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Ellis Street, Brightwater

Solar powers Brightwater water treatment

Solar energy is being used to power the Brightwater Water Treatment Plant, in a trial we hope will lead to greater sustainability and resilience for some of our key services to the community.

This year we installed a 22-kilowatt array of 80 solar panels at the Brightwater plant.

Because water is a service we supply 365 days of the year, rain or shine, it isn't possible to rely on solar power alone, but the addition of solar reduces our costs and increases the resilience of the service we offer.

We estimate the panels will save us about \$5000 in electricity costs a year, once the initial installation outlay has been recouped (in approximately 10 years).

In future, as the cost of the latest technology batteries comes down, we plan to add battery storage to the system to further increase the resilience of our water supply

during emergencies such as natural disaster. With batteries installed, the solar panels will reduce our reliance on generators during emergency power outages.

In time, we will look at adding supplementary solar power to other Council treatment plants.

Mayor's Message

I recently attended the Nelson-Tasman Chamber of Commerce Business Awards. Pic Picot of Pic's Peanut Butter was named the Business Person of the Year. It was wonderful to see businesses in our region doing so well.

In order for business to continue to grow in the Tasman region, we need to ensure that supporting infrastructure is in place. A key aspect is a secure water source for the future. We are now close to the financial close deadline for the Waimea Community Dam. It is important that we continue to provide a safe reliable water source for our region.

It was my privilege to present certificates to those who have graduated from industry training in our region. This initiative was developed by Nelson Mayor Rachel Reese and myself and supported by the Mayoral Taskforce for Jobs throughout New Zealand. It is important that businesses continue to support industry training for our people and give consideration to developing strong connections with our colleges.



This encourages those who do not wish to pursue an academic qualification, and reiterates that industry training skills are vital to the development of necessary skills in the region.

I really appreciated being involved in the Armistice Day celebrations and it was wonderful to see the many people who turned out for services on the day. I attended the Motueka and Tapawera events, and I would like to compliment the many displays on show at the old Tapawera military training grounds. It was wonderful to see so many people from our region enjoying the day.

Mayor Richard Kempthorne

In case you missed it...

A summary of recent Council meetings and the decisions made.

Full Council – 8 November 2018

- Approved extra funding for a project to bypass a section of the trunk water pipe between the Richmond Water Treatment Plant and the Champion Road reservoir. The existing pipe runs under the Nelson Pine Industries plant, and would be extremely difficult to repair if it broke. The total project is estimated to cost \$1.5 million.
- Approved reduced speed limits for several roads that feed into a crash-prone stretch of State Highway 60. More information on page 3.
- Approved changes to charges for Council aerodromes, to introduce a fixed annual lump sum option for recreational users of the Motueka and Takaka aerodromes, and for commercial users of Takaka Aerodrome.
- Agreed staff should begin work on design options for an upgrade of the civic areas of the Richmond Council chambers to allow for improved public participation and use of current technology. Councillors Peter Canton, Sue Brown, Dean McNamara and Mark Greening were appointed to the working group.
- Adopted the Control of Alcohol in Public Places Bylaw following public consultation. The new bylaw carries over the same rules as the previous bylaw.

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Reduced speed limits for Tasman roads

The speed limit will be reduced on several local Tasman roads at the same time a new speed limit comes into force on State Highway 60 (SH60) between McShane Road and Maisey Road.

The reduced speed limits will apply to nine Tasman roads that intersect with the crash-prone section of SH60.

The new limits will come into effect once the New Zealand Transport Agency formalises a reduced 80kmh limit for SH60 between McShane and Maisey roads. This is expected to take place in December 2018.

The local roads and their new speed limits are:

- Lower Queen Street from the end of the existing 80kmh zone to the end of the road - 80kmh (down from 100kmh)
- Lansdowne Road – 80kmh (from 100kmh)

- Best Island Road – 80kmh (from 100kmh)
- Barnett Avenue – 60kmh (from 100kmh)
- Blackbyre Road – 80kmh (from 100kmh)
- River Road, Appleby – 60kmh (from 100kmh)
- Redwood Road – 80kmh (from 100kmh)
- Research Orchard Road – 80kmh (from 100kmh)
- Pukeko Lane – 80kmh (from 100kmh)

Tasman Mayor Richard Kempthorne said lower speeds were known to reduce the harm caused by crashes.

