

NEWSLINE

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Summer swimming water monitoring underway

Each summer we increase our water quality monitoring at popular swimming and recreational water locations around the Tasman District.

We're fortunate in this District to have very good water quality overall – 98% of our popular swimming spots meet the Government's "swimmable" standard.

Results are posted on our website and updated regularly throughout the summer, so you can check the water quality at your favourite swimming hole or beach before you head out: www.tasman.govt.nz/link/swimming-water.

The risk of catching an infectious disease from swimming in clear, clean water is usually low. However, after rainfall, contamination occurs through runoff into waterways.

To minimise the risk of exposure to harmful bacteria it is best not to swim in discoloured water, for at least the first 24 hours – and preferably 36 hours – after heavy rainfall.

Toxic Algae

We also keep a close eye on rivers for toxic algae during the summer months and post results to our website.

See www.tasman.govt.nz/link/toxic-algae.

Extended periods of warm weather and low, slow river flows create conditions where algae is more likely to become toxic.

Mats of algae can produce toxins which are dangerous for children and pets. Keep an eye on children and dogs near the water – and don't let them eat any algae. You can report large mats of algae by phoning us on 03 543 8400.

Find out more: Land, Air, Water Aotearoa (LAWA) collects environmental data from regional and unitary councils and presents it in an easy-to-follow format. Visit www.lawa.org.nz to check it out.

CAN YOU SPOT THE ELF?

Some of Santa's elves have decided to take a summer holiday in Tasman District and are hiding in this issue of Newsline - can you find all seven of them? Each elf has a letter on his or her hat – put the letters in the right order to spell the magic word and unlock the code (page 8).

Then visit the web link to view your special Christmas message.



Mayor's Message

It's the time of year for reconnecting with family and friends, reflecting on the achievements of the past 12 months, and enjoying summer in one of the best places in the country.

This year, 2017, has been one of the busiest years for the Council that I can remember. Councillors and staff have worked extremely hard over the past 12 months and I am proud that this hard work has been rewarded with significant progress in a number of areas to benefit our community with a new Freedom Camping Bylaw on its way, work towards a secure water supply for our urban and rural communities, responding to population growth pressures, improved recycling facilities, water quality improvements – among many other things.

I'm always particularly proud to be Mayor of Tasman District at this time of year, because every year I hear of so many of you volunteering your time or resources to people in our communities who are less fortunate. Jane and I will be attending community led Christmas dinners in Richmond and Motueka this year. These are always really enjoyable events for people who might otherwise be spending Christmas Day alone.

Summer reminds us how fortunate we are to live in this District, and often gives us the chance to show visiting family

and friends the many special places and experiences we have nearby – a few nights camping, swims in the river and sea, bush walks, mountainbiking, winery visits and real-fruit ice-creams ... there's so much to enjoy. I hope you get the chance to make the most of it, and that many of you can take a break from work and the usual daily stresses. For those of you who continue to work in our retail, hospitality, tourism and service industries – thank you. We could not offer locals and visitors such memorable experiences, year-round, without you.

Whatever your plans are this holiday season, stay safe, look out for one another and I wish you all a very Happy Christmas and a prosperous New Year.

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.

Community Services Committee – 7 December 2017

- A report about Tasman District Libraries' recent work included an update on the 1000 Books before School reading programme, a collaboration between Motueka Library and Motueka Family Service Centre. Reading aloud and talking to children is crucial for the development of language and literacy. Ideally, all children are read at least 1000 books before they get to school and this

programme will support and encourage parents and caregivers to reach this goal.

- The committee heard a draft Reserve Management Plan for Motueka's parks, playgrounds, sportsfields and other reserves has been delayed due to staff workloads, and is now likely to be ready for public consultation in late 2018.
- The committee heard that community feedback on the current and future needs of older residents identified housing, transport and footpaths as the main areas for improvement. The feedback will be considered as part of the LTP 2018-2028 and will inform policy development across the Council, such as development of an Age-Friendly Policy.



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For urgent or emergency issues you can contact the Council 24 hours a day on 03 543 8400, or via your local Council Service Centre number, which can be found by visiting www.tasman.govt.nz.

Office hours

- Close 3.00 pm Friday 22 December 2017
- Reopen 8.00 am Wednesday 3 January 2018

Usual Hours Resume 3 January 2018

All offices are open 8.00 am - 4.30 pm, except Murchison, which is open Tuesday to Friday, 10.30 am - 12.30 pm and 1.10 pm - 4.00 pm.

