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The Saxton Velodrome is one of the range of projects completed in the past year.

VELODROME CELEBRATION
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A big year for Tasman

It's been a significant year for our District, which has experienced rapid growth and extreme weather while seeing progress on a large programme of community, infrastructure and environmental projects and plans.

This month we adopted our Annual Report for 2017–18, outlining the work we have carried out and our year-end financial position.

Following the largest annual population increase since 2004 (estimated at 51,200 at 30 June 2017), there was an upsurge in building consents for new homes, with 406 issued in the year – again the highest number since 2004.

The challenges of growth were exceeded only by the challenges of extreme weather

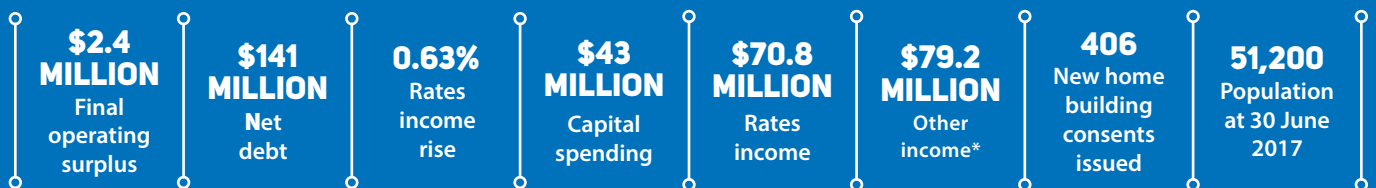
– ex-cyclones Fehi and Gita in February caused widespread damage and upheaval and required an expensive, time-intensive clean-up.

Completed projects

- Queen Street Upgrade
- Saxton Velodrome
- Richmond Housing Choice planning rule changes

- Motueka flood resilience upgrades – Poole Street and Wilkie Street
- Wastewater upgrades – Motueka, Collingwood and Kaiteriteri
- Mapua Waterfront Masterplan
- Establishment of joint regional landfill
- Motueka Museum earthquake strengthening
- Long Term Plan 2018 - 2028

TASMAN'S YEAR IN NUMBERS



*(eg. development contributions, fees and charges, forestry)

Mayor's Message

Some councils in New Zealand are regional councils with a focus on environmental management. Others are territorial authorities with a focus on creating nice places for us to live with the right level of infrastructure to meet the community's needs.

Tasman is a unitary authority – combining the functions of regional and territorial authorities. We cover a wide cross-section of local government functions. These include resource planning involving air, land, the coast and water management. We also aim to have towns that are enjoyable places to live and provide facilities to enable this – all on a constrained budget. Our aim is to enable great outcomes for our community which combine economic development whilst ensuring we maintain or improve the environment.

Overall Tasman has a pleasing record for water quality with 97.5% of our rivers being assessed as swimmable, whereas the national average is 72%. That is not to say we are perfect – some of our lowland streams do have high E.coli readings and we work with landowners and community groups to improve this situation.

When thinking about the high-quality freshwater bodies we are fortunate to have in Tasman District, Te Waikoropupū Springs immediately comes to mind. The Springs are a special treasure, or taonga, that the Council is committed to maintaining and caring for. Recent trials showed the Springs are still amongst the clearest water

bodies in New Zealand today, as they were 25 years ago. Let's keep them that way.

There are a lot of competing values around water, its use and protection and the development of a workable regime to improve water quality is not an easy task.

It is important to ensure we have a sustainable and well-managed water supply to support our growing population and economy, and we need to make sure these supplies are safe for our communities to make use of. We deliver safe and reliable drinking water to 16 settlements in our District that receive the Council's water supply.

Some of the issues we face are very contentious. It is important to remember that we are a community with diverse views. At Council we aim to make best decisions for our community by working collaboratively to get the best outcomes for everyone.

Mayor Richard Kempthorne



In case you missed it...

A summary of recent Council meetings and the decisions made.

Environment and Planning Committee – 18 October 2018

- Heard the compliance team responded to 2562 complaints in the year to 30 June 2018, up 7% on the previous year. Most of the increase was complaints about noise and air quality concerns.
- Decided to consult the public on changes to gambling venue rules, including the introduction of a sinking lid policy for gaming machines.
- Agreed to begin public consultation to help identify certain priority earthquake-prone buildings. First we need to identify the roads, footpaths or thoroughfares where falling masonry would pose the greatest risk to the public or to strategic infrastructure. More to come in a future issue of Newsline.

