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Waimea Community Dam overview, showing progress on the reinforced rockfill face and spillway

Revised funding option confirmed for dam costs

On Friday 4 June, the Council resolved to proceed with funding the Waimea Community Dam overruns through a revised option agreed by the partners.

“Revised Option A” provides for a more favourable impact on the general ratepayer than the Option A the public was consulted on. That initial option preferred by the Council would have seen the general ratepayer funding a portion of the irrigator share of overruns until no longer required.

Revised Option A limits the period to five years with an estimated average cost to residential ratepayers of \$5 a year. The Council had initially resolved to proceed with the revised Option A during Tasman’s 10-Year Plan deliberations in May, subject to the formal agreement of the other parties by 4 June.

Revised Option A means some of the Council debt and all irrigator debt to fund the overruns will be held in

Waimea Water Ltd (WWL), a joint venture company of the Council and Waimea Irrigators Ltd (WIL).

Part of the interest on that debt will be paid through WWL water charges to the Council, and the rest by water charges to irrigators through WIL.

At the same meeting, the Council decided to initiate an independent investigation into events leading up to and including the decision to proceed with the dam in November 2018.

Council chief executive Janine Dowding recommended that the Council proceed with the investigation, saying that it would provide transparency around decision-making for the dam project.

“The cost overruns have been

hugely disappointing. If we could have better anticipated them, then we need to learn from that. Those lessons would likely be valuable for other large Tasman projects as well as districts that are looking at water security solutions.”

The review will focus on the quality of the information and advice provided to the project governance board and the Council up until November 2018 when the Council made the final decision to proceed with the dam.

The investigation, estimated to take three months, will be undertaken under the oversight of the Audit and Risk Committee.

The investigation does not change the Council’s contractual obligations relating to the dam project.

MEET YOUR REPRESENTATIVES

Brent Maru – Motueka Community Board Chair

Kia ora, as an elected member, we are elected from our community by our community, to represent, advocate and provide leadership. We are foremost members of our community, passionate about our ward and District, and do our absolute best.

As the Chair of the Motueka Community Board, I know first-hand the reading, questioning and deliberations that our elected members undertake to reach decisions, knowing full well that no matter what the decision is, there is likely to be criticism. The diversity of our community simply means we share differing views on many things. In Motueka, the pending

State Highway 60 upgrade and the new Motueka Library both serve as examples of not being able to please everyone, even though extensive consultation was undertaken.

Unfortunately, at times this results in criticism being directed at individual staff and elected members. Holding us accountable for the decisions we make is fair, but at times social media brings out the worst in people.

I simply ask you for a moment to put yourself in the shoes of those of us who have stood up and accepted the responsibility, remembering that we are simply members of the community doing the best we can.

Ngā mihi nui

Brent Maru
Motueka Community
Board Chair



A celebration of a century of aviation in Nelson Tasman is ready for take-off

November marks 100 years since the first aircraft appeared in Nelson Tasman skies.

An organising committee has been planning community celebrations in Nelson Tasman for the 100th anniversary of the first flight. There's widespread community support and sponsorship for the celebrations, which will include re-enactment flights of historic aircraft, plaque and information panel unveilings at Nelson Airport, Putangitangi – Greenmeadows Centre at Stoke, Spring Grove and Motueka Airport, as well as a special dinner.



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The de Havilland DH89 Dominie, the same used by Cook Strait Airways to pioneer Nelson's first scheduled air services, will be one of the visiting aircraft at the 100-year celebration of Nelson aviation in November.

Captain P.K 'Shorty' Fowler, passenger and sponsor Tom Newman and mechanic Ted Ranish arrived in a World War 1 Avro 504K aircraft. The trio departed Wellington on 11 November 1921, bound for Newman's farm near Brightwater.

However, things didn't go to plan. Bad weather meant they had to fly low over Cook Strait. The flight took longer than anticipated and the plane was forced to make an emergency landing in a paddock in Stoke.

The arrival created great excitement from the children of Stoke School

and crowds flocked to see the new flying machine. The Avro was then refuelled and flew on to Spring Grove where it also drew hundreds of sightseers.

