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Motueka fruit orchard. Photo: abeltasman.com

“Pick” Nelson Tasman for work opportunities

Project Kōkiri is calling on New Zealanders to Pick Nelson Tasman – quite literally – with a campaign that aims to help fill hundreds of jobs available in the region’s horticulture and viticulture industries.

Nelson Tasman is renowned for growing some of the world’s best produce but it needs to be picked. This work was usually done by international travellers but with our borders closed there’s a big shortage of staff. The campaign encourages people from all over New Zealand to pack their bags and pick Nelson Tasman for seasonal work opportunities.

Some estimates suggest that the horticulture industry is facing a shortfall of over 1,600 workers this year. If those roles aren’t filled and the produce goes to waste, the region stands to take an economic hit well into the tens of millions.

Having the resources to complete the harvest this year will be even more critical given the impact of the Boxing Day hail storm on some crops and the need for those growers to prepare for the coming season.

The Pick Nelson Tasman campaign is being supported by the Ministry of Social Development. They will take care of the applications received through the campaign to match them with job opportunities available.

Those coming here from around the country will either stay onsite in accommodation provided by their employers or at local backpackers and campsites, which have availability due to the impacts of Covid-19 on

international tourism. Local people looking for work are signing up too.

In addition to the wages, there are a number of incentives being offered by the government as part of its New Zealand Seasonal Work Scheme that make these jobs even more appealing.

It’s hoped the opportunity to explore our stunning, diverse region will be another big selling point.

For more information visit picknelsontasman.nz.

Project Kōkiri is a collaboration to respond to and mitigate the economic impacts of COVID-19 on the Nelson Tasman region. Learn more at projectkokiri.nz.

MEET YOUR REPRESENTATIVES

Councillor Christeen Mackenzie



Over the holiday period, I have been travelling around the District enjoying what we have on offer here in Tasman. I have also been talking to many of you in the community and the most common question I am asked is how I am finding things as a councillor. It's a good question and given we are halfway through the three-year term, it's time to reflect.

I continue to be impressed with the quality of information we get as councillors to enable us to make decisions. This comes from the high

calibre of staff working for us at the Council. Over the next few months our decision-making will be more important as we finalise the 10-year plan. We will need to balance the impact of rates increases on our community against achieving the long-term outcomes for the District. Please let us know your thoughts as part of the submission process.

Every day I hear more about the housing issues across New Zealand, and particularly in the Tasman District. Where we are able, Council needs to

be looking for any interventions it can take to ensure that our most vulnerable have access to housing. I will be taking a keen interest in this for the rest of this term.

Enjoy the rest of the summer, and make 2021 the year to engage with decision-making in this district. Make a submission, talk to a Councillor – it's your place to live.

Councillor Christeen Mackenzie
Moutere / Waimea Ward

Cops with Cakes is back

Cops with Cakes, the Police and Safety Expo is returning to Saxton Field on Saturday 27 February.

It's a unique event, combining road and community safety information with family-friendly activities, including lots of fun for kids. All our local emergency services will be on site, alongside many of Nelson

Tasman's community organisations, giving demonstrations, driver training, advice and support.

It's your chance to learn more and ask questions of those with specialist knowledge on a wide range of topics in a relaxed environment. Cops with Cakes promises to be a great event for the family with entertainment, rides, games and a free BBQ for the kids.

It's all happening on Saturday 27 February from 10.00 am to 1.00 pm at Saxton Field.

Cops with Cakes is brought to you by New Zealand Police in partnership with Waka Kotahi, Tasman District Council and Nelson City Council.

Let's come together to share ways to make our roads and communities safer.



Eric's epic efforts

We're continuing our series of profiles of the winners of 2020's Outstanding Community Service Awards, paying tribute to those who work so hard to make our District richer for everyone. This week, we're celebrating Eric Peterson.

The best thing about volunteering for Eric Peterson is the social life. As a marshal for the Waimea Swimming Club and a volunteer driver for Stoke Seniors, Red Cross, the Nelson Hospital buggy, and the Waimea Club, he regularly puts in full days of work, while getting to connect with a huge range of people.

"I get everything out of it. It's fantastic for me," he says. "It's very social, and that's what it's all about as far as I'm concerned. It's nice to have that camaraderie."

