant is discharged to a stream feeding into the Aorere River. We need to make sure wastewater is treated to a high standard in order to protect our rivers and streams. Keeping our treatment systems operating well is key to being able to do that.

The work, to be carried out by Downer, should be completed by May. The treatment plant will continue to operate throughout the upgrade, so residents should not experience any disruption. The Collingwood plant treats wastewater from the township, and serves approximately 300 people.

Public meeting to discuss the Government's Freshwater Reform

The Government is seeking feedback on proposed changes to the way fresh water is managed. These reforms aim to improve the management of fresh water to deliver better environmental and economic outcomes and better outcomes for iwi.

As part of the feedback seeking process the Ministry for the Environment is holding a number of meetings throughout the country over the next few weeks.

The Nelson Tasman regional meeting has been scheduled for Wednesday 23 March, 6.00 pm–8.00 pm at Seifried Estate 168 Redwood Road Appleby.

Further information about the Government's freshwater reforms is available at www.mfe.govt.nz/fresh-water/reform-programme/freshwater-reforms-2016.

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WHAT'S COMING UP



TASMAN DISTRICT COUNCIL ANNUAL PLAN 2016/2017

ON TRACK TO ACHIEVE TASMAN'S LONG-TERM GOALS

We've responded to calls to reduce rate and debt increases, and to provide consistent levels of service. We started doing this through the Long Term Plan for 2015-2025. Now with the Annual Plan 2016/2017, we're continuing to see some of the benefits.

A lot of work went into developing the last Long Term Plan, in response to community concerns about Council debt and projected increases to rates. The Long Term Plan for 2015-2025 delivered a more positive forecast for the District's finances than previous plans. Debt was capped at a maximum of \$200 million, while rates income rises were limited to a maximum of 3% per annum.

The ink is still drying on that document, so we don't plan to deviate from it – the strategies and targets we agreed with you remain in place. Favourable financial conditions and strong population growth mean that you'll see more positive results than planned through the Long Term Plan 2015-2025. This gives us confidence that we are on a solid foundation, and we intend to stick to the existing programme of work, and levels of service.



Richard Kempthorne
Mayor

Lindsay McKenzie
Chief Executive Officer

LOWER RATES RISES

- Total rates for most properties will rise by less than \$1/week.
- Council's rates income rise will be 1%.
- Stormwater and wastewater rates will rise for many urban residents.

LESS DEBT THAN FORECAST

- Net Council debt is predicted to reach \$166m, down from the \$178m forecast.
- Low interest rates, a strong starting position from 2014/2015 and a lack of adverse weather events have meant debt can be paid off faster.

SAME SERVICE

- The quality and range of services we provide will not decrease.
- Water supply and stormwater services will be improved for some residents.

TELL US WHAT YOU THINK...

We're not formally consulting but you can still let us know:

- Are there projects you would like us to consider in the next rounds of planning?
- Are there things we could do better, or more or less of in the future?
- Are you happy with our approach to this Annual Plan?



Check out our website and send us some feedback at www.tasman.govt.nz/annual-plan

Or you can call us, write, email, or come along to the community board or residents' association meetings or talk to us at one of the "In Your Neighbourhood" events (see page 3 for timetable). We will be taking feedback between 11 March and 18 April 2016.

TASMAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

HERE ARE SOME OF THE
ACTIVITIES YOU WILL
FINANCIAL YEAR...

