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Make your choices for Tasman's future

The 10-Year Plan 2021 – 2031 is open for public submissions until Saturday 24 April 2021.

As well as outlining what we're proposing for the next 10 years in terms of engineering and community projects, this 10-Year Plan seeks your input as we set the direction for our future growth. In it, we're asking important questions on four key topics.

Choice 1 Homes for our community: Do you support the Council's proposal to provide the necessary infrastructure to meet housing and business demand across the entire District?

Choice 2 Sharing costs of the Waimea Dam: Do you support the Council's preferred option to share the cost of the irrigators' share of additional Waimea Community Dam costs across affiliated irrigators as well as general ratepayers?

Choice 3 A company model for the Airport and Port Nelson: Do you support the Councils' proposal to establish a single joint Company

that combines Nelson Airport and Port Nelson?

Choice 4 Climate Change: Do you support the Council's proposed response for adapting and responding to climate change?

At the same time, we are also consulting on:

- Draft Revenue and Financing Policy
- Draft Rates Remission Policy
- Draft Development and Financial Contributions Policy
- Schedule of Fees and Charges 2021 – 2022

You can find out more and download these documents at LTP.tasman.govt.nz or view a hard copy at your local service centre or library in Richmond, Motueka, Tākaka and Murchison.

Making a submission

You may make a submission on the proposed changes:

- Online at LTP.tasman.govt.nz
- By email to LTP@tasman.govt.nz
- In writing – complete the submission form and drop it in to any Tasman District Council office or library, or post it for free to Tasman District Council, 189 Queen Street, Private Bag 4, Richmond, Nelson 7050 [Freepost Authority No:172255]

Come for a chat

We'll be attending events all over the District so please come along if you'd like to talk more about the draft Plan. Here's what's happening next week:

- Tuesday 6 April, 7.30 pm, Brightwater Community Association meeting at Brightwater School
- Saturday 10 April, 9.00 am – 1.30 pm, Tākaka Village Market

See the full list of events and keep up with any changes on our website, LTP.tasman.govt.nz.

MEET YOUR REPRESENTATIVES

Councillor Trindi Walker – Motueka Ward



Council is in the process of drafting the Long-Term Plan (LTP), and it requires input from everyone in the District to make the scheme not only inclusive, but successful.

I encourage you to participate in the public consultation presentations and process. Though there are elements drawn from elected representatives and professional members of the Council staff, there is a lot of room for individuals to have their say and it is vital that these contributions are made and heard. Your ideas, opinions and views, whatever they may be, are

important for the future of our community. Some suggestions may not be viable but others may be real gems from which we all benefit, so please come along and have your say – you will no doubt feel better for the experience.

I take this opportunity to commend all who contributed to the Tiny Homes Expo. It illustrated our community's innovation and depth

of talent in finding agreeable solutions to the vexed problem of insufficient housing in our society. The wholehearted effort of so many to make the expo such a success reinforces once again the pride I have in being a representative of the people of the Motueka Ward.

Councillor Trindi Walker
Motueka Ward

Popular Positive Ageing Expo 2021

Friday 16 April, 10.00 am – 3.00 pm at the Headingly Centre, Richmond.

The Positive Ageing Expo returns to the Headingly Centre on Friday 16 April. The purpose of the expo is to bring people together, find ways to engage and connect with community groups and discover new ways to help each other. The overall aim is for everyone to improve their personal wellbeing. The expo offers the chance to make contact with groups, organisations and service providers, with over 70 stallholders on site.

Keynote speakers include Merryn Gott who will discuss the impacts of COVID-19 on older New Zealanders and how the media portrayed older people during lockdown. This will be followed by Bevan Grant and Mal Drummond who will host an

interactive discussion around the growing concerns of elder abuse.

Throughout the day there will also be the opportunity to try your hand at a new activity including Line Dancing, Dru Yoga and Fit for Fun.

Getting to the expo

The event is at the Headingly Centre on Headingly Lane off Lower Queen Street. Admission is free, with complimentary tea, coffee and biscuits. Lunch is available for purchase.

With support from Tasman District Council, the Golden Bay Shared Recreation Facility is organising a mini-van to take a group of older Golden Bay residents to the expo. To book a seat, please contact Abbie Langford at the Rec Centre on 03 525 9237 or 027 624 0680, or email recreation@recparkcentre.co.nz. Seat numbers are limited.

For further information, check out the event on our website, tasman.govt.nz.



Supporting sport and the community

We're profiling 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 Golden Bay's Ann McKenzie.

Together with husband Duncan, Ann has been serving her community in sport, education, and recreation for many decades, including as a committed parent helper for Golden Bay Play Centre, Central Tākaka School and Golden Bay High School from 1984 to 2000.