Eric and his late wife Margaret became volunteers with the Waimea Swimming Club in 1984, when their children were training. Since then,

he's held most positions in the club and worked at both local and national levels.

As a marshal, he is one of the officials in charge of getting the young swimmers to the starting blocks, so he's witnessed the development of some of the region's finest athletes, as well as seen a lot of pre-race nerves.

"Some of them get a bit uptight but we try to keep them as calm as possible," he says. "I get so much out of working with kids, it's great. They keep you on your toes."

Eric was nominated for the Outstanding Community Service Award by Ruby Aberhart, who says "he's quite magnificent".



"What I think is marvellous is he is still doing the swimming nationally," she says. When he volunteers as a driver, "he doesn't just sit on his bum and watch; he gets up and helps not only physically but emotionally," she says. "He's not one to receive money for anything. He's a doer, he doesn't just sit around. I think he's a true volunteer."

Council wants to hear from keen contractors

Tasman District Council is inviting applications for the Jobs for Nature Programme Supply Panel (contract 1238) until 10 March 2021.

The Council is in the process of negotiating funding from central government of up to \$15 million, with \$5 million already confirmed, for a five-year environmental programme.

Richard Kirby, Programme Management Office Director says, "There is going to be a lot of work to deliver on the ground and we want to ensure we have the best people involved to help us do that. Our aim is to create a diverse supply panel of

large, small, generalist and specialist suppliers across the Tasman District."

The projects will all have an environmental focus and include:

- Plant supply and restoration planting – approximately 200,000 plants for 50 sites.
- Weed control in targeted areas – approximately 90 sites, plus up to 12,000 hectares of Significant Natural Area.
- Fencing waterways – approximately five kilometres.
- Creating and improving wetlands – seven new wetlands created, 60 natural wetlands restored (particularly weed control).



- Improving fish passage – assessment and remediation of in-stream structures (potentially 8,000 to assess).
- Ecological specialist advice – writing plans, peer review, monitoring trial sites.

Contractors are asked to register their interest by 10 March 2021 via the government tender website – gets.govt.nz ID No: 23910889

For more information email
ProgrammeManagement.Office@tasman.govt.nz

Salisbury / Champion Road roundabout update

The project to make this busy roundabout bigger, better and safer is progressing well.

We've moved on to Section Two of the roundabout, the corner nearest Zink and Raeward Fresh.

During the coming week (starting 22 February) we'll be moving on to the third section. This involves closing the corner in front of the supermarket construction site.

Two key things to remember:

- You are always able to go straight through the roundabout travelling between Richmond and Stoke.
- You can't turn right from any direction on the roundabout.

You can still get where you need to go

Remember there are other options are in place to access the area:

- A temporary roundabout at Templemore/Salisbury for traffic detoured from Champion Road, via Kareti and Templemore Drives.
- A new access road to Champion Road West – left turn only from Richmond Deviation (SH6) – to access the businesses in this area (Active Explorers, Caltex,

Crossbow Coffee Roasters, Eddyline, Hubbers Flooring, Jennian Homes, Moxini, Premier Services, Raeward Fresh, Richmond Aquatic Centre, Zink).

These businesses are all open as usual. See our website, tasman.govt.nz/projects for diagrams showing the easiest way to access the businesses for each direction.

Thanks for your patience

Thanks to everyone for their patience so far. We ask you to bear with us as we move through the different sections of Stage Two and we'll do all we can to minimise the disruption. Please remember traffic will move more slowly while work is underway, so please be patient and allow extra time for your trip.

Keep up to date with progress on tasman.govt.nz/projects.



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Shovel-ready projects update

Good progress is being made on a range of shovel-ready projects that were awarded post-COVID stimulus funding from central government.

Here's a snapshot of where some of the projects are up to.

Pomona Road (Ruby Bay) reservoir

This project will see the current timber reservoir replaced with a new 2,500 cubic metre concrete reservoir. It won't be prone to leaks like the timber one and will be much better able to cope with growing demand in this area.

The contract has been awarded to Fulton Hogan with work due to start in March and be complete by the end of 2021.

The \$4.36 million project has been funded by the Crown Infrastructure Fund (Three Waters Reform) to tune of \$2.68 million with the Council covering the remainder of the cost.

