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Tōtaranui Road washout over Waitangi weekend

Teams step up when weather threatens

By day they are engineers, IT specialists, communications advisors, community liaison officers and hydrologists, but when there's an emergency, staff from this region's two councils step into roles in the Nelson Tasman Emergency Management Team.

The Nelson Tasman Civil Defence and Emergency Management Group is a partnership between Tasman District and Nelson City councils and key agencies including emergency services, health, roading contractors, along with welfare and community groups.

It plans and assists the response and recovery from situations such as Waitangi weekend's major rainfall event.

Metservice issued an orange heavy rain warning a couple of days before the rain began and the Emergency Management Group went on alert.

Covid-19 created an added logistical hurdle, restricting the number of people who could work in the Emergency Operations Centre (EOC) in Richmond.

A Zoom video briefing on Wednesday evening brought close to 75 people together to plan an initial response, including Civil Defence controllers from various communities like Golden Bay.

Council staff are trained to respond in emergency events. Their roles cover all facets of a response, from emergency controllers, welfare officers through to logistics and communications.

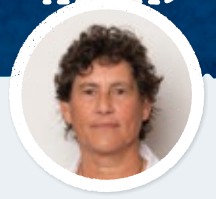
Staff are rostered in 12-hour shifts, ensuring the emergency response continues as long as required.

Steady and persistent rain arrived on Thursday. Our hydrology team closely monitored rain gauges and river flows with a constant eye on the deteriorating weather.

The first shift was mobilised on Thursday evening. Fortunately, there were few serious problems and as the rain eased staff were stood down just after midnight, in time to get some sleep and return to their day jobs the following morning.

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MEET YOUR REPRESENTATIVES



Councillor Chris Hill – Golden Bay Ward

As I write this column, the Omicron variant of the Covid-19 virus has arrived in our community and is finding its way throughout the country. We have known that this would likely happen, although it is still unknown what the full impact will be.

This asks us to re-frame how we live with Covid-19, and how we live with each other. It may be unusual for us to have conversations with our neighbours, family, whānau and friends about what help and support we may need, should we, or our

family, become unwell or have to isolate at home.

It's important that we look out for each other, and become more aware of those that may need our assistance or help with accessing available services. We are encouraged to make a plan, identify people outside of our home who could help, and let people know the ways that you can be there to support them too.

Not only is it okay to ask for support, but it is also really important that we do – and that we offer it where we can. We're not yet sure the effect on businesses, workplaces, and health services should a significant

number of people need to isolate, particularly in some of Tasman's smaller towns.

Our rural communities are built on strong connections and providing for others should they need it. I have no doubt that our community groups will be at the heart of our community response as we find our way through this next phase.

Need to talk? There is a range of support services available including the wellbeing helpline – free trained counsellors are available to help, phone or text 1737.

Councillor Chris Hill
Golden Bay Ward

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But the rain hadn't finished. With rivers still running high and the ground saturated, further problems were expected – another Zoom briefing was held on Friday afternoon and plans were established for the long weekend.

On Friday night, reports began to come in from Golden Bay about surface flooding and minor slips. Fire and Emergency assisted property owners whose houses were threatened by water while contractors kept roads passable.

Our wastewater engineering team was on the night shift too, dealing with wastewater pumping stations that couldn't cope due to high volumes of stormwater.

Our water engineers also dealt with numerous issues on our supply networks across the region all

weekend ensuring drinking water was kept safe.

Gauges in eastern parts of the region also recorded extremely high volumes of rain – flooding and slips forced a two-day closure of SH6 between Nelson and Blenheim, but fortunately Tasman was spared any long-term damage and the additional staff drafted in to run the EOC were stood down in the early hours of Saturday morning.

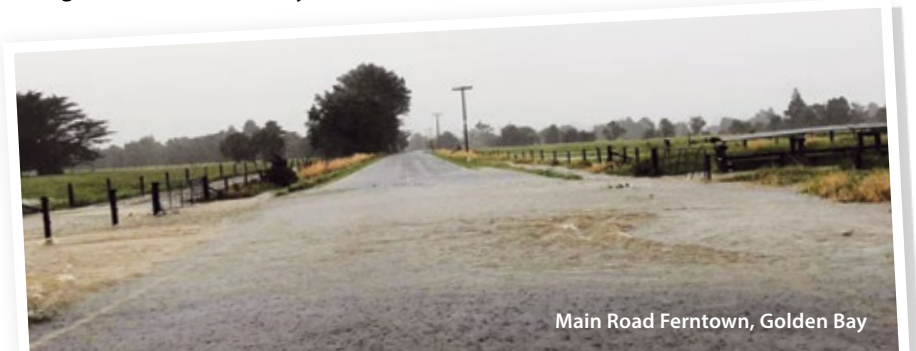
The recovery phase continued in the days following, with Council staff overseeing much of the clean up alongside their other daily duties.

