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Help create a vision for Motueka's urban catchment

We need to consolidate our knowledge of the Motueka urban catchment and stormwater networks to identify issues and set out a series of actions to help us achieve solutions for the future.

To do this we are bringing together stormwater and flood information, environmental data, and combining it with social and cultural information to provide a whole-of-catchment overview.

We want the outcome to be:

1. Healthy streams and aquatic habitats.

2. Less contamination.
3. Reduced flooding.
4. Empowering development enabling water sensitive growth.
5. Providing an integrated vision.

While we can start to make some improvements in the short term, others might take longer because they require more preparation and funding that need to be approved through our Long Term Plan.

It's difficult to put an absolute timeframe on achieving aspects of our vision because they depend on multiple factors, so we need to set realistic interim targets to achieve in the short and medium term.

A comprehensive interactive version of the plan is available on our website, and we need your input to help us set the direction on how we will manage stormwater in Motueka over the coming years.

We are holding an online Zoom Webinar on Wednesday 2 March, 5.00 pm – 6.00 pm.

We are seeking feedback from Thursday 3 February – Friday 4 March. You can find out more information, get the Zoom link and have your say on our website, tasman.govt.nz/feedback.

MEET YOUR REPRESENTATIVES

Councillor Christeen Mackenzie – Moutere-Waimea Ward

As I write this column, we know that Omicron has made it into the Tasman District. Once again this will impact many across our District, particularly those that are vulnerable. I am also mindful of the additional requirements on businesses and those reliant on tourism. Stay safe and look after one another Tasman.



This month I am looking forward to chairing the Hearing Panel considering the submissions on the draft Moutere-Waimea Ward Reserve Management Plan. The 140 land areas covered by the plan are so important for the protection of biodiversity, provision of facilities for communities and general recreational use. This plan will set the direction of these areas for the next 10 years.

In the next few months, we will also be working on the Future Development Strategy which is a joint strategy between Tasman District Council and Nelson City Council. I encourage you to get involved as there are important decisions to be made. Councils need to consider the retention of productive land and at the same time ensure that there are sufficient areas for future expansion based on population growth models.

The trade-off between the two competing objectives will not satisfy everyone but will need to be made.

Travelling around the region over summer is a good reminder of the beauty of the Tasman District and what it has to offer, and I look forward to contributing in my role as Councillor to protect and enhance the District.

**Councillor Christeen Mackenzie
Moutere-Waimea Ward**

Tasman District Council requires full vaccination of staff

Following the move to the Red traffic light setting on the Covid Protection Framework, Tasman District Council has advised staff that all roles must be fully vaccinated by 25 March 2022.

Chief executive Janine Dowding said the Council's Covid Vaccination Policy, which was finalised in December 2021, had signalled that a move to Red on the Covid Protection Framework envisaged a requirement for all Council roles to be fully vaccinated.

"As a Council we have an obligation under the Health and Safety at Work Act 2012 to provide a work environment that limits risks to health and safety, so far as is reasonably practicable.

"This also enables us to still deliver essential services when the community needs that security most.

"While we hoped at the time that we might not need to activate the requirement, the emergence of the highly-transmissible Omicron variant of Covid-19 in our region has elevated the risk to our staff and community."

While exact numbers could not be determined at this stage, Janine was confident that a large majority of staff were already fully vaccinated.

She said overall service levels are expected to be largely unaffected by the vaccination requirement.

All Council meetings, hearings and consultations will be conducted online while Tasman remains at Red.

Customer service offices in Richmond, Motueka and Tākaka remain open with no My Vaccine Pass needed for entry.

However, visitors to Tasman District Libraries require a My Vaccine Pass for entry. This includes all areas of the combined Council office/library facility in Murchison. Library staff are able to provide alternative services for unvaccinated members.

For a full list of Council facilities and services affected by the Covid Protection Framework, visit our website tasman.govt.nz.

This is correct at the time Newsline went to print, however due to the rapidly changing environment, things may change if the Covid Protection Framework changes, so please refer to our website for the latest information.



TELL US HOW YOU'D LIKE IT

COUNCIL NEWS AND INFORMATION



We're always looking for ways to improve our communication channels. Help us by filling in this survey and you'll go in the draw to win one of five \$50 Prezzy Cards.

