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Abel Tasman National Park

## Working towards a bright future for Tasman

We're looking ahead, while also working on today's challenges.

Covid has had profound effects on our community, as it has throughout the country.

A large package of Government funding for shovel-ready and Jobs for Nature projects, combined with significant Council co-funding, means we have a huge opportunity to create jobs and stimulate the economy while also delivering our community's aspirations for environmental gains, greater infrastructure resilience, and improved community wellbeing.

The Council has an important role to play in supporting our region's recovery by continuing to invest in our District.

However, there are significant costs associated with our role in rebuilding our economy. For the past six years, we have kept rate revenue increases

at less than 3% a year (excluding a population growth allowance).

This year, the Council drove a 0% rate revenue increase in order to ease the immediate financial stress many households were under in the height of the pandemic. Unfortunately that means we are starting the coming financial year on the back foot. Just to continue to offer our current levels of service and meet inflationary pressures requires a rates increase. That's before accounting for our contribution to the economic stimulus projects, any improvements to services, infrastructure or facilities, or the added costs of implementing significant Government reforms.

In March and April next year we will consult on our Long Term Plan for 2021 – 2031. That's our forward programme of work and budgets looking 10 years out, aiming to ensure our District can flourish in the future.

The seeds we sow now, the investment we make in our District's infrastructure, environment, community and cultural wellbeing, will bear fruit in future. We want to make sure we are doing the groundwork to ensure our recovery from the effects of Covid. However, we know affordability is a key concern for many in our community.

Your participation in the public feedback process next year will be critical in helping us strike the right balance.

Some of the important challenges we need to rise to over the next 10 years include:

- Rates affordability
- Climate change
- Housing provision and affordability
- Central Government reforms.

Keep an eye on Newsline and our website for updates, including information on how to get involved in the conversation.

# MEET YOUR REPRESENTATIVES

## Brent Maru – Motueka Community Board

A year has passed since my re-election to the Motueka Community Board, and it has been full-on. A pandemic, a new library for Motueka, proposed chlorination of drinking water, discussions around dog control and freedom camping bylaws, increased youth council participation, special projects, the local board review and a multitude of meetings and discussions.



Let me assure you that the Board has met with several agencies over recent weeks to ensure Motueka is at the forefront of their minds. We recognise there is a key labour challenge for primary industries as well as the unknown employment pathways faced by many in our community, especially for young people as they leave secondary education.

I am proud to see how our community has almost seamlessly readjusted to a “new normal”. We all continue to take each day as it

comes, while planning for the best. As a region we certainly have had our share of challenges over recent years, but the heartening aspect is that when times are tough, we pull together.

It is the “working together” that I would like to emphasise. I was elected to serve the Motueka community, and I do this with passion and a commitment to seeing results for Motueka. But I need you all on this journey with me, far beyond just voting. To represent your views, I need to hear them,

understand your challenges and jump on any opportunities. As a Board we are here to advocate for you, we are here to represent you and we are here to serve you.

Finally, congratulations to the Hon Damien O’Connor on his re-election. Motueka now looks forward to seeing the progression of improvements to State Highway 60 (High Street, Motueka).

**Brent Maru**  
**Chairman**  
**Motueka Community Board**

## Rain brings only partial relief after dry winter

Rainfall across our region this year has been about 30% below the average.

Earlier this month we had some relief, with 150mm (twice the November average) falling in Richmond by the second week of November. This rainfall was very welcome but we are still about 20% below where we’d like to be at this time of year.

The Wai-iti Community Dam got a much-needed top up.

While groundwater levels in the Waimea aquifers have been tracking below average for the time of year, they’ve had a boost too. The levels in the unconfined aquifer rose by more than a metre, bringing them back to the average we’d expect to see now.

However, the aquifers are a dynamic environment. They do respond to rainfall but require sustained rain over a longer period to retain their storage levels. This means levels are

likely to drop away again once dry weather returns.

