



Let's hear what you think about Tasman's long and short-term plans

Formal consultation on the draft Annual Plan 2023 – 2024 is open until 30 April and we want to hear your views on the best choices for Tasman's future.

We are proposing a 9.06% rates increase and as both a regional and district council, we want to balance cost pressures without cutting the services and functions that our communities value the most.

We want to know if you support the budget reductions we have made to manage the rates increase, and what other options you feel could moderate or further reduce the rates increase.

Copies of the consultation document are available at our service centres, libraries and at shape.tasman.govt.nz/annual-plan, where you can also tell us your thoughts.

We have also started early engagement on our Tasman 10-Year Plan to help us prepare a draft plan that reflects your needs and aspirations for our District between 2024 – 2034.

We'd love your input – go to shape.tasman.govt.nz/tasmans-10-year-plan where you can find more information, have your say on issues affecting each township, and take part in one of our weekly quick polls on the things you value most for our District.

We also want to hear your ideas, concerns and suggestions for how we can improve our efforts to tackle climate change and build a more sustainable and resilient Tasman District. We've prepared a draft Climate Response Strategy and Action Plan, outlining our proposed response to climate change for the next 10 years and beyond.

Visit shape.tasman.govt.nz/tasman-climate-response-strategy-and-action-plan to have your say by 5 May 2023.

FUTURE FOCUS



Find out what changes to land and water management could mean to you

Farming and primary production are an important part of our District, and sound management of land and water resources is a critical issue.

Understanding the recent government regulations is important for rural communities and the Council. We realise this keeps changing and there is more still coming, and that this is confusing, adding stress and pressure onto farmers.

You're invited to an information event near you, hosted by Top of the South Rural Support Trust and Rural Women NZ, with short presentations from Tasman District Council staff and an opportunity to talk one on one with us about what the changes may mean for you and what support may be available.

MPI On Farm Support will also join us to introduce their staff and explain what their role is.

Topics include:

- Freshwater farm plans
- Intensive winter grazing
- Nitrogen use and reporting
- Stock exclusion
- Riparian and wetland enhancement and funding
- Significant Natural Areas (SNA) and biodiversity protection

These events are open to all local agribusiness, rural landowners, and those supporting our rural communities.

Events:

- **Murchison:** Thursday 27 April, 11.00 am – 2.00 pm, Murchison Sport, Recreation and Cultural Centre
- **St Arnaud:** Thursday 27 April, 4.30 pm – 7.30 pm, Lake Rotoiti Community Hall
- **Collingwood:** Monday 1 May, 11.30 am – 2.30 pm, Collingwood Memorial Hall
- **Upper Moutere:** Tuesday 2 May, 11.00 am – 2.00 pm, Moutere Hills Community Centre
- **Tapawera:** Tuesday 2 May, 6.30 pm – 9.30 pm, Tapawera Rugby Football Rooms



Let us remember them

Join us for ANZAC Day commemorations across Tasman as we remember and honour the sacrifices made by our soldiers who served and died in wars, conflicts, and peacekeeping operations.

In Tasman, ANZAC Day is observed with various events and services.

Richmond: Parade – 10.45 am from Sundial Square. Service – 11.00 am at War Memorial Gardens, Cambridge Street.

Brightwater: Service – 9.00 am at ANZAC Memorial Gates, Wanderers car park.

Wakefield: Service – 10.00 am at the Wakefield Cenotaph, Whitby Way, wet weather venue is the Wakefield Hall.

Motueka: Parade – 6.25 am from the Motueka Bowling Club car park, Pah Street, Motueka. Service – 6.30 am at Motueka War Memorial, Pah Street.

Murchison: Service – 11.00 am at the Memorial in Waller Street (Murchison Sport, Recreation and Cultural Centre if wet).

Māpua: Parade – 10.45 am by the tennis courts. Service – 11.00 am at Māpua RSA Memorial Library.

Upper Moutere: Service – 10.00 am at the Memorial.

Tasman: Service – 10.00 am at the Memorial.

Riwaka: Service – 9.00 am at the Memorial Gates, the intersection of School Road & SH60.

Ngatimoti: Laying of Wreath and Service – 10.30 am at St James Church, Waiwhero Road.

