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Walking and Cycling Strategy moves forward

A vision for a new safe and accessible transport system that will provide the platform for transforming the way we get around Tasman's urban centres has become a reality.

After four years in the planning phase, and following months of consultation, public information sessions, submissions and hearings, our new Walking and Cycling Strategy has been adopted.

The strategy focuses on providing residents with safer choices about how they travel, by improving walking and cycling across the urban areas of Tasman and sets

a framework for the creation of a high standard of connected cycle networks in those areas.

The strategy proposes:

- separated and protected on-road cycleways on key routes
- slow speed areas in our town centres
- some slow speed residential 'neighbourhood greenway' streets
- shared paths in some places
- safer crossings for pedestrians, particularly on busier roads and near schools.

Close to 250 submissions were received during the consultation process which led to a great deal of fine-tuning and amendments before

the strategy was adopted by the Strategy and Policy Committee.

Targets within the strategy aim to get a much larger proportion of journeys to work and school by either walking or biking in the next 15 to 20 years. This will create a safer transport environment, improve the health and wellbeing of our residents, and help reduce congestion and carbon emissions. This closely aligns with the Government's recently released Emissions Reduction Plan.

With the adoption of the Walking and Cycling Strategy, we can look forward to an improved safer transport network, healthy communities, vibrant urban surroundings and a cleaner thriving environment.

MEET YOUR REPRESENTATIVES

Councillor Chris Hill – Golden Bay Ward



The Council recently approved the Walking and Cycling Strategy 2022 – 2052. The hearing panel received 244 submissions through the consultation process, with a significant level of support for the key approaches.

The strategy is a high-level document that makes clear that transformation of the way we get around our towns is needed. There is a target of doubling the amount of walking and cycling by 2030.

Many of the benefits are obvious – enhanced physical activity and wellbeing, improved safety (including for drivers) and reduced carbon emissions. Perhaps less obvious is that congestion is improved and traffic flows better for freight, commercial vehicles and the transport network in general.

The mechanisms to bring this about will include urban speed reductions, separate cycleways and shared paths. Some of the changes will represent a cultural shift as active transport users are prioritised in some areas.

While the focus is on urban towns, specific hazardous areas on our rural cycle routes will be addressed. It is really encouraging to see so many people using the Pōhara to Tākaka cycleway.

The construction of the cycle bridge over the Motupipi River is due to begin in July with a November completion. The maintenance of the path hasn't been sufficient in places and changes to the maintenance programme have been requested.

Further cycleway improvements are needed in our Ward, particularly to enable children to head off to school safely and to allow safer travel for the increasing number of people enjoying getting out on their bikes.

Building for the future

We are currently facing a dilemma regarding our main campus in Richmond. Made up of five buildings of different ages and construction, it has been known for some time they do not collectively meet current seismic standards.

It would cost \$20.6m to bring the campus up to current standards, whereas it would be between \$23 and \$26m for a new building and we consider it sensible not to invest good money on old buildings.

Retrofitting the current campus without improvements would leave us with a site that is siloed, inefficient and not supportive of current working practices or big enough for current staff levels.

We are already leasing extra space, adding to the inefficiency of our current accommodation.

The current campus is of little relative value as it is neither modern, attractive nor has office space that could be easily leased or sold. Already costing over \$1m a year to operate due to its deficiencies and age, it does not have a bright future.

The Three Waters Reform and Local Government Review are unlikely to affect the need for appropriate space. Services will still have to be locally delivered to the community regardless of the chosen framework.

We will be discussing the possible impact of doing nothing with the current campus and the options that could be considered including:

- **Scenario 1:** (Council Build and Own) – a new Council-owned building on Council land on Queen Street.
- **Scenario 2:** (Council Land, Market Build and Own, Council Lease) – a building not owned by Council, built on Council land.
- **Scenario 3:** (Market Land, Build and Own, Council Lease) – we lease a development which requires entering a long term (minimum 20 years) market rental agreement.

All options will incorporate future value for ratepayers regardless of the future of Local Government in Tasman. As the discussion continues over the next year, residents will be able to contribute.



First steps of Tasman Artwalk unveiled

The books inside its doors bring words to life. Now the exterior walls of the Richmond Library have come alive with some local art masterpieces.

Following a positive public response to the outdoor exhibition in Nelson's City Centre, The Suter Art Gallery has extended the ArtWalk project to our District, installing replicas of paintings from its permanent collection in full view of pedestrians.

Thanks to local firm Speedy Signs, the works have been replicated, magnified and printed onto aluminium and attached to the walls, with the first batch of works revealed on 17 May.

