

# Newsline



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## Lights warn of icy roads

**Solar-powered ice warning markers have been installed on some of our winding, ice-prone rural roads – and we'd like to know how effective drivers find them at warning of icy conditions.**

The raised markers glow blue when the road starts to freeze, and switch off as the temperature rises.

They have operated consistently in areas that have reduced sunlight during winter since April 2014.

There are more than 200 markers placed in more than 10 locations throughout the District. We'd like to know if:

- You saw them and knew what they were
- They assisted your driving
- They made a difference to your driving habits

Always drive to the conditions and use caution. It is worth noting that when there is ice on the roads it will likely extend beyond the light trial area, so when the ice lights end the ice will continue.



**To provide feedback please call the Council on Ph. 03 543 8400, or Email: [info@tasman.govt.nz](mailto:info@tasman.govt.nz)**

# Mayor's Message

**I would like to thank everyone who has taken the time to contribute to this year's Annual Plan. As you know, the Council chose a slightly different way to engage with you on the Annual Plan this year. Rather than a formal consultation process, Councillors and staff attended a series of public meetings.**

The Council and I appreciate opportunities to present the Annual Plan given by the Community Boards and residents associations in the District. We particularly enjoyed the meetings we set up in your neighbourhood for people to come and discuss with us one on one issues that are of importance to them. These meetings proved very effective.

Thank you for the feedback you have given us, both verbally and in written form. This will help us for this Annual Plan and leading up to next year's review of Council's Long Term Plan.

As a Council our goal is to support our communities through the services we provide. It's important for us to get your feedback on how well we are doing this and on how we might improve in the future.

We are about to run the Annual Residents Survey. This is a survey undertaken by the National Research Bureau (NRB) to ensure independence and impartiality and is covered by a separate article in this Newsline. This year the survey will open on 6 May through to 15 June and I would encourage anyone who is contacted to give us your feedback, which we really appreciate.

**Mayor Richard Kempthorne**



## How are we doing?

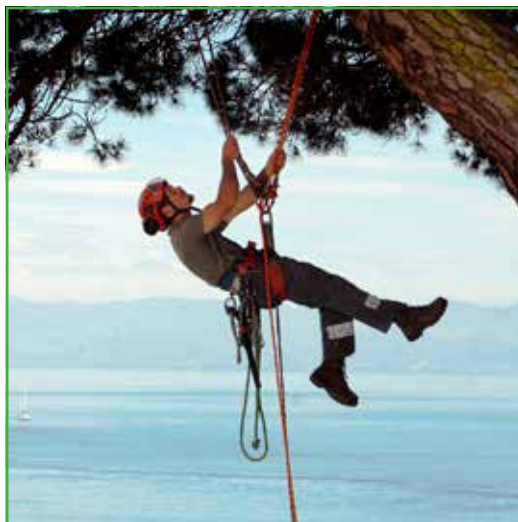
**From Friday 6 May we will be conducting our annual survey to find out how Tasman residents think we are performing.**

In supporting and developing our communities through the activities and services we provide, we also need to look closely at how well we are delivering our services now and into the future.

The residents' survey helps us to track our performance and hear your views on what we do well and where we can improve. The best way to do this is through an independent and impartial interview of a representative cross-section of Tasman people.

The results of the survey will be made public. They form part of the Council's formal reporting and are a critical ingredient in planning for further improvements to our services. For this reason, we greatly appreciate those residents who are contacted taking the time to be involved. The survey is totally confidential.

National Research Bureau will undertake the telephone survey.



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# Keep recycling – it does make a difference

Since our new recycling service began in June 2015, recycling volumes have increased by 22%, so your efforts are making a difference – thank you.

You may have seen the news item on TV3's Story about two Wellington companies dumping recyclables in the landfill. We'd like to reassure Tasman residents that their recyclables are sorted in Richmond and exported for recycling in New Zealand and overseas. By recycling we extend the life of our landfill and reduce the need to use raw materials for new goods.

In Tasman there is a small proportion of what we collect that we cannot recycle. We call this contamination, and it is currently running at about 3% of all that we collect.



## Causes of contamination

- **Non-recyclable item** – the most common 'contamination' is when people simply put stuff in their bin that is not able to be processed – for example plastic bags, polystyrene meat trays and tetrapak containers.
- **Food waste** – food left in bottles, jars and pizza boxes means we can't recycle them.
- **Hazardous materials** – any containers that have held hazardous liquids (e.g. automotive oil, paints) can't be collected for recycling, but you can take them to your local resource recovery centre.

