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Nominations called for Golden Bay By-Election

Are you a passionate member of the Golden Bay community? Are you a good listener and communicator? Do you enjoy working with others towards a common goal?

If this sounds like you – we want to hear from you! We are currently calling for nominations for a vacancy on the Golden Bay Community Board.

Golden Bay Community Board member Lynne Ensor has resigned from her role, which has left a vacancy on the board. We are calling for nominations between now and Friday 22 December 2017.

If you are passionate about your community, a good listener and communicator, can digest and analyse a wide variety of written material and think you can make decisions that are in the best interests of your community – consider putting your hand up.

Golden Bay Community Board chair Abbie Langford says, "The role is challenging and busy, but also rewarding. I really enjoy being part of a group who supports their community. The role involves listening to, understanding and supporting the Golden Bay Community.

"You need to be great at communication, open and honest, have the community's best interest at heart, enjoy working with a diverse range of people – and a sense of humour helps."

A by-election for the vacant Community Board seat will be held on Saturday 17 February 2018.

Make a nomination

Nominations are open until noon on Friday 22 December 2017.

Pick up a nomination form from our Takaka or Richmond offices, or online at www.tasman.govt.nz. A deposit of \$200 (including GST) is required, which can be

paid by eftpos, cash or cheque.

Candidates should submit a candidate profile statement and a recent photograph, which will be sent out with voting documents if an election is required (that is, if there is more than one candidate).

Enrol to vote

You can enrol or amend your enrolment details on the residential electoral roll by:

- Calling 0800 ENROL NOW (0800 36 76 56)
- Visiting the Elections website (www.elections.org.nz)
- Completing an enrolment form available at NZ PostShops.

Updates to the preliminary electoral roll close at 4.00 pm on 22 December 2017.

If you are a Golden Bay ratepayer who doesn't live in the Bay, you can enrol as a ratepayer elector. Forms are available online, at www.tasman.govt.nz, or at our Richmond and Takaka offices.

Mayor's Message

In this edition of Newsline you will read about the final preparations for the First Encounter 375 Anniversary events in Golden Bay. It is a privilege to be able to recognise the 375th anniversary of Abel Tasman's visit to New Zealand.

Abel Tasman's visit was the first European encounter with Māori and so this is a significant event for our District. Anniversary events in Golden Bay will run between 16–19 December and will open with a pōwhiri at Onetahua Marae. I would like to acknowledge Penny Griffith and the planning group for their tremendous work in organising these events.

In addition to the events in Golden Bay, I will also be hosting Mayor Ard van der Tuuk and a

delegation of six other visitors including staff, Aldermen and Councillors from Grootegast in the Netherlands. Grootegast is the birth place of Abel Tasman and Tasman District has a Friendly Communities relationship with the municipality. It will be my pleasure to host Mayor Ard and the six other visitors during their stay here between 13–20 December.

Mayor Richard Kempthorne



In case you missed it...

Full Council – 16 November 2017

- Authorised the chief executive to sign an agreement allowing the formation of a project governance board for the Waimea Community Dam, and equal cost-sharing between the Council and Waimea Irrigators Limited until a joint venture company is established.
- Agreed to remove the Golden Bay grandstand with care so heritage elements can be stored and used in a future rebuild should a community group wish to do so.
- Appointed Cr Dean McNamara as the Council's representative on the Nelson Regional Sewerage Business Unit and Cr Mark Greening as a director to the Nelson Airport Ltd board.
- Adopted the Mapua Waterfront Area Masterplan 2018 – 2038. More information on page 11.
- Resolved not to establish a Māori ward for the 2019 local council elections. More feedback will be sought from iwi to consider

whether a poll on the establishment of a Māori ward should be considered prior to the 2022 election.

- Adopted the Risk Management Policy, which guides work on the management practices and processes needed to identify, assess and control risk across the organisation.

Engineering Services – 23 November 2017

- Approved the next round of school safety signage improvements, which will see improved signage at Henley School, Garin College, Waimea Intermediate, Waimea College, St Paul's Catholic School, Salisbury School, and First Years Richmond.
- Approved the transition of the Queen Street Upgrade construction contract to a lump sum price contract and noted an increase in the forecast project cost to \$14.5 million – an increase of about 7% – largely due to unforeseen work needed to deal with contaminated soil and to replace a stormwater pipe that was found to be badly damaged.

