



# NEWSLINE

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## New term, new challenges, new faces

Firstly, I'd like to welcome the five new faces to the council table, and welcome back the experienced hands for the new three-year term.

I'd also like to thank those who participated in the democratic process and voted in the elections.

This term will present many challenges, as did our last one! However, It will also present opportunities.

How we manage these challenges and make the most of the opportunities is up to us collectively as a community and a Council.

While we won't always agree with each other, debating the issues we are passionate about is a key part of democracy and it's our job to do the very best that we can for individual communities and Tasman as a whole.

Finding the balance between the short and long-term implications and considering the range of views in the community when making our decisions is always a learning experience.

As a unitary authority, we have the combined responsibilities of both a territorial authority and a regional council which means we have plenty of work ahead of us. There's Three Waters, the future shape of Local Government, changes to Resource Management legislation including the climate adaptation act – many of the details of these issues remain unclear.

A key component of these changes is a need to continue to improve our already highly integrated services alongside Nelson City Council.

This changing environment is on top of the many projects and issues within the District, including investment in infrastructure, community facilities, managing growth and development – all requiring Councillor's input on behalf of their communities.

I look forward to the next three years working with the new Council and our community.

**Mayor Tim King**

# Love our region and our lifestyle?

The Tasman region is a special place to live. Why it's special and what we need to do to keep it that way in the future is different for each of us.

We'd like to hear your thoughts on our diverse and delicate environments; beautiful mountains, streams and coastal areas; vibrant towns and growing communities; productive rural areas; and innovative business and industrial zones.

Our next round of community engagement has begun as we prepare to draft Aorere ki uta, Aorere ki tai – Tasman Environment Plan (TEP).

Up until 12 December there are many ways you can discuss the TEP and provide your input.

Share your feedback in a way that best suits you. This could be through one of our local community events, webinars, over the phone, online, email, by post or by dropping in for a chat.



## Community in person events include:

- **Collingwood** – Memorial Hall (outside covered area), Friday 11 November, 3.00 pm – 5.00 pm.
- **Tākaka** – Tākaka Market, Saturday 12 November, 9.00 am – 1.30 pm. Supermarket foyer pop-up 10.00 am – 12.00 pm.
- **Motueka** – Motueka Market, Sunday 13 November, 8.00 am – 1.00 pm.
- **Māpua** – Māpua District Community Association meeting, Monday 14 November, 7.00 pm – 9.00 pm. Drop in session, Māpua Community Library, 2.30 pm – 4.30 pm.
- **Motueka** – Motueka Community Board meeting, Tuesday 15 November, 4.00 pm.
- **Richmond** – A&P Show, Saturday 19 and Sunday 20 November, 9.00 am – 4.00 pm.
- **Tasman Village** – Outside school and café, Wednesday 23 November, 1.00 pm – 3.00 pm.
- **Brightwater** – Village green (by Four Square), Thursday 24 November, 1.30 pm – 3.30 pm.



- **Mārahau** – Hooked on Mārahau Café, Friday 25 November, 10.00 am – 12.00 pm.
- **St Arnaud** – Lake Rotoiti Community Hall (outside), Tuesday 29 November, 10.00 am – 12.00 pm.
- **Tapawera** – Four Square (outside), Thursday 1 December, 10.00 am – 12.00 pm.

## Webinars are scheduled for:

- Wednesday 16 November, 12.30 pm.
- Thursday 17 November, 7.00 pm.
- Wednesday 23 November, 7.00 pm.

**To get more information on these events including webinar links, and to find discussion documents on key aspects of the plan as well as feedback forms, please visit our website, [shape.tasman.govt.nz/environmentplan](http://shape.tasman.govt.nz/environmentplan)**

# How can we be more welcoming in Tasman?

We are set to launch a survey to capture the viewpoints of the wider community on how inclusive we are to newcomers.

Welcoming Communities Officer Birte Becker-Steel wants to hear from people of different ages, ethnicities, and professions from right across our District.

The plan is to get a broad overview of good initiatives, existing gaps, and new ideas about creating a more cohesive society.

People will be asked how welcoming our communities and workplaces feel.

What makes newcomers feel like they belong and what can be done to improve community connectiveness in our increasingly ethnically diverse region.