Please be aware that while the recent rain has helped our water supplies, we all still need to use water wisely and save where we can. We have a long summer season to come and circumstances can change quickly.

**For great ideas on easy ways to save water, visit [tasman.govt.nz/water-saving-tips](https://tasman.govt.nz/water-saving-tips)**





## New cycle trail section ready to ride

The Kohatu to Tapawera section of Tasman's Great Taste Trail is now complete.

The 8 kilometres of new trail that runs between Kohatu (Flat Rock Cafe) and Tapawera (Tadmor Valley Road) is another significant milestone toward the vision of Tasman's Great Taste Trail, forming a loop around the Nelson Tasman region.

This latest section of the trail follows the path of the old railway that ran between Nelson and Glenhope until 1955.

The project was jointly funded by the Council and the Ministry of Business Innovation and Employment.



Councillor Stuart Bryant and Tasman MP Damian O'Connor officially open the new section of Tasman's Great Taste Trail.

As well as bringing economic benefits to Tapawera businesses from visitors riding the trail, it's a great recreational asset for locals and will make it safer for children to cycle to school.

If you are ready to ride further, follow the Tapawera to Murchison Heartland Ride.

Mainly following country back roads through farmland and native bush, this 95km trail links Tapawera and

Murchison, and is a very scenic alternative to biking along busy SH6.

Passing beside the great wildernesses of Kahurangi and Nelson Lakes national parks, majestic scenery is a feature for much of the route with the bonus of visiting pretty Lake Rotoroa, surrounded by beech forest and mountains.

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**Check out all the details and route maps at [nzcycletrail.com](https://nzcycletrail.com).**

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## Have your say on reserves in Moutere-Waimea Ward

We're seeking your views on proposals to classify existing reserves within the Moutere-Waimea Ward.

We're proposing that Council-administered reserves in Moutere-Waimea Ward (207 separate parcels of land in total) be classified as either: Scenic Reserve, Historic Reserve, Recreation Reserve or Local Purpose Reserve (of various purposes – e.g. walkways, esplanade reserves, community buildings, war memorial or walkway/utility purposes).

### What will change if the reserves are classified?

Classifying land as a reserve makes the principal purpose of the reserve clear. Once classified, each reserve would have a specified type/class/purpose under the Act. It's an administrative process

designed to make sure the land is used appropriately into the future. Reserve classification also affects the Council's management and decision making about these properties. In reality, there is unlikely to be much change to the way these properties are used. Once the reserve classification process is complete, we will publicly notify a draft Moutere-Waimea Ward Reserve Management Plan. This plan should align with the classification of each reserve it covers.

### The consultation process

There's a legal process we need to go through under section 16 of the Reserves Act before we decide

whether to classify the existing reserves in Moutere-Waimea Ward. We call for submissions, then hold hearings and deliberations before deciding on final reserve classifications. The process is complete once notices reiterating the Council's resolutions have been published in the New Zealand Gazette.

### Have your say

The proposals are now available for feedback and we'd like to hear your views by 15 March 2021. You can either view the relevant information online at [tasman.govt.nz/feedback](https://tasman.govt.nz/feedback) or view a hard copy at Council offices or libraries.



## Subsidies available for home insulation

Heating and insulation can make a massive difference to your health, as well as the warmth of your home. Having adequate home insulation can also mean that you use less wood in your wood burner, which in turn helps reduce air pollution in winter.

We have given funding to the Warmer Healthier Homes Te Tau Ihu Charitable Trust, which provides grants to retrofit insulation into qualifying owner-occupied homes across Te Taihū (top of the South). The trust works alongside the Energy Efficiency Conservation Authority's Warmer Kiwi Homes grant scheme.

To be eligible for a grant, you will need to:

- Be the homeowner (owner-occupier) of a home built before 2008, AND Have a Community Services Card or SuperGold combo card (with CSC endorsement); OR

- Own and be living in a home identified as being in an eligible area.

