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Reimagining Richmond South

We have launched a new project to help meet growing housing demand, and local communities have an important role in shaping the potential development.

The Reimagining Richmond South project aims to provide for around 2,000 new homes. This will be achieved through the creation of a structure plan, designed with involvement from landowners and locals, as well as potential future residents.

The focus for this project covers the area from the current southern boundary of Richmond, southwards

to between White Road and Ranzau Road, and into the foothills of the Barnicoat Range. The focus area will be refined based on feedback received.

Our Planner Jeremy Butler is leading the project. He's looking forward to learning more from locals about their vision before any detailed planning begins.

"The vision for the area and design of the aspects that make up the structure plan will reflect community aspirations. Before any detailed work begins, we want to learn the views of landowners and the wider community on how Richmond should grow and any aspirations for this new part of Richmond.

"We are also engaging with local iwi and stakeholders to ensure the plan is well-informed.

"Richmond South was previously indicated as a potential urban growth area through the Nelson Tasman Future Development Strategy 2019 and there is currently strong interest in development. The area is likely to appeal to families due to nearby schools and work opportunities," said Jeremy.

We are running community information events at the Hope Hall on Wednesday 24 and Thursday 25 November. Drop-in any time between 11.00 am – 2.00 pm or 4.00 pm – 7.00 pm.

MEET YOUR REPRESENTATIVES



Councillor Trevor Tuffnell – Richmond Ward

When I first came to Richmond, the population was a little over 2,000. The Borough Council had an office staff of four. Council meetings were in the evening and Councillors were not paid. Engineering services were provided by the Waimea County Engineer and town planning was undertaken by a surveying practice.

The growth spurt started in the late 60's, a professional town planning consultant was appointed, and an engineering consulting practice

was given the brief to design a new water supply system. The accepted proposal was for the installation of three bores in Lower Queen Street and reticulation to and construction of high-level reservoirs.

And yes, back then we had movie screenings (in the town hall in Cambridge Street), and a pie cart!

Some of the Queen Street retailers became quite agitated when the decision was made to construct the Richmond Bypass. They believed it would be the ruination of Queen Street businesses. If only they could see it today.

Retailing took quite a leap forward when Webby Developments

constructed the Mall, which was on land that had been held for a Catholic school.

The housing boom to a large degree was led by W E Wilkes Ltd. Wilkes purchased some significant parcels of land which they developed and built on, and other developers followed.

The latest and largest development would be Richmond West where upwards of 1,200 houses, a new school, cinema and retailing are being constructed. It's estimated to be completed in the next three years.

What's next – Richmond South.

Councillor Trevor Tuffnell
Richmond Ward

Community grant supports water safety

Teaching the tamariki and rangatahi in our community how to be safe in and around our waterways is an integral part of the Richmond Aquatic Centre's school groups programme.

Through a recent Council community grant they were able to purchase new lifejackets, which means the centre can increase the number of children experiencing lifejackets and how to use them correctly.

The schools and water safety programmes are run by SwimMagic at the Richmond Aquatic Centre.

Pictured is a recent group of children from Richmond School who have

been learning how to correctly put on a lifejacket, float in the water alone and how to correctly work together in group situations to maintain body heat and stay together in the water in a huddle.

Our Community Grants funding is open annually from the beginning of May until the end of July. Full details are available on our website, tasman.govt.nz/grants.





Rural support sessions outline the lay of the land

Our region's farming community was recently invited to join the Top of the South Rural Support Trust and Rural Women NZ for their rural conversations around changes to land and water management.

The events were held in Golden Bay, Moutere, Murchison, St Arnaud and Tapawera, with good attendance and engagement reported across the District.

Open to all local agribusiness, rural landowners and those supporting our rural communities, the events looked at some recent Central Government changes and what's coming, what it's likely to mean for them, and the support available.

Topics discussed ranged from Covid-19 and the climate change partnership to freshwater policy and regulations around intensification, wetland protection, intensive winter grazing, nitrogen fertiliser application and recording, stock exclusion, farm plans and water use reporting.

