



## Motueka pool plans progress

Over the next few months, you'll be seeing and hearing more about the planned Motueka community pool.

We're testing the water and want to get a feel for what people would like to see as we develop our plans.

The concept of a pool has been eagerly advocated by Motueka community members for more than 25 years, and the project was significantly advanced with the purchase of land for the future pool site earlier this year.

The community is moving forward with its fundraising, aiming to gather around \$4.4 million, while funds for the rest of the project have been allocated in our 10-Year Plan, for construction potentially beginning in 2027.

We're looking at a total budget of around \$20 million, including the community-funded amount, but there's a lot of water to flow under the bridge before the first spade goes into the ground.

Early plans and feasibility concepts for the pool are for it to have a lane pool, a learn-to-swim and a toddler's pool, and a strong desire for a hydrotherapy pool and spa to also be included.

We've created a web page where you can see what other places around the country have done with similar budgets. There's information about what we can and can't afford, and there's a space where you can leave your thoughts and ideas.

**Find out more and share your thoughts at [shape.tasman.govt.nz/motueka-pool](https://shape.tasman.govt.nz/motueka-pool).**

*Pictured: Wanaka Pool includes a 25-metre six-lane lap pool, a learners' pool, a shallow pool for young children, and a spa – and was done with a similar budget.*

## WATER WISE



### Three Waters, Affordable Water, Local Water Done Well

The supply of safe quality water, the removal and treatment of wastewater, and managing stormwater has been the subject of much Central Government inquiry and legislation, repealed legislation, and now further advancing legislation.

In short, in a few years, the way waters are currently managed will be very different.

Both the previous and current governments believe the increasing cost and the required higher standard of regulation make it essential to provide alternative governance, funding and operating models, and most councils agree.

As part of this process, we must provide the Government with an approved water service delivery plan by early September 2025.

Within this plan, we must identify how water, wastewater and stormwater will be delivered within the new legislation, what operating and governance model we believe is the best for Tasman residents, and the costs involved.

In Tasman, we have another level of complexity to work through – the variety of water delivery systems we currently manage.

The key question we will be asking our community in the first half of next year is what service delivery model to create that will deliver the best solution at a realistically sustainable cost.

The Department of Internal Affairs, the Government Department charged with delivering the changed water delivery environment, has provided five examples of service delivery models. These include a modified status quo (in-house), a water Council controlled organisation (CCO), a joint CCO with other Councils, and two varieties of Trusts.

Each of these models has different features, which may or may not be the best fit for Tasman and its current array of systems.

To help us make the decision, we are beginning a Newsline series introducing how our current water, wastewater and stormwater systems work.



## How does the dam help our aquifers?

This summer will see the first official season of operation for the Waimea Community Dam since its commissioning requirements were met in September.

The Dam was constructed as a river augmentation scheme with a single purpose, to maintain and support the flow of water in the rivers that ultimately support the Waimea Plains.

The Lee and Wairoa Rivers feed into what becomes the Waimea River. This supplies the aquifers that provide water to everyone on the Plains.

River augmentation via the dam has been occurring since 2 March 2024.

Data taken between 8 March and 3 April this year, when the Wai-Iti River in particular was at an extremely low level, provided a good example of how the release of water from the dam has already helped during periods of dry weather.

A graph showing river flow changes at three locations downstream from the Dam indicated how losses to groundwater (aquifers) resulted in a noticeable flow rate reduction between the Wairoa Gorge and Appleby.