Birte says the answers to these questions will then shape a 'Welcoming Plan' which will become our local guide for more inclusive communities across Tasman District.

She says one specific focus will be on rural parts of the region and to do this we will be running a series of 'Global Cafes'. These are social events to encourage conversations about inclusion and belonging.

"We want to plan these events collaboratively and invite employers, community groups and interested individuals to get in touch."

**To find out more contact [birte.becker-steel@tasman.govt.nz](mailto:birte.becker-steel@tasman.govt.nz)**



# A new safer route for Golden Bay riders and walkers

The route between Tākaka and Pōhara is now a whole lot safer and more pleasant to use for cyclists and pedestrians following the opening of the new bridge over the Motupipi River, just in time for summer.

The prefabricated structure is mounted on piles on the seaward side of the existing road bridge, near the intersection of Abel Tasman Drive and Burnside Road and was completed late last month.

Riders and walkers previously felt they took their lives in their hands

every time they crossed the narrow road bridge which they had to share with other vehicles, so the new addition provides a much safer option.

The \$400,000 project came in on time and on budget.

The new addition to the bridge is named in memory of staunch Golden Bay champion of cycleways Chirstine Pullar who died earlier this year.

An official ceremonial opening took place on Tuesday 8 November.



## TRANSPORT TALES



# First steps taken in Streets for People projects

A bold new plan to improve the safety and comfort of cyclists and pedestrians in Richmond and Māpua is taking shape. The Richmond Streets for People project received government funding of \$2.4 million while \$840,000 has been earmarked for Māpua, to shape the beginnings of a network of safe walking and cycling spaces in our streets.

Over the next two years, we will create and improve spaces for safer cycling on Salisbury Road, Wensley Road, Queen Street, Hill Street, Champion Road, and Aranui Road in Māpua, linking places where people live with schools, commercial centres and the wider existing network of cycle trails.

A working group for the Richmond project including representatives of schools, residents, employees of larger companies, active travel users and various transport agencies and organisations, has met to discuss the first steps.

Our Transportation Manager Jamie McPherson says it's extremely important that this group set up the framework before wider public input is sought. He likens the Streets for People project to having a house built.

Jamie says the Council is effectively the architect and builder, and the working group and wider

community are the clients who will direct the project.

“When you are building a house, or in this case a safe cycling network, the architect needs to listen to their clients and make sure what they design will be the best fit for them, while considering the constraints such as budget and the site itself”.

He says the first meeting was very worthwhile with a broad range of issues and views brought to the table with numerous barriers and benefits identified.

A similar working group is being set up in Māpua to shape the Aranui Road project.



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# Kūmanū Environmental team lending Tasman fish a leg up thanks to Jobs for Nature funding

The Tasman Jobs for Nature Fish Passage Project is entering a period of acceleration. Currently in year two of five, the project focuses on assessing and remediating in stream structures on private land in Tasman.

Residents in the Motueka Westbank and Collingwood areas may see our team as they visit properties as part of our efforts to improve fish passage.

What does this mean? Well, we'll look at in stream structures like culverts to see if fish can pass through. If they can't, or are unlikely to, we try and fix that. How? With the use of materials such as rubber aprons, mussel spat rope and baffles.

It usually takes around 15 to 30 minutes, then we are on our way again.

With the valued efforts of our contractor field team from Kūmanū Environmental and the support of landowners across the District, the project has made some significant achievements in our first year.

In year one, 809 assessments and 145 remediations were achieved, with the focus areas being the valleys around Motueka and Tapawera.

As with any long-term project, we have also learnt plenty in the first year which will help us with our planning and execution going forward.

Our year two expectations involve having over 1,400 assessments and 504 remediations completed.



We expect to complete 4,350 assessments and 1,566 remediations throughout the five-year project.

If you are keen to know more, visit [tasman.govt.nz](https://tasman.govt.nz) and search 'Fish Passage project updates'.

*Pictured above: Ellie and Reann, part of the fish passage team, finish up a culvert remediation.*

## Taking Stock Exclusion implementation by the horns

We often receive complaints of stock seen drinking or wandering in our waterways during summer – most commonly beef cattle grazing in paddocks near waterways.