The sessions were led by former Tasman Mayor and current trust chair Richard Kempthorne, with short presentations from our staff and an opportunity for the community to have one-on-one conversations to seek reassurance and clarification around how they can navigate through the changes and requirements.

Our staff were also able to hear more about where the issues lie and how they can liaise with the community in providing information and offering support where possible.

The Top of the South Rural Support Trust is part of a nationwide network, working with rural individuals and their families to assist with problems relating to adverse events, financial pressures, animal welfare, or personal challenges including physical and mental health.

Tasman signage gets a welcome facelift

For the first time in more than 15 years, Tasman District has new fresh roadside welcome signs.

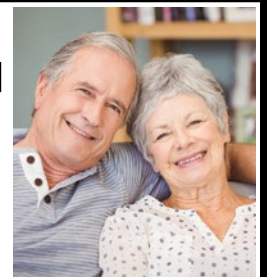
The old wooden signage had faded and become weather-beaten over the years.

The old and shabby welcome to Tasman structures on State Highway 65 at Maruia, State Highway 6 in the Buller Gorge, State Highway 63 at St Arnaud, in Richmond and on Tākaka Hill have all been replaced with new glossy aluminium pictorial signs.



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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A lot is happening in Mot...

New pipes, improved roads, upgraded power cables and more than 20 other development projects, including a new library – there's a lot happening in Motueka right now and recent events haven't made it easy for contractors.

The biggest and most obvious projects include Waka Kotahi's major road safety improvements on High Street, the installation of Network Tasman's new 11KVA underground electricity feeder cable and our own Thorp Street water main renewal.

But the Covid-19 lockdown, periods of very wet weather and supply chain issues have conspired against some jobs. These projects are also

creating challenges for commuters and road users with detours and diversions in place.

Construction work will take a break over the Christmas and New Year period before beginning again in early January. But in the meantime, please be patient and if you're driving through any of the work sites give the contractors a smile and friendly wave.

Embarking on better parking

Do you know it's illegal to park within one metre of a driveway and six metres of an intersection or pedestrian crossing, or that you can be fined for 'inconsiderate parking' if the way you've parked prevents others from safely using the road?

Road Safety Co-ordinator Megan Bell says there's been a surge of complaints from residents and road users about the way people are parking their vehicles in various parts of Tasman.

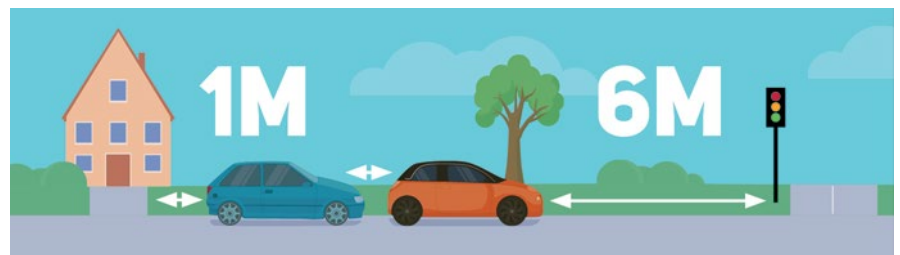
"We don't want to have to install parking restrictions and paint yellow lines everywhere."

Megan says it only takes 10 seconds to have a look at how your car is parked before you leave it there.

- Park at least one metre from a driveway.
- Don't park on a blind curve or corner.
- Park at least six metres from an intersection or pedestrian crossing.

- Do not park too close to other vehicles.
- When using a marked parking space, park in the centre.
- Don't park on the footpath as it causes access issues for pedestrians and mobility scooter users.
- Avoid yellow lines, clearways, bus stops, taxi stands or other restricted parking areas.
- Get as close to the kerb as possible.
- If you feel the road is narrow and a car is already parked on the other side of the road, move your vehicle to a position so other traffic can pass easily.

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Picturing peace draws interest from young artists

By simply putting peace on paper, some of our young artists' colourful efforts have been included in the international children's art competition *Peaceful Towns*.

The *Mayors for Peace* initiative was established in 1982 by the then-Mayor of Hiroshima. Membership has since grown to 8,047 cities in 165 countries, including the Tasman District.

