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Progress on projects to safeguard Tasman's special places

As part of creating the Tasman Environment Plan, we are working on a project to identify the District's special places and safeguard them for future generations.

We are doing this by outlining Tasman's outstanding natural landscapes, outstanding natural features, and the coastal environment, and developing rules to help protect them from specific future activities that would impact what makes them so special.

In autumn 2021, we began the process of working with landowners and our communities to make sure that we have the area boundaries in the right place and that future

protective controls on activity are sensitive to aspirations. A summary of the feedback we received is available on our website.

Updated draft maps with boundary changes will be released in the coming months. So far, we have made close to eighty changes to areas covering private land in response to the feedback we received. It's important for landowners to know that before anything is finalised, we will be in touch again on the firmed-up boundaries and proposed policy response for your area.

Environmental Policy Manager Barry Johnson said that when the team met with landowners and stakeholders last year, they talked in depth about what they are doing

on their land and what they might want to do in the future.

"The team heard from the community that there is strong support for tailoring rules to recognise the differences between the identified areas.

"We agree with this approach and will be looking to treat activities differently in different areas," said Barry.

The team are looking forward to continuing their work with landowners and the community on the Landscapes and Coastal Environment Projects this year.

For more information and to sign up to stay informed visit:
environmentplan.tasman.govt.nz/landscapes-and-coastal-environment-projects

MEET YOUR REPRESENTATIVES



Councillor Stuart Bryant – Lakes/Murchison Ward

A very Happy New Year to everyone. I sincerely hope that the holiday period has allowed some time to recharge the batteries as we prepare for whatever 2022 has in store.

From a Council perspective, we have plenty on the boil over the next 12 months.

A number of key decisions will be made that will shape the way our District looks and operates in the future and so I encourage you to join the conversations and provide feedback where you can.

It has already been a busy start to the year with consultations beginning or continuing through the month of January – including the Wastewater Bylaw and our new Walking and Cycling Strategy.

At a higher level, we await the next steps in the Three Waters Reform programme as well as progress on RMA and Local Government reforms.

Finalising the Nelson Tasman Future Development Strategy later in the year will give us a blueprint for where and how we will accommodate residential and business growth within both regions over the next 30 years.

One area I'm particularly keen to engage in relates to conversations with our rural communities around changes to land and water management.

A series of meetings held last year were greatly appreciated by all sides of the discussion. Based on this experience, it was decided that these catch-ups should occur on a more regular basis.

All in all, I'm looking forward to another year of serving the District and seeing some positive outcomes for the community.

Councillor Stuart Bryant
Lakes/Murchison Ward

Gisborne cockroach making itself at home in Tasman

Cockroaches are common household pests in most parts of Aotearoa with over 30 known species present, most of which are native bush varieties that feed on leaf detritus.

In Tasman, one accidentally-introduced species of cockroach that has exploded in numbers in recent years is the Gisborne cockroach.

Native to Australia, where they are known as the "Eastern wood runner" cockroach, these shiny, dark brown cockroaches have a distinctive cream-coloured strip on either side of their thorax.

They were bestowed the name "Gisborne cockroach" in honour of the city where they were first recorded in New Zealand, back in the 1960s. The name has since been applied to the pest upon its discovery in California in 2020.

Gisborne cockroaches prefer to stay outside under bark or woodchips, however they will come inside if it's too wet or too hot.

The wetter than usual weather Tasman has experienced over the past few months may explain their heightened presence in your home.

While cockroaches are only a low-level health risk, some introduced species, such as German and American cockroaches, thrive in unhealthy environments and can transmit a number of diseases, such as dysentery, salmonella and diarrhoea.

If cockroaches contaminate your food or the surfaces you use, you

could become sick. Fortunately, the Gisborne cockroach does not spread disease.

A range of surface contact sprays containing the active ingredient Bifenthrin will provide good control of cockroaches (and ants) and can be purchased through most hardware stores.



Dam to reach new heights

The construction of the Waimea Community Dam is entering a new phase with the slip-forming of the upstream concrete face now underway which will lead to building the 4.4 metre parapet on top of the embankment.

This will then be backfilled and the dam will reach its final 55 metre height.

Waimea Water Chief Executive Mike Scott says last year was a challenge with the project impacted by Covid-19 and the difficult geology in some places on the site.

“I am proud of the work of the team to finish the embankment – it is an important milestone and was a great way to end the year.”



Input is sought on a new Tasman Wastewater Bylaw

It is essential that we can manage and control the type and volume of discharges to our wastewater system. The unpredictable nature of trade waste can have a significant impact on the operation of the system and treatment processes.

A wastewater bylaw sets out the trade waste registration/permit application process and establishes the statutory authority for the recovery of fees and charges.

The bylaw also sets out the requirements around wastewater system infrastructure that applies to all wastewater connections.