Tasman's Street Ambassadors are back

The Tasman Street Ambassadors are back for summer, helping keep our streets safe for everyone after dark.

Skilled youth workers will be out on the street in the Motueka and Richmond areas from early December to early February, between 8.30pm – 2.30am on Fridays and Saturdays.

The Street Ambassadors team will patrol public places, delivering safety messages, offering advice and assistance when needed and

intervening with the aim of stopping trouble before it starts. They work in partnership with local police, community patrols and Maori wardens to keep our communities safe.

They also engage with the public and provide information on Council bylaws and regulations, facilities and services, as well as events taking place across the district.

The Street Ambassadors service is provided by Tasman District Council and delivered by Youth and Community Works.

QUEEN STREET – A PLACE FOR PEOPLE

The construction teams are packing up and Queen Street is set to reopen for summer. The new streetscape is in place from the McIndoe intersection up to Sundial Square. It not only looks fantastic, but is a safer and easier space to navigate for pedestrians, particularly those with limited sight or mobility.

HERE'S HOW IT WORKS:

Wider footpaths – our beautiful wide footpaths are for pedestrians to use and enjoy, and are obstacle-free for those in wheelchairs, with canes, pushing prams and so on. Please no cycling or manoeuvring cars on the footpaths.

The buffer strip – this is the safety zone between the road and footpaths, between cars and people. Please no cars on the buffer strip.

Outdoor seating – to rest, meet or mingle.

Slower traffic speeds – the 30kmh speed limit and narrower road carriageway promote slow vehicle speeds and mean a safer

environment for everyone. This is where cyclists travel – the speed limit is slow and vehicles may need to slow further for cyclists travelling ahead of them in the lane.

Enhanced plantings – the ornamental pear and titoki trees and shrubs provide shade and a pleasant view.

A smooth, continuous surface – there's no kerb and channel in the new streetscape. That makes crossing the street much easier for those with limited sight and mobility. Queen Street is a shared space, so drivers and pedestrians both need to take care when travelling through the area.

Car parks – parking is available between the buffer strip and the road – mind the planter boxes!





It's property revaluation time

The Tasman District's three-yearly revaluation of property values is underway. Our contracted provider Quotable Value (QV) will send property owners notification of their new valuations from 8 December 2017.

The effective date for this revaluation is 1 September 2017, and any objections to your property's revaluation must be made to QV by 9 February 2018.

Any changes in the market since 1 September 2017 won't be included in the new rating valuations. This means a sale price achieved in the market today may be different to the new rating valuation. Rating valuations are not designed to be used as market valuations for raising finance with banks or as insurance valuations.

How do revaluations impact rates?

The 2017 revaluations will be used as a basis for distributing individual rates obligations for the next three financial years, starting from 1 July 2018.

There is no direct relationship between your property valuation and an increase or decrease in rates. The revaluation does not increase or decrease our total rating income but it does affect how rates are allocated across the District's ratepayers.

If you think of the Council's rates income as a pie, the size of the pie does not increase because of the revaluation. However, your slice of pie might get bigger if your property value has increased by more than the average.

An increase or decrease to your rates bill could result if:

- Your property value increases by more or less than the average increase or decrease for the rating area
- Your property value decreases by more or less than the average decrease for the rating area
- Your property value alters as a result of new improvements being added – e.g. consented building work.

Rates set on a uniform charge basis (e.g. Uniform Annual General Charge, District Facilities Rate, etc.) are unaffected by a district-wide revaluation.

**For further information: If you have questions about the revaluation process, please contact QV. Phone: 0800 787 284
Web: www.ratingvalues.co.nz | Email: ratingsupport@qv.co.nz**

Workshops to reduce harm from earthworks, sediment

Fine sediment has been described as a "master contaminant" – it always causes adverse effects, and when combined with other contaminants such as nutrients and heavy metals, it causes far greater damage.

While some sediment is generated from natural slips and stream bank erosion, much

of the impact comes from human land disturbance and development.

In February we're running a series of workshops for everyone in the development industry. Along with practical tools and professional knowledge, the workshops will showcase new methods to reduce harmful environmental impacts and reduce compliance costs.

The workshop presenter is Graeme Ridley, who has a wealth of experience in this

field. Council staff will also present the latest relevant State of the Environment information and new national rules that are about to come into effect.

