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The Waimea Community Dam

A secure water supply for the Waimea Plains is the most important and urgent local issue we face.

The Waimea River cannot sustain the demands we are making of it and its health is declining. The Tasman District Council has been working for many years on ways to protect the health of the river and still provide the water our communities need.

We either have to increase the water available, or make big cuts to the amount of water homes and businesses – both rural and urban – can use.

To improve the health and maintain the mauri of the Waimea River, we must lift

its summer water flows. Tasman District is not achieving resource management and national freshwater policy requirements with current water management practices for the Waimea River. That cannot continue.

New water management rules to protect the river by providing a minimum river flow mean urban and rural areas will experience severe water restrictions most summers from 2018 there is no commitment to build the Waimea Community Dam. That would have a significant impact on our way of

life, and is a threat to regional economic prosperity.

The Council's preferred option for resolving our region's water shortage crisis is the Waimea Community Dam, chosen after years of investigation, research, reports and analysis. The analysis shows the dam is the cheapest and most practical solution.

In this special edition of Newsline, we examine the significant water supply issues our region faces.



Mayor's message

Water security is the major issue facing our region and the need to find a secure supply of sufficient water for our community will only become more urgent as our population grows.

We are already taking more water than the Waimea River can sustainably provide. That is a problem for our way of life, for our region's economic security, and for the natural, cultural and recreation values of the river.

I want my grandchildren to be able to live and work in this region if they choose. Without water, the chances of that are slim. Water brings jobs, security and a future.

The Council has a legal and moral obligation to provide a secure supply of water to our community – it is one of the main reasons we exist. As a unitary authority, holding regional council responsibilities, we are also legally and morally required to protect the environmental health of our rivers. However, we are not achieving either resource management or national freshwater policy requirements with current water management practices in the Waimea River.

The Waimea Community Dam is a cost-effective solution when you compare it with the alternatives for the urban water supply alone. It carries multi-generational benefits, and its up-front cost has to be viewed in the context of the value it will provide for the next 100 years.

The project is not a “done deal”, however. Confirming a fair funding model is key to its success, as are the terms of how it will be operated and managed into the future. Those topics will be the subject of a full public consultation process once we have firm details of the costs, funding sources and mechanics of a joint venture partnership for you to consider.

Thank you for taking the time to read this Newsline Special Edition as we continue our regional discussion about the dam. A huge amount of work and research has gone into the proposal over the past 16 years. I hope the information provided here is useful to anyone wanting to understand the background, context and rationale for the project.

Mayor Richard Kempthorne



"THE WAIMEA RIVER CANNOT SUSTAIN THE DEMANDS WE ARE MAKING"



Above: A flow rate of 1100 litres per second in the Waimea River. If the dam is built this will be the minimum water flow permitted, providing greater protection of river ecology.



Above: The Waimea River with a flow rate of 800 litres per second – the target flow if there is no Waimea Community Dam.

WATER SECURITY

In 2013, the Council introduced new water take rules intended to protect the natural values of the Waimea River, provide a more appropriate allocation of water and meet national requirements for freshwater management.



Important rules in the Tasman Resource Management Plan will apply from November 2018 to provide for a minimum flow in the river to prevent it from drying up completely in times of drought.

To make sure the minimum flow can be achieved, the rules also introduced new rationing triggers for both rural water permit holders and urban homes and businesses.

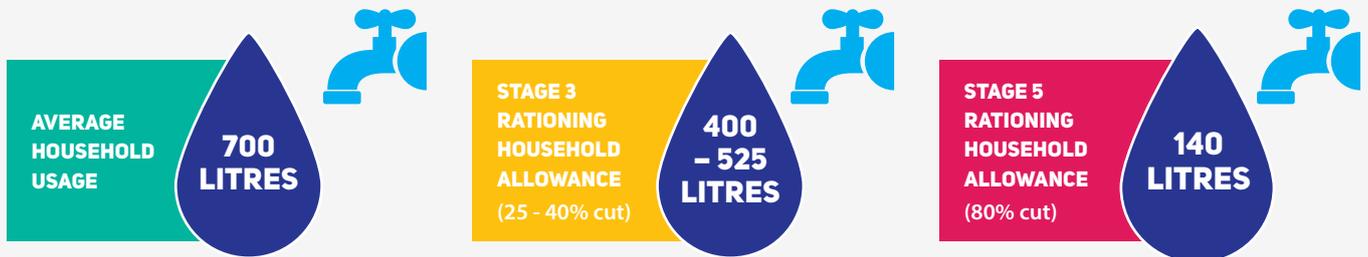
If there is no dam, these rules will have a significant impact on our way of life. From summer 2018, we will aim to maintain a minimum river flow of 800 litres per second.

