

NEWSLINE

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Dam negotiations continue to secure urban water supply

The Council this month agreed to continue negotiations with irrigators for the Waimea Community Dam.

Tasman Mayor Richard Kempthorne said the decision reflected the compelling case for the dam to provide a secure urban water supply and improve the health of the Waimea River.

"If there is no dam, more than 20,000 people in Richmond, Brightwater, Mapua and the Redwood Valley – as well as industry and homes in Nelson city supplied by our water scheme – will face significant water rationing nine summers out of 10 from 2018 at the latest. When I say 'significant', I'm talking about people having to cut the amount of water they use by up to half."

Mayor Kempthorne said the new rationing rules had been put in place to protect the river.

"Our job as a regional council in this kind of scenario is actually pretty clear. We have to provide water for our community, and we have to protect our environment by safeguarding the flow of water in the river. The Waimea Community Dam allows us to do both."

Mayor Kempthorne said the partnership with irrigators made the dam the most cost-effective solution to the region's water shortage.

"The Council's contribution to this project is not a subsidy to irrigators. Irrigators are carrying the highest cost for the dam. It makes sense for us to work together."

"Having said that, the need to provide a secure water resource for the area is a challenging issue. Continuing the negotiations will provide ratepayers with a full and complete picture about the costs involved."

Next steps:

- Negotiations between the Council, Waimea Irrigators Limited and potential funding partners Nelson City Council and Crown Irrigation Investments Limited will continue to confirm the terms of a joint venture and the funding arrangements.
- Public consultation on the entire proposal, including the funding split, the impact on rates and water charges, governance and commercial terms is likely from November 2017.
- A final decision whether to proceed with construction of the Waimea Community Dam is likely in early to mid-2018.

Mayor's message

In my last Mayor's Message I talked to you about the important role volunteers play in our communities.

This month, Tasman District Council helped to host the 2017 Trustpower Community Awards. These awards are an opportunity for us to recognise the voluntary groups who do such tremendous work in our communities. They also provide us with an opportunity to learn more about the work that these groups have been doing and the wonderful outcomes they have been achieving.

Trustpower run the awards in partnership with our Council and with Nelson City Council. They are open to all voluntary groups and organisations working to make this area a better place to live. This year around 100 nominations were received, which

shows what a community minded-place we live in with so many people volunteering valuable time and energy.

I would like to offer my thanks to all of our volunteer groups for the wonderful work they do in our communities. I'm sure you join me in congratulating all of the winners and nominees from this year's Awards. Keep up the great work!

Mayor Richard Kempthorne



In case you missed it...

Stay up to date with what we've been doing with this round-up of recent Council meetings and the decisions made.

Full Council – 14 June 2017

- Agreed to continue negotiations with Waimea Irrigators Ltd towards a Waimea Community Dam funding agreement that provides for an increase in capital and operating funding by the Council, and credit support for the Crown Irrigation Investments loan to the project. More on page 1.
- Appointed Roger Taylor as an independent member of the Commercial Committee for a five-year term.
- Approved the recommendation of an independent commissioner to rezone a site on the corner of Salisbury and Champion roads Richmond for a supermarket development.

Full Council – 22 June 2017

- Agreed to bring forward funding for water infrastructure in Richmond West as part of a 50-50 funding partnership with developers.
- Approved eight Special Housing Areas in Richmond, Wakefield, Marahau and Pohara, providing at least 1281 sections.
- Heard the Council is on track for a year-end operating surplus of \$12 million. Net debt has fallen from \$129 million in June 2016 to \$115 million currently.
- Reduced the speed limit on Queen Street, Richmond, and through Sundial Square, from 50km/h to 30km/h. The new speed limit comes into effect on 1 August.
- Allocated \$20,000 from the Special Grants Fund to the Kai Fest Trust for the 2018 Motueka Kai Festival.

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Remember to register by 30 July to avoid an extra fee.



Register in person:

Use the form mailed to you or download a form from www.tasman.govt.nz/link/dogs. Bring it to any Council service centre to make payment.

Register by mail:

Post your completed form and payment to:

- Tasman District Council, Private Bag 4, Richmond 7050

Pay online:

You can pay your registration fee online with a credit card – you will need your owner number.

