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Study proves exceptional clarity of Te Waikoropupū Springs

Te Waikoropupū Springs have proven to be clearer than they were when first measured 25 years ago.

Using new methodology, NIWA scientists, contracted by Tasman District Council through an Envirolink Science grant, deployed instruments to measure the clarity of the water for three months between October and January at the Springs in Takaka.

The first optical measurements of the Springs were made by the Department of Scientific and Industrial Research (DSIR) in 1993. This work resulted in a visual clarity measure of 63 metres.

NIWA scientists now estimate the average visual clarity of the water to be about 75m. Pure water has a visual clarity of about 83m. The Springs are now broadly comparable to Blue Lake in Nelson Lakes National Park, which has a visual clarity of 70–80m.

The clarity was measured in the main spring basin using a beam transmissometer which

captured 60 measurements in one-minute bursts every 10 minutes, resulting in almost 1 million data points.

In addition to the clarity measure, NIWA also measured additional water quality properties – including temperature, dissolved oxygen and turbidity.

“NIWA will compare this to the Council's regular water quality sampling and that of the Friends of Golden Bay and report back in a few weeks' time,” says Mayor Richard Kempthorne. “While giving further reassurance on the quality of the spring it should also prove the robustness of the monitoring that we undertake.”

The exceptional visual clarity appears to result from extremely efficient natural filtering removing particles within the Springs aquifer before re-emergence of the water. Te Waikoropupū Springs, along

with Blue Lake, are considered to have some of the clearest waters ever measured. Te Waikoropupū Springs are also the largest cold water springs in the Southern Hemisphere.

“It is great news that there is no evidence to indicate there has been any decline in visual clarity in Te Waikoropupū Springs in the 25 years since the direct measurement of 63m was made by the DSIR,” Richard says. “The new report is very reassuring and has been keenly awaited by the community.”

For the full report see:
www.tasman.govt.nz/link/water-clarity-report-te-waikoropupū-springs

Mayor's message

As we enter our deliberations for the Long Term Plan (LTP), we are faced with a number of decisions about how the Council delivers services for our District, how we will pay for those services and what we should concentrate on.

More than 18 months of work has gone into this process. Thank you to everyone who took part – from the earliest consultation round at the start of 2017 through to the most recent call for submissions in March 2018. Your input plays a valuable role in our planning for the next 10 years.

Front and centre in our planning is water. Work continues on the challenge of meeting our growing community's water supply needs.

We are also continuing our efforts to improve and protect the quality of water in the District's rivers, streams and oceans. While this work carries on, a special tribunal supported by the Environmental Protection Agency is currently in Takaka considering the application for a Water Conservation Order (WCO) for Te Waikoropupū Springs. As a Council we are committed to protecting the Springs and providing effective management of water throughout the Takaka catchment. We believe a WCO for the Springs can enhance our work towards a sustainable water management framework for Takaka. The

process will lead to changes in our planning rules, which are being developed with the help of the Takaka Freshwater Land and Advisory Group (FLAG), made up of representatives from a cross-section of the local community.

Both the Long Term Plan decision-making and the development of changes to planning rules for the Takaka water catchment are a reflection of the diverse activity we undertake to help our thriving communities enjoy the Tasman lifestyle.



Richard Kempthorne
Mayor



In case you missed it ...

A summary of recent Council meetings and the decisions made.

Community Development Committee – 12 April 2018

- Agreed to remove a damaged chip seal road along the front beach at Moturoa/Rabbit Island, change the roading layout and carry out sand push-ups. See more on page 3.
- Approved further tests on the sewerage system at the McKee Memorial Recreation Reserve, and work on a solution to stormwater run-off. More on page 6.
- Agreed to allow two Youth Councillors to attend future Community Development Committee meetings and to have speaking rights.
- Appointed Crs Dana Wensley, Sue Brown and Trevor Tuffnell as members of the Age-Friendly Policy steering group, which will develop a new policy.
- Received an economic analysis by Infometrics for the Nelson Regional Development Agency. The report shows Tasman's economy grew by 2.3% in 2017, with the biggest increases experienced in the construction, retail and healthcare industries. This is slightly below the District's average annual growth rate over the past 10 years of 2.7% per year, and is also below the national economic growth rate of 3.6% for New Zealand in 2017.