Return your completed survey to any Council service centre or library, or pop it in the post addressed to: Communication channels survey 2022, Tasman District Council, Freepost 172255, Private Bag 4, Richmond 7050. You can also complete it online at tasman.govt.nz/feedback.

The survey closes on 28 February 2022. If you'd like to go in the prize draw, please provide your name and email address and/or phone number. This survey is for residents of Tasman District only.

ABOUT YOU

1. Where do you live?

- Golden Bay
- Kaiteriteri / Mārahau
- Māpua / Ruby Bay / Tasman
- Motueka / Riwaka
- Motueka Valley / Moutere
- Nelson Lakes / Murchison
- Richmond
- Tapawera
- Wakefield / Brightwater
- Outside of Tasman District (eg. Nelson)
- Other, please specify:

2. How old are you?

- Younger than 20
- 21 – 30
- 31 – 40
- 41 – 50
- 51 – 60
- 61 – 70
- 71 – 80
- 81 – plus

3. How long have you lived in Tasman District?

- Less than a year
- 1 – 3 years
- 4 – 10 years
- More than 10 years

GETTING/READING NEWSLINE

4. Do you receive a copy of Newsline in your letterbox every fortnight?

- Yes
- No

5. How regularly do you read Newsline?

- Always
- Most of the time
- Often
- Occasionally
- Rarely
- Never

6. Why do you read/not read Newsline?

7. How often would you like to see / read Newsline?

- More often (eg. Weekly)
- The same (fortnightly)
- Less often (eg. monthly)

DIGITAL NEWSLINE

You can now get a digital version of Newsline emailed to you.

8. Did you know you can now get Newsline via email?

- Yes
- No

9. Do you get Newsline emailed to you?

- Yes
- No

10. Would you prefer to receive a printed copy or online copy of Newsline?

- Printed
- Online
- I'm happy with either

NEWSLINE CONTENT

11. Which information do you find useful in Newsline? Tick as many as you like.

- Meet Your Representative column
- What's on in Tasman (events)
- Newsline Updates
- Council Hui (meetings)
- Water Matters column
- Sustainable Tasman column
- Youth Tasman column
- Awesome Tasman column
- Other, please specify:

12. Which information do you find not so useful in Newsline?

- Meet Your Representative column
- What's on in Tasman (events)
- Newsline Updates
- Council Hui (meetings)
- Water Matters column
- Sustainable Tasman column
- Youth Tasman column
- Awesome Tasman column
- Other, please specify:

13. What would you like to see more of in Newsline?

14. What would you like to see less of in Newsline?

15. Is Newsline missing anything?



16. Are there any changes we could make to the design of Newline to make it easier for you to read (eg. print size, colour, layout etc)?

- No
- Yes, please specify:

OTHER CHANNELS

17. What are your other sources of information from Tasman District Council? Tick all that apply.

- Newline only
- Website
- Social media
- Antenno app
- Radio
- Advertising in traditional newspapers (eg. Waimea Weekly, Motueka Guardian and Golden Bay Weekly)
- Mainstream news websites (eg. Stuff)
- Other, please specify:

18. How do you prefer to receive news and information from Tasman District Council? Rank in order 1–6/7.

- Newline
- Website
- Social media
- Antenno app
- Radio
- Advertising in traditional newspapers (eg. Waimea Weekly, Motueka Guardian and Golden Bay Weekly)
- Other, please specify:

SOCIAL MEDIA

We use different social media platforms to provide you with news and updates.

19. Do you follow us on any social media platforms? Tick all that apply.

- Facebook
- Twitter
- Instagram
- LinkedIn
- YouTube
- None

20. If you follow us on social media, what do you like/not like about our social media content?

21. What social media platforms do you regularly use? Tick all that apply.

- Facebook
- Twitter
- Instagram
- LinkedIn
- YouTube
- Snapchat
- TikTok
- WhatsApp
- None
- Other, please specify:

22. What social media platforms would you like to see Council news on? Tick all that apply.

- Facebook
- Twitter
- Instagram
- LinkedIn
- YouTube
- Snapchat
- TikTok
- WhatsApp
- None
- Other, please specify:

ANTENNO

Antenno is a free mobile app the Council use to send you notifications about places important to you.

23. Do you use Antenno?

- Yes
- No

24. If not, why not?

25. If so, what do you like/not like about Antenno?

NEWSPAPERS

We publish an Updates section in the Waimea Weekly, Motueka Guardian and Golden Bay Weekly every fortnight.