Keep up to date during an emergency

During emergency events, information flows through official Civil Defence and Council channels.

Follow Nelson Tasman Civil Defence, Tasman District Council and Nelson City Council on Facebook to ensure you receive the latest updates.

You can also download Antenno from your mobile phone app store to receive notifications directly from us about your local area.



Zooming forward with consultations



The change to Red on the Covid Protection Framework (traffic light system) means we've had to refocus the way we do many things as a Council.

We can no longer hold face to face community meetings or information drop-in sessions. We need to protect our community from the potential spread of Covid-19 by avoiding the creation of events where many people gather in one place. Additionally as an employer, we must meet our obligations to keep staff safe by reducing their potential exposure to the virus. This also means we can continue delivering essential services to the community.

This has forced us to rethink how we carry out our public consultations.

We've decided the best way forward is to go online, so for the foreseeable future we will use Zoom webinars to interact with our community and stakeholders.

But those without digital connections can still engage in the process. All relevant documents are available from our service centres and libraries. You can then call us on the phone with any questions you may have.

We currently have three separate consultations underway and have organised Zoom webinars to seek

your input and answer questions before you make a submission.

Full details of these online events, including instructions on how to join them, can be found on our website, tasman.govt.nz/feedback.

Each online seminar will include a brief presentation before a question and answer session.

Our current consultations are set out below. We look forward to having you join us and answering any questions you have before you make your submission.

DRAFT MOTUEKA TOWN CATCHMENT MANAGEMENT PLAN

This plan will assist the Council and communities in identifying solutions to existing and potential future issues. Submissions close on Friday 4 March. There are two webinars:

- Wednesday 23 February, 12.30 pm – 1.30 pm
- Wednesday 2 March, 5.00 pm – 6.00 pm

DRAFT WALKING AND CYCLING STRATEGY

This is your opportunity to influence the transport future of our towns. Submissions close on Friday 4 March. There are two webinars:

- Thursday 24 February, 12.30 pm – 1.30 pm
- Thursday 24 February, 7.00 pm – 8.00 pm

DRAFT WASTEWATER BYLAW

This bylaw sets out the trade waste registration/permit application process and establishes the statutory authority for the recovery of fees and charges. Submissions close on Monday 7 March. The webinar is:

- Tuesday 1 March, 2.30 pm – 3.30 pm



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Check before you swim

This summer has provided enough golden weather to enjoy our beaches and rivers, with water temperatures reaching up to 23 degrees in some spots.

We're now over halfway through the swim season and while Tasman has been fortunate in avoiding the tragedies of the numerous drownings across the country, we urge everyone to take care of themselves and each other in and around the water.

With the recent wet weather and more on the way, it's also important to remind people to wait two to three days after heavy rain before swimming. As a general rule of thumb, if there has been enough rain that you see water running down

the gutters by the side of the road, then that's a sign that water will be running into rivers and streams.

Following a long spell of warm weather, there are also a number of algae blooms across Aotearoa that you should be aware of to avoid exposure.

Extra care should be taken with children and dogs as they like to put things into their mouths and even a small amount (the size of a 50 cent piece) can be enough to cause serious harm if eaten.



Dogs tend to seek out the algae due to its musky, canine-attracting smell.

Water quality is regularly monitored at popular locations within the Tasman District and displayed on our website, tasman.govt.nz/swimming-water.

The Land, Air, Water Aotearoa (LAWA) website has information on algae bloom awareness and also makes recreational water quality monitoring results from all regions freely available through the 'Can I swim here?' tool. Go to lawa.org.nz/swim.

Youth encouraged to take a seat in the boardroom

Young people are an important part of our community. They represent the future workforce, parents, decision-makers, and community champions that help to build the fabric of the Tasman region.

In association with Big Brother Big Sister (BBBS) Nelson Tasman, we are offering the young people in our area an opportunity to experience what it's like to run a community organisation by joining its board of directors.

Coordinator Cushla Vass says 'The Youth into Governance Programme' gives teenagers an opportunity to sample life at the governance level while providing the partner

organisations with a young person's perspective at a leadership level.

She says it's designed to help our young people develop the skills they need to take their position at the boardroom table in the future while also supplying support for community organisations to generate an improved youth voice.

