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Housing development progresses as successful IAF projects announced

A 200-home development in Motueka has been included in a list of 35 projects invited to move forward with Infrastructure Acceleration Fund (IAF) applications.

Managed by Kāinga Ora, the IAF is a contestable fund of at least \$1 billion nationally, to allocate funding for key infrastructure to enable housing development within five years.

The IAF was open to territorial authorities, developers and iwi to apply for councils to be funded for transport, three waters or flood-management projects needed to service the development of new or additional housing in the short to medium term.

Tasman District Council was invited to submit further proposals for three projects to the next stage of the IAF process in October 2021. These represented 621 homes in Tākaka (100), Motueka (200) and Wakefield (321).

Following further evaluation of proposals, Kāinga Ora announced this week the 35 projects throughout New Zealand which have been invited to enter the final negotiation stage of the IAF process.

Tasman District Council was informed that the Motueka West Phase 1 Whakarewa Street Proposal submitted in conjunction with Wakatū Incorporation, was successful.

Council would be working with Kāinga Ora in the coming weeks to meet all identified criteria as part of the final evaluation.

Kāinga Ora will look to make decisions around final funding from July onwards.

The proposals for Wakefield Village and Takaka's Mohua Venture did not progress.

Future Development Strategy moves to deliberations

Thanks to feedback provided through recent consultation with our communities, we are now able to begin shaping our region's growth for the next 30 years.

A panel of elected members from Tasman District and Nelson City Councils met over four days to hear submissions on our 2022 – 2052 Draft Future Development Strategy (FDS).

A total of 568 submissions were received across both Councils. Of these, 45% of submissions came from Tasman, 47% from Nelson and 8% from elsewhere.

Testament to the public interest in the FDS, 133 people asked to speak at the hearings, which were held via Zoom in late April and early May. An additional day and evening were scheduled to accommodate this level of response.

Key themes that emerged from the submissions included more priority being given to the intensification of urban centres, the relationship between greenhouse gas emissions and urban growth, ensuring growth areas are serviced by appropriate public transport, provision of infrastructure required to support growth, and concerns related to greenfield development.

With submissions now heard, both Councils will meet again at FDS deliberations hearings on 25, 26 and 31 May. The public can join the meetings via Zoom.

The FDS Subcommittee will then deliberate on the submissions feedback and decide on a final draft version of the FDS to recommend to the Joint Committee of the Nelson and Tasman Councils for their meeting on 27 July 2022.

Thank you to everyone who has engaged so far. Keep up to date with progress on the strategy at tasman.govt.nz/fds.

Residents survey calling

You might get a call this month from Research First. They're doing an annual survey on our behalf into Tasman residents' satisfaction with Council.

The interviews will be conducted by telephone, both landlines and cellphones. Responses are confidential.

We would urge anyone who is contacted to take part and use the opportunity to give feedback – the results help shape the future of the services and facilities we provide to the community.

Find out more on our website, tasman.govt.nz.

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 is available on our website, tasman.govt.nz/elections.

New funds available for waste minimisation

We have established two new grants to sit alongside an existing one, designed to support activities that avoid or reduce the creation of waste in Tasman.

We hope these will support schools, community groups and businesses to undertake waste minimisation activities and help move us closer to achieving our waste minimisation goals.

The three different waste minimisation grants are all funded by the waste levy distributed by the Ministry for the Environment.

These cover:

- Waste minimisation grants for schools, early childhood centres and community groups.
- Waste minimisation grants for community events.
- Waste minimisation projects grant (for larger, innovative waste minimisation projects).

Applications for the events and school/community grants are open year-round and will be considered as they are received.

The first round of applications for larger waste minimisation projects is open now and closes on Sunday 29 May 2022.

The aim of the new waste minimisation projects grant is to support new activities and projects that avoid or reduce the creation of waste and support our communities to show kaitiakitanga of our natural resources.

Projects that supply long-term benefits to Tasman residents are encouraged.

You can read the full criteria and complete an application on our website, tasman.govt.nz, search 'waste minimisation grants'.

Understanding our geological natural hazards

As part of our natural hazards work programme, we have commissioned technical advice to better understand our geological natural hazards – active earthquake faults, seismic liquefaction and slope instability.

In late May, we're hosting two interactive webinars that will discuss the technical information and what it may mean for landowners as well as the wider community.

These webinars will be:

Thursday 26 May, 7.00 pm – 8.00 pm

Friday 27 May 12.00 pm – 1.00 pm

Senior Resource Scientist – Natural Hazards Glenn Stevens and Senior Policy Planner Diana Worthy will talk through our geological natural hazards as well as answer your questions. They'll be presenting the new technical information regarding active earthquake faults, liquefaction and slope instability.

It is free to register and attend. Each webinar will follow the same format and presentation, although the questions will vary depending on audience participation.

If you can't make one of these times, one of the webinars will be recorded and posted on our website so you can watch it later.

The supporting technical reports and maps are also available on our website. For more information and webinar links visit tasman.govt.nz/natural-hazards.

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.

Public attendance at council meetings is still being done via Zoom, not face to face at this stage.

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.

For updates on vaccine availability and clinic locations, visit the Nelson Marlborough Health site.

Community grants 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.