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Lower Motueka

## Flood repairs continue across Tasman

The impact of the heavy rain event that hit the top of the South Island on July 17 and 18 will continue to be felt across Tasman District for some time. While we came through better than our neighbours in Buller and Marlborough, there is still work to do.

While forecast, the heavy rain and flooding saw the Council, emergency services and Nelson Tasman Civil Defence open the Emergency Operations Centre to manage the unfolding situation.

Flood waters rose throughout the day cutting off Nelson Tasman from the rest of the South Island and communities within.

The Tadmor River reached its highest level since records began in 1977. Large flows in several other tributaries close to the Tadmor meant the Motueka River also reached a high level, third highest at Woodstock since 1969 but well

below the devastating 1983 flood levels. The Motueka Valley was also hit hard by the storm.

In Golden Bay the rain gauges at Anatoki recorded close to 700mm of rain in 48-hours.

High winds brought down trees and there were numerous power outages across the region. Contractors worked around the clock in atrocious conditions to clear slips off roads and assist residents with flooding problems.

Our engineers and contractors were out in the field monitoring river flows, storm and wastewater systems, stopbanks as well as

assessing and repairing damage to roads and bridges.

Fortunately, the weather system that brought the extreme conditions slowly moved away and by Sunday afternoon flood levels began receding, however the wake of the deluge was a major clean-up operation which will continue for weeks to come.

Assessments of all rivers and stopbanks in the region are being carried out to establish levels of damage and our road network is being evaluated to create a list of priorities so a full programme of repairs can get underway.

# MEET YOUR REPRESENTATIVES

## Councillor David Ogilvie – Motueka Ward

Climate change is arguably the biggest challenge our community faces – locally, nationally and globally.

For Tasman District, the immediate concerns involve summer droughts and winter floods. The long-term concern is the impacts of sea-level rise. Managing these recurring risks is integral to the Council's environmental strategies, with guidance from central Government.

With the recent rain events and flooding, the Council's River Management Plan has assumed a new focus: A 100-page document detailing the goals, projects and funding for the next ten years.

For Motueka and adjacent areas, protection from flooding is crucial.

Along the Lower Motueka, Riuwaka and Brooklyn Rivers, 40km of stopbanks currently provide varied protection. There has been \$10 million allocated to refurbish twelve sites along the Lower Motueka River, restoring a one in 50-year flood protection, to be completed in 2024.

There is additional protection for Peach Island and improved maintenance for the Brooklyn and Riuwaka Rivers too. Riparian plantings, drainage clearing and secondary flow path maintenance will assist.

Funding these works across the District requires over \$2.6 million annually (excluding the Motueka stopbanks). A targeted rate, based on a property land value, is applied

differentially to each of the river categories.

A risk analysis of rivers was completed in 2020. The technical river data it highlighted will be the basis for managing the District's rivers over the next ten years. Across Tasman District, those affected by their local river or stream will welcome the improved protection.

The Buller River and Westport flooding has reminded us of a potential threat.

Learning and acting on this lesson is critical.

**Councillor  
David Ogilvie  
Motueka Ward**



## New park's historical significance recognised

More than 200 people braved a wet and wild Sunday morning last month for the official opening of Māpua's newest recreation area – Ngaio Park.

Councillor Anne Turley did the honours at the official ceremony, cutting the ribbon and declaring the new park open.

Our Reserves and Facilities Manager Richard Hollier says we have taken a sensitive approach to the Ngaio Park development in recognition of the site's historical and cultural significance.

"It was decided that as far as possible all work to create the park would take place on top of the ground and any excavation would be kept to a minimum."

The park design was themed to reflect the rustic style of the wharf precinct with extensive use of old wharf timber. Further items to recognise the cultural significance of the site are still to be completed.

In the meantime, we are seeking an experienced, independent, voluntary chairperson to lead the Māpua Waterfront Masterplan Working Group.

The Working Group is made up of community and Tasman District Council stakeholders with the role of implementing the actions within the Māpua Waterfront Masterplan.