Water permits are being reassessed to achieve an overall reduction in the rural water take, with potentially catastrophic consequences for rural businesses' ability to operate. Rationing for permit holders will

kick in earlier in dry periods and be more stringent, making it difficult to grow crops, with serious consequences for Nelson-Tasman's economic health.

Rationing for urban homes and businesses will also kick in earlier in dry periods and will be much harsher than in the past. If you live in Richmond, Brightwater or Mapua (that's 20,000 or so of you) you will have to cut your water usage by 25 – 40% nearly every summer (Stage 3 rationing is expected nine out of 10 summers). Those in Redwood Valley face up to 60% cuts. Occasionally, even harsher cuts will be needed for all urban areas (Stage 5 rationing). In times of severe drought, you will need to lower your water use by at least 80%.

DAILY URBAN WATER 'BUDGET' (SUMMER)



AVERAGE WATER USED IN COMMON HOUSEHOLD TASKS



RIVER HEALTH

The Waimea River flows from where the Wairoa meets the Wai-iti near Brightwater, into Tasman Bay near Appleby.

The river feeds our aquifers, coastal springs and groundwater, providing a clean source of water for our homes and businesses.

We need a healthy river for the sake of our environment, to protect our community's drinking water supplies, and so we can all enjoy it safely for fishing, swimming and other recreation.

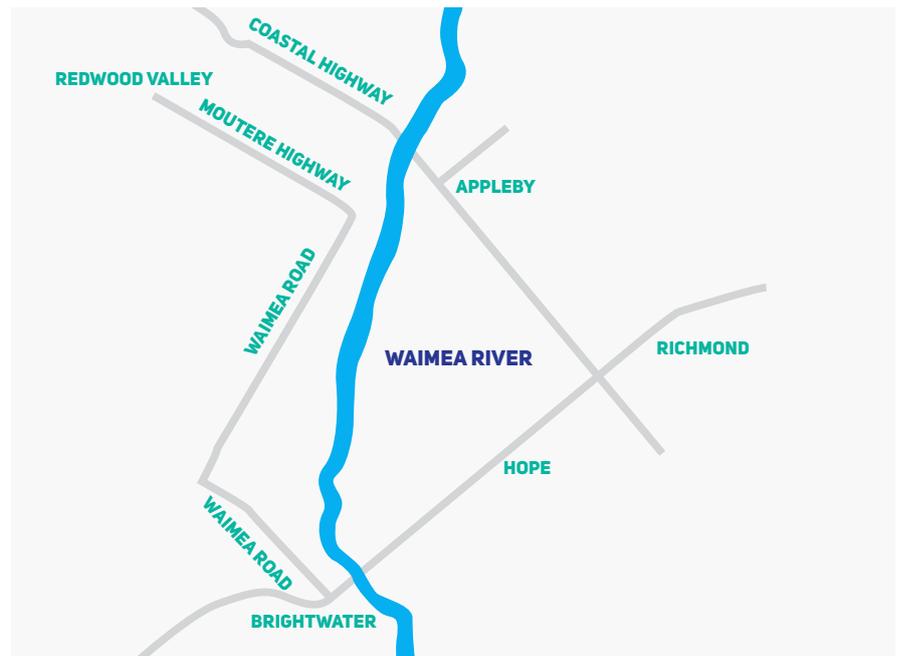
The Waimea Community Dam would release water into the Waimea River in times of low flow to supplement the natural river flow and ensure a healthy river ecosystem.

