

Co-ordinated response to flood disruption

Severe flooding just before Easter weekend saw a concerted effort from Civil Defence, Council staff and emergency services to clear roads, repair damage and keep residents safe.

Over 24 hours from 9.00 am on 23 March, 250 to 350mm of rainfall fell across the northwest ranges and Kahurangi National Park area, and 150 to 200mm about the Richmond Ranges.

Nelson Tasman Emergency Management Manager Roger Ball says the heavy rain was well forecast, and Civil Defence and Council staff were on duty throughout the night at the Emergency Operations Centre in Richmond.

"We monitored the event through the night and towards the early hours of the morning it became evident we were getting the flood that had been forecast. At that point we went from monitoring to a state of activation in support of police and fire services."

Some Riwaka residents were evacuated from their homes, while high water, fallen trees and slips closed roads from Golden Bay to Motueka.

Our engineers and contractors had a busy time checking the state of roads, riverbanks and properties, organising repairs and managing road closures. The utilities team kept an eye on our wastewater system and water supplies and issued advice to those with private bores who may have found their water contaminated as a result of the flooding.

Immediately following the event building staff were out checking flood affected houses for any possible sanitation issues – luckily none were identified.

Roger says the flooding is a reminder to pay attention to severe weather warnings, and be prepared with a disaster plan. It is a good idea to have a bag packed with warm clothes, some food, and essentials such as nappies and baby supplies that you can grab quickly if you need to leave your home in a hurry.

"People also need to be realistic about the use of sandbags. They take time to fill and a lot of effort to place. During weather events, and especially in the middle of the night, crews are focused on making sure essential services keep running – not sandbagging."

Sandbags can be purchased at various retailers and are best used before an event rather than during it.

Useful information on being prepared for an emergency can be found at getthru.govt.nz.

A big thanks to everyone involved in the flood response, and to those who kept an eye on neighbours and friends to make sure they were safe and well.

Mayor's Message

You might have noticed a buzz in the atmosphere over the last week or so as national and international teams have been gathering in the Tasman District for the largest expedition adventure race in the world, GODZone. The 7-day race began on 2 April and race director Warren Bates has complimented our District on the great number of incredible locations we have on offer. It is tremendous to have in our District the range of locations in which we can enjoy tremendous outdoor experiences. This is an opportunity for all of us locals to be reminded of the experiences on offer in our back yard for us to enjoy.

GODZone has proven to be an extremely challenging and demanding race and so I wish the best of luck to all of the participants. Whether you are a participant or a spectator, I hope you enjoy your time in our District.

In this edition of Newsline you will also find articles containing further information on the Queen Street re-design and the response from the Civil Defence and Emergency Management team to last week's flooding event. There is also an update on the Motueka Wastewater Treatment Plant upgrade.

Please remember you are also always welcome to write or email in to the Council with your feedback, or you can post a comment on Council's Facebook page.

Mayor Richard Kempthorne



Firm commitment to dam consultation

A timely, well-informed engagement process about the proposed Waimea Community Dam will take place in 2017.

Concerns residents expressed about the lack of detail in 2014 consultation will need to be properly addressed – we know you need a proposal that is as complete as possible.

To do that we must have a greater level of certainty about the cost and where the funds are coming from. That's why we've put priority on gaining the required land and access to the site and identifying a contractor and getting a tender price for the project.

This does not mean the decision has been made to build the dam, far from it. Knowing that we can obtain land, a contractor and at what price is fundamental to the discussion we'll have next year.

The other priority is of course how the dam is going to paid for. The Council has reaffirmed its budget contribution to fund \$28.1M of the current project cost of \$82.5M. This amount is the \$25M set aside in the Long Term Plan and a share of the pre-2015 costs.

This leaves nearly \$50M that needs to be found, mostly by the irrigators and rural users who will receive benefits from the dam's capacity. While early planning suggests there has been a fairly good response to take up of capacity, there is a shortfall of \$21.7M.