Works by artists Irvine Major and his wife Jean Joyce are displayed in the library's courtyard, while pioneer painter John Gully's 1886 watercolour *Wangapeka Valley* is erected on the side wall of Webby Way.

A fourth painting by artist Ian Scott, entitled *Green Light* was also installed on the exterior of the nearby Warring Carpark toilet block.

Tasman Mayor Tim King was present for the library reveal. Regarding the Gully painting in particular, he acknowledged the efforts to capture the Wangapeka landscape in great detail as well as the representation of aspects such as primary production that remained important to Tasman 136 years later.

More artworks are expected to be exhibited on blank walls in Richmond, Motueka, Tākaka and potentially Māpua in the future.

Any building owners interested in having artwork erected on their walls or supporting the project financially should contact Julie Catchpole at The Suter: julie@thesuter.org.nz.



Do you know a community superhero?

Not all superheroes wear capes, leap tall buildings in a single bound or catch flying bullets in their teeth!

Some superheroes are unassuming, quietly moving among us but working tirelessly in our Tasman communities. Some assist at sports clubs, volunteer in environmental groups or help with the administration of community organisations.

Every year our Outstanding Community Service Awards officially recognise and celebrate these special people who make our communities a better place to live.

If you know one of these unsung heroes who works quietly away with little recognition, please get in touch and nominate them for one of our Outstanding Community Service Awards.

Nominations are open now and close on 31 August with an awards ceremony planned for later in the year.

Please note, nominees must be residents of Tasman District and have been involved in a range of voluntary activities for 20 years or more.

Head to our website or one of our service centres to fill in an application form.

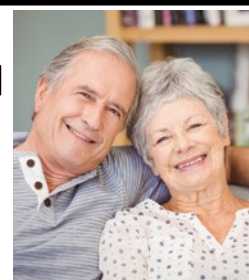
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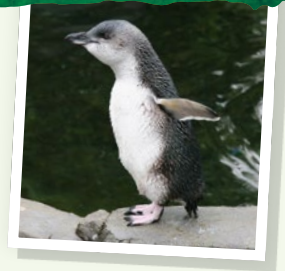
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Protection for port penguins

A colony of Little Blue Penguins at Port Tarkohe is to get increased protection following a decision to construct a fence to limit access to their breeding grounds, and fishers will still be able to cast a line out in the area.



At a meeting on 19 May, Councillors agreed to approve the construction of a fence at the port following an approach from the Mōhua/Golden Bay Blue Penguin Trust.

It was initially proposed that a fence of around 80 metres long with a locked gate be constructed to exclude people from the western arm of the port's breakwater. However following a round of public

consultation, a proposal for two shorter, less visually intrusive fences with a gate controlled by a keypad or combination lock was approved.

Access for fishers will be available by a permit system, but all dogs will be banned. Educational brochures will be supplied to those requiring access.

The cost of construction of the fence is yet to be finalised but is expected

to be less than \$10,000 with the price of materials having already been met by the Mōhua/Golden Bay Blue Penguin Trust.

The area will be monitored by the Trust to measure the effectiveness of the protection measures and the arrangements will be reviewed by the Golden Bay Community Board every three years.

Wetland restoration collaboration for generations to come

Our wider Motupipi River Catchment enhancement works have seen "a little gem" of a constructed wetland take shape on a family farm near Tākaka.

Tony and Kathy Reilly have generously retired 7400m² of productive farmland on Berkett Creek for wetland restoration work, starting the previously drained and straightened waterway on its journey to improving the health of this important tributary.

Through the Reilly's generosity and assistance from the Ministry for the Environment's Jobs for Nature programme, over 100 digger hours, 1,000 people hours and 4,000 plants have been invested in the future water quality of Mohua over the past year.

The stream is once again full of diverse habitat for fish, kōura and shrimp. In flood, the stream will overflow into adjacent wetlands, filtering out sediment and contaminants.

Wetland Restoration Project Manager Blair Reid says the Reilly project is a good example of farmers displaying guardianship of the land with a view beyond their own lifetimes.

"The really inspiring aspect of this work is the coming together of two worlds that are sometimes seen as totally different, productive farming and environmental restoration."

"One of the points of difference is the way the design integrates the stream and wetland ecosystems as it once would have been ... it really is a little gem."

Manawhenua Ki Mohua is supporting the project, contributing

to fish recovery and the restoration of wetlands, while Project De-Vine and local nurseries and contractors have also been valuable and enthusiastic contributors.

