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Richmond West Development Area submissions sought

Local residents have the opportunity to voice their opinions on a proposal that will cater for the expected growth of Richmond for the next 20 to 50 years.

The Richmond West proposal has been released by Tasman District Council after discussions, public feedback and looking at a range of options.

Now the public has until 20 December 2007 to make submissions on the proposal, which is contained in Variations 61 to 63 to the Tasman Resource Management Plan.

The Richmond West Development Area structure plan provides a picture of the overall proposal for the area. The proposal covers the Lower Queen Street area from the Waimea Inlet across to State Highway 60 and from the Railway Reserve to McShane Road and the Nelson Pine Industries MDF plant.

Council has settled on a mixed package that will provide land for:

- residential development
- mixed business activities including large format retail
- industrial activities.

The proposal forms part of the long-term strategic approach to provide for the growth of Richmond commenced through the Richmond Development Study of 2003. Other provisions for Richmond's future growth are:

- defined southwards expansion of Richmond, between State Highway 6 north of Hope and Hill Street to create a high amenity residential environment
- residential and business intensification of central Richmond
- defined residential intensification in suitable locations in Richmond east, including land south of Champion Road and east of Hill Street
- support for defined northward residential expansion towards Stoke in Nelson City, north of Champion Road and
- beyond 20 years, defined residential and business expansion of Hope.

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Richmond West.

**Richmond Community Forum
Come and meet the Richmond Ward
councillors at a meeting on Tuesday
27 November 2007 at 7.30 pm at
Council Chambers, 189 Queen Street
Richmond.**

Items likely to be discussed at the meeting include:

- Air pollution in Richmond
- Safe and functional roading
- Pedestrian crossings on Queen Street
- Headingly Centre
- Estuary development
- Protecting old buildings
- ASB Aquatic Centre costs.



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The proposal identifies two stages to the development of the area, the objective of which is to optimise the provision and use of infrastructure and promote an orderly sequence to the development. The second stage is deferred until 2026 but signals the direction and extent of development in this area.

The Richmond West proposal has had to accommodate a wide range of issues:

- the need for more residential and business land
- the protection of prime agricultural land
- the risk of sea level rise
- the effects of development on existing industry
- the effects of new industry on the Waimea Inlet and surrounding residential population
- accommodating only “clean, low impact” industry in the new Mixed Business Zone
- the need for a network of greenways and open space opportunities that link the Richmond hills with the sea.

The costs of servicing the new development opportunities will be significant. A portion of the costs have been budgeted for by Council and a portion will be funded by development. To this end, some zoning provisions are deferred subject to the provision of essential services.

Proposed Variations 61 to 63 and submission forms are available at the Richmond office of the Council and at the public libraries in Nelson and Richmond. They are also available on the council website www.tasman.govt.nz or by contacting Pam Meadows Ph 543 8581, or email pam@tdc.govt.nz.

There will be a public information day at the Tasman District Council Chambers on 20 November 2007 between 2.00pm and 6.00pm. You are invited to attend to learn more about the Richmond West development plans.

Richmond Ward Councillors

Michael Higgins

Cr Higgins has been working in Local Government since 1980 when he joined the Tasman Electric Power Board. He was first elected as a Tasman District Councillor in 1991. He has previously represented the Moutere - Waimea Ward and joins the Richmond Ward this term. He has been appointed the following roles: Environment and Planning Committee (Chair), Council Enterprises Subcommittee (Chair), Audit Subcommittee, Development Contributions Subcommittee, Nelson Airport Ltd Council Director, Nelson Regional Sewerage Business Unit, Regional Funding Forum and Tenders Portfolio. Cr Higgins received 3674 votes.

“I am delighted to be part of the Richmond team. For me it’s like moving into a whole new job and I think we have a good team here in Richmond.”



Michael Higgins

Glenys Glover

Cr Glover is in her first term as a Tasman District Councillor and has been appointed to the Audit Subcommittee, Nelson Regional Sewerage Business Unit, Nelson Tasman Physical Activity Plan Steering Group and Tasman Youth Council. Cr Glover received 3157 votes.