Aviation historian Graeme McConnell says the region's unique geographical environment, with no national rail link and challenging road access, means aviation has assumed a greater importance than in most other provincial areas. Nelson Airport remains the fourth busiest airport in the country for scheduled passenger flights.

Mayors For Peace art competition

As a member of the global 'Mayors for Peace' group, Tasman Mayor Tim King is looking to the young people of our region to help promote peace in a global art competition.

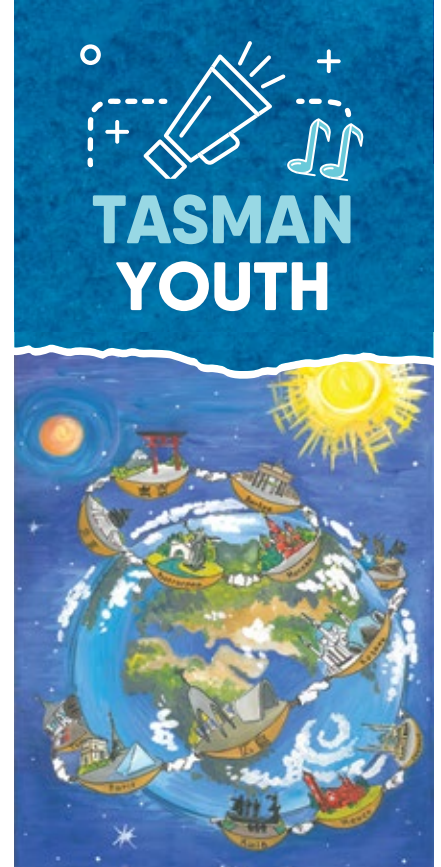
The theme is 'Peaceful Towns' and is open to youngsters across two age categories – 6 to 10 and 11 to 15 years old.

All schools in Tasman have been invited to take part and have been given details about the competition, which involves children all around the world.

Schools can select artworks in each age group to be presented for judging in October by Mayor Tim King. The top five artworks will be sent to Japan for final judging.

If your child would like to take part in the competition, please contact your school for application requirements and procedures or, if you are home schooling, call us on 03 543 8400 and ask for Yulia Panfylova.

International competition results will be announced early next year in Japan with the winning artwork printed on stationery that Mayors For Peace will use to promote awareness of the importance of peace education.



McGazzaland takes flight with pump track opening

Bikes, skateboards and scooters were the preferred mode of transport in Wakefield a few weeks ago as the community celebrated its new attraction aiming to inspire the next generation of riders.

The brand new asphalt pump track known as McGazzaland was officially opened on 22 May, bringing to fruition several years of planning by those behind the project.

Constructed on land between the Wakefield Fire Station and the Wai-iti River, McGazzaland was supported by lottery and Rātā Foundation grants as well as Tasman District Council.

Hundreds of people attended the opening event throughout the afternoon, including our staff and councillors as well as visitors from as far away as Queenstown.

The park is named in honour of the late freeride mountainbiker Kelly McGarry, who grew up in Wakefield and gained a reputation as one of the world's top riders, underlined by a legendary backflip at the 2013 Red Bull Rampage in the Utah desert.

Following his death in 2016, a group of friends and associates – backed by the wider community – have worked to create something special in Kelly's honour.

Wakefield resident Katrina McLean liaised with supporters of McGazzaland to assist with

fundraising opportunities for the project.

She said it was amazing to see the shared vision come to life and enjoyed by "young kids and those who refuse to grow old".

The name McGazzaland was coined by pupils of Wakefield School, some of whom attended the opening and will benefit from use of the park in years to come.

**You can find McGazzaland at
3 Pigeon Valley Road, Wakefield.**



Cabinet art brightens up Tasman

Seven telecommunications cabinets in the District have been freshened up with brand new artworks thanks to a joint Council project with Chorus.

The project, which sees some of Chorus's more frequently tagged cabinets painted by artists, has been successful nationwide and helped reduce the incidence of tagging and graffiti on the cabinets. They also offer a chance to tell stories about the communities in which they're located.

Our Transportation Officer Megan Bell co-ordinated the designs and artists and says it was a great opportunity for them to show off their talents to not only the Tasman community but also the wider world.