As a member of the global Mayors for Peace group, the call went out earlier in the year from Tasman Mayor Tim King who invited all



schools in the region to help promote peace by entering the global art competition, which aims to provide opportunities for young people to think about the importance of peace and to foster their peace-seeking spirit.

Selected artworks in each age group were chosen by Mayor King with the top five artworks being sent to Japan for final judging.

Tasman Bay Christian School's Eva Murray and Sophia De Vries joined Kihan Greyling and Libby Harrison of Ranzau School in a special afternoon tea with the Mayor to acknowledge their entries. Gracie Quinney from Ranzau School who couldn't make

the afternoon tea, also had one of the winning artworks.

For the young artists, a love of art and support from their teachers motivated them to enter, not to mention a chance to create their vision of "a happy peaceful place" – be it Paris or our own Awaroa Beach.

International competition results will be announced early next year in Japan with the winning artwork being printed on stationery, which Mayors for Peace will use to promote awareness of the importance of peace education. Our local entries will also be displayed at our Richmond service centre.

Get smart at Moturoa / Rabbit Island!

As part of our efforts to improve facilities and connectivity within the community, we have installed a smart bench at Moturoa / Rabbit Island.

This is one of only a few such benches in New Zealand. It uses green technology to provide both free wifi data access and free charging facilities (both wireless and cabled) for everyone to use in a somewhat remote location (where the cycle trail meets the Māpuā Ferry).

The smart bench can also integrate environmental monitoring systems, keeping track of air and

noise pollution levels. With this technology, there is also plenty of scope for future improvements.

The smart bench is produced by a Croatian company called Steora. This technology is in use in around 56 markets and is estimated to be used by over two million people worldwide. Steora aims to provide smart benches for the price of an ordinary bench.





Next steps in the Three Waters Reform programme

You will be aware that Central Government has announced it will be legislating to push through the Three Waters Reform, amalgamating the water services of 67 local councils into four national entities. It will no longer be the Council's responsibility to manage these services.

The Council made detailed submissions to the Government on the proposal. Some matters have been addressed by the Government but there is a lot more work to do. The Government will now establish a working group to refine outstanding elements of the reform.

The Government has also scheduled ongoing communications and engagement, including public submissions and hearings, as part of the legislative process.

The Council wanted to delay the programme as we don't support the proposal in its current form. We will be requesting that those opportunities to submit and be heard are provided to Tasman residents.

The indicative next steps in the process are expected as the following:

- **November:** Representation and accountability working group established.
- **Early December:** Water Services Entities Bill introduced to Parliament.
- **Mid December:** First reading of the Bill and referral to Select Committee: call for submissions.

- **Early 2022:** Public consultation on Water Services Entities Bill through Select Committee process; National Transition Unit engagement with local authorities begins.
- **June 2022:** Report back on Water Services Entities Bill.
- **July 2022:** \$500 million in 'better-off' funding available for councils.
- **July 2024:** Four new entities take responsibility for delivering water services; up to \$2 billion additional funding available for councils.

For more information go to the [Three Waters Reform page at dia.govt.nz](https://dia.govt.nz). To read the feedback that we provided to Central Government, visit tasman.govt.nz/three-waters.

Is your pool ready for summer?

Under the fencing of swimming pool provisions in the Building Act 2004, owners and occupiers of properties with swimming pools are responsible for ensuring that their swimming pool barriers are compliant.

This includes portable or seasonal-type pools which are treated in the same way as permanent residential pools. They must have barriers that restrict unsupervised access by young children if they can hold water to a depth of 400mm or more and have water in them (even if the pool is only partially filled).

We need to ensure all pools in our region are inspected at least once every three years. We've drawn up a brief checklist that owners can use as a guide. While not exhaustive,

the items listed are the most common we find that are not compliant.

- ✓ My pool has a physical barrier that is intact and free from any climbable objects.
- ✓ Any gaps in the pool barrier do not exceed 100mm, including underneath.
- ✓ Where any buildings act as a barrier, windows have restrictors and doors are fixed with self-latching/self-closing devices and/or an alarm.
- ✓ My pool gates open away from the pool, self-close and have a child proof latch.
- ✓ I have a backflow preventer on the tap used for filling the pool.
- ✓ I only have pool-related activities in the pool area (no gardens or storage area).