Under the Freshwater Improvement Fund, our Wetland Restoration project aims to create seven new constructed wetlands across Tasman, while around 40 natural wetlands will be improved and protected by pest plant control, planting natives and restoration of natural hydrological regimes.



What is a sharrow?

Have you seen those markings painted on the road that have a double arrowhead combined with the outline of a bike and wondered what they actually mean?

They are sharrow markings. They're a safety measure and are becoming more common around the District.

Sharrow markings are designed to alert all road users to sections of road where it is safest for cyclists to 'take the lane', for example in busy town centre areas where on-street parking creates hazards from car doors being opened.

Sharrows have been used internationally since the early 2000s and we've been using these markings on Tasman roads for the past few years.

So the next time you notice sharrow markings on the road, be aware that vehicles and cyclists are sharing the same space.



Someone's missing their Tuesday undies

A man in the Wakefield or Brightwater area may not be wearing underpants on Tuesdays, evidence of which has been discovered in one of our wastewater pumps.

During the past couple of months, our contractors have had to deal with regular blockages of our main wastewater pumps in Brightwater.

These are the large pumps in our network which carry all waste from Wakefield and Brightwater through to the regional wastewater treatment plant at Bell Island.

Blockages have been caused by a tea towel, cloth rags, three separate

instances of piles of wet wipes and two pairs of undies including one pair of men's boxer shorts labelled Tuesday around the waistband.

The pumps are big, so it is not an easy job lifting them out, disassembling them, clearing them, and putting them all back together again.

Every time we have a blockage there's potential for a sewage overflow.

Please remember the golden rule. Just flush the three P's – pee, poo and paper (toilet paper).

Meanwhile, new standards across New Zealand and Australia mean manufacturers now must label items that can be flushed down the toilet.

It will now be an offence under the Fair Trading Act for a manufacturer to label a product as flushable if it does not meet the new standards.

The new standards mean only flushable products can be labelled as flushable, so check the packaging.



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Sunstrike causes crashes

It's nice to see the sun, especially at this time of year, however winter sun can be dangerous, especially for drivers at certain times of the day.

Sunstrike is a common cause of winter crashes.

Sunstrike can occur at any time during the day, but is most likely during sunrise or sunset when the sun's rays hit your windscreen at a low angle. This can make it difficult, or even impossible, to see.

Over the past two years, there have been several crashes on the switchbacks on Paton Road and Hill Street in Richmond, one involving significant injury, after drivers were blinded by the sun.

Our Road Safety team has a few tips to help you stay safe when the sun is at a low angle.

- Keep your windscreen clean, inside, and out. Dust and grime on the windscreen can make the effects of sunstrike much worse.
- Wear sunglasses when driving with the sun in your eyes.
- Use your car's sun visors to block the sun.
- If you experience sunstrike, it may be best to pull over and wait for a few minutes until your eyes adjust or visibility improves.
- Be careful if there has been recent rain – sunlight shining on wet roads can cause nasty reflections, which produces similar effects to sunstrike.

While mornings and late in the day are hazardous times for sunstrike, it can hit any road at any time, especially when turning or driving towards the sun.

Facelifts for Elizabeth and Talbot Streets

Construction work to improve the intersection of Elizabeth and Talbot Streets in Richmond is due to get underway in about a week.

This work was identified in last year's Streets for People trial neighbourhood layouts.

The first phase of the job will be the construction of a raised concrete platform on Elizabeth Street, which means this part of the street will be closed to all traffic for about three weeks.

Once the Elizabeth Street work is finished, work will begin on building a raised pedestrian crossing on Talbot Street.

This is expected to take about a month which will mean that the nearby entrance to the Richmond Mall carpark will be closed for about a month.

Talbot Street will remain open but will be reduced to one lane with traffic management in place during the construction of the raised pedestrian crossing.

Funding drop-in sessions

Tasman District Council, the Department of Internal Affairs and the Rata Foundation are on the road and travelling to Motueka, Richmond, Murchison and Tākaka to support community organisations who are looking for funding.

We will be there to answer any questions you have about the different funding schemes and provide you with the resources needed to make a funding application.

Nelson City Council will also be attending the Richmond session.

If your community organisation needs funding and support, come along to:

- Murchison Sport Recreation and Cultural Centre: Wednesday 22 June, 12.00 pm – 2.00 pm
- Richmond Library: Thursday 23 June, 10.00 am – 12.00 pm
- Golden Bay Rec Park Centre: Wednesday 29 June, 12.00 pm – 2.00 pm
- Motueka Library: Thursday 30 June, 10.00 am – 12.00 pm

For more information contact Lani Evans at lani.evans@tasman.govt.nz

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Council hours and services over Matariki

All service centres and libraries will be closed on Matariki, Friday 24 June. Usual opening hours apply otherwise.