"This is a win-win for our communities," she says. "Not only do we get fantastic art works in our streetscape, but it also provides work and promotion of our local artists."



In Mārahau, a cabinet painted by Cammie Blaisdell is titled 'Connected'. It celebrates the beauty and intricacy of our interconnected ecosystem by featuring humble New Zealand creatures: tuna, puriri moth, and kōkōpū.



A Māpua cabinet, by Simon Neumegen, is titled 'Stick Together' and shows a Māpua sunrise and the village's name rendered in driftwood, reflecting the village's artistic diversity and nature.



'Love Blooms', by Dani Hedges, is featured on a Motueka cabinet and celebrates love in all its forms, and is intended to make people walking past it into town smile.



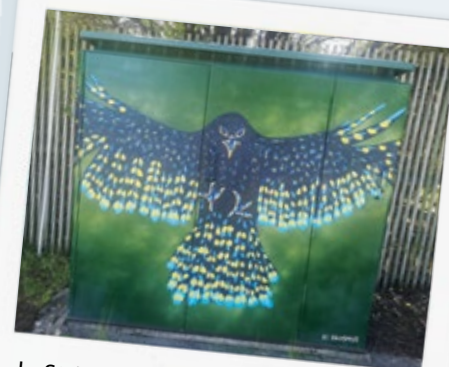
On another Motueka cabinet on the corner of High and Courtney Street, Amir Vollweiler has painted 'Weka Island', a parade of the cheeky birds that gave the town its name.



Ligar Bay's cabinet was painted by Krystal Pennell and is named 'Rainbow Flora Birds'. It shows native birds in an explosion of colour.



A Richmond cabinet artwork near Waimea College is titled 'Beauty of Nature' and was painted by River Day. It represents the nature that fills the Richmond and Tasman area.



In St Arnaud, Emma Erasmus has painted 'Kārearea Landing', which was inspired by the drive to the lake and seeing the birds soaring over the valleys.

Trash turns to treasure in Tākaka

One person's trash is another's treasure and proof of that is the success of the Tākaka Resource Recovery Centre's Reuse Store.

Last December, with our contractor Smart Environmental, we launched a joint initiative focusing on boosting waste diversion efforts at the centre.

A major upgrade of the site which began last year, meant the large sheds that previously housed the glass, cardboard and plastics recycling operations became vacant.

This allowed the reuse shop to spread out from the smaller space it previously occupied, and we agreed to fund an additional staff member to operate the store.

In the six months since the move, about eight metric tonnes of waste have been diverted away from landfill and into the reuse shop for sale.

The selection of products for sale is enormous and ranges from crockery and cutlery to furniture, beds, books, toys and everything in between. Everyone loves a bargain, and there have been plenty.

Sales from the Reuse Store have largely funded the additional staff cost and numerous community groups have benefited from donations of items from the shop



which have been passed on to them at no extra charge.

Women's Refuge has received clothes, church groups have sent clothing to Syria and Bhutan, and The Koha Shed has had assistance to help people in need.

Ice catches drivers out

Icy road conditions have caught drivers out around Tasman much earlier this year, prompting a warning to all motorists.

Crashes have been reported on the Motueka Valley Highway, Riwaka-Sandy Bay Road, Dovedale Road, Aniseed Valley Road and Mārahau Hill. Fortunately none have involved serious injuries.

Our Road Safety team warns that the ice problem is likely to worsen as we move into the colder months of the year. Tasman Road Policing Team Leader Senior Sergeant Grant Andrews says the problem compounds when frost forms on top of existing ice patches, particularly in areas that don't get sun during the day.

Although our contractors have been spreading grit in the worst areas, drivers are urged to slow down and drive to the conditions. Grit only provides a slight improvement to traction so please adjust to the conditions.



Free car seat checks in June

Did you know that more than 80% of child car seats in New Zealand are not installed correctly?



A seat that is not installed correctly cannot perform adequately in a crash, putting a child's life in danger. Children's car seats have a reputation for being difficult to understand and install, but that doesn't have to be the case.

Tasman District Council and Nelson City Council have partnered with Baby On The Move Nelson in a campaign to ensure the region's young people are travelling safely in cars in appropriate and correctly installed car seats.

