

Māpua and Districts Community Association meeting update – July 2024

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We have adopted our 10-Year Plan 2024-2034

The Plan builds upon the theme of continuing investment to meet the demands of growth and the need to maintain assets within the current environment where affordability is key.

Many of the over 1,000 total submissions we received acknowledged the importance of continued investment in community assets, with specific support for the development of the Motueka Pool, Wakefield/Brightwater community facilities, Tapawera hub and extension of the Murchison Recreation Centre.

We have identified prudent savings and investment opportunities through a thorough examination of all budgets, the capital program and the identification of assets that could either be sold or managed differently.

While the Government's Local Water Done Well program looms large over every Council, it has not advanced to the point where any possible changes to the way we budget or deliver water services can be included in this Plan. However, any development may need changes to future plans.

Other changes may be required to manage the uncertainty around the level of funding NZTA Waka Kotahi provides for the development and maintenance of local roads and public transport.

Most fees and charges have been increased by approximately 10% to better reflect a user pays environment and offset the level of rates revenue needed over the next 10 years.

As a result of the savings found and changes to the way we manage resources, our rates revenue increase (excluding rates from new growth) has been limited to 11.1% in the first year, 7% in the second year and approximately 5% in the third year onwards

Māpua Masterplan's next steps

We want to say a big thank you to the Māpua community for their ongoing support and contribution to the creation of the Māpua Masterplan. The latest round of engagement closed on 10 March.

Thanks to all those who gave their feedback online and in person. A summary of the feedback can be found online at shape.tasman.govt.nz/mapua-masterplan. Staff are currently developing the draft Masterplan. This is expected to be released later this year and will go through a Local Government Act consultation process which involves formal submissions, hearings and deliberations.

Through this process, submitters have the opportunity to speak to their submission and be heard by Councillors at a hearing. A decision on the final Masterplan will be made by a full Council meeting and then released for implementation.

We expect this process to be completed by the end of 2024. We will continue to keep everyone updated, including when the draft Masterplan is ready for feedback

Dog Registration fees due

Whether your canine companion is a man's best friend, a pampered handbag pooch or a hard-out working dog, they need to be registered every year.

Registration fees are \$65 for a dog on a property under 1 hectare (urban), and \$45 if your property is over 1 hectare (rural). Any dogs that are still unregistered and unpaid on 1 August will incur a 50% penalty fee. Dog registration fees cover the cost of all dog services provided in Tasman. It is a user pays system that is not subsidised by rates.

We are sending out registration forms to currently registered dogs, or you can download a registration form from our website. Return your registration form by email to dog.control@tasman.govt.nz, by post to Dog Control, Private Bag 4, Richmond 7050, or in person to any Council Service Centre.

If any of your details have changed, such as your address or phone number, the number of dogs you own etc, please let us know on your registration form.

You can pay your registration fee by bank transfer to account 12-3193-0002048-03, online with a credit card (fees apply), or in person at a Council Service Centre.

Please make sure you use your dog owner number as reference when paying online.

Visit tasman.govt.nz/dog-registration.

Natural Hazards Plan Change work programme endorsed

We have endorsed a Natural Hazards Plan Change work programme to ensure communities are resilient to natural hazards and can adapt to the effects of climate change, including sea level rise.

We are taking a proactive risk reduction response to address the significant threat Tasman faces from natural hazards. This includes earthquakes and liquefaction; severe weather events that result in floods, slope instability, wildfire, and coastal hazards; and rising sea levels.

The work will look at improvements that can be made to strengthen our existing natural hazards planning framework in the Tasman Resource Management Plan. This will ensure we avoid putting more people and new development in harm's way.

Recent experiences with the August 2022 rainfall event and cyclones Fehi and Gita in 2018 serve as a wake-up call highlighting the very real dangers these hazards pose. How we manage and plan for the effects of natural hazards needs to be a shared effort to better utilise resources and build community resilience.

We are now identifying issues and options for each natural hazard, and we have further community engagement planned for later in the year to seek community feedback on these issues and preferred options.

This work builds on community engagement on coastal hazards and sea level rise mapping in 2019, and educational engagement on geological hazards and high-level options for coastal hazards management in 2021.

We welcome Central Government's recent announcement for an inquiry into developing a climate adaptation framework. The adaptation framework will set out the Government's approach to sharing the costs of adapting to climate change. This will inform our future community adaptation planning programme.

Read more about this work at shape.tasman.govt.nz/natural-hazards.

Calling Tasman's unsung heroes!

If you know someone who works tirelessly in our Tasman communities with little recognition or reward, please get in touch and nominate them for one of our Outstanding Community Service Awards.

Nominees must be residents of Tasman District and have been involved in a range of voluntary activities for 20 years or more. Head to our website – tasman.govt.nz/community-awards – or one of our service centres to fill out a nomination form by 31 August.