

## Mapua Community Association update – May 2022

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### Annual Plan submission deadline looms

Time is running out to have your voice heard as we look at what we spend and how we are going to pay for it during the next 12 months.

Our Annual Plan consultation document is available on our website and from libraries and service centres around the District.

There are two options on the table. Delivering the programme outlined in our 10-Year Plan plus the additional costs for the 2022/2023 year will result in an increase of 7.7% in overall rates revenue.

Or by deferring some work and making savings we can reduce that to a 5.51% increase.

There are many ways to engage with the Council. You can attend an online public feedback meeting, complete a submission form, or upload a video submission online.

The final online forum will be taking place on the following date:

- Tuesday 3 May 2022, 6.00 pm – 7.30 pm

Submissions close on Wednesday May 4, 2022. Public hearings are scheduled for Wednesday May 18

All information is available on the Council website [tasman.govt.nz/annual-plan](https://tasman.govt.nz/annual-plan)

### Draft Schedule of Fees and Charges 2022/2023 out for feedback

The Council can set a Schedule of Fees and Charges to recover some of the costs associated with our services in line with our Revenue and Financing Policy. Some of these charges are set by statute, and others by the Council.

All charges are reviewed each year to determine whether they need to change or not, and are included in a Schedule of Fees and Charges. The Draft Schedule covers the year from 1 July 2022 to 30 June 2023.

We are seeking your feedback on the Draft Schedule until 5.00pm Wednesday 4 May.

The full Statement of Proposal is available on our website and at all our service centres and libraries. Submissions can be made on our website or delivered to your local service centre or library. For more information and to have your say visit [tasman.govt.nz/feedback](https://tasman.govt.nz/feedback)

## Stand for Tasman's future

Attention all first-timers and anyone considering standing for Tasman District Council in this year's local election.

Nominations open in mid-July for the 8 October election. Now is the time for potential candidates to be considering their nomination.

If this sounds like something that you would like to pursue, we welcome your interest.

To gain some background knowledge, we encourage those considering standing for council to contact someone who has been on council in the past and talk through what's involved in the role.

Another good option is to go to the Council's website and look at recent meeting agendas and take note of the topics, because those are the issues that councillors will be deciding on going forward.

Just getting a grasp of the general topics will give an overview of much of the work a councillor does.

More information, including a full video interview with former Tasman Mayor Richard Kempthorne is available on our website, [tasman.govt.nz/elections](http://tasman.govt.nz/elections).

## Council services at Orange

We are at now at Orange on the Covid Protection Framework or traffic light system.

All council services will continue to operate as normal.

At the Orange setting there are no restrictions on gathering numbers or social distancing requirements.

You are still required to wear a face covering when visiting Council offices, libraries and indoor community facilities.

Thanks for your understanding and patience.

For the latest health advice and information, visit the [Unite against COVID-19 website](http://Unite against COVID-19 website).

For updates on vaccine availability and clinic locations, visit the [Nelson Marlborough Health site](http://Nelson Marlborough Health site).

## Community grants open now open

Every year we set aside a pool of money from rates to assist groups and organisations across Tasman District with our Community Grants Scheme.

The criteria is broad and covers a range of categories including but not limited to service groups, festivals and sports clubs through to welfare groups, arts, culture, heritage and environmental organisations.

If your community group has a project that needs funding and you feel your group could be worthy of consideration for a grant, check our website for previous recipients to see who got what.

Your community group can apply for funding to cover costs such as administration costs (limited), one-off projects, project development costs and service delivery costs.

Our annual Community Grants are aimed at enabling us to work with communities by encouraging community-based solutions.

We're supporting our community to find ways to improve the delivery of services or infrastructure and underpinning the work of volunteers across the District.

Priority will be given to projects that address an identified community need and align with our community outcomes.

Applications opened on Sunday 1 May and close Sunday 31 July. Full details of the application process are on our website [tasman.govt.nz/grants](https://tasman.govt.nz/grants).