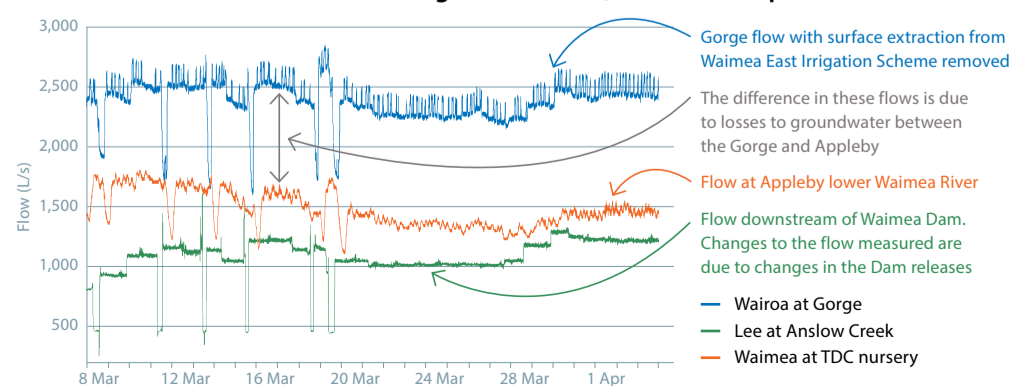
The difference already takes into account water taken from the Waimea East Irrigation Scheme.

The data and models we have collected and gathered have been peer-reviewed and tested, with many available to view on our website. Visit [tasman.govt.nz](https://tasman.govt.nz) and search 'Environmental Data' to find the most up-to-date data regarding our water resources.

We certainly hope to see more rain across the District than last summer, but in any case, we will be ready to supplement the river flows when needed.

We will also continue to monitor and provide data to show how it is working to keep the Waimea River and its water supply in a healthy state.

### Waimea Dam releases and flow changes down-river, 8 March – 3 April 2024





## Safe bores are healthy bores this summer

As summer approaches, it's important to make sure that we can make full use of all water available to us.

We want to remind residents taking water from their own private bores to ensure that the water consumed by their household is safe.

Residents abstracting water from shallow aquifers which are vulnerable to contamination have a responsibility to have adequate water quality treatment systems in place to ensure their water is safe from potential sources of contamination.

It is also important for landowners to know activities on their properties can have an impact on the water quality in the underground aquifer where the water comes from.

If you have a bore on your property, please ensure contaminated water cannot get back down into the bore either through flooding or backflow.

Contamination can include stagnant water near the well, localised seepage into the well, animal faecal contamination, septic tank seepage, and runoff/seepage following rainfall.

Even if the water from your bore looks clean and smells fine, contamination cannot normally be noticed just by looking at or smelling it.

That's why it's important to have a water quality treatment system in place which will ensure the water is safe to drink. There are a number of treatment options available, ranging from boiling through to filtering, chemical or UV treatments.

If you're on a private water supply and you have concerns about your drinking water safety, we recommend you:

- Get your water tested
- Check your filtration system is maintained
- Consider boiling your water

If you need advice about water quality from private water supplies, give us a call on 03 543 8400 and ask to speak to an environmental health officer.



## A new Navigation Safety Bylaw has docked

We approved the new Tasman District Council Navigation Safety Bylaw 2024 at the Council meeting on 24 October 2024. The bylaw comes into force from 1 December and is pursuant to the Maritime Transport Act 1994.

The bylaw helps ensure that the many inland and coastal water environments across Tasman can be safely used and shared by everyone.

Some of the new requirements in the bylaw include:

- Clear rules for wearing a life jacket.
- Easily identifying a vessel, and its owner or skipper.
- The visibility of small, lone watercraft, such as kayaks.
- Communication requirements for all vessels.

Earlier this year, we sought feedback from the community around the key provisions of the draft bylaw. We were pleased to receive and consider 256 submissions, which provided a great launching pad

for discussion during the hearings and deliberations in September.

We are excited to have the bylaw in place in time for summer – this allows us to keep everyone safe and mindful of their responsibilities in and around our waters.

We'll provide further information on the main aspects of the bylaw across our channels in the coming weeks.

Our Harbourmaster team will also be a visible presence in our bays and lakes – with more staff on deck and an additional vessel covering the coastline. Look out for them at one of the many shows and events on shore too.

Copies of the new bylaw will be available to view at all our service centres and on our website in the next few weeks.



## Rivercare meetings return for 2024

In the coming weeks, we are restarting our annual Rivercare meetings throughout the District. Anyone who is interested is invited to attend their local meeting to hear information about river works over the past year, discuss river management issues in their area, and help plan for work to be done in 2025.

