



Sundial Square shines brightly

Central Richmond is now illuminated in a blaze of colour with the switching on of new lights at Sundial Square.

The festoon lights began as an idea by the Richmond Unlimited committee back in 2018.

The group was looking for something that would add to the overall atmosphere of the square both day and night. The concept was to help people feel more

comfortable at night and attract more events to the area.

The right product was eventually found with Deco Lights and work began to get them up.

Richmond Unlimited's Sheena Murtagh says there were many hurdles and a few technical issues along the way, but they are finally fully operational.

She says the colours can be changed to suit particular events or to highlight special causes like

shining pink during Breast Cancer awareness month.

Sheena says there have already been many compliments on how it has made Sundial Square more appealing, especially at night.

She says the project wouldn't have been possible without the Council and Pub Charity's financial support, as well as previous Richmond Unlimited committee members, Powertech, Downer, Deco Light and Tasman Consulting Engineers for all their work on the project.

MEET YOUR REPRESENTATIVES



Councillor Trevor Tuffnell – Richmond Ward

I have decided not to seek re-election in the October local body elections.

I use the word “local” with some reservation as currently, central government seems to be endeavouring to take more decision making away from local bodies and back to their domain.

We accept that with the continuing fast growth of the Tasman District, expanding and replacing ageing infrastructure is a major financial issue.

There is a need for a new funding model to enable councils to keep rates at an acceptable level.

The Government’s Three Waters proposal has been put forward to

assist, however the model suggested has not been fully accepted.

Other changes in front of councils include a review of the Resource Management Act and a structural review of councils’ operations and responsibilities.

I am a firm believer in an amalgamation of councils – a joining of Tasman District Council and Nelson City Council would be a logical move for the Nelson Province.

The structure I would envisage would comprise of 80% of elected members based on a ward system

and 20% of appointed members who would have full voting rights.

To keep a local influence, we would have elected community boards, and these would have a defined budget for local benefits.

Now is your chance to get out there and make a difference. If governance is not your scene, meet with the candidates, talk about the issues with your friends and then vote.

Vote for who you believe will make our District a great place to live, work and enjoy.

Future Development Strategy draws significant community interest

Thanks to feedback provided through recent consultation with our communities, we are now able to begin shaping our region’s growth for the next 30 years.

A panel of elected members from Tasman District and Nelson City Councils met over four days to hear submissions on our 2022 – 2052 Draft Future Development Strategy (FDS).

A total of 568 submissions were received across both Councils. Of these, 45% of submissions came from Tasman, 47% from Nelson and 8% from elsewhere.

Testament to the public interest in the FDS, 133 people asked to speak at the hearings, which were held via Zoom in late April and early May. An additional day and evening were scheduled to accommodate this level of response.

Key themes that emerged from the submissions included more priority being given to the intensification of urban centres, the relationship between greenhouse gas emissions and urban growth, ensuring growth areas are serviced by appropriate public transport, provision of infrastructure required to support growth, and concerns related to greenfield development.



With submissions now heard, both Councils will meet again at FDS deliberations hearings on 25, 26 and 31 May. The public can join the meetings via Zoom.

The FDS Subcommittee will then deliberate on the submissions feedback and decide on a final draft version of the FDS to recommend to the Joint Committee of the Nelson and Tasman Councils for their meeting on 27 July 2022.

Thank you to everyone who has engaged so far. Keep up to date with progress on the strategy at tasman.govt.nz/fds.

Golden Bay initiative helps Tākaka pensioners into affordable housing

The opening of two pensioner flats in Tākaka has provided warm secure accommodation for tenants and showed the potential of partnerships between the Council and private groups for addressing the housing crisis.

The newly built cottages on Commercial Street are the result of a partnership between Tasman District Council and the Mohua Affordable Housing Trust and were officially opened on Friday 22 April.