For more information visit tasman.govt.nz/swimming-pools or phone 03 543 8400 and ask for the Pool Compliance Officer.

Youth councils share their vision of future development

“Dear little me, I’m in Motueka, and its 2050. A lot has changed...”

Ideas for our region’s growth were shared by those who will benefit most in the years ahead, as Youth Council members from around the top of the south took part in workshops on the Nelson Tasman Future Development Strategy (FDS).

Representatives from Nelson and Tasman took part in briefings and workshop events last month, creating a vision to help inform the overarching outcomes and direction of our FDS, alongside feedback from key stakeholders, the community and Councillors.

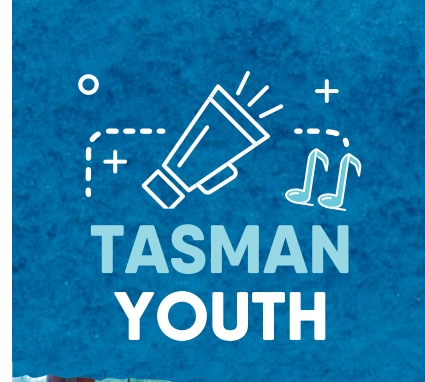
Key themes and feedback that emerged included:

- Importance of public spaces and amenities, particularly for youth
- Public transport, particularly bus services

- Protection of the natural environment
- Sustainability measures including waste reduction, renewable energy, bioproducts
- Density within centres
- Balancing between growth and maintaining the small village feel of townships
- Housing affordability and choice

The workshops included a postcard activity where the youth wrote their future selves a vision of what their town’s development will look like in 30 years’ time.

The FDS is a joint project between Tasman District Council and Nelson City Council. It sets out where and how residential and business growth within Nelson and Tasman will occur over the next 30 years.



Following our online engagement period, which included several webinars, we are now drafting the new FDS which will be publicly notified in April 2022.

More information can be found at tasman.govt.nz/fds, or email us at futuredevelopmentstrategy@tasman.govt.nz.

Responsible dog ownership is your doo-dee when it comes to pet waste

When you have a dog, the proverbial often happens. What matters is what you do about it.

Dog waste may be “natural,” but that doesn’t make it harmless. Dog waste significantly contributes to water pollution which can affect the health of humans and wildlife over time.

Even if your dog isn’t doing its business where it could roll or be washed into a body of water, the waste can still leach into the groundwater supply.

Dog waste also carries bacteria and parasites, which live in the soil long

after the waste itself disintegrates. For these reasons dog faeces should never be left in the open environment where it can be eaten by other dogs or enter waterways.

Dog waste bags are available free of charge at all our Council service centres.

We also provide dog waste bags and bins in most parks and reserves, so there is no reason for you not to clean up after your pet and appropriately dispose of their waste.

Dog waste bags, even those labelled ‘certified commercially compostable’, are not currently accepted by any New Zealand industrial composters



who accept other compostable packaging, so all these bags need to go to landfill.

Try composting your dog’s faeces at home, using a separate system from your garden and kitchen waste compost and applying to flower gardens only. A quick internet search for DIY instructions can be helpful in sourcing a doggy doo composter or big dog poop composter ideas.



SUSTAINABLE TASMAN

Don't let sightings of this turtle slide

If you see a live turtle in a drain, pond or slow-flowing waterway while out and about this summer, your eyes are probably not deceiving you.

Red-eared slider turtles have been sighted in various places around Tasman over the past few years.

This is a concern, as these omnivorous reptiles feed on a wide range of native plants and animals.

They also pose a salmonella risk to humans after being handled.

Red-eared slider turtles are classified as one of the World's Worst Invasive Alien Species by the World Conservation Union's Invasive Species Specialist Group.

Despite being available through the pet trade, the Tasman-Nelson Regional Pest Management Plan lists this turtle as an eradication species in the wild.

