

Māpua and District Community Association update – July 2023

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Our Annual Plan adopted

We have now adopted our Annual Plan for the 2023/2024 year, enabling rates to be set for the next 12 months and at a rates revenue increase of 8.57%.

The Annual Plan was adopted by Council at its meeting on June 22, 2023. The plan outlines the projects and services for the year ahead.

Staff will now finalise the design of the Annual Plan 2023/2024 document, publish it on our website and make copies available at our service centres and libraries in the coming weeks.

The Schedule of Fees and Charges 2023/2024 was also adopted at the same meeting. The new fees and charges will apply from 1 July 2023.

Further details can be found at www.tasman.govt.nz.

Cheap and convenient buses coming soon

Lots of questions have been coming in about our new bus services starting on 1 August.

Timetables and bus stops have not yet been finalised, but you can see a detailed interactive map of the new routes at shape.nelson.govt.nz/ebus.

Seven days a week between 7.00 am and 7.00 pm, there will be half-hourly bus services between Nelson and Richmond, and a new airport route.

Monday to Friday, between 7.00 am and 7.00 pm, there will also be four return services from Motueka, Tasman Village and Māpua, and six return services from Wakefield, Brightwater and Hope.

There will be a new low \$2 flat fare within the same zone (on Bee Card). You can still pay with cash, but your Bee Card will make it cheaper. Children under 13 will travel for free, and people under 25 for half-price.

If you get your next bus within one hour, you will also get a free transfer. Just tap your Bee Card as normal, and the system will take care of things. So, if you need to get from Richmond to the airport, even though you need to switch buses, this will still only cost you \$2.

Holders of Super Gold Cards can travel free with their Bee Card on all off-peak bus services (that is, services running between 9.00 am and 3.00 pm and after 6.30 pm weekdays, and all weekend services).

Zones:

- Nelson – Richmond Zone: anywhere between Atawhai and Richmond South / West.
- Moutere – Waimea Zone: Wakefield, Brightwater, Hope and Māpua.
- Motueka Zone: Motueka and Tasman Village.

Have you registered your dogs?

Dogs need to be registered by 1 July each year.

Any dogs that are still unregistered and unpaid on 1 August will incur a 50% penalty fee. We are sending out registration forms to currently registered dogs, or you can download a registration form from our website.

Registration fees are \$53 for a dog on a property under 1 hectare (urban), and \$32 if your property is over 1 hectare (rural).

You can return your registration form:

- By email to dog.control@tasman.govt.nz
- By post to Dog Control, Private Bag 4, Richmond 7050
- In person to any Council Service Centre.

If any of your details have changed, such as your address or phone number, the number of dogs you own etc, please let us know on your registration form. You can pay your registration fee by:

- Bank transfer to account 12-3193-0002048-03
- Online with a credit card (fees apply)
- In person at a Council Service Centre. Please make sure you use your dog owner number as reference when paying online.

Inflation increases for Development Contribution Charges

In accordance with Section 106 of the Local Government Act, we have applied inflation to the development contribution charges set in our Development Contribution Policies. New charges for Development Contributions now apply, after being adjusted for inflation.

The revised charges will apply to developments where, in the case of a Resource Consent, the Section 88 Check was completed, and in the case of a Building Consent when the application was Formally Received by us after 1 July 2023 and before 30 June 2024, and where an invoice for this development has not yet been issued.

These charges are set out on our website at tasman.govt.nz/development-contributions.

Matariki celebrations shine brightly

Matariki signals the Māori New Year. It's a special time of renewal and we are celebrating.

In Tasman, we're celebrating the rising stars on the evening of Thursday 13 July with special family fun events at Washbourn Gardens in Richmond and Decks Reserve in Motueka.

We're kicking off at around 5.00 pm in Richmond where you can sit back and listen to the Harmony Hunters band, be enthralled by fire performances, join a special star-themed treasure hunt and grab a snack from the various food trucks plus plenty more.

Entries in our competition to create an enlightening piece of artwork to mark this special event will also be on display. The challenge is to make a light lantern, light sculpture or light display which encompasses Matariki. If you want to take part in this competition, visit tasman.govt.nz/matariki-light-competition/ for more information.

The focus of Matariki celebrations in Motueka will be on Friday 14 July at Decks Reserve between 6.00 pm and 8.00 pm.

Enjoy an abundance of family fun and activities including Kapa Haka performances, music, food, star gazing and Kanikani dances.