The Government's National Policy Statement for Freshwater Management sets out requirements for maintaining freshwater quality and flows that the Council is required to meet.

With a Waimea Community Dam, the Council would aim to ensure a minimum flow of 1100 litres per second to provide a far healthier river ecology that meets the objectives of the national requirements.

If there is no dam, the target minimum river flow under the Tasman Resource Management Plan will be 800 litres per second to protect our aquifers from the

threat of saltwater intrusion contaminating our drinking water supply. However, this relatively low flow does not protect the natural ecosystem of the river and is unlikely to meet the national freshwater standards. This may mean the Council is forced to consider a higher minimum flow and even greater water use cuts when the planning rules are up for review again in 2025.



REGIONAL ECONOMY

Summer water rationing and reduced water allocations will affect Nelson-Tasman businesses and dramatically affect the regional economy.

Businesses need water security to keep and grow their workforce and to plan for business growth. Without a secure supply of fresh water, many small and medium businesses in the region will be forced to reduce operations or close down and the jobs they provide will be lost.

The Waimea Plains holds some of the most fertile productive land in the South Island, producing fruit, vegetables and boutique crops such as hops and grapes. It is of

national strategic importance and a loss of productive capacity would be significant not just to our region.

According to The Waimea Dam Economic Assessment report carried out by the New Zealand Institute of Economic Research (NZIER) for the Nelson Regional Development Agency in July 2017, the region could see an increase in GDP (gross domestic product) of as much as \$923 million over 25 years if the dam is built.

Without the dam, the region could lose \$1 billion in GDP over 25 years, according to the Northington Partners report commissioned by Waimea Irrigators Ltd.

NZIER estimates the first two years of dam construction would increase Nelson-Tasman's regional GDP by \$55 million and raise overall household incomes and consumption by \$27 million.

FIND OUT MORE:

You can read the full NZIER economic assessment report at www.nrda.co.nz/business/reports.

PROJECT TIMELINE

Several decades of work has led to the Waimea Community Dam solution.

1979

Former Nelson Catchment and Regional Water Board commissions a study to consider building a dam in the Wairoa Gorge. Other small dam options in the Moutere geology area were also considered pre-1993.

SUMMER 2001 – 2002

Severe drought in Tasman highlights the magnitude of the water shortage issue.

2003

Waimea Water Augmentation Committee (WWAC) is established to look at options for water supply. Members include the Department of Conservation, Fish and Game, iwi, irrigators, plus Tasman District and Nelson City councillors and staff. A Tasman regional water study re-examines some earlier options as well as a dam for the upper Wairoa River with cost estimates.

2007

A large number of sites are examined, and gradually narrowed down through an assessment of engineering, environmental and social factors. From this process, the preferred site is chosen in the Upper Lee Valley. Interim water management measures are adopted.

2010

WWAC completes detailed feasibility study.

2013

WWAC recommends a private co-operative company be established to operate the dam. The Council is advised that there are legal constraints on funding arising from the proposed company model. New freshwater allocation policies and rules introduced to the Tasman Resource Management Plan to provide for minimum flows and rationing for either a dam or no dam.

MARCH 2014

Changes to water rules in the Tasman Resource Management Plan come into effect.

SEPTEMBER 2014

Waimea Community Dam Ltd lodges application for resource consent.

OCTOBER 2014

Nelson Regional Economic Development Agency releases a report it commissioned through NZIER that shows regional GDP would reduce by between \$17.5 million and \$34.5 million per year without the Waimea Community Dam.

OCTOBER – NOVEMBER 2014

Ahead of the 2015 Long Term Plan, the Council consults on how the dam should be funded and managed. The proposal for the Council to carry the full capital and operating cost of the dam is not favoured.

MARCH – MAY 2015

Council consults the community on including up to \$25m for the dam (33% of the estimated dam capital cost) in the budgets for the Draft Long Term Plan 2015 – 2025 and adopts this proposal.