The houses are situated on previously unused Council-owned land behind the existing Galley Court flats. They were financed by the Trust, who will own and maintain them for 35 years, after which ownership will be transferred to the Council to be added to the Council's housing stock, which currently includes 101 pensioner cottages. The Council will select and manage the tenants.

The two bedroom, 60-square metre houses were constructed by local

Golden Bay builders, using local suppliers.

The partnership between the Council and the Trust provided "a win-win situation for everyone" noted Trust Chair Dr Christopher Bennett.

"Tasman District Council now has two high-quality houses which have cost their ratepayers nothing to build, and we get to help reduce the need for pensioner housing in Golden Bay."

Tasman Mayor Tim King said meeting housing demand would require a concerted effort and the work that the Trust and their financial backers were doing in



Golden Bay highlighted what can be done with the opportunities available under current rules.

Golden Bay Ward Councillor Chris Hill acknowledged the "truly significant contribution" that the Trust was making to the Mohua/Golden Bay community in providing housing where it is needed.

"The vision to come up with a solution to the housing issues here has been inspiring, as has the ability to bring it to fruition effectively."

New loos soon to be open for business

Refurbishment of the toilet block at Motueka Beach Reserve near the saltwater baths is close to completion.

The rebuild project saw the old wooden toilet block replaced by a

three cubicle Permaloo facility with two changing rooms and an outdoor shower located on the seaward side.

Final landscaping of the area is underway and finishing touches are being made to the building.



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Come and join a community planting day on the Waimea Inlet

Battle for the Banded Rail will be holding planting mornings each Sunday from 29 May through to early September at Moturoa / Rabbit Island, Rough Island and several reserves from Richmond through to Māpua.

The project aims to increase the number of banded rail and other estuarine birds on the margins of the Waimea Inlet by restoring habitat and trapping predators. Since 2015, the community have planted over 50,000 plants and trapped 8,000 predators.

The first planting will take place at Moreland Place Reserve in Māpua from 9.00 am – 1.00 pm on Sunday 29 May. Everyone is invited to join and there are jobs to do other than digging. Please bring gloves, a spade if you have one and drinking water. Wear solid footwear and clothes suitable for the weather conditions. Morning tea will be provided.

Please email Kathryn at bandedrail@gmail.com if you have any questions.

New funds available for waste minimisation

We have established two new grants to sit alongside an existing one, designed to support activities that avoid or reduce the creation of waste in Tasman.

We hope these will support schools, community groups and businesses to undertake waste minimisation activities and help move us closer to achieving our waste minimisation goals.

The three different waste minimisation grants are all funded by the waste levy distributed by the Ministry for the Environment. These cover:

1. Waste minimisation grants for schools, early childhood centres and community groups.

2. Waste minimisation grants for community events.

3. Waste minimisation projects grant (for larger, innovative waste minimisation projects).

Applications for the events and school/community grants are open year-round and will be considered as they are received.

The first round of applications for larger waste minimisation projects is open now and closes on Sunday 29 May 2022.

The aim of the new waste minimisation projects grant is to support new activities and projects that avoid or reduce the creation of waste and support our communities to show kaitiakitanga of our natural resources. Projects that supply long-term benefits to Tasman residents are encouraged.

You can read the full criteria and complete an application on our website, tasman.govt.nz, search 'waste minimisation grants'.



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Understanding our geological natural hazards

The Tasman District has diverse and complex geology and is seismically active.

This geology has formed the places where we live, work and play, and makes Tasman unique – we have a largely mountainous District, with alluvial flood plains and coastal strips associated with the Waimea, Motueka, Riwaka, Tākaka and Aorere rivers.

As part of our natural hazards work programme, we have commissioned technical advice to better understand our geological natural hazards – active earthquake faults, seismic liquefaction and slope instability.

In late May, we're hosting two interactive webinars that will discuss the technical information and what it may mean for landowners as well as the wider community.