## Recycling guidelines

Following these guidelines will reduce any risk of contamination of recyclables and help keep the recycling process running smoothly.

- Rinse all your bottles, jars and cans
- Please take lids off
- Only recycle plastic containers (1–7)
- Keep your paper and cardboard clean
- No plastic bags please.

You can find a list of what you can and can't recycle on our website, [tasman.govt.nz/services/rubbish-recycling](http://tasman.govt.nz/services/rubbish-recycling).

# Tasman joins building consent revolution

We have signed up to a new programme to simplify the building consent process, meaning we've committed to making it easier for you to do business with us.

You can look forward to a more efficient process and a more consistent approach between councils as our Building Assurance team implements the changes.

GoShift is a partnership between central and local government to improve performance, consistency and service delivery across the building consent system, led by Wellington City Council.

Our top of the south partners, the Nelson City and Marlborough District councils, have also signed up.

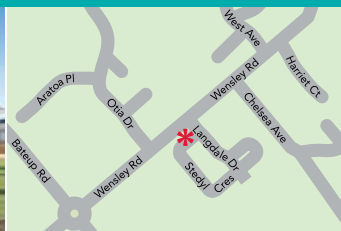
The first obvious sign that GoShift is up and running will be the introduction over the next few months of simplified and standardised consent application forms across all the participating councils. Other parts of the consent process such as approvals and inspections will be standardised over the next six to 12 months.

We'll keep you posted as improvements to our consents system are put in place.

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# Tsunami evacuation maps available soon

The Nelson Tasman Civil Defence and Emergency Management Group will this month publish maps of the areas that could be affected if a tsunami hit our shores.

The tsunami evacuation maps are intended to act as a guide for residents of the areas that could be affected should there be a threat of tsunami and are for information only.

Similar maps have been published around New Zealand.

The maps will be published on the Civil Defence website, [nelsontasmancivildefence.co.nz](http://nelsontasmancivildefence.co.nz), on 27 April. Those interested in learning more about the tsunami risk and evacuation maps are invited to attend one of the public meetings that will be held throughout the region in May.

## Public meetings in Tasman

### Tuesday 3 May

4.30 pm – 5.40 pm, Motueka Community Board meeting, Motueka Service Centre, Hickmott Place, Motueka.

### Saturday 7 May

1.30 pm – 3.30 pm, Club Waimea, Queen Street, Richmond.

### Tuesday 10 May

10.00 am – 11.00 am, Golden Bay Community Board meeting, Takaka Fire Station;

6.30 pm – 8.30 pm, Kaiteriteri Campground, Kaiteriteri.

**To be confirmed** – Mapua

## Trade waste

**From July, businesses that dispose of trade waste into the wastewater network will require the Council's approval to discharge their waste and dischargers will be required to pay.**

Trade waste is mostly made up of industrial and commercial liquid waste discharged to the Council's wastewater network. It typically carries higher levels of contaminants than domestic waste and therefore treatment and disposal costs more.

At the moment, the costs for operating the wastewater network are recovered through the wastewater charges in the rates bill.

However, some users, mainly industrial, can put a more significant load on the wastewater system than is reflected in their rates bill. Our new wastewater bylaw, introduced in July 2015, aims to address that.

The purpose of the bylaw is to:

- Better define what is an acceptable discharge to the wastewater system
- Define what is a trade waste discharge
- Provide clarification about different types of trade waste discharge
- Allow for a fairer way of recovering costs.

There are four classes of wastewater discharge:

- a) Permitted (domestic or domestic equivalent wastewater)
- b) Registered Trade Waste
- c) Conditional Trade Waste
- d) Prohibited (no discharge allowed).

Under the bylaw, trade waste dischargers must apply to the Council for the right to discharge their waste and they will be required

to pay for it. Also, new trade waste dischargers must apply for the right to discharge before commencing their operation.

Currently, Council staff are working with businesses that discharge their trade waste to the wastewater network. Those businesses will need to apply for approval to allow them to discharge their waste. We will begin charging trade waste customers from July 2016.