In 2020, central government introduced Stock Exclusion Regulations which will ensure certain classes of stock maintain a distance from lakes, wide rivers and wetlands.

For the majority of our pastoral farmers, this will require their deer, pigs, dairy, dairy support and beef cattle to be kept three meters back

from a lake or rivers that are more than one metre wide.

There are no specifics around how stock is excluded, as long as it is effective. Existing fences erected to exclude stock can remain in place, providing it is permanent.

The regulations will be rolled out in two phases and apply to stock in an existing pastoral system:

From 1 July 2023, dairy cattle and pigs must be excluded from lakes and wide rivers as well as beef cattle and deer that are intensively grazing on any terrain, while all stock must be excluded from natural wetlands identified in operative regional or district plans.

From 1 July 2025, these regulations will extend to dairy support cattle as well as beef cattle and deer on low-slope land. All stock must be excluded from natural wetlands on low slope land that is 0.05 ha or more. Additionally, all stock must be excluded from natural wetlands that support a population of threatened species as described in the National Policy Statement for Freshwater Management 2020.

We are currently working with landowners to encourage early uptake of these rules.

**More information can be found on our website, [tasman.govt.nz](https://tasman.govt.nz) search 'Stock Exclusion Regulations'.**

## Colour in the creek a cause for concern

A series of potentially toxic flows from a stormwater pipe at a Richmond park over Labour Weekend is a further reminder to consider the effects of putting paint or other chemicals into our drains.

Staff were first notified of a white contaminant discharge from a stormwater pipe running into the Jimmy Lee Creek, at the Hunter Avenue entrance to Bill Wilkes Reserve on Saturday evening.

The contaminant appeared to be white paint, possibly from a homeowner washing their paint equipment into their stormwater drain.

The residue from this paint was visible 24 hours later where it had collected in areas where children and dogs play in the creek.

Another discharge at the same location was reported the following Wednesday.

We're very grateful for the public's help in making us aware of the issue so we can act upon it. To report spills or pollution incidents phone us 24/7 on 03 543 8400.

It's always a concern to see contaminants showing up in our waterways – both from an environmental and safety perspective.

Outside drains that capture water from roofs and concrete flow to our waterways, estuaries and beaches and should only have clean water entering them.

Any water containing paint is to be disposed of onto grass or



well diluted and tipped into the sewerage system via your laundry or the toilet. Inside drains flow to the sewerage system.

A number of paint stores and resource recovery centres will accept leftover paint containers to reuse or recycle – check with your nearest outlet.

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**We also have some helpful information on our website, visit [tasman.govt.nz/stormwater](https://tasman.govt.nz/stormwater).**

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## What a wetland! Waimea Delta enhancements take shape

There's been some amazing progress on our Waimea Delta wetlands enhancement project in 2022.

Over the next two years, the area will see further targeted earthworks, weed control and planting to enhance the diversity in the area and create a rich habitat for rare marshland birds including the critically endangered matuku (Australasian bittern).

A carefully managed reset of the landscape at the start of the year has since allowed us to add some new plant life which, as the image shows, has already made a significant impact.

The first stage of this wetland creation project, designed to enhance the ecological value of Waimea Delta, began with earthworks in March. Initial work focused on creating open water areas alongside the existing channel to increase the area of open water.

Terrestrial planting around the area occurred over winter, followed by further wetland planting in spring.

We were fortunate that the area and our work were not adversely affected by recent weather events.

As well as creating a thriving wetland, we want to ensure the Waimea Delta is a safe environment for the wildlife making a habitat there.

With this in mind, predator control is also ongoing with the support and mahi of Tasman Environmental Trust / Battle for the Banded Rail volunteers.

Phase two will take place in early 2023. The broader work plan includes widening channels and creating new swamps and marsh to create diverse wildlife habitats and enhance habitat connectivity.

The project has been made possible by funding from the Ministry for the Environment and Tasman District Council through the Jobs for Nature – Mahi mō te Taiao scheme.



# Safely sharing the water at Kaiteriteri

Kaiteriteri is an immensely popular summer destination with people of all ages coming from all corners to enjoy our golden beaches.