These webinars will be:

- Thursday 26 May, 7.00 pm – 8.00 pm
- Friday 27 May 12.00 pm – 1.00 pm

Senior Resource Scientist – Natural Hazards Glenn Stevens and Senior Policy Planner Diana Worthy will talk through our geological natural hazards as well as answer your questions. They'll be presenting the new technical information regarding active earthquake faults, liquefaction and slope instability.

It is free to register and attend. Each webinar will follow the same format and presentation, although the questions will vary depending on audience participation. If you can't make one of these times, one of the webinars will be recorded and posted on our website so you can watch it later.

The supporting technical reports and maps are also available on our website.

[For more information and webinar links visit \[tasman.govt.nz/natural-hazards\]\(https://tasman.govt.nz/natural-hazards\).](https://tasman.govt.nz/natural-hazards)



Environmental dividends from gas burning

A new system for burning off gases emitted from the mothballed Eves Valley Landfill appears to be paying environmental dividends.

The Nelson Tasman Regional Landfill Business Unit (NTRLBU) manages the landfill on behalf of Tasman District Council and Nelson City Council. The business unit has installed a new gas ring main onto the gas wells at Eves Valley and relocated the old York Valley Candle Flare to the site.

Estimates are that 175 cubic metres of gas is being burned every hour, so with an approximate methane content of 65%, this equates to around 113 cubic metres of methane consumed each hour. If this estimate is correct, and we're installing additional monitoring equipment to confirm this, it means the flare will be destroying around 550 tonnes of methane per year.

To broaden the picture, one tonne of methane has a Global Warming Potential equivalent to 25 tonnes of CO₂. So, when we dig deeper into the figures, the flare is preventing the equivalent of 13,750 tonnes of CO₂ from being discharged into the atmosphere each year.

To put this in context, a standard car has an emission of around 170g of CO₂ per kilometre. This means the flaring is the equivalent of reducing car travel by 81 million kilometres, or one-sixth of vehicle kilometres travelled in all of the Tasman District, in a year.

The key takeaway from this is that the installation of the flare at Eves Valley by the Councils is making a material difference to CO₂ production in the region.

From a gas management and carbon reduction perspective, this is significant to our carbon reduction journey, but there's still a long way to go.

Thinking ahead for peace of mind

There is no age limit. No matter what your age, the best time to plan is now. Pre-planning and pre-payment leaves nothing to chance and gives you and your family one less thing to worry about. We are here to help answer your questions

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Salisbury Road water main upgrade flows on

The next phase of the Salisbury water main upgrade is underway.

Our 70-year-old cast iron pipe is being replaced with a new larger diameter one to improve the supply of water right across Richmond.

So far around 400 metres of new pipe has been laid from William Street through to Waimea College with new connections made to adjacent properties and schools.

In the coming weeks, you will see the construction crews moving onsite, working their way down towards Arbor-Lea Avenue continuing to excavate and lay the new water main in the shoulder of the road.

Bus stops have been affected by this work and signs have been installed to direct people to the next available stop, or temporary stops further down the road.

Work will also begin on the rider main under the footpath on the northern side of the road between William Street and Arbor-Lea Avenue.

This will be drilled underground, to minimise disruption to pedestrians. This rider main will provide water to properties on that side of Salisbury Road.