Visit www.tasman.govt.nz/services/make-a-payment.

You must still provide us with your completed registration form to receive your new tag.

If any of your details have changed, such as your address or the number of dogs you own, you need to let us know. Fill in the Dog Registration Update Notification form found on our website and drop it in or post it to us. Alternatively, you can scan it and email to dogcontrol@tasman.govt.nz.

Motueka memorial restored

An early 20th Century Motueka memorial commemorating the sacrifice of Trooper Leonard Tarrant – the first New Zealander to die in a prisoner of war camp – will be re-dedicated on Saturday 8 July 2017.

Leonard Tarrant was born in 1871, raised and schooled in Lower Moutere, worked as a miner, then served as a member of the 1st Contingent that New Zealand sent to the South African war in 1899. He saw action at what later became known as New Zealand Hill, went on to be part of the force that relieved the siege of Kimberly and

released Cecil Rhodes. He was subsequently captured at Sannahs Post, along with 16 other New Zealanders.

Imprisoned in Pretoria, Len died of enteric fever on 15 April 1900, sadly becoming the first New Zealander to die in a prisoner of war camp.

A memorial to commemorate Len Tarrant was funded by Motueka residents and unveiled on Motueka Quay near the Old Wharf on 8 July 1903. Over the ensuing years, the memorial suffered from neglect and collision damage by everything from horsedrawn drays to campervans. In 2013, a small committee was formed to restore the memorial. Money was raised, NZ Historic Places Trust was consulted and G Miller & Sons (Monumental Masons) of Richmond,

the firm that carried out the original construction, were contracted to lead the remedial work.

Now refurbished, the Memorial will be re-dedicated in the presence of descendants of the Tarrant, Moffat and Wratt families. Major General Peter Kelly, Chief of Army will be the guest speaker. Other attendees will include Mr BJ Clark, National President of the RNZRSA, schoolchildren from Lower Moutere School (Len's school), the Motueka District Brass Band and representatives of other Motueka interest groups.

When and where

The ceremony will begin at 2.30 pm Saturday 8 July – 114 years to the time and day the original unveiling occurred. The public is most welcome to attend.

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A colorful illustration depicting various water-related concepts. On the left, a house with a water tap and a bird. In the center, a blue river flows through a landscape with mountains, a windmill, a cow, and a well. On the right, a helicopter and a plane are shown flying over the water.

Community invited to have their say on safety improvements to Motueka's High Street

The NZ Transport Agency is investigating short to medium term improvements to High Street, Motueka to improve safety issues and traffic flows.

Transport Agency Regional Relationships Director Jim Harland says Motueka has a thriving centre and traffic volumes are increasing, with continued growth expected in the area.

"High Street provides for regional through traffic, as well as for regular everyday use

such as parking and access via side roads," Mr Harland said.

"The design of the pedestrian crossings needs improvement and a number of intersections could be redesigned to work more effectively."

The Transport Agency has developed improvement options with input from Tasman District Council, the Motueka Community Board, the Police and the Automobile Association.

"We would like the community to have their say. This feedback will help us develop a preferred option to improve safety

issues and traffic flows on High Street." Jim Harland said.

The community engagement period will run until 14 July.

Submissions can be made through the NZTA website

www.nzta.govt.nz/motueka, by email motuekainvestigation@nzta.govt.nz, or by mail to: Motueka Investigation Project Team, NZ Transport Agency, PO Box 1041, Nelson 7040.



Removal of river gravel build-up reduces flood risk

The completion of a project to remove gravel build-up from the Waimea River between Blackbyre Road and Lower Queen St has reduced the likelihood of flooding in neighbouring areas.

Long-time users of the Waimea River have probably observed the gradual build-up of gravel over the past 20 years on this particular stretch of the river.

Giles Griffith, Rivers and Coastal Engineer, explains that the build-up occurs when the gravel normally carried by the river gets dropped during floods and high tides. "The build-up is significant, because as the gravel accumulates, the river can't carry away as much flood water and this means there's greater potential for flooding."

Diggers were used to skim excess gravel off the river beach, which was then carted away by truck to be divided amongst the Tasman Aggregate Users Group (TAUG) who will process it for high-end uses such as road basecourse and concrete. TAUG pays a per cubic metre fee for the gravel and the income is used to fund further river management work.

