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Haven't voted yet? Hop to it!

Voting documents for the local elections must be in by midday on Saturday 8 October – so get those voting papers to a Council office now!

To arrive in time, you need to have posted voting papers by Wednesday 5 October. But don't panic – even if you've missed the postal deadline you can still vote. Drop your completed voting papers into the after-hours box at any Tasman District Council office by 10am on Saturday 8 October. Special votes can be issued only at the Richmond office, which will be open between 9am and 12noon on Saturday 8 October.

Remember, you can read more about the candidates for council and the mayoralty on our website, www.tasman.govt.nz/elections.

View election results

We will provide online updates of the preliminary results as counting is done on election day.

Head to www.tasman.govt.nz/elections, check out the Tasman District Council Facebook page or follow us on Twitter, @tasmandc, to see the results unfold.



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Local Elections 2016

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Tasman in strong financial position

The annual wrap-up of Tasman's finances and achievements confirms the Council's strong financial performance continues, with net debt reduced from \$141 million in 2015 to \$129 million at the end of June 2016.

The current debt is \$44 million less than the \$173 million forecast in our Annual Plan 2015 – 2016. We also recorded an underlying operational surplus of \$13.2 million. The strong balance sheet means we are in a good position to retire more debt, continue to rebuild our emergency fund, and carry funding forward for projects that were delayed this year. The Council will formally adopt the report

once technical amendments relating to Nelson Airport's accounts have been made and we receive Audit NZ clearance. The numbers in the Annual Report are the result of significant operational savings, increased forestry revenue, less spending needed on emergency works and disaster clean-ups, delays to some capital works and higher debt repayment. Population growth, low inflation and low interest rates have also contributed. It is likely our debt will continue to track well below the level anticipated in the Long Term Plan 2015 – 2025. We spent \$26.9 million on capital works projects over the year, including the Golden Bay Community Recreation Facility, Motueka Wastewater Treatment Plant upgrade, Saxton Velodrome and design plans for the Richmond Central infrastructure upgrades (which includes the Queen Street upgrade).

In case you missed it...

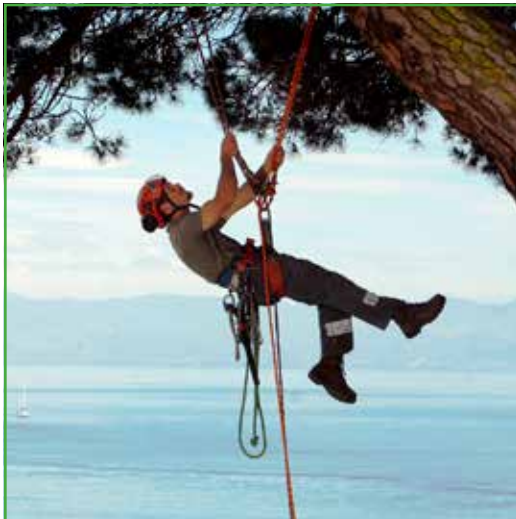
A round up of recent Council meetings and the decisions made.

FULL COUNCIL 22 SEPTEMBER 2016

(the final meeting of the current term of Council)

- Adopted the final Moturoa/Rabbit Island Reserve Management Plan, outlining the priorities and plans for Rabbit, Rough and Bird islands for the next 10 years. More information on page 4.
- Gave authority to the mayor and chief executive to sign an agreement with Nelson City Council that would commit us to a regional landfill arrangement and authorising payment of \$4.2 million to Nelson City Council. More information on page 3.
- Received the Annual Report 2016, which shows an underlying operational surplus of \$13.2 million for the year. More information on this page.
- Agreed to carry over \$25.9 million not spent this year to progress projects in the 2016-17 financial year. Some of the reasons for project delays included bad weather, staff resources, and land and consenting issues.
- Agreed to use surplus funds in the following way: Repay \$4.8 million of internal debt; increase the emergency fund by \$937,000; pay off \$542,000 of activity deficits; carry over \$5 million for projects still to be completed; and leave \$9.6 million in closed activity accounts.