- Received a State of the Environment Report on freshwater fish in Tasman, outlining the results of fish surveys between 2011 and 2018. Long-fin eels, short-fin eels and inanga were the most frequently observed species. The Onekaka River at Shambala Road was found to have the highest diversity of native fish of any surveyed site, with 12 species. Targeted surveys looking for rare species failed to find an evidence of giant kokopu or lamprey.

Full Council – 18 October 2018

- Adopted the Annual Report 2017/2018. More information on page 1.
- Decided to carry out public consultation on an amendment to the Freedom Camping bylaw to allow freedom camping at Fittal Street, Richmond, by non self-contained and self-contained vehicles. More information on page 7.

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Clued Up Kids returns to teach life skills

A safety skills course for 9 – 11 year-olds returns to the Richmond Showgrounds next week, building on its work to create a generation of Clued Up Kids in Nelson Tasman.

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.

From 29 October to 2 November, more than 500 children from Appleby, Nelson Christian, Ranzau, Wakefield, Richmond Primary, Auckland Point, Mahana, and home schools will take 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, quad bikes, truck and cycle safety, as well as first aid.

The agencies involved include the Tasman District and Nelson City councils, Nelson Bays Primary Health, Police, Fire and Emergency NZ, Civil Defence, New Zealand Red Cross, CET Landskills, TNL and Neltech. Rotary and the Richmond Lions provide volunteers. Thanks also to Bengie and Co for providing fresh fruit to the children as they move around the two-hour interactive programme.

Clued Up Kids coordinator Jo Perrett explained: "The children are of an age where they're becoming increasingly independent and therefore more likely to encounter situations where there may not be an adult around to tell them what to do. Clued Up Kids gives them the tools to keep themselves safe."

Senior Constable Susan Finigan of Nelson police said she was impressed by the knowledge of young people during recent Keeping Ourselves Safe sessions in Nelson Tasman schools.

"I personally think the programme has a long lasting impact on the tamariki and their recall impressed on me we have given them life skills they will never forget."



CONTROL ARGENTINE AND DARWIN ANTS

Spring is the most effective time to treat infestations and slow the rate of expansion of ant colonies – so now is a great time to treat your property for ants.

Information on treatment options can be found at www.tasman.govt.nz/link/ants.

Thousands of households and businesses in our region now have an infestation of Argentine or Darwin's ants. These ants build up massive colonies and can have a significant negative impact on indoor and outdoor living.

Both ant species are inadvertently spread by any medium that contains an ant colony. For example, ants can be spread to other areas via infested pot plants, potting mixes, firewood, goods held in storage, landscaping supplies, bark chips, topsoil, building and other materials sourced from ant infested areas.

Before arranging for any supply from a potentially infested area, ask that the supplier can guarantee that their goods are free of any ant contamination. Any vehicle, boat, caravan or motorhome that has been parked up in an infested area is at risk of having a colony on board, and should be checked and treated before leaving your neighbourhood.

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WATER MATTERS



Take our survey and win!

Go in the draw to win a \$50 garden voucher – just fill in our short water conservation survey.

Find the survey at www.tasman.govt.nz/feedback.
Be in quick, the survey closes on Sunday 11 November.
The winner will receive a \$50 voucher to spend on dry-tolerant plants.

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PLANTS



Proposed speed limits – SH60 and local connecting roads

In partnership with the New Zealand Transport Agency (NZTA), we recently consulted on a proposal to lower speed limits on State Highway 60 (managed by NZTA) from Three Brothers Corner to Maisey Road, and on local connecting roads that feed into that section of the state highway.

Thank you to the 220 of you who took the time to take part in the consultation process. There was significant support for the rationale for reducing limits as proposed.

After a hearing to consider the submissions, the hearing panel deliberated and confirmed their support for the proposed speed limits.

What happens now?

The proposed speed limits on the local roads will be recommended to the Full Council on 8 November 2018. If the Council accepts the recommendations, staff will arrange new posted speed limit signs for the affected roads and update our Speed Limits Bylaw.

NZTA will make the final decision about the speed limit on State Highway 60.

To ensure consistency, the Council and the Transport Agency will formalise the changed speed limits on the same date. We hope this will happen before the Christmas holiday break.

In recent years the number of deaths and serious injuries have risen on SH60 and speed limit reductions are an important step in reducing the harm and risk to road users.