Emergency wastewater storage tanks

The tender for installing new emergency underground storage tanks contract has also been awarded to Donaldson Civil Ltd. The tanks will be in four pump station locations, Riwaka, Motueka, Māpua and Brightwater, areas where there are pump stations with overflow risk.

Currently we use tankers to transport wastewater away from pump stations if there is a risk of overflow. The new tanks will provide emergency on-site storage

in the event of a pump failure or power cut or during a storm event when stormwater also enters the wastewater network through illegal connections, incorrectly installed gully traps and cracked pipes.

Two of the tanks are being funded by the Crown Infrastructure Fund (Three Waters Reform) and the other two by the Council.

Library secondment funding

New staff have now been recruited to provide a wider range of ways for people to interact with their library. This has been funded by the Department of Internal Affairs and recognises that libraries are vital community hubs, where people can get practical help during tough economic times and support life-long learning.

Save water now

As the summer continues, we've already had water restrictions in place at times around the district. The situation can change very quickly and the Dry Weather Taskforce meets regularly to balance demand against the available supply.

Please check our website and Facebook page for details of any restrictions in place. Even if restrictions aren't in place for you, now is the time when we all need to conserve water as much as possible. There's lots you can do at home and at work to reduce your water use. Check them out at tasman.govt.nz/ water saving tips and remember, every drop counts!

WATER SAVING TIPS

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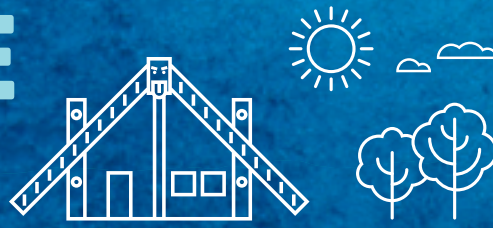
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Win free firewood if you stack up

We're looking for people who've come up with the most ingenious ways of storing and drying their firewood, so enter our "Do you stack up?" competition now to be in to win free firewood, chimney cleans and wood burner safety checks.

In the Judges' Choice Award section, the best two examples of wood storage (e.g. woodshed, wood stack or ingenious wood storing solution) will receive a voucher for one cord of firewood from a Good Wood Supplier.

In the People's Choice Award section, photos of entries will be posted on our Facebook page and the most popular wins its owner a free chimney clean and wood burner check.

There's also the Innovation Award where the most innovative solution for storing and drying firewood will receive a voucher for one cord of firewood from a Good Wood Supplier.

Entries are open until 5 March 2021 and can be uploaded on the entry page on our website, tasman.govt.nz/link/good-wood.

One day closure of Motueka, Golden Bay and Murchison Council offices and libraries

The Motueka, Golden Bay and Murchison Council service centres and libraries will be closed on Wednesday 24 February to allow staff to attend professional development. The service centres and libraries will reopen as usual on Thursday 25 February. We apologise for any inconvenience this may cause you. Council Customer Service staff based in Richmond will be available to take your call this day if you have urgent matters you need to speak with someone about. Please be aware it may take our phone operators a little longer than usual to assist you on this day.

Richmond Council office and library services reduced

On Tuesday 23 and Wednesday 24 February, Tasman District Council's Richmond office and library staff numbers will be reduced to allow staff to attend professional development. This means it may take us a little longer than usual to assist you, either in person or over the phone. We thank you for your patience in advance – we'll be back up to full staffing again on Thursday 25 February.

Proposals to Classify Reserves in Moutere-Waimea Ward

We're proposing to classify reserves located within the Moutere-Waimea Ward (207 separate parcels of land in total), to give them a specified purpose. Submissions close on 15 March 2021. Find out more at tasman.govt.nz/feedback

Creative Communities – backing bright ideas

Tasman District Council's Creative Communities Scheme has funding available for groups and individuals to run arts projects in our area and applications are invited until 10 March 2021.

Visit tasman.govt.nz/link/creative-communities for more information and to complete an application form.



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PROPOSED TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURES



**Objections close 5.00pm
Friday 12 March 2021.**
Please send any objections to
megan.bell@tasman.govt.nz

Applicant: Motueka RSA
Event: ANZAC Day Parade
Location: Pah Street, Motueka
– From number 45 to number 7
Pah Street.