Most of these turtles' presence in the wild stems from owners who have dumped their pet when it became too big to house, having reached adulthood. Their well-armoured bodies provide them with excellent protection from other predators and from the prey they stalk and eat.

They live for around 30 years, laying up to four clutches of between four and 15 eggs per season.

Their shell (carapace) is olive to brown with yellow spots and stripes, but the distinctive red stripe behind each eye is their best-identifying feature.

Fully mature adults weigh approximately 1kg, with the average carapace measurement being

15 – 20cm, although some can be up to 40cm in length.

Females may roam for several kilometres across paddocks and through forests from their original water bodies to locate suitable nesting sites.

While they prefer temperatures between 25 – 29°C, they can withstand much colder temperatures. Indications are that summer temperatures in parts of Tasman may be suitably warm enough for successful breeding to occur.

Attempts will be made by our biosecurity staff to re-home any turtle captured by the public in the wild. Please report any sightings of these turtles to us.



Don't waste that waste – share it!

ShareWaste is a free online platform that connects people who wish to recycle their food scraps and other organics with people who are already composting, worm-farming, or keeping farm animals.

It's an effortless way to divert organic material from landfill while also getting to know your neighbours!

There's a growing network of people across Tasman who have listed themselves on ShareWaste. We now have people participating from Upper Tākaka, Upper Moutere, Riwaka, Motueka, Ruby Bay and Richmond.

Anyone can list on ShareWaste as willing to take organics, and you can specify what type of organics you

accept depending on the compost/worm farm/chickens you have.

Mary Duncan from Ruby Bay has joined ShareWaste and says she can't stand the thought of anything biodegradable being chucked into landfill, because our soil needs it!

Mary has had three people drop food waste off to her so far, mostly travellers or people whose own compost bin was full. She is hoping to receive bones that she will put in her small biochar

burner to break down so she can then use the biochar on her garden.

Joining ShareWaste is easy. Go to the website sharewaste.org.nz and create a free account. Use the map view to find someone with compost or farm animals nearby.

Or if you have a compost bin, worm farm, chickens or pigs that could use some organics, go to your profile and add a map listing for your property, it's as simple as that.



Share your feedback on building coastal structures on Council Reserve land

We are seeking feedback on a draft Coastal Erosion Protection Structures on Council Reserve Land policy. This seeks to clarify the landowner approval process and considerations involved when private landowners want to build a coastal protection structure on a Council Reserve.

Coastal erosion and its impact on coastal property owners is an emotive issue. It involves complex and sometimes, competing issues, including the potential erosion threat to people's homes.

This policy differs from the Coastal Management Project undertaken by our Environmental Policy team

which has a broader application and looks at the options for responding to climate change whereas this policy has a specific focus on structures on Council Reserve land.

This policy aims to try and provide greater clarity to applicants, such as Pākawau and Awaroa residents, on how to apply for such a structure to be built but also to provide guidance to the Council on whether to grant approval.

This policy will ensure we consider all relevant matters consistently and transparently and that those seeking approval for such structures are aware of the issues involved and matters that need addressing.

We'd like to have your input so the process provides clear guidance to applicants and identifies any factors we might have missed.

Consultation is open until Friday 26 November. This will be followed by a hearing and decision-making process in December with the aim of making a final decision on the policy in February 2022.

You can read the draft policy and provide feedback on our website or get a copy of the policy and feedback form from any of our service centres and libraries. Visit tasman.govt.nz/feedback.



Tasman District Council's AA/A-1 credit rating affirmed

Standard & Poors Global Ratings has affirmed our current AA long-term and A-1 shorter-term credit rating – noting that “solid financial management, strong liquidity and New Zealand’s excellent institutional settings continue to support its ratings.”

In its annual rating review, it noted both upside and downside risks to the current credit rating, which excluded the potential impact of the Three Waters Reform.

Our long-term rating outlook was affected by cost overruns in the Waimea Community Dam project as well as our elevated capital expenditure programme.

However, the rating acknowledged our expanded infrastructure programme would be partially offset by above-average increases in income from property rates.

The review also acknowledged that our internal policies “had set prudent limits on external borrowing.”

