



Further thoughts sought on speed

Several of our communities have called for changes that would lower speed limits on high-risk rural roads and around rural schools. It's part of our commitment to resolving long-standing community issues.

At a Joint Council meeting of Tasman District Council and Nelson City Council last August, the Nelson Tasman Speed Management Plan was adopted following extensive consultation.

The Government's new Setting of the Speed Limits Rule requires us to now include a Cost Benefit Disclosure Statement for each road, so we need to reconsult using this tool.

The proposed speeds are largely in line with a suite of reductions that we adopted last year before they were invalidated by the Government's new rules for setting speed limits.

Our consultation document has been greatly informed by feedback from 2024 where we received input from more than 2,200 people.

We now want feedback on:

- Reduction from 100km/h to 80km/h on the following high-risk roads: Moutere Highway/Main Road Lower Moutere, Motueka Valley Highway (from Dovedale Road to existing 80km/h at Alexander Bluff Road), Edwards Road, Neudorf Road, and Dovedale Road (from Motueka Valley Highway to Neudorf Road).
- Base speed limit reduction by the following schools: Lower Moutere, Upper Moutere, Ngātīmoti, Collingwood, Tasman, Tasman Bay Christian, Central Tākaka, Wakefield, and Hope.
- McShane Road from 80km/h to 50km/h, and lower speeds on sections of Lower Queen Street.

Any changes to state highway speeds will be done by NZTA Waka Kotahi.

Find out more and have your say at shape.tasman.govt.nz/tasman-speed-management before Sunday 2 March.

WATER WISE



Our rivers still good for swimming

There has been just enough sun and subsequently some warm days this summer for us to head for the river.

Before you even dip a toe in the water – you can be assured our environmental officers are out and about monitoring the water quality at popular swim spots across the District.

Check out the latest water quality information at tasman.govt.nz/swimming-water.

You can also find toxic algae monitoring results at tasman.govt.nz/toxic-algae-monitoring-results.

Monitoring for the presence of toxic algae is carried out at least weekly during the summer toxic algae season on the Wai-iti, Lee, Roding, and Tākaka rivers, with many other rivers monitored monthly.

The most recent result at our sentinel site on the Wai-iti River on 27 January was 16.25% coverage – which is below the MfE guideline level of 20%.

We've had some instances of brown algae being quite visible at Lee River in recent weeks – however, we do not believe this is likely to be the toxic variety.

We remind everyone to be aware of the risk to dogs and potentially those playing in the river if they are not careful to avoid it.

Whether you're people or pooch, no faecal matter should be discharged in any public space. It is a health risk, obviously, but also incredibly inconsiderate.

Dog owners who are bringing their dogs to rivers should be prepared to pick up after their pups. Doggie doo bags are available free of charge from our service centres and dispensers throughout the region.



Wondering about wastewater?

In the continuing series of articles about Tasman's three water systems, we now introduce the District's wastewater treatment plants.

We own and manage eight wastewater treatment plants on behalf of the community. These eight plants serve approximately 55% of Tasman homes – the rest are either part of small privately owned schemes or managing their own septic tank or smaller system.

Contrary to the opinion of some, the wastewater system is not solely driven by the flush of toilets. The majority of wastewater created is the product of showers, baths, washing the dishes, laundry – basically anything that is not directed through the stormwater system.

Under the Local Water Done Well legislation, these Council-managed

plants and the related infrastructure are poised to go across to one of the governance options provided for in the Local Water Done Well legislation along with our drinking water and stormwater systems.

The Bell Island facility servicing properties in Nelson, Richmond, Māpua and surrounding areas is jointly owned by both Tasman and Nelson Councils.

In light of the joint ownership, and as Nelson City Council is currently consulting on potential governance options, there will need to be further discussions between both councils as to the best governance option for the facility.

For further details about the Government's Local Water Done Well initiative, and the District's water and wastewater treatment visit shape.tasman.govt.nz/lwdw.



Time span for Masterplan feedback closing

There are just a few days left to ensure your views are included in business-end discussions of the Māpua Masterplan process.

