

## Māpua District Community Association meeting update – April 2024

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### 10-Year Plan feedback open from March 28

Our 2024 – 2034 10-Year Plan which is open for consultation from Thursday 28 March to Sunday 28 April.

A hard copy of the consultation document will be available from our service centres and libraries during this time, and it will also be available to view online at Shape Tasman.

Reviewed every three years, the 10-Year Plan outlines what we are going to do and how we are going to pay for it.

After the past three years, which have been some of the country's more challenging economic and social times, we have a chance to take stock and prepare ourselves for, hopefully, a more positive future.

In the consultation document, we outline a strategy to move forward. This strategy sees us investing in the future with a clear eye on the costs. Continuing growth, the maintenance of existing infrastructure, a changing climate and changing legislation give us little choice but to invest, otherwise, there will be greater financial pain in the near future.

In addition to this, we have community needs to fulfil. How we manage all of this and what your preferences are for the investment is captured in a series of questions we ask residents in the consultation document.

Keep an eye on your letterbox next week for the special Newsline edition, or visit [shape.tasman.govt.nz/10YP](https://shape.tasman.govt.nz/10YP) where you will be able to see everything and have your say from Thursday 28 March.

## New Capital Values expected soon

If you've been wondering what the latest revaluation on your home is going to be and if there will be any impact on your rates, the suspense will be building for a little longer than anticipated.

We use three-yearly rating valuations by Quotable Value New Zealand (QV) as the basis for rating properties.

In essence, it is an estimate of the property's market value as determined by the Valuer, QV, on our behalf. These revaluations redistribute the proportion of the Council's rates that individual ratepayers must pay. Understandably, any update or new revaluation is something that property owners await with much interest.

Before we can officially implement these new values, general revaluations must be audited by the Office of the Valuer-General (OVG). Our data has not yet been audited by the OVG – however this is expected to happen this month.

As a result, there will be a delay in the time in which homeowners receive their notifications of new values – we expect these to be posted by the end of March and should start arriving in your letter box around mid-April.

We apologise for the slight extension to this timeframe.

All properties in a local council area are assessed at the same date. This means that the rating valuation is reached using the same process and reflects the same market trends as every other property in your area.

More information on the revaluation process can be found at [tasman.govt.nz/rating-valuations](https://tasman.govt.nz/rating-valuations).

## Bylaws make-over progressing

The process of shaping up a couple of bylaws before we ask for further input from you is underway.

Two areas of focus are the replacement and update of our old Public Places Bylaw and a proposal to create a new Cat Management Bylaw.

Our early engagement sure got a lot of interest, particularly the discussion around cats.

Close to 1,600 people answered our question about the main requirements for cats with 89.04 percent in support of compulsory desexing while 86.07 percent backed the idea of mandatory microchipping and 67.74 percent were in favour of registering on the New Zealand Companion Animal Register. Only 6.18 percent weren't in favour of any of these options.

This feedback will be considered alongside advice from subject matter experts and key stakeholders such as the SPCA.

In the Public Places feedback, there was wide support for continuing to regulate footpath signs, streamline the process for buskers, require permission for collection of donations and retain commercial free zones in parks and reserves.

You can read a full summary of feedback for both bylaws at [shape.tasman.govt.nz](https://shape.tasman.govt.nz).

We expect to formally consult on the draft bylaws later in the year and we encourage everyone to make a submission at that time to let us know whether we have struck the right balance.

## Now's your chance – tell us what you think of us!

An annual survey of Tasman residents' satisfaction with their Council begins on Wednesday 1 May.

The survey provides data on people's level of satisfaction with our services, and which of our decisions they approve or disapprove of.

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

The interviews this year will be conducted by telephone – both landlines and cellphones.

We have commissioned Research First to carry out this survey on our behalf. They will contact residents from 1 May to 31 May.

Although the results of the survey are made public, individual survey respondents' details are confidential.

## Community resilience by working together

In the face of emergencies or natural disasters, the strength and preparedness of a community can make all the difference.

When families, businesses, and communities prepare for emergencies together, it makes our community stronger. When families understand and practice emergency procedures, they are better prepared to handle crises.

To address these challenges, we've partnered with businesses, community groups and agencies like Civil Defence, Fire and Emergency NZ, St John and the Wakefield Community Council to hold a Rural Resilience Expo at Higgins Park in Wakefield on Sunday 21 April from 10.00 am – 4.00 pm.

The expo is designed to activate and support safety and resilience at both family and community levels. It will cover day-to-day safety, emergency preparedness, and long-term resilience against climate change and natural disasters.

The event is free.

Throughout the day there will be demonstrations, exercises, and resources available for individuals and businesses to enhance community resilience.

Attendees can expect valuable information, planning tools, and even the chance to win prizes. The event aims to foster collaboration and provide practical solutions for building safer and more resilient communities.

This event will have something for everyone. Bring your whānau for a fun day of games, activities and interesting speakers.