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KEEPING YOU INFORMED ABOUT NEWS AND EVENTS IN TASMAN DISTRICT



What do you want to see in the Māpua Masterplan?

We're planning for future growth and development in Māpua over the next 30 years, and we need your feedback to guide our future conversations.

In te reo Māori, Māpua translates to 'a place of abundance' and there are plenty of reasons why people choose to live in or visit this wonderful part of Tasman. How we go about maintaining its character while managing key projects and changes in the years ahead requires careful consideration.

The aim of the Māpua Masterplan is to develop an integrated plan, in collaboration with the community and iwi, that brings together Council planning processes to address key issues and opportunities. More importantly, it should reflect the aspirations of this growing coastal community.

Drawing on previous feedback from the community, we've developed ten draft principles that incorporate issues and

opportunities within Māpua, as well as six guiding themes: placemaking, connectivity, infrastructure, environmental values, cultural identity, and natural hazards and climate change.

The initial phase of public engagement is about to start and we will be looking for feedback from 21 August until 30 September.

A series of drop-in sessions are planned for September at the Māpua Community Hall where staff will be available to hear and record your feedback in person.

- Saturday 2 September, 10.00 am – 12.00 pm and 1.00 pm – 3.00 pm.
- Thursday 14 September, 2.00 pm – 4.00 pm and 6.00 pm – 8.00 pm.

Find more information and provide feedback at shape.tasman.govt.nz/Mapua-masterplan-2023.

FUTURE FOCUS



A handy guide to Tasman District Council

You have probably heard or read about the many functions that the Council undertakes as a local authority – from how we deliver our services to who represents you on various committees and boards.

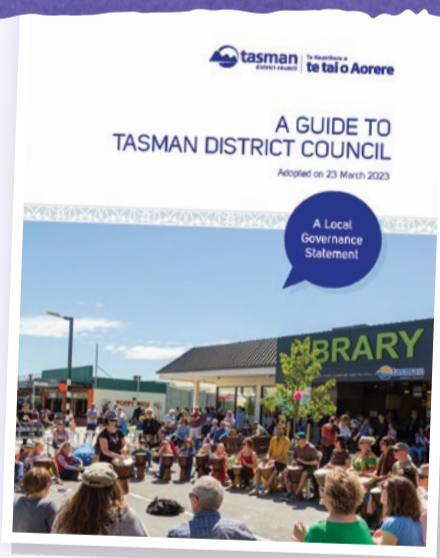
Some terms or processes might be familiar to you. Others, not so much.

We do our best to make sure this information is available and accessible to everyone through our various channels.

This year, we've sought to make one resource in particular more visible and engaging.

Following each triennial local government election, Councils are required to adopt a Local Governance Statement.

The purpose of this document is to provide information about Tasman District Council including its purpose and structure, what it does, how it makes decisions, its key policies and documents, and how you can receive help, get information, or participate in Council meetings and decisions.



This year, we have taken the opportunity to produce a handy, user-friendly guide that provides a comprehensive overview of how the Council engages with residents, how we make decisions, and how residents can influence these processes.

As well as this, we have included some key stats and figures about the District – our size, our economy and our people – to highlight the environment in which we operate.

We hope that this guide will enable everyone to be informed about who we are and what we do in Tasman.

You can find our Local Governance Statement on our website at tasman.govt.nz/governance-policies.

PARKS AND PLACES



THE NEW BBQ SITES ARE READY FOR USE!

We're cooking with gas at Moturoa / Rabbit Island

Six new barbecue sites with eight stainless steel gas hotplates are now available to use for free at one of our most popular recreational areas.

Moturoa/Rabbit Island's new push-button gas cooking facilities complement the five existing gas barbecues and come with shade sails for added sun protection.

Concerns about the fire risk to the forestry on the island were raised by our insurers so we needed to remove the old barbecues – but fear not, some of the old cast iron fireboxes have been saved and will be used to replace ageing wood-fired barbecues in other reserve areas.

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.

You can still use your own gas cookers and barbecue equipment but there's now a complete open fire ban right across Moturoa/Rabbit and Rough Islands.



What do you think about Wensley Road?

We are making many road safety improvements across Richmond and as part of our Streets for People programme, we will be improving walking and cycling routes on Wensley Road.

But before we get anything on the ground, we want to check in with users and gather their thoughts about how they find the road as it is now. Then once the pilot layout has been down for a while, we will come back and seek more feedback.

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.

Should this trial be well received, we will look to install this infrastructure permanently, but we want to provide plenty of opportunity to adjust the layout if necessary.

You can find the Wensley Road safety survey online at shape.tasman.govt.nz/streets-people. It closes Sunday 10 September.