Library Hours

- Monday 25 and Tuesday 26 December 2017 – closed
- Monday 1 and Tuesday 2 January 2018 – closed

Stay safe on the water

It's going to be a great summer for heading out on the water. Harbourmaster Dan Cairney will be out and about offering advice and help to anyone who needs it – stay safe and enjoy yourselves.

As well as arming yourself with information about the rules of the sea, it's a really good idea to take heed of local knowledge about the area you're heading into. You can find a wealth of advice and information on our website – head to www.tasman.govt.nz/boating.



It's property revaluation time

The Tasman District's three-yearly revaluation of property values has been done, and your new valuation is on its way – if you haven't received it already.

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.

Impact on 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.

An increase in your property's valuation does not automatically mean an increase in your rates bill. 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 to your rates bill could result if:

- Your property value increases by more than the average increase 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 not affected by a district-wide revaluation.

Objections

If you feel your property's rating value doesn't reflect your property's market value (as at 1 September 2017), you have the right to object. Objections allow valuers to assess individual components which may not have been considered in the process (e.g. building work that didn't require a consent).

The closing date to lodge an objection to your new rating value is 9 February 2018. There are no fees for lodging an objection by this date.

You can make an objection online at www.ratingvalues.co.nz, or call 0800 787 284 to discuss the process to make a written submission. Please note you must contact QV to make an objection, not Tasman District Council.

For further information:

If you have questions about the revaluation process, please contact QV.

- Phone: 0800 787 284
- Web: www.ratingvalues.co.nz, or
- Email: ratingsupport@qv.co.nz

Find it online: You can look up your new property valuation using our online rates search – visit www.tasman.govt.nz/link/rates-search.



Kerbside Recycling and Resource Recovery Centres

The timetable for the Christmas / New Year holiday period is as follows:

WEEK 2 25 - 31 DECEMBER 2017	MONDAY 25	TUESDAY 26	WEDNESDAY 27	THURSDAY 28	FRIDAY 29	SATURDAY 30	SUNDAY 31
Resource Recovery Centres <i>Collingwood, Motueka, Richmond and Takaka Resource Recovery Centres</i>	Closed	Open	Open	Open	Open	Open	Open
Murchison Resource Recovery Centre	Closed	Closed	Open	Closed	Open AM	Open	Closed
Greenwaste to Zero (Richmond)	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	Open	Closed
Kerbside rubbish/Week 2 recycling	No Collections	Monday collections	Tuesday collections	Wednesday collections	Thursday collections	Friday collections	
WEEK 1 1 - 7 JANUARY 2018	MONDAY 1	TUESDAY 2	WEDNESDAY 3	THURSDAY 4	FRIDAY 5	SATURDAY 6	SUNDAY 7
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Extra Kaiteriteri Collections

From Monday 18 December 2017 to Sunday 11 February 2018 there are extra collections in Kaiteriteri.

- Daily rubbish collections (7.00am start) from Tapu Bay to 166 Kaiteriteri Sandy Bay Road.
- Recycling is collected weekly.

Resource Recovery Centres - Extended Summer Hours

Thursday 21 December 2017 to Thursday 15 February 2018

Takaka Resource Recovery Centre

- Monday – Friday 8.30 am to 4.00 pm
- Saturday / Sunday 9.00 am to 4.00 pm

Collingwood Resource Recovery Centre

- Monday – Sunday 1.00 pm – 4.00 pm

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Part of Reilly Street closed to vehicles

Gates have been installed to restrict vehicle access to the unsealed section of Reilly Street in Takaka. The change is intended to address problems including antisocial behaviour, litter and environmental health issues related to large groups of people camping.

Pedestrians and cyclists can still use the area, and private landowners and other stakeholders (such as emergency services) have keys for continued access.

Locals and the police have been very concerned about the behaviour of groups of campers in the area. We advise campers to use Waitapu Bridge instead, which is a more appropriate location for camping and

has a toilet. We have applied for Tourism Infrastructure Fund money to improve the facilities at Waitapu Bridge.

The new restriction has been added to the Traffic Control Devices Register in our Traffic Control Bylaw, and came into effect on 1 December 2017.