Homeowners can find out if they qualify for a grant (90 – 100% subsidy) by contacting the project contractor, Absolute Energy.

[absoluteenergy.co.nz](http://absoluteenergy.co.nz)

## Roadside safety project redeploys workers

Funding of \$1.5 million from the Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment (MBIE) through the Provincial Growth Fund has been used around our region to re-deploy workers displaced by the response to COVID-19.

Of the funding, \$1 million was earmarked for removing trees and other rural roadside hazards, with \$500,000 allocated to improving roadside drainage to reduce surface flooding.

As well as using existing databases to identify hazardous trees on rural roads, residents were also asked to nominate trees to be assessed. Trees were removed from 144 locations around the District. Where possible, the wood was collected

and stockpiled. It will be cut into firewood, and distributed to families in need with the help of the Fifehire Foundation and Mohua Social Services.

This initiative created employment for 14 staff who had lost their jobs due to the effects of Covid-19. They came from a wide range of backgrounds, from kayak guides to retail sales staff but all adapted well to their new work.

As part of the project, new staff completed Downer's five-day Road Ready course, teaching them skills in traffic control, vehicle training and safety around construction sites. These skills will be valuable if they seek other roles in the roading or construction industries in future.

Project Manager Graham Rimmer says, "It's been a very successful

initiative all-round. We've introduced people to new career options and improved conditions on our rural roads. Being able to share free firewood with families who really need it is another really nice outcome from the project."





# Oversight for large programme of recovery projects

We've recently set up a Programme Management Office (PMO) to coordinate the delivery of projects funded or partially funded by various Government departments as part of the post-Covid-19 recovery. The PMO has been established following advice from external consultants and will be run by staff seconded from within Tasman District Council for at least 12 months.

At the moment, we could be in line for more than \$45 million in funding, including applications still being considered.

Currently we have approved Government funding of more than \$23 million, supported by Council funding of more than \$7 million.

There are 27 separate projects included in the current programme (some with funding still under consideration). The agreements, funding arrangements and reporting requirements also vary from project to project.

An extra level of support has been added due to the number of projects and the added complexity of joint funding obligations. The role of the PMO is to work with our team of project and programme managers to ensure all the projects meet the objectives required by our funding partners, are delivered to a high standard and on time and deliver great outcomes for our community.

Richard Kirby, who is heading up the PMO, says, "These projects are

a fantastic opportunity for us to provide employment opportunities and foster economic confidence in our region. Our role is to ensure we have the systems and resources in place to deliver the very best outcomes for our community."

The PMO will be providing regular progress reports to the Council's Operations Committee. We'll also be sharing regular updates in Newline and on our website as these exciting projects evolve.

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## Tasman Skatepark Tour is back

This popular event series returns for 2021, offering you the chance to show off your skate, BMX, and scootering skills at your local skate park.

Suitable for all ages, abilities and interests, this year the tour visits Richmond, Nelson, Tākaka, Māpua, Motueka, Tapawera, and Brightwater, in a collaboration between Nelson City and Tasman District councils.

Place-getter and spot prizes will be available, including items from long-time sponsors Cheapskates. The tour is also offering separate categories for women again, community partnerships officer Yulia Panfylova says.

"In collaboration with the Kōhine Māia project and Skate School Nelson, we have also been offering lessons for girls during the year. It's an event where people can safely compete with each other and also feel safe practising their new tricks and moves."

The tour is all about popularising these fun and skilful sports and

making them available to everyone in the community.

"Whether that's young kids, older people, males, females; everybody can participate and feel comfortable during those events," Yulia says.

"The environment encourages support, coaching and mentoring, and we usually see that the older skateboarders are mentoring the younger ones."

Helmets are compulsory for everyone competing, and the tour is an alcohol-free event. There will also be free coaching sessions for young people in early December, so keep an eye on Newline, our website, Tasman Skatepark Tour on Facebook, and @tasmaskate on Instagram for more details.