In reviewing the previous bylaw, our

staff have addressed issues associated with the management of trade waste and wastewater that have arisen since the last review in 2015.

These include providing further guidance on what discharges are permitted or require a permit.

It ensures it matches the regulations of Nelson City Council and the Nelson Regional Sewerage Business

Unit and it provides further guidance on pressure sewer systems and swimming pool discharges.

The draft Wastewater Bylaw is open for feedback until Monday 7 March 2022.

Copies are available at all our service centres and libraries and on our website: tasman.govt.nz/feedback.



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The recycling cycle

One of the questions we're most frequently asked, particularly since the changes to recycling for plastics 1, 2 and 5, is: Where does our kerbside recycling go?

Here's a snapshot of what happens to Tasman's kerbside recycling:

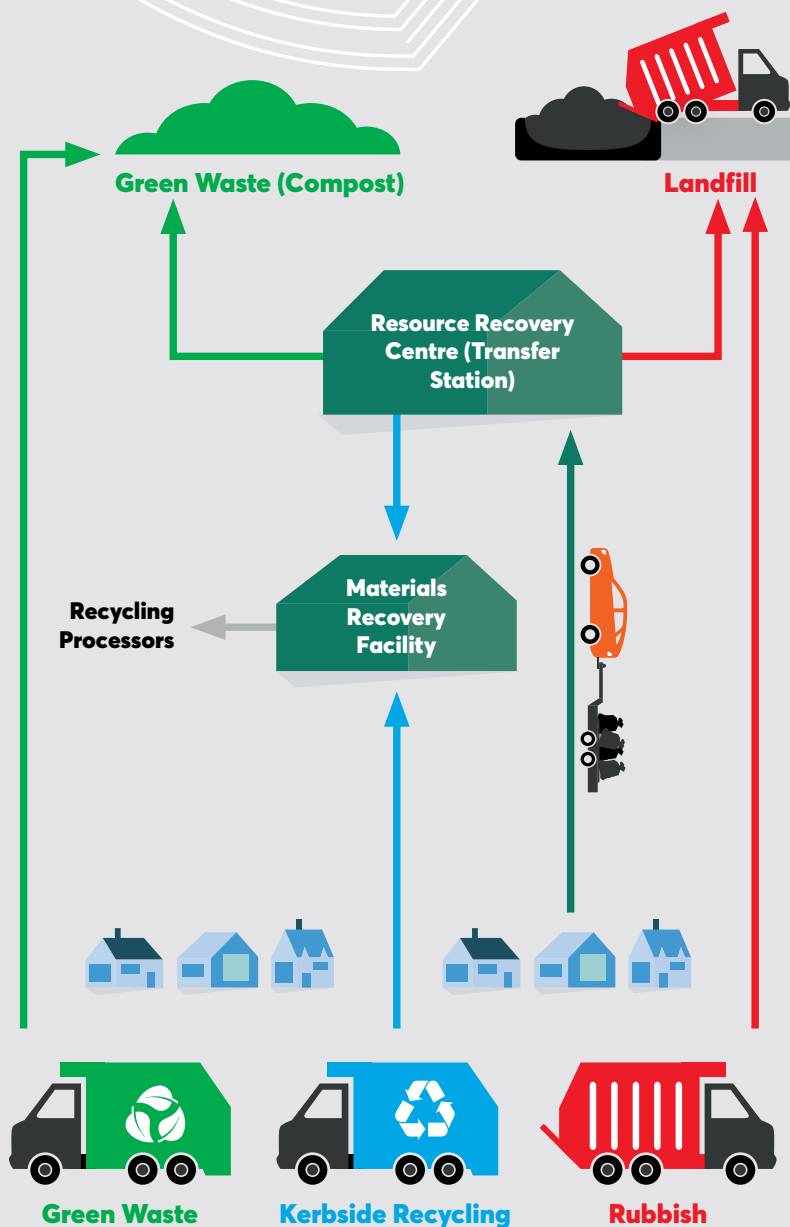
- Glass goes to Auckland for reprocessing into glass bottles
- Plastics usually go to: Transparent plastic 1 to Wellington for reprocessing into food containers with Plastics 2 and 5 (milk bottles, janitorial bottles and some food containers) going to Christchurch for reprocessing into base material for reuse into new products.
- Mixed paper and cardboard and baled tins/aluminium cans are usually processed offshore.

The Government is currently consulting on new strategies and legislation to improve our capacity to process more of these materials in Aotearoa.

Meanwhile, because Tasman residents do an excellent job of sorting and rinsing their recycling, if anything does have to go overseas, we are confident it will be properly recycled.

As you can see, there's a lot more that goes into managing waste. Understanding how it works is particularly useful when thinking about how to reduce or avoid it.