This is a big hurdle to overcome, but the Council is committed to supporting Waimea Community Dam Ltd (WCDL), the company representing irrigators, to try and bridge that gap. However, as we have confirmed our commitment in the current LTP budget, it's most unlikely to be bridged by additional Council funding.



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Motueka Plant upgrade shows good results

The final stages of work on a major upgrade of Motueka's Wastewater Treatment Plant are about to begin – and progress so far is already showing big improvements in bacterial concentrations and odour.

The upgrade is intended to keep the Motueka River and Tasman Bay clean and safe by greatly improving the treatment system at the plant.

New, more powerful aerators have been installed in the treatment ponds – these encourage the growth of helpful bacteria. Since they were put in place, monitoring results have shown a significant improvement in bacterial concentrations in the discharged wastewater.

In the next stage of work, expected to take about six months, contractors will build a membrane filtration plant to disinfect the wastewater and an outfall pipeline to transfer the fully treated wastewater to the south channel of the Motueka River.

Unfortunately, there have been some incidents of vandalism at the plant, so a CCTV camera is being installed at the entrance gate.

Residents should be aware there will be an increase in construction traffic along Thorp Street to the plant, particularly over the next two months. Construction will take place between 7.00 am and 7.00 pm.

There will be no pedestrian access through the plant when construction is taking place, so please take note of the signs restricting access – this is for your safety.

Pedestrian-friendly Queen Street design confirmed

Richmond's Queen Street is set to become a low-speed, pedestrianfocused environment.

Construction is due to begin in August this year to replace ageing pipe infrastructure under Oueen Street and to lower the centre of the road. The street's surface will be replaced from shop front to shop front as part of the work, which is needed to minimise the risk of flooding in future during heavy rain.

The concept design for the reinstated street, confirmed in March following public consultation, includes wider footpaths, a narrower road and a continuous surface with no kerb and channel.

Tasman Mayor Richard Kempthorne says the need to change the shape of the street to better control stormwater during floods provides an opportunity to make Queen Street safer, more pedestrian-friendly

"The design concept will improve safety by promoting slower traffic speeds, and providing zebra crossings at key points. The continuous surface eliminates trip hazards for those with limited mobility and also adds to the pedestrian feel of the street - which also contributes to slower traffic speeds. Wider footpaths provide a clear line of travel

and also offer an opportunity for outdoor dining, trees for shade, and spaces for people to meet and mingle."

Mayor Kempthorne said feedback from a wide range of groups, including Accessibility for All, Positive Ageing, the Blind Citizens Group, Richmond schools, Richmond Unlimited and emergency services, as well as the 140 public comments received, was key to developing the concept design.

The next step in the project is detailed design, which will include elements such as lighting, seating, plantings and signage.

Over the next few months, Council staff will meet with business and property owners, emergency services, bus companies, utility providers and others to discuss the timing and details of the construction programme.

More information on the Queen Street Reinstatement Project can be found on our website, tasman.govt.nz/link/queen-street

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NZTA roadworks update

Across the region crews are busy repairing road surfaces and carrying out important safety and road improvement projects.

Weather can play a big part in roadworks. When bad weather strikes work will be postponed. Works have been planned to reduce the impact of noise from machinery and delays to people's journeys. Here's a snapshot of what's happening.

SH60 Patons Rock Road improvements

Construction is underway for a right turn bay and guardrails to the intersection and bridge near the intersection corner. This work is expected to be completed mid-April 2016.

Te Waikoropupu Valley Road guardrails

Guardrails are being installed near the intersection and bridge and are due to be complete in mid-April 2016.

SH6 Resurfacing

Road crews are resurfacing a section of State Highway 6 Gladstone Road and Queen Street between April and May. This work will be done at night to minimise any delays.

SH60 Mariri causeway

Wire rope barriers are being installed to the Motueka-bound lanes near Eden Road and Johnstone Loop Road. This work is due for completion by the end of May 2016.