“This will make our roads safer. There was high support for reducing speeds on SH60

and connecting roads from those who took part in the public consultation earlier this year.”

Richard said many submitters also supported improvements to road layout along the route.

“I agree that further changes should be made to some intersections on SH60 to improve safety on the state highway. This has not been a high enough priority for NZTA following changes in government policy and the Council will be advocating for a greater focus on safety improvements for our District’s highways.”

Bateup Road widening: Christmas work shutdown

Work on the widening of Bateup Road, Richmond, will take a break over the Christmas period to reduce disruption to residents and the public over the holiday season.

The project is to widen the road and provide a shared walkway/cycleway path to cater for increasing volumes of vehicle, cycle and pedestrian traffic from new subdivisions and a new supermarket planned for the area. It includes upgrades to water and stormwater infrastructure for the growing population in this part of Richmond.

Construction will stop between Friday 21 December and Monday 7 January. We hope to reopen the road to two lanes over that time, but will assess whether we can ensure pedestrian and motorist safety before making a final decision.

Progress

The work is going well and by the time the shutdown occurs contractors will have completed the new water pipe and 75 per cent of the stormwater upgrades. The power lines on the street will all have been moved underground, and the kerb, channel and footpaths will be finished on the east side of Bateup Road between Paton Road and the Alchemy Café.

The work still to do in early 2019 includes the remaining section of stormwater pipe, kerb, channel and footpath from the Alchemy Café to State Highway 6, and all

the kerb, channel and shared pathway on the other side of the road.

The final piece of work will be the road reconstruction and sealing. The project is due for completion in late March 2019.

Find out more

More information on the Bateup Road Widening project can be found on our website, at www.tasman.govt.nz/link/bateup.

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Food Safety Tasman

Do you make or sell food? You may need to apply for food business registration.

New rules apply under the Food Safety Act, and food businesses need to submit their application to register by 30 November this year. **Not sure if you need to register, or want to find out how?**

More information on the new requirements is available at www.mpi.govt.nz/food-act-2014.

DO YOU MAKE AND SELL THESE TYPES OF FOODS?



Be alert for the Brown Marmorated Stink Bug

A serious imminent threat to New Zealand's fruit and vegetable industry is the agricultural pest known as the Brown Marmorated Stink Bug (BMSB). This bug is native to Asia.

The stinkbug feeds on a large number of high-value crops and ornamental plants. Grapes, citrus, a wide range of vegetable crops, corn, tomatoes, wheat, stone and pip fruit are all targeted foods of the stinkbug. Our most economically important pip fruit, the kiwifruit, would be severely affected if the stinkbug were to establish in New Zealand.

With about 3.5 million tourists expected to arrive in New Zealand over the next 12 months, the chances of this unwanted stinkbug entering the country and becoming established somewhere is extremely high. Localised eradication has a high chance of success if the stinkbugs are detected and reported early enough.

During winter, the stinkbugs move in to houses, sometimes in their thousands, where they can infest rooms; in particular, the pantry and kitchen cupboards. Once infested, the stinkbugs impart a stench throughout the house through scent glands on their abdomen. Managing this pest species is challenging because there are currently few effective pesticides for them.

How you can help

The Green Vegetable bug and Soldier bug are already present in New Zealand and are similar looking, but are slightly smaller and lack the distinctive markings of the Brown Marmorated Stink Bug.

White banded antennae and black and white banding on the abdomen differentiate the Brown Marmorated Stink

Bug from these other two garden stinkbug species.

If you find a Brown Marmorated Stink Bug, take a photo of it and report it to the Exotic Pest and Disease Hotline on 0800 80 99 66.

For further information:

www.biosecurity.govt.nz/pests/brown-marmorated-stink-bug



Tasman receives credit rating upgrade

Tasman District Council's credit rating has been raised in the latest Standard and Poor's ratings.

The Council has attained a AA rating with a stable outlook from the international credit rating agency, a step up from the previous AA- with a positive outlook. Tasman Mayor Richard Kempthorne says it is pleasing to see such positive recognition of our financial strategy and strong financial management.