Wensley Road is the second site of our Richmond Streets for People project. Queen Street, Hill Street and Champion Road will be going through a similar process later this year and early next year.



eBus.nz – every bus thing you need to know

The new eBuses are on the run and the new ebus.nz website will keep you up to date. Get full details about routes, timetables and even track buses live on the website.

Pictured above: Mayor Tim King and West Coast Tasman MP Damien O'Connor at the eBus launch.

Bollards to improve student safety

Richmond School is in a unique position having a road, Church Street, running straight through the middle of it.

Not only is this a unique situation but it was also a dangerous one, up until a couple of weeks ago that is.

We got together with the school and the Ministry of Education to work out a way of getting children safely across the road between the school buildings and the playing fields during the day.

The solution was to close the one-way road to motor vehicles during school hours. People on foot or bicycle can still get through.



A set of portable bollards is rolled out at 8.30 am every weekday morning and taken back in after school at 3.30 pm.

Richmond School Principal Tim Brenton says so far, the project has been generally well received by the school community and neighbours.

He says this is a 12-month trial and already some aspects of it have been identified as needing tweaking, but he says the bottom line for him is that student safety is paramount.

Pictured above: Principal Tim Brenton left and Deputy Ryan Higgins set up the bollards.

Mayor Tim King recognised nationally

A huge congratulations to our Mayor Tim King for winning the Local Government New Zealand (LGNZ) SuperLeader Award at the recent SuperLocal awards!

“This award is for an exceptional elected member who leads by example. You inspire others to action and take people with you to make an outstanding contribution to your community. A SuperLeader brings out the best in everyone they work with, is an unconventional thinker, and gets things done.”

We all know he's amazing – now so does the rest of Aotearoa.



Māpua begins to move

Māpua's Streets for People pilot project is ready to hit the ground, our contractors are about to start construction work.

We want to supply greater, safer choices for people to get around the village. To do this, we are piloting quick, low-cost, semi-permanent improvements.

While this is being done, there will be some traffic management in place but there won't be any disruptions to the new eBus service.

This project uses materials that can be repurposed – 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 community gets involved. We will be asking for feedback about the new layout once it's down. We'll then use that information to see where possible improvements can be made.

Keep up to date at shape.tasman.govt.nz/streets-people/mapuasfp or scan the QR code above with your phone.



YOUTH YARNS



What does peace mean to our youngsters?

Young artists are invited to join this year's Mayors for Peace art competition and share their vision for peace.

Last year, local students Aria Robertson and Lucy Gauntlett took out two of the top placings in the international Mayors for Peace Children's Art Competition and entries are now open for this year's event.

As a member of the international Mayors for Peace network, Tasman Mayor Tim King is encouraging our young people to join this global art competition to explore and promote peace in our communities.

We're looking for drawings or paintings created by youngsters aged between 6 and 15 who live or study in Tasman.

A panel of judges will select the five best artworks in each of the two age categories and the winners will be announced in September. Selected works will then be sent to the Mayors for Peace Secretariat in Japan.

This year's theme is 'what peace means to me' and the deadline for entries is 31 August.

Find out more at tasman.govt.nz, search 'art competition'.

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COOL COMMUNITIES



Put a spring in your step

Step into Spring is returning – join us for this initiative which was so warmly received last year.

Step into Spring promotes the benefits of walking for wellbeing and provides an opportunity for people to connect with each other and the environment.

Again, we've got together with Health Action Trust, Top of the South Neighbourhood Support, Te Whatu Ora Nelson Marlborough, and Nelson City Council to put together a festival of safe, guided walks that will be hosted across Nelson Tasman throughout October.

Last year's events covered a range of themes and purposes catering for different abilities and interests.



We are calling all community groups and passionate individuals to organise a walk or two for the festival in the area they feel passionate about.

You could put together a tour of historical sites in a neighbourhood, host a pram walk, dog walk, business tour, story walk, op shop walk, community garden walk, farm walk, or street art walk. The options are endless.

Contact ana.vivian@tasman.govt.nz by 31 August if you wish to sign up and we will then promote and add your walk/activity to our official Step into Spring calendar.

WONDERFUL WATER



Keeping delays down during rising main installation

We have started on the second stage of the Motueka Wastewater Rising Main project, which involves the installation of a new polyethylene (PE) pipeline approximately three kilometres long.

The pipeline will serve the growing communities in Motueka West, conveying wastewater from development there to the wastewater treatment plant.

The pipeline alignment will start at Lyndhurst Avenue SH60 at the Motueka River Bridge and continue along High Street, Parker Street, Atkins Street and Pah Street. All sections of the pipeline will be installed via open trenching.

There are eight phases for this portion of the works. Phase one – between Lyndhurst Ave SH60 to Parker Street turn-off – is currently underway.