26. Do you read the local newspaper (eg. Waimea Weekly, Motueka Guardian or Golden Bay Weekly)?

- Yes
- No

27. If so, do you read our Updates section printed in the Waimea Weekly, Motueka Guardian and Golden Bay Weekly?

- Yes
- No

28. If not, why not?

29. If so, what do you like/not like about them?

FINAL THOUGHTS

30. Any other comments or feedback about our communication channels?

PRIZE DRAW

Please provide a contact name and email address or phone number if you'd like to enter the draw for one of five \$50 Prezzy Cards.

Name: _____

Email: _____

Phone: _____

Tasman received into Welcoming Communities fold

New arrivals to our region will soon have some extra support to settle in with Tasman District Council joining Hastings District Council and Nelson City Council as the newest additions to Immigration New Zealand's Welcoming Communities programme.

Welcoming Communities aims to help attract, support and retain skilled people, and grow social inclusion through welcoming and inclusive activities as well as fostering trust so that newcomers feel confident to raise unfair or biased behaviour, pressure or exploitation.

Eighteen councils and their associated regions are now involved with the programme across Aotearoa.

We will now be developing a plan to become an accredited Welcoming Community.

Tasman has secured funding from Immigration NZ of \$50,000 per year

for 2022, 2023 and 2024, to help fund a Welcoming Communities coordinator in our region. The coordinator will start their role in the coming months.

Nelson City and Tasman District Councils officially announced their membership at an event held at Victory Community Centre on 25 January.

Tasman Mayor Tim King says our involvement helps our community offer the necessary support for those new arrivals looking to find their way in a new cultural environment.

"A diverse range of nationalities call our region home, and we benefit in



so many ways from the contribution these new Kiwis bring to the community – in a practical sense through the skills they bring to the workforce or by adding their unique cultural perspectives to the New Zealand way of life".



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WATER MATTERS

More project milestones in the pipeline following Thorp Street completion

We are pleased to announce the successful completion of Motueka's Thorp Street Watermain Replacement Project in December.

This is one of the Three Waters infrastructure investment projects funded by the Department of Internal Affairs (DIA) and monitored by Crown Infrastructure Partners under the Government Stimulus Funding Programme.

The total project cost is \$2.18 million, and both the Council and DIA have contributed towards the upgrade.

The previous pipeline often burst, resulting in the disruption of water supply to customers and increased maintenance costs of both the water utility and roading networks.

Replacement of the existing assets with better quality materials will provide an improved level of service by reducing pipeline breaks and associated repair costs.

The main aspects of this project include installing PVC watermains, PE rider mains, lateral connections, associated valves and hydrants in Thorp Street, to the required quality standards for public drinking water supply and firefighting.

The project began in May 2021 and was carried out in five stages between the Fearon Street and Old Wharf Road intersections with Thorp Street.

The Thorp Street project has meant some disruption to traffic while work was carried out. We appreciate the

understanding and co-operation of motorists and residents over this time.

Another one of our projects funded under the programme – the Pomona Road Reservoir, near Māpua, was also completed in late-2021 and will soon be commissioned.

Work on upgrades to the Dovedale Source and Water Treatment Plant and Pōhara's Water Treatment Plant are also progressing well and are expected to be finished by June this year.



Does your pool measure up?

The Government requires all swimming pools in the country to meet certain criteria and to be registered with their local council.

To help Tasman residents ensure they meet the requirements, we're offering a six-month amnesty for people to contact us and register their pool so we can check that it complies.

We have hundreds of pools on our register but also know there are many more out there that aren't on the books.

The pool rules are covered under the Building Act and all swimming pools in New Zealand which are 400mm or deeper must have a barrier restricting access to children under five years old.

Under the same Act, councils are required to inspect all pools in their area to ensure the rules are followed.

If you've bought a new pool recently, check the packaging because it will also offer guidelines about meeting the government rules.

But if you're not sure whether your pool needs to be registered or where it sits under the legislation please

give our Pool Compliance Team a call, they're happy to answer any queries – 03 543 8400.

Alternatively, go to our website tasman.govt.nz/swimming-pools and work through our pool checklist and register it with us.



