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Greenways get the green light

Neighbourhood Greenways are coming to some streets in Richmond.

Back in 2020, we launched a programme to find out what people thought about the streets they live in, and what improvements could be made to them.

The aim was to make these streets more liveable and safer for people, rather than just serving as transportation corridors.

We worked closely with residents, schools, kindys and other stakeholders to design solutions to improve neighbourhoods. We tried calming the traffic, bringing in more greenery, redesigning local parks, and creating more space for cycling and recreation.

As a result, and after a lot of community discussion and feedback, we established what worked and what didn't, and now the time has come to get some of the successful elements constructed.

The plan is to begin work in the Talbot Street area followed by Crescent Street and then Elizabeth Street.

This project involves:

- A wider four-metre-long footpath at Linden Court / Talbot Street.
- Raised tables at Talbot Street / Elizabeth Street and Crescent Street / Wensley Road.
- Raised intersections at Crescent Street / Blair Terrace and Elizabeth Street / Florence Street.
- Rain gardens in the current planter box locations on Elizabeth Street.

A rain garden is specially designed to help manage stormwater runoff. They're usually filled with native plants and soil engineered to absorb rainwater. The water flows into the garden and is absorbed by the plants and soil. The plants and soil then help filter out pollutants and contaminants.

These Greenway projects are expected to be finished by mid-July.

TRANSPORT TALES



Join us to help guide the next phase of our Richmond Streets for People programme

Are you keen to see further improvements to our walking and cycling networks?

We are looking for a new group of people who are prepared to join us as we investigate a new phase in our Richmond Streets for People programme.

We're about to embark on investigations into design options for Champion Road and Hill Street, and would like residents of the area, or anyone else who is interested in joining a steering group, to help us lead the latest pilot design process.

The Richmond Streets for People project kicked off last year with \$2.4 million in government funding to shape the beginnings of a network of safe walking and cycling spaces in our streets.

A group of community representatives has already helped shape the early design phases of improvements for cyclists and pedestrians on Salisbury Road, Wensley Road and Queen Street.

The Salisbury Road pilot project has been on the road for a while now and is getting largely favourable feedback from regular users.

You can see a video of a ride through of Salisbury Road and the views from regular users at shape.tasman.govt.nz/streets-people/richmondsfp.

If you're keen to be part of the Champion Road and Hill Street steering group, please send an email with your details to streetsforpeople@tasman.govt.nz



New shared path at Kaiteriteri

We are planning safety improvements for walkers and cyclists at Kaiteriteri.

We've been successful in our bid for more funding from Central Government for a pedestrian safety upgrade at the popular holiday spot.

This means we are going to construct a shared path and boardwalk along Martin Farm Road from the intersection of Riwaka-Kaiteriteri Road.

The stretch of road on the way to the Kaiteriteri Mountain Bike Park is used by

many cyclists but at some times of the year, it is also very busy with vehicles towing boat trailers.

The new pathway will be about 400 metres long and will provide safer separation for pedestrians and cyclists from vehicles using the road – 100 metres of the route will include a wooden boardwalk at the end of the path.

We're currently in the design stage of the project but hope to have the project finished before Christmas.

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New home for Motueka toys

As any parent will tell you, packing away the kids' toys can be a real chore.

Well, that chore has become a whole lot easier for the Motueka District Toy Library with the construction of a brand-new storage shed, thanks to money from one of our Community Grants.

Previously each day, the Toy Library's staff and volunteers had to haul all the large climb-on and ride-on toys out onto the lawn to ensure there was enough space for people to move inside.

But thanks to a \$2,300 grant from us, a \$3,000 grant from the Tindall Foundation, and some fundraising by the library, those bigger toys now have their own storage space, saving time and a lot of backaches.

The Toy Library has been entertaining the youngsters of Motueka for about thirty years and is a highly popular community asset.