Topics will include flood protection, erosion control, and maintenance of the riparian margin which may be significant to the area you live.

If you are planning to attend one of these meetings and have a specific question or topic you would like discussed, please email [rivercare@tasman.govt.nz](mailto:rivercare@tasman.govt.nz) with the question or topic and the meeting you plan to attend.

We look forward to seeing you at one of the six scheduled meetings:

- **Aorere Catchment** – includes the Aorere and Kaituna Rivers. Monday 18 November, 10.30 am, Collingwood Tavern.
- **Tākaka Catchment** – includes the Tākaka, Waingarō and Anatoki Rivers. Monday 18 November, 2.00 pm, Golden Bay Shared Recreation Facility.
- **Lower Motueka Catchment** – includes the Lower Motueka, Riuwaka, Brooklyn and Moutere Rivers, Little Sydney, Hamiltons and Scotts Drains, Pauley Creek, and the Company Ditches. Tuesday 26 November, 4.00 pm, Motueka Library Community Meeting Room.
- **Dove River**. Thursday 28 November, 7.00 pm, Dovedale Hall.
- **Upper Motueka Catchment** – includes the Upper Motueka, Motupiko, Tadmor and Sherry Rivers. Monday 2 December, 7.00 pm, Tapawera Community Rooms.
- **Waimea Catchment** – includes the Waimea, Wai-iti, Wairoa, Redwood Valley and Eves Valley Rivers. Wednesday 4 December, 7.00 pm, Lord Rutherford Pavilion Brightwater.



## New water main for Hope

We are gearing up for a major water main pipe upgrade in Hope early next year. The pipeline that runs between Three Brothers Corner and Ranzau Road is ageing and needs to be upgraded.

We also need to increase the water supply capacity to prepare for any future growth in the area.

This project is still in the early planning stages, but we are committed to working with residents to minimise any disruptions.

If you are a resident, business owner, or travel through this area, and would like to receive regular project updates, please send an email to [projects@tasman.govt.nz](mailto:projects@tasman.govt.nz) and we will add you to our email list.

We're expecting work to begin in January and take up to three months to complete. Any disruptions to water or roading will also be shared via the Antenna app – you can download Antenna for free from the app store on your phone.

## Water Conservation Order review flows on

Local knowledge and community consultation have been central to the last three months of work for the first water monitoring review since the Te Waikoropupū Springs Water Conservation Order came into effect in 2023.

Murray Close, a Senior Science Leader at the Institute of Environmental Science and Research is conducting the review which aims to gather information about the catchment and its monitoring needs.

Work has been completed on a framework that sets out the goals for a future monitoring programme and criteria for selecting the sites, the parameters to be analysed, and the frequency which to analyse them from.

"We can have a lot of confidence in the data that has been collected since 2018 because of the replicate sample comparisons that were taken," said Murray.

These replicate sample comparisons show that both methods used for measuring nitrate since 2018 provide similar results.

Long-term monitoring time series, like we have at Te Waikoropupū Springs, can assist in identifying outliers. It is these that can cause high or low deviations in the expected range of results and lead to incorrect conclusions about water quality.

The review will be completed this year and formally presented to the Council in the New Year. The full update and engagement diary can be found online at [tasman.govt.nz/takaka-WCO](http://tasman.govt.nz/takaka-WCO).



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## YOUTH YARNS



### Kids get clued up

Question: "What can you tell mum and dad when you catch them texting or talking on their phones while driving?"  
Answer: "Don't! My life depends on it."

That's just one of the road safety messages shared by our Road Safety Coordinator Jeni Thornborough at the Clued Up Kids event with more than 500 youngsters involved.

The annual multi-agency programme teaches primary school-aged children confidence and life skills to help them stay safe in a range of real-life scenarios.

The hands-on road safety display included our new oversized road safety puzzle where students identified what people were doing right and wrong. They then discussed what they found in the puzzle and how they could keep themselves safe on or around our roads.



Jeni says there were lots of conversations about what they can say to mum and dad when they catch them texting or talking on their phones while driving.