As a result of the gravel-removal operation, the river will now be able to carry more flood water – meaning water levels in the river will be lower in the same size weather event. Although the next formal river-bed survey is not scheduled until 2022, we will continue to monitor the area.

Still time to lodge EQC claims following April floods

Customers whose land suffered damage from landslips or flooding during the April floods still have time to lodge a claim with the Earthquake Commission.

Event response spokesperson, Paul Walsh, says: "If your land has suffered landslip, flood damage or silt inundation, and you have fire insurance for home or contents, then you can make a claim with EQC within three months of when the damage occurred. For example, if your property suffered landslip damage on 5 April, you have until 5 July to lodge your claim."

Make a claim

Claims can be lodged online at www.eqc.govt.nz/claims, via email on info@eqc.govt.nz, or by calling 0800 DAMAGE (326 243).

More information about EQC's cover for this year's flood events is online at www.eqc.govt.nz/recent-events/april-floods

QUEEN STREET UPGRADE



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What you need to know

The Council has agreed to reduce the speed limit on Queen Street to 30km/h (down from the current 50km/h) to support the street's new pedestrian-friendly design.

The lower speed limit will also apply through Sundial Square, and comes into effect on 1 August.

Contractors are now replacing the street surface in the area between Gladstone Road and Noel Leeming (Stage 1), creating a protective layer over the new underground pipes and installing the new street-top design.

In early July the finishing street-top touches will be added in Stage 1, including trees and street furniture.

Work on the underground infrastructure continues in Stage 2, from Noel Leeming to Cambridge Street. There's lots to see in this area, with diggers and machinery working away in the construction zone, as well as wacky mirrors, colourful chalkboards and information panels along the footpath to have fun with. Head down there to see what's happening and support our local businesses at the same time.



Love Richmond Selfie Competition

Take a selfie at the Love Richmond chalkboard in front of the library and post it to the Love Richmond Facebook page, telling us what you love about Richmond, for a chance to win a \$20 shopping voucher.



Key things to remember:

- All shops are open for business as usual
- Vehicle access is restricted from Gladstone Road to just before Cambridge Street
- Parking is available on much of Queen Street, and in the many carparks at the rear of the shops (accessible from the ring road)
- Free all-day parking is available at the Richmond Showgrounds

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- Seasoned firewood, suitable for immediate use during the winter months, or
- Green (unseasoned) firewood delivered far enough in advance that, if properly stored by the user, it will be ready to burn in winter.



Remember, green wood will not burn efficiently, leaving you with a cold house and smoky fire. A Good Wood supplier will have a moisture meter to measure the moisture content of wood if you wish to confirm that wood being delivered is dry enough to use. Find a Good Wood supplier: Head to www.tasman.govt.nz/link/good-wood.

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 each year. Applications for the next round close on 10 July. There is \$39,000 allocated per annum. Average allocations are \$1,000. For application forms visit tasman.govt.nz/link/creative-communities or call Mike Tasman-Jones Ph. 03 543 8403 for further information.

Mapua Community Library winter book sale – rain or shine

On Saturday 1 July from 10.00 am until 2.00 pm, the Mapua Community Library will hold their Annual Winter Book Sale in Mapua Village on the corner of Aranui Road and Toru Street. Stock up for Winter reading from our huge collection of books which will be offered for sale at great prices! Ph: 540 2545.

Need help with your Community Grant?

We're running some workshops at libraries to show you how easy and simple it is to access and complete the online application form. Staff will be available to help you find, download and complete the form, and then return it to us, all using our website. Community Grants Library drop-in sessions run around the district from 1.00 pm to 3.00 pm on the following dates:

- Tuesday 4 July – Takaka Library
- Wednesday 5 July – Motueka Library
- Thursday 6 July – Richmond Library
- Friday 7 July – Murchison Library (note time is 1.15 – 3.00 pm).

Applications for Community Grants close on July 31. Visit tasman.govt.nz/link/grants to fill in the online application form or to find out more.

Special grants available

Are you planning a great community event or project, but need a little help to make it happen? We may be able to help.