The library offers toys of all shapes and sizes, but the big gymnastic play mats are very popular at the moment, as are activity toys that encourage gross motor skills in infants, but one of the most favoured items with members is good old Duplo.

The Motueka District Toy Library is open on Pah Street from 10.00 am – 11.30 am on Tuesday and Thursday, and 10.00 am – 12.00 pm on Saturday.

Annual membership is \$35 with a small charge for each item borrowed.



We want to help your group get things done!

Do you have an exciting community project in the pipeline? A Community Grant could help make it happen.

Community Grants help get some of our most valuable community projects off the ground, and applications are now open.

The criteria are broad and cover a range of categories including but not limited to service groups, festivals, and sports clubs through to welfare groups, arts, culture, heritage, and environmental organisations.

We'll be looking at projects that are either Tasman-based or will help Tasman residents, meet a community need and have community support. Priority will be given to projects that

align with our community outcomes and can show financial support from other sources as well.

If your community group has a project that needs funding and you feel your group could be worthy of consideration for a grant, check our website for earlier recipients to see who got what.

Groups can apply for funding to cover costs such as administration costs (limited), one-off projects, project development costs and service delivery costs.

The deadline for applications is the end of July. You can find details of the application process on our website, tasman.govt.nz/grants.

Publicly notified resource consent application

Proposal for industrial activity at Green Lane, Motueka

Ruru Building Limited has applied to Tasman District Council for resource consents for an industrial activity being construction of relocatable homes on rural productive land at 54 Green Lane, Motueka, with an associated discharge of domestic wastewater to land.

The proposed industrial activity will protrude above the 1:50 Height Control (Obstacle Limitation Surface) protecting the northeast flight approach to Motueka Aerodrome, thereby potentially restricting future uses of the runways; and will potentially divert flood waters around the site at 54 Green Lane.

The land is zoned Rural 1 and in the Land Disturbance Area 1 under the Tasman Resource Management Plan.

This application is publicly notified. This is a summary notice only.

On our website you will find the full public notice, the application with details of the specific resource consents applied for, the assessment of environmental effects and supporting information.

Visit tasman.govt.nz and search "Ruru Homes".

Any person may make a submission on the applications under section 96 of the Resource Management Act 1991. You will find submission forms on our website and at our offices. Details of how to lodge a submission are also on the website.

Submissions close at 4.30 pm on Friday 19 May 2023.



Focusing on flooding at Little Kaiteriteri

We're about to start work on the first phase of a project to reduce road flooding at Little Kaiteriteri.

Several ways to solve the growing problem of flooding on Rowling Road have been investigated.

There are several factors causing the wetland to silt up and each had to be considered before a permanent solution was established.

As well as natural environmental factors, stormwater runoff has increased with development, especially with increasing impermeable surfaces such as driveways, paths and roads.

In the first stage, we will undertake work within Alex Ryder Reserve and will also clear nearby road sumps.

The next phase will focus on reshaping a section of road between Kotare Place and Torlesse Drive – but this requires further detailed design work.

We expect that water will continue to back up at times of heavy rain, but

hopefully this work will help it drain away much faster.

At this stage, no work is planned within the wetland, but we may have to increase its ability to accept water from the nearby area in the future.

But due to the area's sensitive nature, we need to consider all impacts and will work with the Department of Conservation and iwi to investigate potential options if necessary.



TRANSPORT TALES



Speed reduction proposal outside Motueka Steiner School

To help keep our tamariki safe, we want your feedback on a proposed speed limit reduction for the relocated Rudolf Steiner School at Lower Moutere.

The proposal will see the current limit of 100km/h dropped to 60km/h, covering the section of Robinson Road which stretches from 100 metres north of the school driveway to the intersection with Main Road Lower Moutere.

We are recommending this change due to its alignment with national and local priorities around school safety.

As well as this, safety concerns relating to driving behaviour and the risk to people accessing the school property have emerged.