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Agencies focus on Active Transport

Attractive, accessible walking and cycling environments are good for everyone and carry multiple benefits – for health, business and the community.

Councillor Dana Wensley, chair of the Accessibility for All Forum, recently introduced a panel of representatives from Tasman District Council, Nelson City Council, the Nelson Regional Development Agency and the community to discuss key issues for the future of Active Transport in our region.

The guest speaker at the forum was international walking expert Rodney Tolley, who outlined the economic benefits of walking – shoppers spend more time per visit in public spaces, and add a vibrancy to shopping areas that is lost when public spaces become dominated by motorised modes of transport.

Richmond's Queen Street Upgrade, which used the essential upgrade of underground infrastructure as an opportunity to transform Richmond's town centre into a modern, pedestrian-focused hub, was cited as an example of prioritising pedestrian traffic in urban design.

Cr Dana Wensley noted that creating pedestrian friendly urban spaces draws people into the town centre, which is good for business and good for our community. "What we need now is to focus on integrated networks with cycleways to create a range of transport options for users."

The forum concluded with a lively discussion from community members about challenges for the future, such as shared pathways, new technologies, and how we ensure our networks are accessible for a variety of users with differing transport needs.



From left, Accessibility for All chair Cr Dana Wensley and members Ruby Aberhart QSM and Kaye Halkett on the redeveloped Queen Street.

Changes planned for Moturoa/Rabbit Island

The damaged beachfront road at Moturoa/Rabbit Island will be removed and sand push-ups carried out as we address the aftermath of ex-Cyclone Fehi.

The storm on 1 February 2018 washed away sections of the road, destroyed all 14 beach accessways and fencing, and caused significant erosion of the beach. Pooled seawater on Rough Island has also caused large areas of grass and hundreds of trees to die.

Community Development Committee chairman Peter Canton says climate

change and sea level rise will continue to pose challenges for the dynamic coastal environment at Moturoa/Rabbit Island.

"We know climate change and sea level rise will continue to affect our shoreline so we need to be responsive and adaptable to manage these changes. As well as the work that is needed now to restore the beach for continued community enjoyment, staff will report back on the environmental and cost impacts of future restoration work."

We will carry out a range of work to deal with the damage from Fehi, including:

- removal of the damaged chip seal road
- changes to the remaining road layout

from one-way to two-way around the Totara, Harakeke and Manuka picnic areas

- relocating parking areas back from the shoreline
- sand push-ups to restore dunes once sand becomes available
- rebuilding beach accessways
- planting sand-binding grasses

Peter says while sand push-ups won't prevent future erosion, they are a low-cost option to reduce shoreline retreat by repairing the beach and dunes to accelerate natural recovery.

Widening of Bateup Road begins

Work to widen Richmond's Bateup Road and provide a shared walkway/cycleway is now underway.

The work will make Bateup Road safer for all users and help cater for increased traffic resulting from growth – including a new supermarket and residential subdivisions – in the area. The road and footpaths will be made wider from Three Brothers Corner to Wensley Road, and a shared walkway/cycleway will be created.

A roadside drain will be replaced with piped stormwater and some stormwater storage chambers.

The work will require Bateup Road to be reduced to one lane for its entire length during construction.

The project is due for completion by April 2019.

We appreciate this is going to be a lengthy period of construction for residents and others who use Bateup Road – and we thank you in advance for your patience.

Changes for plantation forests in effect

New standards for plantation forestry come into effect next week.