**If you are a business that discharges trade waste to the Council's wastewater network and want to know more, give us a call on Ph. 03 543 8400 or check out the information on our website [www.tasman.govt.nz/link/trade-waste/](http://www.tasman.govt.nz/link/trade-waste/)**



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# Be safe, be seen

**Cycling is great fun and an excellent way to get around. Here are a few simple tips to stay safe when sharing the road.**

- **Be Seen** – Wear high visibility or brightly coloured clothing and use lights.
- **Be Aware** – Watch for car doors opening, potholes, rubbish, grates, and pedestrians. Always check for left turning vehicles.
- **Be Predictable** – Make eye contact with other road users. Maintain a straight line and don't pass on the left hand side.
- **Be Confident** – Use hand signals and a bell. Ride at least one metre from parked cars.
- **Be Safe** – Follow the road rules and choose the safest route.
- **Be Patient** – Slow down near parked or lined up vehicles. Pass slowly and only when safe.
- **Be Prepared** – Wear an approved helmet and check your bike regularly – brakes, tyres, chain, lights, reflectors.

## Be Bright tips and rules for cyclists

**When considering cycle lights remember:**

- Front lights should be attached to handlebars and pointing slightly down.
- Your lights can be a hazard if used incorrectly. You must not use vehicle lighting equipment in such a way that it dazzles, confuses, or distracts so as to endanger the safety of other road users.
- Correct use of cycle lighting will make your cycling experience safer and more enjoyable, while ensuring other road users are not at risk.
- Together with Consumer NZ, the Greater Wellington Regional Council has tested a selection of bike lights (all under \$100) and reflective garments for effectiveness. You can view the test results online at [gw.govt.nz/be-safe-be-seen](http://gw.govt.nz/be-safe-be-seen).

The following key points are from the Road Code for cyclists.

- Bikes must have a red or yellow rear reflector that is visible from a distance of 100 metres when light shines on it.

When cycling at night or when visibility is poor, cycles must have the following:

- One or more steady or flashing rear-facing red lights that can be seen at night from a distance of 100 metres.
- One or two white or yellow headlights that can be seen at night from a distance of 100 metres. Only one of these headlights may flash.
- Pedal retroreflectors on the forward and rearward facing surfaces of each pedal. If the cycle does not have these the cyclist must be wearing reflective material.



# Do your trees hang low?

**Has your garden grown like mad over summer? If so, then now may be a good time to check that your vegetation hasn't become a nuisance to others.**

If you have a hedge, shrubs or trees that grow alongside a footpath it's up to you to make sure they don't grow too far out, making it hard for others to pass.

Now is an excellent time to give plants a trim, so take a walk around your property and check if a 'haircut' is needed. Make sure you consider whether the footpath is easily passable for those in wheelchairs, on mobility scooters, or with prams – don't just look at it from a pedestrian's point of view.

Is there sufficient room for people to pass each other? If not, it's time to reach for the clippers.

Please check out your boundary and let common sense be your guide because it is up to you to make sure nothing from your property is obstructing the footpath.

**If you'd like further information on this topic please contact the Council, Ph. 03 543 8400.**

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## Roading

### 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.

## Community Notices

### Keep Richmond Beautiful Committee

#### Annual General Meeting

**Wednesday 11 May 2016, 3.00 pm, Tasman District Council Chambers, Queen Street, Richmond.**

Afternoon tea at 2.45 pm, then a short business session and election of officers followed by a presentation by Greg Pickford on his caving experiences.

Newcomers are most welcome.

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## Public Notices

### ANZAC DAY 2016 SERVICES AND PARADES

#### TAPAWERA

*Service* – 9.45 am Memorial Hall

#### RICHMOND

*Parade* – 10.45 am from Sundial Square

*Service* – 11.00 am at War Memorial Gardens, Cambridge Street

#### BRIGHTWATER

*Service* – 9.00 am at Brightwater Memorial Hall Gates

#### WAKEFIELD

*Service* – 10.00 am at the Cenotaph

#### MOTUEKA

*Parade* – 6.15 am from the Motueka Bowling Club Carpark, Pah Street, Motueka

*Service* – 6.30 am at the Cenotaph

#### MURCHISON

*Service* – 11.00 am at the Memorial in Waller Street (Murchison Sport, Recreation and Cultural Centre if wet)

#### MAPUA

*Parade* – 10.45 am Starts adjacent to tennis courts

*Service* – 11.00 am at Mapua RSA Memorial Library, followed by morning tea at the Mapua Hall. A plate would be appreciated.

#### UPPER MOUTERE

*Service* – 10.00 am at the Domain

#### TASMAN

*Service* – 10.00 am at the Memorial

#### RIWAKA

*Laying of Wreath* – 9.00 am at the Riwaka Memorial

#### NGATIMOTI

*Laying of Wreath and Service* – 10.30 am at the Ngatimoti Memorial

#### TAKAKA

*Dawn Service* – 6.15 am at the Takaka Memorial Reserve

*Parade* – assemble outside BP Garage at 8.45 am for 9.00 am service at the Takaka Memorial Reserve

#### COLLINGWOOD

*Dawn Parade* – assemble 6.15 am  
*Service* – citizens' service 11.30 am in the Memorial Hall

#### LAKE ROTOITI

*Service* – 10.30 am in the Lake Rotoiti Community Hall.