"It is even more pleasing when it is given with the full knowledge of recent announcements

regarding increased costs and funding changes for the Waimea Community Dam."

The announcement identifies the Council's very strong financial position and endorses its financial performance, good liquidity and budget flexibility.

"This is precisely where we said we should be when we revised our financial strategy for the

2015 Long Term Plan (LTP) which dictated a self-imposed debt level and rates revenue cap. We are very aware we need to keep working at this strategy, as we confirmed in the 2018 LTP, in order to maintain manageable rates and an equitable level of debt while delivering essential services and infrastructure to one of the country's fastest growing areas."

District-wide road resurfacing programme

Our annual road resurfacing programme is about to begin. This may mean some roadworks take place in your street.

The work is crucial to the long term maintenance and safety of our District's roads. Each year about 75 kilometres of road is resurfaced – or 8 per cent of the District's 975km of sealed roads. It's a \$2.1 million programme of work, of which the New Zealand Transport Agency funds half.

Most of the resurfacing done is chip seal (small stones over emulsified bitumen) because it is a cost effective way to keep water out of the underlying road structure and provides a highly skid-resistant surface. Some resurfacing is done with asphalt (smooth black surfacing), however, because of the cost, among other reasons, this cannot be used everywhere.

The work usually happens between October and March because warmer air and ground temperatures allow the best results.

What to expect

If you live on a street due to be resealed, our contractor Downer will deliver a notification

letter to your address about a week before the work starts. On the day of the work, parking will be restricted and there will be temporary limited access to properties for pedestrians and vehicles. This will allow full access for the construction machinery and help the job to run smoothly so it can be completed quickly.

We aim to reduce the inconvenience to you as much as possible, but there will be trucks, rollers and workers on site so expect some noise, dust and other disruption. You can help keep everyone safe by:

- standing well back from the action and following any directions from the workers
- warning your children of the dangers and making sure they take care
- keeping pets away from the area while the work is in progress

To ensure a tidy finished road surface, please avoid any vehicle movements that could damage the recently resurfaced road such as:

- wheel spinning / rapid acceleration / braking
- sharp cornering
- hill starts
- power steering / static steering

Check your shoes/tyres

So that you don't trek bitumen or sticky little stones from the recently resurfaced road, it's best to avoid walking on any part of the road for several weeks at least. If you can't avoid it, make sure you check your shoes or take them off before you go inside. You may also want to check them before you get into your car.



LTP BREAKDOWN: PROJECTS BY AREA

What's the plan for Tapawera and Dovedale?

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

GREAT TASTE TRAIL CONSTRUCTION - SPOONERS TUNNEL TO MOTUEKA
2019-2022 \$2.8 million

NEW DOVEDALE WATER SOURCE AND TREATMENT PLANT
2018/2022 - 2025
\$3.1 million

TAPAWERA RESERVOIR REPAIRS
2019 - 2020 \$68,800

DOVEDALE WATER TREATMENT PLANT AND PUMP STATION IMPROVEMENTS
2018-2021 \$120,000

NEWSLINE UPDATES



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Nationwide test of Emergency Mobile Alert

A nationwide test of the Civil Defence Emergency Mobile Alert will take place on 25 November 2018, from 6.00 pm to 7.00 pm.

The test is a necessary part of making sure the Emergency Mobile Alert system works well. The nationwide test is sent to cell towers all over New Zealand and we expect approximately 3 million phones are capable of receiving the alert.

What is Emergency Mobile Alert?

Emergency Mobile Alerts are messages about emergencies sent by authorised agencies to capable mobile phones. The alerts are designed to keep people safe and are broadcast to all capable phones from targeted cell towers.

The alerts can be targeted to areas affected by serious hazards and will only be sent when there is a serious threat to life, health, or property, and in some cases for test purposes.

Find out more

Head to www.civildefence.govt.nz for more information on the Emergency Mobile Alert system and the nationwide test.

Grab a gift or clear out clutter before Christmas

Secondhand Sunday is back on Sunday 2 December – it's the region-wide garage sale where everything is free!



Register now to take part if you're keen to clear some space before Christmas by handing on household items you no longer need. On the day, put out your pre-loved treasures for others to come and collect, and pop the downloadable sign on your letterbox.