Date and time: Sunday 25 April
2021, 6.00 am to 7.30 am

Applicant: Motueka RSA
Event: ANZAC Day Parade
Location: School Road, Riwaka –
from the intersection with State
Highway 60 to Riwaka School.

Date and time: Sunday 25 April
2021, 9.00 am to 10.00 am

Applicant: Golden Bay RSA
Event: ANZAC Day Parade
Location: Commercial Street,
Tākaka (from number 19 to
number 81 Commercial Street.
Alternate route: Motupipi Street,
Junction Street and Reilly Street.

Date and time: Sunday 25 April
2021, 8.30 am to 10.30 am

Applicant: Richmond/Waimea RSA

Event: ANZAC Day Parade

Location: Queen Street – from
Sundial Square to Cambridge
Street. Cambridge Street – from
Oxford Street to Queen Street.
Oxford Street – from Wensley Road
to Gladstone Road (SH6).

Date and time: Sunday 25 April
2021, 10.00 am to 12.30 pm

Applicant: Nelson RSA

Event: ANZAC Day Parade

Location: Aranui Road, Māpua
– from Higgs Road to the tennis
courts.

Date and time: Sunday 25 April
2021, 10.00 am to 12.00 pm

Applicant: Richmond/Waimea RSA

Event: ANZAC Day Parade

Location: Whitby Way, Wakefield
– from Edward Street to Wakefield
car park entrance.

Date and time: Sunday 25 April
2021, 9.00 am to 12.00 pm

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.

Full Council

Thursday 25 February, 9.30 am.
Public forum.

Commercial Committee

Friday 26 February, 1.30 pm.
No public forum.

Strategy and Policy Committee

Thursday 4 March, 9.30 am. Golden
Bay Recreation Park Centre, Tākaka
Valley Highway, Tākaka. Public forum.

Nelson Regional Sewerage

Business Unit

Friday 5 March, 9.30 am. Nelson City
Council, 110 Trafalgar Street, Nelson.
Public forum.

Golden Bay Community Board

Tuesday 9 March, 9.30 am.
Collingwood Fire Station, Elizabeth
Street, Collingwood. Public forum.

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WHAT'S ON IN TASMAN



Seniors Sit and Be Fit in the Park

Thursday 25 February, 10.00 am – 11.00 am. i-SITE Motueka, 20 Wallace Street, Motueka.

Part of the annual Summer Activities Series organised by Age Concern Nelson Tasman – an opportunity for older people to try new activities in the region's parks and reserves. No registration is required. Simply turn up on the day and enjoy!

Motueka Kai Fest

Sunday 28 February, 11.00am – 6.00 pm. Goodman Field, next to Motueka Recreation Centre, Old Wharf Road. \$2 gold coin koha.

Motueka Kai Fest brings together our community of many cultures to learn more about and honour one thing which we all have in common – kai.

This year we have a new, big location with two entertainment stages, performances, great local bands, kai, games, cook off competition, workshops, circus, zero waste initiatives and family activities. For more information, please visit our website, motuekakaifestival.nz.



Children's Day / Te Rā o Ngā Tamariki

Sunday 7 March, 10.00 am – 2.00 pm.

In partnership with the Richmond Aquatic Centre, we are hosting a day of interactive games and activities as part of national Children's Day. There will be sports competitions, art and science activities, a stage with young performers, face painting, archery, tug of war, music from Kath Bee and magic with Faerie Lou.

You can also swim at the Aquatic Centre for just a gold coin donation on the day and don't forget you can access the Centre from the slip road off the Richmond Deviation.



Law for Lunch

Get some free legal information at Richmond Library – you can even bring your lunch! Kaye Lawrence from Nelson Bays Community Law service will be present to answer all your questions. All sessions are free and everyone is welcome.

- **Residential Tenancies – Tuesday 23 February, 12.00 pm – 1.00 pm.**
- **Wills – Tuesday 2 March, 12.00 pm – 1.00pm.**
- **Trusts Act – Tuesday 9 March, 12.00 pm – 1.00 pm.**



Pop-Up Library

Keep an eye out for our new Pop-Up Library. Our Pop-Up Library will be visiting events and places around the Tasman District from March onwards, bringing you books, as well as information about joining the library, renewing memberships, events, e-resources, and more.



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