- Adopted the Public Water Supply Bylaw 2016, which will come into effect on 28 October 2016. The bylaw will be available to view on our website from this date.
- Adopted the Traffic Control Bylaw 2016, which comes into effect on 1 November 2016. The bylaw and an online register of all traffic control devices will be available on our website from November. The Council also approved several changes to parking restrictions in the District – see page 4 for the details.
- Approved additional funding of \$500,000 for stormwater upgrades in Lower Queen Street, Richmond. The project will service residential development in the area.
- Received an update on the Council's health and safety obligations and asked for quarterly reports on the way health and safety risks and hazards are being managed.
- Heard that strengthening work on the Spooners Tunnel is underway at a cost of \$117,600. MBIE will be asked to reimburse these costs.
- Agreed to increase the budget for the Saxton Velodrome project to a maximum of \$755,000 and bring forward funding from future years to pay for unbudgeted excavation work, drainage, fencing and fill materials.
- Received findings of a review of the science underpinning the Waimea water augmentation scheme. You can read a copy of the findings, prepared by Landcare Research and Aqualink Research, on our website. See page 9 of the document opened by this link: www.tasman.govt.nz/link/science-review.
- Mayor Richard Kempthorne thanked community board members and councillors for their contributions during the current term of Council.



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Joint regional landfill update

Progress on a joint regional landfill arrangement between us and Nelson City Council continues.

Subject to all the necessary legal processes being completed, including gaining approval from the Commerce Commission, the councils will sign an agreement confirming the arrangement to form a joint committee to run the landfill. Part of the agreement will see us pay Nelson \$4.2 million to recognise that Nelson's York Valley landfill has more remaining capacity (and therefore a higher value) than our Eves Valley landfill. By making the payment, we obtain an equal share in the new landfill venture.

The intention is for York Valley to become the regional landfill initially, with use of Eves Valley discontinued for the time being.

Should the proposal proceed, most residents and businesses will experience no noticeable change – kerbside rubbish and recycling collection will continue as they do now. Both councils' transfer stations will continue to operate. Commercial customers of Eves Valley landfill will be directed to York Valley.

Pest of the month: Climbing Asparagus

Climbing Asparagus (*Asparagus scandens*), which originates from South Africa, was originally planted in gardens for its numerous tiny cream flowers and fern-like foliage. It is now classified as a National Pest Plant Accord Pest Plant and is banned from propagation and sale.

It grows as a wiry matted vine that completely covers the lower level of forests and shrub land in a dense impenetrable mass. The orange seeds have a very high germination rate and are spread widely by birds. The vine grows quickly and becomes a dominant pest vine in a very short time. It produces finger-like tubers beneath the ground and requires methodical and ongoing herbicide treatment to eradicate it.

The Tasman-Nelson Regional Pest Management Strategy has designated Climbing Asparagus as a Progressive Control Plant and requires residents in the eastern Golden Bay area to control the vine.

Climbing Asparagus vines have been found in the following locations: Ruby Bay, Mapua, Stephens Bay, Wainui Bay, Pohara, Paton's Rock, Milnthorpe, Collingwood, Opou, Waikato, Taimatea Point, Seaford and on Farewell Spit. Climbing Asparagus flowers in September.

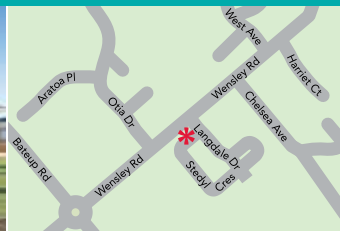
The flowers mature into orange berries in late summer. If you think you have the plant on your property, contact your Council Biosecurity Officer on Ph. 543 8400., who can offer advice on how to destroy this persistent vine.



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Moturoa/Rabbit Island plan confirmed

Improvements to biking trails, new native riparian plantings and more recreation facilities are among the key features of our plan for the future of Moturoa/Rabbit Island.