Tākaka: Dawn Service – 6.30 am at the Tākaka Memorial Reserve, Commercial Street. Parade – 8.45 am, leaves from outside Golden Bay Pharmacy. Civic Service – 9.00 am service at the Tākaka Memorial Reserve, Commercial Street.

Collingwood: Dawn Service – 6.30 am at the Cenotaph. Civic Service – 11.30 am at the Collingwood Memorial Hall.

Lake Rotoiti: Flag Ceremony – 10.30 am at the Lake Rotoiti Community Hall, 22 Main Road St Arnaud.





E-waste recycling – the way to go

Tasman and Nelson residents are going from strength to strength ensuring e-waste doesn't end up in landfill. In the past year 31,992kg of electronic waste has been diverted for repair and reuse, or to recover recyclable components.

To find out more, we asked Anton Drazevic, CEO of Nelson Environment Centre, a few questions about e-waste.

What is e-waste recycling?

E-waste recycling is the repair, reuse, or recycling of electronic devices that are either broken or no longer in use. They contain various hazardous materials like lead, mercury and cadmium. E-waste recycling helps prevent these harmful materials from entering the environment. It also means valuable resources can be recovered, and electronic items are kept in circulation for longer.

Does it cost to recycle my e-waste?

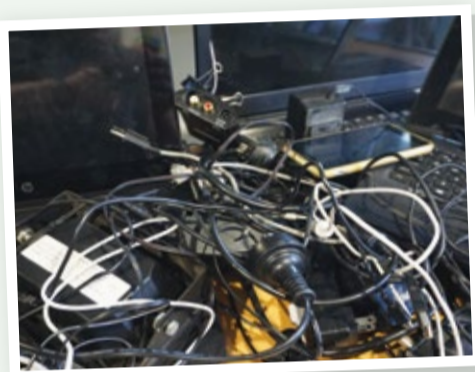
Items must be assessed by e-waste technicians and then either repaired or dismantled. Some items also require specialised equipment to dismantle

them and must be sent to commercial recycling facilities for processing. This increases the cost involved in recycling them which means a fee must be charged to help cover the costs.

However, we have made it easier for people to recycle e-waste by subsidising the cost of recycling individual items taken to Nelson Environment Centre and Weka Peckers in Lower Moutere.

What happens to e-waste after it's dropped off?

It's assessed to determine whether it is still working or can be fixed. If it's repairable, the technician will fix it, then test and tag it before reselling it through the ReUse Shops or online. If the item is beyond repair, or not worth fixing, recyclable components are salvaged.



Making Borck Creek more fish-friendly

Over the past few weeks, we've done earthworks to improve the aquatic habitat in the waterway at Richmond's Borck Creek.

Contractors have turned straight lines of the low-flow channel into a meandering flow through the wider flood channel.

They've also dug down to the groundwater in some places and added logs and debris in some corners to create refuges for fish.

The stream will end up being longer with more wetland areas, which should be beneficial for more species of aquatic life that will be attracted to the area in the future.

A community planting day is being planned for winter to provide more areas protected from the sun.

It's envisaged that the new work will supply improved habitat for the growing population of eels which have made Borck Creek their home.

Eels like to live in the crevasses and the shady areas so it's hoped they will move into the new area out of harm's reach because there are still problems with people interfering with them.

Our Environmental Education Officer Prashanti Lovegrove says the problem of people dumping food scraps in the creek, in the mistaken thought that they're supplying food for the eels, seems to have ended. But there continues to be reports of eels being attacked.

Prashanti says these creatures are special, and people should just look at them, not touch, feed or hurt them.

Climbing spindleberry on the rise

Climbing spindleberry is a deciduous climbing vine, notable for the sharp spines sometimes found on the young shoots. It can grow up to 12 – 15 metres high.

The leaves are round, 5 – 10 cm long, alternate on the stem and have fine teeth on the margins. Climbing spindleberry produces round yellow to orange fruits from late summer to early winter, which are eaten by birds.

This pest weed is spread by birds and seeds can be viable for up to five years. It is shade tolerant, meaning it will grow in most places.

It is an aggressive, rapidly growing scrambling climber with suckering roots and stems that can take root when they touch the ground. It can smother native trees and form dense thickets, and even strangle pine trees!