Flash new flush loo for Torrent Bay



Trampers, boaties, day visitors and locals in the Abel Tasman National Park settlement of Torrent Bay now have full use of some of the most sophisticated off-grid toilet facilities available.

In early 2019, property owners raised concerns about odours from the existing old non-flush style public toilets becoming unsuitable.

We engaged Richmond based pumping and technology company Allflow to design, supply and oversee the installation of a solar powered wastewater treatment system complete with new fully functional flushing toilets.

It was a challenging task because of environmental considerations and the lack of an electricity supply.

Nelmac was contracted to install the solar equipment and the buildings.

The project includes a toilet block containing two flush toilets and a building to house the wastewater treatment controller and the solar converter with back-up power battery bank.

The wastewater treatment system is designed to treat up to 2,500 litres a day and is completely self-sufficient with the solar panels directly powering the treatment blowers and pump, along with back-up battery storage.

This innovative treatment technology results in water being treated to an extremely high quality.

Alliance Plumbing from Golden Bay installed the wastewater treatment system, and despite the pouring rain in early December, completed this within four days.

The construction phase required careful planning with special attention paid to the small site. There was an added complication that all equipment had to be barged in which meant tides and weather were also major factors in the project.

However, a major team effort meant the installation went flawlessly with the entire system fully operational just before Christmas.

Funding assistance for the toilets included \$320,000 from the Government's Tourism Infrastructure Fund.

Waimea Plains residents updated on nitrate levels

To keep residents informed on groundwater nitrates in the Waimea Plains, we recently sent letters to property owners in a targeted area reminding them that elevated levels are still present.

Waimea Plains residents receive their household water from various sources. We are responsible for ensuring public reticulated water supplies are safe, secure and meet the national standards for drinking water – this means keeping nitrates below 11.3mg/L. All our Waimea Plains water supplies are below half this level.

However, owners of private water supplies are responsible for the safety of the drinking water they provide to their own or other properties.

Historical monitoring of water taken from bores across the Waimea Plains has long shown elevated levels of nitrate-nitrogen, especially in the Ranzau, Blackbyre and Bartlett Road areas.

Staff have just completed wide-scale testing of the aquifers which revealed nitrate levels remain elevated in some areas, particularly in the Eastern Waimea Plains.

Therefore, anyone using a private bore or well for drinking water needs to be aware of the situation so they can make informed decisions and if necessary consider having their water tested.

The Ministry of Health website provides information on how to get your drinking water tested for nitrates, ensuring your bore or well is secure, and information on water supply treatment options.

We have been carrying out our five-yearly synoptic testing, a general sampling survey to check groundwater nitrate levels. We will release the results of this study when they become available in the next few months. Residents who took part should have received a letter with a copy of their results.

Read more about nitrates and what is being done to manage them on our website, tasman.govt.nz/nitrate.

We can help with any questions about your drinking water bore or supply, or about the monitoring of our groundwater or farm practices. Call us on 03 543 8400.



SUSTAINABLE TASMAN

Walking and Cycling webinars Zoom ahead

Our draft Walking and Cycling Strategy aims to improve key issues in every town across Tasman District, and we want you to talk to us about it.

It focuses on safety, accessibility, liveability, climate change and traffic congestion.

The strategy suggests changes to parking, alterations to speed limits, the installation of cycle lanes and paths, and the development of slow speed neighbourhoods.

Find out more on our website or pick up a copy of the draft strategy from your nearest service centre or library then check out one of our online Zoom webinars before you make a submission.

We'll be running several online Zoom webinars over the next month – details will be in the next issue of Newsline.

We are seeking feedback until 7 March 2022. Find more information and have your say at tasman.govt.nz/feedback.



Be on the look out for eye-catching lizard pest

Finding skinks in the garden should usually come as no surprise. However, there's one species that we're very interested in hearing about.

The plague skink (*Lampropholis delicata*), sometimes known as rainbow skink, is a small lizard introduced to New Zealand from Australia.

First recorded in Auckland during the 1960s, probably arriving accidentally in cargo, they have steadily expanded their range through the North Island.

More recently, they have also been discovered in Marlborough. We believe this skink is probably already present somewhere in Nelson Tasman, but because they look so similar to

our common native skink, they may not have been reported to us.

Plague skinks can reach high population densities in a relatively short time, threatening our declining native lizard populations by competing for food, habitat and space.

