

## Māpua and Districts Community Association update – September 2021

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### Alert Level Two - Council Services

Council offices and service centres are open at Alert Level Two.

We are operating differently in order to meet the requirements around physical distancing and contact tracing. Please be patient as your visit may take longer than usual while we limit the number of people in the service centres.

If you are able to carry out your business with us over the phone or online, please continue to do so.

If you choose to come into one of our service centres, please remember to wear a mask. You will also need to either scan or sign in.

Kerbside recycling and rubbish collection services continue at Alert Level Two, including processing mixed recycling.

There will be a strict approach to contamination through checking of recycling bins and will not collect any dirty recycling. Contamination in recycling, especially used face masks or protective equipment, could cause plant to shut down. These items must go in the rubbish.

Normal opening hours resume at all Resource Recovery Centres and the full range of services are available. This includes waste, greenwaste, recycling drop-off, whiteware, hazardous goods and Reuse shops.

Contactless payment is preferred. All customers need to scan in with the NZ COVID Tracer app, at the manual sign-in locations or give their name and contact details to the kiosk operator.

All customers are asked to wear a mask if they are leaving their vehicle or talking to the kiosk operator. We will be limiting the number of customers on site to maintain safe distancing. There may be delays at times, so please be patient.

Our libraries are open.

There are changes in place and some services and events are not available. Our spaces have been rearranged in order to meet the requirements around physical distancing. Please be patient as we will need to limit the number of people in the libraries. Please remember to wear a mask and scan or sign in if you come and visit us.

Visit our libraries website for the latest library information and to explore a range of library resources you can access from home.

The Richmond Aquatic Centre is open at Alert Level Two but with some changes to services. Get the latest updates on their website.

Our recreation centres are open, but numbers will be limited. You will need to maintain physical distancing, wear a mask and follow contact tracing requirements by scanning or signing in.

All public toilets, playgrounds, exercise equipment and drinking fountains are open, as are all recreational boat ramps.

Building inspections are able to be carried out but inspection protocols will be in place to manage the risk around COVID-19. Please call us on 03 543 8400 for more details and to arrange an appointment.

## Future Development Strategy's public engagement begins

The first round of community engagement for the Nelson Tasman 2021 – 2051 Future Development Strategy (FDS) will start on 4 October and run until 26 October.

This round will be held remotely with information available online and via several Zoom information sessions.

Staff will provide an overview of the project and seek feedback on some key questions.

This will also provide an opportunity for anyone to suggest sites for future housing and business development.

These suggestions will be considered in the preparation of the FDS, a joint project between Nelson City Council and Tasman District Council.

The FDS sets out where and how residential and business growth within Nelson and Tasman regions will occur over the next 30 years. It will replace the adopted FDS of July 2019.

The project is currently underway and will be completed in July 2022.

The preparation of the updated FDS will include the following stages:

- Stage 1 – Project initiation (July –August 2021)
- Stage 2 – Baseline information analysis and review (July –October 2021)
- Stage 3 – Initial stakeholder and community engagement (online) (September –October 2021)
- Stage 4 – Drafting the FDS (October 2021–February 2022)
- Stage 5 – Public consultation; special consultative procedure (face to face meetings) (March – May 2022)
- Stage 6 – Update and finalise the FDS (May – July 2022)

If you want to register for the Zoom engagement sessions, visit our website [tasman.govt.nz](https://tasman.govt.nz), and search 'Future Development Strategy'.

If you have any further queries, please email [futuredevelopmentstrategy@tasman.govt.nz](mailto:futuredevelopmentstrategy@tasman.govt.nz)

## Join the Coastal Management conversation

Like other coastal communities around New Zealand, Tasman has experienced and will continue to experience the impacts of sea level rise and coastal hazards.

A Council report released late last year outlined that rural productive land, homes (predominately in Motueka), open space and recreation land, and key infrastructure are at risk.

Later this month, we're hosting three interactive webinars that will cover what we know about future sea level rise and coastal hazards and be a place for safe conversations that explore "what can we do about it?". These webinars will be on

Tuesday 28 September, 7.00 pm – 8.00 pm;

Thursday 30 September, 12.00 pm – 1.00 pm;

and Thursday 30 September, 7.00 pm – 8.00 pm.

It is free to register and attend. Our Coastal Management Project Lead Diana Worthy and Coastal Hazards Scientist Glenn Stevens will be joined by leading NZ Coastal Scientist Dr Rob Bell to talk through climate change scenarios and answer your questions about how different areas might be affected.

They'll be presenting our four broad options for responding to sea level rise and coastal hazards; accommodate, protect, avoid and retreat.

Give us your feedback in hard copy through the form enclosed or online.

For more information and webinar links, visit [tasman.govt.nz/coastal-management](https://tasman.govt.nz/coastal-management).

## Help could be available for your rates payments

Help is available for lower income earners to meet their annual rates bill.

To be entitled to a rebate you must be the person who pays the rates on the property that you live in full time. You also must be listed as the ratepayer in our Rating Information Database (RID).

This database has all the information about rates and ratepayers for every property in our area. Most retirement village residents, including people who live under a licence to occupy agreement, can apply for a rates rebate and so can those who live in owner occupier flats such as a company share flat or apartment.

You can't claim a rates rebate for the rates payable on a property that's used mostly for business, farming, commercial or industrial purposes, or a home that isn't your usual place of residence like a holiday home.

Rebates are calculated based on your household income, rates and the number of dependents.

If you have received a rates rebate in the past, you should have automatically received an application form and guide.

If you're not sure if you're eligible, call us and we can check your eligibility for you, or for more information head to our website, [tasman.govt.nz](https://tasman.govt.nz), and search 'rates rebates'.

## Expressions of interest accepted for Tasman's Infrastructure Acceleration Fund

In an important step in potentially providing up to 5,000 new homes for Tasman District, we have recommended 11 development applications for approval under the Government's Infrastructure Acceleration Fund (IAF).

The potential developments are spread between Richmond South and West, Wakefield, Tākaka, Māpua and Motueka as well as two neighbouring developments located between Tasman village and Māpua.

Each project will potentially provide between 100 and 2,500 dwellings. The IAF provides an opportunity to source significant external funding for affordable housing without a significant impact on our rate levels.

Developers and landowners have indicated they are prepared to provide at least 20 percent affordable housing as per our request.

These would be generally higher density and / or smaller homes.

Housing numbers are on the increase with 633 new dwellings consented in the year to May. However, of the approximately 11,800 new dwellings required over the next 30 years, 60 percent of these homes will need to connect to our infrastructure.

The applications have now been submitted to Kāinga Ora who will notify us in October of the successful proposals.

Funding agreements are scheduled to be finalised between March and October 2022.

## Tell us your amazing art idea

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 – whether it's music, theatre, festivals, mural painting, outdoor sculptures, art in public spaces, kapa haka, singing, art workshops or something else.

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 Wednesday 10 November. For more information and to complete an application form, visit [tasman.govt.nz/creative-communities](https://tasman.govt.nz/creative-communities)

## Apply for rural sports funding now

Applications are now invited for the Sport NZ Rural Travel Fund. The Sport NZ Rural Travel Fund offers help with travel costs for rural sports clubs and rural school teams. The fund is to help young people aged 5 – 19 participate in local sports competitions. Sport NZ fully funds the Rural Travel Fund, which we administer locally on their behalf.

The next funding round **closes on Sunday 31 October**. Head to [tasman.govt.nz/grants](https://tasman.govt.nz/grants) to check out the funding guidelines and complete an application form.