Travel safe and get to your destination on time

With so much activity happening on the highway network and local roads, please allow extra time for your journey over the coming months and stick to the temporary speed limit. Whether you're walking, cycling or in a motor vehicle, we want you – and our road crews – to be safe.

And finally... let us know how we're doing

We'd really like your feedback on the work we're doing. You can fill in a survey online at: www.surveymonkey.com/s/nzta-feedback or simply email us your comments to info@nzta.govt.nz.

Nelson Southern Link Investigation – two weeks left!

Closes 24 April

Community engagement is an important part of the NZ Transport Agency's work to improve the transport network. We want to hear from you now as we develop the Nelson Southern Link Investigation's Programme Business Case (PBC) – which is the second of four stages of the Nelson Southern Link Investigation.

Your contribution to the PBC will help us finalise this stage and, in particular, allow us to identify an approach to solving two key regional transport problems and establish the investment objectives for the future that will ensure sound investment decisions are made today.

How to give us your feedback

Pick up an engagement summary booklet at the Richmond Library or find it online at www.nzta.govt.nz/nelson-southern-link.

All of the information on the investigation including related studies and reports – such as the Strategic Case Report, the draft Programme Business Case Report, and the SH6 Walk / Cycle Facility Options Update Report on Rocks Road – can be found online.

Public information sessions

There is one more public information session in Richmond, drop by to talk to a member of the study team to ask questions.

Saturday 9 April, Richmond Library, Richmond, 10.00 am – 1.00 pm.

For more information, visit: www.nzta.govt.nz/nelson-southern-link



A new approach to building services

Change is afoot for our building consents and inspections team, with a fresh approach in 2016.

Building Manager Sharon Threadwell says this year will see a focus on simplified building consent processes to make it easier for you to do business with us. The group has been renamed Building Assurance to better reflect the focus of our role and the range of services we provide.

The Building Assurance group is not enforcing regulation for the sake of regulation. We recognise the house is probably the biggest investment a person will make in their lifetime and our processes are focused on ensuring the physical integrity of that investment.

"Our role is to provide the community with assurance that buildings comply with the regulations that are in place to make sure buildings are safe, secure and will last. To do that we sometimes need to ask extra questions or we may have to clarify an element of the design or construction.

"We have a big focus on processing consents within 20 working days, but if we do need you to provide extra information for your building consent the application goes on hold until we receive that information. We know delays can be frustrating but it is really important we make sure the building that takes place in the District is of a high standard to protect both its current and future owners and users."

To reduce the likelihood of delays to your building consent, we offer a free pre-application service to help you get everything ready to apply for consent.

"It does save time if we get a clean consent application with everything attached and in the right format," Sharon says. "You can make a time to come and talk to us about your next building project by phoning 543 8400."

We'll have more details available about the coming changes over the next few months. In the meantime, Sharon says Building Assurance staff are working hard to meet the demand for building consents and inspections – which is up 9% this financial year.

You can find more information about the building consent process on our website, www.tasman.govt.nz/property/building-and-alteration/building-consents

Panel to choose 'Name a Boat' winner



We received more than 80 entries to our competition to Name the Harbourmaster's Boat – thanks to everyone who entered for some great suggestions.

A judging panel has been invited to join Harbourmaster Dan Cairney in choosing a winner, including Council chief executive Lindsay McKenzie, Councillor Stuart Bryant, iwi representative Andy Joseph and our Regulatory Services Manager Adrian Humphries. The panel will meet this month to choose the best name for the Harbourmaster's new boat.

The winner will join Harbourmaster Dan for a trip out on the new vessel and will also receive marine vouchers.

Avoid Autumn flooding – help keep grates clear

At this time of year, the leaf colours on deciduous trees look amazing. However, if leaves are left in the gutters or on the footpaths in urban areas they can block the drains. Once blocked, flooding can happen quite quickly when it rains.

Our contractor sweeps roadside channels regularly but is hard pressed to keep up with the amount of leaf fall at this time of year. You can help by checking the gutters and grates near your home and clearing any leaves.