Cushla says BBBS supports the project with training, mentoring and skills development, all with the intended result of encouraging more young people into community leadership roles.

Applications are now open for youngsters who wish to be part



of the Youth into Governance Programme. We're also seeking additional organisations that may want to join the project.

For further information email Cushla Vass, cushlas@bbbs.nz.



Neighbourhood Greenways moving forward

The concept theme for the streets in the neighbourhood around Crescent Street in Richmond has been finalised.

We want to develop Greenways which commonly incorporate low speed limits and, more importantly, physical measures to ensure low speed environments.

We will carry out detailed design and implementation of individual treatments in stages to fit within annual budgets and to monitor their effectiveness in creating a slow residential street environment.

Priority for speed tables will be given to locations where pedestrians need to cross the road to ensure we achieve safe speeds at those crossing locations, neighbourhood gateways and key problem areas.

To fit within this year's budget, the first site will be at the intersection of Crescent Street and Blair Terrace with the rest of the work being carried out over the next few years.

The need for additional mid-block speed tables, some of which have been added to the concept theme after receiving feedback, will be evaluated. Some of these may not be needed if neighbourhood gateways and crossing locations are successful.

The detailed design process will include consultation with immediately affected properties. Those properties will receive a plan and then can provide feedback on the detail.



Get outside and play in the street

Do you remember the “good old days” when you used to be able to kick a ball around, have a game of touch or play cricket with the kids from the neighbourhood on the street outside your house?

Things have changed a bit these days, especially with Covid-19 restricting large community events, but we may have a way of bringing back some of those fun times to a local street near your place.

We are supporting a new concept called ‘Play Streets,’ a national initiative which is designed to make it easier for residents to organise neighbourhood events.

Play Streets are short, resident-led restricted access events on quiet, low-risk streets and allow neighbours to play safely and freely outside their front doors. The initiative aims to make the process for restricting vehicle movements on the street for this type of event simpler than for closing busier roads and streets for a large-scale event.

We can help with guidance about what you need to do to organise an event on your street and how to easily deal with traffic management.

We have advice on what kind of games and activities are popular and how to play them, and we may even be able to assist with some equipment.

Neighbours Week Aotearoa is coming up, 18–27 March, and this would be an ideal time for a Play Streets event at your place.

Full details and a registration form can be found on our website, tasman.govt.nz, search ‘play streets’.

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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Our role in the Motueka fire

From the very moment the alarm was raised, everyone involved in the huge Motueka fire knew it was going to be like no other.

It was 4.30 am on 10 January when neighbours of the disused King Edward Street building were jolted awake by what sounded like fireworks detonating on their street.

The old asbestos laden industrial buildings that were part of the once thriving Motueka tobacco industry were consumed in flames – fourteen fire trucks, water tankers and support vehicles responded to the emergency.

Extinguishing the flames was just the first phase of the emergency response. Dealing with the potential for asbestos contamination caused by ash and debris scattering across adjoining properties was a serious concern.

Due to the public health implications, our Environmental Health team was

called in to assist the landowner by overseeing any potential problems.

Environmental Health Team Leader Daniel Winter took on a liaison role as the landowner brought in their own independent contractors who specialise in dealing with evaluation and clean-up of asbestos contaminated sites.

Daniel says the landowner, Wakatū Incorporation was extremely proactive, swinging straight into action to ensure the situation was managed as safely and effectively as possible.

He says the Council's main concern in the first instance was to look after the safety of those in the immediate area and he visited each house to offer reassurance and answer queries.

Since that day, a lot of work has progressed with detailed testing of a large area adjacent to the gutted buildings.



Daniel says the landowner has gone to great trouble to ensure their contractors have thoroughly cleaned the affected area. That included cleaning roofs, horizontal surfaces of all objects and vehicles, deep cleaning individual objects, disposal of some items and even the removal of topsoil and reinstatement of land.

From a Council perspective, he's extremely pleased with the way the project has progressed and is praising Wakatū Incorporation for the way it has dealt with the whole situation.

The cost of the clean-up has been entirely met by the landowner.

Road through Saxton named after former Richmond, Tasman and Nelson mayor

The road through the Saxton Field Complex has been officially named Kerry Marshall Drive in honour of former Mayor Kerry Marshall. An unveiling ceremony was held on Thursday 3 February 2022 to mark the occasion.

Having served as Mayor of Richmond for three years, Tasman for nine years and Nelson for three years, the road will serve as a fitting way to recognise Kerry's many years of service to the region.