We will be providing free car seat checks and fittings for the month of June. Any car seat bought from any shop can be taken to Baby On The Move. They will check it and then help you to achieve a safe and compliant installation – this could be as simple as installing a locking clip or changing a belt path.

The qualified and experienced Child Restraint Technicians will help you understand how to continue using car seats safely for years to come.

Bookings are essential. To book please call 03 547 2555, email nelson@babyonthemove.co.nz or send a Facebook message to Baby On The Move – Nelson.

It's time to register your dogs

Register your dogs by 30 June 2021.

In Tasman, it only costs \$50 to register an urban dog or \$30 for a rural dog, however penalty fees will apply for late registrations.

You can register your dog online, in person or by mail.

Register in person

Use the form mailed to you or download one from our website and bring it in to any Council service centre to make payment.

Register by mail

Post your completed form and payment to any Council Service Centre:

- 189 Queen Street, Private Bag 4, Richmond 7050
- 92 Fairfax Street, Murchison 7007
- 7 Hickmott Place, PO Box 123, Motueka 7143
- 78 Commercial Street, PO Box 74, Tākaka 7142



Register online

You can fill out your registration forms on our website and pay online. Use your dog owner number as reference.

You can pay your registration fee by:

- Bank transfer to account 12-3193-0002048-03
- Online with a credit card (fees apply)

If any of your details have changed, such as your address or the number of dogs you own, you need to let us know. Fill in the Dog Registration Update Notification form found on our website and drop it in or post it to us. Alternatively, you can scan it and email it to dogcontrol@tasman.govt.nz.

[Visit **tasman.govt.nz/dog-registration**](https://tasman.govt.nz/dog-registration)



Illegally dumped asbestos contaminated rubbish

Dumped asbestos causing concern

Illegally dumped asbestos demolition rubbish is a health hazard.

Recently we've had to carry out specialist clean ups and disposals following incidents where asbestos contaminated material has been dumped in rural and remote areas.

Asbestos causes cancer in a dose-dependent manner. The greater the exposure and the longer the time of exposure, the greater the risk of developing an asbestos-related disease. That means home renovators could be putting themselves in danger.

Houses built or that have had work done between 1950 and 2000 are quite likely to contain asbestos and dust from that asbestos is a serious health threat.

If you're doing work that needs planning permission, there's a good chance it will require a demolition or refurbishment survey to search for asbestos. Your contractor or builder

has a legal requirement to ensure asbestos is identified and removed safely before any work begins in your home. This is to protect you and your family.

If you're completing DIY work there's no requirement to do a survey, but you could be exposed to the dangers of airborne asbestos fibres. Our advice is to have a competent person check what you are working on and, if necessary, get a sample analysed before you start.

Asbestos-containing products are found in lots of places including vinyl flooring, interior and exterior wall cladding and soffits, fences, texture coatings, fireplaces, stoves, hot water cupboards, electrical switchboards, roofs, guttering and downpipes.

People caught illegally dumping hazardous waste may be prosecuted.

Alison helps her 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 Murchison's Alison Oxnam.

Alison has been a fundamental member of Murchison's community for many years. Alison's nominators, Beth McDonald and Elaine O'Connor, say until recently Alison could be regularly seen picking up other members of the aged community in Murchison to take them to church, to the hospital for an appointment, to a meeting, or just for a cup of tea.

She is a life member of the Rural Women NZ, a core part of New Zealand's rural sector and has been secretary for the local division since 1980. She was also a member of Plunket, with the role of its car seat co-ordinator. She was a leader in Cubs and Scouts, was actively

involved as parent support in the Murchison Pony Club, was a member of the Murchison Health Committee and a founding member of the Murchison Public Speaking Group.

Alison spent 12 years as president of the Murchison Historical and Museum Society, retiring in 2019. She is still an active member of the Society and volunteers two days a week. Murchison is a great community she says. "I think everyone keeps an eye on everyone else."

"It's something I just did," she says of her long-term service. "It's part of living in a small place, it's all just part of life really. I didn't feel like I did anything extra special."