If you have any feedback about the speed reduction, please let us know by emailing mike.vanenter@tasman.govt.nz by Friday 12 May.

Submissions will be considered by the Operations Committee on 25 May 2023. If you wish to speak to your submission or present in person you can do so at the public forum for this meeting.

Anyone wishing to speak at a public forum is requested to give prior notice, you can find information on how to do so here: tasman.govt.nz/speaking-and-presenting-at-meetings.

We are also currently reviewing our district wide Speed Management Plan and will be consulting on our draft proposal later in the year.



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Tasman Environment Plan – what’s next?

In late 2022, as part of the engagement process for Aorere ki uta, Aorere ki tai – Tasman Environment Plan (TEP), we asked you for feedback on “From the Mountains to the Sea”, about Tasman’s freshwater and coastal environments.

A summary and full report on the freshwater and coastal feedback we received is now available on Shape Tasman: shape.tasman.govt.nz/mountains-to-the-sea.

Your feedback has been used to produce draft visions and values sets for each Freshwater Management Unit and the coastal region, and we are now seeking your input on these at the link above.

Work on the other parts of the TEP, including Tasman’s Towns and Villages, and Managing Tasman’s Environment and Development that we covered in the same engagement process have been

delayed given Government changes signalled in the resource management reform. As a result, Tasman and Nelson will be producing a combined plan.

Importantly, the work on the TEP so far and the valuable contributions from everyone that has provided feedback won’t be lost, it will be used for the new plan.

A summary report on the feedback we received in 2022 will be up on Shape Tasman in the next few weeks. You can find out more about the resource management reform and the future of the TEP there too. Visit shape.tasman.govt.nz/environmentplan.



Thanks for your feedback on Richmond’s future

We want to say a big thanks to everyone who contributed to the Richmond Future Housing Options Survey recently.

We have received lots of great feedback and all the information you’ve provided will help inform the growth of Richmond in the long term.

A lot of work has been done in the Tasman and Nelson Districts to understand and plan for future growth, and the Richmond Spatial and Intensification Plan project focuses on planning for growth within Richmond for the next 10 – 30 years.

To increase density, we need to change the number of people that can live in certain parts of Richmond, and the types of housing that they live in.

The next steps will be compiling all of the information, and then working up a series of scenarios for a future plan for Richmond.

After that, we’ll be bringing the scenarios back to the public for further discussion and testing. We will be holding public engagement sessions later this year to discuss possible options for change.

Keep an eye on shape.tasman.govt.nz/central-richmond for more updates on this project and upcoming events.



Second phase of earthworks help Waimea Delta wetland efforts grow

The Waimea Delta continues to look a little more revitalised as progress on re-establishing wetlands in this special part of the region moves forward.

Following initial work done in March 2022, we’ve recently finished the second phase of earthworks at the site, an impressive effort that has set the foundation for further biodiversity gains in the area.

The Waimea Delta is one of the very few areas in Tasman District in public ownership that is large enough to successfully recreate this important wetland environment.

The second phase of the project was designed to further improve the biodiversity of the site by creating more

varied habitats as well as adding woody debris (root wads) to create fish shelter.

To achieve this, the project team undertook earthworks to further expand low-lying areas and create mounds of varying heights and sizes throughout the wetland.

These structures were strategically placed to create areas of varying moisture levels, which are ideal for different plant and animal species – specifically marsh birds like the Matuku (Australasian Bittern).

There will be further wetland, terrestrial and salt marsh planting done this winter and spring.

Next time you are on Tasman’s Great Taste Trail on the way to Moturoa / Rabbit Island, make sure you stop for a look.



Digging the dirt on composting

Reap the benefits of composting and let nature help your recycling.

Composting is an easy and environmentally friendly way to manage your food waste, save money and make your garden more productive.

Composting kitchen and garden waste could halve your weekly household rubbish, so you don’t have to pay for as many bags or bin loads.