Register now: Online registration can be made at oncue.eventsair.com/esc-course/esc-2018 or email enquiries to trevor.james@tasman.govt.nz.

Course cost is \$120 + GST per person per day, and includes course handbook, lunch and field trip.

RUBBISH AND RECYCLING

Kerbside Collections

Our collection contractor Smart Environmental is gearing up for their busiest time of year. Here are a few things you can do to help them give you the best service this summer.

BINS AND BAGS OUT BY 7.00 AM

Rubbish and recycling must be on the kerbside by 7am on collection day, even if your collection is normally later in the day. This allows for changes to the truck's collection route, which happen from time to time.

In summer, Smart Environmental starts some collections earlier and puts on additional trucks. Traffic and weather conditions may also mean they need to change their schedule.

Please also make sure your rubbish and recycling is on the kerbside, in clear view of the driver.

RECYCLABLE ITEMS ONLY

From time to time Smart Environmental conducts audits of recycling bins put out for collection. If your bin is contaminated with non-recyclable items (for example, soft plastics, tetra-pak containers, polystyrene, or general rubbish) then it will not be emptied.

If this happens to you and you are unsure why, please check the list of recyclable versus non-recyclable items on our website – www.tasman.govt.nz/link/recycling.

If you are still unsure, please contact your local Council office for advice.

RIGHT WEIGHT IN THE CRATE

The blue glass crates are for clean clear, green or brown glass bottles and jars. The crate's contents cannot sit above the top lip of the crate and the crate should not weigh more than 12kg. Glass that sits above the top lip of the crate may seem harmless, but it poses a risk to the driver and also passing members of the public if it were to fall off while the crate is being lifted.



Broken glass in the crate will also result in the crate being rejected.

You can buy a second crate from Council offices or Resource Recovery Centres, or drop off extra glass free of charge at our Resource Recovery Centres.

DROP IT OFF FREE OF CHARGE

If you think you may have missed your collection time or have had your bin rejected, you can take recyclable items to your local Resource Recovery Centre. They will also accept Tasman District Council rubbish bags free of charge.

There are five centres located throughout the region at Richmond, Motueka, Murchison, Takaka and Collingwood. For opening hours, head to www.tasman.govt.nz/link/recycling.

Summer collection timetable: More information about summer collections, including any changes resulting from public holidays, is available at www.tasman.govt.nz/link/recycling. We will be publishing a full schedule in the next edition of Newsline also.

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Upcoming maritime events

The Harbourmaster has (or may soon) grant authorisations for the following known events during the upcoming holiday period. Other events may also occur during this time but the Harbourmaster has not yet received further applications.

Date: 17 December 2017

Location: Waimea River

Activity: Slalom jet boat racing

Date: 14 January 2018

Location: Tata Beach

Activity: Tata Titanic cardboard boat race

More information, including details of special directions and authorisations made by the Harbourmaster for these events, is available at www.tasman.govt.nz/boating.

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Positive Ageing Expo stallholder registrations are open now

We're seeking positive ageing champions – do you offer a service, activity or opportunity that allows over-50s to make the most of their golden years? Registrations for stallholders for the 10th annual Positive Ageing Expo are open now. The 2018 expo will be held on Friday 6 April, 10.00 am – 3.00 pm at the Headingly Centre, Richmond. The Positive Aging Expo has run annually since 2008 and attracts an average of 2000 people. The expo showcases the recreational, health and social services that make ageing a positive experience. There will also be presentations, entertainment and activities for attendees to take part in. Stall information and the online registration is available at www.tasman.govt.nz/link/expo-registration. There are a limited number of stall spaces so get in early to avoid disappointment.

Reminder for residents on the 'no spray' register

Please ensure that the pegs installed on your property frontage to mark it as a no-spray property can be clearly seen from the road. This will prevent unwanted spraying. Residents can request that their rural property frontage not be chemically sprayed and instead undertake the vegetation control themselves. On approval, we will mark the no spray area with red marker pegs. Application forms are available on our website or at our local service centres. www.tasman.govt.nz/transport/roading/roading-policies-permits/roadside-spraying/

Papps Carpark entranceway repairs

From Monday 4 December our contractor Downer will be carrying out some repairs to the entranceway to the Papps Carpark, off Cambridge Street, Richmond.