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

The development of the Masterplan has involved several stages of ngā iwi and community engagement including testing issues, opportunities, principles and options.

We have been impressed by the level of involvement that the community has had in providing feedback over the last 18 months.

As a result of your valuable support, we have created a draft Masterplan illustrating a series of housing, business, cultural, open space, ecological, infrastructure, recreational and movement actions which set the direction for Māpua.

The draft document is still out for consultation until 5.00 pm Sunday 16 February 2025.



There are several ways for you to provide feedback:

- Complete the submission form online and get more information at shape.tasman.govt.nz/mapua-masterplan.
- Email mapuamasterplan@tasman.govt.nz for a submission form.
- You can find consultation documents and make a submission at the Richmond or Motueka Service Centre, and the Māpua, Motueka or Richmond Libraries.

Hearings and deliberations will follow the submission period, with a final decision on the makeup of the Masterplan expected in June this year.

Focusing on alcohol in public places

We are reviewing our Control of Alcohol in Public Places Bylaw, which we must do every five years to see if it needs any changes or updates.

This bylaw helps enhance community safety and well-being by regulating alcohol consumption in public spaces, and your feedback will help shape how we approach alcohol in our community.

It's designed to reduce alcohol-related harm, minimise public nuisance and disorderly behaviour, and lessen violence caused by alcohol consumption.

The bylaw promotes safe public spaces to create enjoyable environments for all residents and visitors.

It also supports law enforcement by providing police with a practical tool to manage alcohol-related issues.



There are currently several bans or restrictions across the District which were introduced to address alcohol-related crime and disorder in those areas.

As part of this bylaw review, we would also like to hear from you about any high levels of alcohol-related crime or disorder you have noticed in your community's public spaces.

Our early engagement runs from Monday 10 February until Monday 10 March. Find out more and share your thoughts at shape.tasman.govt.nz/control-alcohol-public-places-bylaw-review.



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We're working on a plan for waste

Tasman District and Nelson City Councils have a shared waste plan which sets a pathway for how everyone in our communities can reduce or avoid waste, and we're now consulting on an updated version.

Waste affects us all every day in many ways. Whether it's improving recycling, finding solutions for commercial waste, responding to challenges such as disaster waste management or what to do with building waste – it's something most of us have opinions on.

We've drafted a new strategy to look at all these areas and we're excited about the opportunities to do more in the future. We've put together a summary of



the key opportunities, and you can see the whole plan on Shape Tasman.

Among other things, we're looking at new targets and what services might be needed to meet them, who needs to be involved, and what types of waste we should focus on.

We want to know, "Have we got the balance right or have we missed something?"

To get involved and have your say go to shape.tasman.govt.nz/rethink-waste. Feedback closes Friday 7 March.

Avoiding a biodiversity cat-astrophe

Great news – we have created two new site-led feral/stray cat programmes at high biodiversity value sites in Tasman.

This is to help protect native birds, insects and lizards at the sites from the threat of cats. The new site-led programmes are in Abel Tasman National Park, and St Arnaud village and environs.

But don't worry, with responsible pet ownership, the family moggie will be safe.

A feral cat is defined as an independent, unsocial cat which is considered a wild animal. A stray cat may be partly dependent on humans or managed by a community (as a single cat or part of a colony) but has no specific owner.

Both cat-egories of cats pose significant threats to native biodiversity. The new rules within Abel Tasman are:

- Report a feral/stray cat and the location to us within 48 hours of a sighting.
- No person shall deliberately release any cat into the Abel Tasman, this includes a companion cat.

The new rules within St Arnaud village and environs are:

- Report a feral/stray cat and the location to us within 48 hours of a sighting.
- No person shall keep, hold or harbour any companion cat within the mapped area unless it is desexed and microchipped, and the chip is registered on the New Zealand Companion Animal Register.
- No person shall deliberately release into the wild (i.e. Nelson Lakes National Park and environs) any companion cat from or living within the mapped area.