1% RATES INCOME RISE



DOWN FROM 2.96%
FORECAST IN THE LTP
IN THE YEAR 2016/2017

\$32.5m

CAPITAL EXPENDITURE



ON TARGET AT \$32.5M
AS FORECAST FOR 2016/2017

\$105.9m

OPERATING EXPENDITURE



DOWN FROM \$106.3M
FORECAST FOR 2016/2017

\$166.4m NET DEBT



DOWN FROM \$178.6M
FORECAST FOR 2016/2017

\$111.6m INCOME



DOWN FROM \$113.1M
FORECAST FOR 2016/2017



48,292

TASMAN'S POPULATION
UP FROM 47,898 IN 2015

AORERE AND TAKAKA RIVER FLOOD
PROTECTION IMPROVEMENTS

GOLDEN BAY COMMUNITY RECREATION
FACILITY CONSTRUCTION

KAITERANGA
WATER TREATMENT

MOTUE
PROTECTION

TASMAN'S GREAT TASTE TOUR
EXTENDED TO KAITIaki

YOU CAN FIND MORE INFO ON OUR WEBSITE WWW.TASMANCOUNCIL.CO.NZ

ANNUAL PLAN FACT SHEET

THE PROJECTS AND L SEE IN THE NEXT

COLLINGWOOD WATER TREATMENT
PLANT UPGRADES

PORT TARAKOHE MOUNTED
CRANE INSTALLED

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STEWATER PIPELINE

KAITERITERI WATER SUPPLY
TREATMENT UPGRADES

KA RIVER FLOOD
IMPROVEMENTS

MOTUEKA WASTEWATER
TREATMENT PLANT UPGRADE
MOTUEKA WHARF
STREETSCAPING

MAPUA WHARF
PRECINCT STREETSCAPING

MAISEY ROAD WIDENING

WAKEFIELD NEW WATER
TREATMENT PLANT

TRAIL
HATU

STORMWATER WORK TO REDUCE FLOODING
IN RICHMOND, INCLUDING REINSTATEMENT
OF QUEEN STREET AND OTHER SERVICES

BATEUP ROAD WIDENING

SAXTON VELODROME AND AMENITIES COMPLETED

ALONG WITH THE USUAL
ACTIVITIES COUNCIL
CARRIES OUT, IN 2016/2017
WE WILL FOCUS ON:

- Planning for and monitoring water supplies to ensure our communities live in a healthy environment and have sufficient water for their needs.
- Developing and maintaining the network of recreation facilities, cycle trails and parks to provide a wide range of recreation opportunities.
- Continuing minor improvements to our roads.
- Maintaining stormwater and wastewater services so people are safe and healthy.
- Planning for sufficient land and services to provide for a growing population and changing demographic demands.
- Our regional partnerships on solid waste.

MAJOR PROJECTS FOR 2016/2017

Our major capital works programme remains largely unchanged. Major projects include:

Richmond Central improvements and Queen Street Reinstatement projects: Due to start in late 2016, these projects involve upgrading many of the underground services along Queen Street between Salisbury and Gladstone Roads, and improving how stormwater is managed on the street (cost: \$13.7m). We know that pulling up parts of the roads and footpaths will disrupt some visitors and businesses, so for this reason we are looking to reduce the number of times this will need to happen by combining much of the work at once. Reinstatement options for the pedestrian areas and roads are also being looked at. Over the summer, we have been talking to residents about ideas to widen the pedestrian areas, increase street plantings and narrow the road. You'll hear more about this project during 2016.

Recreation Facilities: Construction of the Golden Bay Community Recreation Facility is expected to be completed in November 2016 (Council contribution: \$3.2m). This multi-use recreation and community facility has come about after a huge community effort and will serve many of the clubs and organisations in Golden Bay. We also expect the Saxton Field Velodrome will be completed in December 2016 (cost: \$1.6m); and extension of Tasman's Great Taste Trail to reach Kohatu (cost: \$1.8m).

Stormwater: Several stormwater projects will be occurring around Richmond to address recent flooding. Work will continue on Borck Creek, Richmond so that the risks of flooding are reduced and the Richmond West area can be developed for residential purposes (cost: \$3.1m).

Wastewater: The Motueka Wastewater Treatment Plant upgrade will continue and is expected to be completed by the end of 2016 (total cost: \$8m). The replacement of the Kaiteriteri wastewater pipeline project will get underway in 2016, replacing a wastewater main running through the Bay with a land based main, (cost: \$3.9m).

Water: Construction of a new reliable water supply for Wakefield will get underway so that the township can have water that meets the NZ Drinking Water Standards, as well as providing for growth (cost: \$4.1m).