The Cambridge Street carpark entrance will be out of action, but you can still use the carpark by entering and exiting from Oxford Street.

The work will take about six days to complete. Thanks for your patience.

WE'RE ON CALL THESE HOLIDAYS

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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. 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.

Take the library survey today

Have you completed the library user survey yet? If you haven't, you still have a few days to get to it.

We really want to know what you like about your library – and also what you think we could change, improve or add.

Everyone, library user or not, is welcome to take the survey. Just as everyone is welcome in our libraries. The survey is available online via the library website – www.tasmanlibraries.govt.nz – just click on the banner on the homepage.

Or you can pick up a print copy from any of our libraries or Council service centres. Drop your completed survey into your local library. The survey closes on Friday 8 December.

We're looking forward to hearing from you.

Road Closure

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

Resource Consent

Submissions Open:

Inch – Coastal Permits to Erect Jetty –
Riwaka – Re-application

We have received a re-application for resource consent for coastal permits to erect a jetty in Riwaka as outlined below.

The applications and supporting information may be examined at any Council office during normal office hours.

- Submissions close on Wednesday 6 December 2017
- View the full application at tasman.govt.nz

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

Council Meetings

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

Creative Communities Subcommittee

Motueka Office, 7 Hickmott Place, Motueka. Tuesday 5 December 2017, 10.00 am. No public forum

Community Development Committee

Council Chambers, 189 Queen Street, Richmond. Thursday 7 December 2017, 9.30 am. Public forum

Community Grants Subcommittee

Council Chambers, 189 Queen Street, Richmond. Thursday 7 December 2017, 1.00 pm or at the conclusion of the Community Development Committee. No public forum

Golden Bay Community Board

Collingwood Fire Station, Elizabeth Street. Tuesday 12 December 2017, 9.00 am. Public forum

Motueka Community Board

Motueka Service Centre, Hickmott Place. Tuesday 12 December 2017, 4.00 pm. Public forum

Full Council

Council Chambers, 189 Queen Street, Richmond. Thursday 14 December 2017, 9.30 am. Public forum

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Christmas events

Motueka Starlight Christmas Parade and Night Market

Friday 1 December, Parade 7.00 pm, Night Market, 5.00 – 9.00 pm, High Street and Decks Reserve, Motueka, free

Carols in the Park

Sunday 10 December, 5.00 – 8.00 pm, Brightwater Domain, Free

Golden Bay Santa Parade

Saturday 9 December, 10.00 am – 12.00 pm, Village Green, Takaka, Free

Carols by Candlelight

Washbourn Gardens, Richmond, pre-entertainment starts 6.30 pm, carols begin 8.00 pm, Sunday 18 December. Join us for Richmond's Carols by Candlelight where all your favourite Christmas tunes will be sung and celebrated in true festive spirit. Pack a picnic, bring some warm clothing and come along to share in the Christmas tradition.

Carols on the Green

Sunday 24 December, 7.30 – 9.00 pm, Village Green, Takaka, Free

Big Bike Tune Up

Takaka

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

Motueka

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 your bike requires more work we will put you in touch with local bike shops.

Sundial Sounds

Thursday 7 and 14 December 4.30 – 6.30pm, Sundial Square, Richmond

Come on down to Sundial Square and hang out in the sun and listen to great music with DJ Ziggidy pumping out the chilled summer sounds. The beanbags and giant games will be out, so grab some food or bring a picnic and come relax on the grass.

Skatepark Tour

The Skatepark Tour is back – it's a chance for young people to show off their skate, BMX and scootering skills and compete against other contestants.

Eight competitions are scheduled across the Nelson Tasman region from 6 January 2018, with more than \$5,000 of prizes on offer. Competitors span three age groups – junior (5 – 11 years), senior (12 – 17 years), and open (18+ years).

Sport Tasman have come on board again to run the events this year and their support, along with that of our generous sponsors

Cheapskates, Village Cycles and Skydive Abel Tasman, means the tour remains a free community event. Alcohol-free event. Entries are taken on the day. Helmets are compulsory for all competitors.

Visit www.tyc.co.nz to see the programme.



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Swimmability Success at Tukuru Stream

Tukuru Stream is a small hill-fed, stream in Golden Bay. Swimming is a popular activity at the beach near the mouth of the stream.