Because of its unremarkable appearance, this pest can be hard to spot among other vegetation during summer. There is a small window in late autumn when it becomes visible, as the leaves

change to yellow before dropping off. This should be occurring now.

Climbing spindleberry is an eradication species in our Regional Pest Management Plan. If you think you have seen it around our region, please get in touch with our Biosecurity Team at biosecurity@tasman.govt.nz or on 03 543 8400.



Moturoa/Rabbit Island is going gas powered

We are about to install shiny new gas-fired cooking facilities at Moturoa/Rabbit Island and remove all old wood-fired barbecues.

Concerns about the fire risk to the forestry on the island have been raised by our insurers so we need to remove the old barbecues.

The advantage of moving away from wood and charcoal to gas means a reduction in fire risk posed by the cooking facilities for users and our commercial forestry.

The new gas hot plates have been imported but will have cabinets supplied by local contractors.



Each new barbecue will be installed on a concrete pad with a shade sail to provide sun protection for users and will be free to use.

All the old cast iron barbecues will be refurbished where possible and reused elsewhere in the District.

This project is scheduled to be done over winter with the new gas-fired barbecues ready for use next summer.

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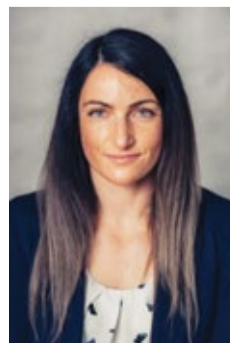
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Children's Day boosts cyclone fundraiser

It was a terrific day out with dozens of families joining our Children's Day activities at the Richmond Aquatic Centre earlier this month.

After having to be postponed last month due to bad weather, the sun shone and fun was had by all, young and old.

It was a great day out with plenty of outdoor toys and activities, an inflatable obstacle race and slide, balloon twisting with Flossie, music with Kath Bee, Mr Science and Fairy Lou, as well as local clubs and community organisations.

There was also a sausage sizzle, thanks to Mitre 10 Helping Hands, with all proceeds donated to our adopted community – the Far North District – to help support them following the devastating Cyclone Gabrielle.

That effort raised an awesome \$621.

To match that tremendous effort, Mayor Tim King reached into his Discretionary Fund and added a further \$1,000 to the donation to our Far North District cousins.



A facelift for an angel

A large sculpture of a reclining angel in flowing robes, which was moved to Golden Bay last year, has undergone a much-needed facelift.

Pacific Angel used to recline in splendour outside the café at the old Nelson Airport terminal.

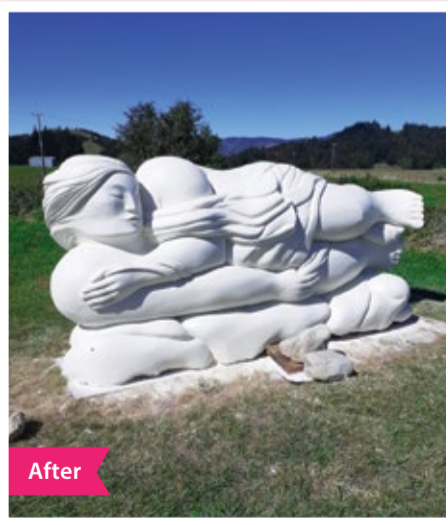
When the old airport terminal began its transformation into the modern facility it is today, 16 sculptures had to be rehomed.

We adopted Pacific Angel and found a new home for the large Oamaru stone artwork in Golden Bay, and in keeping with its air travel connections, relocated it to the Tākaka Aerodrome.

But after many years exposed to the elements, the angel was looking a little worse for wear.

The sculpture's creator, Bodhi Vincent came to Golden Bay recently and spent time giving Pacific Angel a much needed once over and tidy up.

The artwork has been restored to its former glory and now in its laid-back way welcomes visitors to Tākaka Aerodrome.



Māpua on the move

All systems are go for piloting walking and cycling improvements along Aranui Road in Māpua.

Over the last six months, a dedicated group of community champions has worked alongside our Streets for People project team to nut out ideas and concepts for the best way to improve walking and cycling options throughout the village.