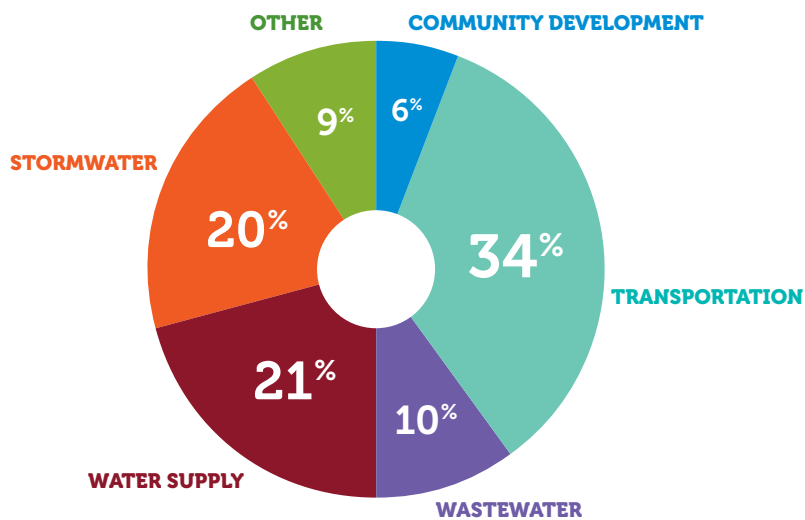
Costs are based on Long Term Plan 2015–2025, Years 1–3, unless otherwise specified.

SOLID WASTE

In April 2012 Nelson City Council and Tasman District Council approved a Joint Waste Management and Minimisation Plan. That Plan included a goal to jointly make the most effective and efficient use of the councils' respective landfills, York Valley and Eves Valley. Substantial investigation

and independent advice has consistently shown that joint use of Nelson's York Valley landfill, then subsequent use of Eves Valley landfill benefits ratepayers of both councils and is the most cost-effective approach for each council. We consulted on this joint approach in 2014. Since then, further work on the project has resulted in a proposal for the two landfills to be operated under a joint venture model with each council having a 50% share. As Nelson's landfill has a higher value this will require a \$4.2m payment from Tasman District Council to compensate. The proposed joint entity will be modelled on the Nelson Regional Sewerage Business Unit which has successfully looked after both councils' interests in the Regional Sewerage Scheme for the past 15 years. Nelson City Council is consulting on the proposal through its Annual Plan. We will be talking to our community through this Annual Plan process, and will investigate the need to amend our Long Term Plan. Depending on the outcome of consultations the joint venture will commence on 1 July 2017.

CAPITAL EXPENDITURE



WAIMEA COMMUNITY DAM PROJECT

The Council is committed to finding a secure water solution for the Waimea basin. We are continuing to work with potential funding partners and the Waimea Community Dam Ltd to secure the funds needed for the project.

We are seeking greater certainty about the cost of the Dam through a tender process in order to have a fully informed discussion with Tasman residents on whether or not to proceed. You can expect to hear more from us about options for funding and ownership over the coming year.

'IN YOUR NEIGHBOURHOOD'

We're going to be out and about around the District between now and mid-April talking about the Annual Plan and what it means. Come along to the community board or residents' association meetings or talk to us at one of the "In Your Neighbourhood" events. The "In Your Neighbourhood" events will have family games and activities alongside info on local projects, and a chance to have a chat with Council staff and elected representatives.

All details are on our website www.tasman.govt.nz



Community partnerships

Free Home Performance Visits

Certified Home Performance Advisor Jo Reilly can visit you in your home and offer independent advice on how to improve your home to make it warmer, drier and healthier. The criteria to qualify for a free visit is 1) you must have a Community Services card; 2) you must own your home; and 3) preference will be given to older homes in Richmond, particularly those built prior to 1978. To apply, simply email: Ecofest@xtra.co.nz to enquire and receive an application form.

This project has been made possible by a Tasman District Council Community Grant. The trial programme will see the first 30 homes to apply receive a free Home Performance visit from Jo.