Faecal indicator bacteria concentrations at the marine beach (140 metres from the mouth) are consistently low, yet high concentrations were detected in the stream at the swimming hole near the mouth. As a result of sustained monitoring and investigation since 2010, and cooperation from landowners, the swimming hole is finally meeting swimmable standards.

The sources of faecal contamination ended up being quite a few and have been revealed piece by piece over several years. Discharges from failing septic tanks, stock drinking

troughs and stock loafing areas were found to be the major contributors.

We're very pleased to have made progress with this stream, and are very thankful to all the local people and landowners who have contributed to making this popular summer spot safe and swimmable once more.



Final preparations for First Encounter 375 Events

Finishing touches are being put on preparations to commemorate the 375th anniversary of Abel Tasman's first encounter in Aotearoa.

Planning group convener Penny Griffith says the group is working hard as final details fall into place.

"We've got a really strong team working closely with Manawhenua ki Mohua, DOC, schools, the Village Theatre, and volunteers and community groups such as waka ama," she says.

Penny says the significance of the event is reflected in the visitors coming to mark the occasion.

"Descendants of Ngati Tumatakokiri (the iwi who encountered Tasman in 1642) are participating, along with Netherlands Ambassador Rob Zaagman, and seven

official visitors from Grootegast, Tasman's home region.

"This may be the first time in 375 years that Ngati Tumatakokiri and the Dutch have been together in the original location of that first encounter."

Historians and Dutch visitors from around New Zealand are also coming.

Programme

After a powhiri for the official party at Onetahua Marae, the formal opening takes place on Saturday 16 December 2017 from 4.00 pm – 6.00 pm.

The Pohara Hall, near Tarakohe Harbour and the Abel Tasman Memorial, will be the hub of the events. A specially developed "Welcome Aboard" exhibition and other displays will be open to the public throughout, from the afternoon of 16 December. In addition, documentaries, boat trips, talks, a water-based event in Tarakohe Harbour, and a community variety show are all planned.

More Information

Full details are available on www.abeltasman.org.nz, Facebook (First Encounter 375), phone 021 023 33770 or email firstencounter375@gmail.com.

First Encounter 375 also marks the 75th anniversary of Abel Tasman National Park, established in 1942. Tasman District Council, including the Golden Bay Community Board, is the major funder of the FE375 events, with ITM, Pupu Hydro Society, NBS, and the Netherlands Embassy as other generous supporters.



The Programme

Pohara Hall, 870 Abel Tasman Drive, Pohara, is the hub for the commemoration. It will be open on the afternoon of Saturday 16 December, and between 9.00 am and 5.00 pm Sunday–Tuesday (17–19 December) for information, and to visit the "Welcome Aboard" exhibition and other displays.

Saturday 16 December

- 1.00 pm | Powhiri at Onetahua Marae for official visitors
- 4.00–6.00 pm | Official Opening: Mihi whakatau, speeches, music, kai, displays. All welcome (Pohara Hall)

Sunday 17 December

- 9.00 am | Local history talks: Abel Tasman monument: How it came about, and plans for its future. (Pohara Hall)
- 11.00 am–1.00 pm | Documentaries: The Navigators and Wayfinders (Village Theatre, Takaka; costs apply)
- 12.00–6.30 pm | Farewell Spit Tour with specialist commentary on Tasman's coastal route (departs Collingwood; costs apply) Contact Farewell Spit Tours Ph. 03 524 8257.
- 4.00 pm | Talks: Archaeology, architecture, and botany of the Abel Tasman Memorial site and Tata Islands (Pohara Hall)
- 8.00 pm | Movie: Moana (Village Theatre, Takaka; costs apply)

Monday 18 December

- 9.00 am | Fun water-based event with replica praeutien, waka ama and kayaks (Tarakohe Harbour)

- 12.00–1.00 pm | Documentary: Kupe; introduction by Atholl Anderson (Village Theatre, Takaka; costs apply)
- 2.00–4.00 pm | Guided boat trip to Tasman's anchorage from Tarakohe Harbour (costs apply; weather-dependent) Phone 021 023 33770 for info.
- 4.00 pm/evening | Community picnic & variety show with audience participation. Food and market stalls (Pohara Hall)

Tuesday 19 December

- 10.00 am | Informal panel session: Chat to local and visiting researchers and visitors (Pohara Hall)
- 1.00–3.00 pm | Documentary: Voices of the Land; introduction by Brian Flintoff & Robin Slow (Village Theatre, Takaka; costs apply)
- 4.00–7.00 pm | Guided walk to Taupo Point from Wainui Bay waharoa, the entrance to Abel Tasman National Park.
- 5.00–7.00 pm | Guided boat trip to Tasman's anchorage from Tarakohe Harbour (costs apply; weather-dependent) Phone 021 02333 770 for info.