The government has provided funding for the project, and the proposed plans were approved by our Council Governance Group last month.

The project includes several new pedestrian crossings, new wide shared paths, a safe slow vehicle zone, community street art, new cycle stands and plantings to improve the streetscape.

But the key point of this project is that we are planning to use materials that can be repurposed. This means once the

new layout is down, and we find it needs tweaking, we have the flexibility to do that simply and efficiently.

... And that's when the wider community gets involved. We will be asking for your feedback and thoughts about the new Māpua Streets for People layout once it's on the ground. We'll then use that information to see where improvements could be made.

In the meantime, we are holding an information session at Java Hut on Wednesday 26 April from 8.30 am until 10.00 am. Join us for a coffee, see the plans on paper and have any questions answered.

We've also put together a computer-generated fly-through of the project so you can see what it could potentially look like.

See the fly-through and more at shape.tasman.govt.nz/streets-people and click on the Māpua projects button.

Help shape the future of walking and cycling in Motueka

We want your feedback as we refine designs for safe streets for walking and cycling around Motueka.

Our Transport Choices programme is moving forward, and we've produced a map for you to see what Motueka could potentially look like.

The map on our Shape Tasman website shows a whole network of awesome tracks and ways to walk, cycle and use mobility devices safely in and around Motueka.

It is a blueprint for the future. Our government-funded Transport Choices project will begin work towards this bigger picture. We intend to do this

in bite-sized chunks with the end game being a fantastic network of improvements right across town.

Check out shape.tasman.govt.nz/transport-choices-2023 and click on the Motueka projects button to see the map ... and while you're there take the opportunity to tell us what you think in our two-minute survey.



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Councillor Stuart Bryant, Lakes-Murchison Ward



As Chair of the Joint Regional Transport Committee, I continue to be frustrated by central government's emphasis on walking and cycling at the expense of other essential transport infrastructure. We are supportive of and have a number of initiatives underway including Streets for People, Transport Choices, and improved public transport services.

We are also concerned about the ever-increasing congestion for our heavy traffic and commuters at the Gladstone Road and Lower Queen Street intersection in Richmond. We need Waka Kotahi to find funding and get on with physical works, rather than just promoting policies that just delay the inevitable of doing the improvements required.

Remember, this year there's a general election – lobby the candidates about this issue.

For farmers and landowners, we are working on enabling you to be more informed by holding rural conversation events across the District.

The Council now has a better understanding of what recent government changes to regulations may mean. At these events, we'll look at these changes, what's still to come and how this may impact you. You will meet the Council staff tasked with implementing these changes, have an opportunity to ask questions and find out what support may be available.

You'll find times, venues and dates for these in this issue of Newsline as well as on our website.

We also have a new web page – Tasman Rural Hub – it's accessible from the tasman.govt.nz home page and provides information on farm regulation, irrigation, biodiversity and biosecurity, small land holdings support, and funding.



Motueka Community Board

Our roles focus on ensuring local issues and opinions are known to Council staff, and advocating for actions or initiatives which will enhance the Motueka ward community.

Council plans and performs many tasks which affect us all, and the Community Board tries to influence them as best we can. But there are some areas where we can make our own decisions on behalf of our community.

Two such areas which we are currently deciding on are changes to our Discretionary Funding scheme and forming a policy on the replacement of problematic trees.

Our Discretionary Fund allows us to provide up to \$500 to community groups for projects they are running, with applications made every three months. The Board have decided to increase the maximum amount to \$700 and permit applications to be heard

every month. We are working with the Council to finalise these changes.

The Board wants a policy written that would require replacements for any trees in the ward that are to be removed for safety or other reasons. The wording of the new policy is being drawn up which will include how many replacements, what type, located where, and who pays.

We had a meeting earlier this week and the next one is on Tuesday 16 May, 4.00 pm at the Motueka Library. All are welcome. The first half hour is dedicated to the public forum where anyone can speak for up to five minutes on a local issue that the Community Board may be able to help with.