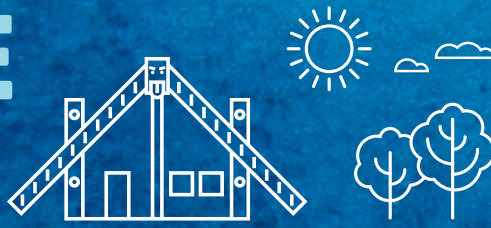
Yulia says the event will be a great day out for spectators too. "Some of the tricks are spectacular."



### Tour dates:

- **Wednesday 6 January, 5.00 pm:**  
Māpua Skate Park, Aranui Road
- **Saturday 9 January, 3.00 pm:**  
Motueka Skate Park, Old Wharf Road
- **Sunday 10 January, 1.00 pm:**  
Tākaka Skate Park, Reilly Street
- **Wednesday 13 January, 5.00 pm:**  
Brightwater Skate Park, Ellis Street
- **Saturday 16 January, 3.00 pm:**  
Richmond Skate Park, Jubilee Park
- **Sunday 17 January, 3.00 pm:**  
Nelson Skate Park, Neale Park
- **Monday 11 January, 5.00 pm:**  
Tapawera Skate Park

# NEWSLINE UPDATES



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## Queen Street bus stops moving 29 November

The Queen Street bus stops will be closed this Sunday 29 November due to a road closure in place for the Richmond Santa Parade. A temporary bus stop will be set up on Talbot Street (opposite PAK'n'SAVE). Alternatively, catch the bus at the Salisbury Road bus stop between Talbot and Florence streets.

## Temporary chlorination of Richmond water

As part of the Champion/Salisbury Road roundabout upgrade, work on the water mains and other services will begin soon. As the water network is at a higher risk of contamination when we work on the mains, the Richmond water supply will be temporarily treated with chlorine to be sure it stays safe to drink. The exact time for starting chlorination was still to be confirmed at the time of printing, please check the website for the latest information. Please be aware that this is usual practice when we do major work on the water supply and does not in any way pre-empt or affect the decision the Council is still to make on the proposal to permanently chlorinate the supply. You can read more about water chlorination on our website, [tasman.govt.nz/chlorination](https://tasman.govt.nz/chlorination).

## Māpua Drive footpath update

Recent rain means there'll be a delay on completing the construction of the new path on Māpua Drive. As some of the contractors now have other commitments, we expect the work to be fully complete in the second week of December. The temporary bus stops and arrangements for Māpua students who catch school buses will remain in place. Please remember to slow down and take care around the work site.

## Coffee lovers – Be Spotted!

Richmond! #BeSpotted by the coffee fairy using a reusable coffee cup on Friday mornings throughout November and you may get a free coffee voucher. The coffee fairy also has some bright and fun reusable coffee cups to give away to those who are wanting to make a change from takeaway coffee cups to reusable ones. Now's the time to make a change. Refuse disposable coffee cups that end up in landfill and start carrying a reusable cup to work or when you leave the house! Small changes can make a big difference.



## Maritime events

**Event activity:** Jet Boating NZ Event (river flow dependent)

**Date and location:** Between now and 1 February 2021, Upper Motueka River, (Tapawera Bridge – Janson Bridge)

**Event activity:** Waka Ama Racing. Area reservation and uplifting of 5 knot speed rule applies.

**Date and location:** Friday 13 and Saturday 14 November, Kaiteriteri.

**Event activity:** Jet Boating NZ, Giant Slalom

**Date and location:** Sunday 22 November, Waimea River

Further details for these and any new events may be viewed at [tasman.govt.nz/maritime-events](https://tasman.govt.nz/maritime-events). The Harbourmaster has granted authorisation for these events under the provisions of the Navigation Safety Bylaw 2015.