Our Harbourmaster team asked the question "If you fall out of a boat, what do you need to float?" Answer: "A life jacket."

Deputy Harbourmaster Paul Appleby says the kids got to put on a lifejacket and ensure it was worn correctly, before getting a tour of the harbourmaster boat 'Sentinel' and then see what it's like to use a life raft. Paul says it was encouraging to see so many keen young people learning about safety on the water.

## PARKS AND PLACES



### It's time to hit the Decks playground

The fences are down and we're celebrating. The new Decks Reserve playground in Motueka will officially open with a special community ceremony on Friday 8 November.

The fabulous new development, worth close to \$600,000, comes thanks to funding input from the Motueka Community Board.

There's been a major redevelopment of existing play equipment, including the popular play tower, see-saw and space net, alongside the addition of numerous new play features.

There's a new 3x3 basketball court, with soft rubberised matting around the play equipment and all manner of sensory and passive play elements, plus two new

drinking fountains. There are now multiple swing sets including new basket net swings, accessible swings, and toddler swings, with a full revamp of concrete pathways, drainage, benches, seats, and landscaping.

The grand opening and ribbon cutting ceremony starts at 9.00 am and everyone's invited to try out the new playground from 10.00 am.



## TRANSPORT TALES



### Don't want a ticket? Don't park illegally

For those who have missed the headlines over the past month – the Government has increased the fees for parking infringements and towing. The increases, the first for 20 years, came into effect on 1 October 2024.

The attention-grabbing change was the increase in the fine for parking in a mobility car park without a permit. That fine has increased from \$150 to \$750.

While we don't have paid parking in Tasman, we do have time limits. The fines for exceeding limits have increased as well.

- Overstaying up to 30 minutes goes from \$12 to \$20.

- Overstaying between 30 minutes and 1 hour goes from \$15 to \$25.
- The maximum fee for overstaying (more than 6 hours) goes from \$57 to \$97.

These fines are set within the Land Transport Act, but we get to choose where they apply and how they are collected.

These charges are a serious change and the only way around them is to follow parking rules. In other words, don't park illegally if you don't want a ticket.

These changes are for public parks only – private car parks are a different story and are often more stringent.

## COOL COMMUNITIES



### Waste forestry wood doing good for the community



We are pleased to say there was a very warm response to our community firewood event held at Moturoa/Rabbit Island a few weeks ago.

This event enables us to responsibly deal with waste forestry wood, by making it available to members of our community in need of firewood.

We tried a slightly different approach this year to ensure things ran smoothly and the wood went where it was needed the most, with a registration and ticketing system implemented with help from Fifehire Foundation.

We loaded 142 trailers or utes with firewood over the two days, raising \$3,550 for the Fifehire Foundation's winter grants in the process.

This couldn't have been achieved without the many volunteer hours put in by staff from Tasman District Council, PF Olsen, Downer, Fifehire Foundation, and Steve Thompson Ltd.

We've had an amazing response from attendees who were friendly, positive about the event, and grateful for the opportunity to access quality firewood with funds all going to a good cause.

The impact that this event has had, not only on those who were able to attend, but also on those who will be able to apply for Fifehire's winter grants for firewood or to help with power costs next winter, is huge.

The scope of people within our community who benefited from the event was broad, which goes to show the many reasons that define need in Tasman. We had attendees who were single parents, older people, people on low incomes, parents navigating the loss of employment, recovering from serious injuries, and many other really challenging situations.

It's a small thing to be able to provide a load of firewood, but hopefully something that will make next winter a bit more comfortable for many.

## FUTURE FOCUS



### Make your mark on Māpua Masterplan consultation



We're entering an important phase of the Māpua Masterplan project with an opportunity to have your say on the future of your community.

The Māpua Masterplan draft document is out for public consultation from Friday 1 November until 5.00 pm on Sunday 16 February 2025.

Hearings and deliberations will follow the submission period, with a final decision on the makeup of the Masterplan expected by the end of April 2025.

