

Māpua and District Community Association update – March 2023

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Finding a blueprint for the Māpua Masterplan 2023

We recently resolved to build a masterplan which brings together several major Council planning processes in Māpua. The structure plan, catchment management plan, reserve development, Council land commercial development, and waterfront area development will soon merge into a single plan – the Māpua Masterplan 2023.

By consolidating various Council processes into a single plan, we hope to ensure cohesive decision making in Māpua and make this a simpler process for everyone involved to have their say.

We have done early engagement with several iwi, who have signalled their interest in being involved in the process. Development of the Māpua Masterplan 2023 is now underway, building off the work and community consultation done as part of the 2022 Māpua Structure Plan.

A steering committee will be responsible for the development of the Māpua Masterplan, including consultation and recommending a final Masterplan to the Strategy and Policy Committee for adoption.

The masterplan programme will include an opportunity for the community to have their say and be involved in the process through public consultation sessions. Dates for these sessions will be advertised in the coming month

Rates invoice dates change

Our finance team is making a few tweaks to the way they do things. From next month, we will send out our rates bills a bit earlier.

We're making some small changes to our systems, so instead of getting your invoice for the next rates period arriving in May, it'll come to you in mid-April – but don't panic because the payment date will remain the same as it always has.

The upside is it will give you more time between receiving the invoice and needing to pay, so will hopefully help with your household budgeting. If you have any queries, give us a call and we can help you out

Census Support Locations operating throughout the census period

The five-yearly census survey officially took place on the night of Tuesday 7 March 2023.

By taking part in the census, you help create a better understanding of your community and what it needs. People's responses are combined to produce statistics that provide a picture of life in Aotearoa New Zealand and how it is changing. Your identity is kept private and confidential.

If you're wanting some support or information, this is available at these existing community locations from now until Friday 7 April 2023.

Please contact each location for opening days and times.

Motueka iSite Visitor Information Centre

20 Wallace Street

Motueka

Murchison Public Library

92 Fairfax Street

Murchison

Age Concern Nelson Tasman

62 Oxford Street

Richmond

Richmond Library

280 Queen Street

Richmond

DOC Rotoiti/Nelson Lakes Visitor Centre

View Road

St Arnaud

The **0800 CENSUS (0800 236 787)** freephone helpline is operational until Saturday 27 May. It is open 7 days a week, including public holidays (Easter and Anzac Day). There are extended opening hours in the 48 hours before census night.

Speakers for the following languages are available to assist:

- English
- Te Reo
- Samoan
- Tongan
- Mandarin
- Cantonese
- Korean
- Hindi

- Punjabi

Tasman adopts Far North District

The level of destruction wrought by Cyclone Gabrielle has been difficult to comprehend despite the shocking images and the stories being shared.

While our lives here in Tasman continue on, it is essential that we are able to provide support to those communities over the coming weeks and months.

Some residents here in Nelson Tasman are still cleaning up their properties from damage during the August storm and some will still be reeling from the loss of their homes.

During that time, staff from a range of agencies from other regions came here to help us, and likewise, some of our Tasman District Council staff have headed up north to assist them.

One of the ways that people are immediately helped after an emergency is through mayoral relief funds. Our own fund for the August storm was contributed to by a wide range of people and businesses alongside the Government. They are easily accessible and assist people with their basic needs at the early stages following an event.

Local Government NZ has launched 'Adopt a Community', an initiative that connects councils with devastated communities to help support and raise funds.

Tasman District Council has chosen the Far North District Council to support given the lower level of Council support to date and the community challenges that are unique to their District. We also see similarities between their rural communities and ours, so we want to rally behind them.

We can support the Far North by making contributions to their Mayoral Relief Fund via this bank account: 12 3244 0022509 04, using the reference 'MRF' and 'Gabrielle'.

Please also keep the Far North in mind for any future potential fundraising efforts.

You can find a list of all the mayoral relief funds looking for support at www.civildefence.govt.nz