

Māpua Community Association update – February 2022

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Significant rainfall in Tasman sees most water restrictions lifted

Significant rainfall throughout Tasman district in recent days has been sufficient to see the immediate removal of all water restrictions, except for permit holders in the Moutere Eastern Groundwater Zone.

Appreciable rainfall since then has seen river, and most aquifer, levels rise to well above rationing triggers.

The removal of the restrictions was effective immediately when announced on Friday.

Included are the restrictions applicable to domestic consumers connected to Council community supplies.

Stage One rationing, meaning a cut in use by 20 percent of consented water take levels, will still apply to those in the Moutere Eastern Groundwater Zone.

Dry conditions are likely to return and continue through to April, so wise water use by everyone was still encouraged.

The Council is also encouraging users in 88 Valley, Wakefield and Brightwater to be careful with water use following the recent rains as increased sediment will require the Council to use stored water not affected by silt.

Monitoring will continue and restrictions will be reintroduced if flows and levels decline below the rationing triggers in the coming weeks.

Red drives interactions online

Driven by the nationwide change to Red on the CPF (COVID 19 Protection Framework), the decision has been made that all Council meetings, consultation, and hearings will now be managed online. Where possible this will include staff presenting to external groups and associations

There are several reasons supporting this decision.

- We have an obligation as an employer under the Health and Safety at Work Act to ensure we do not place staff at risk where that risk can be mitigated,
- We cannot place our community at risk when we have an alternative means of consulting and providing the opportunity to interact with us, and
- Our responsibility as a provider of essential services has taken on a higher level of importance with the very real possibility of widespread Covid-driven disruptions. If this does happen, it is imperative the community can rely on the Council to deliver the services required to households and businesses.

The change in circumstances has reinforced the need to ensure our community are aware of, and are able to take, the opportunity to interact with our decision-making processes,

Therefore, Council will put more emphasis on advertising, online information and consultation resources and education resources to ensure our community knows when and how they can take part.

Fish Passage Project underway in your area

Our Jobs for Nature Freshwater Improvement Fund – Fish Passage Project has been funded to improve fish diversity and abundance by searching out and remediating in-stream structures across the Tasman District over a 5-year period.

This project is allowing action to be taken to address these barriers to fish migration as they are identified.

Currently work is being completed in Sherry River/Tadmor and will soon begin in Riwaka, Aorere Valley and selected areas of the Moutere as part of the start-up phase.

Once the initial start-up phase is complete, work will focus on the Golden Bay region moving systematically by catchment. Over the five-year project additional areas will be added.

A dedicated, trained team from Kūmānu Environmental (a division of Nelmac) is carrying out the work.

One key focus of this project is to support private landowners by assessing any in-stream structures (such as culverts) and completing remediation when required and within the scope of the project funding.

We're planning our first webinar for those interested in hearing more or asking questions about the project's work on **February 15 at 7pm**.

An invite to the webinar can be found at www.tasman.govt.nz/fish-passage-project-updates.

You can also express your interest to be informed of information sessions, related events or to get in touch in regards to their property when work begins in your area.

Input is sought on a new Tasman Wastewater Bylaw

It is essential that we can manage and control the type and volume of discharges to our wastewater system.

The unpredictable nature of trade waste can have a significant impact on the operation of the system and treatment processes.

A wastewater bylaw sets out the trade waste registration/permit application process and establishes the statutory authority for the recovery of fees and charges. The bylaw also sets out the requirements around wastewater system infrastructure that applies to all wastewater connections.

In reviewing the previous bylaw, our staff have addressed issues associated with the management of trade waste and wastewater that have arisen since the last review in 2015.

These include providing further guidance on what discharges are permitted or require a permit. It ensures it matches the regulations of Nelson City Council and the Nelson Regional Sewerage Business Unit and it provides further guidance on pressure sewer systems and swimming pool discharges.

The draft Wastewater Bylaw is open for feedback until Monday 7 March 2022.

Walking and Cycling webinars Zoom ahead

Our draft Walking and Cycling Strategy aims to improve key issues in every town across Tasman District, and we want you to talk to us about it.

It focuses on safety, accessibility, liveability, climate change and traffic congestion. The strategy suggests changes to parking, alterations to speed limits, the installation of cycle lanes and paths, and the development of slow speed neighbourhoods.

Find out more on our website or pick up a copy of the draft strategy from your nearest service centre or library then check out one of our online Zoom webinars before you make a submission.

We'll be running several online Zoom webinars over the next month – details will be in the next issue of Newline. We are seeking feedback until 7 March 2022. Find more information and have your say at tasman.govt.nz/feedback.

\$100,000 for Covid affected community groups in Tasman

We've created a new way to assist local groups who have been financially impacted by Covid-19, thanks to a surplus in our Community Grants Fund.

Council has a surplus in our grants fund that can be used to directly assist community organisations in Tasman who have suffered a monetary loss due to Covid-19.

Funding is also available for groups who assist vulnerable people and have needed to increase their service because of Covid-19.

Applicants must be not for profit, charity or voluntary organisations who work across our District.

It is intended that grants will assist in covering the costs of things like salaries, wages, and volunteer expenses. Costs that are essential to service delivery, administration and office expenses can also be covered, as well as accommodation expenses, including rent, leases, maintenance, insurances and utilities.

Requests for assistance will need to be made via the official application form on our website and are open year-round.

A typical allocation for each group is expected to be around \$5,000. Applications are now open. Full details about criteria and eligibility can be found on our website, tasman.govt.nz/grants.

Join your local Youth Council

The Tasman Youth Council is looking for new members for 2022. This is an excellent opportunity for young people who are passionate about their local community and want to make a positive difference in our region.

The role is also a great opportunity for anyone who is interested in politics and wants to learn how decisions are made and what role the community plays in these decisions.

Youth Councillors participate in conferences and hui, as well as organise projects that are important for young people. They advocate for youth issues and ideas and support infrastructure projects such as skate parks, street art, reserves, youth hubs and more.

Anyone between 12 and 24 years old living in Tasman is welcome to join. There are four Youth Councils around the District – Golden Bay, Motueka, Murchison and Waimea.

Sign up online at tasmanyouthhub.co.nz/join.

Tell us how you'd like to see Council news and information communicated

We're always looking for ways to improve our communication channels. Help us by filling in a survey and you'll go in the draw to win one of five \$50 Prezzy Cards.

Return your completed survey to any Council service centre or library, or pop it in the post addressed to: Communication channels survey 2022, Tasman District Council, Freepost 172255, Private Bag 4, Richmond 7050.

You can also complete it online at tasman.govt.nz/feedback. The survey closes on 28 February 2022. If you'd like to go in the prize draw, please provide your name and email address and/or phone number. This survey is for residents of Tasman District only.