For maps of the two new site-led areas, visit tasman.govt.nz and search 'feral cats'. To report feral/stray cat sightings in the site-led areas, please call 03 543 8400.



Lake lurker nabbed

After more than a year on the run, the sneaky little turtle lurking in Tākaka's Lake Killarney has been taken into custody.

The red-eared slider turtle was spotted in the pond last summer, so a plan was hatched to nab the critter.

Our Biosecurity Team set a special trap, which a dedicated volunteer checked daily but without success last summer. The trap was removed over winter when turtles hibernate.

It was reset in spring and on a sunny Sunday morning in January, the turtle was spotted sitting on top of the trap, and while our volunteer watched, it plopped in.

The average adult turtle weighs around 1kg – this one tipped the scales at 1.4kg so it had obviously been eating well.

Red-eared slider turtles are considered one of the hundred most invasive pest species in the world because they eat anything. They adversely impact aquatic plants, insects, eels, small fish species and ground-nesting birds.

Red-eared slider turtles are an eradication pest species in our Regional Pest Management Plan.

We have also had a recent report of a turtle sighted at Berryfields in Richmond, so keep your eyes peeled. The more reports we get, the more we can prioritise and target trapping efforts.

Send any sightings to biosecurity@tasman.govt.nz or call 03 543 8400.



Wheeled warriors – show us your skills

It's time to show us what you've got in this year's annual Tasman Skatepark Series.

The first event is at Motueka Skatepark on Saturday 22 February, followed by another competition a fortnight later at Nelson Skatepark, Neale Park, on Saturday 8 March.

This annual free summer event is a great chance to show off skateboarding, BMX and scooting skills and compete against other contestants from around Tasman and Nelson.

There'll be a jam format with categories for girls/women, juniors – under 12, intermediate – under 17 and an open section for 18 and over.

You can test your thrills on the gravity jump ramp and airbag then grab a bite to eat from the sausage sizzle. Enter on the day of each competition and helmets are compulsory for everyone.

The Tasman Skatepark Series – guaranteed to be a wheely great event!

Keep up with the events at facebook.com/tasmanskate.



Brigade stalwart awarded

The winners of our Outstanding Community Service Awards work hard to make our District better for everyone. This week, we're celebrating Richmond's Brian Cargill.

Brian's roots run deep in the Richmond Volunteer Fire Brigade and in the past 40 years there's not one single facet of the brigade's activities he hasn't been involved with.

The list includes fatal car crashes, large fires such as Pigeon Valley to large-scale flooding events in which he spent many hours at the station, or in a truck.

Brian's a popular team member and is responsible for looking after the life honorary members of the station.

His colleagues say he's always available for questions from new brigade members

or to help anyone through any situation, whether it's how to use or set up equipment or check in on mental health if they've been through a difficult emergency callout.

Brian's off-station training sessions at his small farm or his work site are legendary, often with very unusual twists which mean brigade members must think outside the square – these are highly valued by the station when they face real-life emergencies.

...and alongside all this, Brian Cargill works full time, tends to the fire station gardens, and then makes time to get away with his grandkids.



Grant boosts Big Brothers Big Sisters

Now in its 27th year of operation, Big Brothers Big Sisters continues to thrive with a growing demand for our services.

There are many people across the region already benefiting from having a Big Brother or Big Sister who provides consistency, friendship, a new outlook on life, and opportunities they may not otherwise get.

We have a handful of staff at Tasman District Council who share their spare time with a little brother or sister!

Big Brothers Big Sisters recruits, selects, trains, and supports volunteer mentors to match with young people, who through no fault of their own need a positive role model due to their personal circumstances.

The organisation was successful in receiving \$3,800 from our Community Grants which will be used to contribute to salaries for Mentoring Coordinators who support volunteer mentors and interact with the young people – assessing their suitability – and their caregivers and whānau.

Big Brothers Big Sisters has a community-based programme and a school-based programme, and by the end of February will have 175 matches across the region.

The average match length is close to three years, but many matches have been meeting for a lot longer than this and go on to have lifelong friendships!

