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New strategy aims to reverse biodiversity decline

We are proud to be part of new collaborative conservation strategy aiming to boost the effectiveness of biodiversity programmes and achieve long-term improvements in ecological health in the top of the South Island. This flourishing nature will, in turn, enrich our communities.

The Tasman District Council has signed up to the Kotahitanga mō te Taiao Alliance Strategy. The strategy is a partnership between councils, iwi and the Department of Conservation to drive large-scale conservation projects with wider social, cultural and economic outcomes across the Buller, Tasman, Nelson, Marlborough and Kaikoura regions.

The strategy's long-term goals include:

- Native species, including those found nowhere else, are thriving
- Naturally functioning ecosystems are protected and restored
- Wilderness is sustained
- People flourish in harmony with nature
- Ecological connections and resilience are protected and restored

While there is a lot of wonderful conservation work already underway in the top of the South, we know we could achieve more by working together and directing our efforts into projects that will bring the greatest benefits and reverse biodiversity decline.

We also believe a collective commitment across the top of the South will help attract more investment for conservation projects in the area.

Kotahitanga mō te Taiao Alliance

The alliance is made up of:

- Ngāti Apa ki te Rā Tō Trust
- Te Pātaka a Ngāti Kōata Trust*
- Te Rūnanga o Ngāti Kuia Trust
- Te Rūnanga o Ngāti Rārua*

- Ngāti Tama ki Te Waipounamu Trust
- Te Rūnanga O Toa Rangatira Inc*
- Te Ātiawa o Te Waka-a-Māui Trust
- Rangitāne o Wairau Settlement Trust*
- Te Rūnanga o Ngāti Waewae
- Tasman District Council
- Nelson City Council
- Marlborough District Council
- Buller District Council
- Kaikoura District Council
- West Coast Regional Council
- Department of Conservation - Te Papa Atawhai

*not yet signatories but are aware of the initiative.

Mayor's Message

I've been enjoying the rain we've experienced recently, knowing that each shower helps replenish our water sources and lessen the devastating impacts of the drought and fires we experienced over the summer. While it is still dry, every drop of rain is a step in the right direction.

We are working to assist those affected by both the drought and fires. So far there have been nearly 100 applications to the Mayoral Disaster Relief Fund. Of those, 18 have already received a part or full payment and we're assessing the remainder. Some of the applications are relatively complex and it is taking some time to work through them. I appreciate the wait can be hard but please know we are working as quickly as we can, while making sure we help everyone who needs it in the best way we can.

Applications to the fund are open until 12 May. We may contact you if we need some supporting information in order to process your application. If you haven't applied already, please head to our website, come in to your local Council office to fill in the form or phone us on 543 8400. You can also email applications and questions to MayoralDisaster.ReliefFund@tasman.govt.nz. We don't want anyone to miss out who is in genuine need.

On Thursday 25 May I attended Anzac Day services in Motueka and Richmond. Anzac Day is a moving occasion every year, but this year's services held an extra-special note for me. As in past years our community came together to remember those who have served, those who died, were injured or affected (both individuals and families) by their time in our armed services over the decades. It was pleasing to see people were not intimidated by recent tragic events but turned out in greater numbers than ever. We gathered in unity and compassion, in remembrance and respect.

It was lovely to see so many of you there.



Richard Kempthorne
Mayor



In case you missed it

A summary of recent Council meetings and the decisions made.

Environment and Planning Committee - 18 April 2019

- Declined a request for a Special Housing Area (SHA) on Main Road Hope because the land is not zoned residential, and is on productive soils. The legislation governing SHAs expires in September, so this is the last SHA application we expect to receive.
- Made several changes to planning rules operative, including the rules governing rural subdivision and land use. The changes are designed to offer greater protection for productive land, allow flexibility of use and maintain rural character – as well as offer greater housing choices. Other changes included technical amendments to water management rules for the Waimea Plains, and a range of changes to clarify and correct wording, and to correct anomalies in some areas.
- Agreed to consult on changes to the planning rules and introduce a bylaw for boat moorings in the District. More information on page 4.
- Approved a Dangerous, Insanitary and Affected Buildings Policy to help ensure buildings in the District are safe for residents and visitors.
- Adopted the Kotahitanga mō te Taiao Strategy to drive biodiversity improvements in the top of the South Island. More information on page 1.

