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Clued Up Kids teaches safety skills

Hundreds of primary school children practised skills to keep themselves safe during a week-long event to create a generation of Clued Up Kids.

Clued Up Kids is a multi-agency programme teaching primary school-aged children confidence and life skills to help them stay safe in a range of real-life scenarios. This year, 640 children from seven Nelson and Tasman schools took part.

The hands-on activities include a 'shaky house' for practising what to do in an earthquake, a smoky fire simulation teaching children how to react during a house fire, as well as demonstrations on water safety, interacting with dogs, road safety and first aid.

Clued Up Kids coordinator Jo Perrett said pre and post-event surveys showed a big increase in the children's knowledge of the safe action to take in various situations, and strong support from the agencies, schools and volunteers involved.

"We're targeting an age group that are entering a time of greater independence and who are increasingly like to encounter situations where they may not be able to rely on an adult being present to tell them what to do. Clued Up Kids aims to give them the tools to keep themselves safe."

The schools that took part this year were St Paul's, Te Kura Kaupapa Māori o Tuia te Matangi, Stoke, Mapua, Henley, Birchwood and Nayland Primary. The agencies involved include ACC, Police, Fire Emergency NZ, Civil Defence, the Tasman District Council and New Zealand Red Cross. Rotary and the Richmond Lions provide volunteers.

Clued Up Kids ran from Monday 30 October – Friday 3 November.



Mayor's Message

The Council has now had several public meetings and drop-in sessions as part of the consultation on the Waimea Community Dam project.

I would like to express my strong appreciation to everyone who has come to one of these sessions. It has been good to see so many people from the community engage with us on this very significant project.

I am aware that there has been a lot of information published by the dam's opponents. Not all of the information is accurate. If you have any questions or concerns I would urge you to get in touch with the Council or visit our website. The public meetings will continue until 26 November and you can find the details of the remaining dates and venues on our website and in this edition of Newline.

Doing nothing is not an option. We are benefiting from the investment of previous generations. It is now our responsibility

to provide for future generations.

If you would like to express your opinion on this project, I would encourage you to make a submission. Submissions can be made in writing or online and are open until 26 November. All of the details on how to make your submission can be found on the Council's website. The Council and I really appreciate your feedback.

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.

Environment and Planning Committee – 9 November 2017

- A report on winter air quality monitoring showed air pollution exceeded the national guideline four times this winter.
- An update on river water quality and wetlands indicated that a report on options for improving water quality in Lake Killarney will be produced by early 2018 and presented to the Golden Bay Community Board; and that Council staff will continue to work

with landowners near Fish Creek, Golden Bay, to effect better water quality outcomes.

- A quarterly monitoring report on housing and business market activity, for the period from April – June 2017, found there is an overall undersupply of housing for the combined Nelson – Tasman main urban area, and that both Tasman and Nelson are experiencing increased house prices and rents and poor housing affordability.
- Ecosystem mapping based on ecological threats and drivers will start in our region in early 2018. Once completed that mapping will provide a nationally consistent basis for setting biodiversity investment priorities in our area.




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Tasman's financial outlook remains positive

Independent credit rating agency Standard and Poor's has again assessed the Tasman District Council as having a "positive outlook" and affirmed our AA- financial strength rating.

In its report, Standard and Poor's said the positive outlook "reflects our view that Tasman District Council's credit profile has structurally improved from previous years, supported by solid budgetary performance and a trend of declining debt".

Council Corporate Services Manager Mike Drummond says the assessment also indicates that the rating could be raised further in the next 12 months if the

strong financial performance continues. The outcome is testament to the Council's adherence to a sometimes testing financial strategy, Mike says.

"Without the Council's adherence to the strategy the outcome may have been different. In preparing for next year's Long Term Plan, it is likely the current financial strategy will be a continuing theme in our decision-making," Mike says.

"S&P indicated that if the Waimea Community Dam project proceeds as currently proposed, the project shouldn't reduce the likelihood of our credit rating being increased further in the near future.

"Standard and Poor's has again recognised the Council's sound management and strong budgetary flexibility, which sees us in good stead for the future."

Get in early for dry winter firewood

Plan ahead and buy your firewood early from a Good Wood supplier to make sure you have plenty of dry wood ready for next winter. It makes a great Christmas present.

Smoke from domestic fires contributes around 80% of night time pollution in winter. This is

especially harmful to children and people with respiratory health problems. Burning clean dry wood is the best way to make sure your fire isn't smoky.