MARCH 2015

Resource consents granted “to allow the construction, operation and maintenance of a dam and associated infrastructure on the Lee River in Tasman District”, subject to a number of conditions.

2015 – 2016

Affiliated and non-affiliated water permits are introduced that change water allocation policies and rules for abstracting water in the Waimea water management zones, giving permit holders either high or low security of supply depending on whether they subscribe to the dam or not.

EARLY 2017

Tasman District Council and Waimea Irrigators Ltd advertise for expressions of interest from contractors as the first step in establishing the construction cost of the Waimea Community Dam.

EARLY 2017 – NOW

Work on commercial terms, funding sources and options for allocating the Council's share among different groups of water users and ratepayers continues with the aim of having a robust proposal for later public consultation.

JUNE 2017

NZIER updates its 2014 economic assessment, showing the benefits of the dam are even greater than earlier estimates.

NOVEMBER 2017

Council asked to approve a proposal for funding its share, including information on rate impacts, and governance of the dam to release for full public consultation.

ALTERNATIVES

The work leading up to the selection of the Waimea Community Dam as the preferred augmentation option canvassed many different possibilities for a secure water supply.

These focused on supplementing the urban supply to households and businesses to avoid Stage 3 rationing. Over the past month the Council has revisited the work on alternatives, and combined the findings into a single review for the first time.

There are four options that would provide enough water to meet current and future urban demand:

- the Waimea Community Dam
- a high dam on the Roding River

- transfer of water from the Motueka aquifer
- Storage ponds beside the Waimea River.

The option of a dam at Teapot Valley was also included in a cost and capacity review for comparison of the costs of a smaller dam.

The Waimea Community Dam is by far the cheapest option for supplementing the urban water supply. It is also the only option that:

- increases flows in the Waimea River to improve ecosystem health and meets new national freshwater standards;
- and holds enough capacity for current and future primary production needs and secures the regional economy;
- and leverages funding from partners – Waimea Plains water users, central Government (via Crown Irrigation Investments Ltd and the Freshwater Improvement Fund), and Nelson City Council.

	Waimea Community Dam	Roding High Dam	Pumping from Motueka Aquifer	Waimea Storage Ponds	Teapot Valley Dam
Capital cost to Council – urban supply	\$9m	\$95m – \$145m	\$35m – \$40m	\$24.6m	\$46.1m
Capital cost to Council – environmental flows	\$16m	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Notes on capital cost		Includes dam, piping and treatment plant	Serving Mapua only	New ponds needed every 15 years	
Annual operating cost for Council – urban supply	\$300,000	\$3.4m – \$3.8m (includes dam and treatment)	\$750,000	\$788,000	\$1.1m
Water stored	13,000,000m ³	1,200,000 – 5,100,000m ³	n/a	500,000m ³ (More ponds needed for future demand)	500,000m ³
Daily supply potential	31,000m ³ (could supply up to 60,000m ³)	30,000m ³	5900m ³ (serving Mapua only)	4000m ³	4000m ³
*Capital cost per cubic metre per day – urban supply (capital cost divided by daily supply potential)	\$290	\$4000	\$6356	\$6150	\$11,525

*Indicates the one-off investment to obtain 1m³ of water a day for the next 100 years.

WEIRS

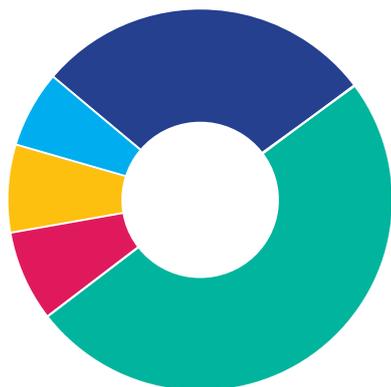
Weirs have been discounted because by themselves they cannot provide enough water to meet demand. They can have a localised positive effect on recharging aquifers, but not enough to solve the water shortage facing the region. Because weirs also pose the risk of slowing water flow, they could create water quality problems. While enhancing groundwater recharge, weirs would reduce river flows downstream with a range of associated issues, including the risk of the river drying up in prolonged droughts, an inability to meet minimum flow limits and the risk of saltwater intrusion near the coast. Weirs do have some merit if used along with an augmentation scheme – such as a dam.