The final Moturoa/Rabbit Island Reserve Management Plan was adopted on 22 September following an extensive public consultation process. Some of the strong messages that came through in the feedback were the desire to retain the existing bike trails through plantation forestry areas on Moturoa/Rabbit Island, to keep the islands free of any further commercial activity, and to restrict the application of biosolids to existing areas, excluding Rough and Bird islands. Thank you to everyone who submitted feedback – your input has been vital in developing a plan that both reflects the community's wishes and allows us to successfully manage the many different activities that take place at Rabbit, Rough and Bird islands.

What does the plan say?

The key changes within the management plan are to:

- Maintain and expand existing network of cycling/walking trails through forested areas on the western half of Moturoa/Rabbit Island. Expansions include extending Faulkners Track to link with Ken Beck Drive and enabling public use of the recreation reserve along Barnicoat Road.
- Develop a Grade 2 mountainbike park west of the existing mountainbike track in Conifer Park.
- Provide a link track for horse riders only along the eastern side of Ken Beck Drive to provide safe riding access between the Rough Island equestrian park and the front beach on Moturoa/Rabbit Island.

- Provide an alternative route for horse riders along Monaco Road at high tide to avoid damage to bird nesting and roosting areas.
- Possible upgrade of existing boat ramps.
- Provision to close the eastern half of Moturoa/Rabbit Island for three weekends each winter for organised game bird hunting events – this is on a trial basis.
- Extra recreational amenities over time, eg. Information hubs, toilets, picnic tables, barbecues, shade sails.
- Restoration of coastal margins with native plantings. A 20-metre native riparian buffer is proposed to be planted around the coastline of Rabbit, Rough and Bird islands.
- Undertake separate public consultation on changing the reserve classification for specific areas, including a new status of Scenic Reserve for some significant native habitat areas.

Find out more

You can read the Moturoa/Rabbit Island Reserve Management Plan on our website – see www.tasman.govt.nz/link/moturoa



Vehicle sales banned on Salisbury Road

A ban on displaying 'for sale' signs on cars parked on Richmond's Salisbury Road will come into force in November.

The ban is among several changes to parking restrictions on the street, prompted by concerns from schools about the safety and visibility of students being picked up and dropped off on the busy thoroughfare, as well as the availability of parking for the general public and school communities.

Other changes to parking restrictions will also be implemented from 1 November 2016, including:

- New short-term parking spaces (2 minutes) outside Waimea College and Waimea Intermediate to make it easier for parents to drop-off/pick-up their children without driving into the school grounds.
- P180 time-restricted spaces on Stephens Bay Road, Kaiteriteri, near the beach to provide medium and long-term parking for visitors to the beach and residents.
- A ban on overnight parking within the Motueka's Saltwater Baths Carpark to discourage freedom camping in this location.

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Tasman Youth Council donates \$3000 to Multicultural Council

The Tasman Youth Council's Colour Craze event at Saxton Field in June was a celebration of cultural diversity. The event raised \$3000, which the council this month donated to the Nelson-Tasman Multicultural Council. Youth Council member Mara Leyland, of Waimea College, explains more about the event.

The Nelson-Tasman Multicultural Council is an organisation that really cares for the community whole heartedly. From experience with the Tasman Youth Council I have grown to understand that the Nelson-Tasman Multicultural Council has an incredibly special awareness for what the community wants and they are there to help as much as they can. The Colour Craze was an event that everyone on the Tasman Youth Council was passionate about and it made the whole experience more fulfilling to know that we were sending the profits to such a great organisation. All up we donated just over \$3000 and we look forward to seeing where that money will lead the community too. An idea the Nelson-Tasman Multicultural Council have is to use the money to fund a second Colour Craze event. We will be doing this project together as

conjoined Councils. This really represents what Tasman Youth Council and the Nelson-Tasman Multicultural Council stand for. Working together to provide an enjoyable fun community for everyone in the Nelson and Tasman regions to enjoy. I personally look forward to working with these guys in the future and am incredibly grateful for their support and positive energy.



Initial Queen Street works set to begin

We are set to begin work laying a water pipe and moving power boxes on Queen Street – a job that needs to be completed before major infrastructure upgrades on the street begin in February 2017.