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Road resealing – before the damage is done

We often get asked why we are resealing a road when it looks perfectly fine. People understandably want to know if this is good use of ratepayer funds.

The seal on a road is like the paint on your house, helping to keep water out of the structure underneath. Like paint, road seal breaks down over time and starts to let water in. Once the water gets in, the substructure underneath is at greater risk of breaking down and a wider area of the road begins to break up.

When the surface of a road starts to break down it is time to reseal. The ideal time to reseal is just before damage occurs. That is why your road may look fine when we reseal it.

Roads generally are resurfaced with a chip seal except where the traffic volumes or pavement conditions justify using a different surface. Each year we spend approximately \$2 million on resealing – an insurance scheme to prolong the serviceable life of a network worth in excess of \$500 million.

To keep up to date with the roadworks planned for your area go to: tasman.govt.nz/link/current-road-works.



Let's clear the air

In winter, wood smoke from home heating and outdoor burning causes many problems.

Our winters with their calm, clear days and cold temperatures do not allow the smoke from fires to rise and disperse. Smoke, odour and ash can cause significant negative health effects, as well as being a nuisance for neighbours and neighbouring areas.

You can reduce the amount of smoke your fire produces by using good wood burning techniques. Your fire will burn more efficiently and it can make home heating more cost-effective too. Remember: Never burn treated or painted timber as this exposes you, your family and the environment to dangerous chemicals.

To do our part to reduce air pollution, we will run several programmes this winter:

- From May – July 2019, we'll ask 350 Richmond households to take part in a home heating survey. This will help us to better understand people's home heating sources and practices. It will also help us update our estimates for the quantity of air pollutants discharged by domestic heating, motor vehicles and industry.
- We're working with the National Institute of Water and Atmospheric Research (NIWA) to install air quality monitoring sensors in Motueka, Riwaka and Brooklyn to monitor pollution particles (PM10 and

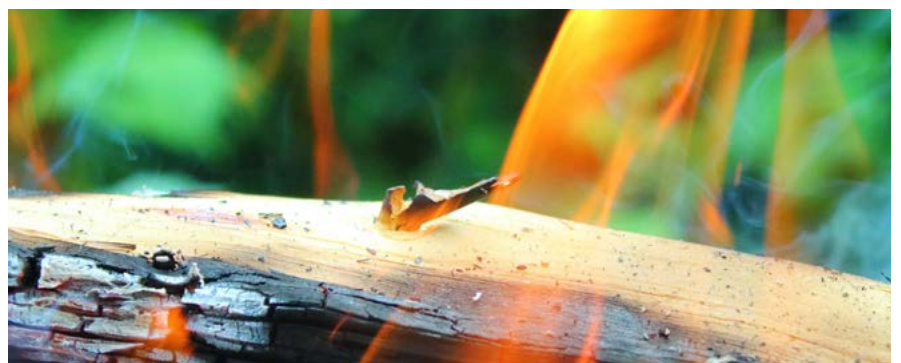
PM2.5) associated with wood burning and smoky fires during May – August 2019. This will help us determine if there is an air quality issue in the area, whether the source is home heating and/or outdoor burning and if there is a need to introduce management tools.

- We're keen to demonstrate to land managers the benefits of implementing best practice for outdoor burning. Weather permitting, we will undertake a field-based trial during May to monitor three types of burns - a standard permitted burn, a current best practice burn, and an advanced best practice burn using a trench and fan blowing air into the base of the fire. We're working with Crown Research Institute Scion to

monitor factors such as the concentration of smoke discharge, smoke plume height and fire temperature. This trial will be used as part of a package of information we'll be developing over the coming year for orchardists, horticulturalists, lifestyle block owners and other land managers who currently are allowed to use burning as a land management tool.

Find out more

More information on good burning practices and the planning rules for burning are available on our website, tasman.govt.nz. For outdoor burning, don't forget to check if you need a fire permit from Fire and Emergency NZ (www.checkitsalright.nz).



Rules for boat moorings up for review

We are reviewing the way we manage moorings in the District, with public consultation happening this month.