Good Wood tips:

- Plan ahead, order your firewood early
- Make sure you have a good place to stack the firewood – on concrete or pallets and

in a well ventilated shed, or against a sunny wall is ideal

- Stack the wood loosely off the ground in a criss-cross pattern to let air circulate around it – if your stack is in the open, don't cover it completely with a tarpaulin, lay plastic only on the top of the stack
- Dry firewood burns hotter and longer.

Contact your local Good Wood Supplier, who can advise on the best wood for your needs.

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Motueka Firewood Deliveries	Lynley	Motueka	03 528 7231
Richmond Wood and Coal	Baz Newport and Duane Whiting	Beach Road, Richmond	03 544 6473
Tasman Firewood	Karen Wells	McPherson Street, Richmond	027 428 4777
The Wright Firewood Company	Jason Brewerton	Brightwater	03 970 2428 or 021 127 8957
Wholesale Firewood	Kylie Stringer	Richmond	03 546 9595 or 027 9229 611

Queen Street Upgrade – what you need to know

Cambridge – Queen Street intersection open

The intersection of Cambridge Street and Queen Street in Richmond has now re-opened as progress continues on the Queen Street Upgrade. Contractor Downer is now entering its last few weeks of work on the street for 2017. All work will stop and the street will be fully re-opened for the summer holiday season, before recommencing in early February 2018. Downer has been testing further up Queen Street for the soft clay that has hampered

progress through parts of the upgrade so far. The tests will show how extensive the clay layer is and how far up the street it extends. This will allow us to assess whether any changes to the placement of the new underground pipes are needed.

Find out more
More information about the Queen Street Upgrade is available at
www.tasman.govt.nz/queen-street



Pinegrove Kindergarten earns 'GreenGold' Enviroschool status

Congratulations to Pinegrove Kindergarten – our newest GreenGold Enviroschool.

Pinegrove is the fourth Enviroschool in our region to achieve GreenGold status. The highest Enviroschool level indicates that the kindergarten's environmental sustainability efforts are fully embedded in everything it does.

Enviroschools is a nationwide programme that aims to foster a generation that instinctively thinks and acts sustainably. The programme supports children and young people to plan, design and implement sustainability actions that are important to them and their communities. It is delivered in our region by the Tasman District and Nelson City councils.

Teachers at Pinegrove in Brightwater invited their parent and helper community along with the children to help them reflect over the last couple of months on their 10-year sustainability journey as an Enviroschool. Their rich responses came as written gems and creative artworks.

On Tuesday 7 November, after a mihi whakatau led by Matua Madsen, Tasman District councillors Anne Turley and Dean McNamara, early childhood teachers and regional Enviroschools facilitators offered their outside view after interacting with parent stories, the tamariki and teachers.

Tasman District Council Education and Partnerships Officer Adie Leng, the regional co-ordinator for Enviroschools, says: "Pinegrove's sustainability efforts provide a wonderful foundation for the children as well as benefits to the wider Brightwater community – well done!"



Tasman Mayor signs Water Declaration

Mayor Richard Kempthorne has joined other local government leaders to support a Water Declaration that reiterates the sector's commitment to lifting water quality and calls on the new Government for greater action.

Lifting the quality of freshwater resources and improving our drinking, waste and stormwater will require a huge effort and the Water Declaration is local government's commitment to playing its part in achieving these goals.

Local Government New Zealand President Dave Cull says councils manage freshwater quality and quantity, the delivery of drinking water and the provision of waste and storm water services. "Local government is already working with its communities to lift the outcomes for all of our waters and is seeing good success in some areas. But we face a number of challenges in achieving this, particularly around funding to deliver investment in the improvement our communities want to see."

Lifting the quality of freshwater resources and improving our drinking, waste and stormwater provision will require a collaborative effort and will come at a significant cost. Councils are very likely to need financial support from the Government in some areas to make real gains.

The Declaration outlines a number of local government commitments. These include:

- improving the water in our regions with, and for, our people and future generations;
- ensuring that those people who have the privilege of using our water do so responsibly; and
- working with our communities so that the costs and priorities for investment in infrastructure to provide a secure supply of water and maintain and improve water quality are clearly understood.

Find out more: You can read the full Water Declaration at www.lgnz.co.nz/our-work/publications/local-government-leaders-water-declaration.

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Our future water supply is an urban issue

Most people living in Richmond, Brightwater, Hope, all the way through to Mapua, get their household water from the groundwater and aquifers fed by the Waimea River.

There are seven wells in the lower reaches of the river, from which water is pumped to the Richmond Water Treatment Station. The treated water is then piped to homes for residents to use.