RAINWATER HARVESTING

Rainwater harvesting, while an option that householders should consider to cushion themselves against rationing, cannot store enough water to meet demand and is expensive – about \$5000 per property plus maintenance for a 22.5 cubic metre tank. If every home installed a rainwater tank there would be a collective cost of \$32.4 million for the 6481 urban properties in the Waimea catchment. Rainwater tanks do not prevent the need for rationing in an extended dry spell because once tanks are empty there is no way to refill them until it rains again.

FUNDING

The proposed funding model will see irrigators pay the highest proportion of the dam's construction costs.



Estimated capital costs (\$m): Total \$82.5m

TASMAN DC, \$25M

IRRIGATORS (WIL AND CIIL), \$40M

SPENT, \$6.5M

FRESHWATER FUND, \$6 – 7M

NELSON CC, \$5M

The Council's 33% contribution recognises the urgent need to provide a secure urban water supply and the wider public good of protecting the river. The dam is the only alternative that has non-Council financial support and leverages private investment.

Ongoing operating costs will be shared between Waimea Irrigators Ltd and the Council.

PARTNERSHIP APPROACH

While all users need a more secure water supply, other options for providing water to urban and rural areas fail to improve the health of the Waimea River.

The dam offers a secure water supply for households and businesses and ensures the mauri and health of the river for generations. It makes

sense for the Council to join forces with other partners who want to invest in a scheme that meets everyone's needs.

Sharing the cost makes the dam cheaper for all the beneficiaries, provides a more efficient use of land, limits the need for restrictions, allows for growth and protects the river. None of that would be possible without a partnership.

RATES AND WATER CHARGES

There will be a full development of proposals and robust consultation on the options for apportioning the Council's costs between different groups of ratepayers and water users later this year. Early work on the apportionment of Council costs is based on \$9 million being allocated to urban water users and \$16 million to community benefit.

- Users of the urban water supply network who are in the "water club" (households and industrial/commercial users) pay via targeted water rates.
- The community good provided by healthier river flows and region-wide economic benefits is funded by District-wide general rates. However, the Council is likely to use rating differentials so the rate impacts on Richmond and Waimea are higher than on outlying areas.

WATER RATES

An overall one-off increase on 2017–2018 urban water charges of 8% – 9% related to the dam project is likely.

For most households connected to the urban supply network in Tasman District that is an increase of 16 cents – 18 cents per cubic metre (1000 litres). A household using 1000 litres a day would therefore pay up to 18 cents extra a day, or \$1.26 a week, under this scenario for a secure water supply. Remember, the average household uses closer to 700 litres a day in summer, and would experience an even smaller weekly cost increase.

GENERAL RATES

The Council is likely to propose using rating differentials to reduce the impact on settlements outside the Waimea area.

A one-off general rates income increase of 3.1% on the 2017–2018 rates gives an idea of the likely overall increase.

The Council will still remain well within its debt cap of \$200 million. Its rates increase cap of 3% will need to be carefully considered in the prioritisation of projects through the Long Term Plan to moderate the impact of the dam proposal in a single year.

For a typical Richmond property with a capital value of \$510,000, for example, the general and targeted water rate increases roughly equate to about \$125 a year, or \$2.40 a week – similar to the cost of a loaf of bread.



FAST FACTS

WITH THE DAM:

The region could see GDP increase by as much as \$923 million over 25 years.

WITHOUT THE DAM:

The region could lose up to \$1 billion in GDP over 25 years.

WITHOUT THE DAM:

Nearly every summer many of us will have to cut our water by 25% to 50%.

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Award for Biosecurity collaboration

Tasman District Council, along with Nelson City and Marlborough District Councils and the Ministry for Primary Industries, have received high-level recognition for the collaborative approach taken to marine biosecurity in the Top of the South.