Leaves on footpaths can also be a problem when wet, making the surface slippery. Removing these leaves may help prevent a fall. You can use collected leaves on the garden to suppress weeds or for composting.





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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 Inc & Nelson Vintage Car Club – Riwaka-Sandy Bay Road Race

Sunday 22 May 2016, 8.00 am to 5.00 pm, Riwaka-Sandy Bay Road from the intersection with Takaka Hill Highway (SH60) to just over the crest of the Marahau Hill summit.

Objections close: Friday 22 April 2016.

Road Closures

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

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 Kereru Roads.

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.

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Public Notices

Tasman Resource Management Plan Proposed Plan Changes 57 & 58 Brightwater and Wakefield Strategic Reviews (Renotified)

Summary of Decisions Requested by Submitters and Opportunity for Further Submissions

Summaries of Decisions Requested

In response to submissions received on Proposed Plan Changes 57 (Brightwater) and 58 (Wakefield) to the Tasman Resource Management Plan, the Council has prepared summaries of decisions requested.

The summaries of decisions requested by submitters, along with copies of all original submissions (including submission point numbers) are available to view at the Council's Richmond office and library.

The summaries can also be viewed online at www.tasman.govt.nz/link/trmp-summaries.

Further Submissions

Any person who represents a relevant aspect of the public interest or who has an interest in the proposed changes greater than the general public may make a further submission to the Council in support of or in opposition to the submissions received. Further submissions can be sent to Tasman District Council, Private Bag 4, Richmond, Attention Manager Environmental Policy, to be accepted by the Council for a period closing at **4.00 pm on Tuesday 12 April 2016**. Forms for making further submissions are available at the Richmond office or library, on the Council's website or by contacting Pam Meadows, Ph. 03 543 8581 or Email: pam.meadows@tasman.govt.nz.

Further submissions must be in writing clearly indicating which parts of the original submissions are supported or opposed, with reasons. Further submissions must state whether or not the submitter wishes to be heard in support of the submission and provide an address for service or contact address.

Please note: In making a further submission to the Council a copy must be sent, within five working days, to the person or persons who made the original submission.

Hearings

After the further submission opportunity has closed, the Council will hold hearings into all submissions and all submitters (original or further) may be heard. After the Council has considered the submissions and made its decisions, any submitter who is not satisfied with the decision has the right to appeal to the Environment Court.

Information on the Further Submission Process

For more information, please contact Rose Biss, Ph. 03 543 8421, or Steve Markham. Ph. 03 543 8427.

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Takaka 03 525 0020

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Tasman Resource Management Plan Proposed Plan Changes 61 & 62

Progressive Enterprises Ltd: Richmond North Commercial Zone and Wainui Bay Spat Catching Group: Spat Catching

The Council has accepted for notification under clauses 5 and 26 of Schedule 1 of the Resource Management Act, two Private Plan Change Requests to the Tasman Resource Management Plan.

Request 1

Requester: Progressive Enterprises Ltd (Change 62)

Location: 144 Salisbury Road, Richmond

To rezone approximately 1.3ha of land from Residential to Purpose:

> Commercial to accommodate a Countdown supermarket, small scale retail/commercial development, a community facility, associated car parking, access and landscaping.

Request 2

Requester: Wainui Bay Spat Catching Group (Change 61)

Location: Wainui Bay

To provide the marine farming industry with certainty that spat Purpose:

> catching farms in Wainui Bay can continue beyond the current term of consent (2024) by rezoning the eight spat catching sites to a newly created zone – AMA 4 (Wainui). The amended policy is to recognise the area's importance for spat catching.

Submissions

Any person may make a submission on any part of the Private Plan Changes. Submissions can be sent to the Environmental Policy Manager, Tasman District Council, Private Bag 4, Richmond 7050 to be accepted by the Council until 4.00 pm on Tuesday 26 April 2016. Submission forms are available as indicated below under "Availability of Private Plan Change Requests".

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 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 Private Plan Change Requests

The Private Plan Change Requests will be available to view from 14 March, at the Council's Richmond office and public library (Request 1). Takaka Service Centre and the Takaka, Richmond and Motueka public libraries (Request 2).