The range of activities they enjoy here are vast, ranging from paddling and swimming to using water toys, paddleboards, kayaks, canoes, rafts, windsurfers, dinghies and water skiing.

Personal watercraft and runabouts transit through the bay to and from the ramp at the north-western end of the main beach and must remain within the clearly marked access lane.

There is also significant commercial vessel activity to be aware of.

To ensure opportunities for all people to enjoy a range of activities in and on the water at Kaiteriteri as safely as is practical, we have allocated specific spaces for specific use.

Here are a few tips so everyone keeps safe on the water this summer.

- Try to avoid launching and retrieving from the Kaiteriteri ramp during spring low tides due to the low ramp angle and surrounding rocks.
- Jet skis are prohibited from towing water skiers within the water ski area.
- Jet skis may not be used at more than 5 knots in Kaiteriteri Bay.
- Kayaks and swimmers may not use or pass through the water skiing area when it is in use.
- Boats may not pass through the swimming area at any time.
- Vessels may not anchor unattended in either of the access lanes.



- Swimmers using the lagoon channel need to be aware of strong currents on the outgoing tide.

**The rules are covered fully in our Navigation Safety Bylaw on our website, visit [tasman.govt.nz/boating-and-fishing](https://tasman.govt.nz/boating-and-fishing).**

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## Solutions to Little Kaiteriteri flooding being considered

Options to solve the growing problem of flooding on Rowling Road at Little Kaiteriteri are being investigated. It's becoming more common for water to back up in the area during rain events.

There are several factors causing the wetland to silt up and each must be considered before a permanent solution is found.

Those factors include an increase in the water level in the wetland as water builds up on the roadway, so we are working on a solution to redirect the water from the road sumps into the reserve area.

Stormwater runoff has increased with development, especially with increasing impermeable surfaces such as driveways, paths and roads.

In the long term, we may have to expand the wetland to increase its

ability to accept water from the nearby area. But due to the sensitive nature of the area, we need to carefully consider all impacts and we will work with the Department of Conservation and iwi to look at options.

Before any work can begin on site, it's necessary to ensure that protocols for unearthing any artefacts are in place as the area would have been occupied by early Māori.

We are working through the process before arranging for the planned work to be undertaken but at this stage that's not likely to happen until early next year.

As a short-term temporary measure, we are planning to clear the outlet at the back of the beach and hopefully that will help reduce the severity of flooding until a permanent solution is put in place.



## COUNCIL HUI



Meetings will take place in person and via Zoom. For details and the Zoom link visit [tasman.govt.nz/meetings-calendar](https://tasman.govt.nz/meetings-calendar). Unless otherwise stated, all meetings will be held at Council Chambers, 189 Queen Street, Richmond.

**Motueka Community Board**  
Tuesday 15 November, 4.00 pm,  
Motueka Library, 32 Wallace Street

**Community Grants Subcommittee**  
Wednesday 16 November, 9.30 am.  
No public forum

**Enterprise Committee**  
Wednesday 16 November, 12.30 pm.  
No public forum

**Regulatory Committee**  
Thursday 17 November, 9.30 am

**Operations Committee**  
Thursday 24 November, 9.30 am

# A truly international Christmas is coming to Richmond

International Migrants Day and our annual Carols by Candlelight event fall on the same day this year so we're combining both for one big international celebration of Christmas.

Community Partnerships Officer Yulia Panfylova says being a migrant is challenging.

As a migrant herself she says it's especially challenging when you move to a country that speaks a different language where things are celebrated differently.

"What can make it even more difficult is you've not only left behind your home country and traditions, but your family too which can lead to a feeling of isolation."

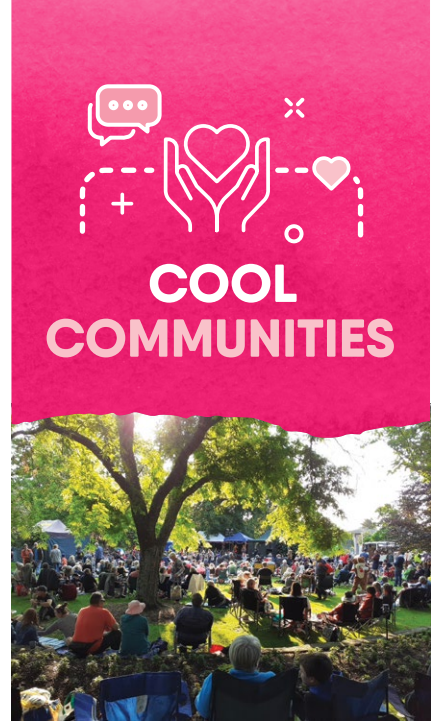
Yulia, and our Welcoming Communities Officer Birte Becker-Steel, are both migrants who also felt lost and lonely when they