Pictured: Kyla with her Big Sister Adrienne.



Be prepared, not scared

February is Tasman Natural Hazards Awareness Month, a crucial time to reflect on the hazards faced by our communities.

Recent events, such as the devastating tornado in Northland's Mangawhai and the California wildfires, serve as a stark reminder of the unpredictable nature of these hazards. Locally, we've experienced these hazards too – the Upper Moutere tornado in April 2023, and the Pigeon Valley fire in February 2019.

These events stress the need for preparedness (where possible) and community resilience in the aftermath of a natural hazard event. For many natural hazards, land use planning can play a key role in risk reduction at the outset, to ensure that we build natural hazard and climate-resilient development in the right places.

Our natural hazards include coastal erosion, flooding, earthquakes, liquefaction, landslides, droughts,

and wildfires, and a priority for us is increasing our knowledge about the potential threat they pose to landowners and communities.

The Natural Hazards Awareness campaign will focus on our online resources that provide the latest information and data about the hazards we hold and how to prepare for them, including in the future a natural hazards map viewer.

Feedback from residents on the District's natural hazards issues and options will open on Shape Tasman in March, supported in mid-April with a series of community drop-in sessions.



Podcast about providing for housing and business growth in Tasman

In the latest Environmental Policy Click to Play podcast, Planners Mya Bengosi and Jeremy Butler answer questions raised in the feedback to the draft Urban Growth Plan Change 81 information campaign.

The focus for the plan change is zoning for housing and business in nine Tasman townships.

Listen to the podcast on Podbean or Apple Podcasts, search "Click to Play TDC Environmental Policy".

You can also read more about this work at shape.tasman.govt.nz/urban-growth-PC81.

WATER WISE



Better bores keep contaminants out

We have recently sampled a number of private bores and wells in the coastal settlements of Golden Bay and have found E.coli present in the shallow unconfined aquifer at these properties.

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.

You can also find more information on this page – tasman.govt.nz/drinking-water-quality.



Ka Whawhai Tonu – film night

**Monday 10 February, 5.30 pm,
Motueka Library Te Noninga Kumu.**

This feature film tells the story of two fictional rangatahi set in the backdrop of the Battle of Ō-Rākau (1864). Join us for an unforgettable screening followed by a facilitated discussion. The event is free, but please register at eventfinda.co.nz (search Ka Whawhai Tonu) as places are limited.

Putting the wet back in wetlands

**Thursday 13 February, 5.30 pm – 6.30 pm,
Richmond Age Concern Office,
62 Oxford Street.**

In celebration of World Wetlands Day earlier this month, learn about how we are bringing back and enhancing Tasman's wetlands. Featuring expert speaker Blair Reid. This talk is part of a series celebrating some of the environmental restoration work taking place in Tasman District. Free event, all welcome!

Motueka Repair Café

**Saturday 15 February, 10.00 am – 1.00 pm,
Motueka Library Te Noninga Kumu.**

Offering free repairs to reduce waste and help the environment. Bring your broken items to be assessed and hopefully repaired by a friendly team of volunteers.

Second Hand Sunday

Sunday 16 February, 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 14 February to be included on the list of participating addresses. A list and map of participating

addresses will be available to download from 12.00 pm Friday 14 February. For more information and to sign up, go to tasman.govt.nz/shs.

Summer Movies Al Fresco

- **Friday 21 February, The Castle, Washbourn Gardens, Richmond.**
- **Saturday 22 February, Monsters Inc, Decks Reserve, Motueka.**
- **Saturday 1 March, Monsters Inc, Village Green, Brightwater.**

Load up the couch, gather a group, pack your snacks, and join us from 7.30 pm to play giant board games and enjoy the sunset. The movie starts around 9.00 pm. \$2 adult, \$1 child. If it looks like rain, please text 'Is it on?' to 022 406 1665 after 7.30 pm on the night. For up-to-date details see the Summer Movies Facebook page.