Our maintenance contractor Downer will this month lay a small water pipeline on the northwestern side of Queen Street, between Gladstone Road and Sundial Square, as well as install communication and power ducts. Other work will involve moving above ground power boxes out of Queen Street wherever possible.

The work is an initial phase of the Queen Street Upgrade, in which we will replace ageing water, wastewater and stormwater pipes and lower the centre of the road to reduce the risk of future flooding.

The initial minor works will take place mainly outside of business hours to minimise disruption, and should be complete by about late November. We have opted to carry out this smaller job before the major construction in order to reduce the risk of disruption to water

services during next year's works, and to allow the major upgrades to be carried out faster. There may be short periods where water is shut down to allow the new pipe to be connected – we will be in touch with the small number of affected properties to discuss the timing.

Find out more: More information on the Queen Street Upgrade can be found on our website – visit www.tasman.govt.nz/queen-street.



Improvements planned for Takaka carpark

Initial improvements to Takaka's Motupipi Carpark will be carried out this month in order to provide more usable parking space over the busy summer period.

Work is set to begin on 10 October to remove old building foundations, kerb and channel, and other debris. That will provide more clear space

for parking over summer as a prelude to a more extensive upgrade of the carpark planned in 2017. During the work, parts of the carpark will be unavailable but we will try to limit this as much as possible. The more extensive upgrade still to come will see the parking layout redesigned and the number of parking spaces increased. There will also be a review of signage directing people to the carpark.

PUBLIC NOTICES

Harvesting closure – Rough Island

To allow harvesting operations to take place, the following closures and notices are in effect on Rough Island.

- Traverse Walking Track and Heath Road East closed from 22 September until 19 December
- Tic Toc Road, Ken Beck Drive and Great Taste Trail subject to occasional traffic control
- Kingsland Road, Clark Road, Heath Road West remain open.

Visit www.tasman.govt.nz/link/moturoa for more information and a map of closed areas.

Your time can make the difference to others

St John needs volunteers in the Tasman District urgently to maintain services in the area at the current level. If you are physically fit, hold a full driver's licence, have some time and want to help your community we would love to hear from you. St John offers you NZQA recognised training from the country's leading provider of pre-hospital emergency care. You will work alongside both paid and volunteer staff and interact with health professionals and people in your community.

The role requires the volunteer to be community minded, committed, and motivated to respond as part of a skilled professional team. It's through the commitment of our volunteers that we are able to be New Zealand's most trusted charity, and a leading health provider in New Zealand.

If you are interested in becoming a St John Ambulance Volunteer or would like more information, please visit: www.stjohn.org.nz and click on the join St John tab to find out more.

Security lighting

The Richmond District Community Patrol and Neighbourhood Support – Waimea have funding available to provide outside solar security lights on your property if you are concerned about your security. If you wish to be considered for getting one of these lights, please contact Marty Ph. 544 1365 or Mike Ph. 027 286 4157.

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Community patrollers wanted

The Richmond District Community Patrol is looking for some more volunteers to assist our local Police in keeping our area a safer place in which to live. The Community Patrol provides extra eyes and ears for the Police mainly during weekends. All new patrollers receive appropriate training and you will work with a great bunch of people.

If you are interested in helping out or want to do something that is worthwhile for your community, please contact Mike Ph. 027 286 4157 or Marty Ph. 544 1365. You can also call at the Richmond Police Station for an application form to join the patrol.

Join us for Get Ready Week

We want families to be prepared when the worst happens – and that means having a plan.

As part of Get Ready Week 2016, Nelson Tasman Emergency Management will join the Fire Service and Nelson Marlborough District Health Board at the entrance to Nelson Hospital for a public 'Get Ready' day on Wednesday 12 October – we'd love to see you there.

Come along between 10am and 2pm to check out the information and displays. The theme of this year's Get Ready Week is Prepared Kids. It's important to talk to your children honestly, but in a non-scary way about emergencies and natural disasters. We'll have practical tips on how to make a plan by involving the whole family.

If you can't make the open day, head online to learn more and make a plan – visit www.happens.nz.

Summer sport codes Sport NZ rural travel fund

Are you a Tasman 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 31 October.