Help us stop illegal dumping

Illegal dumping cost the ratepayer almost \$50,000 in the last financial year.

The \$49,970 spent is similar to the year before and continues to be a significant cost for the community and the Council.

Large amounts of household rubbish, animal carcasses and abandoned, burnt out vehicles are dumped mostly in river and road reserves.

Illegal dumping is ugly, a health hazard, and ratepayers foot the bill to clean it up.

Illegal dumpers face a \$400 fine under the Litter Act. Failure to pay may result in higher fines and court costs.

Those who dump toxic materials near a waterway can also be prosecuted under the

Resource Management Act.

You can help us find and fine culprits by letting us know vehicle registration numbers and descriptions of people who have been dumping illegally.

If you call us right away when you see or find illegal dumping, we have a higher chance of being able to find the people responsible.

We are looking at improving information on disposal options for animal carcasses, as the cost to dump a carcass at York Valley has increased, which could be a reason why hunters are not paying to dump them there.

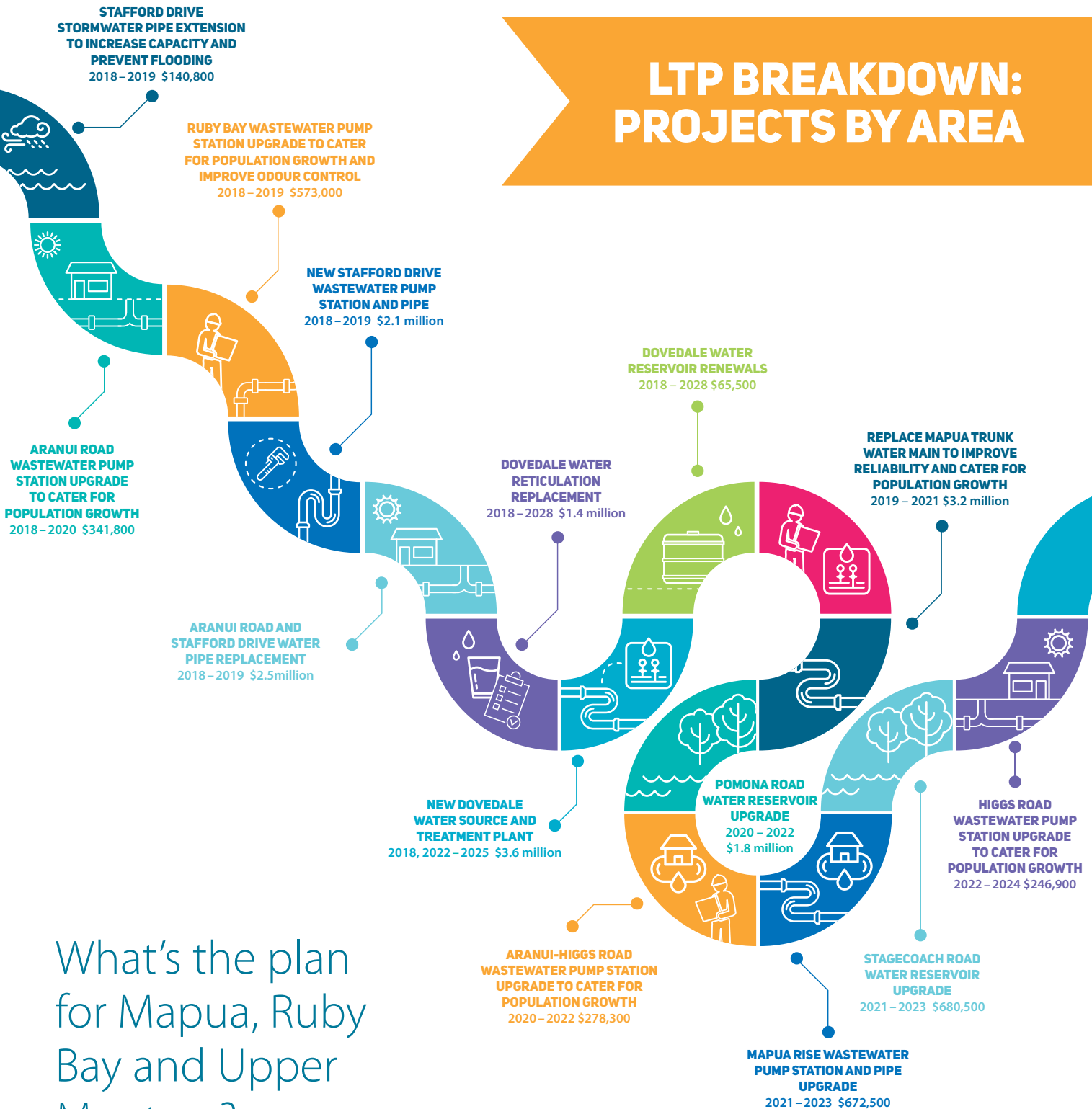
However, in general, if you sort your rubbish, recycling and green waste properly, it doesn't actually cost much to dump it at resource recovery centres.