## Public Notices

### 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

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

Purpose: To provide the marine farming industry with certainty that spat 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](http://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](mailto:jacqui.deans@tasman.govt.nz) (for Request 1) or

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

## Public Notices

### 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.

## Council Meetings

Agendas and Minutes for Council meetings can be viewed on our website at [www.tasman.govt.nz](http://www.tasman.govt.nz)

**Environment and Planning Committee CANCELLED**  
Thursday 28 April 2016, 9.30 am

##### **Commercial Subcommittee**

Tasman Council Chambers, 189 Queen Street, Richmond,  
Friday 29 April 2016, 1.30 pm. No public forum

##### **Motueka Community Board**

Motueka Service Centre, 7 Hickmott Place, Motueka,  
Tuesday 3 May 2016, 4.00 pm. Public forum

##### **Corporate Services Committee**

Tasman Council Chambers, 189 Queen Street, Richmond,  
Thursday 5 May 2016, 9.30 am. Public forum

##### **Golden Bay Community Board**

Takaka Fire Station, Motupipi Street, Tuesday 10 May 2016,  
9.00 am. Public forum

##### **Full Council**

Tasman Council Chambers, 189 Queen Street, Richmond,  
Thursday 12 May 2016, 9.30 am. Public forum

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# Writechoices

## Anzac Day closure

All Tasman Libraries will be closed on Monday 25 April for the Anzac Day holiday.

## School holiday fun

Check out what's on at your local library for the rest of the school holidays. Whether it's musical stories with Levity Beet at Motueka, reading to dogs at Richmond or cool craft at Takaka there's a wide range of fun and entertaining options for you. Check out the full programme on the library website Featured Events page.

And of course there are all the fabulous books, talking books and DVDs to browse and borrow.

Make sure to add the library to your list of fun places to visit these holidays.

## Opening Lines for teens

Opening Lines is our special promotion for 12-18 year olds running from 11 April to 13 May 2016 at Richmond, Motueka and Takaka libraries.

Choose your next read from just the first line of the book and you could be in to win a prize. Bookchat your favourite reads at the Opening Lines book club at InsideADog.com.au. Details of the book club are inside your book. For more details head into your local library.

## Job Finders Club

Are you between jobs or looking to make a career change? Would coaching, computer skills or interview tips help?

Richmond Library's new weekly Job Finders Club can assist with training in basic computer skills, writing CVs, applying for jobs and interview preparation. A local business mentor will be there to provide support and coaching.

Information Services Librarian Helen McCubbin says, "We want to make sure that we understand the sort of help job seekers need, so for the first month or two we'll have weekly drop-in sessions. These sessions will focus on gathering information, which will help us to develop a programme of training and support. Individual coaching and support will be also available at these drop-in sessions."

Job Finders Club meets every Wednesday at Richmond Library between 11.00 am and 12.00 pm. For more information, contact Richmond Library Ph. 03 543 8500.

## New Zealand Music Month

May is New Zealand Music Month - a time to celebrate our music, our musicians, our heritage and our creative spirit. You can catch performances by local musicians at Richmond, Motueka and Takaka Libraries throughout the month. Support our local talent and add these events to your calendar today.

Check out the programme on our website Featured Events page.

## Law for Lunch at Motueka – Know Your Rights

Join Simon Jones from the Community Law Centre at Motueka Library for a free Law for Lunch session on 9 May at 12.10 pm.

Simon will be talking about consumer problems and how to deal with disputes with neighbours.

Bring along your questions and your lunch.

## SteppingUP computer classes for Term 2

We're back with a new series of SteppingUP classes at Richmond and Motueka libraries.

These free computer classes are designed to help you increase your skills and confidence in navigating the digital world.

Check out our website's Featured Events page for full course details and dates.

Numbers are limited so be in quick to register.

## I love my library because...

If you haven't already told us why you love your library you still have time. Head into any Tasman library, write your favourite things about your library on the cards provided and post it to the board. We're looking forward to hearing from you.

I love my library because... runs until 28 May.

Check our website out for yourself at [www.tasmanlibraries.govt.nz](http://www.tasmanlibraries.govt.nz)



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