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Upgrades keep Tasman halls in top shape

Be it a lick of paint, a new roof or some more extensive improvements, welcome funding has ensured several of Tasman's meeting places remain in top shape ahead of winter.

Four community halls around our region have benefited from a \$369,319 funding boost through the Provincial Growth Fund – a real bonus for everyone who uses the facilities.

Motueka Recreation Centre received the largest facelift out of the four buildings with the addition of roof insulation, roof vents, external cladding, lighting upgrade, painting and an upgrade of distribution boards.

The Spring Grove Drill Hall near Brightwater is now standing to attention with a new roof while Lower Moutere Memorial Hall and Collingwood Memorial Hall have received new interior painting.

As well as the obvious aesthetic changes, the upgrades have provided work to local contractors within the community.

"The hall committees do such a good job of managing the use of these great community facilities. It has been great to be able to complete these jobs promptly with the additional funding," Reserves and Facilities Administrator Jane Park said.

"We have had very positive feedback about the improvements from the users and public."

The halls and memorials upgrade work is funded by the Provincial Growth Fund – Renovation of Town Hall and War Memorials initiative.

It is one of a number of shovel ready projects in Tasman which are on track to meet funding agreement milestones.

The halls project in particular has allowed us to make these improvements sooner than planned so our residents can enjoy the benefits.



Spring Grove Drill Hall



Get involved in restoration planting at Robson's Reserve

What was once a rodent and weed-infested block of land is steadily transforming back to its former glory thanks to a huge community effort and the support of Tasman District Council.

A keen group of volunteers have been working on restoring Robson's Scenic Reserve in Eighty-Eight Valley near Wakefield. The final push is being made on Saturday 19 June with a community planting day starting from 10.00 am.

The Wakefield Bush Restoration Society is organising to plant 3,000 trees, half of which are being supplied by Tasman District Council with the remainder coming from an extremely generous donation from a Wakefield resident.

Society President Doug South says this is the biggest planting his group has been involved with and public assistance is paramount to its success.

He's encouraging families and groups to join in and make a day of it.

"Bring a picnic, a spade or digging implement and sturdy footwear and get your hands dirty for a great community asset."

The entrance to the reserve will be signposted off Eighty Eight Valley Road with parking on site.

If the weather's wet the planting will be postponed until Saturday 26 June.



The Battle for the Banded Rail needs you!

With more than 40,000 new native plantings and over 6,500 predators trapped during the past six years, the *Battle for the Banded Rail* is going well, but the fight is far from over.

Battle for the Banded Rail is a Tasman Environmental Trust community conservation project supported by the Department of Conservation Community Fund, Te Uru Rākau and Trees that Count.

The group works with volunteers, Tasman District Council, the Department of Conservation and landowners to restore birdlife to the Waimea Inlet by trapping introduced predators and restoring habitat around the estuary margin.

The next planting is on Sunday 13 June at Manuka Island from 9.00 am – 1.00 pm. Look for the flag one kilometre along Redwood Road on the way to Moturoa/Rabbit Island.

If you can't make that one, there is another planting on Sunday 20 June at Bronte Peninsula North from 9.00 am – 1.00 pm.

Please take gloves, a spade if you have one and drinking water. Wear solid footwear and clothes suitable for the weather conditions. As a thank you there will be a free morning tea.

For more information, email bandedrail@gmail.com or phone Kathryn on 03 544 4537.



Fighting pests with citizen science

An invasive variegated thistle along the Great Taste Trail was recently discovered and dispatched thanks to Tasman residents using an app called iNaturalist, an informal citizen science project that is proving valuable for our pest control.

The global app, which has 66 million records worldwide, is free to use on your phones or computer, and builds a community around plant, fungi and animal knowledge.

For the user, it's a simple way to keep a list of their observations. But it's also useful when you spot a plant or animal that's unusual or that you can't identify, as you can upload a location with a good-quality, in-focus photo so others can help name it.

Tasman District Council biosecurity officer Phillip Cochrane keeps an eye on iNaturalist to help fight pest incursions in the District, and encourages people to download and use it. Such apps are not an official channel or a primary tool to alert us to weed presence – but they do add to our arsenal of approaches when tackling pest problems. If people have a real concern they should contact us directly, Phillip says.