Moorings play an important role in the enjoyment of our coastline and there are many in Tasman waters. As a nation of boaties, our moorings have a rich history. They are valued as permanent, semi-permanent or temporary safe anchorage points but as they have proliferated, the importance of the rules governing them has also grown.

Moorings have an impact on the environment and if not placed well can be

a hazard to neighbouring boats and the user. A poorly-placed or moving mooring 'block' could allow boats to collide, impact on other moorings or break infrastructure on the seabed.

Currently only a third of moorings in Tasman District have a resource consent. The rest were generally put in before 1990 without their environmental or neighbourly impact being considered. Without a consent there is no accountability for maintenance,

appropriate material and location.

The moorings review will lead to changes in our planning rules, and the introduction of a new bylaw. It will take into account the popular boating areas and how we can accommodate moorings more safely and sustainably whilst making it easy and transparent.

Keep an eye on tasman.govt.nz/feedback for more information.

Battle for the Banded Rail community plantings

Please come and join us at a Community Planting Day on the Waimea Inlet.

- Sunday 26 May, 9.00 am – 1.00 pm, Bronte Peninsula on Stringer Embayment (Access from 92 Bronte Road East. Park on Bronte Road).
- Sunday 9 June, 9.00 am – 1.00 pm, Manuka Island. Follow sign to Manuka Island from Redwood Road.
- Sunday 16 June, 9.00 am – 1.00 pm, Bronte Peninsula North. Park on Cardno Way (off Bronte Road East).
- Sunday 30 June, 9.00 am – 1.00 pm, Hoddy Estuary Park. 232 Coastal Highway near Research Orchard Road.
- Sunday 7 July, 9.00 am – 1.00 pm, Stringer Creek, Westdale Road opposite The Playhouse Café.
- Sunday 21 July, 9.00 am – 1.00 pm, Maisey Embayment/Pukeko Lane. Parking and access from Pukeko Lane.
- Sunday 28 July, 9.00 am – 1.00 pm, Mapua Embayment/Seaton Valley Stream. Access and parking at 126 Aranui Road.
- Sunday 11 August, 9.00 am – 1.00 pm, Research Orchard Road.

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 us at bandedrail@gmail.com or phone Kathryn on 544 4537.



Auckland schoolchildren fundraise for Pigeon Valley fire recovery

We have received many generous donations towards the fire recovery efforts, including a heartwarming contribution from the children of Auckland's St Leonard's Road School.

Ashleigh from Room 20 of St Leonard's Road School in Kelston, Auckland, took the initiative and organised a fundraising drive at the decile 3 school. The school held a mufti day and encouraged students to donate as much as possible, raising \$550 for the Mayoral Disaster Relief Fund.

In a letter to Tasman Mayor Richard Kempthorne, Ashleigh wrote: "We are really proud of this great achievement and hope the funds raised will help those who were affected in some way."

In recent months we have faced some challenges as a District, region and country. The actions and thoughts of kind people such as Ashleigh and her classmates are a real boost during difficult times – our thanks to St Leonard's Road School and everyone who has donated to the Mayoral Disaster Relief Fund.



Dam company chief executive starts

The company responsible for building the Waimea Community Dam has welcomed its new leader, Mike Scott, a resident of Richmond.



Mike started as chief executive on 1 April after finishing as vice-president and chief executive of a joint venture project with Australia's Woodside Energy Limited in Perth. He is bringing nearly three decades of international experience in the energy sector to help secure the region's water supply for the next 100 years.

"I have been looking forward to coming home to Richmond after commuting to Perth while my family has been living here in Tasman. Having experienced and seen the

pain of this summer's drought, I understand and agree with the need to build the dam expeditiously.

"My sole focus now is to lead a highly skilled and experienced team in dam design, construction, risk and project management, and environmental management and sustainability to deliver this project to the community. We have a good and well-reviewed design, a good local contractor, very supportive shareholders and investors, and I am pleased that work is underway."

Mike's varied career includes business and commercial development, strategy, planning, governance, operations, and engineering. He holds a Master of Engineering with Distinction in Civil Engineering from the University of Canterbury, specialising in environmental engineering.



Mayoral Disaster Relief Fund applications close on 12 May

The fund that was set up following the Pigeon Valley and related fires has received \$450,000 in donations.

Applications will close on 12 May, so be sure to get your form in on time.