The National Environmental Standard for Plantation Forestry (NESPf) was publicly notified last year and new regulations come into force on 1 May 2018.

The new environmental standard aims to:

- maintain or improve the environmental outcomes associated with plantation forestry activities; and
- increase the efficiency and certainty of managing plantation forestry activities;

- provide for national consistency in regulations for the forestry industry.

The regulations apply to commercial plantation forests over 1 hectare and cover eight core forestry activities (such as planting new forest, replanting, earthworks, pruning and harvesting and so on). If the activities meet certain conditions, no resource consent is required. When the permitted activity requirements are not met a resource consent will be required.

Some of the permitted activity rules require written notice, and some of them require a management plan.

More Information:

We've added details about the new standard to our website, as well as an online form to notify us of permitted activities. www.tasman.govt.nz/link/NESPf. We will also add notes to the Tasman Resource Management Plan to indicate areas where the NESPf may or may not apply.

Community Grants open on 1 May

Are you planning a great community event or project – but need a little help to make it happen?

Applications for our Community Grants open on 1 May 2018 and close on 31 July 2018. Funding is available for Tasman-based projects that meet a community need and have community support. Priority is given to projects that can show financial support from other sources as well.

Grants are available for projects that fit into the following categories:

- Arts/culture/heritage/museums
- Festivals and events
- Youth and children
- Social services
- Environment
- Emergency services
- Sports and recreation facilities.

Online applications

This year we've shortened the time you'll need to spend online,

1. Visit tasman.govt.nz/link/grants to download the Community Grants from Rates Application Form

2. Work on the application at your own pace – and save as you go.

3. Send the completed application back to us using a simple online form.

To help you get started, we will be running sessions in June and July at our local libraries to offer advice and to help you with the application process. Details of these will be posted on our website and publicised in future editions of Newsline.

[Visit our website, tasman.govt.nz/link/grants](http://tasman.govt.nz/link/grants) or email **Community Partnerships Coordinator Mike Tasman-Jones, mike.tasman-jones@tasman.govt.nz**.

School aids environmental groups with Community Grant

Richmond's Salisbury School was the recipient of a Tasman District Council Community Grant in 2017, after seeking funding for materials to make "lizard houses" for an environmental project.

Friends of Mangarakau Swamp asked the school if students could make some lizard houses to be placed around the wetland and surrounding bush so that over time the Friends could undertake a species inventory. Salisbury students had previously installed weta hotels in the area and a forest gecko was found in one of the boxes while students were collecting data on the numbers of "guests" in the weta hotels several years ago.

The local Save the Banded Rail project also liked the idea of some houses for the riparian strip at Maisey's Embayment and an area of coastal manuka west of Manuka Island for species identification.

The information gathered will provide a baseline to see what improvements are being made through Save the Banded Rail's trapping programme.

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New section of Queen Street set to open

Check out the progress and enjoy an evening of magic with Take Two at Sundial Square.

The finishing touches have been going in on the section of Queen Street from Sundial Square up to the Wet and Forget store – which means this area will soon reopen for full pedestrian and limited vehicle access.

It's a great time to head down to central Richmond to check out progress, support local businesses and enjoy the new streetscape. Or make a night of it on 12 May, when Take Two comes to Sundial Square – rug up for a free, family-friendly evening of magic under the stars, including juggling, a magician, acrobatics, stilt walkers, an outdoor movie and food from around the globe. All the details are below.

The Wensley Road/Queen Street roundabout is now closed for several weeks, restricting vehicle access into the Mall/Warehouse carpark. As a result, there will be a temporary increase in traffic volumes on Talbot Street for the remaining construction works – please be courteous of residents entering and exiting their driveways, and consider an alternative route at peak times.



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Take Two

Step right up to the greatest show in town!

Saturday 12 May, 4.30 – 7.30 pm at Sundial Square, Richmond.

Come along and enjoy an outdoor movie, watch the performers and have a go at the activities. Take Two brings you the fun of the circus and is a free, family-friendly event.