It just means taking that extra step to do the right thing, and not use our beautiful natural environment as a rubbish tip.

You can also help out by joining us for Beach Clean-ups. Visit www.tasmanbayguardians.org.nz/beach-clean-up for more info on how to get involved.

Report illegal dumping: Phone 543 8400.

LTP BREAKDOWN: PROJECTS BY AREA



What's the plan for Mapua, Ruby Bay and Upper Moutere?

The Tasman District Council has adopted its Long Term Plan for 2018 to 2028. Over the next few issues of Newline we'll examine some of the plans for various parts of the District. So what's in it for Mapua, Ruby Bay and Moutere?

Other projects:

TORU STREET WASTEWATER PUMP STATION UPGRADE TO CATER FOR POPULATION GROWTH
2022–2024 \$267,300

SEATON VALLEY STREAM UPGRADE (STAGE 2) TO INCREASE CAPACITY AND ADDRESS FLOODING
2023/24 \$455,800

MAPUA TOWN CENTRE UPGRADE
2023–2025 \$818,300

MAPUA LEISURE PARK WASTEWATER PIPE REPLACEMENT
2024–2026 \$466,600

GARDNER VALLEY RD / MOUTERE HIGHWAY INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENTS
2019–2020 \$469,100



Notice of intention to stop a section of unformed road known as Stagecoach Road

At the request of the adjoining landowner, Tasman District Council is seeking to stop an unformed section of Stagecoach Road.

Plans of the proposed road stopping can be viewed at tasman.govt.nz/link/public-notice.

Plans may also be viewed at the Richmond office of Tasman District Council, Project 673. If the road is stopped, the land will be sold to the adjoining landowner and the land amalgamated into their existing title.

The legal road is up to 50m wide in this location. A minimum width of 20m has been retained for this section of road in case it is needed to be formed at some time in the future.

This is the second public notice relating to this proposed road stopping and is dated 26 October 2018.

For further information on the proposed road stopping please contact Jennie Kaye-Wood at Tasman District Council – jennie.kaye-wood@tasman.govt.nz or phone 543 7207.

Objections to the proposed road stopping should be made in writing, to Manager Property Services, Tasman District Council, 189 Queen Street, Private Bag 4, Richmond 7050, and must be received no later than 4.00 pm on 21 November 2018.

This notice is given in accordance with Schedule 10 of the Local Government Act 1974.

Do you have a community arts project that needs some dollars?

Applications close on 10 November 2018

Tasman District Council's Creative Communities Scheme, funded by Creative New Zealand, provides grants to support community involvement in the arts – whether it's music, theatre, festivals, mural painting, outdoor sculptures, art in public spaces, kapa haka, singing, art workshops or something else. There is a focus on art projects that have a broad community involvement, involve young people or projects that support the diverse arts and cultural traditions of local communities.

How to apply: Visit www.tasman.govt.nz/link/creative-communities for application forms, or phone Mike Tasman-Jones on 543 8403 for further information.

Maritime event: Waka ama regatta

Between 2.00 pm and 7.30 pm on Friday 16 November 2018 and between 8.00 am and 5.00 pm on Saturday 17 November 2018, (backup day 18 November, 8.00 am – 5.00 pm) part of Kaiteiteri Bay is reserved for Motueka Waka Ama Club's annual 'Waka te Tasman' regatta.

A speed-limit uplifting is also in force for certain vessels directly involved in the regatta.

Vessels wishing to transit through or use the reserved area during the event may do so only after consulting with the event organisers, and then may only do so if and when, and under such conditions, that the event organisers may choose to specify. Delays can be expected, but access will not be unreasonably denied.