"Although we have a very good knowledge of the whereabouts of our nastiest weeds, casual observations of the public can alert biosecurity officers to new incursions," he says.

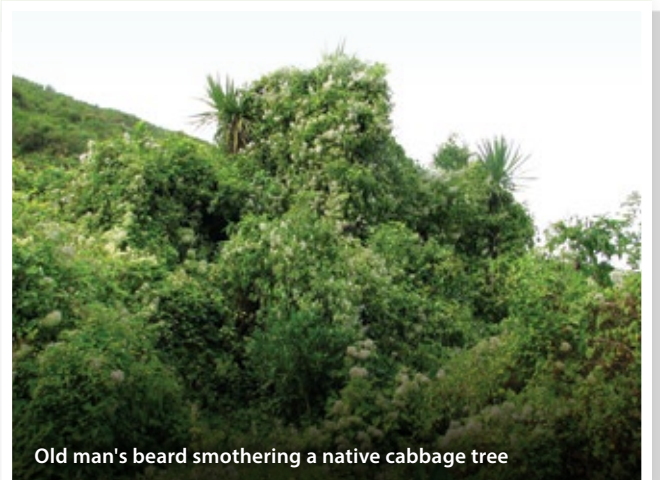
"The Tasman Biosecurity team has a list of species we want to exclude from the region, and if someone records a pest like a rainbow skink we are off to get rid of them. Or it could be a widespread weed like old man's beard, but in a place we haven't seen it yet."

Digital technology has allowed citizen science projects such as iNaturalist and similar apps such as eBird to become really important, he says. "Instead of taking a sample and posting it off to a herbarium we can verify it then and there."

People also find them a fun and addictive way of keeping track of flora and fauna sightings in their local area. They are a great way to learn more about native and introduced plants, as well as connect with children and grandchildren, encouraging them to look closely at the plants and animals around them.

"It gets people interacting with nature and can be very rewarding."

[Visit inaturalist.org](https://www.inaturalist.org) or find iNaturalist in your app store to find out more.



Old man's beard smothering a native cabbage tree

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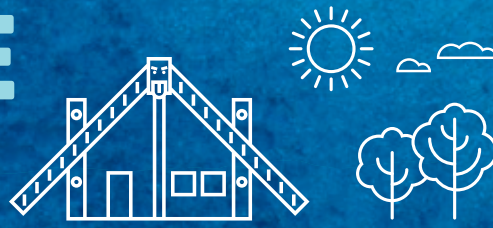
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Get funding for your community project

Do you have an exciting community project in the pipeline? Community Grants help get some of our most valuable community projects off the ground, and the next round of funding is now open for 2021.

Funding is available for projects that are either Tasman-based or will benefit Tasman residents, meet a community need and have community support. Priority will be given to projects that align with our community outcomes and can show financial support from other sources as well.

Visit tasman.govt.nz/grants for more information and to apply. Applications close 31 July.

Ted Reed Reserve works

We have started work on the installation of an underground wastewater pump station and emergency storage tanks at Ted Reed Reserve in Riwaka. We expect this work to take about two months and all work will occur within the fenced-off area.

The new storage tanks will significantly reduce the risk of overflows from the wastewater pump station in high rainfall, or in the event of a pump failure or power outage.



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If you need help with making the move to electronic payments, please contact your bank in the first instance. You can also speak with a member of our customer services team in person at your local service centre, by emailing info@tasman.govt.nz, or by phoning us on 03 543 8400.



Moturoa / Rabbit Island – Nelson Marlborough Fish & Game pheasant hunt

Public access to the eastern half of Moturoa / Rabbit Island will be closed for an organised game bird hunt. Please note that the closure will include all of the beach front at the eastern end. The second of the three planned hunts will take place on Saturday 19 June, 8.30 am – 3.00 pm (Sunday 20 June reserve day).

For more details contact Jacob Lucas at Nelson Marlborough Fish & Game on 03 544 6382.

Tell us your amazing art idea

Our Creative Communities Scheme has funding available to help groups and individuals running arts projects in our area. This could be the help your amazing art idea needs to get off the ground.