“I would like to thank all the voters in the Richmond Ward who supported me so strongly in the election. I am still finding my feet but am really looking forward to being able to help Richmond and our region in the future. I can be contacted by email on glenysglover@xtra.co.nz or Ph 544 9665.”



Glenys Glover

Gordon Currie

Cr Currie is in his second term as a Tasman District Councillor and has been appointed to the Audit Subcommittee, Saxton Field Working Party, Nelson Tasman Housing Forum, Motorsport Portfolio and Strategic Water Resources Portfolio. Cr Currie received 2602 votes.

“As a Councillor, in the last three years I have learned a lot, and I extend my thanks to those who voted for me, my only wish is that I am able to represent the people of the Tasman District to the extent of the faith that the voters put in me.”



Gordon Currie

Judene Edgar

Cr Edgar is in her first term as a Tasman District Councillor and has been appointed to the Communications Subcommittee, Creative Communities Subcommittee, Grants and Community Facilities Subcommittee, Total Mobility Portfolio, Positive Ageing Forum Portfolio and Saxton Field Working Group. Cr Edgar received 1844 votes.

“I would like to thank everyone who voted for me, and everyone who voted. I am delighted to have this opportunity to represent the people of the Tasman District and will work hard to preserve and enhance the unique character of the area.”



Judene Edgar

Cook Strait Challenge - *are you up for it?*

Can you swim 50 nautical miles (92 km)? If so, head along to the ASB Aquatic Centre to take part in the Cook Strait Challenge.

Taking part is easy – all you have to do is log the distance you swim each day with a lifeguard until you've completed 50 miles, the distance across the Cook Strait.

Team and individual challengers are welcome, and all participants will be in with a chance to win spot prizes or a trip for two to Wellington.

Dedicated Cook Strait lanes will be available between 11.30 am and 2.30 pm daily – or swim at a time that suits you.

Challenge yourself, get fit and swim the Strait.

Contact the ASB Aquatic Centre,
Ph 543 9755 for more information.



Wave Rave talent search

Swimming pools aren't the first place you'd expect to go to listen to live bands and DJs, but that's exactly what the ASB Aquatic Centre is doing to attract teens in to swim.

Now they're looking for talented local musicians and DJs to perform at their popular Friday night Wave Rave.

A regular feature since the Aquatic Centre opened, the Wave Rave has recently been revamped to make it more appealing to the area's youth. Almost 200 people turned up to the first of these new, improved raves on 28 October 2007 to listen to local college band Ever Awake.

Aquatic Centre Manager Robert Kennedy believes that it is essential to keep things fresh. "The Wave Rave had become a bit predictable and we wanted to make it a different sort of event for young people in the region. Now they can see bands, listen to DJs and still enjoy the Wave Rave with their friends. People don't expect the Aquatic Centre to be a venue for live music but that is what we want to do, provide the unexpected."

If you know of any aspiring DJs or bands that would like the chance to play in front of a live audience, please contact Robert Kennedy at the ASB Aquatic Centre on 543 9755.

Volunteers to help Richmond police

Police in Richmond are currently in the process of implementing an initiative similar to the night watch volunteers in Nelson. This involves people from the community volunteering their time to assist police and help reduce crime in our area. These people will meet with police on selected nights and be assigned specific hot spots to patrol. Once any offending is detected they will contact police and observe from a distance until officers arrive. This will be a valuable service to our local police. This is being established with the support of Tasman District Council, and we would have struggled to achieve this on our own. So far vetting of interested people has started and is progressing well. A meeting will be held in the near future and anyone who is interested is invited to attend. The date will be advertised. Anyone keen on becoming a volunteer or interested in finding out more can contact me on 543 9500 at the Richmond Police Station.

There has been an increase in vehicles being broken into and property taken in Richmond. The incidents appear to be random, with only one or two vehicles targeted in a street. However one thing still remains the same - there are valuables left in the vehicles in plain sight of these opportunist thieves. Please remove all valuables, or if this is not possible try to secure these out of sight.