Bring a deckchair and rug up for an evening of magic under the stars. You're welcome to pack a picnic tea – or have a night off cooking and buy some of the delicious food on offer.

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More work needed on options for McKee campground

Tests on the sewerage system and work to alleviate stormwater run-off issues will be carried out at the McKee Memorial Recreation Reserve at Ruby Bay.

The popular Council-owned campground was closed following ex-Cyclone Fehi on 1 February, which flooded the reserve and further damaged its struggling sewerage system. Since then, Council staff have been assessing the damage and the best way to deal with ongoing stormwater and sewerage challenges in the low-lying site.

We have received an estimate for replacing the sewerage pipe from the reserve to Ruby Bay, raising the height of pumps, gully traps and toilets. Before deciding whether to proceed with the work, which is expensive, we will carry out tests on the sewerage pipe to see whether there are options other than replacing the entire length of pipe.

We will also continue to work on relieving the issues with inundation of the site from sea surges and because of stormwater runoff from the road.

Clean-up work has been carried out, and we hope to re-open the area for limited public use as soon as it is safe to do so.

Keep Richmond Beautiful AGM

The Keep Richmond Beautiful Committee's Annual General Meeting will be held on 16 May from 3.00 pm to 5.00 pm in the Council Chamber at Tasman District Council's Queen Street, Richmond, office.

Different route best option during Lower Queen Street works

Drivers are advised to avoid Lower Queen Street between Gladstone Road and Headingly Lane over the next month or two to avoid delays due to roadworks.

The recommended diversion will be advertised using mobile sign boards. The diversion isn't compulsory and Lower Queen Street is open, but there is a much higher likelihood of traffic delays as the work progresses.

The roadworks are needed to support growth in Richmond – we're increasing the water supply and improving the ability to drain stormwater in the area.

Water main replacement until end of May

We're drilling through the ground on the southern side of Lower Queen Street to replace the water main. The work so far has been off the road, but is now moving to work in the road between NMIT and Stratford Street. The new pipeline will be in the parking lane, so there will be some traffic management along the route.

Stormwater replacement until mid August

The second and longer piece of work will be to dig up the westbound lane to replace a stormwater pipe. Starting in May this will take about 10 weeks. Traffic lights or stop/go controls will be used during this time. For more information search tasman.govt.nz for Lower Queen.

Part of Tasman's Great Taste Trail closed for start of hunting season

The game bird hunting season in the Tasman region opens on Sunday 6 May 2018 and closes on Sunday 30 July 2018.

A section of Tasman's Great Taste Trail passes close to the area where hunting occurs and will be closed during set times on Sunday 6 May for the first day of the game bird hunting season.

The trail will be closed:

- From Ravensdown on Lower Queen Street through to Lansdowne Road.
- Between midnight and 10.00 am and between 4.00 pm and midnight.

People are asked to use Lower Queen Street as an alternative route during this time.

Signs will be installed along the trail to advise people that recreational hunters will be in the area. The trail will be open during the rest of season, but users should exercise caution and be aware you may hear shot gun blasts.

For further information, contact Tasman District Council transportation engineer Robert Deck: Ph. 03 543 8636.

Email: robert.deck@tasman.govt.nz

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Battle for the Banded Rail

Lend a hand at a community planting day on the Waimea Inlet.

- Sunday 6 May, 9.00 am – 1.00 pm, Maisey Embayment. Access from 366 Coastal Highway – from Richmond direction need to u-turn at Westdale Rd as there are now double yellow lines.
- Sunday 13 May, 9.00 am – 1.00 pm, Bronte Peninsula on Stringer Embayment. Access from 92 Bronte Road East.
- Sunday 27 May, 9.00 am – 1.00 pm, Manuka Island. Follow sign to Manuka Island from Redwood Road.
- Sunday 10 June, 9.00 – 1.00 pm, Bronte Peninsula North. Park on Cardno Way (off Bronte Road East).