The fund is open to Tasman District and Nelson City residents, ratepayers or business owners, and not-for-profit organisations, who have suffered financial or emotional hardship as a result of the fire event that began on 5 February 2019.

Since opening for applications in March the fund panel has approved 18 applications totalling \$44,793.96 with another 56 applications currently being considered. So far payments from the Mayoral Disaster Relief Fund have been made for accommodation, loss of income, remediation works and financial hardship.

For more information and application forms go to tasman.govt.nz.

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Free training: how to keep your hull clean

Learn how to get the most from your anti-fouling.

Good hull maintenance means you use less fuel, get to your destination faster, and do not spread marine pests.

A free training session is being held on Saturday 25 May 2019, 1.00 pm to 4.00 pm, at the Nelson Marina. New rules in Marlborough ban highly fouled vessels from moving in and out of the region, while existing rules in Tasman and Nelson require control of Mediterranean fanworm (*Sabella spallanzanii*). Carboline New Zealand, a leading manufacturer of marine paints, is teaming up with councils and Nelmac to bring you this opportunity to understand more about anti-fouling. Any queries ring or email Peter Lawless, Top of the South Marine Biosecurity coordinator at 021 894 363 or tosmarinebio@gmail.com

Note: This is a drop-in session. Arrive any time from 1.00 pm to 3.30pm.

Rural Assistance Payments available

Rural Assistance Payments are available for drought and fire-affected farmers and growers.

The payments from Work and Income are for those who are temporarily unable to make enough income to meet essential basic living costs. They are subject to an income and assets test, and are based on the rate of Jobseeker Support.

Head to workandincome.govt.nz/eligibility/emergencies/upper-south-island-drought-and-tasman-district-fires-2019.html for more information.

Local elections – over to you

Elections for Tasman's mayor, councillors, Community Board members and Nelson/Marlborough District Health Board members will be held in October this year.

Thinking of becoming a candidate?

Candidate nominations open on 19 July and close on 16 August 2019. To stand for Council, you must be a New Zealand citizen aged over 18 enrolled on the electoral roll.

Find out more

For more information head online to tasman.govt.nz/link/elections.

Funding available for fencing

Did you know we can provide you with financial support and advice to prevent stock access to waterways and protect and enhance important habitat?

The Rivers and Stream Management Fund is available year-round. Funding is allocated on the basis of ecological value and there is no set limit to how much funding a landowner can obtain.

Erecting fences along waterways to exclude stock creates riparian buffers and is the single most effective measure for reducing faecal and sediment contamination of streams.

You can improve stream ecology even further by establishing grasses, trees and shrubs within riparian buffers to provide shade, habitat and food for native fauna.

Available assistance

We can provide financial support to landowners for waterway fencing projects that meet certain criteria. Support can include:

- Fencing materials to exclude stock from valuable habitat;
- Providing trees and shrubs to stabilise soils and prevent hillslope and stream erosion;
- Sharing information on the best management practices around the water/land interface;
- Providing advice for enhancing native wildlife habitat in and around waterways.

Find out more: For more information contact Bernard Simmonds by emailing bernard.simmonds@tasman.govt.nz, or phone 03 543 8400. You can also learn more on our website, tasman.govt.nz/link/grants.

Access to eastern half of Moturoa / Rabbit Island restricted

Public access to the eastern half of Moturoa/Rabbit Island will be closed on three days this winter while an organised game bird hunt takes place. The closure includes all the beach front at eastern end of the island.

Fish and Game organise the hunts, which are timed to coincide with low tide to avoid any effect on shore birds. No hunting is allowed within 100 metres of the high tide mark.

Closure dates 2019:

The hunts will take place between 7.00 am and 3.00 pm on the following dates:

- Saturday 25 May (or Sunday 26 May depending on weather)
- Saturday 22 June (or Sunday 23 June depending on weather)
- Saturday 20 July (or Sunday 21 July depending on weather)

Map of area closed for hunting:



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HAVE YOUR SAY:



Tasman's future – where do we grow from here?

Nelson and Tasman are growing fast. Using the results of feedback on the Nelson Tasman Future Development Strategy collected earlier this year, we have developed three potential growth scenarios. We're now seeking your views to help us refine the options that will shape the future of your communities.