Applications for our Special Grants Fund are open. This fund is for significant new events in the District, and allows us to provide a larger financial contribution (upwards of \$10,000) to special events that will benefit our community, providing a range of opportunities and experiences to residents and visitors.

Find out more: You can read more about the criteria and application process for Special Grants on our website – visit

www.tasman.govt.nz, search term "Special Grants", or contact Community Partnerships Coordinator Mike Tasman Jones on mike.tasman-jones@tasman.govt.nz. Ph. 03 543 8400.

Scholarships for youth leaders

Are you aged between 15 – 20, live in the Tasman District and keen to attend a youth leadership opportunity this year? Then we can help, with \$200. Tasman \$200ships are available any time of year to support young people in our district attend courses like Outward Bound or Spirit of Adventure. The application process is simple – just visit www.tasman.govt.nz/link/200

Fonterra Upper South annual community meetings

Fonterra invites you to its annual community meetings which will be held as follows:

- Fonterra Brightwater on Monday 10 July, 6.00 pm to 7.30 pm
- Fonterra Takaka on Wednesday 12 July, 6.00pm to 7.30 pm

At the meeting Fonterra will:

- Introduce you to our team;
- Provide you with an update on the activities and operations at the sites, and
- Give you an overview of the site's environmental performance over the last year.

If you would like to attend either community meeting, please RSVP by 5 July 2017 to Emily Macdonald by calling or texting 027 836 2538 or by email: emily.macdonald@fonterra.com.

Please also let Fonterra know if there are any specific questions you have about the Takaka and Brightwater sites, or Fonterra, that you would like to be answered at the meeting.

Banded Rail planting dates

Please come and join us at a community planting day from 9.00 am – 1.00 pm on the Waimea Inlet:

- Hoddy Estuary Park: Sunday 2 July. Off Coastal Highway near Research Orchard Road
- Dominion Embayment: Saturday 8 July. Parking at 43 Apple Valley Rd (between Bronte Rd & Mapua Dr).
- Stringer Creek: Sunday 23 July. Westdale Road opposite The Playhouse Café.
- Trafalgar Embayment: Saturday 29 July. Park in small layby off Coastal Highway opposite Trafalgar Rd.

Please bring gloves, spade and drinking water. Wear solid footwear and clothes suitable for the weather conditions. Coffee (courtesy of Pomeroy's) and tea will be provided.

For more information email bandedrail@gmail.com or phone Kathryn, 03 544 4537.

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Rivercare meetings 2017

Our annual Rivercare meetings are coming up – they're a chance to find out more about your local streams and rivers, and what we're doing to take care of them. Topics will include flood protection, riparian maintenance and erosion control.

If you have a specific question or topic you would like discussed, please contact Rivers and Coastal Engineer Giles Griffith on Ph.03 543 7244 or Email: giles.griffith@tasman.govt.nz. More information can be found on our website www.tasman.govt.nz (search phrase: 'rivercare').

Upper Motueka Catchment

Tuesday 18 July 2017, 3.00pm, Tapawera Community Rooms (Upper Motueka, Motupiko, Tadmor and Sherry Rivers)

Dove River

Tuesday 18 July 2017, 7.00pm, Dovedale Hall

Waimea Catchment

Thursday 20 July 2017, 10.00am, Richmond Council Chambers (Waimea, Wai-iti and Wairoa Rivers)

Lower Motueka Catchment

Thursday 20 July 2017, 4.00pm, Motueka Service Centre (Lower Motueka, Riwaka, Brooklyn, Little Sydney, Hamiltons and Scotts Drains, Pauley Creek, Company Ditches and Moutere Rivers)

Takaka Catchment

Friday 21 July 2017, 10.00am, Takaka Service Centre (Takaka, Waingarō and Anatoki Rivers)

Aorere Catchment

Friday 21 July 2017, 1.30pm, Collingwood Tavern (Aorere and Kaituna Rivers).

Access to eastern half of Moturoa/Rabbit Island restricted

Public access to the eastern half of Moturoa/Rabbit Island will be closed on Saturday 1 July and Saturday 29 July while an organised game bird hunting event takes place.

Fish and Game organise the hunts, which are permitted on a trial basis under the Moturoa/Rabbit Island Reserve Management Plan.

