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## Richmond roundabout upgrade on the way

As agreed by the Council late last year, we'll be upgrading the Champion / Salisbury Roads roundabout.

We're going to expand the roundabout to have double lanes at the three busiest entry points and build three new shared cycle / pedestrian crossings. The aim is to begin work later this year and be finished by mid-2021.

### Why we are doing it

This is the busiest roundabout in Tasman District, with about 17,000 vehicles a day and this number is only predicted to grow. This creates congestion during peak hours and makes it very difficult for pedestrians and cyclists to cross the roundabout safely.

The development of a new supermarket near this intersection is a catalyst for the timing of the project. Everyone needs to be aware that the aim of the upgrade is to balance the needs of all users,

improve safety and make the roundabout easier to use, while improving the capacity for vehicles. It will not resolve the peak hour congestion. Addressing that would involve more significant network-wide changes, which is not part of this project, but is being investigated by Waka Kotahi NZ Transport Agency and Council. Improving options for walking and cycling is one way of reducing congestion with fewer vehicles on the road.

### This is what's going to change

As per the image above, the changes you'll see include:

- Double lanes at the three busiest entry points.
- Three raised pedestrian crossings where pedestrians and cyclists will have right of way over vehicles.
- Improved cycle path connection to the Saxton Field path and to Garin College.

- Utilities (water, stormwater, power poles) will be relocated.

### Next steps

Once a contractor has been appointed we will have more details about the works programme to share with you but the aim is to start work in the last quarter of this year.

We understand that the upgrade will have a big impact on road users and residents during construction so we'll be working with the successful contractor to ensure the best possible traffic management is in place and we ask in advance for everyone's patience.

Keep up to date with the project on our website, [tasman.govt.nz/projects](https://tasman.govt.nz/projects).

*Please note: The work currently underway to upgrade the existing pathway from Champion Road to the entrance of the Saxton Field complex is a separate project. This is being managed by Nelson City Council and the completed pathway will be smoother and wider, making it easier and safer for everyone to use.*



For the latest information on Covid-19 Alert Levels visit the website [covid19.govt.nz](https://covid19.govt.nz). For current updates on Council services, visit [tasman.govt.nz](https://tasman.govt.nz).

# MEET YOUR REPRESENTATIVES

## Councillor Chris Hill – Golden Bay Ward

Kia ora koutou,

The recent recurrence of a second outbreak of Covid-19 in our wider New Zealand community asked a great deal of us, despite everyone knowing that a recurrence would be a matter of when, not if.

The disappointment of having to restrict our business and social activity again will have affected many in our community. To be patient and to hold our nerve is challenging, particularly when we are still on such uncertain ground.

Many people and businesses are still significantly impacted from the first round of restrictions and some businesses are only just holding on. We must support those who are struggling and keep our

wonderful community care alive for one another. It is important that those who need it are accessing financial and emotional support programmes; for quick help, free call or text 1737.

For community groups, the Ministry of Social Development has a Capability and Resilience Fund available for initiatives that support rebuild and recovery. A 'give what you can, take what you need' stall has been set up at Collingwood,

which is a thoughtful way of inviting us to be generous.

We can contribute easily to our nation and district community by following the government's guidelines. Our individual actions make a significant difference. He waka eke noa – we are all in this together.

**Councillor Chris Hill  
Golden Bay Ward**

*\*Please note we were at Alert Level Two at the time of printing.*



## Intensification action plan adopted

The Strategy and Policy Committee has formally adopted the Intensification Action Plan that sets out how to encourage housing intensification around parts of the District, either zoned or proposed for smaller denser dwellings.

This plan stems from the Future Development Strategy (FDS). Adopted by both Tasman District and Nelson City Councils in 2019, the FDS provides a high level 30-year vision for where and how growth will be managed across the Nelson Tasman region.

At least 40% of our future demand for housing in Nelson and Tasman will be met by 'building up' and increasing dwelling density in

existing urban areas. In Tasman this would provide approximately 1,650 dwellings over the next 30 years.

Since this represents a significant change, both councils requested staff to prepare an intensification action plan to guide the change and make smaller, denser dwellings a more attractive option to build and to live in.

The action plan is a result of extensive cross council work and it

recommends a number of actions. They've been prioritised according to cost effectiveness and their ability to help make more intensive housing attractive and achievable.

**The full Intensification Action Plan document will be available on our website, [tasman.govt.nz](https://tasman.govt.nz), and we'll bring you more information about what it means in future issues of Newline.**



## Stay vigilant against Covid-19

At the time of printing we remain at Alert Level Two restrictions, although a review by central government is imminent.