For those looking for no-cost Christmas gifts, you can find a list of participating addresses on our website the day before. Then head out and help yourself!

Find out more: Head to tasman.govt.nz/link/shs for more information and to register.

Swap your old lifejacket for a discounted new one

The Old4New lifejacket swap run by Coastguard returns to our region this summer, offering the chance to upgrade your old lifejacket for a safe new one at a discounted price.

"Lifejackets save lives but old lifejackets are no good in an emergency," says Coastguard chief executive Patrick Holmes.

"Lifejackets that are over 10 years old should be replaced even if they look OK to the eye. Seawater, sun and general wear and tear impact how effective they are and many old lifejackets won't even float, which is a serious concern in an emergency."

Patrick says the more old, damaged and dangerous lifejackets that are removed from the community, the safer Kiwi boaties will be on the water.

Where and when

The Old4New team will be visiting our region in January.

- Sunday 6 January, 2.00 pm – 6.00 pm, Akersten Street Boat Ramp, Akersten Street, Nelson
- Sunday 19 January, 3.00 pm – 6.00 pm, Classic Boat Museum, St Arnaud
- Sunday 6 January – Sunday 13 January, Bays Boating, 15 King Edward Street, Motueka

Find out more

Head to www.old4new.nz for more information about the Old4New lifejacket swap, including prices and discounts.

Planning for end of life

Are you confused about enduring power of attorney and advance care plans?

Grey Power, Nelson Marlborough Health and Public Trust invite you to meet with people who can help with planning your end of life care.

When and where

Fairfield House, 48 Van Dieman Street, Nelson. Friday 14 December, 1.00 pm – 3.00 pm.

Look for the Good Wood tick

Summer is the best time to buy and store your firewood, so you have dry, seasoned wood ready for next winter.

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What you can expect from a Good Wood supplier

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- Information on proper wood storage and better burning tips.
- A moisture meter available to measure the dryness of your wood.
- A written description of the wood, including recommended storage time before use.

Head to www.tasman.govt.nz/link/good-wood to find a list of local suppliers.

Reminder when paying rates online

A friendly reminder: When you make electronic payments such as rates or water, you must quote the account number so we can allocate the payment to the right account.

For rates, this is your valuation roll number, which you can find near the top of your rates invoice usually starting with a 1. For water, the number is near the top of your water invoice and starts with a W.

Other Council accounts will also have a reference near the top of the invoice.

If you move house, please remember to update your online banking reference – or you may find yourself paying someone else's rates.

If we can't determine which account the payment is for, we may have to return funds to the account it came from due to lack of information.

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Temporary speed limit change - Martin Farm Road, Kaiteriteri

A trial temporary speed limit change will apply on Martin Farm Road, Kaiteriteri, over the busy summer period.

The speed limit will be reduced from 50kmh to 30kmh for the full length of Martin Farm Road, from Monday 3 December 2018 to Friday 2 March 2019.

The 30kmh speed is in line with other existing speed restrictions within Kaiteriteri township, and follows feedback from residents with safety concerns due to the increased number of pedestrians, cyclists and cars over summer.

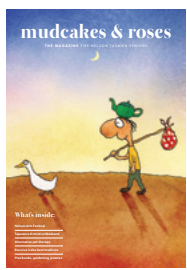
Mudcakes and Roses feedback

A big thank you to everyone who took the time to complete our survey recently.

We plan to use the results to keep refining the content, design and distribution of Mudcakes and

Roses so it remains a useful, informative and enjoyable read.

Although the survey has closed, we're always keen to hear feedback about the magazine - from its readers and non-readers alike. If you have feedback to share, contact Mike Tasman-Jones, email mike.tasman-jones@tasman.govt.nz or phone 543 8400.



Upcoming museum exhibitions

Golden Bay Museum:

- Upokohue (Pilot whale) display. Articulated Pilot whale skeleton on display and information pertaining to whale strandings and the marine environment in Golden Bay/Mohua – permanent display from 28 November 2018
- Weddings – how traditions have changed – December 2018 to 30 April 2019

Motueka Museum:

- Animals in WWI - exhibition closes February 2019

HAVE YOUR SAY:

Find out more and have your say on any of these topics at www.tasman.govt.nz/feedback.