They are also available online at www.tasman.govt.nz/link/trmp-ppcr. A submission form is also available.

For more information or advice on these Plan Change Requests, please contact:

Jacqui Deans, Ph. 03 543 7246, Email: jacqui.deans@tasman.govt.nz (for Request 1) or

Tania Bray, Ph. 03 543 7277, Email: tania.bray@tasman.govt.nz (for Request 2).

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TASMAN DISTRICT COUNCIL **ANNUAL PLAN 2016/2017**

ANNUAL PLAN MEETINGS

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.

Saturday 9 April

In Your Neighbourhood, Wakefield Village Green, 9.00 am - 12.00 noon

Monday 11 April

Murchison and Districts Community Association,

MESI building, 2.00 pm

Monday 11 April

Mapua and Districts 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.

Council Meetings

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

Golden Bay Community Board

Takaka Fire Station, Motupipi Street, Tuesday 12 April 2016, 9.00 am. Public forum

Engineering Services Committee

Tasman Council Chambers, 189 Queen Street, Richmond, Thursday 14 April 2016, 9.30 am. Public forum

Joint Shareholders Committee

Civic House, Trafalgar Street, Nelson, Friday 15 April 2016, 1.30 pm. No public forum

Community Development Committee

Tasman Council Chambers, 189 Queen Street, Richmond, Thursday 21 April 2016, 9.30 am. Public forum

Look out for pest weed Velvetleaf

The Ministry for Primary Industries and partners are working to locate outbreaks of this pest weed in the South Island and get rid of it. If you see it, photograph it and call MPI immediately on 0800 80 99 66.

What is Velvetleaf?

Velvetleaf (Abutilon theophrasti) is one of the world's worst cropping weeds, affecting many arable crops by competing for nutrients, space and water. It is an unwanted organism in New

Velvetleaf is an annual broad-leaved herb that grows 1-2.5m tall.

It has buttery-yellow flowers about 3cm across. It flowers from spring through autumn.

Leaves are large and heart-shaped and are velvety to the touch.

The plant has distinctive seedpods with 12–15 segments in a cup-like ring.

Each seedpod is about 2.5cm in diameter.

The Current Situation

Velvetleaf has been discovered on more than 50 properties in the South Island in fodder beet crops in Marlborough, the West Coast,

North Canterbury and Central Otago. MPI is investigating how it got there and how widespread it is.

Velvetleaf should be easy to spot amongst this season's fodder beet plantings. It stands well above the growing beet and is distinctive looking.

You Can Help

If you find velvetleaf, please help us to get rid of this weed from the South Island by taking the following actions:

- If possible, take a photo of the plant/s.
- Mark the location so it is easy to find again.
- Do not pull the plant out.
- Contact MPI immediately on the Pests and Diseases Hotline - 0800 80 99 66.
- Be assured all calls to the hotline are treated in confidence.
- Your call will be referred to an MPI incursion investigator who will call you back to make arrangements for collecting the plants.
- Inspect the rest of your crop to ensure there are no more plants.



Development Charges to be reviewed

This year we plan to review the way we charge developers for the infrastructure needed because of growth.

Councils are able to charge developers and those building new homes "development contributions" to recover the costs associated with providing infrastructure such as roading, water, wastewater and stormwater that are needed due to growth and development.

Currently, we charge development contributions on a "single-catchment" basis - meaning the charges are the same for all urban areas in the District.

The review will look at whether a "multi-catchment" approach is a

fairer way to apportion the costs of growth across the development community. That's because the cost of providing infrastructure to cater for population growth is not the same in Takaka, for example, as it is in Motueka, or Richmond.

It will also examine whether we can encourage higher-density housing in some parts of the District by offering a reduction in charges, and whether we should be charging less if developers invest in major infrastructure themselves that can then service other land.

We will consult on any proposed changes in early 2017, and a new policy is expected to be in place by July 2017.



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