Measuring about 3–4 cm long excluding the long thin tail, plague skinks prefer moist areas and are commonly found under vegetation, litter, rocks and logs. They also thrive in urban areas, gardens, commercial areas, industrial sites, garden centres, and waste ground.

The skink is brown or grey-brown with a dark brown stripe down each side, and an iridescent rainbow or metallic sheen when seen in bright light. They can easily be

distinguished by one large scale on the top of their head, whereas New Zealand native skinks have two smaller scales.

If you see one anywhere in Tasman, call the 24-hour DOC hotline 0800 DOC HOT (0800 362 468) or MPI Biosecurity 0800 809 966 immediately. If possible, take a photo to help with identification.



Making it easier to keep electronics out of landfill

Electronic and electrical waste, or 'e-waste' is any item containing circuitry or electrical components with either power or battery supply that is no longer required.

It covers a multitude of devices ranging from computers and mobile phones to home entertainment systems.

But what do we do when they breakdown and can't be repaired or are simply no longer needed?

The rubbish bin and landfill aren't the answer. It's time to recycle.

Electronics often contain metals like copper, which is far too precious to be dumped in our landfills. These items can be recovered and reused.

Another positive outcome from recycling electronics is it helps keep toxic materials like lead and other heavy metals out of our landfills.

Organisations like Weka Peckers Recycling and the Nelson Environment Centre have dedicated e-waste processing facilities that repair and reuse e-waste. But if repairs aren't practical, the components can be recycled. These components are then used as raw materials for manufacturing in Aotearoa and around the world.

E-waste recyclers must charge to cover the costs of providing this service. But to reduce the burden on our residents we provide a \$20 subsidy to people living in Tasman.

The subsidy can be claimed once a year by Tasman residents who take their e-waste to Weka Peckers Recycling, 97 Robinson Road, Lower Moutere or the Nelson Environment Centre, 6 Vivian Place, Annesbrook.

By recycling e-waste you're keeping useful resources out of landfill and giving them the chance to be reused. It's a win-win!

Find more information about e-waste recycling on our website, tasman.govt.nz/rubbish-and-recycling.



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\$100,000 for Covid affected community groups in Tasman

We've created a new way to assist local groups who have been financially impacted by Covid-19, thanks to a surplus in our Community Grants Fund.

Community Partnerships Coordinator Lani Evans says the pandemic has affected us all in many ways. Individuals, businesses and community groups alike have all felt its impact.

She says the Council was in the fortunate position of having a surplus in the grants fund that can be used to directly assist community organisations in Tasman who have suffered a monetary loss due to Covid-19.

"Funding is also available for groups who assist vulnerable people and have needed to increase their service because of Covid-19."

Applicants must be not for profit, charity or voluntary organisations who work across our District.

Lani says it is intended that grants will assist in covering the costs of things like salaries, wages, and volunteer expenses.

"Costs that are essential to service delivery, administration and office expenses can also be covered, as well as accommodation expenses, including rent, leases, maintenance, insurances and utilities."



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Requests for assistance will need to be made via the official application form on our website and are open year-round. A typical allocation for each group is expected to be around \$5,000.

Applications are now open. Full details about criteria and eligibility can be found on our website, tasman.govt.nz/grants.

Join your local youth council

The Tasman Youth Council is looking for new members for 2022. This is an excellent opportunity for young people who are passionate about their local community and want to make a positive difference in our region.

The role is also a great opportunity for anyone who is interested in politics and wants to learn how decisions are made and what role the community plays in these decisions.

Youth Councillors participate in conferences and hui, as well as organise projects that are important for young people. They advocate for youth issues and ideas and support infrastructure projects such as skate parks, street art, reserves, youth hubs and more.

Anyone between 12 and 24 years old living in Tasman is welcome to join. There are four Youth Councils around the District – Golden Bay, Motueka, Murchison and Waimea.

Sign up online at
tasmanyouthhub.co.nz/join.



**TASMAN
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Top of the South Youth Council meeting

NEWSLINE UPDATES



KEEPING YOU INFORMED ABOUT NEWS AND EVENTS IN THE TASMAN DISTRICT • 4 FEBRUARY 2022

Look out for water restrictions

Dry conditions caused by high temperatures and steady wind mean some parts of the District are already facing water restrictions. Please check our website and the radio for updates on the current water restrictions in place.