Creative Communities provides funding to support community involvement in the arts – whether it's music, theatre, festivals, mural painting, outdoor sculptures, art in public spaces, kapa haka, singing, art workshops or something else.

Funded by Creative New Zealand, the Creative Communities Scheme is designed to support opportunities for communities to participate in the arts. There is a focus on art projects that have a broad community involvement, involve young people or support the diverse arts and cultural traditions of local communities.

If you think that fits with your project, we'd love to hear from you.

Applications are open now until Saturday 10 July 2021. Visit tasman.govt.nz/creative-communities for more information and to complete an application form.

Keep a clear windscreen

Over winter we all need to take extra care on our roads, and we have a couple of handy little tools to help with that. Come and pick up a free ice scraper and windscreen cloth from your local service centre – get in quick though, only while stock lasts.



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Publicly notified resource consent application for an asphalt plant

Tasman Bay Asphalt Limited has applied to Tasman District Council for resource consents to construct and operate an asphalt plant at 272 Bartlett Road, Appleby (land within the Waimea River Park, vested in the Council for river control purposes). This includes the associated discharges of contaminants to air and for earthworks.

This application is being publicly notified. This is a summary notice only. On our website you will find the full public notice, the application with details of the specific resource consents applied for, the assessment of environmental effects and supporting information.

Visit tasman.govt.nz and search 'Tasman asphalt' in the search box.

Have your say: Any person may make a submission on the applications under section 96 of the Resource Management Act 1991. You will find submission forms and details of how to lodge a submission on our website or at our Council offices.

Submissions close 4.00 pm, Monday 5 July 2021.

Flush your taps, check your roof

Some plumbing fittings have the potential to allow minute traces of metals to accumulate in water standing in the fittings for several hours.

Although the health risk is small, the Ministry of Health recommends that you flush a mugful of water from your drinking-water tap each morning before use to remove any metals that may have dissolved from the plumbing fittings.

We recommend this simple precaution for all households, including those on public and private water supplies.

Everybody should try to save water whenever they can so you could collect the small amount you flush from the taps and use it for something else like watering plants (but not the veggie garden).

If you have a rainwater supply, flushing taps won't help. You need to check your roof and guttering for materials that may contain metals that could contaminate the water: lead flashing, lead-headed nails and lead paint, for example. These should be replaced if you find them.

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.

Nelson Regional Sewerage Business Unit

Friday 11 June, 9.30 am. Public forum.

Motueka Community Board

Tuesday 15 June, 4.00 pm. Motueka Service Centre, 7 Hickmott Place, Motueka. Public forum.

Accessibility For All

Friday 18 June, 10.00 am. Community meeting.

Operations Committee

Thursday 24 June, 9.30 am. Public forum.

Nelson Tasman Regional Landfill Business Unit

Friday 25 June, 9.30 am. Public forum.

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WHAT'S ON IN TASMAN



Armchair Adventures

Go on an exciting travel adventure from the comfort of Tākaka Library! Tish Potter takes you to the back roads of Nairobi on Wednesday 16 June and Gaylene Wilkinson will take you on a trip down the spine of the South Island on Wednesday 23 June. Both talks are at 2.00 pm and are free!

Ablaze

Developed by the Nelson Provincial Museum, the *Ablaze* exhibition marks the two-year anniversary of the 2019 Tasman Fires and tells the story of how they affected the region; its environment, people, and animals. *Ablaze* highlights the role of the firefighters and volunteers who helped battle the fire and keep



everyone safe. Visit *Ablaze* at the Richmond Library from Friday 25 June until Sunday 27 June during library opening hours.

Matariki celebrations

Matariki celebrations around Tasman will begin with a dawn karakia at Te Uma followed by breakfast at the Te Awhina Marae on July 2. Check out our next issue of Newsline for more information on these events.

You can also celebrate this important time of the year at your local library with crafts, kai, family

and friends. Motueka Library will be running a series of free events including take and make craft kits for children and adults, a scavenger hunt, Matariki poetry, and a Matariki celebration for tamariki and their whānau. Keep an eye out for further details on the Tasman Libraries website tasmanlibraries.govt.nz.



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