Work to create Waimea River Park continues

Work to restore native plantings and improve the recreational values of land along the eastern bank of the Waimea River, as part of the Waimea River Park development, is progressing.

The Waimea River Park is a long term project to enhance the river environment and improve recreational opportunities such as walking, cycling and horse riding on Council-owned land beside the Waimea River.

Vehicle access is being progressively restricted, parking areas created, and additional native plantings and recreation facilities provided over time.

Latest developments

- The muddy area on the eastern bank upstream of Appleby Bridge has been filled, shaped and prepared for grassing, which will take place in autumn 2018.
- Vehicle access to the river bank via Blackbyre Road is still available, but there is no access via Bartletts Road.
- The design for the new access road to the Fish Out Ponds - an extension to Challies Road off Waimea West Road - is nearly complete.

Next steps

A new parking area at the Clover Road West end of the riverbank will be developed over the summer, and unauthorised vehicle

access restricted at this point. This will allow the development of the area immediately upstream of the bridge in a manner similar to the park on the other side of the highway, which incorporates flat areas with barbecues and easy access to the swimming hole.



More information about the Waimea River Park can be found at www.tasman.govt.nz/link/waimea-river-park.



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Nominations called for Golden Bay By-Election

We are currently calling for nominations for a vacancy on the Golden Bay Community Board. 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. 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.

How do you want to be represented?

We're about to carry out a representation review, which looks at how many councillors should be elected, if they are to be elected by ward or the District as a whole and, if by ward, the number of wards, their boundaries and names. The review also examines whether to have community boards and how many. Further information can be found here: www.tasman.govt.nz/feedback. Your survey responses will help us formulate an initial proposal for public consultation.

Consideration of a Maori ward: The Council last month resolved not to establish a Maori ward for the 2019 local council elections. More feedback will be sought from iwi to consider whether the establishment of a Maori ward should be considered prior to the 2022 election.

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 Ageing 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.

Sold your home?

If you have recently moved home, it pays to check you have updated your online rates payment authority.

Online payments are tagged to a valuation number, so if you haven't updated your payment details you may find yourself paying rates for the wrong property.

More information about rates payment options is available at www.tasman.govt.nz/link/payment-options.

Road resealing work begins

Our annual road resealing programme is underway to ensure a safe and properly maintained road network.

Work begins on roads in Richmond, followed by Brightwater and Wakefield, before breaking for the holiday period. Work will then resume in January, beginning in Murchison, followed by Waimea, Golden Bay, Riwaka and Tapawera. All the resealing is expected to be completed by the end of February 2018.

We try to minimise inconvenience for residents where possible, and respectfully ask everyone to be patient and follow any directions from the contractors on site. Please note that on-road parking will be restricted on work sites and there will be temporary limited access to property for pedestrians and vehicles during the construction. This is to allow full access for the construction machinery and allow the job to be completed as quickly as possible.

Christmas building inspection information

There will be no inspection services from 22 December 2017 until 4 January 2018. This allows our inspectors to complete all necessary paperwork. If your inspection is booked for 4 January 2018, the inspector will contact you the day prior to confirm a time.

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

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Motueka Aerodrome Management Plan review

The Motueka Aerodrome Management Plan, which was first adopted in 2011, has undergone a complete review. The draft management plan 2017 and its partnering development plan are now available for comment. The consultation period closes on 7 February 2018.

Copies of both plans are available either online at tasman.govt.nz or at the Motueka Library and Council offices in Motueka and Richmond.

The Plan coordinates the aerodrome's use, operations, maintenance and development with the aerodrome users. It includes an emergency plan, development plan, aerodrome information plan and a memorandum of understanding between the Council as the aerodrome operator and aerodrome users. As well as a general update, the updated Emergency Plan (which is already in use) is a feature. Along with minor changes to existing text, the Development Plan has had a new section added for use with future developments.

Submissions can either be made online at www.tasman.govt.nz or by writing to:

Mark Johanssen | Property Services Manager,
Tasman District Council, 189 Queen St Private
bag 4, Richmond 7050

Upcoming Maritime Event

Date: 17 December 2017

Location: Waimea River

Activity: Slalom jet boat racing

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

Tasman Resource Management Plan Proposed Plan Changes

65: Wakefield Strategic Review – Stage 2

66: Richmond Housing Choice

Summary of Decisions Requested by Submitters and Opportunity for Further Submissions

Summaries of Decisions Requested

In response to submissions received on Proposed Plan Changes 65 and 66 to the Tasman Resource Management Plan, we have prepared summaries of decisions requested by submitters on each Plan Change.