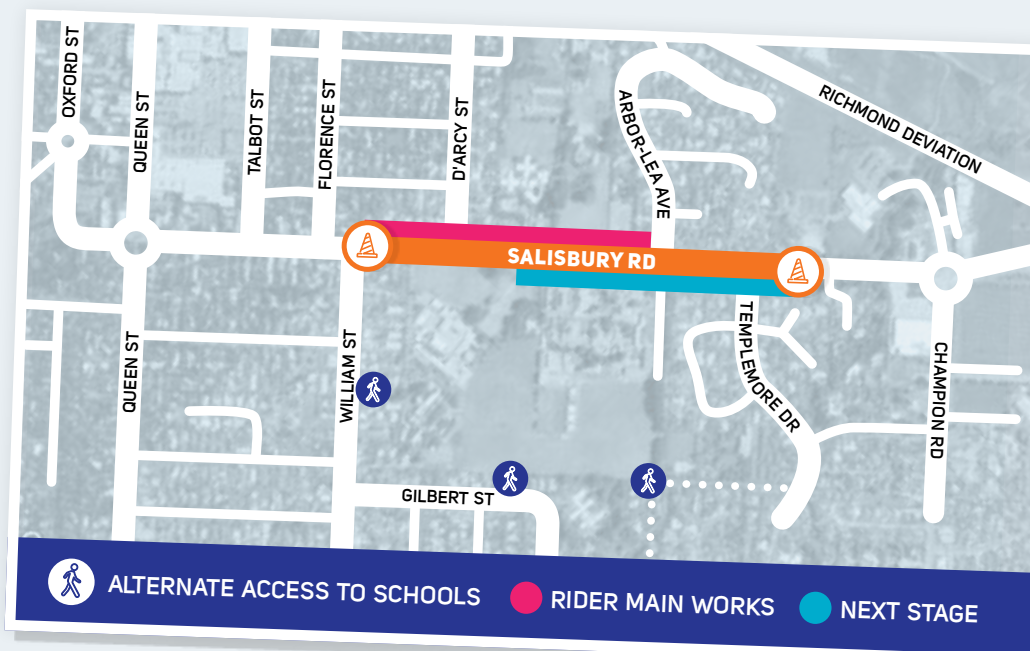
This new phase will also include night work to minimise traffic disruption.

For the next stage of the project, work will include extending the site further towards Templemore Drive, installing new pipes in locations across Salisbury Road

and connecting residents to the new water main – residents will be notified closer to the time.

New raised pedestrian crossings will also be built towards the end of the project.

If you have any questions, please phone Fulton Hogan Public Liaison Manager Jarrod Todd on 03 547 9789 or email projects@tasman.govt.nz.



Road cone tampering endangers all road users

Users of Salisbury Road are being put in danger by people deliberately tampering with road cones.

A major construction project is underway as an old water main is being replaced. The project is expected to be finished by the middle of this year.

Due to the nature of the job, traffic control and temporary speed limits are in place as contractors work on various sections of the road.

Road cones are used to warn of potential hazards like uneven surfaces and to mark temporary lane changes. They separate cyclists and pedestrians from other road users and importantly protect workers in the construction zone.

However recently our contractor has reported several instances where the cones have been deliberately moved or knocked over after hours which endangers all road users, particularly at night.

There are significant penalties for interfering with traffic management.

If it can be proven that someone acted with reckless disregard for people's safety, they could find themselves sentenced to up to 14 years in prison.



NEWSLINE UPDATES



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Youth leadership opportunities

Did you know we offer grants of up to \$500 for Tasman youth 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.

Don't miss the chance to enjoy a potentially life-changing opportunity. Get all the details and make your application now on our website, tasman.govt.nz/grants.

Rating information available

Our rating information database includes information such as the property location, valuation number, capital and land value as at 1 July 2021, and current year's rates – remember the names of property owners and ratepayers are not listed in the database.

Rating information is available for you to view at any Council Service Centre during office hours.

You can also view this information online at tasman.govt.nz/rates-search.

Notice given under section 28, Local Government (Rating) Act 2002.

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Apply now for arts funding!

Our Creative Communities Scheme has funding available to help groups and individuals running arts projects in Tasman. Creative Communities provides funding to support community involvement in the arts – 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. There is a focus on art projects that have a broad community involvement, involve young people or support the diverse arts and cultural traditions of local communities.

Applications are open until Sunday 10 July. For more information and to complete an application form, visit tasman.govt.nz/creative-communities.

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 on our website, tasman.govt.nz.