It’s also a great way to reduce greenhouse gas emissions by keeping food waste out of landfills ... and not only that, compost also enriches your soil, so you can water less, and reduces the need for expensive chemical fertilisers.

To celebrate International Compost Awareness Week, Rethink Waste is hosting a free Coffee and Compost workshop on Friday 12 May at the Richmond Library, from 12.00 pm – 1.00 pm.

Whether you’re just getting started or need a little help troubleshooting, we’ll be able to guide you on your composting journey, plus we have some great giveaways and a compost bin to be won.

Don’t forget we also have a \$20 subsidy voucher available towards the cost of a compost bin, worm farm or bokashi set. Check out tasman.govt.nz/compost for more information.



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Councillor Mike Kininmonth, Moutere-Waimea Ward



It's been a whirlwind few months since the local body elections. Council staff have been more than accommodating in preparing an induction programme for first-time councillors. This has helped prepare us for the deluge of papers/reports that we need to read and digest before meetings.

Moving around the Moutere-Waimea Ward, I've found a number of constant themes occurring. They are rates increases, the Waters Services legislation and how the Council engages with its ratepayers.

The Council has set up a Māpua Masterplan Steering Group. I urge everyone with a point of view to have their say, prepare a submission, or contact the Council or their local Councillor.

Lastly, there is no silver bullet when it comes to obtaining public feedback on changes to the way in which we do things. We can never keep everyone

happy and it's my job to represent all ratepayers, not just the ones who yell the loudest.

The Council is held accountable by the Local Government Act and other legislation on how, when and why it goes about notifying ratepayers of changes to its modus operandi. Sometimes it may seem slow and overly bureaucratic, but the alternatives are less democratic and less open to public scrutiny.

I see my role as your advocate, and I am more than willing to hear your complaints and issues and try to resolve them.



Golden Bay Community Board

In this issue, we are introducing Robert Hewison, who lives in Tākaka with his wife, Holly, and their four children.

Robert joined the Golden Bay Community Board because he felt that he had something to offer back to the community. This is his first term on the Board. While it has been a learning curve, he has brought his experience with running a business, being a father, a property owner, and his involvement in the not-for-profit and disability sector.

Robert sees some key themes and focuses. He is not here for himself but for the generations to come after us – our children and their children. Our decisions now affect their lives, and that weighs on him. That is how long-term

we need to look and plan for – five to 50 years, not six to 12 months.

Robert has seen that organisations, departments and people often fail to look at the bigger picture. "We need to look at how one decision fits in within the picture as a whole, and how each part is just as important. Often you cannot do something in isolation, and when it does happen, it isn't as effective."

"When we consider things, we must ensure we give people enough time to digest information and provide feedback. We need to give those making the decisions enough time to take that information in and make an informed decision. The focus shouldn't be the deadline – the focus is making sure we get there."

WHAT'S ON IN TASMAN



Wellby Talking Cafés

- **Tuesday 9 May, 10.00 am – 11.30 am, Tapawera Community Centre.**
- **Tuesday 9 May, 1.30 pm – 3.00 pm, Richmond Library.**
- **Wednesday 17 May, 10.00 am – 11.30 am, Motueka Library.**

Wellby Talking Cafés welcome everyone for a relaxed cuppa to start your journey connecting 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.

Author talk: George Elder – Take back your health

Friday 12 May, 1.00 pm – 2.30 pm, Tākaka Library.

Learn how your diet impacts your health, both good and bad, so that you can then use food as medicine. George will speak on his personal journey to better health and his extensive research following the realisation of just how little most people really understand about nutrition and its impact on their health. Talk is free and book sales are \$15 (cash only).

Learn to use e-Resources

Monday 15 May, 10.00 am – 12.00 pm, Motueka Library.

Bring along your device and learn how to use our free e-Resources and apps. Master how to access our e-Library and read library books no matter where you are. Call Motueka Library Te Noninga Kumu on 03 528 1047 or pop in to book your free 30-minute slot.

