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Help us to create a BioStrategy for Tasman



Kia ora koutou,

We hope you are all well and enjoying this mild winter so far. The Tasman BioStrategy Working Group have been busy behind the scenes developing our Discussion Document and public workshops. We have consulted experts from around the region to up-skill ourselves on the general state of play for biodiversity in Tasman. Now is the time we really need your input. We decided as a group, that this strategy needs to come from the community, so we have kept the format very open ended in order for it to be crafted by you, the end user.



During August and September we will be holding a series of workshops including Taiao Practitioners, stakeholders, youth and general public, across the region. Examples of stakeholder groups are commercial fishing, recreational fishing, fishing quota owners, forestry, pastoral farming, horticulture, education, tourism and the business community. The format will involve some information sharing, followed by a feedback session where you can have your say and share your knowledge on priorities for the Tasman

BioStrategy.

Our youth engagement will be delivered across the district's schools and colleges, participation will be facilitated by the teachers, this will contribute towards students NCEA qualifications and give us a broad insight into the priorities for youth.

Can't make a meeting? No worries, you will be able to answer our questions simply by reading our discussion document and answering the questions at the end on our [Survey monkey. Simply click on the link and answer the questions.](#)

[DOWNLOAD DISCUSSION DOCUMENT](#)

There is a prize! Peter Lawless our facilitator has kindly donated the original Waxeye illustration on the cover of the BioStrategy as a prize for the best submission.



General Public Workshop Dates

These dates are tentative based on COVID 19 restrictions. If we are still at Level 2 or higher, we will organise Zoom meetings for each date and hold face to face meetings once restrictions allow.

- **Golden Bay** - Monday 14 September, Golden Bay Community Centre.
- **Motueka** - Tuesday 15 September, Motueka Community House
- **St Arnaud** - Wednesday 16 September, Alpine Lodge (to be confirmed)
- **Tapawera** - Thursday 17 September, Tapawera Area School Staffroom
- **Richmond** - Monday 21 September, Tasman District Library
- **Collingwood** - Thursday 24 September, Collingwood Fire Station
- **Murchison** - Friday 25 September, Murchison Sport Recreation & Cultural Centre

If you are an environmental stakeholder, youth, or tangata whenua, please let us know and we can invite you to a stakeholder specific meeting.

Please RSVP to tasman.biostrategy@tasman.govt.nz

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The Tasman BioStrategy is currently being developed by a representative working group appointed by the Tasman District Council BioStrategy Governance Group and incorporating broad iwi representation at both levels. Putting together a transformational plan for the community (of which humans are just one of the species), outlining how we can work together to live in harmony as part of nature and with each other.

The BioStrategy is TDC's response to the National Policy Statement on Indigenous Biodiversity, requiring councils to have a Regional

Biodiversity Strategy.



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