Application forms and further information is online at www.tasman.govt.nz/council/grants-funding or contact Lani Evans on Ph. 543 8400 for further information.

NetHui is next week!

Nethui is your chance to join a huge conversation about the internet in New Zealand. The programme for our region includes discussion on Ultra-fast and rural broadband, civic participation, digital inclusion and much more.

Registration costs just \$25 for a full day – full programme details and the registration form are available at <http://2016.nethui.nz>. Sessions are also live-streamed, and you can find online conversations using the hashtag #nethui.

It's the first time Nethui have travelled to a regional centre – let's make sure it's a resounding success.

Any questions feel free to contact NRDA Digital Coordinator at karen@nrda.co.nz or Ph. 027 644 9800.

PUBLIC NOTICES

Are you planning a community art project?

Creative Communities provides funding to support community involvement in the arts, whether that's music, theatre, festivals, mural painting, outdoor sculptures, art in public spaces, kapa haka, singing, art workshops or something else. If you have a great community arts project needing some dollars to make it happen, the Tasman Creative Communities Scheme may be just what you're looking for.

There are three rounds of applications per annum. The next round closes 10 November for projects starting mid-December. There is \$39,000 allocated per annum. Average allocations are \$1,000.

For application forms: www.tasman.govt.nz/grants-funding/ or contact Lani Evans Ph. 543 8980 for further information.

Mapua Community Library spring book sale

On Saturday 22 October from 9:00 am until 1:00 pm, the Mapua Library will hold their Annual Spring Book Sale in Mapua Village on the corner of Aranui Road and Toru Street. Stock up for Summer reading from our huge collection of like-new books which will be offered for sale at great prices! For more information Ph. 540 2545.

Events for motorcyclists

Saturday 8 October – Biker's Brunch

To be held at the Annesbrook Church on Saxton Road, 9.30am to 12 noon. All riders on all types of bikes and licences welcome to come along any time during the morning. Test out your skills on the obstacle course, sign up for a free upskilling course, talk to local motorcycle clubs and groups, and be with a chance of winning vouchers from a local retailers. Also enjoy a free cup of coffee and a bacon sandwich.

Friday 18 November – Brittany Morrow

Come along to the Waimea Club from 6pm and hear what Brittany has to say about wearing "All the gear. All the time". She will tell her story about how an unlocked helmet visor flipped up at speed and dragged her off the back of a friend's bike in 2005. The helmet saved her life, but a complete lack of protective gear meant that her life changed forever. She has become the Queen of Road Rash – www.rockthegear.org. Hot drinks and snacks provided.

Saturday 19 November – Dave Moss

Dave will be at Speights Ale House from 10am to 1pm. Dave's mission is to ensure that every motorcyclist gets the fundamental information needed to understand the basics of their own motorcycle's suspension. With that information all can begin to understand why setting up a motorcycle chassis and suspension is critical to rider safety for every motorcycle produced. Check out Dave's website – www.feelthetrack.com. No registrations are needed for any of the events. For further information please contact Krista Ph. 03 543 8551 or krista.hobday@tasman.govt.nz.

Waimea Soroptimists event with special guest Jim Strang

Waimea Soroptimists present Jim Strang, founder of Reed Nepal, talking about his work in education in the Nepalese region of Solukhumbu.

Event details: Breakfast and talk 9.00 am Saturday 15 October, Headingly Centre, Richmond. \$25 tickets available at Stirling Sports, Fields Florist, and MD outdoors. Contact Annette Ph. 027 544 7138

PUBLIC NOTICES

Intention to dispose of abandoned vessel

Tasman District Council intends to dispose of an apparently abandoned vessel (pursuant to Section 33L of the Maritime Transport Act 1994). The vessel is lying on a swing mooring on the mudflats at Port Motueka. The vessel is ~28 feet long (8.5m) and is distinctively painted with white port side and a black starboard side hull. This vessel is in a derelict condition.

The owner of this vessel is requested to contact the Tasman District Council Harbourmaster by Ph. 03 543 8400 or Email harbourmaster@tasman.govt.nz within 14 days of this notice.