That's all for now, and all the best to local senior college students with upcoming exams.

Glenn Lloyd-Jones

Richmond Community Constable.

Smarthome launch at the A&P Show

A mobile house, full of great ideas on how people can be more sustainable and save energy, water and money in their homes, is to be launched soon.

Tasman District Council's Smarthome is full of intelligent and practical ways to live smarter. If you're building, renovating or just want to live smarter, you'll find information on insulation, heating, double glazing, and recycling, as well as lots of other great ideas.

The Smarthome is to be launched at the Nelson A&P show on the weekend of 24-25 November 2007, and will be travelling round the region during the summer.

The mobile home is supported by local businesses, and also features a mural on the back by artist Jeana Packer.



Richmond Summer Events

There is plenty happening in Richmond during the summer – here are some important dates to keep free.

Saturday 24 - Sunday 25 November 2007

***Nelson A&P Show* 9.00 am–5.00 pm**

Richmond Park Showgrounds, Lower Queen St, Richmond.

Saturday 24 November 2007

***Pak' n Save Richmond Santa Parade* 12 noon**

Queen Street, Richmond

Sunday 9 December 2007

***Tiny Tots, Teddies and Toys Party* 2.00–4.00 pm**

Washbourn Gardens, Richmond

Saturday 16 December 2007

***Carols by Candlelight* 8.30 pm**

Washbourn Gardens, Richmond

Friday 28 December 2007

***Hinton's Richmond Market Day* 9.00 am–4.00 pm**

Queen St, Richmond

Friday 4 January 2008

***Jazz in the Park* 4.00–8.00 pm**

Washbourn Gardens, Richmond

Friday 25 - Sunday 27 January 2008

Will Power Productions Summer Shakespeare

***As You Like It* 8.00 pm**

Washbourn Gardens, Richmond.

Saturday 26 January 2008

***Cheapskates Tasman Skatepark Tour* 2.00–4.00 pm**

Jubilee Park Skatepark, Richmond

Saturday 17 February 2008

***Unleashed Creative Arts Exhibition* 9.30 am–5.30 pm**

Richmond Town Hall

Friday 29 February 2008

***Last of the Summer Fare* 5.30–10.00 pm**

Cambridge Street, Richmond

For more information on what's on visit the community notices on the Tasman District Council website www.tasman.govt.nz or the Nelson Events Calendar www.nelsonnz.com.

Waimea College Celebrates 50th anniversary in style

People from all over the world gathered at the 50-year reunion of Waimea College at Labour Weekend. About 830 ex-pupils enjoyed a wide variety of events over four days.

Classroom tours, plus a happy birthday sing song involving other local schools, took place on Thursday 18 October 2007, followed that evening with the first of two Eras of Style concerts. This showcased current students' performance skills.

Visitors were able to enjoy work and memorabilia displays on the Friday, followed by an informal get together that evening in the college hall. According to organiser Tracy Farrell, the evening went well. "The noise on Friday night was incredible," she said.

The official opening and powhiri took place on the Saturday with visitors bagpipied to the stage. Year nine student Nicole Clark, and foundation student Andrew Tait – the first student to enrol at the school - cut an enormous cake.

"The foundation class of 57 was our biggest class at the reunion," said Tracy. The afternoon saw sport challenges, involving students, staff and some ex-pupils.

A celebration dinner was held at the Trafalgar Centre on the Saturday night, including performances by singer-songwriter Charlotte Yates and screen-writer and musician Arthur Baysting, both ex-pupils.

Sunday saw a tree planting ceremony and the second Eras of Style concert with performances by ex-pupils. The weekend wound up with a morning tea on Monday morning.

New Brochure Promoting Richmond

Richmond Unlimited has produced a brochure promoting the central business district. The brochure is a great guide to the shops and other services available. It also lists some of the community events to watch out for and has a useful map of the town centre. If you're expecting visitors over the summer holiday make sure you have a copy on hand to give them. Pick one up from the Richmond Mall, participating shops or the information centre.