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## APPROVED TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURES



**Applicant:** Nelson Drag Racing Association

**Event:** Motueka Drag Races

**Location:** Queen Victoria Street – from Green Lane to King Edward Street including Marchwood Park

**Dates and times:**

- Saturday 21 November 2020, 8.00 am to 4.00 pm
- Saturday 6 February 2021, 8.00 am to 4.00 pm (alternative rain date Sunday 7 February 2021)
- Saturday 6 March 2021, 8.00 am to 4.00 pm
- Saturday 3 April 2021, 8.00 am to 4.00 pm (alternative rain date Sunday 4 April 2021)

**Applicant:** Motueka Events Charitable Trust

**Event:** Motueka Christmas Parade

**Location:** Wallace Street – from High Street to Decks Reserve carpark. Pah Street – from High Street to Grey Street. High Street – Wallace Street to Pah Street

**Date and time:** Friday 4 December 2020, 6.00 pm to 9.00 pm

**Applicant:** Richmond Unlimited

**Event:** Richmond Santa Parade

**Location:** Edward Street. Salisbury Road – from Talbot Street to Queen Street. Oxford Street – from Wensley Road to Queen Street. Queen Street – from Edward Street to McIndoe Place. McIndoe Place and the Petrie/Harkness carpark.

**Date and time:** Sunday 29 November 2020, 6.00 am to 2.00 pm

### Saxton Field Reserve Management Plan review

The draft Saxton Field Reserve Management Plan review is available for public submissions until 10 December 2020. The draft plan sets out the vision, policies and methods for enhancing Saxton Field's recreation, sport, landscape, natural and cultural values. The draft plan and details on how to make a submission are available at [tasman.govt.nz/feedback](https://tasman.govt.nz/feedback). Printed copies are available at Tasman District Council offices and public libraries in Richmond, Motueka and Tākaka.

## COUNCIL HUI



Unless otherwise stated, all meetings will be held at Council Chambers, 189 Queen Street, Richmond. Access to meetings will continue to be available via Zoom video conferencing for those who are unable to attend in person. See [tasman.govt.nz/meetings-calendar](https://tasman.govt.nz/meetings-calendar) for details.

### Commercial Committee

Friday 20 November, 1.30 pm.

Public forum

### Regulatory Committee

Thursday 26 November, 9.30 am.

Public forum

### Full Council

Thursday 26 November, 1.30 pm.

Public forum

### Audit and Risk Committee

Wednesday 2 December, 1.30 pm.

Public forum

### Full Council

Thursday 3 December, 9.30 am.

Public forum

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# WHAT'S ON IN TASMAN



## Aorere ki uta, Aorere ki tai – Tasman Environment Plan

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Tasman District Council staff and councillors will be out and about this spring to hear your views about our environmental and development issues and opportunities.

### Upcoming drop-in events:

- **Richmond:** Saturday 21 November, 9.00 am – Sunday 22 November, 4.00 pm, information stand at the Richmond A & P Show, 359 Lower Queen Street.

- **Mārahau:** Monday 23 November, 3.30 pm – 7.00 pm, Mārahau Community Hall.
- **Moutere:** Wednesday 25 November, 3.30 pm – 7.00 pm, Moutere Hills Community Centre, 1539 Moutere Highway.
- **Kaiteriteri:** Thursday 26 November, 3.30 pm – 6.30 pm, Kaiteriteri Recreation Centre, 5 Kaiteriteri Sandy Bay Road.

Find more information at [environmentplan.tasman.govt.nz](http://environmentplan.tasman.govt.nz).

## Christmas Decoration Workshop

**Saturday 28 November, 10.00 am – 12.00 pm, Motueka Library. Free.**

Design and create beautiful, simple Christmas decorations from readymade papier mache shapes.

## Xmas Art / Craft Market and Photo Exhibition

**Saturday 5 December, 4.00 pm – 7.00 pm, Lake Rotoiti Community Hall, St Arnaud**

Rural Women St Arnaud invite you to the Xmas Art / Craft Market and Photo Exhibition. \$10 entry fee with lucky door prize (children free). Cash only at the door. Proceeds go to the Friends of Rotoiti and Nelson Tasman Hospice.

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