She spent eight years as a committee member for Golden Bay Netball Club, sometimes playing against her three daughters Tracey, Julie and Linda. From 1994 until today she's been the chief steward of the horse section at the Golden Bay A&P Show, as well as a committee member and support for husband Duncan as president. Since 1991, she's been a stalwart of the Golden Bay Pony Club

and Riding for the Disabled (RDA), including acting as treasurer.

From 1978 until today, Ann has been heavily involved with the Tākaka Rugby Football Club, preparing food for seniors after-match functions, organising junior rugby, team prizes, management and arranging transport for away games. The club treasurer since 1993, she became a life member in 2005. Now her grandchildren are involved in rugby and horse riding as well, there are no signs that Ann will slow down.

"I just get asked to do things and think 'I'll give it a go,'" Ann says.

"It's neat to see kids doing sport and it's kept me active and involved in



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the community. I've enjoyed it because I've loved watching the kids starting with rugby and growing up over the years. I always take an interest in what they are doing with their lives today."

Moturoa/Rabbit Island hunting event here to stay

As part of the Moturoa/Rabbit Island Reserve Management Plan, Nelson Marlborough Fish & Game has run a trial period of game bird hunting for pheasant and California Quail in the forestry blocks at the eastern end of the island.

The hunting days have been successfully run on three weekend days during winter, with each hunter given a permit from the forestry manager to hunt in a specific block.

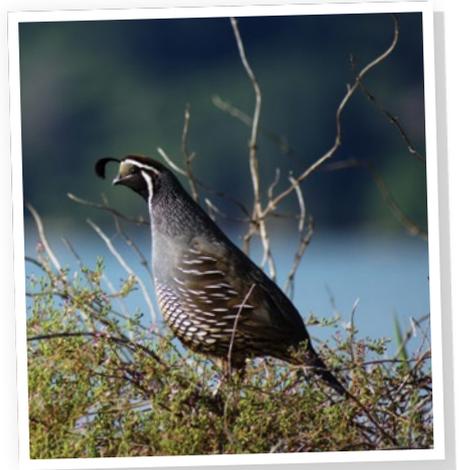
In return for this access, Nelson Marlborough Fish & Game licence-holders have made a significant contribution to pest control on the island. They have extended trap lines and reduced animal pest

populations on the eastern end of the Island, which in turn has seen an increase in native bird populations during the trial period, which started in 2017. To date, over 600 pests have been removed over four years since the hunter-led trapping group began.

The trial has been popular with game bird hunting enthusiasts as well, with each hunt over-subscribed (over 30 hunters applied for the eight blocks available).

Given the positive outcomes for all concerned, Council's Strategy and Policy Committee has decided the game bird hunting event will continue for the remaining life of the reserve management plan, which will be at least five years.

The dates for the 2021 game bird hunts are June 5, June 19 and July 17, with the following day held as a reserve in the event of poor weather. For more details contact Jacob Lucas at Nelson Marlborough Fish & Game on 03 544 6382.



Protecting Motueka against future flooding

Strengthening work has now started on the first of twelve sections of stopbanks on the Motueka River, part of a restoration project to help keep Motueka and Riwaka safer from flooding in the future.

The current stopbank network was constructed in the 1950s and some areas have settled or been worn away over time and are now not as high as they need to be.

Contractors are using compacted earth fill to widen and raise the 400 metre section of stopbank, which is at the end of Whakarewa Street. As well as raising the crest of the stopbank and widening it, they are repairing it in areas where investigations show it might have weaknesses that could cause it to fail.

The work, which will be done over the next three summers and is due to be finished in 2024, is designed to provide protection from a flood event that has a 2% chance of occurring in any year, or on average once every 50 years.

The river will not be affected by this project, though some people who use the river berms for recreation may find access to some areas temporarily restricted. Landowners and lessees who will be directly affected by the work will be contacted.

We expect the project's total cost to be \$10 million. The Ministry of Business, Innovation, and Employment's Provincial Development Unit is covering 75% of the cost of this project, granting us \$7.5 million of funding to complete it.



Keep wipes out of pipes

Wet wipes, that classic product of our modern convenient society, are still creating havoc in our wastewater systems – yes, even the “flushable” ones.



THIS IS WHAT HAPPENS WHEN WET WIPES ARE FLUSHED!

No-one has an issue with the simplicity delivered in dealing with everything to taking off make-up to a refreshing wipe of the hands and face through to the cleaning up of the messiest of bodily issues. Unfortunately, this convenience has extended to their disposal, with people flushing a large number of their wipes and blocking our sewerage system.

You might think tossing one or two wipes into the toilet can't hurt, but every wipe down the loo is a problem. Unlike toilet paper, which is designed to disintegrate, wipes do not break up quickly, if at all. Liberally coated in either fragrance or cleaning agents, they are designed to be tough. It is this construction, a large amount of which is a form of plastic, that is causing the issues.