This work is planned to be completed by May 2024 and will take place during daylight hours.



We are mindful of the impact that wait times can have on people's day, and we are aiming to keep these to a minimum.

During phase one, there will be a detour set up for light vehicles only through Staples Street, Thorp Street, Fearon Street and back onto High Street.

For heavy vehicles, we have opted for a manual stop/go system instead of a timed traffic light set-up. Data on wait times to date has indicated between one and seven minutes is expected.

This is a much shorter waiting period in comparison to the maximum of 15 minutes experienced during the post-Gita works on Tākaka Hill.

We thank you in advance for your patience and cooperation during this work.

SUSTAINABLE STORIES



Saving our forests from pest tree invasion

Taiwan cherry trees (*Prunus campanulata*) have been sold by nurseries for their amenity value since the 1960s and were often mistakenly marketed as sterile trees. Unfortunately, these trees do produce fertile fruit.

From late July through to early September, mature trees produce thousands of dark pink flowers that attract pollinating insects and birds.

The small cherries they produce are eagerly sought by birds such as wax eyes, starlings, blackbirds and kererū, and are spread in their droppings to other areas, such as regenerating native scrublands or forests.

The Taiwan cherry can germinate in low light where it produces a very shade-tolerant seedling. It has the potential to spread and dominate over native vegetation, displacing it completely and negatively impacting entire naturally occurring ecosystems.



Considering that the first naturalised (wilding) record for all of New Zealand was only in 1988, the rate of spread has been extraordinary.

If you have purchased a Taiwan cherry tree in the past, our biosecurity staff will remove it at no cost, and for cooperative landowners, we can approve a replacement tree for each Taiwan cherry removed, up to the value of \$75 per tree.

We are not too late to attempt eradication, but we need the support and cooperation of our local communities to achieve this goal.

To report a Taiwan cherry tree or for further information, contact our Biosecurity Team on 03 543 8400 or biosecurity@tasman.govt.nz.

Wakefield's new loos open

It'll be a relief for many people to know that Wakefield's brand new public toilets are open and ready for business.

The old single loo in the car park off Whitby Way was overdue for a replacement.

Its old, tiled walls became a nightmare to keep clean, and the door-closing mechanism had a habit of jamming and locking people inside.

The facility has become busier with cyclists using it as the popularity of Tasman's Great Taste Trail continues to

grow and this is why we decided that the old single toilet be replaced by a double toilet block.

The building was constructed off-site and then lifted into position by crane.



Cloths clog the bog – again!

During the past 12 months, we've been forced to spend more than \$15,000 of ratepayer money on clearing blockages and repairing pumps at our Riwaka wastewater pumping station.

There have been 37 blockages caused by disposable wipes being put down wastewater drains in the catchment for the pump station at 455 Main Road Riwaka.

Baby wipes, makeup remover wipes, toilet wipes and other disposable cleaning cloths are designed for strength, and consumer testing shows most don't readily break down the way toilet paper does.

These wipes not only affect Council systems but may cause blockages within a property's drains leading to expensive repairs for homeowners.

Pump blockages can take several hours to clear and are costly, which affects all ratepayers. They must be craned out, pulled apart, cleared, reassembled and reinstalled.

The pumps can also be damaged, and when both pumps in the pump station block, there is a high risk of sewage overflowing from the wastewater network. So far, we have been fortunate that this health hazard has been avoided thanks to the quick actions of our contractor.

Please help us and our contractor by not putting unacceptable waste down your drains, no matter where you live – remember the 3 P's, only put pee, poo and paper down the loo.



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ENHANCING THE LAND





Councillor Glen Daikee, Richmond Ward

When life gives you lemons, make lemonade.

Firstly, the lemon. The Council needs a new building. The oldest part of the building was constructed in the 1960s and scores less than 34% of the new building standard assessment for seismic safety risk.

In December 2020, an earthquake-prone building notice was issued. Due to many factors, including cost, the previous Council voted not to repair or upgrade the existing building.

Now for the lemonade. This sour predicament gives us an amazing opportunity to add value by building a modern Civic Centre to support the community, its welfare, and liveability.

A new Civic Centre could include a technology hub, new community library, learning centre, youth hub, a co-working

hall where workspaces are provided for mobile workers, Council Chambers that double as a public auditorium, and rooms for community providers like Plunket and Citizens Advice Bureau.

A Civic Centre would be a central learning complex in an increasingly knowledge-based economy. By creating educational and cultural opportunities, the Civic Centre would become the heart of the District's community and governance.

The Civic Centre would be a step towards nurturing a healthy, educated and socially connected community, and the opening is here for us, as residents, to help shape and create an amazing place. So having a lemon, we might as well make lemonade.

Please note, a final decision has not yet been made on this issue.