Representatives of each council were highly commended in the Government category of the New Zealand Biosecurity Awards held at Parliament. They were presented their award by the Minister for Primary Industries, Nathan Guy. Biosecurity co-ordinator Paul Sheldon says the secret to success was collaboration.

“Ours was the first collaborative marine biosecurity partnership in the country. Over the last 10 years we have done a lot of education, monitoring and working with industry, iwi and other partners to make

sure we had a good picture of what was happening and have processes in place to respond when needed.”

“Vessels and marine equipment traveling around the Top of the South can easily take pests with them. We all share a common sea area so we have to all work together well to be effective.”

DOC win Supreme Award

The councils were eclipsed in the Government category by the regional efforts

of DOC to eradicate the great white butterfly. Their tremendous success – the first time an unwanted butterfly population has been eradicated anywhere in the world – also won them the Supreme award.

What is biosecurity?

Biosecurity is the way we prevent harmful pests and diseases from getting into New Zealand and manage or eradicate them if they get here.

Help us review our Civil Defence Plan

Nelson Tasman Civil Defence Emergency Management (CDEM) has reviewed its Group Plan and is now calling for public feedback on the revised draft. We've taken into account learnings from significant emergencies in recent years, and we want your thoughts on how we can continue to build a resilient Nelson Tasman community. Please view the plan and send feedback by 4 September at tasman.govt.nz/feedback

NZ-RT2 is a group of volunteers which provides the community with an emergency response capability under the umbrella of the Nelson Tasman Civil Defence Emergency Group.

We are seeking both frontline and team support roles. All aspects of training required by the team is provided.

If this is for you email NZRT2-recruitment@ncc.govt.nz or call 03 543 7290 for more information.



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FUNERAL SERVICES

An advertisement for Can Plan. It features a green background with a green trash bin on the right. The bin has 'CAN PLAN' written on it. Text on the left includes 'WINNER Nelson Pine 2016 BUSINESS AWARDS' and 'Garden overgrown?'. Below that, it says 'Putting WASTE in its Place!' and 'CAN PLAN' in large letters. At the bottom right, it provides the website 'www.canplan.co.nz' and the phone number '547 0642'.

NEWSLINE UPDATES



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Voice of young people – What's your Tasman?

If you are aged 12 – 24 years old and live in the Tasman District, then we want to hear from you. This is your chance to have your say about what you think is important for young people.

Young people are a vital part of the Tasman community and it's important we hear the voice of young people to ensure we understand your needs. What you tell us will help us write the Long Term Plan, which shows what we will be doing for the next 10 years. This is your chance to have a say about what happens in the Tasman District. Even the smallest voice can make a big difference, so tell us what is important to you!

Simply fill out the survey before 20 August and be into win a UE Boom.

www.surveymonkey.com/r/voiceofyouth

Scholarships for Tasman's youth leaders

Are you aged between 15 – 20, live in the Tasman District and keen to attend a youth leadership opportunity this year? Then we can help, with \$200.

Tasman \$200ships are available any time of year to support young people in our district attend courses like Outward Bound or Spirit of Adventure.

The application process is simple –
visit www.tasman.govt.nz/link/200

Are you ready to play?

The South Island Masters Games is back in Nelson from 4 – 8 October this year. Experience the camaraderie at this extravaganza of sport and social events for those 30+ years to enjoy. It's local – so join in on your own or with a team of mates to have some fun. Both competitive and social players are catered for. A highlight for many are the themed social functions. All activities are assured to make you feel fitter and healthier and think of all those challenges that can be achieved.

Register online at www.simasters.com

Planting at Higgs Reserve, Mapua Drive

9.00 am – 1.00 pm, Sunday 20 August, and Sunday 10 September. Thanks to a donation by Trees That Count and Z Service Stations we have trees to plant on Higgs Reserve. Come and join us!

Wear sturdy footwear and gloves. Bring some drinking water and a spade if you would like to plant, other jobs available too. Planting will take place unless we have heavy rain. Morning tea will be provided.