Wastewater systems have a number of pumps, filters and grates to enable the delivery of wastewater through the pipe network to the treatment stations. Unfortunately, wipes are not wastewater and they are causing issues throughout the system.

It costs ratepayers money every time we have to lift a pump to clear it of wipes, which is now happening many times a week throughout the network. The price of some people's thoughtlessness is shared by everyone.

So please, please, please only flush the 'three Ps': pee, poo, and paper!



ShareWaste and everyone wins!

We are excited to support ShareWaste, which uses social networking to reduce food waste in our region. The idea is simple: if you have food waste you can't compost, there is likely to be someone else who can compost it.

Just like plastic, food waste is a serious issue. New Zealand households throw away nearly 160,000 tonnes of food a year, all going to landfill and producing greenhouse gases.

Not everyone can compost food waste at home so ShareWaste connects people who want to recycle their kitchen scraps but don't have either the space or the time, with local people who are already composting or can use scraps for worm farming or chickens.

How ShareWaste works:

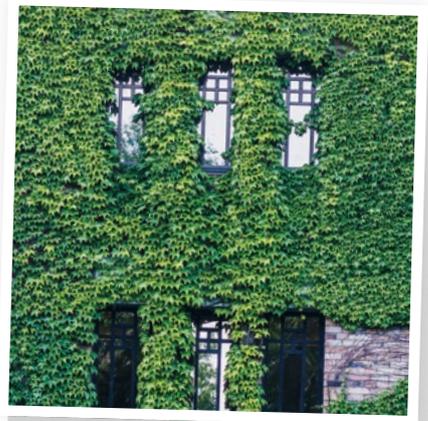
- **Find:** Open the ShareWaste NZ map on the app or website and look for a host near you.
- **Connect:** Send the host a private ShareWaste message to introduce yourself and arrange the first drop-off.

- **Collect:** Store food scraps that the host can accept in a container until you have enough for a drop-off.
- **Donate:** Take your food scraps to your host so they can compost it or feed it to animals.

If you register to receive food scraps, visit one of our Council offices and pick up a sticker for your letterbox.

To find out more, visit sharewaste.org.nz.

ShareWaste is supported by Tasman District Council and Nelson City Council.



Pest of the Month: Dumped weeds

Weeds may not belong in your garden, but they also don't belong in our public spaces.

Many of our riverbanks and rural areas are choked by weeds, which are often introduced by people covertly dumping them instead of taking them to the region's Resource Recovery Centres (RRCs) to be dealt with properly. The result is a runaway weed problem that can overrun and kill native vegetation.

"Dumping is the classic way of pest weeds spreading about," says biosecurity officer Phillip Cochrane. Borders between rivers and roads are common hotspots for dumping, as well as remote rural areas.

"It quickly becomes unmanageable."

Big problems locally are enthusiastic ground covers and smotherers (vines) like agapanthus, tradescantia (wandering willie), ivy, old man's beard, blackberry and convolvulus (morning glory). Agapanthus will grow again from its root, and climbers grow from fragments, so even a small amount can cause a big problem very quickly.

"They will often turn up around new planting sites on riverbeds where our river engineers are replanting with natives and things like convolvulus will just cover it all," Phillip says.

"It blocks the light or trees break under the weight of the vine and the trees will die. But it involves a tactical response; we can't just go and spray it because the spray will kill what we're trying to grow underneath."

Help beat this problem by taking your green waste to your local RRC, for a small fee. If you find dumped green waste in a rural area, report it to us using the Antenna app or call us on 03 543 8400 so we can deal with it before it gets out of control.

"Depending on what sort of species it is and where it is, we will get rid of it as soon as we can as long as we know it's there," Phillip says. "It's especially important the further away from town centres we get, because those sites aren't seen very often and then the weeds get away."

Congratulations to our 'Do You Stack Up?' winners

Good wood storage is important to ensure firewood is dry and won't create smoke pollution when burned. For the third year running we've held our firewood storage competition looking for great local examples of how to keep wood stored and dried, ready to use over the cold autumn and winter months. Entries included woodsheds, storage under carports/house eaves and wood stacks.

Jane Docherty (Māpua) and Steve Anderson (Ngātīmoti) took out first and second prizes for the Judges' Choice Awards, as voted by a panel of Tasman District councillors.

Jane also won the People's Choice Award for the most number of 'likes' on our Facebook page for the photo entry of her wood, stacked for stability and good air flow.

Christie Sagar (Collingwood) won our new Innovation Award. Staff judging this award were particularly impressed with how Christie maximised space in her carport and under-house eaves to sort and stack her firewood. Our Judges' Choice Award and Innovation Award winners each received a voucher for a cord of firewood. The People's Choice Award winner received a chimney clean and wood burner check.