The hunts are timed to coincide with low tide to avoid any effect on shore birds. No hunting is allowed within 100 metres of the high tide mark.

Closure dates 2017:

The hunts will take place on the following dates:

- 8.00 am – 2.00 pm, Saturday 1 July
- 8.00 am – 2.00 pm, Saturday 29 July

Map of Area Closed for Hunting:



All of your Tasman District Council information at: www.tasman.govt.nz

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MOTUEKA	03 528 2022
TAKAKA	03 525 0020

Council Meetings

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

Community Development Committee

Council Chambers, 189 Queen Street, Richmond.
Thursday 6 July 2017, 9.30 am. Public forum

Golden Bay Community Board

Golden Bay Service Centre, 78 Commercial Street.
Tuesday 11 July 2017, 9.00 am. Public forum

Community Awards Subcommittee

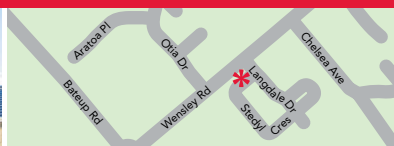
Council Chambers, 189 Queen Street, Richmond.
Tuesday 11 July 2017, 9.00 am. No public forum

Everyone is welcome to attend our public meetings. There is a public seating area where you can observe the meeting, with many of the meetings having a 'public forum' providing an opportunity to speak to the meeting if you wish. At the beginning of ordinary meetings up to 30 minutes is set aside for public forum. Each speaker is allocated five minutes. You don't need to pre-register your intention to speak – just take your turn when invited by the chairperson. These presentations don't form part of the formal business of the meeting – a brief record will be kept of the matters raised. Any matters requiring further investigation may be referred to staff by the Chairperson.

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COMMUNITY RELATIONS



Tasman parks become magical playgrounds



After the success of Magical Park during Parks Week earlier this year, we've decided to offer the virtual reality playground in parks throughout the District until mid-2018. From 1 July, children and families can play Magical Park at six parks around the District.

What is Magical Park?

Magical Park is a virtual reality game that transforms a normal park into a digital fantasy playground with the help of a mobile data or Wifi connection. Simply download the app via a smartphone or tablet, head to the park and enter the fantasy world.

Geo AR Games chief executive Melanie Langlotz said, "Kids get to interact and explore a fantasy world where they have to herd kittens, run away from the bad fairy or come face to face with a giant T-Rex – all in a local park using your smart phone or tablet."

Where can I play?

Magical Park is aimed at 6 – 11 year olds and will be available at the following parks:

- Ben Cooper Park, Richmond: July – October 2017
- Bill Wilkes Reserve, Richmond: July – October 2017
- Decks Reserve, Motueka: November 2017 – February 2018
- Mapua Recreation Reserve: November 2017 – February 2018
- Faulkners Bush, Wakefield: March – June 2018
- Lord Rutherford Park, Brightwater: March – June 2018

For more information about the app, visit www.geoar.tech/magical-park.

Makers, rummagers and bargain-hunters: Second-Hand Sunday is 9 July

Four times a year the region works together to help re-home household goods – anything from chairs, books and clothing to left over-bits and pieces from building projects.

It's called Second-Hand Sunday – and everything is free. The goal is to reduce what goes to landfill by giving people a simple, easy way to recycle, re-use or re-home items by putting them at their the gate.

How do I participate?

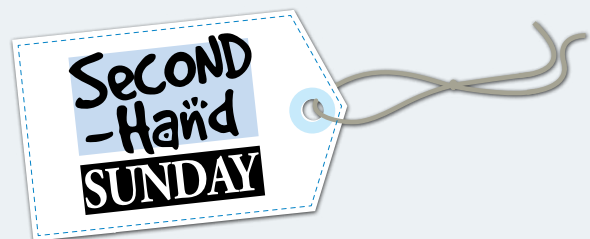
If you have items to re-home, register on either Nelson City or Tasman Distict Council websites.

On the day

- Put your items out on your driveway or front lawn.
- Attach the poster to your letterbox so people can see you are involved.

- The event will take place rain or shine, and in the event of bad weather it is up to the householder whether they put their items out or not.
- Please don't put out food, dangerous goods like faulty electrical equipment, or chemicals.

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