Please contact Gillian Bishop,
mb7@xtra.co.nz, Ph. 027 2407534 or
Kathryn Brownlie bandedrail@gmail.com,
Ph. 021 0795133

Not ready for the building inspector? Cancel early, no fee

It's important to us to deliver a timely and efficient building inspection service. We know it's always a bit of a juggle to line everything up at the right time for the inspection.

In recent months, we have had an increase in the number of instances where the job is not ready when the inspector arrives on site. This isn't an efficient use of our resources and it is causing frustration with other industry partners who miss out on an inspection booking for that day.

We cannot emphasise enough the need to be certain that you will be good to go on the day – so we're introducing an option to cancel early without incurring any extra cost.

Cancel by 2.00 pm the day before the booking – no charge

From 1 August 2017 you can cancel an inspection booking if you are not ready, until 2.00 pm the day before, without incurring any fees.

Cancellation after 2.00pm will incur a cancellation fee of \$150.

Any inspection we encounter not ready at the time of inspection will result in a failed inspection and will incur the standard \$150 re-inspection fee.

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Have your say on the future of Mapua's waterfront

Feedback is open until 14 August 2017.

Over the past six months we've spent a lot of time talking with the Mapua community about the future of Council-owned land near the Mapua waterfront. Now we want to know what you think.

The Mapua Waterfront: Options for the Future consultation document has been developed following extensive work with community groups and organisations in Mapua. We've proposed options for the future development of waterfront land, and outlined some alternatives.

Find out more:

Head to our Public Consultation page for more information about the options and to make a submission – www.tasman.govt.nz/feedback.

Visit any Council service centre, library or Mapua Community Library to read a hard copy of the document and pick up a submission form.

Seeing double?

Following a recent systems upgrade, some customers may have received multiple communications about their direct debits. Some customers have received two direct debit letters, or an email and a printed letter, but please be assured that only one direct debit will be taken.

We appreciate that this may have caused stress for customers, and we apologise for the error.

Customers with concerns can phone the rates team on 03 543-8400 or email us on rates@tasman.govt.nz.

Sabella – Small-scale Management Programme

We have declared a small-scale management programme (SSMP) to deal with the marine pest Mediterranean fanworm (*Sabella spallanzanii*), referred to as Sabella.

The SSMP applies to the whole coastal marine area of Tasman District.

The objective of the programme is to control Sabella in the Tasman District over the next three years to:

- reduce the adverse effects on economic well-being; the environment; enjoyment of the natural environment and the relationship between Māori, their culture, and their traditions and their ancestral lands, waters, sites, wāhi tapu, and taonga; and
- reduce spread within the region and to other areas.

This small-scale management programme can be viewed at www.tasman.govt.nz or contact us on 03 543 8400. The SSMP is declared under Section 100V of the Biosecurity Act 1993.

Wakefield and Districts Community Health Centre Inc Society AGM

16 August 2017, 7.00 pm. Wakefield Health Centre, 12 Edward Street. All welcome.

Subsidised neutering for menacing dogs

Eligible dogs will be neutered and microchipped at a nominated vet clinic for \$25. Contact the Nelson SPCA on 03 547 7171 to confirm whether your dog is eligible.

Council Meetings

Agendas and Minutes for Council Meetings can be viewed on Council's website at www.tasman.govt.nz.

Motueka Community Board

Motueka Service Centre, Hickmott Place. Tuesday 15 August 2017, 4.00 pm. Public forum

Engineering Services Committee

Council Chambers, 189 Queen Street, Richmond. Thursday 17 August 2017, 9.30 am. Public forum.

Joint Shareholders Committee

Nelson City Council. Tuesday 22 August 2017, 1.30 pm. Public forum

Saxton Field Committee

Saxton Field Netball Pavilion. Wednesday 30 August 2017, 9.30 am. Public forum.

Everyone is welcome to attend our public meetings. There is a public seating area where you can observe the meeting, with many of the meetings having a 'public forum' providing an opportunity to speak to the meeting if you wish. At the beginning of ordinary meetings up to 30 minutes is set aside for public forum. Each speaker is allocated five minutes. You don't need to pre-register your intention to speak – just take your turn when invited by the chairperson. These presentations don't form part of the formal business of the meeting – a brief record will be kept of the matters raised. Any matters requiring further investigation may be referred to staff by the Chairperson.

