

## Māpua Community Association update – December 2021

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### Holiday hours and services 2021/2022

We're always on call over the holidays. For urgent or emergency issues you can contact us 24 hours a day on 03 543 8400, or via your local Council Service Centre number.

### Service Centre hours

All offices and service centres including AA Agency close at 3.00 pm Friday 24 December.

All offices and services centres reopen on Wednesday 5 January.

The Murchison service centre will reopen for normal hours between Wednesday 29 and Friday 31 December. It will then be closed between Saturday 1 and Tuesday 4 January, reopening with normal hours on Wednesday 5 January.

### Library hours

Friday 24 December – all libraries close at 3.00 pm.

Saturday 25, Sunday 26, Monday 27 and Tuesday 28 December – all libraries closed.

Wednesday 29 and Thursday 30 December – libraries open normal hours.

Friday 31 December – libraries open, Murchison closes at 4.00 pm, Richmond, Tākaka and Motueka close at 5.00 pm.

Saturday 1, Sunday 2, Monday 3 and Tuesday 4 January – all libraries closed.

Wednesday 5 January – all libraries open normal hours.

### Rubbish and recycling over the holiday period

This year, rubbish and recycling collections over the Christmas and New Year period remain the same across the District due to Christmas and New Years Day falling on a Saturday.

Our Resource Recovery Centres will be closed on Christmas Day and New Years Day. Opening hours remain the same otherwise. Opening hours vary for each centre, you can find their regular hours on our website.

## Tasman clarifies vaccine pass entry requirements for facilities under CPF Orange

Tasman District Council has been working through the implications of the Covid Protection Framework (traffic light) since its announcement some weeks ago.

Most of our services are publicly accessible and we have a natural reluctance to limit access to these services for any resident. However, that reluctance needs to be balanced against the District's current health needs and direction from the Government.

Last week the Council announced the access requirements put in place to meet the introduction of the CPF; these remain in place at this time. These are currently still valid and can be found at [Council services at Orange | Tasman District Council](#)

These access requirements are reviewed every day following government advice, health updates, and feedback from our residents and staff. We continue to work through the implications of the information we receive to make considered decisions.

All Tasman District Council customer service offices in Richmond, Motueka, Tākaka and Murchison are open with no My Vaccine Pass (MVP) needed for entry. If you prefer to carry out your business with us over the phone or online, please continue to do so.

All libraries are open and a MVP will not be needed for entry and access to core library services. However MVP will be required for those aged 12+ to access programmes, events and close contact services.

Please note that the café in the Richmond Library is open for contactless pickup and takeaway only. Drinks and food from the café cannot be consumed within the library or café but can be consumed in the open air courtyard.

However, a small number of our multi-use venues will require a vaccine pass, including the Richmond Aquatic Centre. Where this is the case, the list below outlines the requirements and the reasons for them.

As Tasman District Council Customer service offices and libraries in Richmond, Motueka, Tākaka, Murchison will be open without the need for My Vaccine Pass (MVP) for entry.

Tasman District Council community and recreation centres will predominantly be open for entry without MVP with corresponding restrictions.

With specific regard to access to our libraries we are considering the situation daily and if the current access requirements change, we will give residents a few days warning prior to enacting any changes.

In the meantime, if residents feel unsure about physically visiting the library, many services are available online or over the phone

We expect our staff to be calm and respectful in all their interactions and we ask the same in return from everyone accessing our services and facilities.

Call Centre staff are available 24-7 via phone (all our service centre numbers are available on our website) and there are a range of ways you can do business with us online too. Head to [tasman.govt.nz](http://tasman.govt.nz) for more information, or email [info@tasman.govt.nz](mailto:info@tasman.govt.nz).

Please note this list is not exhaustive and is subject to change due to any centrally driven changes in response to the management of the pandemic. All updates will be available on Council websites.

**Motueka Recreation Centre** will be open with the following restrictions – groups will be limited to 50 people in each room to maintain 1 metre distancing with masks needed except when exercising. Entry into the gym within the facility will require a MVP.

**Moutere Community Centre** will be open with the following restrictions – groups will be limited to 50 people in each room to maintain 1 metre distancing with masks needed except when exercising. Entry into the gym will be through the external door only and require a MVP.

**The Richmond Aquatic Centre** as a multi-use facility with a gym and a café will require a MVP for entry.

#### **Campgrounds (Council owned or managed)**

Pōhara, Motueka Top 10 and Murchison campgrounds will require a MVP to enter and stay.

Council campgrounds at Kina and McKee Domain will be open with distancing and mask wearing protocols in force.

This currently applies to Collingwood as well but we are reviewing this with a view of aligning that particular campground to other holiday parks where a vaccine pass is required.

Please remember while playgrounds, parks, reserves and cemeteries are open, distancing and mask wearing protocols should be observed.

**Community Halls** – the hirer of the facility is responsible for the management of the restrictions.

## High demand and staff shortage prompts consents delay

Due to a combination of high demand for services and staff shortages, our consents team have had to set some realistic timeframes in order to assist planning by our customers.

Along with other teams across the country, our consenting services have been affected by a shortage of experienced planners.

Over 1,000 consent applications have been lodged since the start of 2021, which has presented significant challenges to our expected timeframes.

We are already entering the busy pre-Christmas holiday time of year with an existing backlog of applications and duty planner queries.

With the current staffing constraints, we will not be able to meet all the demand prior to the Christmas break.