Even if restrictions aren't in place for you now, we all need to conserve water as much as possible as restrictions will likely be around for the next few months. There's lots you can do at home and at work to reduce your water use. Check out our top tips at tasman.govt.nz/water-saving-tips and remember, every drop counts!

WATER SAVING TIP

KEEP SHOWERS
SHORT
TRY USING A TIMER



Decisions on amendments

Council has made decisions on Change 74 – Special Housing Areas. All information can be found at tasman.govt.nz under My Council / News and Notices.

**KEEP UP TO DATE:
TASMAN.GOV.T.NZ**

Holiday hours and services

For urgent or emergency issues you can contact us 24 hours a day on 03 543 8400, or via your local service centre number.

Office and library hours: All service centres and libraries will be closed on Waitangi Day, Sunday 6 February and Monday 7 February (Mondayised). Usual opening hours apply otherwise.

Rubbish and recycling: There are no changes to the rubbish and recycling collections on Waitangi Day. All our Resource Recovery Centres will be open as normal.

Bus service update: The Richmond Loop service does not operate on public holidays. Visit nbus.co.nz for updates on other services.

Photos wanted for Earth Emotions exhibition

The Nelson Tasman Climate Forum is looking for input for a new photographic exhibition.

The Earth Emotions Exhibition is open to all Te Tau Ihu/Top of the South residents over 13 years old, regardless of level of photography experience.

It's free to enter and people can submit up to six photos which can be realistic, conceptual or abstract.

Themes for the exhibition include:

- Experiences and emotions
- Action and response
- Future visions

The deadline for images is 15 February. The exhibition will be presented online on the Nelson Tasman Climate Forum website, with pop-up versions projected at locations around Nelson Tasman in April 2022. You can find full details here: nelsontasmanclimateforum.ning.com.

COUNCIL HUI



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

Golden Bay Community Board
Tuesday 8 February, 9.30 am.

Saxton Field Committee
Wednesday 9 February, 9.30 am.

Regulatory Committee
Thursday 10 February, 9.30 am.

Joint Shareholders Committee
Tuesday 15 February, 2.00 pm
No public forum.

Motueka Community Board
Tuesday 15 February, 4.00 pm

Operations Committee
Thursday 17 February, 9.30 am.



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WHAT'S ON IN TASMAN



Keep an eye on our website for any changes to events, tasman.govt.nz.

Skateboard coaching

**Friday 4 February, 4.00 pm,
Jubilee Park, Richmond.**

Come along and learn how to skateboard. If you are just starting or have never tried skateboarding before, this session is for you – you don't need to have a skateboard to take part. This session is aimed to give you practical experience with experienced riders from Cheapskates. Please register for this event at tasmanyouthhub.co.nz.

Second Hand Sunday

Sunday 13 February, 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.

If you have items you want to give away, simply register online to get on the list of participating addresses and print off a poster to put on your mailbox. The list of participants will be available to download from 12.00 pm, Friday 11 February.

The event will take place rain or shine, and at Red. Remember to keep a safe distance from others and wear a mask when collecting items. If offering items, please provide a paper register or QR code for collectors to scan (instructions on our website).

For more information and to sign up, go to tasman.govt.nz/shs.



New English conversation group

Are you a migrant or refugee who wants to improve your English conversation skills? At Richmond Library we are starting up an English conversation group for English speakers of other languages.

Our group meets every Friday from 11 February, 11.00 am – 12.00 pm. It's a great opportunity to make new friends, practice your English and have some fun.

Book page art

At Motueka Library, transform a book page into a work of art with a fun take and make kit. Use any art materials you like to create something amazing with the page from a book we provide you. Bring your completed creation back to the library and we'll display it in the new library when it opens. Free.

Library traffic lights

With use of the My Vaccine Pass, your library remains open at all Covid alert levels. There are changes at each traffic light – mainly to do with whether or not face-to-face services can take place, and numbers of people attending events – but essentially we are able to continue providing the library services and events you know and love at each alert level.

For more information about your library at each alert level, visit tasmanlibraries.govt.nz.



Apply for Creative Communities funding

Our Creative Communities Scheme has funding available to help groups and individuals running arts projects in Tasman.

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.

**Applications are open until
Thursday 10 March 2021.**

**For more information and
to complete an application
form, visit [tasman.govt.nz/
creative-communities](https://tasman.govt.nz/creative-communities).**