The Masterplan focuses on the waterfront area and provides a plan for its development and use, including the Māpua wharf area,

Waterfront Park, council-owned remediated land and Grossi Point.

For more information about the chairperson role please email [richard.hollier@tasman.govt.nz](mailto:richard.hollier@tasman.govt.nz). Applications close 20 August 2021.



# Tell us your thoughts on Richmond's transport issues

Make sure you have your say – feedback closes 5.00 pm, Friday 13 August 2021.

We are working with Waka Kotahi NZ Transport Agency to look at ways to make rapidly growing Richmond a safer and more reliable place to travel around. We're also focusing on providing everyone with improved transport choices, whether you are driving, walking, cycling or taking the bus.

We're finalising a business case called the Richmond Transport Programme Business Case (PBC). The work completed on the PBC to date has

identified an emerging programme of transport options that could be delivered over the short, medium and long-term out to the year 2050.

The PBC covers state highways which are administered by Waka Kotahi NZ Transport Agency and local roads which are administered by Tasman District Council.

## Have your say

Your feedback is important to us and it's not too late to have your say.

Share your feedback online or pick up a feedback form from the Richmond Council Office or Library and post it back through the Freepost address.

There is still one more community event where you can have your say:

- Saturday 7 August, 9.00 am – 2.00 pm, Connings Food Market

**To find out more and have your say visit [nzta.govt.nz/richmondpcb](https://nzta.govt.nz/richmondpcb).**

# Antenno helps connect residents during storm

Hundreds of Tasman residents used our latest communication tool to receive and share information during the recent widespread storms.

The Antenno app was used to share details about flooding, road closures and public safety, while many residents used the app to report issues back to us. But there are still many people who aren't aware of Antenno and how useful it is.

Antenno is a free mobile app that sends you alerts and notifications about places and topics you care

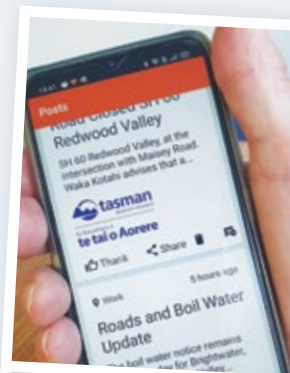
about, it even reminds you when your rubbish and recycling days are. There's no need to check multiple sources of information because Antenno sends details directly to you, so in situations like those we faced recently, information was delivered straight to the phone.

You can also engage with us more easily by reporting issues, responding to surveys, and providing feedback through Antenno. Simply open Antenno, go to 'your reports' and add a report to

tell us about what's happening in your neighbourhood.

Antenno is a small lightweight app that won't take up valuable space on your phone or device. It is simple and easy to use, and it doesn't require any personal details or even a log in.

**Download Antenno for free from the app store on your phone.**



**CORRECTION: Managing nitrates in Richmond's drinking water supplies.** In the last issue of Newsline (Issue 502) we mistakenly reported that World Health Organisation measured nitrate levels in micrograms per litre. This is incorrect. Nitrate levels are measured in milligrams per litre (mg/L). We apologise for any confusion this may have caused.

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## Māpua pipes, pumps, and reservoirs – job done

A hundred years ago there was a single wharf exporting fruit and flax. Now Māpua and nearby Te Mamaku / Ruby Bay have grown into a thriving and highly desirable rural and residential community with a population of around 2,800 people.

However, development has taken off at such a rapid rate over the past decade, that services struggled to keep up with demand. The infrastructure required to make the community livable could not always cope and problems arose. There were wastewater overflows and odours at pump stations, the drinking water supply worked hard to cope with demand and at times stormwater systems were overwhelmed.

These issues forced us to introduce a moratorium and for the past two years there has been strict constraints on development in the Māpua area. But now with the investment of more than \$15 million, that moratorium has been lifted. The way has been paved for more than 300 new houses that are forecast to be built in Māpua and Te Mamaku / Ruby Bay during the next 10 years.