Any consent applications or requests for duty planning advice after 22 November 2021 are being logged and assigned to a planner as quickly as possible.

However, it is unlikely that these will be processed until at least January 17, 2022.

Our pre-application service will also not be available over this period.

We are working hard to manage the matters within our control to reduce the impacts to our customers and we ask for your patience at this time.

## Council to engage early on future accommodation options

Tasman District Council has agreed to consider options for future accommodation in the next Long Term Plan 2024-2034 with early community engagement next year as a first step.

The Council's premises on Queen Street were assessed as earthquake-prone in 2020, with a statutory deadline of 2033 to remediate the building.

In addition to the earthquake prone status, the current office, which consists of four buildings of different ages, styles and configurations has become increasingly problematic. The building is at capacity, lacking in basic facilities, and the layout does not lend itself well to modern workplace conditions such as open plan offices.

Earthquake strengthening work and a refit of the existing building would incur significant cost without addressing the issues.

We need to ensure a safe environment that complies with the Building Code and provides a fit-for-purpose workspace.

With many government reforms in train there is a lot of uncertainty ahead. There are opportunities to co-locate with other agencies, share costs, and scale the Council's presence up or down in response to change.

The council is taking a number of measures to optimize the current space until a long term solution can be found including remote working and more open plan where practical. However, the timeframes for new accommodation are such that they may have to find other interim options.

At a meeting on Thursday 25 November, the Council agreed that a long-term solution for future accommodation would be considered as part of its next ten-year plan (2024 – 2034).

While that planning cycle is some time away, we have an opportunity now to do some early engagement and gain community input around the possible options, which are essentially to own or lease new premises.

Community input is important and we'll provide as much information as we can to our residents and ratepayers so they can consider the risks and benefits of the options and provide their feedback.

## Liquefaction information now available

We've commissioned work to assess the likelihood of seismic liquefaction in Tasman District. Liquefaction is the process which causes soil to behave more like a liquid than a solid during an earthquake.

Our new liquefaction map illustrates areas in our District according to the following liquefaction vulnerability categories:

- Liquefaction damage is possible

- Liquefaction damage is unlikely
- Very low liquefaction vulnerability.

The mapping was undertaken at a regional level ('Level A' criteria) following the Ministry for Business, Innovation and Employment's 2017 guidance for liquefaction-prone land. It's based on published geological information as well as LiDAR ground elevation data and groundwater level data but does not include site specific subsurface investigations.

The areas mapped as 'liquefaction is possible' do not necessarily mean liquefaction will occur across all these areas. In fact, the gravelly nature of Tasman's alluvial plains are such, that incidences of liquefaction will be much more limited, but there could be "pockets" of buried fine grained sands and silts (such as an old, infilled river channel).

Estuary and coastal margins are expected to be vulnerable to liquefaction.

This new liquefaction information will be used in several ways, including informing resource and building consent processes, asset management, and civil defence and emergency management.

For more information and to view the liquefaction map visit [tasman.govt.nz/liquefaction](https://tasman.govt.nz/liquefaction).

## Last chance to provide feedback on the future of Moutere-Waimea parks and reserves

The draft Moutere-Waimea Ward Reserve Management Plan sets out the vision, objectives, policies, implementation and priorities for parks and reserves located within the Ward for the next ten years. It also asks questions about various aspects of our parks and reserves that you can help answer.

For some reserves, like the concept plan for the recently enlarged Wakefield Recreation Reserve, this is the first opportunity to have a say on the draft plan and how this area can enhance community wellbeing in the future.

Don't miss this important chance to shape the future of recreation facilities. View the draft Moutere-Waimea Ward Reserve Management Plan online at [tasman.govt.nz/feedback](https://tasman.govt.nz/feedback) and have your say before Friday 17 December.

## We're taking a fresh view on walking and cycling

We've taken a long hard look at how people get around the urban areas of Tasman and created a new Walking and Cycling Strategy.

Although it's a walking and cycling strategy, it actually refers to all micro mobility devices designed for use on footpaths and cycleways.

Targets are set out as far as 2050, but it also has a community focus, improving neighbourhood streets. Most significant is the creation of a comprehensive network of connected cycleways and paths across all urban areas, as well as improved pedestrian crossings.

There are plans for all residential and town centre areas of Tasman.

Funding has been allocated through the 10-Year Plan 2021 – 2031 with contributions for some aspects of the strategy coming from Waka Kotahi.

The Walking and Cycling Strategy is available on our website now. Official consultation will be open until early March 2022 with several pop-up community information events also planned.

## Your flood history could help us all in the future.

We maintain detailed records of floods that occur across the entire region in our hydrological database, but sometimes a mark on a wall or an entry in an old diary can hold valuable historical information that we may not be aware of.

This information has tremendous value and is widely used by both the Council and wider public to reduce the risk of harm to humans and livestock. It's also a tool widely used by planners to avoid damage to structures, crops and other assets around Tasman.

Occasionally we find a record of a flood from long ago which has been marked as a line on someone's shed or other structure and our hydrological staff are keen to record as many of these marks as possible before they are lost.

If you have a mark from a flood long ago and would like it recorded, please contact us on [hydro@tasman.govt.nz](mailto:hydro@tasman.govt.nz) with your name, contact details, plus the location, along with the date of the flood if known. Alternatively, you can contact us on 03 543 8400 and ask for the Duty Hydrologist.