Community Grants

Tasman District Council's Community Grants 2016 open in May and close on 31 July 2016. The Council funds Community Grants in order to:

- enable the Council to work with communities by encouraging community based solutions;
- support the community to find ways to improve the delivery of services or infrastructure;
- support the work of volunteers across the District.

Winter Sport Codes Sport NZ Rural Travel Fund

Are you a rural-based club or do you have rural-based players? If so, the Tasman Sport NZ Rural Travel Fund can help meet your travel costs. Sport NZ Travel Fund reduces the barriers for young people (aged 5-19 years) taking part in local sports competition by offering grants to subsidise travel costs. The clubs must apply on behalf of players and the next closing date is 30 April 2016.

Application forms and further information is online at www.tasman.govt.nz/council/grants-funding or contact Mike Tasman-Jones on Ph. 03 543 8403 for further information.

Back an outstanding voluntary group today

Entries for the Trustpower Nelson Tasman Community Awards are now open. Run in partnership between the Tasman District and Nelson City Councils, the Awards were set up as an opportunity to recognise and thank local voluntary groups for their contributions to the community. Anyone can enter a voluntary group or organisation in the Trustpower Nelson Tasman Community Awards, including voluntary groups themselves. Since the Trustpower Nelson Tasman Community Awards began in 1999 more than \$100,000 has been given away to deserving voluntary groups and organisations, and this year more than \$5000 is up for grabs. Last year 91 entries were received for the Trustpower Nelson Tasman Community Awards. Trustpower Community Relations representative Emily Beaton is looking forward to seeing the community get on board to recognise more of these local unsung heroes.

"Voluntary groups are a formidable force of good in the community and everyday communities benefit from their hard work. Volunteers are in every corner of this region but often they are not recognised for the invaluable work they do. These awards are an easy way to say 'thanks' and give these local champions the pat on the back that they deserve. It just takes a few minutes of your time to enter a group, but it will make a real difference to the volunteers you are recognising," says Miss Beaton. Locals have until 5.00 pm on Friday 29 April to get entries in for this year's Trustpower Nelson Tasman Community Awards. Entry forms are available from Council offices or service centres or can be completed

online at www.trustpower.co.nz/communityawards. Entry forms can also be received by calling Emily Beaton on Ph. 0800 87 11 11.

The awards cover five categories; Heritage and Environment, Health and Wellbeing, Arts and Culture, Sport and Leisure, and Education and Child/Youth Development. Category winners receive \$500, runners-up \$250 and the Supreme Winner will take home \$1,500 and an all-expenses paid trip for two representatives to the 2016 Trustpower National Community Awards. Last year's Trustpower Nelson Tasman Community Awards Supreme Winner was Light Nelson Trust.

For more information, contact:

Emily Beaton

Trustpower Community Relations Representative

Phone: 0800 87 11 11 extn 4310/ 021791 084

Email: emily@trustpower.co.nz

www.trustpower.co.nz/communityawards

Positive Ageing Expo

Friday 1 April, 10.00 am – 2.30 pm at the Headingley Centre, Richmond

Thousands are expected to attend the popular annual Positive Ageing Expo, a showcase of the recreational, health and social services available in the region for retirees and those planning for retirement.

With more than 70 stallholders, the expo has plenty to offer anyone interested in making ageing a positive experience.

The expo attracts crowds of more than 2000 most years, and has received a TrustPower Community Award commendation.

This year there will be seminars, demonstrations, the chance to have a go at a range of activities such as tai chi, Nordic walking, Sit and Be Fit, as well as quick health checks.

Seminars include:

Get Online Savvy: A presentation by national experts in online safety Netsafe NZ. The internet is full of interesting information – but there are also scams and they are constantly evolving. Being savvy is about arming yourself with the information you need to protect yourself. NetSafe handles 8000+ reports from the public a year, which keeps them up to date with current scams and what we need to watch out for.

Top Tips to Keep Your Home Warm, Healthy and Comfortable: Tips from Nelson City Council Eco Design Advisor Richard Popenhagen.