All Council services are operating at Alert Level Two but there have been changes in terms of limited numbers at some community facilities, physical distancing measures and contact tracing. As the situation is likely to change rapidly, our website

tasman.govt.nz, our Facebook page and the Antenno app are good ways to keep updated, or you can give us a call on 03 543 8400.

The Council services available and any further changes to them will be covered through these channels as we move into different alert levels. We'll be following the current central government advice about what we need to do to keep our community safe. Whatever happens, rest assured, we are here to help.

As always, we ask everyone to follow the health advice as we work together against Covid-19.

- Keep your distance from other people in public.
- Wash your hands.
- Sneeze and cough into your elbow.
- Keep a track of where you've been and who you've seen.
- Wear a face covering if you can.

## No mixed recycling processed from 14 – 18 September

Due to essential maintenance at the recycling processing plant, any mixed recycling (plastic, paper, cardboard, cans) collected in the week of 14 – 18 September cannot be processed and will have to go to landfill. This will only affect residents with "Week 2" on their wheelie bin.

This is because the plant operator, Smart Environmental, needs to replace the chain drive conveyor belt at the processing plant. This belt feeds recycling into the processing equipment, and is critical to the plant operation. It has been working 52 weeks a year for the last five years, so is due for replacement.

All glass collected will be recycled as normal. It is processed differently and the conveyor belt replacement doesn't affect that.

We will still collect your wheelie bin if you put it out but the contents will go to landfill, rather than being recycled.

If you don't want that to happen, please hold on to your wheelie bin

until your next collection week. You can put it out again on your usual day in the week starting 28 September.

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## Culvert completed at Waimea Community Dam

On 14 August the Waimea Community Dam Diversion Culvert was blessed by Ngāti Koata, marking a significant milestone in the construction of the region's dam.

Following the blessing, the culvert was opened at its top, allowing river water to flow through. Waimea Water Limited CEO Mike Scott told the attendees of the importance of the culvert to the next phase of the project.

"The 165-metre-long diversion culvert is key infrastructure for the project, as it allows the river to be diverted to create the dry construction site for the reinforced dam," Scott said.

The next stage of construction will see two coffer dams built to divert the river into the completed culvert, enabling construction of the larger reinforced rockfill embankment. A starter dam and lower spillway bridge will also be constructed, the revised spillway continued, and the plinth completed. Works are due for completion in April 2022.

### Key facts about the diversion culvert:

- 165 metres long
- 7 metres wide
- 5.6 metres high (external)
- 4,500m<sup>3</sup> of concrete
- Roof and walls 0.8 metre to 1.6 metre thick

## Date extended on Water Safety Consultation

Submissions are now open until 2 October.

We've extended the submission period on a proposal to permanently chlorinate the following water supplies: Upper Takaka, Hamama, Motueka, Riwaka / Kaiteriteri and Richmond. All other Tasman District Council water supplies are already treated with chlorine to ensure the safe supply of drinking water. This is in line with the accepted practice for water treatment around New Zealand and other developed countries around the world. You can read the full statement of proposal online at [tasman.govt.nz/feedback](http://tasman.govt.nz/feedback) or see a hard copy at all Tasman District Council and Libraries (Takaka, Murchison, Motueka and Richmond).

In light of the Covid-19 restrictions on gatherings at the time, the public information sessions were cancelled. A replacement session will be held via Zoom video conferencing on Wednesday 16 September starting at 4.30 pm. The Zoom meeting link is available on the Council website, [tasman.govt.nz](http://tasman.govt.nz), search on Water Consultation.

### How to have your say:

- Email your submission [info@tasman.govt.nz](mailto:info@tasman.govt.nz) with 'Water Safety Consultation' in the subject line.
- Head to [tasman.govt.nz/feedback](http://tasman.govt.nz/feedback) to submit your feedback online.
- Post your submission to 'Water Safety Consultation', Tasman District Council, 189 Queen Street, Private Bag 4, Richmond 7050.

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# AWESOME TASMAN

## Apply now for the Community Resilience Fund Phase Two

Applications are invited until Friday 4 September for the second funding round supporting play, active recreation and sports organisations who are experiencing financial hardship as a result of Covid-19.

In a change from the first round, applicants no longer need to be affiliated to Sport NZ national partners and you can claim assistance for a broader range of costs including operational costs.

Sport Tasman is administering the fund locally so get all the details and an application form on their website, [sporttasman.org.nz](http://sporttasman.org.nz) or phone 03 546 7910.

## Safer rural roads and more jobs

Tasman District Council and Downer are working together on a Project Kōkiri programme, funded by the Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment and the Provincial Growth Fund.