Have your say: Find out more and fill in a survey online at tasman.govt.nz/feedback. More information is also available at Nelson City and Tasman District Council offices and libraries.

Feedback closes on 6 May 2019.

Public information sessions

Tapawera: Friday 3 May, Tapawera Community Centre. Drop-in session: 3.30 – 6.30 pm.

Alcohol licence applications

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

Pohara Store lease – submissions open

We're taking submissions on the intention to grant a lease for the Pohara Store which is situated on Tasman District Council reserve land at 811 Abel Tasman Drive.

The land is currently being used for a store. The lease will be for a portion of the building located within the Pohara Recreation Reserve.

The Council intends to issue the lease to Pohara General Store Limited, who are the existing occupants of the building and have operated the general store business in the reserve for several years.

You can make a submission online at www.tasman.govt.nz/feedback or deliver to your local Tasman District Council office. Submissions close at 4.00 pm on Wednesday 15 May 2019. Please let us know whether you would like to speak to your submission in the event that a hearing is required.

Speaking at a Council meeting

Everyone is welcome to attend our public meetings. There is a public seating area where you can watch, and many of the meetings have a Public Forum which provides an opportunity to speak 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 and councillors are not allowed to question the speaker (unless they wish to clarify something you have said). A brief record will be kept of the topics raised. The chairperson of the meeting may ask staff to investigate the subject further if they think it is necessary.

COUNCIL MEETINGS:

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



Full Council Meeting

Thursday 9 May, 9.30 am. Public forum

Full Council - Schedule of Charges hearing (if required)

Friday 10 May, 9.30 am. Public forum

Golden Bay Community Board

Golden Bay Service Centre, 78 Commercial Street, Takaka. Tuesday 14 May, 4.30 pm. Public forum

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COMMUNITY RELATIONS



Outstanding Community Awards nominations open

If you know of individuals or groups that you think deserve recognition for all their hard work, you can nominate them for an Outstanding Community Service Award.

There are a huge number of volunteers who work throughout the year to make our communities better places to live. Without fuss or fanfare, they undertake good work on behalf of neighbours, friends, schools, clubs, churches and service organisations.

The Outstanding Community Service Awards recognise the unsung heroes who add so much to our communities. The awards allow us to formally acknowledge individuals who have volunteered on behalf of their communities for 20 years or more.

Nominees must be residents of Tasman District.

Find out more

Nomination forms and criteria are available at tasman.govt.nz/link/grants.

Nominations close on 30 June 2019.

Funding for community arts projects

Creative Communities provides funding to support community involvement in the arts – whether it be music, theatre, festivals, mural painting, outdoor sculptures, art in public spaces, kapa haka, singing, art workshops or something else. If you have a great community arts project needing some dollars, the Tasman Creative Communities Scheme may be able to help. There are three rounds of applications per year. The next round closes on 10 July 2018. Allocations average \$1000.

Find out more

Head online: tasman.govt.nz (search phrase 'creative communities').

Contact: Community Partnerships Coordinator Lani Evans, phone 03 543 8400, email lan.evans@tasman.govt.nz.

Get composting with \$30 voucher

Kickstart Compost Month is good news for anyone thinking about composting food and garden scraps.

For the month of May, you can get an increased subsidy of \$30 (usually \$20) on compost bins, worm farms, worms or a Bokashi bucket. The subsidy is only available from participating retailers and is for purchases in May only.

Visit www.tasman.govt.nz/link/compost for your voucher and more information on how to compost.

Community Grants applications open

Are you planning a great community event or project – but need a little help to make it happen? Applications for our Community Grants are open now and close on 31 July 2019. 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.

Online applications

Visit tasman.govt.nz/link/grants to download the Community Grants from Rates Application Form. Work on the application at your own pace – and save as you go. Send the completed application back to us using a simple online form.

Find out more

Visit our website, tasman.govt.nz/link/grants or email Community Partnerships Coordinator Lani Evans, lan.evans@tasman.govt.nz.

History Brought to Life

Discover the untold historic stories of Washbourn Garden. This is not your ordinary history tour; actors will entertain you as they showcase what life was like many years ago. Come learn about your local history.

Washbourn Gardens, Sunday 5 May, Performances start at 2.00 pm, 2.30 pm, 3.00 pm. If it is raining the event will be held at the Richmond Library.



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