Event communications are on Channel 17 on Marine VHF radio. If in doubt, call 'Race Control' or consult an event marshal (who will be wearing a high-visibility vest). Vessels entering or within the reserved area are required to comply with any direction given by the event organisers or event officials as if it were a direction given by the Harbourmaster.

Race co-ordinator: Todd Jago 0274 335 040

Visit www.tasman.govt.nz for a map of the reserved area.

Mind the godwits

Bar-tailed godwits breed in western Alaska and spend the non-breeding season in New Zealand, arriving here in September/October and departing in March/April.

Godwits fly to the Motueka sandspit each year from Alaska. It is the longest, nonstop migratory flight of any bird - a journey of some 11,000km which they complete in about eight days and nights. On arrival in New Zealand they are exhausted and emaciated. The first thing they have to do is "rebuild" their digestive organs. They then moult, replacing all of their plumage (flight feathers, body feathers). Once this moult is completed (late December-early January) the birds start to lay down fat stores ready for northward migration and also start a second moult of the body feathers to acquire breeding plumage.

If you're visiting the Motueka sandspit at this time of year, please keep in mind:

- Shorebirds, especially godwits, are vulnerable to disturbance. Keep your distance.
- Dog walkers must keep to the designated areas. Dogs are not permitted beyond the sign, just short of half way down the spit.
- Fires are not permitted.



Motueka Library redevelopment survey – have your say

Survey closes 14 November

We're considering building a new, larger library in Motueka's Decks Reserve, and we want to know what you think of the idea.

HAVE YOUR
SAY

The current library on Pah Street is too small for a community of Motueka's size, so we commissioned Jerram Tocker Barron Architects to look at options for redevelopment. The feasibility study recommends a new library in Decks Reserve as the preferred option.

The other option would be to expand the current library on its existing site.

The study found there were positive and negative aspects to both options. As well as finding out which option you prefer, we're interested in which of the positive and negative effects are most important to you.

Public information session

Come along to a public information session at the Motueka Library to learn more about the redevelopment options and talk to staff about the plans.

- Motueka Library, Pah Street
- 5.30 pm - 6.30 pm
- Tuesday 30 October 2018

More information: More information about the options and how to have your say is on our website, head to www.tasman.govt.nz/feedback.

Information is also available at the Motueka Library and Motueka Council office.

NEWSLINE UPDATES



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Need a special licence for a summer event?

Deadline for applications 23 November 2018

A special licence allows for the sale of alcohol at special occasions or events. They are normally used to licence one-off events where no licence is currently held, such as a food and wine festival or a quiz night. A special licence can also be used to extend the hours or area of a licensed premises for a special occasion or event.

A special licence is a temporary licence. There are two types of special licence:

- On-site special licence - allows the licensee to sell or supply alcohol for consumption on the site to people attending an event.
- Off-site special licence - allows the licensee to sell the licensee's alcohol for consumption somewhere else and supply free samples.

How to apply: Visit www.tasman.govt.nz/link/special-licence for more information and application forms.

Freedom camping at Fittal Street – have your say

Consultation open 20 October – 21 November 2018

We're consulting on a change to our Freedom Camping Bylaw that would allow freedom camping at the Fittal Street car park in Richmond.

The change would set aside about 17 spaces for both self-contained and non-self contained vehicles to camp at the car park, near the entrance to the Richmond Resource Recovery Centre. Time limits will apply. There is already a campervan dump station and drinking water on the site, and we plan to install accessible toilets and a rubbish compactor as well.

Freedom campers can contribute to our region's vibrancy and economy, but some campers misuse local facilities and can damage areas valued by the community. Providing facilities such as toilets and rubbish bins in specified locations can help manage the effects freedom campers have on our communities.

Find out more: More information on the bylaw change, as well as how to make a submission, is on our website – head to www.tasman.govt.nz/feedback. Information and submission forms are also available at Council offices.

Community representatives needed for Motueka Aerodrome Advisory Group

The Motueka Community Board is looking to appoint two members of the public to sit on the advisory group. The group's role is to provide feedback to the Council owners on the development and management of the aerodrome, with the two residents contributing from a local and independent perspective.

We are now seeking expressions of interest from community members who are interested in serving on this group.

The attributes we are seeking include:

- Strong relationship management and facilitation skills
- A genuine interest in supporting the operation of the Motueka Aerodrome
- A commitment to ensuring all voices in the community are heard
- A respect and appreciation for the Motueka area.