There are several ways for you to provide your views:

- **Online:** Complete the submission form online and get more information at [shape.tasman.govt.nz/mapua-masterplan](http://shape.tasman.govt.nz/mapua-masterplan).
- **Email:** [mapuamasterplan@tasman.govt.nz](mailto:mapuamasterplan@tasman.govt.nz) for a submission form to be sent to you.

- **In writing:** Find consultation documents and make a submission at the Richmond or Motueka Service Centre, and the Māpua, Motueka or Richmond Libraries.

The Māpua Masterplan is a comprehensive plan that provides strategic direction on how Māpua will grow and develop over the next 30 years.

It is a one stop shop for the community to see how Māpua will grow and develop over time, rather than having several different council plans that are hard to piece together – an integrated plan approach to support growth and development while still maintaining what makes Māpua special.

We have received a massive amount of feedback and support from the Māpua community so far – we hope to continue in a similar vein as we move into the final stage of feedback.

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## Motueka Community Board

Whakapuāwai te kōrero,  
whakapuāwai te whakaaro.  
When speech blossoms,  
so does thought.

Every month we include a whakataukī Māori proverb in the Board report. October's whakataukī emphasises how communication and conversation help ideas flourish, highlighting the connection between speaking openly and developing meaningful thoughts.

At our monthly meeting, the public can register and speak at public forum. At this meeting, one gentleman spoke about variances with berms being mowed by Council contractors, and another two gentlemen raised concern about abatement notices served on tiny home residents. They express the need for changes to allow for solutions.

Earlier this year, the Board put forward a resolution to the Council requesting a review and change to the eight-week

rule which deems any structure lived in for more than two months as a 'building' thus requiring resource consent.

Board members will be attending a fourth workshop on this, given the Government's proposed introduction of the 'granny flat policy' which currently doesn't, but after feedback, may include tiny homes.

Other considerations include the Motueka Wastewater Treatment Plant, which is near capacity, and intended to be relocated within ten years. So in the interim, considerations of water access and ablution is an important aspect for balancing infrastructure requirements and housing needs.

The Board's community wellbeing initiative focuses on homelessness and the housing crisis as well as youth engagement. We ask everyone to consider this with compassion and connect through open conversation.

You can contact the Board Chair at [terina.graham@tasman.govt.nz](mailto:terina.graham@tasman.govt.nz).



## We're wiping out water weeds

Names like Water Celery and Vietnamese Parsley may sound exotic but they are actually nasty invasive pest plants that are choking some of our waterways around Richmond.

These pest plants form dense mats that block sunlight and deoxygenate the water, smother indigenous plants and trap sediment, and reduce habitat for stream life, including fish, eels (tuna) and macroinvertebrates.

Choked streams can also worsen flood impacts, threatening infrastructure such as bridges and pathways.

Water Celery is mainly a problem in waterways in the southeastern foothills down into Borck Creek, while there are pockets of Vietnamese Parsley in several other areas including near Washbourn Gardens.

Over the next few months, we will be running a spray programme as we fight to beat this growing problem.

National Institute of Water and Atmospheric Research (NIWA) has advised that herbicide application is likely to be the most successful control technique and has the potential to eradicate infestations over time.

NIWA recommends the use of Triclopyr triethylamine, also known as Garlon 360, because it is selective for the target weeds, and doesn't persist in the environment. It readily degrades in water and soil and has low toxicity to fish, aquatic invertebrates and even humans. Nelson City Council reports success using it.

That said, we don't recommend eating or using these weeds for cooking, firstly because they may have been sprayed, and secondly because picking them from the waterways can help them spread further, as they can grow from broken-off segments.

Our spray programme is scheduled to begin within the next couple of weeks.



## WHAT'S ON IN TASMAN



### Nelson Marine Safety Expo

**Saturday 2 and Sunday 3 November, 10.00 am – 2.00 pm, Nelson Marina Office.**

Don't miss this opportunity to get ready for a safe summer of boating! The two-day marine expo will have free safety checks, free life jacket inspections, information on locator beacons and use of marine radio, demonstrations, display boats and vessel tours, local regulations and conditions information, an inflatable life raft demonstration at 12.00 pm, a free BBQ, discounts on safety gear, giveaways, and prizes to be won.