Other places to visit:

Golden Bay Museum: displays on Tasman's voyage and Abel Tasman National Park; Takaka Memorial Library: displays of art and craft works related to Tasman's voyage; Abel Tasman Monument: national monument to the voyage and first encounter of 18/19 December 1642; Waharoa, Wainui Bay: entry to Abel Tasman National Park and access to sites of early Maori settlements, the closest to where Tasman anchored.

Dam consultation attracts hundreds of submissions

Last Sunday (26/11) was the closing date for submissions on our funding and governance proposals for the Waimea Community dam. At the time this issue of Newsline went to print, we had received more than 600 submissions. Staff have been busy collating the wide variety of submissions received.



Thank you to everyone who took the time to think about the proposals, and let us know your views.

This consultation cycle has opened up a number of conversations throughout the District and the wider region about the need for the dam, process, who is funding what and how, and the responsibilities of all parties involved. It is important these conversations continue as there are a number of steps that still need to be taken before a final decision on whether to proceed with the dam is made.

Next steps

Hearings will be held in mid-December, which provides the opportunity for submitters to talk directly to the Hearing Panel. Submitters who indicated they would like to personally speak to their submission will be notified, if they haven't already, as to where, when, and at what time. From there, the submissions will be considered by the Hearing Panel and recommendations made to be adopted by Full Council in late February.



Waimea Community Dam
Doing nothing is not an option

Lower Queen Street utilities upgrades driven by growth

If you have driven down Lower Queen Street lately you will have seen the rapid residential development beginning down there. This area will soon be the site of major water, stormwater and wastewater upgrades to cater for the growth.

Starting in early December, an extension of the Headingly Lane sewer main will begin, followed by upgrades to the water and sewer mains in Lower Queen Street. The construction will finish with an upgrade to the stormwater system in Lower Queen Street.

All these projects are required to meet growth in Richmond West and that requires significant upgrades to the utilities networks. The works will require traffic management in the westbound lane of Lower Queen Street. All work has been designed to minimise water shutdowns and other disruptions.

As the work advances on each of the projects, our contractors will be in touch with any property owners or residents who are directly affected.

Sign up for project updates: If you wish to receive regular updates about the project, please subscribe to our email newsletter by emailing projects@tasman.govt.nz with 'join C.1094 mailing list' in the subject heading.



A masterplan for Mapua's waterfront

A masterplan to guide the future development and management of Mapua's waterfront area will see open spaces retained and improved, the Mapua Wharf area preserved as a vibrant visitor destination, and improvements to parking, lighting and pedestrian safety.

The Mapua Waterfront Area Masterplan 2018–2028 was adopted following extensive public consultation, including community workshops, a survey, engagement with iwi, submissions and public hearings. We received 366 submissions on the draft masterplan, 723 survey responses and held 31 individual and group 'face-to-face' meetings, as well as three public forums engaging a broad range of community groups, clubs and organisations.

The key elements of the masterplan include:

- Preserve the area between Golden Bear Brewery and the estuary as public open space, with minor improvements such as restoration of grass, extra seating and shade and delineated cycle, path and beach access
- Retain Council ownership of the Mapua Wharf area, and preserve its vibrancy as a visitor destination

- Retain the Waterfront Park as open park space and explore improvements to enhance community facilities such as picnic tables, barbecues, shelter, and a low-key playground
- Retain Council ownership of remediated land on Tahi Street and Aranui Road as a strategic asset for the future
- Improve, preserve and maintain Grossi Point Reserve
- Improve and manage parking
- Improve lighting and accessibility and safety of walking areas.

A proposal by the Mapua Boat Club for a boat ramp in Waterfront Park was not included in the plan, for a combination of reasons – including conflict with a high-pressure wastewater pumping main, marine health and safety issues from disturbing remediated land, the estimated cost, parking and traffic issues, and that nearly half the submissions were in strong opposition.