This is a voluntary role with meetings occurring quarterly. If this sounds like a role you would be interested in, please send a one page expression of interest outlining your interest, skills and experience to: Michelle.Fraei@tasman.govt.nz.

Expressions of interest close on 16 November 2018.

Take it slow on Queen Street

A gentle reminder that the speed limit on Queen Street is now just 30kmh. Please take it slow and safe - it's a busy public space and extra care is needed.



Book-A-Rama donations request

All quality donations of books, puzzles, DVDs, CDs, games and toys gratefully received.

Drop off locations:

- Alive Church 374 High Street, Motueka
- Tasman Bay Christian School, 6 Williams Road, Tasman.

Event date: 26 - 29 Decemeber, Huia Club Hall.

Contact Sarah 0273016697 or email motueka.bookarama@gmail.com

ROAD CLOSURES



Proposed closures

Applicant: Motueka Events Charitable Trust

Event: New World Starlight Christmas Parade

Location of road closure: Motueka – High Street (SH60) from Whakarewa Street to Poole Street. Pah Street from High Street (SH60) to Talbot Street. Talbot Street from Pah Street to McGlashen Street.

Date and time: Friday 30 November 2018, 6.00pm to 9.00pm

Date objections close: Friday 2 November 2018

Approved closures

Applicant: Nelson Drag Racing Association

Event: Drag Racing Events

Location of road closure: Queen Victoria Street, Motueka. From Queen Victoria Street and King Edward Street intersection to Queen Victoria Street and Green Lane intersection.

Date and time:

- Sunday 11 November 2018, 7.30 am to 4.00 pm
- Saturday 12 January 2018, 7.30 am to 4.00 pm (rain date Sunday 13 January, 7.30 am to 4.00 pm)
- Saturday 2 February 2018, 7.30 am to 4.00 pm
- Saturday 2 March 2018, 7.30 am to 4.00 pm (rain date Sunday 3 March, 7.30 am to 4.00 pm)

Council meetings

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

Community Development Committee

Thursday 1 November, 9.30 am.
Public Forum

Full Council Meeting

Thursday 8 November, 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.

COMMUNITY RELATIONS



Tasman team in the community

It's been a busy month for the Community Relations team, who have been out and about in the community, running events and supporting sustainability.

You may have seen them in Sundial Square for the Bikers Breakfast, to support and celebrate cycling as a mode of transport.

The Saxton Velodrome celebration drew about 250 people from Nelson and Tasman to try out the fantastic facility and join in fun races.

The Teen Takeover – Style Me Sustainably workshop at Richmond Library aimed to

teach young people how to recycle clothing (and ultimately reduce the textile waste going to our landfill) with fun interactive challenges and activities.

Nelson Tasman businesses were also supported to think sustainability at a Sustainable Workplaces workshop, led by sustainability psychologist Tim Cotter. Tim introduced the businesses to engagement and behaviour change tools to help create a workplace culture that values waste reduction and sustainable transport.



Vintage Car Club National Veteran Rally

Richmond's Sundial Square will host a fleet of special veterans from 8.30 am – 10.00 am on Saturday 17 November – veteran vehicles, all of which are more than 100 years old.

The vintage cars will then travel to Willow Bank Heritage Village south of Wakefield, where they will park up from 11.30 am – 2.00 pm for the public to view.

From Tuesday 20 – Friday 23 November the veterans will be on tour in Golden Bay.

Tapawera Armistice Weekend

9 – 11 November 2018

The Tapawera community invites you to join its commemoration of the centenary of the signing of the Armistice in 1918.

Tapawera hosted a military training camp during the war years. It was here that volunteer soldiers came to prepare, followed by compulsory training for the Territorials from 1912 and then the 12th (Nelson) Regiment.

A range of events and activities will take place over the weekend, including a parade, displays, period costumes, WWI-era vehicles and equipment, Theatre of Peace, bus trips, music, commemorative rugby match, craft fair and writer/illustrator talks.

Come along as Tapawera remembers the sacrifices made by its own and surrounding residents and communities, and the celebration of peace and homecoming.

Find out more

Head to www.tapawera.nz for more information, or check out the Tapawera Armistice Weekend 2018 Facebook page.

Tasman District Council is proud to support the Tapawera Armistice Weekend and Vintage Car Club National Veteran Rally through its Community Grants scheme.

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