PROPOSED ROAD CLOSURE

Applicant: Tasman District Council
Event: Matariki on Queen Street
Location: Sundial Square Road – from Queen Street to the Richmond Mall entrance closest to McGlashen Avenue (to allow access to the mall car park)
Date and time: Thursday 23 June 2022, 4.00 pm – 9.00 pm (alternative event date of Thursday 30 June 2022)

Please send any objections to megan.bell@tasman.govt.nz by 5.00 pm Friday 27 May 2022.

COUNCIL HUI



Under Covid-19 restrictions, meetings will take place via Zoom video conferencing. Public forum presenters are required to present via Zoom. Visit tasman.govt.nz/meetings-calendar for the Zoom link.

Nelson Regional Sewerage Business Unit
Friday 13 May, 9.30 am

Enterprise Committee
Friday 13 May, 1.30 pm. No public forum

Joint Shareholders Committee
Tuesday 17 May, 3.00 pm. No public forum

Motueka Community Board
Tuesday 17 May, 4.00 pm

Annual Plan Hearing
Wednesday 18 May, 9.30 am

Full Council
Thursday 19 May, 9.30 am

Annual Plan Deliberations
Tuesday 24 May, 9.30 am

FDS Deliberations
Wednesday 25 May, 9.30 am

Strategy and Policy Committee
Thursday 26 May, 9.30 am

FDS Deliberations
Thursday 26 May, 1.00 pm

Nelson-Tasman Regional Landfill Business Unit
Friday 27 May, 9.30 am

WHAT'S ON IN TASMAN



Second Hand Sunday

Sunday 15 May, 9.00 am – 2.00 pm.

Go fossicking for second-hand treasures this Sunday! You'll find a list and map of addresses participating in Second Hand Sunday on our website from 12.00 pm Friday 13 May. Check out the map and from 9.00 am on Sunday, have fun hunting for free second-hand items. The event will take place rain or shine. Remember to keep a safe distance from others when collecting items. For more information, go to tasman.govt.nz/shs.

Harvest Market

**Sunday 15 May, 10.00 am – 2.00 pm,
Moutere Hills Community Centre.**

Come and check out the wide variety of stalls selling produce from the land and for the land. Treat yourself to food and beverage from the various food vendors while relaxing to background music and enjoying the views of the Mount Arthur Ranges. On rain or shine. Free entry!

Lunch & Learn – Digging into Digital

Tuesday 17 May, 12.00 pm – 1.00 pm, Zoom.

Social media and search campaigns – do you know the difference? Is one better than the other? Is driving traffic to your website really this easy? Do you have any idea what people do on your website? What about converting traffic to dollars in your bank? Need an online shop or to make yours better? Do you communicate well in the digital space? There's plenty to consider in this Zoom with Allan Innes-Walker, the Creative Director of HotHouse Creative. This event is run by the Nelson Tasman Business Trust. Free. Visit ntbt.co.nz for more information.

Intro to self-publishing

**Tuesday 17 May, 1.00 pm,
Richmond Library.**

Find out how to get started in self-publishing with Jess from The CopyPress. Jess will give tips and ideas on how authors can market their books, provide key insights into helping authors get their books on shelves, and discuss finding

the right audience, getting books looking professional, creating a brand and a marketing plan, and more. Free. All welcome.

Digi Drop-in is back!

Are you having a digital dilemma? Then come along to a Digi Drop-in session at your local library. We can give you free one-on-one help with your phone, tablet, laptop or other digital device. Thursdays from 11.00 am – 12.00 pm at Motueka Library, the first Friday of the month from 1.30 pm – 3.30 pm at Murchison Library, Tuesdays from 11.00 am – 12.00 pm at Richmond Library, Fridays from 11.00 am – 12.00 pm at Tākaka Library.

Explore local heritage

Tuku 22 Whakatū Heritage Month is a celebration of all things local history taking place throughout May. Visit tasmanlibraries.govt.nz to discover exciting events taking place at Motueka and Richmond libraries – such as an introduction to our new online local heritage archive Tasman Heritage and oral history project, guiding you through Ancestry and reintroducing our popular Family History Friday. Free.

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