Health Literacy: Finding the right words for better health. An informal discussion about asking for and receiving your health information in a way that you understand, Wendy Strawbridge, Health Action Trust.

Admission is free, with complimentary tea, coffee and biscuits provided. Lunch will be available for purchase.

For further information, contact Tasman District Council Community Partnerships Coordinator, Mike Tasman-Jones, on Ph. 03 543 8403 or email mike.tasman-jones@tasman.govt.nz.





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Roading

Proposed Road Closures

The following roads are proposed to be closed to ordinary vehicles for the periods and times indicated below. Objections can be lodged at: Tasman District Council, 189 Queen Street, Richmond:

Nelson Car Club – Rally Sprint

Sunday 17 April 2016, 9.30 am to 7.00 pm, Tadmor-Glenhope Road – 4.3km north of the intersection with Kohatu-Kawatiri Highway (SH6) to 2.7km south of the intersection with Tui and Kereu Roads.

Objections close: 12 March 2016.

Anzac Day Parades – Monday 25 April 2016

Queen Street, Richmond – 10.30 am to 11.00 am, from Sundial Square to Cambridge Street.

Oxford Street, Richmond – 10.15 am to 12.30 pm, from Gladstone Road to Wensley Road. (Note – residents along Oxford Street will still be able to leave or enter their property through the controlled section at the Oxford Street/Wensley Road roundabout. There will be no left or right turn from Gladstone Road into Oxford Street during this time.)

Whitby Way, Wakefield – 9.00 am to 12.30 pm, from the intersection with Edward Street to number 14 Whitby Way.

Aranui Road, Mapua – 10.30 am to 11.15 am, from the tennis courts to the intersection of Aranui Road and Toru Street.

Objections close: 28 March 2016.

Road Closures

The following roads are to be closed to ordinary vehicles for the periods and times indicated below:

Sprig & Fern Summer Harvest Fare

Friday 18 March 2016, 2.30 pm to 11.00 pm, Sundial Square and Croucher Street from Queen Street to McGlashen Avenue.

Nelson Drag Racing

Saturday 26 March 2016 (rain date Sunday 27 March 2016), 7.30 am to 4.00 pm, Queen Victoria Street, from King Edward Street to Green Lane.

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Public Notices

Tasman Resource Management Plan

Proposed Plan Change 60

Rural Land Use And Subdivision Policy Review

The Council has prepared amendments to the Tasman Resource Management Plan, known as Proposed Plan Change 60: Rural Land Use and Subdivision Policy Review.

This Plan Change reviews and updates the policy and rules for rural land use and subdivision. The proposed amendments ensure greater protection of productive capacity, allow for flexibility of use and maintain rural character – while offering greater choices for landowners.

Submissions

Any person may make a submission on any part of any of the proposed Change. Submissions can be sent to the Environment and Planning Policy Manager, Tasman District Council, Private Bag 4, Richmond 7050 to be accepted by the Council until **4.00 pm on Monday 14 March 2016**.

Submission forms are available as indicated below under "Availability of Proposed Changes".

Submissions must be in writing, clearly indicating support or opposition to the provisions, the decision that the submitter wishes the Council to make (with reasons), whether or not the submitter wishes to be heard in support of the submission and an address for service or contact address.

Consideration of Proposed Amendments

After submissions have closed, the Council will publish a summary of all decisions requested by submitters. There will be a further period of 10 working days within which further submissions in support of or opposition to those submissions made may be sent to the Council. The Council will then hold hearings on all submissions and all submitters may be heard. After the Council considers the submissions and makes its decisions, any submitter who is not satisfied with the decision has the right of appeal to the Environment Court.

Availability of Proposed Amendments

The proposed amendments are available to view at the Council's Richmond office; Motueka, Takaka and Murchison service centres; Richmond, Motueka and Takaka libraries; or online at www.tasman.govt.nz/link/trmp-proposed-changes. Submission forms are also available.

For more information or advice on these amendments, please contact Mary Honey, Ph. 03 543 8397 or Email: mary.honey@tasman.govt.nz.