So, what have we done?



### DRINKING WATER



➤ A new main water supply line has been built. Water comes from bores on the Waimea Plains and flows into the Māpua treatment plant and is then piped across Moturoa / Rabbit Island and the Māpua channel into the settlement.

➤ A new water main now runs from Māpua Wharf to Pine Hill Road. The sections of water main from Māpua Wharf to Pine Hill Road, and across Best Island and Moturoa / Rabbit Island have been replaced with a larger diameter pipe as the old pipes were fragile and frequently broke.

➤ The Māpua Water Treatment Plant has been upgraded with replacement of reticulation from the bores to the treatment plant.

➤ A new 2,500 cubic metre concrete water supply reservoir tank is being built at Pomona Road with a new network of pipes to feed it. The larger tank will improve the resilience of the water supply and cater for growth in the area – this is expected to be online early next year.

➤ Additional water supply storage tanks have been installed at Stagecoach Road to provide great resilience for the rural water supply.

### WASTEWATER



➤ The entire wastewater system has been overhauled with a new wastewater pipe now running from Māpua Wharf to Te Mamaku / Ruby Bay.

➤ The existing wastewater pump station at Stafford Drive has been refurbished.

➤ Pump stations at Aranui Road, Higgs Road and Te Mamaku / Ruby Bay have been upgraded. Underground storage tanks and odour control systems have been installed at several sites. The underground tanks increase the storage capacity of the system in each location, to reduce the risk of wastewater overflow in the event of a pump failure, power outage, or storm.

### STORMWATER



➤ The stormwater channel that serves properties on Stafford Drive adjacent to Broadsea Avenue in Te Mamaku / Ruby Bay has been upgraded.

All this work created some obstacles for residents in the village with traffic control and diversions in place for months at a time. We thank you for your patience and are confident the disruption has all been worthwhile.

# Water work starting on Waverley Street

We are replacing the water main and some of the connecting pipework along Waverley Street in Richmond between now and December.

The existing concrete and copper pipework is old, fragile and prone to breakages, so we're replacing it with new larger PVC pipes.

Waverley Street will not be closed, however for each stage of work the road will be reduced to one lane and vehicles will only be able to travel in one direction from Gladstone Road towards Wensley Road.

Diversions will be in place for each stage to direct vehicles approaching from the Wensley Road end of Waverley Street, around the one-way



section of road. Sections of the berm and footpath will be closed off with diversions in place for pedestrians.

As work progresses, trenching and pipe laying will cross some driveways, impacting on access to properties. The contractor will notify affected residents at least a day before work starts outside

their properties and vehicles may be required to park on the road temporarily.

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**If you have any questions or concerns, or wish to report a hazard during the pipe laying, please contact us on 03 543 8400.**

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## The future of resource management

It's a busy time for our Policy Planning Team as they progress work to create a new Resource Management Plan for Tasman, while also keeping across changes to national legislation.

Resource management covers everything from how we look after our air, land, and water, while also providing for the development of healthy, happy places for us all to live, work, and play.

The Government has decided to repeal the Resource Management Act 1991 (RMA) and replace it with three new Acts. The RMA is New Zealand's principal legislation for environmental management and provides the framework under which our local resource management plans are developed.

RMA reform follows other central government policy that directs aspects of how we manage freshwater, enable urban development, and prepare for natural hazards and climate change. Further policy documents are expected in the near future.

While these changes are designed to bring about better outcomes for people and our environments, Environmental Policy Manager Barry Johnson said he recognised that uncertainty and the pace of change can be a real challenge.

"We're actively working through what the new legislation will mean for us here in Tasman.

"Our District is underpinned by primary production, so it's vital that we continue to engage with our communities and have strong knowledge of our local issues and options so that we're well prepared to respond to future legislative changes.

"We will continue to work with our communities through the Tasman Environment Plan project to better understand local challenges and opportunities for managing our environment, providing for development, and building resilience.