The Waimea River system is quite small. It only takes about a month without rain for the flow in the river to drop and restrictions to be imposed. The current discussion about building a dam to store water for the Waimea Plains is about making sure we continue to have a reliable supply of high-quality water. This is not just about water for irrigation. Our household water comes from the same place as the water used for irrigation on the Plains – in fact, the Tasman District Council (as your water supplier) is the largest single taker of water from the Waimea system.

Whatever the final outcome of the dam debate may be, it will affect you personally.

The Waimea Community Dam will store water, then release it during dry periods to maintain a reliable flow of water in the river, replenish the aquifers and ensure a secure water supply for urban residents and businesses. This will also protect the

aquifers from saltwater intrusion contaminating drinking water supplies – this can happen when the water level in the aquifers drops too low. During the 2001 drought, we were forced to permanently close two of our wells after they became contaminated by saltwater.

At the moment we're asking residents for their views on proposals for governing the dam, and funding the Council's \$26.8 million share of its costs, among other things. We want to hear from you. This is an issue that affects you.

We have a legal responsibility to provide a reliable water supply for our community, so doing nothing is simply not an option. Alternatives to the dam for providing water only to our urban areas have been assessed over the years, and the analysis of those suggests they would be significantly more expensive for urban water users than the current proposal.

Find out more

All the background information, reports and analysis behind the dam proposal can be found on our website, at www.tasman.govt.nz/feedback.

You can make an online submission via the website, or pick up a hard copy submission form from Council offices or libraries.

HAVE YOUR
SAY

Public meetings and drop-in sessions

WHERE	WHEN	TIME AND PLACE
Richmond Mall	Saturday 18 November	10.00 am – 12.00 pm, Drop-in Session
Wakefield Community Council Meeting	Monday 20 November	7.30 pm, St John's Centre, Wakefield
Motueka	Tuesday 21 November	3.00 pm – 4.00 pm, Drop-in Session, Motueka Service Centre 4.00 pm, Motueka Community Board meeting, Motueka Service Centre.
Tapawera & District Community Council Meeting	Tuesday 21 November	8.00 pm, Tapawera Community Centre
Richmond A & P Show	Saturday 25 and Sunday 26 November	Richmond, all day

Waimea Community Dam
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Free dog microchipping

Free dog microchipping clinics return to the District this month. Microchipping serves as a permanent identifier for your dog and makes it easy to reunite lost, stolen or injured dogs with their owners.

It is a legal requirement to for all dogs born after June 2006 to be microchipped, with the exception is for dogs used principally for the movement and herding of stock.

Free microchipping will be available:

Motueka: 29 November 9.00 am – 10.30 am. Council Service Centre, Hickmott Place.

Golden Bay: 29 November 11.45 am – 1.30 pm. Golden Bay Recreation Park

Tapawera: 30 November 9.00 am – 10.00 am. Recreation Reserve, Matai Street

Murchison: 30 November 11.30 am – 12.30 pm. Carpark behind the library

Richmond: 1 December 8.00 am – 10.00 am. Dog Pound 121 Beach Road

Draft Regional Pest Management Plan Open for Consultation

Introduced pest animals and pest plants pose major challenges for our region. These pests affect our productive sector and natural ecosystems, destroying the habitat of native birds, animals and insects. We are fortunate in Nelson-Tasman to have many committed groups involved in managing environmental pests. These range from smaller community groups working along waterways and estuary margins to those involved with innovative projects such as the Brook Sanctuary, Project Janszoon and Project Mohua, the work undertaken by the Department of Conservation staff and their contractors on public land, and groups such as Friends of Flora, Friends of Rotoiti and Friends of Cobb.

The draft Regional Pest Management Plan is designed to support the work of these individuals, organisations, groups and agencies. It's the only Regional Pest Management Plan that involves two councils working together to provide a better outcome.

The focus of the draft plan is on high-risk pests that are in the early stages of infestation as these make best use of the councils' limited resources.

In most situations, the occupier is responsible for managing pests on their property. One of the changes in this draft plan is that Council staff will formally take responsibility for controlling two categories of pests (Exclusion Pests and Eradication Pests) as this is the most efficient way to deal with them.

Have your say: You can read the draft plan and make a submission online at www.tasman.govt.nz/feedback or in person at any Tasman District Council office.

Road Closure

- **Event:** Wakefield Country Fete
- **Date of event:** Friday 5 January 2018
- **Time:** 6.00 am to 4.00 pm
- **Location:** Whitby Way, from Edward Street to State Highway
- **Objections close:** Saturday 9 December 2017

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Another round of land rezoning for Wakefield

We are proposing a second round of zoning changes for Wakefield in response to community feedback.

