

## Māpua and Districts Community Association meeting update – May 2025

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### Māpua Masterplan - May 2025 update

We are progressing work on a Design Guide to inform new development within the urban area of Māpua.

To assist with this, we have prepared a questionnaire for the public, with topics intended to help the Council determine what policy mechanisms might be best suited to respond to identified issues and opportunities.

Between now and May 25, 2025 you can fill out the form here, via our Shape Tasman page at [shape.tasman.govt.nz/mapua-masterplan](https://shape.tasman.govt.nz/mapua-masterplan) - where you can also submit online – as well as picking one up at our Richmond and Motueka Service Centres.

You can also email your finished questionnaire to [environmentplan@tasman.govt.nz](mailto:environmentplan@tasman.govt.nz) or drop a hard copy version into the Richmond or Motueka Council Service Centres.

To help with your understanding, we will be conducting a public meeting on Monday 19 May from 6pm to 7.30pm at the Bill Marris Room, Māpua Community Hall, 72 Aranui Road, Māpua.

This meeting will involve a presentation of what feedback we've heard to date and invite additional comments or clarifications to make sure we've heard and understood.

For planning purposes, please let us know if you will be attending the public meeting through the Shape Tasman page.

The overall Masterplan process is still rolling on - deliberations are scheduled to take place on June 5, 2025 while the adoption of the Māpua Masterplan will occur as planned later this year.

## Local Water Done Well consultation underway

It's time to have your say on the future of Tasman water services and how we should manage drinking water, wastewater, and stormwater services in the future.

We are beginning consultation as part of our response to the Government's Local Water Done Well programme – the plan for managing water services delivery and infrastructure following the repeal of Water Services Reform legislation (Three Waters) in February 2024.

It is intended to ensure people pay cost-reflective prices for water services, that those services are delivered to an acceptable quality, and that water services providers are investing sufficiently in infrastructure.

We're required to submit a Water Services Delivery Plan by 3 September this year, and your input will help us decide on the best governance model.

Our preferred option is an in-house business unit, which would be managed separately from other Council operations. While still part of the Council, it would be independently monitored to ensure high environmental and customer standards.

We're also considering two options that involve setting up a Water Council Controlled Organisation (CCO), each governed by an independent board. These models may offer long-term cost savings and operational efficiencies.

In the short to medium term, all options deliver similar financial outcomes. We've also agreed to keep talking with Marlborough and Buller District Councils about a possible multi-Council CCO in the future.

Other governance options – such as trust models like those used in the electricity sector – have been considered by Council but are not being pursued.

This is an important decision for the future of our water services, and we value your input. Tell us what you think of our proposal by 4.00pm on 23 May 2025. From there hearings will be held in June this year, followed by a council meeting in July to consider feedback and make decisions on the way forward.

We aim to adopt our water service delivery plan on 12 August 2025.

You can find heaps of information, documents and make a submission at

<http://shape.tasman.govt.nz/lwdw>.

There are several ways for you to provide your views:

- Email: Send us a message at [haveyoursay@tasman.govt.nz](mailto:haveyoursay@tasman.govt.nz)
- Post the submission form to: LWDW, Tasman District Council, 189 Queen Street, Freepost 17255, Private Bag 4, Richmond 7050
- Deliver the submission form to any Tasman District Council office or library

## Looking for your feedback on our services

Our annual residents feedback survey is happening now.

Each year, we survey a random sample of Tasman residents for their feedback on a range of services we provide. We use these results to identify improvements and track the performance targets set out in our 10-Year Plan.

This year, we're shifting from phone interviews to an online survey to help reach more people across the District. A random sample of 8,000 households will receive a postcard from Monday 28 April, with a unique link to complete the survey.

To ensure everyone has a chance to be heard, the survey will also be available on Shape Tasman. Whether you receive a postcard or not, we encourage all interested residents to take this opportunity to provide feedback.

The survey, conducted by independent research company Truwind, is designed to ensure a representative sample across age, gender, and location. As thanks for taking the time to complete the survey, you can enter the draw to win one of three \$50 Prezzy Cards from Truwind.

While the overall results of the survey will be made public, all individual responses remain confidential.

If you received a postcard, please use the unique link provided to complete the survey. Otherwise, you can take part at [shape.tasman.govt.nz/residents-survey](https://shape.tasman.govt.nz/residents-survey) from Monday 5 May. The survey is open until Saturday 31 May.

## Community Grants open now

Community Grants are making a real difference throughout Tasman District – and applications for this year's funding round are now open!

These grants support organisations whose work brings real value to our communities, enhancing well-being and helping Tasman thrive.

Last year, a number of projects received funding. The Menzshed Waimea ran a fantastic programme to help refugees and migrants build vocational skills and improve their English. Keep Motueka Beautiful received support to help restore the historic Motueka Wharf.

In Golden Bay, the Aorere Childcare and Education Charity Trust was granted funding to help develop a new early childhood centre at Collingwood Area School.

If your group has a great community project on the horizon, a Community Grant could help bring it to life. The grants cover a wide range of activities, supporting everything from service organisations and festivals to sports clubs, welfare services, arts, culture, heritage, and environmental initiatives.

To be considered, projects should meet a community need, have local support, and align with our community outcomes. Preference will be given to projects that also have financial backing from other sources.

Funding can go towards one-off projects, service delivery, project development, and some administration costs.

Applications are open now and close at the end of July. To find out more and apply, visit [tasman.govt.nz/grants](https://tasman.govt.nz/grants).

## Does your building have specified systems?

Some systems in a building, such as fire alarms or access control doors, need regular maintenance and inspections to ensure they're working correctly. These are called 'specified systems'.

If you have a specified system, your building requires a compliance schedule, the systems should be maintained and inspected regularly, and a Building Warrant of Fitness provided to us each year.

A compliance schedule explains the inspection, maintenance, and reporting procedures that are needed to keep each of your specified systems in good working order.

If you're constructing a new building or altering a building in a way that affects the specified systems, we will issue (or amend) your compliance schedule.

Your Independent Qualified Person will be checking your systems; however, we are required to periodically inspect buildings with specified systems by the Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment.

These inspections are beneficial to building owners, managers and the people who use them. It also ensures that our records are up to date and contain the correct information.

If your building is selected for an inspection, you will be contacted with an appointment date and an explanation of what is involved.

Most of the work is done behind the scenes as part of a desktop audit. The on-site inspection by the Compliance Officer will be approximately 20 minutes and they require full access to the building.

There is a charge to owners, which you can see at [tasman.govt.nz/fees-and-charges](https://tasman.govt.nz/fees-and-charges).

If you have any queries, please email us at [bacompliance@tasman.govt.nz](mailto:bacompliance@tasman.govt.nz).

Find out more at [tasman.govt.nz/commercial-building-compliance](https://tasman.govt.nz/commercial-building-compliance).