Digital literacy

Friday 19 May, 2.00 pm – 3.00 pm, Motueka Library.

The world is becoming more digital and the things you can do with technology are increasing. Discover resources to advance your knowledge base and learn how to make technology work for you to make your life easier. Call Motueka Library Te Noninga Kumu on 03 528 1047 or pop in to book your free spot.

Keep Richmond Beautiful AGM

The next meeting will be held at **3.00 pm on Wednesday 10 May at the Tasman District Council Chambers**. All welcome.

Second Hand Sunday

Sunday 21 May, 9.00 am – 2.00 pm.

Second Hand Sunday is a fun way for Nelson and Tasman residents to declutter and re-home unwanted household goods for free. If you have items you want to give away, simply register online before 10.00 am Friday 19 May to be included on the list of participating addresses. Print off a poster to put on your mailbox and put your items on your driveway at 9.00 am on the day. A list and map of participating addresses will be available to download from 12.00 pm Friday 19 May. Check out the map to plan your fossicking route and pick up some free second-hand items! For more information and to sign up, go to tasman.govt.nz/shs.



NEWSLINE NOTICES



Motueka Citizens Advice Bureau

Citizens Advice Bureau Nelson Tasman has been helping people find answers to absolutely anything for nearly 40 years. But Motueka residents have had to either phone, email or take a trip into Nelson. But now, you can find the Citizens Advice Bureau at the Motueka Community House each Monday between 9.00 am and 12.00 pm. If you don't quite know where to start with a problem, they'll help you clarify the key issues, supply information, suggest alternatives, or maybe refer you to a specialist for help. And the best bit? It's all free!

Expressions of Interest – Iwi Representation Positions

Tasman District Council in conjunction with ngā iwi o Te Taihira (Ngāti Apa ki te Rā Tō, Ngāti Koata, Ngāti Kuia, Ngāti Rārua, Ngāti Tama, Ngāti Toa Rangitira, Rangitāne o Wairau and Te Ātiawa o Te Waka a Māui) are seeking to appoint a number of iwi representatives to join various standing committees across the Te Tai o Aorere rohe. We are seeking Expressions of Interests for representatives to join the following committees:

- Strategy and Policy Committee (voting)
- Environment and Regulatory (voting)
- Operations Committee (voting)
- In addition, one of the above successful applicants will be selected to an Advisory Iwi Representative on Full Council which is non-voting.

Apply here: seek.co.nz/job/66970933

Changes to rates notifications

You will have received your rates instalment invoice by now and probably noticed it is earlier than it used to be. While your bill has arrived earlier, the payment date remains the same as before. We've made some small changes to our system. The upside is it gives you more time between receiving the invoice and needing to pay, so it will hopefully help

with your household budgeting. If you have any queries, give us a call on 03 543 8400 and we can help you out.

Residents survey calling

You might get a call this month from Research First. They're doing an annual survey on our behalf into Tasman residents' satisfaction with Council. The interviews will be conducted by telephone, both landlines and cellphones. Responses are confidential. We would urge anyone who is contacted to take part and use the opportunity to give feedback – the results help shape the future of the services and facilities we provide to the community. Find out more at tasman.govt.nz.

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.

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.

Golden Bay Community Board
Monday 8 May, 1.00 pm. Golden Bay Service Centre, 78 Commercial Street, Tākaka.

Enterprise Committee
Friday 12 May, 1.30 pm.

Submissions Hearing (Annual Plan)
Tuesday 16 May, 9.30 am.

Motueka Community Board
Tuesday 16 May, 4.00 pm. Motueka Library, Wallace Street.

Tasman District Council
Thursday 18 May, 9.30 am.

Nelson-Tasman Regional Landfill Business Unit
Friday 19 May, 9.30 am. Nelson City Council, 110 Trafalgar Street.