Our annual capital expenditure was expected to decline to \$55–\$60 million after the dam reached completion around the second half of 2022.

The rating came as the first quarterly financial report for the 2021/22 year was presented to the Operations Committee in late October.

For the year to date at the end of September, our controllable deficit (which excludes capital and non-cash items) was \$3.6 million, a favourable variance of \$1.3 million against the budgeted deficit of \$4.9 million. We have a budgeted deficit as we are only part way through transitioning to fully funding the depreciation / wearing out of our assets.

Our gross borrowings are \$212.5 million at the end of September.

External net debt is \$176 million, compared to 30 June 2022 budget of \$217 million.

Our net debt has increased from \$169 million at 30 June 2021, due mainly to the funding of capital expenditure during the first three months of the year.

Tasman Mayor Tim King said confirmation of the current rating, when factored in with the quarterly financial report results, demonstrated we are “in a sound position to manage our finances in what remain challenging times.”

New school layout raising safety levels around Golden Bay intersection

Following a trial layout earlier in the year and further investigation of options to make pedestrians safer and traffic more aware around an intersection near Golden Bay High School, a revised, permanent layout has now been given the go-ahead.

We recently approved the installation of twin zebra crossings on Meihana Street and Rototai Road, a new footpath to connect these two crossings, as well as reopening the slip road linking Commercial Street, which was temporarily closed during the Innovating Streets trial funded by Waka Kotahi.

The trial was prompted by the Golden Bay High School's master planning exercise which identified a lack of safe crossing for pedestrians and inappropriately high vehicle speeds.

A meeting was held with the Golden Bay Community Board to get their ideas and support for the project. The Board supported the trial upgrades and improving pedestrian and cycle linkage to Tākaka Township.

Following public engagement and discussions with Council staff and school representatives, an alternative option to the initial layout was recommended to the Council by the Community Board.

This alternative layout can be easily adapted for future shared path cyclists/scooter riders. The raised nature of the zebra crossings also encourages traffic to maintain a slower speed within the school area.

Transportation Manager Jamie McPherson said the trial layout had offered some useful insights around the value of raised platforms, physical controls on speed, and giving pedestrians priority over cars outside schools which had helped inform the final outcome.

We aim to complete construction of this new layout during the 2021/22 financial year.



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NEWSLINE UPDATES



Waverley Street works continue

We're replacing the water main and some of the connecting pipework along Waverley Street in Richmond. Work has now started between Bell Street and Wensley Road and will continue until late January 2022 with a break over the Christmas period. Waverley Street between Bell Street and Wensley Road is reduced to one lane and vehicles can only travel in one direction (from Wensley Road towards Gladstone Road). Areas of the berm and footpath are also closed off with diversions in place for pedestrians. We thank you for your patience while we get this important upgrade done.

Ensuring new buildings can withstand liquefaction effects

Changes from the November 2019 Building Code Update have revised Acceptable Solution B1/AS1 to ensure new buildings are built safe and strong enough to withstand liquefaction effects.

In November 2019 a change was made to B1/AS1 preventing it from being used on liquefaction prone ground. This change takes effect from 29 November 2021. The change was made as a result of the experience of the Canterbury earthquakes, and subsequent recommendations made by the Royal Commission of Enquiry.

What this means is from 29 November 2021, building consent applications that nominate B1/AS1 as the compliance pathway for foundations will need to include confirmation that the specific ground is not prone to liquefaction.

To aid this change, we are currently working with geologists and geotechnical engineers to develop region-wide liquefaction maps. These maps will show areas where liquefaction damage is 'possible' and 'unlikely'. They will be finalised over the coming months and will then be available on our website.

For the full update visit tasman.govt.nz, search 'building updates'.

Have your say on the future of Moutere-Waimea parks and reserves

We administer 156 parks and reserves in the Moutere-Waimea Ward, ranging from small neighbourhood parks through to sportsgrounds and large, multi-use spaces for playing, picnicking, camping and other leisure activities.

The draft Moutere-Waimea Ward Reserve Management Plan sets out the vision, objectives, policies, implementation and priorities for parks and reserves located within the Moutere-Waimea Ward for the next ten years. It also asks questions about various aspects of our parks and reserves that you can help answer.