Further details, including the summaries, original submissions and forms for making a further submission, can be viewed on our website at www.tasman.govt.nz/link/trmp-summaries. Printed copies are also available to view at our Richmond office.

Further submissions in support of or in opposition to the submissions received close at **4.00 pm on Tuesday, 19 December 2017**.

For more information, please contact Maxine Day, phone 543 8531.

Mapua Community Summer book sale

Saturday 6 January 2018 from 9.00 am to 1.00 pm at Mapua Village.

Sale will be held in the Library yard, corner of Aranui and Toru streets. Excess and surplus donated books for sale at great prices.

Enjoy the Village charms and stock up on books for summer reading pleasure.

Contact: 03 540 2545 for information

Motueka Community Christmas Dinner

A free Christmas Lunch will be held at the Motueka Memorial on Pah Street on 25 December 2017. Entertainment begins 11.30am, meal served 12.30pm. Register at The Salvation Army, Greenwood Street, or Phone 03 528 9802.

Richmond Community Christmas Lunch

Richmond School, 14 Cambridge Street
Monday 25 December 2017, 11.30 am – 2.30 pm. Admission: Free. For koha, volunteers provide a delicious meal, non-alcoholic drinks and company. Tickets from the Richmond Mall information desk or Age Concern in Richmond. Alcohol-free event.

Road closures

Event: Richmond Unlimited – Richmond Market Day

Date and time: Friday 29 December 2017, 6.00 am to 6.00 pm

Location: Queen Street (from Night and Day dairy to McIndoe Place). Sundial Square (from Queen Street to the Richmond Mall car park)

Event: Nelson Drag Racing Association

Date and time: Saturday 24 February 2018, 7.30 am to 4.00 pm

Location: Queen Victoria Street (from King Edward Street to Green Lane)

Date objections close: Friday 26 January 2018

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Sun 17 Dec // 6.30 pm pre-entertainment, 8.00 pm Carols // Washbourn Gardens, Richmond

Carols on the Green

Sun 24 Dec // 7.30 – 9.00 pm // Village Green, Takaka

New World Teddy Bears' Picnic

Sun 21 Jan // 10.00am – 1.00pm // Thorp Bush, Motueka // Bring your teddy, a picnic lunch and let's have some fun. Live performances, face painting, sports equipment, train rides, bouncy castles and give aways.

Motueka Lioness Club's Annual BOOK-A-RAMA

26 Dec – 29 Dec // 9.00 am – 4.00 pm // Huia Club Rooms, behind Whitwells Menswear. There is plenty of parking and we have a fantastic selection of books as well as toys, puzzles, and CD's.



Summer Movies Al Fresco

Tues 2 Jan – Sunday 21 Jan // 9.00 pm - 11.00 pm // Head to www.itson.co.nz for details.

Pokororo Arts & Craft Fair

Sun 14 Jan // 9.00 am – 4.00 pm // Pokororo Hall, West Bank Road, Pokororo. Gold coin donation. Arts and craft fair with a variety of stalls and entertainment.

Skatepark Tour

The Skatepark Tour returns to the region this summer, showcasing the best talent on skateboards, BMX and scooters. Helmets are compulsory for all competitors.

- Sat 6 Jan, Murchison, 1.00 – 3.00 pm
- Sun 7 Jan, Mapua, 3.00 – 5.00 pm
- Wed 10 Jan, Tapawera, 5.00 – 7.00 pm
- Sat 13 Jan, Motueka, 3.00 – 5.00 pm
- Sun 14 Jan, Takaka, 3.00 – 5.00 pm
- Wed 17 Jan, Brightwater, 5.00 – 7.00 pm
- Sat 20 Jan, Richmond, 3.00 – 5.00 pm
- Sun 21 Jan, Nelson, 3.00 – 6.00 pm

Tata Titanic Cardboard Boat Race

Sun 14 Jan // 9.30 am // Tata Beach, Golden Bay. \$10 per boat, spectators free. Cleverly constructed cardboard crafts compete against each other and brave the waves for a fun time. Cardboard craft resembling wedding cakes, cars, fire engines and planes. Enter on the day.

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