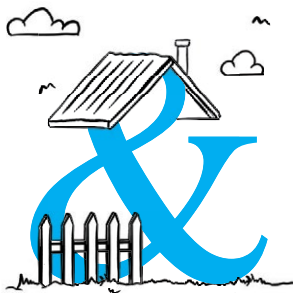
The programme is focused on removing dangerous trees around the Tasman road network and has employed a number of people who have found themselves out of work following the response to the Covid-19 pandemic.

We invited submissions from the community and also used existing databases to prioritise trees that were creating a roadside hazard. The team is now working through these to either make them safe or remove them.

There are currently two crews on the network carrying out the

work and a third collecting and stockpiling the wood. Once the wood has been stockpiled it will be cut into firewood, to be distributed to people in need through the Fifeshire Foundation. Yet another positive for the community from this initiative.

There are currently 11 staff employed who had lost their previous work due to the effects of Covid-19. Their backgrounds range from aircraft mechanic to retail sales staff but all are adapting well to their new work. A qualified arborist is used for the technical tree removal work.



## Buying or selling a house?

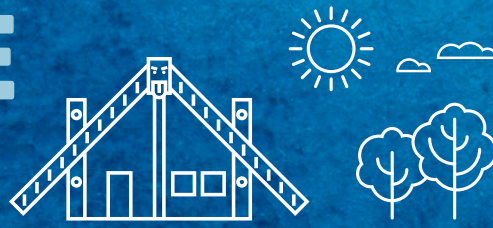
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# NEWSLINE UPDATES



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## Brightwater speed limit change – 40km/h applies from 28 August

As agreed, following the public consultation carried out in 2019, the speed limit on Ellis Street Brightwater will change to 40 km/h from the end of August.

This applies to the section of Ellis Street 50m from Lightband Road (SH6) through to 50m prior to Lord Rutherford Road.

This change is due to the need to provide safer and consistent speeds for busy school roads and town centre roads. The new speed limit is supported by changes made as part of the current Brightwater town centre upgrade.

New speed limit signage will be in place from 28 August to remind everyone of the change.



## Review of Local Alcohol Policy

Tasman District Council is seeking submissions on a proposal to review the Tasman District Council Local Alcohol Policy.

The Local Alcohol Policy (LAP) has been in force since 14 March 2015 and must be reviewed prior to 14 March 2021 to remain in force. The most significant impact of the LAP is to limit the hours that licensed premises may trade, compared to the default national maximum trading hours permitted by the Sale and Supply of Alcohol Act 2012. The Council has proposed that no change is made to the existing LAP.

You are invited to have your say on the intention to leave the LAP unchanged through this review.

You can read the full statement of proposal online at [tasman.govt.nz/feedback](http://tasman.govt.nz/feedback) or see a hard copy at the following locations:

### Tasman District Council Offices

- Takaka: 78 Commercial Street
- Motueka: 7 Hickmott Place
- Murchison: 92 Fairfax Street
- Richmond: 189 Queen Street

## Tasman District Libraries

- Motueka: 12 Pah Street
- Murchison: 92 Fairfax Street
- Richmond: 280 Queen Street
- Takaka Memorial: 3 Junction Street

### How to have your say:

- Email your submission to [info@tasman.govt.nz](mailto:info@tasman.govt.nz) with 'Local Alcohol Policy Consultation' in the subject line.
- Head to [tasman.govt.nz/feedback](http://tasman.govt.nz/feedback) to submit your feedback online.
- Post your submission to 'Local Alcohol Policy Consultation', Tasman District Council, 189 Queen Street, Private Bag 4, Richmond 7050.

Submissions are open until Friday 25 September 2020. Anyone who wishes to do so will have the opportunity to speak in support of their submission at a hearing to be held on 14 October 2020.

## Triennial Election Meetings

The following triennial committee election meeting is to be held:

- Waimea West Recreation Reserve/Hall Committee, Wednesday 16 September at 7.30 pm at the Waimea West Hall. All welcome.

If you have any queries please contact Francie Wafer on 03 543 8400 or [francie.wafer@tasman.govt.nz](mailto:francie.wafer@tasman.govt.nz).

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## Community planting days

Head along to one of the last planting days of the season on the Waimea Inlet.

- Sunday 30 August, 9.00 am – 1.00 pm, Research Orchard Road Reserve #2
- Sunday 6 and Sunday 13 September, 9.00 am – 1.00 pm, Hunter Brown Reserve, Rough Island.

Please bring gloves, spade and drinking water. Wear solid footwear and clothes suitable for the weather conditions.