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Author Jenny Patrick

We're thrilled to be hosting renowned New Zealand author Jenny Patrick at our libraries in late September. From The Dennison Rose through to her latest, Leap of Faith, Jenny's books have always been popular with our library customers. Her storytelling captures NZ's past with believable characters and settings and that x-factor that makes for a riveting read.

Now's your chance to meet her and hear her talk about her books in person.

Jenny will be at Takaka Library at 7.30 pm on Tuesday 26 September and on Wednesday 27 September at Richmond Library at 1.00 pm and Motueka Library at 7.00 pm.

Copies of Jenny's books will be on sale – cash sales only. Jenny will be happy to sign copies for you. Mark this date in your calendar now.

August is Family History Month

Find out how to care for your family photos on Saturday 19 August 11.00 – 12.00 at Richmond Library with guest speaker Darryl Gallagher (manager of the photographic collection at Nelson Provincial Museum). Or bring the kids (7 – 11 year olds) along for a children's craft session constructing a 3D model of Queen Street buildings on Saturday 26 August 10.30 am – 12.30 pm.

Sign up for our Papers Past class on Thursday 21 August 10.00 am – 12.00 noon. Papers Past is a treasure trove of 80 NZ newspapers from 1839 – 1945. You'll need to book for all of these sessions so get in quick.

Phone 03 543 8500 to book your place.

Find the full programme of events on the library website Featured Events page.

Book launch at Takaka Library

Come along to Takaka Library on Wednesday 16 August at 7.30 pm for the launch of renowned ethno-botanist Philip Simpson's long awaited book Tōtara: A Natural and Cultural History.

Philip's early interest in plants led to botany, conservation and the writing of two earlier acclaimed publications, Dancing Leaves on New Zealand's cabbage tree and Pohutukawa and Rata, New Zealand's iron-hearted trees.

Tōtara adds a wealth of information and is a wonderful addition to the literature available on New Zealand native trees.

Don't miss what promises to be a fascinating talk. Stay for a chat and a coffee after the talk. Book signings and sales available. Cash only – \$75 per copy.

Share your Motueka Library memories

This year Motueka Library celebrates 160 years of serving the community. During August you're invited to share your memories of Motueka Library. It could be photos of the library, events you remember, news stories or articles or other memorabilia.

If you have stories or photos to share, pop into the library and pick up a form. Or email us library.information@tasman.govt.nz and we'll send you one.

In good health at Takaka Library

When it comes to health and wellness, there's a wealth of knowledge in Golden Bay. Be inspired by a range of local practitioners and businesses as they share their secrets and success stories during Takaka Library's In Good Health series.

The first in the Good Health series is on Thursday 7 September and the programme continues on Fridays from 15 to 29 September. Find all the details on our website Featured Events page.

Garden Gurus at Motueka Library

Garden Gurus is a new group meeting at Motueka Library on the second Monday of the month 11.00am – 12.30pm.

Gatherings include socialising, browsing the library's books on garden topics, speakers and various activities, workshops and tours of gardens. So why not get together with other green thumbed people at Motueka Library and get growing!

Free computer classes at Richmond and Motueka

Coming up in September we have another series of free computer basics classes on offer for you at Richmond and Motueka Libraries.

If you want to increase your ability to move through the online world then you may find a class here to help you. Whether it's learning internet basics, getting started with email, exploring working with photos or fine-tuning your Facebook account you'll find a course for you at your library. Check out the full range of classes and how to register at the Featured Events page on the library website.

Wordfest at Takaka Library

Takaka Library has a veritable feast of words on offer in August with Wordfest. With a word games fun feast, old Golden Bay writings, talks from local authors and National Poetry Day readings. If words are your thing you'll find plenty to keep you stimulated and entertained. Check out our Upcoming Events on the library website.

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