We do recognise the need for a solution to the boat ramp issue and plan to include funding for a feasibility study in the draft Long Term Plan to be consulted on early next year.

Tasman Mayor Richard Kempthorne thanked the Mapua community for its input into the plan. "The unprecedented growth and popularity of Mapua has driven the need for a coordinated, strategic plan for the waterfront area. I think the masterplan gives us a great blueprint for future improvements in Mapua."

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FROM THE TASMAN DISTRICT LIBRARIES



Happy holidays

Another year has flown by and the summer holidays are rapidly approaching.

Library hours for all Tasman District Libraries over the festive season are:

Monday 25 and Tuesday 26 December – closed

Monday 1 and Tuesday 2 January – closed

Stock up now with all your holiday reading and entertainment from your local library.

We look forward to seeing you over the summer and in 2018. Happy holidays from everyone at Tasman District Libraries.

Wild About Reading

Our popular summer reading programme for Tasman District's 5–12 year olds is back.

This year's programme, Wild About Reading, is a great opportunity to read about the things you love and be rewarded.

Take 15 minutes a day to read this summer. Relax and enjoy our books, magazines, comics, audio and e-books and grow that reading muscle.

Choose from our range of fun activities and visit any of our four fabulous libraries to complete your Wild About Reading check-in three times over the holidays.

Register online at the library website from 9.00am on Monday 11 December. Library check-ins open from 10.00am Monday 18 December.

Make this summer your best reading summer ever.

Queen St photo project

If you live in Richmond or you're a regular visitor to the town you'll know that Queen Street is undergoing a radical upgrade and redesign.

The project provides a great opportunity to take a look at how Queen Street has changed over the years as the town has grown and developed. So we've decided to source as many original photos

of Queen Street as we can, copy them and then publish them online.

If you have original photos of Queen Street and you'd be happy for us to borrow them, copy them and publish them online please let us know.

We're looking for original photos or 35mm slides from the 1800s through to the 1980s. Photos can be of the shops, businesses, houses and farms in upper, central and lower Queen Street, Richmond.

For further information please contact the Richmond Library Information Services Team on 03 543 8500 or email: LibraryInfoServices@tasman.govt.nz

And a big thank you to everyone who has already brought photos in to the library. We've really appreciated your contributions to this project.

Your library – remembering the past, creating the future.

Christmas Craft session at Richmond Library

Pop in to Richmond Library on Wednesday 6 December and work on your Christmas crafts and gifts in the company of other crafters.

Bring your own materials and enjoy this opportunity to make some headway on your Christmas projects with other crafty people. You're welcome to bring your lunch. Or you can grab a coffee from the Library Café. Browse our great selection of craft books for new ideas and enjoy a creative afternoon. The Christmas Craft session runs from 12.00 noon until 4.00 pm.

Summer fun at Takaka Library

As well as taking in the summer reading programme Takaka kids can also enjoy a range of other activities over the holidays.

There's Christmas storytime and crafts on Friday 22 December, a special jandal-making makerspace on 10 January, outdoor giant games

on 12 January, a galactic makerspace on 17 January and a sea creatures makerspace on 24 January.

For full details check out the Upcoming Events page on the library website.

Meet the author at Motueka Library

Come along and hear local author Nick Horgan talk about his latest book *Antipodean Traveler*. If you enjoyed Nick's earlier book *Three Small Suspects*, then you'll be keen to hear what adventures Nick got up to next. Nick is at Motueka Library on Thursday 7 December from 6.30 pm. Signed books will be on sale.

Finding funding

It's the time of year when many of us start planning study or special projects for the year ahead – and start looking for assistance with realising our dreams or goals.

It can be a challenge to find out who funds what and what exactly different philanthropic trusts support, let alone how to go about applying for funding.

GivME (for individual funding) and GivUS (for voluntary organisations) provide a one-stop online solution that pulls together more than 1,000 active funding options. All you have to do is enter your details into the search form. GivME and GivUS will quickly connect you to the most relevant funding options for your particular need.

Once you've identified the funding options that best suit your goals, you can then start the application process.

If you have an opportunity to develop in a new direction personally or you have a great community project you'd like to start, don't let a lack of funds stop you pursuing it. You'll find GivME and GivUS on the library website in the e-resources A–Z page. Check it out today!

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