arrived in Aotearoa. But now they work together to support migrants and make it a little easier for them to settle and feel they belong.

This year Birte and Yulia want people of all cultures to unite and celebrate Christmas together on International Migrants Day at Washbourn Gardens on Sunday 18 December from 6.00 pm.

They guarantee it will be a fun multicultural picnic for everyone. It will be the first year when the community will hear carols and New Year songs in many languages.

Yulia and Birte want to make this a Christmas that is about all of us.



**If you would like to be part of this event by either performing a carol or a song in any language other than English or wish to perform an ethnic dance, please get in touch with Yulia by calling 027 256 9630 or emailing [yulia.panfylova@tasman.govt.nz](mailto:yulia.panfylova@tasman.govt.nz)**



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# WHAT'S ON IN TASMAN



## Second Hand Sunday

**Sunday 13 November,  
9.00 am – 2.00 pm.**

A fun way for Nelson Tasman residents to declutter and re-home unwanted household goods for free. A list and map of participating addresses will be available to download from 12.00 pm Friday 11 November. Check out the map to plan your fossicking route and pick up some free second-hand items! The event will take place rain or shine. For more information, go to [tasman.govt.nz/shs](http://tasman.govt.nz/shs).

## Wellby Talking Café

**Wednesday 16 November, 10.00 am – 11.30 am, Motueka Library.**

Wellby Talking Cafés welcome everyone for a relaxed cuppa and can start your journey to connect with others who enjoy the same things. You can pop in for a quick chat or stay for a longer conversation with friendly people. There is no need to register, just turn up on the day.

## Motueka author talks

Lean into four free literary events at Motueka Library Te Noninga Kumu this month. Phil Walsh will speak about his book *Conquering Cascade*

on Saturday 12 November, Charlotte Squire will run a memoir writing workshop on Tuesday 15 November, Carol Duffy will launch her new book *Dragonfree in Danger* on Friday 18 November, and Chris Long will discuss his book *The Boy from Gorge River* on Friday 25 November.

## Language nest continues

Learn some basic German language and find out about Germany with Birte Becker-Steel at Richmond Library on Thursday 17 November at 1.30 pm. On Thursday 24 November at 1.30 pm we'll also be running an introduction to Mandarin (the official language of China) workshop. Come to one or both! Free.

## Life without a car course

**Wednesday 30 November, 2.00 pm – 3.00 pm, Stillwater Village, 60 Templemore Drive Richmond.**

Adjusting to life without a car doesn't mean losing independence and freedom. This information session enables you to stay connected to whānau, friends and places, highlights a range of possibilities to remain mobile, offers alternative ways of getting about in the community, suggests many options

to stay involved and enjoy activities, gives valuable insights into adapting your lifestyle and encourages living positively without driving. For more information and to book a place, contact Jackie at Age Concern Nelson Tasman on 021 195 8108 or [community@ageconcernnt.org.nz](mailto:community@ageconcernnt.org.nz).

## CarFit check

**Friday 9 December, 9.30 am – 2.00 pm, Saxton Stadium carpark.**

Does your car fit you? Ill-fitting vehicles can make driving uncomfortable and unsafe. Learn why the proper fit in your vehicle is essential for both your safety and the safety of others on the road. Come along for a 20-minute safety check with you in your car. Please call Jackie at Age Concern Nelson Tasman on 021 195 8108 to book a session. Run by Age Concern Nelson Tasman and AA.

## Christmas crafts

Tākaka Library is running free Christmas-themed craft workshops from 10.30 am – 12.00 pm every Wednesday this month. Make gifts, cards, wrapping paper and more in the lead up to Christmas. Contact Tākaka Library for more information.



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