The proposal to name the road came from Nelson Mayor Rachel Reese, Tasman Mayor Tim King and former Nelson MP Nick Smith in July 2020.

Family and friends of Kerry were joined by Nelson Deputy Mayor Judene Edgar, Tasman Mayor Tim King, Nelson MP Rachel Boyack, Nick Smith, and members of the Nelson and Tasman councils to

remember Kerry's many contributions to the region and country.

Tim said "We welcome the gesture as an appropriate memorial. A road linking the two districts reflects Kerry's time at the helm of both Councils and the joined-up development that occurred during his tenure in both offices."

Judene said Saxton Field was the perfect location to recognise Kerry, as much of his work benefitted both Nelson and Tasman, and beyond.

"Kerry's was a life of community and public service. We have all benefitted from his tireless work, especially for the arts, sport and conservation, as well as his leadership of our communities."

Alongside his time as Mayor for Richmond, Tasman and Nelson, Kerry was also involved in civic life on a national scale.

He served as President of Local Government NZ, Chair of the NZ Conservation Authority, Chair of the New Zealand Visitor Information Network, member of the New Zealand Geographic Board, trustee of the Cawthron Institute of Science and Technology, Chair of the New Zealand World of Wearable Art Development Trust and Chair of the Tasman Environmental Trust.

Kerry spent the last years of his life at Ernest Rutherford Retirement Village, enjoying walks through the Saxton grounds before his passing in March 2020.



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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.

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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.

Commercial Committee

Tuesday 22 February, 9.30 am. No public forum.

Full Council

Thursday 24 February, 9.30 am

Submissions Hearing (Moutere/Waimea Reserves Management Plan)

Monday 28 February, 9.30 am

Submissions Hearing (Riverside and Pōhara Holiday Parks Lease Renewal)

Monday 28 February, 10.00 am

Strategy and Policy Committee

Thursday 3 March, 9.30 am

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Tell us what you think about our Council communication

We're always looking for ways to improve our communication channels. Help us by filling in a quick 5 – 10 minute survey and you'll go in the draw to win one of five \$50 Prezzy Cards. The survey closes on 28 February 2022. The survey was printed in the previous issue of Newsline, or you can find it on our website tasman.govt.nz/feedback or scan this QR code.



PROPOSED TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURE



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 Sandy Bay Hill Climb rally event**, 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: **Riwaka-Sandy Bay Road – from the intersection with the Tākaka Hill Highway for approximately 3 kilometres (RP 0.0 – RP 3.0).**

Period or periods of closure: **Sunday 8 May 2022, 7.00 am to 5.00 pm.**

Alternative provision for ordinary vehicular traffic: **Resident traffic will be let through between race events.**

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 11 March 2022.

Please send any objections to megan.bell@tasman.govt.nz

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WHAT'S ON IN TASMAN



Richmond to Rabbit Island Family Bike Ride

Sunday 27 February, 11.00 am.

With so many events being postponed and cancelled due to Covid-19 restrictions, here's one for the family that is definitely happening.

Grab the family and meet at the Richmond Aquatic Centre car park for an easy ride to Moturoa/ Rabbit Island.

Before you start, have your bike checked over by our cycle mechanic, get a quick safety briefing from our team of cycle educators, then grab a Bingo card.

During the ride, get your Bingo card marked at the stations along the way for prizes and join in the games and activities.

When you arrive at Moturoa / Rabbit Island, the Sport Tasman team will be there with the barbecue cranking and more fun and games.

If you need a ride back to Richmond there will be a shuttle available, just make sure you indicate that you want to use it when you register on our website – masks will be required on the shuttle.

The Richmond to Rabbit Island Family Bike Ride is easy enough for all ages, so grab your bike, sunscreen and vaccine pass and we'll see you there.

Visit tasman.govt.nz/events to register.

New English conversation group

Are you a migrant or refugee who wants to improve your English conversation skills? Come along to Richmond Library's English conversation group for English speakers of other languages. Our group meets every Friday from 11.00 am – 12.00 pm. It's a great opportunity to make new friends, practice your English and have some fun, and is facilitated by a qualified and experienced ESOL teacher. Free.

Handmade city

Imagine buildings to sleep, eat, play and work in. What do they need? What do they look like? How big are they? Or how small? Release your imagination and help us to create the recycled cardboard city of our dreams when you come along to our free, all ages, self-guided handmade city workshops at Richmond Library, Saturdays 26 February, 12 and 26 March, 10.00 am – 12.00 pm. Our Handmade City will be displayed at Richmond Library throughout April.

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