"Ultimately, we all want to look after our place for future generations and that's why even though these conversations are hard at times, we need to have them," said Barry.

We are organising a series of community conversations over the next 12 months to talk about some of the big issues and opportunities we identified together through community engagement last year, and some of the options we have for addressing them. These conversations include how we respond to sea level rise and natural hazards, manage freshwater, and the strategy for our future development.

# Biosecurity efforts all about adapting to solve pest problems

This year, Biosecurity Week was about *always adapting*. Adapting to our changing environment, new pests, and finding new ways of solving our pest problems.

Over the past decade, much research, innovation and technical prowess has led to improved trapping success of pest animals. The aspirational goal of making New Zealand predator free by 2050 has seen many people throughout the country embracing the project. Visions of a future where our taonga are back in abundance throughout the country is a tantalising goal.

Interest has grown in our Tasman communities to assist with this nationwide programme, and several new trapping groups have been established over the last year.

People in urban areas, particularly those with properties that are near, or adjacent to the rural environment, can make a difference by reducing predator numbers in their area.

To assist with this, our Biosecurity department can provide loan traps for stoats, weasels, possums and rats.

Reporting kill results can be done through the trap.nz app, which is a free service used throughout New Zealand for recording trapping and biodiversity outcome data.



The national programme coordinating body is the Predator Free New Zealand Trust. This is an independent trust established in 2013 to help connect the myriad of people involved in conservation – including agencies, community groups, landowners, iwi and farmers – and engage all New Zealanders in a predator free vision.

If you would like to join an existing trapping group, contact our biosecurity team or the Tasman Environmental Trust to be put in touch with a group in your area.

## Rehome unwanted items with Second Hand Sunday

Second Hand Sunday is back on 15 August!

It's a fun way to declutter and re-home unwanted household goods for free – anything from chairs, books, clothing or leftover bits and pieces from building projects – and a good chance to scour the region's streets looking for pre-loved treasures.

### How to take part

1. Sort and collect your items.
2. Register your address online before 10.00 am on Friday 13 August to go on the participating households list.
3. Download the participant list or pick one up from any Council office after 12.00 pm on Friday 13 August.
4. Print the letterbox poster to show on the day.

5. Put your items on your driveway.
6. Bring in any remaining items at the end of the day.

The event will take place rain or shine. It's a joint effort between Tasman District Council and Nelson City Council so you can pick up treasures all over the region.

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# NEWSLINE UPDATES



## Water leaks matter

Do you realise if you discover a water leak on your property you may be entitled to a refund of some of your bill? To ensure water is used efficiently, we are offering an incentive to get people to fix leaks on their properties, both commercial and residential, but the rules have changed slightly. The best way to check if there is a water leak at your home is to turn off all appliances in your house that use water, like dishwashers and washing machines and check your water meter. If the meter continues to spin, then you could have a leaking pipe somewhere on your property. You will need to call a registered plumber to find the problem, repair it and check that there are no other leaks, then contact us for a refund on the amount of water that has leaked. Commercial and industrial water users need to record their water use monthly, for inspection by the Council on request, in order to apply for a rebate. All applications must be made within six weeks of the most recent water invoice. Visit our website for more information.

## 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.

### Golden Bay Community Board

Tuesday 10 August, 9.30 am. Tākaka Service Centre, 78 Commercial Street, Tākaka. Public forum.

### Full Council

Thursday 12 August, 9.30 am. Public forum.

### Commercial Committee

Friday 13 August, 1.30 pm. Public forum.

### Motueka Community Board

Tuesday 17 August, 4.00 pm. Motueka Service Centre, 7 Hickmott Place, Motueka. Public forum.

### Strategy and Policy Committee

Thursday 19 August, 9.30 am. Public forum.