Priority buildings: Earthquake-prone buildings on important routes

Consultation closes 3 December 2018

We need your help to identify the key roads, footpaths, other thoroughfares and strategic routes in our District in order to identify buildings that will be prioritised for earthquake-strengthening or demolition. Strengthening or demolition of priority buildings will save lives. It will also keep our strategic transport routes open so critical services can continue operating.

Proposed Age-Friendly Policy

Consultation closes 25 January 2019

We want your views on our proposed Age-Friendly Policy, which will guide our planning to explicitly consider the needs of the growing number of older residents in our communities.

The proposed policy sets goals and objectives across a range of areas where the Council has a role in developing an age-friendly community.

Copies of the proposed policy are available at Council offices and libraries, or on request by phoning any Council service centre.

Alcohol licence applications

Current applications for alcohol licences, including information on how to object, are advertised on our website.

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TAKAKA	03 525 0020

ROAD CLOSURES

Approved 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

Applicant: Westland Car Club

Event: Car Rally Event

Location of road closure: Matakītiki Road, Murchison. 1.6km south of Matakītiki Road-Fantail Lane intersection to 18.6km south of Matakītiki Road-Fantail Road intersection.

Date and time: Saturday 1 December 2018, 7.30am to 5.00pm

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.

Tasman Regional Transport Committee

Monday 26 November, 9.30 am.
Public forum

Environment & Planning Committee

Thursday 29 November, 9.30 am.
Public forum

Full Council Meeting

Friday 30 November, 9.30 am.
Public forum

www.tasman.govt.nz

COMMUNITY RELATIONS



CHECK OUT THE SUMMER EVENTS LINEUP

This year's Summer Events programme is full of fun and entertainment for all ages with something for both visitors and locals to savour. A printed guide is produced by Nelson City Council and Tasman District Council, and is included with this issue of Newline.

Highlights include:

- Summer Movies *Al Fresco*, Friday 14 December – Sunday 27 January – classic films screened in our beautiful parks and reserves.
- Children's events, including Teddy Bears' Picnics at Isel Park, Stoke, on Sunday 6 January and Decks Reserve, Motueka, on Sunday 27 January. Plus the ever-popular family favourite Children's Day event at the Richmond Aquatic Centre on 3 March.
- Skatepark Tour visits skateparks around the District starting at Takaka on Saturday 5 January through to the finale at Nelson on Sunday 20 January.
- Motueka Kai Festival - Sunday 7 April.

You can also pick up copies of the guide at Council offices and libraries.



GET IN THE CHRISTMAS SPIRIT!



There's plenty of family-friendly fun happening next month – come along to celebrate the season. Events include:

- Golden Bay Santa Parade, Saturday 15 December, 10.00 am – 1.00 pm, Commercial Street, Takaka.
- Carols in the Park, Friday 7 December, 5 – 8pm, Brightwater Domain, Brightwater.
- Carols by Candlelight, Sunday 23 December, entertainment from 6.30 pm, carols 8.00 pm, Washbourn Gardens, Richmond.
- Carols on the Green, Monday 24 December, 7.30 pm, Village Green, Commercial Street, Takaka.
- Richmond Community Christmas Dinner, Tuesday 25 December, 11.30 am, Richmond Primary School Hall. Tickets available from Monday 3 December. Register and collect your tickets from Richmond Mall, Age Concern (62 Oxford Street, Richmond) or Holy Trinity Anglican Church office (27 Dorset Street, Richmond).



POSITIVE AGEING EXPO 2019: STALLHOLDER REGISTRATIONS OPEN

If you are a community group or a commercial business that offers a service, activity or opportunity that helps over-60s make the most of their golden years, you'll want to be at the Positive Ageing Expo.

The Positive Ageing Expo has run annually since 2008 and typically attracts crowds of about 2000 people. The expo showcases the arts, leisure, recreational, health and social services that make ageing a positive experience in our region. There will be presentations, entertainment and activities for attendees to take part in.

The 2019 expo is on Friday 22 March, 10.00 am–3.00 pm at the Headingley Centre, Richmond.

Registrations for stallholders open on 1 December. Stall information and online registration are on the Tasman District Council website, www.tasman.govt.nz. There are a limited number of stall spaces so get in early to avoid disappointment.

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