COMMUNITY NOTICES

Food Forest Project working bee

Ledger Park, Motueka, 1st and 3rd Saturday of every month. 10 to 12 noon. Bring spade, fork, and gloves. All enquiries, Ph. Dawn Jones 03 528 9368.

ROADING

Road closures

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

Applicant: Westland Car Club

Location of road closure: Matakitaki Road – 500m before property 933 to 500m past Mailman Creek Bridge

Date of road closure: Saturday 3 December, 10 am – 7 pm

Date objections close: 5 November 2016

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Writechoices

Libraries closing for RFID installation

Tasman District Libraries are on the brink of an exciting new development in the way library materials are issued and returned. In mid-October we're installing equipment and going live with RFID. Issuing books will be a faster process. And when you return items they'll be discharged off your card much more quickly.

Borrowers in Richmond and Motueka will also have the option of issuing their own items using our new self-check kiosks. Installing the equipment involves closing each library for a day or two.

The libraries will be closed on the following days:

Richmond Library – Tuesday 18 and Wednesday 19 October

Motueka Library – Thursday 20 October

Takaka Library – Friday 21 October

Murchison Library will remain open as usual.

You can still return your books through the after-hours book drops and renew items via the library website or by phone or email. We'll also be available to take your telephone queries as usual. We apologise for any inconvenience the closures might cause.

Create an insect-friendly garden

Do you want to attract more birds, bees and other beneficial insects to your garden? Find out which plants to use and how to create an insect-friendly garden at Motueka Library's gardening workshop with experienced gardeners Darlene and Penny. You'll also learn how to make a bird feeder and a butterfly-friendly habitat. The workshop is on Monday 10 October 10.00am – 12.00 noon and costs \$5.00. Ph. 03 528 1047 to book your place.

Armchair Adventures at Takaka Library

Take a seat and tour the globe with Takaka's intrepid travellers. From mountain biking across the roof of America to backpacking in Iran, from motorcycling through Morocco to leisurely exploring France by train, whatever your style just sit back and savour the journey.

Armchair Adventures is on at Takaka Library every Friday at 1.00pm from 7 October to 4 November. For more information on individual talks go to the library website Featured Events page.

Check our website out for yourself at www.tasmanlibraries.govt.nz

Hell Pizza Reading Challenge is back

Collect a pizza wheel from Richmond or Motueka Library, read 7 Tasman District library books, report in 3 times to tell us about them and win yourself a free 333 kids Hell pizza.

Once you've received 7 clicks and the library's stamp you can visit Hell Pizza and enjoy! Limit of one check-in per day. For children in Years 1 – 8 (age 5 – 12). Conditions apply.

The Hell pizza reading challenge ends on 14 October.

Our Waters in Common documentary screening

We all know that water is vital to our lives. And that the health of our rivers can't be taken for granted any longer.

Find out about the health of our local Tasman waterways in this special screening of *Our Waters in Common*, a film that explores the state of our Tasman environment. The film examines the amazing things that rivers provide us, the issues they face and how communities and agencies are working together to improve them. Riding on the back of a big water quality reporting effort, the movie was a year in the making and was helped by a huge volunteer effort. The beauty and diversity of the district's rivers shines through and the stories of so many good people working to improve our rivers' health are warmly and poignantly portrayed. With such a wonderful community in Tasman looking after our rivers, it's hard not to be encouraged.

Our Waters in Common screens at Richmond Library on Tuesday 18 October at 7.30 pm. The screening is free but bookings are essential. Ph. 03 543 8500 to book your seat.

Free computer classes

Our free computer classes are back for another term at Richmond and Motueka Libraries. If you're trying to get connected and unravel the mysteries of your computer, then one of our SteppingUP classes might be what you're looking for. The full schedule of classes is available on the Featured Events page on the library website. Numbers are limited and bookings are essential.

Renovating a home on wheels

Imagine renovating a home on wheels and living life as a gypsy. Motueka local Vivian Scharf has done just that. And now you can find out how she did it. Vivian will share her journey in creating her pint-sized home on wheels at 2.00 pm Weds 9 November at Motueka Library.

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