## ROAD CLOSURES



### Proposed temporary road closures

**Applicant:** Richmond Unlimited  
**Event:** Richmond Market Day 2021  
**Location:** Queen Street, Richmond (from Night 'n Day to McIndoe Place)  
**Date and time:** Thursday 30 December 2021, 6.00 am – 6.00 pm

**Applicant:** Richmond Unlimited  
**Event:** PAK'nSAVE Richmond Santa Parade  
**Location:** Queen Street, Edward Street, McIndoe Place, Croucher Street for length of Sundial Square  
**Date and time:** Sunday 28 November 2021, 6.00 am – 4.00 pm (staggered as needed)

### Closure of roads to ordinary vehicular traffic

Pursuant to the Transport (Vehicular Traffic Road Closure) Regulations 1965, notice is hereby given that for the purpose of a Nelson Car Club Rally the following road will be closed to ordinary vehicular traffic for the period(s) indicated hereunder.

During the period of closure, the following provision will be made for ordinary vehicular traffic which would otherwise use the roads:  
**Dovedale Road** from the Dove Creek Bridge to Pigeon Valley Road (RP 16.00 – RP 19.90).

Period or periods of closure:  
Saturday 30 October 2021, 8.00 am to 4.00 pm.

Alternative provision for ordinary vehicular traffic: NIL.

It will be an offence under the above regulations for any person otherwise than under authority of an authorised period to use the roads for ordinary vehicular traffic during the period of closure.

Pursuant to the Transport (Vehicular Traffic Road Closure) Regulations 1965, notice is hereby given that for the purpose of a Nelson Car Club and Westland Car Club Rally the following road will be closed to ordinary vehicular traffic for the period(s) indicated hereunder.

During the period of closure, the following provision will be made for ordinary vehicular traffic which would otherwise use the roads:  
**Matakitaki Road** from 1.48km from the start of Matakitaki Road for 10 kilometres (RP 1.48 – RP 11.48).

Period or periods of closure:  
Saturday 4 December 2021, 8.00 am to 5.00 pm.

Alternative provision for ordinary vehicular traffic: NIL.

It will be an offence under the above regulations for any person otherwise than under authority of an authorised period to use the roads for ordinary vehicular traffic during the period of closure.

**Objections close 5.00 pm, Friday 27 August 2021.**

Please send any objections to [megan.bell@tasman.govt.nz](mailto:megan.bell@tasman.govt.nz).

# WHAT'S ON IN TASMAN



## Free car seat checks coming to Motueka!

**Motueka Plunket, Tuesday 17  
August, 10.00 am – 3.00 pm.**

Make sure your car seat is safe by bringing it to the Motueka Plunket for a free check. This is part of our free car seat check promotion with Baby on the Move Nelson. Bookings essential – to book a time call 03 547 2555 or send a Facebook message to Baby on the Move – Nelson.

## Community planting day

**Sunday 15 August, 9.00 am – 1.00 pm,  
Hunter Brown Reserve, Rough Island.**

Join in with the Battle for the Banded Rail community planting efforts. Please bring gloves, a spade and drinking water. Wear solid footwear

and clothes suitable for the weather conditions. For more information, email [bandedrail@gmail.com](mailto:bandedrail@gmail.com) or phone Kathryn on 03 544 4537.

## Take & Make postcards

**Motueka Library, 11 August –  
1 September.**

Drop by to collect your special historically themed Take & Make postcard kits. Victorian, Medieval, Art Deco and Egyptian themed kits will be available in this free craft activity for adults.

## Family History Friday

**Richmond Library's research  
room, last Friday of the month,  
10.30 am – 12.00 pm.**

Are you interested in finding out more about your family or local history?

Stop by for some free help from a specialist librarian. We'll show you the incredible online resources which can assist you with your search and give you the tools and guidance you need on your family history journey.

## Tasty Traditions

August is Family History month and we're celebrating with food! If you have a special family recipe that you would like to share, bring it along to Richmond Library for our Tasty Traditions display. Bring in your recipe with a description of when and why this dish would be cooked, and by whom, to give it some context. Was it Aunt Maria's special dessert treat? Or maybe Poppa always made this salad at Christmas? Let's celebrate our family traditions this August.



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