24 Hour Assistance – Phone your local Service Centre

Richmond 03 543 8400

Murchison 03 523 1013

Motueka 03 528 2022

Takaka 03 525 0020



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Public Notices

Tasman District Council's Draft Schedule of Charges 2016/2017

Statement of Proposal

You are invited to make submissions on our draft Schedule of Charges for the coming year. We recover some of the costs of the services we provide through these fees and charges. Some charges are set by statute, and others by the Council. All the charges are reviewed each year, and changes made if necessary.

The reason we charge for some services is to make sure the costs of providing it are recovered from those who benefit, rather than from the general ratepayer.

The draft Schedule of Charges covers the year from 1 July 2016 to 30 June 2017. The full Statement of Proposal is available for viewing on Council's website at www.tasman.govt.nz/feedback and during normal office hours at the following Tasman District Council Offices and libraries:

- Richmond Office, 189 Queen Street, Richmond
- Motueka Office, 7 Hickmott Place, Motueka
- Takaka Office, 14 Junction Street, Takaka
- Murchison Office, 92 Fairfax Street, Murchison
- District Library Queen Street, Richmond
- Motueka Library, Pah Street, Motueka
- Takaka Memorial Library, Junction Street, Takaka

Submissions are invited on the draft Schedule of Charges, and must be received by **4.00 pm on Thursday 31 March 2016**.

Submissions may be made online at tasman.govt.nz/feedback or delivered to your local Tasman District Council office.

Council Meetings

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

Environment and Planning Committee

Tasman Council Chambers, 189 Queen Street, Richmond, Thursday 17 March 2016, 9.30 am. Public forum

Motueka Community Board

Motueka Service Centre, 7 Hickmott Place, Motueka, Tuesday 22 March 2016, 4.00 pm. Public forum

Corporate Services Committee

Tasman Council Chambers, 189 Queen Street, Richmond, Thursday 24 March 2016, 9.30 am. Public forum

Audit Subcommittee

Tasman Council Chambers, 189 Queen Street, Richmond, Thursday 24 March 2016, 1.30 pm or at the conclusion of Corporate Services Committee. No public forum

Joint Committee (Nelson City Council/Tasman District Council)

Civic House, Trafalgar Street, Nelson, Tuesday 29 March 2016, 9.30 am. No public forum

Full Council

Tasman Council Chambers, 189 Queen Street, Richmond, Thursday 31 March 2016, 9.30 am. Public forum

Tasman Regional Transport Committee

Tasman Council Chambers, 189 Queen Street, Richmond, Friday 1 April 2016, 9.30 am. No public forum

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 3.40 pm. Nelson-Tasman 104.8, Golden Bay 95.0.

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Moturoa/Rabbit Island



Queen Street, Richmond



Brightwater

Thanks for your feedback

Consultation on several key projects closed at the end of February – thanks to everyone who took the opportunity to have a say and help us plan for the future.

Moturoa/Rabbit Island

Public feedback on the future of Moturoa/Rabbit Island held a clear message – “we love it, just the way it is”. We received 560 surveys and 82 comments by the 29 February deadline. Policy Adviser Anna Gerraty also met with a wide range of groups and users of Rabbit/Rough and Bird islands over summer.

“The overwhelming theme that came through was that people love the naturalness, open spaces, variety of recreational opportunities and lack of commercial activity on the islands,” Anna said.

We will now consider the feedback and prepare a draft management plan for the islands, which will be available for public comment by the end of April 2016.

Central Richmond Projects

We received 140 written comments on the future design of Queen Street, 17 on a proposal for medium-density housing in central Richmond and 18 on a review of the rules for the Richmond central business zone. Our staff also chatted with more than 100 people about the three projects during open days at the Richmond Mall and Richmond Library. We’ll keep you updated on progress with all three projects in coming months.

Future of Wakefield and Brightwater

The first round of submissions on the future of Brightwater and Wakefield are in, with 34 of you taking the opportunity to have a say on the detailed plan changes. The next stage will be for us to make a summary of the submissions available for public viewing and an opportunity for further submissions. Keep an eye on our website for updates.

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