View the draft plan online at tasman.govt.nz/feedback and have your say before Friday 17 December.

Motueka wastewater treatment plant over-pumping ends

Good news, the over-pumping from the Motueka wastewater treatment plant to the nearby vegetative area has stopped. This over-pumping led to intermittent seepage of partially treated wastewater into the surrounding estuary and on a couple of occasions after heavy rainfall events between July and September, there was a direct overflow of partially treated wastewater to the wetlands on the beach side of the vegetated area.

Overflow warning signs were put up around Motueka advising of the potential risk of encountering this contaminated water.

These warning signs have now been removed and it is now safe to restart using these areas.

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Riverside Holiday Park lease extension

We are seeking your views on a proposal to grant a longer-term lease to the operators of Murchison's Riverside Holiday Park located on the Recreation Reserve at 19 Riverview Road Murchison.

The current lease still has nine years to run, however we are proposing to grant a new lease for 33 years.

The new lease and its conditions will enable us to earn greater returns on the campground assets. The desired result is improved returns to the ratepayer through the commercial operation on the publicly owned reserve. If the new lease proposal is not successful, the current lease for nine years will continue.

Submissions close 4.00 pm Sunday 12 December 2021.

Full details can be found on our website, tasman.govt.nz/feedback, or for further information email jessica.moore@tasman.govt.nz.

COUNCIL HUI



Under Covid-19 restrictions, meetings will take place in person and via Zoom video conferencing. Public forum presenters are required to present via Zoom. Visit tasman.govt.nz/meetings-calendar for the Zoom link.

Motueka Community Board
Tuesday 16 November, 4.00 pm

Community Grants Subcommittee
Wednesday 17 November, 9.30 am.
No public forum

Submissions Hearing
Wednesday 17 November, 1.00 pm

Audit and Risk Committee
Friday 19 November, 1.30 pm.
No public forum

Full Council
Thursday 25 November, 9.30 am

WHAT'S ON IN TASMAN



Second Hand Sunday

Sunday 14 November, 9.00 am.

Second Hand Sunday is a fun way for Nelson and Tasman residents to declutter and re-home unwanted household goods for free. You can download the list of participants from our website or pick one up from one of our offices from 12.00 pm Friday 12 November. For more information visit tasman.govt.nz/shs.

Older and bolder

**Tuesdays, 1.30 pm onwards,
Murchison Recreation Centre
Function Room.**

Older and bolder is a free group get together. Drinks and snacks are provided. All welcome, but please note that sessions are designed for ages 50+.

Badminton

**Tuesdays, 6.00 pm – 7.00 pm,
Murchison Recreation Centre
Sports Hall.**

\$2 per person. All welcome, however, under 16 years must be accompanied by an adult. No experience necessary, and all equipment is provided.

Ready for Christmas?

Every year we wonder how Christmas crept up on us so quickly. But don't worry, Richmond Library has you covered. Visit Richmond Library's Christmas-themed book display for gift, food, decoration and holiday inspiration. We have all the books you need for a fun, relaxed and creative Christmas celebration.

Leaf of love

Motueka Library will soon be leaving the Pah Road site and creating a new home on Decks Reserve. Farewell the Pah Road library with a special 'leaf of love'. Simply drop by Motueka Library to pick up your take and make kit and write a farewell message to this special building.

Let's get digital

Gain confidence and new skills at one of our free computer workshops at Richmond Library. Learn how to make photobooks for Christmas, get social on Facebook, watch movies and TV shows online and make the most out of Zoom. Contact Richmond Library, 03 543 8500 for more information and to book your spot.

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How Dare You! Student Arts Expo+

Calling all under 18s! The Nelson Tasman Climate Forum wants you to explore the climate crisis through art. Create any form of climate-related art – photography, film, literature, sculpture, poetry or design, and submit it to the Student Arts Expo being held on 11 and 12 December from 10.00 am – 5.00 pm at Founders Heritage Park Energy Centre. The deadline for submitting artwork is Monday 6 December. For more information visit nelsontasmanclimateforum.ning.com.

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