There are no changes to the rubbish and recycling collections and all resource recovery centres will be open as normal.

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

For urgent or emergency issues you can contact us 24 hours a day on 03 543 8400.

COUNCIL HUI

At Orange, meetings will take place in person and via Zoom. Public forum presenters can speak in person if they wear a mask, follow one-metre distancing, and attend one at a time. Visit tasman.govt.nz/meetings-calendar for details and the Zoom link.

Golden Bay Community Board

Tuesday 14 June, 9.30 am

Golden Bay Rec Park Management Committee

Wednesday 15 June, 9.30 am. No public forum

Full Council

Thursday 16 June, 9.30 am

Regulatory Committee

Thursday 16 June, 10.00 am

Tasman Regional Transport Committee

Tuesday 21 June, 9.30 am. No public forum

Motueka Community Board

Tuesday 21 June, 4.00 pm

Full Council

Thursday 23 June, 9.30 am

Operations Committee

Thursday 23 June, 10.30 am



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WHAT'S ON IN TASMAN



Matariki kicks off in Richmond

Thursday 23 June, 5.00 pm, Sundial Square Richmond.

We're launching the first long Matariki weekend with a celebration of the stars in central Richmond. Sundial Square will echo with waiata and kapa haka performances and be lit up by a fire dancing show.

Grab something to eat from one of the food trucks, be entertained by roving performers, be enchanted in the alley of glow in the dark stars or get your face painted and let it shine under the UV light.

Nau mai ki Hiwa, Matariki in Motueka

Sunday 19 June, 10.00 am – 3.00 pm, Motueka High School.

Te Kotahi o Te Taihu Charitable Trust invites you to celebrate Matariki at the Hiwa event in Motueka. Hiwa brings together Māori health providers, Māori businesses, local performers and others working to support whānau for some good kai, good times, and whakawhanaungatanga.

There will be heaps for the tamariki and the whole family – kapa haka,

live entertainment, kai stalls, bouncy castles, superheroes, games and giveaways and cooking demonstrations with Kōhatu Kai. Or come and have a kōrero with health professionals, get a check-up and stay on top of your health this winter. There will also be lots of information on support with housing, employment or training. Find out more at kotahitehoe.org.nz.

Matariki at your library

Celebrate Matariki at your local library. At Tākaka Library we have a Matariki Star Hunt for the young'uns from 13 – 25 June, Take & Make Maramataka (Māori lunar calendar) kits available from 20 – 25 June, a Constellation Creation workshop for teenagers, and more. At Richmond Library we're hosting a Matariki storytime and crafts session on Thursday 23 June from 4.30 pm – 5.30 pm. Visit tasmanlibraries.govt.nz for more information.

Tasman Heritage

Check out our new online archive. It's filled with an abundance of local history materials including historic photos, oral histories, the Roll of Honour (with information about servicemen from the area who died in World War One), the Richmond School Registers, maps and much more of interest to local history buffs and genealogists. Visit this wonderful resource at heritage.tasmanlibraries.govt.nz.

Stitch with us!

Stitch a piece for our Origins Whakapapa Community Quilt. Simply pick up a free piece of fabric and your entry form from

Murchison, Motueka, Richmond or Tākaka Library, and stitch a word or image on it relating to your origin or whakapapa. Whether you've lived in Te Taihu / The Top of The South for 50 years or five, we want to include your story. We'll be accepting contributions until 30 September 2022.

Community planting days

Sunday 12 June, 9.00 am – 1.00 pm, Maisey Embayment. Parking and access from 372 The Coastal Highway, near Westdale Road.

Sunday 19 June, 9.00 am – 1.00 pm, Bronte Peninsula on Stringer Embayment. Access from 92 Bronte Road East. Park on Bronte Road.

Join the Battle for the Banded Rail in their community planting efforts. Everyone is invited! Please bring gloves, a spade if you have one and drinking water. Wear solid footwear and clothes suitable for the weather conditions. Morning tea is provided. For more information, email Kathryn at bandedrail@gmail.com.

Lunch & Learn – How to Thrive in Times of Challenge and Uncertainty

Tuesday 21 June, 12.00 pm – 1.00 pm, Zoom.

Catrin will show you how to be better prepared for internal and external changes in your business and provide helpful tips to gain clarity and confidence in navigating the ever-changing business environment. This is an interactive workshop so bring a pen and paper. This event is run by the Nelson Tasman Business Trust. Free. Visit ntbt.co.nz for more information.