The proposals are:

- Re-zone some land on Bird Lane from rural to residential (deferred until infrastructure is in place)
- Re-zone some land at Totara View Road from rural residential to rural
- Re-zone some land at Higgins Road from rural to rural residential (deferred)
- Specify the location for an indicative walkway between Genia Drive and Kilkenny Place.

These ideas were suggested in submissions on an earlier round of rezoning and rule changes for Wakefield, which were designed to manage likely population growth over the next 20 years. After carrying out more research and talking to those likely to be affected, we are ready to formally propose extra changes to the Tasman Resource Management Plan and invite your submissions.

Find out more: Contact Planning Consultant Shelagh Noble, by email Shelagh.Noble@tasman.govt.nz or Ph. 021 150 2391.

More information and submission forms are available on our website. Visit www.tasman.govt.nz/feedback. **Submissions will close on Monday 27 November.**

Emergency alerts test

The new national mobile emergency alerting system will be launched with a nationwide test on Sunday 26 November. Once the test is over, we will only be using the system to alert people to serious threats to life, health or property.

This is an additional way to keep people safe in an emergency – the alerts are broadcast to phones in targeted areas using a dedicated channel so you don't have to subscribe to a service or download an app to receive them. Just check whether your phone is capable of receiving them and uses the updated operating system for your make and model.

More here: www.civildefence.govt.nz

Richmond housing choice

We're proposing to change our planning rules to encourage medium density housing in Richmond, close to the town centre.

Reduced household sizes, changes in lifestyles and an ageing population are resulting in an increased demand for small and compact properties. Changing to medium density residential housing allows greater choice of living opportunities and encourages more efficient use of land and infrastructure.

Find out more about the proposed changes and make a submission at www.tasman.govt.nz/feedback.

Submissions close on Monday 27 November.

Council Meetings

Agendas and Minutes for Council Meetings can be viewed at www.tasman.govt.nz.

Motueka Community Board

Motueka Service Centre, Hickmott Place Tuesday 21 November 2017, 4.00 pm. Public forum

Engineering Services Committee

Council Chambers, 189 Queen Street, Richmond. Thursday 23 November 2017, 9.30 am. Public forum

Tasman Regional Transport Committee

Council Chambers, 189 Queen Street, Richmond. Monday 27 November 2017, 9.30 am. 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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Summer Events Guide

The Summer Events Guide returns soon, showcasing events happening across the Nelson-Tasman region.

In late November, 50,000 copies of the Summer Events Guide will be distributed across Nelson-Tasman.



Abel Tasman Cycle Challenge

Saturday 18 November.

Nelson Tasman cyclists' favourite roads have been linked together to create the Abel Tasman Cycle Challenge event.

At just under 160km, the course will reward cyclists with world-class views of mountain ranges, rivers, streams, national parks, tidal estuaries and golden sand beaches.

Everyone will finish at the same point on Avery Field in Richmond.

Details at www.atcc.nz.

Get your Summer Event Licence sorted by 21 November

Are you planning a one-off summer event that includes the sale of alcohol? If so, you will need to apply for a special licence. A special licence will allow you to sell alcohol at a one-off occasion or event, such as a food and wine festival or a quiz night. Licensed premises can also apply for a one-off extension to their hours or area for a special occasion or event.

If your event will be held between 20 December 2017 and 7 February 2018, you need to apply for your special licence by 21 November 2017.

You can find out more about special licences and download an application form at www.tasman.govt.nz/link/special-licence.



It's On

Stay up to date with the latest events across the region at www.itson.co.nz.



History brought to life

Sunday 19 November, 2.00 – 4.00 pm, Easby Park, Richmond.

Discover the untold historic stories as you walk through Easby Park. This is not your ordinary history tour, actors will entertain you as they showcase what life was like many years ago. Come learn about your local history.



Takaka Big Bike Tune Up

Saturday 2 December, 9.00 am – 1.30pm, Village Market, Takaka Memorial Carpark

Motueka Big Bike Tune Up

Sunday 3 December, 9.00 am – 1.00pm, Motueka Sunday Market, Decks Reserve.

Does a flat tyre, squeaky chain or worn out brake mean your bike has taken up residence in the shed? Now is the time to get your bike out and come to one of our Big Bike Tune Ups. Mechanics will carry out a quick maintenance check and tune up to make sure your bike is safe, road-worthy and fits you. If the work required is more than a tune up they will advise on how to fix it.

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