For more information and future planting day dates, visit the website [tet.org.nz](http://tet.org.nz) or email [bandedrail@gmail.com](mailto:bandedrail@gmail.com).

## Changes to payment options at Resource Recovery Centres

Please be aware that from 1 October 2020, we will no longer be accepting cheques for payment at our Resource Recovery Centres.

We're making this change for several reasons: to reduce the risk of dishonoured payments; because cheques are being phased out by many banks; and they are only used by a very small number of customers. Since May 2020 customers have had the option of paying by credit card and we now accept PayWave at all sites.

## Dispose of wet wipes and masks correctly

It's great to be extra conscious of hygiene at the moment but if you are using disposable materials to keep yourself safe (for instance disposable masks or sanitising wipes), please remember they must go in your rubbish bin.

Please don't dispose of these items in your recycling bin or by flushing them down your toilet. Putting these in your recycling bin puts our staff at risk of infection and flushing them down the toilet causes blockages and overflows in our sewer system.

Please remember that your recycling is handled by people as it is collected and processed so it's more important than ever to make sure your recycling is clean and free from rubbish to help protect the team.



## COUNCIL MEETINGS



For now, public access to meetings will be via Zoom video conferencing. See [tasman.govt.nz/link/meetings-calendar](http://tasman.govt.nz/link/meetings-calendar) for access details.

### Regulatory Committee

Thursday 3 September, 9.30 am.  
Public forum.

### Tasman Regional Transport Committee

Monday 7 September, 9.30 am.  
Public forum.

### Full Council

Thursday 10 September, 9.30 am.  
Public forum.

### Nelson Tasman Regional Landfill Business Unit

Friday 11 September, 9.30 am. Nelson City Council, 110 Trafalgar Street.  
Public forum.

### Nelson Tasman Regional Sewerage Business Unit

Friday 11 September, 1.00 pm. Nelson City Council, 110 Trafalgar Street.  
Public forum.

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# WHAT'S ON IN TASMAN



In these uncertain times it's good to know there are some things you can count on. Here are three fabulous things that you can do through your local library, regardless of alert levels.

## Stitch up a storm!

While slipping in and out of alert levels might be stressful, there's one thing guaranteed to reduce your heart rate and that's stitching. Take part in our Community Quilt Project by stitching a word or image relating to your experience of Alert Level 4 on to an A4 sized piece of fabric and drop it off at your local Tasman library by the end of September. All ages and stitching abilities are welcome to take part.

## Do you haiku?

Haiku is a form of poetry developed in Japan. Each haiku has only 17 syllables, arranged in three lines of 5-7-5 syllables respectively, and usually focuses on an aspect of nature. Either email your haiku to [pania.walton@tasman.govt.nz](mailto:pania.walton@tasman.govt.nz) or fill in an entry form at your library and be in to win. All ages are encouraged to take part.

## Give e-books a whirl

When you really need a book fix but your library is closed, the best place to get books is our website, [tasmanlibraries.govt.nz](http://tasmanlibraries.govt.nz). Discover a world of e-books available for free

with your library card. Don't ever be without something to read – give e-books a whirl!

## Monday information sessions for seniors

Age Concern Nelson Tasman is offering a series of informative talks and workshops on a variety of topics relevant to being 65+. The cost is \$3 per session, registrations are required. All sessions are in the Age Concern Hall, 62 Oxford Street, Richmond.

### Upcoming sessions include:

- 31 August, 9.30 am – 12.30 pm, Staying Safe Driving Course with Garry Dunn.
- 7 September, 10.00 am – 11.30 am, Green Prescription – Living Well with Jackie MacIntyre from Nelson Bays Primary Health.

See the full list of sessions planned for the rest of 2020 on the website, [ageconcernnt.org.nz](http://ageconcernnt.org.nz).

**For any further information or to register, please phone Marrit on 03 544 7624 ext 4 or email [community@ageconcernnt.org.nz](mailto:community@ageconcernnt.org.nz).**

## Preparation underway soon for new Motueka library

Construction fencing will be up soon around the site designated for the new library in Motueka's Decks Reserve.

Site preparation work can then begin, such as moving services (power, water and so on), clearing the site (removing trees, putting furniture into storage) and getting it ready for building.

The purpose-built, 1,100m<sup>2</sup> single-storey library will be constructed between the i-SITE and the Japanese Gardens. The new library has been planned for several years and will replace the ageing and undersized library in Pah Street with a modern, sustainable new building.

The library build will provide 19 full-time local jobs and a boost to the construction sector and suppliers.

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