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

Battle for the Banded Rail is a Waimea Inlet Forum project working with local communities. It aims to increase the number of banded rail and other estuarine birds on the Waimea Inlet by restoring habitat and trapping predators.

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

Work on Takaka playground resumes

Work has resumed on installing play equipment at the new Takaka playground after a break while contractors and Council staff were diverted to storm recovery work throughout the District.

Council Reserves Officer Glenn Thorn says while Cyclone Gita recovery efforts meant a delay to work on the playground, contractors were now back on site.

"There's lots of play equipment still to go in, including a slide, swings, seesaw, mini-trampoline, spinning buckets, water and sand play areas – and plenty more. I appreciate it's been slow progress on site and families have been hanging out to have it finished. We're grateful for the community's patience while we've turned our attention to the urgent repairs needed in Golden Bay and in other parts of the District." Glenn said the remaining work on the playground should take about a month, weather permitting.

New Zealand river water quality trends show cause for optimism

A new national analysis of river water quality trends shows water quality is improving in more places than it is deteriorating.

The National River Water Quality Trends released by Land, Air, Water Aotearoa (LAWA) reveals that for all river water quality parameters monitored over a 10 year period, more sites were improving than deteriorating.

Trends analysis was led by Cawthron Institute Freshwater Group Manager and Ecologist Dr Roger Young. He described the overall picture as encouraging.

"My hope is this could represent a turning point in New Zealand's river health story.

"While this analysis gives us cause for optimism, water quality is just one indicator of river health and there is still more work to be done. While all parameters show there are more sites improving than degrading, there are still degrading sites for all parameters. In order to continue further improvements, we need to invest in freshwater ecosystem management, routine monitoring, and further research and innovation," said Dr Young.

The trends are based on analysis of the comprehensive data that's freely available on the LAWA website. Regular water quality monitoring by New Zealand's regional and unitary councils, supplemented with NIWA data, means there is water quality info for nearly 1500 sites, including several in Tasman District.

Find out more: Visit the LAWA website for more information about the trends report, or to view data on individual rivers – www.lawa.org.nz.

Planting days at Dominion Flat

Volunteers are wanted for another planting push in this fantastic reserve. The growth this year has been phenomenal – come and see for yourself.

We have 4000 more plants this year so we need all the help we can get.

- Dates: 19, 20 and 26, 27 May
- Time: 9am until midday
- Location: Dominion Flat, cnr Mapua Drive and the Coastal Highway

Wear suitable footwear and clothing and sun hat. Morning tea provided. A great social occasion and a chance to make a difference.

May is Kickstart Compost Month!

Have you been thinking about what to do with your food and garden scraps but not sure where to start? Kickstart Compost Month is for anyone wanting to start or get back into composting, set up a worm farm or try out a Bokashi bucket. For May only, Tasman District Council is increasing its subsidy from \$20 to \$30 for buying a compost bin, worm farm or a Bokashi bucket. The coupon, which can be downloaded from our website (search phrase: compost voucher), is available for Tasman residents from participating retailers and is for purchases in May only.

Participating retailers are listed on the voucher. The retailers will run compost activities for beginners later in May, with free compost bins sponsored by Tasman District Council for a limited number of participants. Check for dates in the 11 May Newsline or on www.tasman.govt.nz.

Let's get food waste out of the bin and put it to work growing great plants and food!

Council Meetings

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

Unless otherwise stated, all meetings will be held at Council Chambers, 189 Queen Street, Richmond.

Environment & Planning Committee

Thursday 3 May 2018, 9.30 am. Public forum

Saxton Field Joint Committee

Saxton Netball Pavilion. Friday 4 May 2018, 4.00 pm. Public forum

Golden Bay Community Board

Golden Bay Service Centre, 78 Commercial Street, Takaka. Tuesday 8 May 2018, 9.00am. Public forum

Engineering Services Committee

Thursday 10 May, 9.30 am. Public forum

Motueka Community Board

Tuesday 15 May 2018, 4.00 pm. Motueka Service Centre, 7 Hickmott Place, Motueka.