WHAT'S ON IN TASMAN



AF8 Roadshow: science talks

- **Wednesday 26 April, 7.00 pm, Lake Rotoiti Community Hall.**
- **Thursday 27 April, 7.00 pm, Motueka Memorial Hall.**

Join AF8 and Nelson Tasman Civil Defence for a public talk by leading Alpine Fault scientists. Hear about what the potential impacts of a large Alpine Fault earthquake might look like in our region and how we can be better prepared for such an event. All are welcome to these free events.

Author talk: Kate Souness

Thursday 27 April, 4.30 pm – 6.00 pm, Motueka Library.

Kate Souness will be speaking about her books: *Ko au he waka, he waka ko au: kaupapa waka & education*, and *Te Kāpehu Whetū = the star compass*. The first celebrates the events and history of the waka renaissance movement throughout the Pacific, and the second is a bilingual resource to support learnings about traditional star navigation at sea.

Introduction to ancestry workshop

Thursday 27 April, 10.00 am – 12.00 pm, Motueka Library.

This introductory course will include search tips for using Ancestry.com, looking at various record collections for New Zealand and the UK, viewing public member trees and sending records home from the library. Basic computer skills are essential. Spaces are limited.

Family history Friday

Friday 28 April, 10.30 am – 12.00 pm, Richmond Library.

Are you having trouble finding your ancestors? Would you like to know more about using Ancestry.com or what other family or local history resources are available? Drop by the Richmond Library research room and specialist library staff will be available to help you on your research journey. Free drop-in session.

Kick Start in the Park

- **Tuesday 18 and Monday 24 April, 4.00 pm – 5.00 pm, Jubilee Park Richmond.**
- **Wednesday 19 and 26 April, 4.00 pm – 5.00 pm, Decks Reserve Motueka.**
- **Thursday 20 and 27 April, 4.00 pm – 5.00 pm, Bill Wilkes Reserve, Richmond.**

Tasman youth – do you want to kick start your fitness goals? Whether you are just starting out on your fitness journey or want to improve and get in shape in time for winter sports, then this is for you! Come on down by yourself or bring your friends and let's get fit together. Sessions are free, and snacks will be provided afterwards. This is aimed at ages 12 – 24. Featuring Byron Hull, Fitness Centre Team leader from CLM.

JP in the library

Every Wednesday, 11.30 am – 12.30 pm, Richmond Library.

Do you need a Justice of the Peace (JP) to witness your important documents? We can help. Come to Richmond Library's Community Matters space to talk with a registered JP. Free.

NEWSLINE NOTICES



Hire our Way to Go trailer and have a ball

Do you realise we have a trailer full of fun and games that you can use to entertain the crowds at your next social occasion, birthday party, social club or neighbourhood gathering?

Our 'Way to Go' trailer is chock full of equipment that will provide hours of fun. The list includes a wide range of sports equipment like balls and bats, hula hoops, large building blocks, a giant connect four game, oversized Jenga, and even sacks for those good old-fashioned sack races.

The trailer even includes bean bags to crash out on when you've had enough of all the fun and games.

The 'Way to Go' costs \$40 for a two-day hire and for a little extra we can even deliver to you.

To book the trailer or get more information, contact the Richmond Aquatic Centre on 03 543 9755 or aru@clmnz.co.nz

ANZAC Day hours and services

All service centres and libraries will be closed for the public holiday on Tuesday 25 April. Usual opening hours apply otherwise. We are always here to help when needed though, call 03 543 8400 for assistance, 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

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

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



Giant connect four fun

Rural sports funding closes soon

Applications for the Sport NZ Rural Travel Fund close on Sunday 30 April. This fund offers help with travel costs for rural sports clubs and rural school teams and is designed to help young people aged 5 – 19 participate in local sports competitions. Visit tasman.govt.nz/grants to fill out an application form.

Council hui

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

Tasman District Council
Thursday 27 April, 9.30 am.

Joint Shareholders Committee
Thursday 27 April, 1.30 pm.

Saxton Field Committee
Tuesday 2 May, 1.30 pm. Saxton Netball Pavilion, Stoke.

Environment and Regulatory Committee
Thursday 4 May, 1.00 pm.

Nelson Regional Sewerage Business Unit
Friday 5 May, 9.30 am. Nelson City Council, 110 Trafalgar Street.

Joint Nelson Tasman Regional Transport Committee
Friday 5 May, 1.00 pm.