### Age Positive Series

**Tuesday 5 – Friday 8 November, Motueka Library.**

Workshops on fall prevention and balance, advance care planning, nutrition, and how to get active. For more details please visit [tasmanlibraries.govt.nz](http://tasmanlibraries.govt.nz).

### Parihaka – The Forever Story of Peace

**Tuesday 5 November, 1.00 pm – 2.00 pm, Richmond Library.**

Have you heard of Parihaka? Join us to commemorate Parihaka Day. Speaker Donna McLeod is supported by Ngā Manu Korihi: Parihaka Network and Quakers in Nelson.

### Biking adventures of Golden Bay locals

**Tuesday 5 November, 1.00 pm – 2.00 pm, Tākaka Library.**

Bruce and Mel Chick, and Frazer Wilson "Building the Pikikirunga Track".

**Tuesday 12 November, 1.00 pm – 2.00 pm, Tākaka Library.**

Brian Alder "Laying down the challenge: bikepacking events as an exploration of the human character".

### Unveiling Brooklyn

**5 November 2024 – 23 February 2025, Motueka Museum.**

Coinciding with the 150th jubilee of Brooklyn School, Motueka Museum presents a historical look into our Brooklyn – its people, and all that has come out of it.

### Getting wise with waste

**Wednesday 13 November, 10.30 am – 12.00 pm, Tākaka Library.**

Separating your food scraps in the kitchen is a great way to save on rubbish collections. You can put out your rubbish bag less often, and it won't be smelly or heavy when you do. Learn some cool techniques for storing food scraps and be inspired to use the new 24/7 drop-off bin at the i-site.

### Second Hand Sunday

**Sunday 17 November, 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 15 November 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 15 November. 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](http://tasman.govt.nz/shs).

## NEWSLINE NOTICES



### Arts funding closing soon

Our Creative Communities Scheme has funding available to help groups and individuals with arts projects in Tasman – anything from music, theatre, festivals, mural painting, outdoor sculptures, art in public spaces, kapa haka, singing, art workshops and more.

Funded by Creative New Zealand, the Creative Communities Scheme is designed to support opportunities for communities to participate in the arts. To find out more, visit [tasman.govt.nz/creativecommunities](http://tasman.govt.nz/creativecommunities) and apply by Sunday 10 November.

### Proposed Plan Change 79 – Deferred Zoning

The Tasman Resource Management Plan (TRMP) has been updated to reflect our decision to notify Proposed Plan Change 79 – Deferred Zoning. The submission period for Proposed Plan Change 79 opens Monday 4 November and closes at 4.30 pm Friday 13 December.

An updated version of the TRMP is available online at [tasman.govt.nz/volume-1-text](http://tasman.govt.nz/volume-1-text). For further information including a copy of Plan Change 79 documents and how to make a submission, please refer to the full version of this notice at [tasman.govt.nz/news-and-notices](http://tasman.govt.nz/news-and-notices) or email [tasmanrmp@tasman.govt.nz](mailto:tasmanrmp@tasman.govt.nz).

### Alcohol applications

Visit [tasman.govt.nz/alcohol-notices](http://tasman.govt.nz/alcohol-notices) to see the latest alcohol licence applications.

### Council hui

Meetings will take place in person and via Zoom. For details, the Zoom link and recordings of previous meetings visit [tasman.govt.nz/meetings-calendar](http://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 4 November, 1.00 pm, Collingwood Fire Station, Elizabeth St.

### Saxton Field Committee

Tuesday 5 November, 9.30 am.

### Operations Committee

Thursday 7 November, 9.30 am.

### Tasman District Council

Thursday 7 November, 1.00 pm.

### Community Grants Subcommittee

Wednesday 13 November, 9.30 am. No public forum.

### Enterprise Committee

Wednesday 13 November, 1.30 pm.

### Strategy and Policy Committee

Thursday 14 November, 9.30 am.

### Nelson Regional Sewerage Business Unit

Friday 15 November, 9.30 am, Nelson City Council, 110 Trafalgar Street.