What happens to our waste?



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What's in our waste?

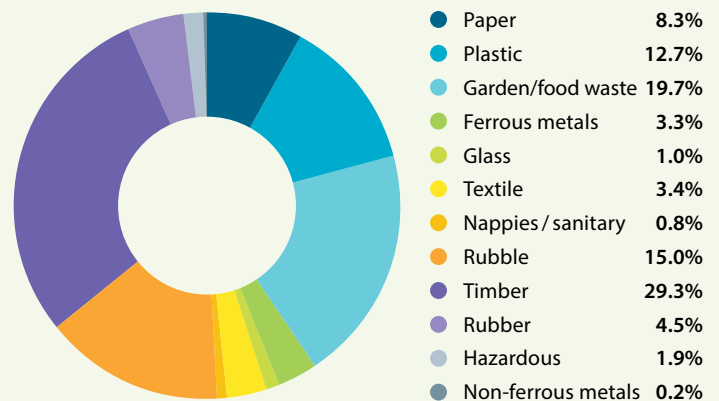
Have you ever wondered what goes into our landfill? What do we throw out and how much is discarded?

In Tasman, 679 kilos of waste per person per year goes into landfill. While that's less than the national average it's still a substantial quantity. Household and business waste is collected by waste collectors and goes to our resource recovery centres and then to the York Valley landfill.

Every now and then, the York Valley landfill team takes a snapshot of what goes into our landfill. This involves a team of people opening sample rubbish bags and containers as they come through the gate, using a system called a SWAP (Solid Waste Analysis Protocol). This protocol is used in landfills across the country to ensure everyone is measuring in the same way.

The most recent SWAP was carried out over a week in November 2020. Here's what it tells us.

Composition of total waste received at York Valley Landfill by primary classification



New development on Tasman's Great Taste Trail in Motueka Valley

We are working with the Nelson Tasman Cycle Trails Trust on some exciting new developments on the Motueka Valley section of Tasman's Great Taste Trail.

Within the next few months, we will complete a new cycle and walking bridge slightly upstream of the existing Baton Ford.

Currently, the trail is largely off-road from Nelson to Tapawera, however it continues on a moderately busy road from Tapawera to Woodstock over Stanley Brook Hill, before crossing over to Motueka River West Bank Road.

This was never a safe nor viable route in the long term, and with numerous other options investigated it was decided that the best future route is over the Baton Saddle.

The construction of the trail is jointly funded by Tasman District Council and Central Government. We have contracted the Nelson Tasman Cycle

Trails Trust to do the investigation and construction.

Features of the new route include:

- The new bridge will be only for cyclists and pedestrians (weight and design criteria do not allow other users). The Baton Ford and the road to it will still be available to all other current users.
- A toilet will be built on land on the northern side of the bridge.
- Cycle warning signs and 'share the road' signs will be installed along the route.

Thanks to a co-operative landowner, a section of the trail where the route turns up the Wangapeka Valley, is proposed to be off-road.

At this stage, final decisions on the route down river from Woodstock have not been made but could involve an upgrade of the Pokororo Swing Bridge.



Share your thoughts with the Nelson Tasman Regional Skills Leadership Group

Tasked with identifying and supporting improved ways to meet future skills and workforce needs for the Nelson Tasman region, the Nelson Tasman Regional Skills Leadership Group is seeking feedback on proposed focus areas for their Regional Workforce Plan.

With the vision of the first iteration of the Regional Workforce Plan being, 'our resilient economy and productive businesses enable all people and communities to thrive throughout their lives', the proposed focus areas are:

- Opportunities
 - » Construction
 - » Ocean economy
 - » Māori economy
 - » Food and beverage
- People
 - » Older workers
 - » Rangatahi
 - » Māori workforce
- Education and training

As valued members of the Tasman community, you can tell us:

- Have we identified the key regional sectors?

- What jobs and skills will be needed in the future to support these sectors?
- What key actions should happen and who should lead them?

Your feedback is valued – to let us know what you think please email nelsontasmanrslg@mbie.govt.nz.

For more information on the Nelson Tasman Regional Skills Leadership Group visit their website, mbie.govt.nz/ntrslg.



Covid restrictions in Tasman

Get the latest information about Council services and facilities under the Covid-19 Protection Framework (traffic light system) on our website, tasman.govt.nz.

Find what you're looking for with FOUND

Have you heard of the FOUND Directory?

The FOUND directory has listings of community groups and organisations, so if you're looking for culture, art, sport, recreation, education or welfare, you'll find it on FOUND.

Check it out here: found.org.nz.



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NEWSLINE UPDATES



Maritime events

The Harbourmaster has (or may soon) grant authorisation for these events under the provisions of the Navigation Safety Bylaw 2015.

