COMMUNITY UPDATE

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Māpua and Districts Community Association meeting update – February 2025

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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.

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.

Get your community emergency preparedness plan together

A Community Emergency Preparedness Plan is a living document created to enable, empower and support individual and community resilience when emergencies occur.

The plan encourages self-sufficency, understanding hazards and promotes problem solving, strong social networks and a culture of mutual help. This in turn reduces the reliance on first responder agencies and Nelson-Tasman Emergency Management (NTEM) following an emergency.

In an emergency, services may not be able to communicate with or reach communities for several days – therefore the ability for people to care for themselves and others in their community is important.

NTEM encourages you to create this plan together as a community. No one knows your area better than those who live and work within it. If you create something collaboratively, you will have ownership of it and are likely to have better buy in than a plan created by others.

If your community is interested in creating a plan of your won, in the first instance call NTEM on 03 543 7290 during business hours or email info@ntem.govt.nz to register.

Dog policy and bylaw passed

Out Dog Control Policy and Bylaw have been adopted. The new bylaw will come into effect from 31 March 2025. The previous bylaw is still active until this time.

We would like to thank everyone who participated in the consultation process. We received 645 submissions, and that feedback played a vital role in shaping the final version of the policy and bylaw, ensuring it reflects the needs and concerns of our community.

In general, the Council's approach to compliance will continue as before. However, the Regulatory Team are working on education events to support the roll out of the dog control bylaw as well.

Find full details about the new rules at shape.tasman.govt.nz/dog-bylaw-review.

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.

Time to think about the 2025 local elections

Did you make a New Year's resolution? What about standing for Tasman District Council or Community Board in this year's local body election?

Local government elections are happening throughout Aotearoa this year. Postal voting opens in late September and closes on election day, Saturday 11 October.

We're encouraging people to step up and stand for the Council, or one of our two Community Boards, and continue to help shape this fantastic place that we call home.

Tasman District is a vast geographical area covering 9,786 square kilometres. It is divided into six wards, Golden Bay, Lakes-Murchison, Motueka, Moutere-Waimea, Richmond, and Te Tai o Aorere Māori Ward. There are also Community Boards in Golden Bay and Motueka.

Over the next few months, we'll explain the local electoral process in more detail and speak to former Councillors and Mayors who have left their mark in some way on Tasman.

People have many reasons for wanting to stand for Council or Mayor, but most have a powerful desire to represent and serve their community and leave a positive legacy for future Tasman residents.

Now is the time to think about putting your hand up as a local body candidate when nominations open on Monday 7 July.

Second Hand Sunday returns

Make your New Year's clean out a breeze. Take part in Second Hand Sunday, on from 9am-2pm on Sunday 16 February. 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 10am 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 12pm Friday 14 February so you can plan your fossicking route and pick up some free second-hand items.

To sign up, visit tasman.govt.nz/shs

Tasman's swimming water quality monitored all summer

In Tasman, we're lucky to have so many places where we can go swimming and enjoy water sports. Overall, our rivers and beaches are great for swimming.

All summer long, our environmental officers are out and about monitoring the water quality at popular swim spots across the District. We monitor a range of sites, so unless there are warnings out, we can be reasonably assured of good water quality.

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

Find out what's the go with all our environmental info

Our staff collect, analyse and publish a massive amount of data about our environment.

Groundwater, rainfall, dam levels and river flow are some of the big talking points for many around the District, especially over the summer period.

A number of teams and departments are involved in testing, monitoring and work programmes throughout the year to identify how our natural resources are placed and where there are areas we need to keep an eye on.

As results are confirmed, these are generally made available to everyone online, but may not always be a quick find. Now, everyone with access to the internet can view a range of current and historical environmental data from one location.

We have just published the Environmental Data Portal on our website: tasman.govt.nz/environmental-data-portal.

Here you will find data on river flow, dam levels, groundwater and soil moisture, tidal levels, stormwater, air quality, weather stations, water quality, and rainfall.