Our overall winner was Jane Docherty who was inspired after reading a Norwegian wood stacking book. Jane said that good wood storage "is important to ensure that your firewood is dry so that it burns hot and clean and won't cause smoke pollution".

Our councillors and staff judges were looking for wood storage ideas (woodshed, wood stack or ingenious wood storing solution) that epitomised the best ways to store your wood, including:

- Wood off the ground to avoid moisture seeping up from below
- Air flow reaching the sides of the pile
- Top of the pile covered to keep rain off
- Innovative design and aesthetics.

Where to find Good Wood

If you need to purchase wood, choose a Good Wood supplier as they can provide a trusted source of dry firewood that will burn well, helping to keep your home warmer and our air cleaner. Good Wood suppliers can provide seasoned firewood, suitable for immediate use. Head to tasman.govt.nz/good-wood for a list of suppliers.

And remember, just like your car, your wood burner needs regular servicing.



Thinking ahead for peace of mind

There is no age limit. No matter what your age, the best time to plan is now. Pre-planning and pre-payment leaves nothing to chance and gives you and your family one less thing to worry about. We are here to help answer your questions

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Easter opening hours

All service centres and libraries will be closed for the public holidays on:

- Good Friday – Friday 2 April
- Easter Monday – Monday 5 April

The Richmond Library will also be closed on Easter Sunday (4 April). Usual opening hours apply otherwise. We are always here to help when needed though, call 03 543 8400 for assistance in an emergency, 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

Changes to kerbside collections for Easter

In order for staff to take a break on Good Friday, the rubbish and recycling collections in **central Richmond** will be one day later – Saturday 3 April 2021. There will be no change to collections in other areas.

Resource Recovery Centre opening hours: Our Resource Recovery Centres will be closed on Good Friday (2 April), but otherwise open as normal.

Keep watch on water

At the time of printing, water restrictions remain in place for some areas. These are updated every week as the Dry Weather Taskforce meets to balance demand against the available supply.

Please check our website for details. Even if restrictions aren't in place for you, please conserve water as much as possible. There's lots you can do at home and at work to reduce your water use. Check it out at tasman.govt.nz/water-saving-tips and remember, every drop counts!

Sport NZ Rural Travel Fund – apply now

The Sport NZ Rural Travel Fund applications are now invited until 30 April. The Sport NZ Rural Travel Fund offers help with travel costs for rural sports clubs and rural school teams. The fund is to help young people aged from five to 19 participate in local sports competitions. Sport NZ fully funds the Rural Travel Fund, which the Council administers locally on their behalf. The next funding round closes on 30 April 2021. Head to tasman.govt.nz/grants to check out the funding guidelines and complete an application form.



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 for details.

Tasman Creative Communities

Tuesday 6 April, 10.00 am. Motueka Service Centre, Hickmott Place. Public forum.

Joint Shareholders Committee

Tuesday 6 April, 1.30 pm. Public forum.

Full Council

Thursday 8 April, 9.30 am. Public forum.

Golden Bay Community Board

Tuesday 13 April, 9.30 am. Tākaka Service Centre, Commercial Street. Public forum.

Strategy and Policy Committee

Thursday 15 April, 9.30 am. Public forum.



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WHAT'S ON IN TASMAN



Got a digital dilemma?

If your phone isn't behaving, or your computer is in a tizz, we can help. Teresa Besley, our Digital Learning and Digitisation Specialist will be running regular Digi Drop-ins at Motueka, Tākaka, Murchison and Richmond libraries, starting this month.

From the week beginning 5 April 2021, Digi Drop-ins take place at Richmond Library every Tuesday from 11.00 am – 1.00 pm, Motueka Library every Thursday 11.00 am – 1.00 pm, Murchison Library on the first Friday of the month 1.30 pm – 3.30 pm and Tākaka Library on the first and third Monday of the month between 11.00 am – 1.00 pm (starting from 12 April).

Law for Lunch

Get some law with your lunch at Motueka Library. Kaye Lawrence of Nelson Bays Community Law Service will be dispensing free legal information from 12.00 pm – 1.00 pm on Wednesdays throughout April. Find out about trusts on 7 April, wills on 14 April and essential information for residential tenants and landlords on 21 April.

Saturday stories and songs

Bring your children down to Richmond Library on Saturday 10 April at 10.30 am for a fun session of stories, songs and rhymes. Suitable for babies and toddlers aged two years and younger with a caregiver.

Living Wood Fair 2021

Saturday 17 and Sunday 18 April, 9.00 am – 6.00 pm. Tōtara Whenua, East Tākaka, Golden Bay.

The Living Wood Fair is a fantastic day out for the whole community, young and old: A world of wood and incredible talents on display in a stunning location in East Tākaka. For more information visit livingwoodfair.co.nz.

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