Tasman Asian Night Food Fair

**Saturday 22 February, 4.00 pm – 9.00 pm,
Washbourn Gardens, Richmond.**

Come and enjoy the fabulous food stalls showcasing some of the tastiest cuisines from around Asia. This coming together of diverse communities and sharing of culture through food, costumes, music and dance is a wonderful opportunity for people of all ages to enjoy. Gold coin entry.

Back-to-school craft sessions

- **Mondays 10, 17 and 24 February, 3.30 pm – 4.30 pm, Richmond Library.**
- **Tuesdays 11, 18 and 25 February, 3.30 pm – 4.30 pm, Tākaka Library.**
- **Wednesdays 12, 19 and 26 February, 3.30 pm – 4.30 pm, Motueka Library.**

Bring your tamariki to the library to make some fun back-to-school craft creations. A different craft each day.



Golden Bay Community Board

Happy New Year, we hope that everyone had a restful Christmas and New Years.

We have our first Community Board meeting on Monday 17 February at 1.00 pm. At this meeting, we will start planning for the rest of the term and would love input from the community about what is important to them and what they would like to see happen.

One thing that is important to the Board is information sharing and communication, making sure that our community knows what is happening. One way to make sure you stay informed is to follow Tasman District Council on social media or opt in to Let's Talk Tasman – you can register to be contacted when the Council is seeking input. Sign up here – shape.tasman.govt.nz/lets-talk-tasman.

The Board welcomes input and feedback from our community at any time. What's going well? What could be improved? You can find all our contact details on the Council website – reach out to us with feedback, ideas or questions: tasman.govt.nz/community-boards.

One last thing to mention is that local elections are coming up this year. Candidate nominations open on 1 July – it's never too early to start thinking about running for local elections, supporting and contributing to your community. Being part of local government means you have an opportunity to be a voice for your community and make positive change.

The Board is looking forward to a positive and successful 2025 for Golden Bay and the Tasman District.

NEWSLINE NOTICES



Public transport Bee Card terms and conditions are changing

The Bee Scheme is updating its expiry terms and conditions on 27 February 2025 in preparation for Motu Move, a new national ticketing and payment solution.

Motu Move is rolling out region-by-region offering new ways to pay for public transport in New Zealand. This means fair and consistent conditions need to be set for the expiry of Bee Cards for all Bee regions.

To read all terms and conditions, go to beecard.co.nz/pages/terms.

Support for rural sports

Live rural and need a little help participating in sports? The Sport NZ Rural Travel Fund offers help with travel costs for rural sports clubs and rural school teams. The fund helps young people aged 5 – 19 participate in local sports competitions.

This round of funding closes Wednesday 30 April. Head to tasman.govt.nz/grants for more information and to apply.

Know what's the go with Antenno

Did you know we use a free mobile app called Antenno to send you notifications about places and topics you care about? You'll find reminders about recycling, and updates about road closures, water shutdowns and weather warnings.

There are two ways you can use Antenno: receive notifications from us about the places you have marked as important to you or report issues or feedback to us.

Antenno lets you choose the places you want to be alerted about, so you're not being notified about things that don't affect you. You can set multiple "places"

which could be your home address, where you work, and where you go to school, for example.

For reporting issues, the app conveniently adds the location to a photo so we can log the problem, including a description of it and your contact details. It's an easy way to get in touch with us.

Antenno is simple and easy to use, and no personal information or log-on details are required. Download it for free from the app store on your phone.

Alcohol applications

Visit 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. Unless otherwise stated, all meetings will be held at Council Chambers, 189 Queen Street, Richmond.

Nelson Regional Sewerage Business Unit
Wednesday 12 February, 10.00 am, Best Island.

Tasman District Council
Thursday 13 February, 10.30 am.

Golden Bay Community Board
Monday 17 February, 1.00 pm.
Tākaka Office, 78 Commercial Street.

Motueka Community Board
Tuesday 18 February, 4.00 pm.
Motueka Library, Wallace Street.

Strategy and Policy Committee
Wednesday 19 February, 9.30 am.

Joint Nelson Tasman Regional Transport Committee
Thursday 20 February, 1.00 pm.

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