Motueka Community Board

The Kiyosato Gardens are located in Decks Reserve, Motueka, and are named to celebrate the sister town relationship between Motueka and Kiyosato in Japan.

In September, Motueka will again welcome a 21-strong visiting group from our sister city, Kiyosato.

The Board acknowledges the work of the local organising committee that has enabled young people from both towns to immerse themselves into a new culture of their visiting towns. The exchanges have created lifelong intergenerational friendships, having formed a strong bond between our two towns.

Motueka High School is currently hosting a student from Kiyosato, and similarly, a student from Motueka High School is currently in Kiyosato, Japan.

In other happenings, the new Motueka Skatepark opening is scheduled for Saturday 2 September. The Board is excited to see this well-overdue upgrade of a popular recreational area.

Planning for the upgrade of the Decks Reserve playground is also underway. This upgrade will feature new accessible playground equipment. This is another project that was led by the Motueka Youth Council and is supported through the Board's Special Projects Fund.

WHAT'S ON IN TASMAN



Second Hand Sunday

Sunday 20 August, 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. Anything from chairs, books, clothing, or leftover bits and pieces from building projects.

If you have items you want to give away, simply register online before 10.00 am Friday 18 August 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 18 August. 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 and to sign up, go to tasman.govt.nz/shs.

Wellby Talking Café

Wednesday 16 August, 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.



How to Look at Art

Thursday 24 August, 5.30 pm – 6.30 pm, Richmond Library.

We are delighted to welcome The Suter Art Gallery's Curator Kyla MacKenzie and Director Julie Catchpole to Richmond Library for another edition of the gallery's popular 'How to Look at Art' sessions. The focus of this session will be illustrative works by Leo Bensemann, including artist books, a rare book and individual bookplates.

Family History Friday

Friday 25 August, 29 September, 27 October and 24 November, 10.30 am – 12.00 pm, Richmond Library.

Just starting your family tree or having trouble finding your ancestors? Want to know more about how to use ancestry.com, which is free to use in Tasman Libraries, or what other family and local history resources are available? Drop into the Richmond Library Research Room on the last Friday of the month to explore our local and family history resources. Specialist library staff will be on-hand to help if needed.

NEWSLINE NOTICES



Apply for rural sports funding

Applications for the Sport NZ Rural Travel Fund are now open. 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. This round of funding closes on Tuesday 31 October. Fill out an application form at tasman.govt.nz/grants.

Nominate a local hero

Every year, our Outstanding Community Service Awards officially recognise and celebrate the special people who help keep our communities running. If you know one of these unsung heroes who works away quietly with little recognition or reward, please nominate them for an award. Nominees must be residents of Tasman District and have been involved in a range of voluntary activities for 20 years or more. Nominations close on 31 August.

Fill out a nomination form at one of our service centres or on our website, tasman.govt.nz/community-awards.

Youth grants available now

Did you know we offer grants of up to \$500 to students in Tasman to participate in youth leadership opportunities? This can be used for activities such as The Spirit of New Zealand, Outward Bound, Festival for the Future, Whenua Iti Outdoors and other experiences, conferences and workshops.

The grant is provided to support the personal development of young people

living in Tasman. Applications are accepted all year round.

To be eligible, you must live in Tasman District, be aged between 15 – 20 years, be applying to a programme/project/training which has a central focus on youth leadership and provide a report back to us.

Get all the details and fill out an application at tasman.govt.nz/grants.

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.

Golden Bay Community Board

Monday 14 August, 1.00 pm. Golden Bay Service Centre, 78 Commercial Street, Tākaka.

Motueka Community Board

Tuesday 15 August, 4.00 pm. Motueka Library, Wallace Street.

Enterprise Committee

Wednesday 16 August, 1.30 pm.

Operations Committee

Thursday 17 August, 9.30 am.

Nelson-Tasman Regional Landfill Business Unit

Friday 18 August, 9.00 am. Nelson City Council, 110 Trafalgar Street.

Joint Shareholders Committee

Tuesday 22 August, 9.30 am.

Strategy and Policy Committee

Thursday 24 August, 9.30 am.

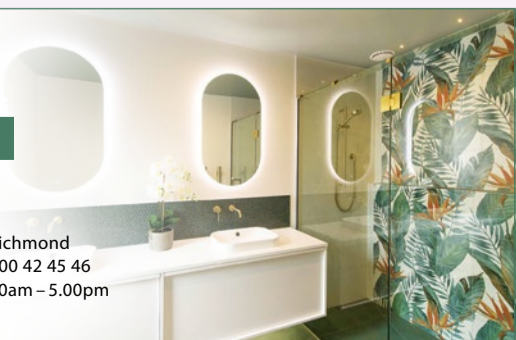
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