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FROM THE TASMAN DISTRICT LIBRARIES



Celebrate Takaka Library's 10th anniversary

Believe it or not the 'new' Takaka Library is 10 years old and we'd like to invite you to celebrate on Friday 11 May at 5.30pm. There will be a viewing of Robin Slow's beautiful triptych painted especially for the celebrations. Heritage Golden Bay have had a wonderful set of plaques made showing the history of the libraries in Golden Bay. These will be in place in the courtyard. Enjoy and celebrate your library. Drinks, nibbles, music and chat will be provided. It will be a memorable evening.

Joy Cowley at Takaka Library

Don't miss our visiting author Joy Cowley, also at Takaka Library. This well-loved New Zealand author will be speaking about the healing power of language on Thursday 3 May at 7.00pm. A rare opportunity to hear a writer of Joy's standing.

Other Events

- Hear Tony and Gillian Cunningham speak about policing in the Bay in the 1970s in Law in the Bay on Friday 4 May at 1.00 pm.
- Find out about the Golden Bay Alpine and Tramping Club's history featuring well-known locals in a fascinating visual presentation by Kevin Durkin and Paul Kilgour on Friday 18 May at 1.00 pm.

Learn to knit at Motueka Library

Do you want to learn to knit? Motueka Library's Craft & Yarn group are happy to teach you the basics. All you need to do is book in at the library, and bring your own 4mm needles and a ball of double knitting

wool. These free lessons take place 1.30–3.00 pm every second Wednesday until 23 May. Phone 03 528 1047 to book your place.

Motueka local history talks

Storm Nathan will share tales of pioneering women of Tasman as part of Suffrage 125 celebrations on Wednesday 30 May, 11.00 am – 12.00 pm.

Author Firooz Zadeh at Motueka Library

Come along and hear internationally-acclaimed author Firooz Zadeh talk about Syria and the worldwide refugee crisis at Motueka Library on Wednesday 2 May at 2.00 pm. Firooz will be discussing the great migration of refugees from Syria and their tragic journeys to find new homes. A timely and thought-provoking topic that's sure to be of interest to many. Firooz will have copies of his books available for purchase.

New Richmond Library writing group

Richmond Library's Writing Group meets on the third Tuesday of every month 1.00–3.00 pm at Richmond Library. Bring along writing materials. Special speaker at May's meeting is CopyPress Publishing owner David McManus, who will share some great publishing know-how. And at June's meeting award-winning author and playwright Michelanne Forster will share some practical writing tips and tricks.

Introduction to Ancestry.com at Richmond Library

Ancestry.com has billions of records to help you trace your family tree. The amount of information can be just a bit overwhelming for the beginner. If you'd like some help getting started, phone Richmond Library on 03 543 8500 to book a place. The next session is Thursday 3 May, 10.00 am – 12.30 pm.

Art classes at Richmond Library

In a fun and relaxed class, Larisse Hall will guide you through creating a 3D sculpture for Light Nelson. This course is suitable for anyone who is keen to create. No experience necessary. Cost \$125 – includes all art materials. The course runs for five weeks from Tuesday 29 May to Tuesday 26 June, 9.30 am – 12.00 pm. Numbers are limited, so phone 03 543 8500 to book your spot today.

Music Month

May is NZ Music Month.

Celebrate the incredible musical talent in our District with music events at Motueka and Takaka libraries. Levity Beet and students will entertain at Takaka Library on Friday 25 May. Or you can catch young violinists in concert on Thursday 31 May at 3.30 pm at Takaka. Motueka Library is hosting a number of talented Motueka High School music students in a series of performances on Friday 4, 11 and 18 May, 1.30–2.00 pm.

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