Event activity: Lakes Jet Boat Rally

Date and location: Saturday 22 January 2022, Lake Rotoiti

Event activity: Surf Ski Event

Date and location: Sunday 23 January 2022, Port Motueka

Event activity: Waka Ama Event

Date and location: Friday 11 and Saturday 12 February 2022, Lake Rotoiti

Further details and any new events may be viewed at tasman.govt.nz/maritime-events.

Keep up with what's happening in Tasman

We're using a free mobile app called Antenno to send you alerts and notifications about places and topics you care about, like reminders about recycling or road closures.

There are two ways you can use Antenno: receive notifications from us about the places you have marked as important to you, or report issues and give us feedback.

Antenno lets you choose the places you want to be alerted about, so you're not being alerted about things that don't affect you. You can set multiple places to get notified about, such as your home, work or school.

You can also engage with us easier and get involved in your community by reporting issues and providing feedback through Antenno. Seen some graffiti, found a pothole, or have a new idea? Simply open Antenno, go to 'your reports' and add a report to tell us about it.

Antenno is simple and easy to use and no personal information or log on details are required. Download it for free from your app store.

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 and for the full schedule of upcoming meetings.

Submissions Hearing (Easter Sunday Trading Golden Bay)
Wednesday 26 January, 11.00 am.

Publicly notified resource consent application

Proposal to extract gravel at Peach Island, Motueka

CJ Industries Limited has applied to Tasman District Council for resource consents to extract gravel at 134 Peach Island Road. The proposed extraction is on the berm of the Motueka River and on the landward side of the stopbank at Peach Island.

Proposed access to the site is by 493 Motueka River West Bank Road, and then by unformed legal road. Trucks would take extracted material to the existing processing site at Hau Road, Motueka for screening and processing. The transport route is west along Motueka River West Bank Road, over the bridge at Alexander Bluff Road and then onto Motueka Valley Highway.

The land is zoned Rural 1 and in the Land Disturbance Area 1 under the Tasman Resource Management Plan.

This application is 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 'CJ Industries'.

Any person may make a submission on the applications under section 96 of the Resource Management Act 1991. You will find submission forms on our website and at our offices. Details of how to lodge a submission are also on our website.

Submissions close at 5.00 pm on Tuesday 8 February 2022.

KEEP UP TO DATE: [TASMAN.GOV.T.NZ](https://tasman.govt.nz)

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

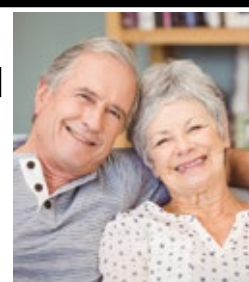
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Summer Movies al Fresco

Friday 21 January, 9.00 pm,
Tapawera Recreation Reserve –
Willy Wonka and the Chocolate
Factory.

Sunday 23 January, 9.00 pm,
Washbourn Gardens,
Richmond – The Parent Trap.

A great collection of movies screened in parks across the region. Pack a picnic and gather the whole whānau – movies start at dusk. If it looks like rain, please text 'is it on?' to 021 776 623 after 7.30 pm on the night. We ask that you stay in your bubble at the movie with one metre spacing from other bubbles. \$2 adult, \$1 child.

Lunchtime Concerts on Sundial

Every Friday from 21 January to 11 February, 12.00 pm,
Sundial Square, Richmond.

Grab your lunch and enjoy performances from around the world over five Fridays this summer. Free! For event updates visit tasman.govt.nz/events.

Amazing Race

Tuesday 25 January, 10.00 am – 12.00 pm, Washbourn Gardens, Richmond.

Weave your way through nature as you complete challenges to make it to the end. This event can be done as an individual, with friends or as a family. Meet by the stage area. For event updates visit facebook.com/ParksProgramme.



Summer Hang-Out in Tapawera

Thursday 27 January, 4.00 pm – 6.00 pm, Tapawera Playground.

A fun-filled day for the entire family with free, exciting activities by the skatepark: ultimate frisbee, fitness, skateboard coaching, a BBQ and more. For event updates visit tasman.govt.nz/events.

Karaka berries are poisonous to dogs

You may have noticed a proliferation of dark green berries on karaka trees in coastal areas of Tasman recently.

The karaka tree is native to Aotearoa and can grow up to 15 metres high. It has thick dark leaves. The fruit ranges in size from 2.5 to 4 centimetres long and ripens from dark green to bright orange, and then falls to the ground.

At this time of year, the berries are abundant and trees are found in many public places around the District, particularly in areas adjacent to the coast but there are also many to be found in private gardens too.

Dog owners should be aware that the berries are highly toxic, and consumption of them by their pets can be fatal.

Though risk is minimised while the unripe berries are still on the tree, people should keep an eye on their pets and if you suspect your dog has eaten karaka berries, contact a vet immediately.



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