

## Māpua and Districts Community Association meeting update – May 2024

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### Changes looming for Tasman District Council's 10 Year Plan

Recent information brought to Council's attention may have an impact on the decision-making within the Council's 2024-2034 Long Term Plan.

We are advising ratepayers that due to circumstances largely outside of its control the proposed rates revenue increase of 9.6% may increase by between 2 and 3 percent.

This will create a new starting point for deliberations by Councillors later in the month.

While still below the national average of proposed rate revenue increases, we considered it was important to inform residents as soon as we were made aware of the increased cost pressures and the possible impact on rates.

This information was publicized prior to the start of submission hearings on May 8  
These cost pressures include:

- Increased costs of funding water services maintenance.
- Increased costs associated with the Waimea Community Dam.
- Downturn in forecasted revenue from building consent activity.
- Higher costs for water supply maintenance.
- Increased insurance costs.
- A materially higher 2023/24 year end deficit particularly in building control and transport spending, due to storm costs

While no decisions have been made by Council, these additional cost pressures may have an impact on the final rates revenue increase depending on the decisions the Council makes in its final

deliberations following the hearings that begin on 8 May.

This latest information should not be seen as the final resting point for the rates revenue increase. Further information is available at: [www.shape.tasman.govt.nz/tasmans-10-year-plan](http://www.shape.tasman.govt.nz/tasmans-10-year-plan)

## Blueprints for a thriving, resilient Tasman

2024 in the environmental planning space is set to be a transformational year with the green light for four plan changes.

- We have adopted the Richmond on the Rise Spatial Plan, and that, with the Future Development Strategy is being implemented through a new TRMP plan change. This will mean more rezoned land for housing and business, and make it easier to build up in some of our towns.  
Find out more at [shape.tasman.govt.nz/richmond-on-the-rise](http://shape.tasman.govt.nz/richmond-on-the-rise).
- Making a difference for land and freshwater are future changes to the TRMP to implement the Te Waikoropupū Water Conservation Order in Tākaka.  
See updates on this work at [tasman.govt.nz/takaka-WCO](http://tasman.govt.nz/takaka-WCO).
- Work starts to inform a future Natural Hazards plan change covering coastal hazards and sea level rise, flooding, wildfires, earthquake faults, liquefaction, and slope instability, to ensure that our communities are resilient to natural hazards and adapt to the effects of climate change.  
See what we are doing with this work at [shape.tasman.govt.nz/natural-hazards](http://shape.tasman.govt.nz/natural-hazards).
- The Tasman District boasts a remarkably diverse landscape, shaped by unique geological features and natural areas. Recognising and protecting these special areas will not only preserve Tasman's distinct character, but also bring benefits to the community and future generations.  
Building on previous community consultation and the input from working groups, we are now drafting Plan Change 82 – Outstanding Natural Features and Landscapes, and Plan Change 83 – Coastal Environment and Coastal Natural Character, for submissions later this year.  
For more information on this work, visit [shape.tasman.govt.nz/landscapes-and-coastal-projects](http://shape.tasman.govt.nz/landscapes-and-coastal-projects).
- In October, the Tasman Resource Management Plan big blue books go digital with its words and maps available online anytime.

## Grants help groups get things done

Community Grants are helping groups all over Tasman, and applications for this year's funding round are now open.

One successful applicant from last year was the Moutere Hills Community Centre which was fortunate to gain two grants.

From the Arts, Culture, Heritage and Museums category, \$782 was provided for the printing of a surveyor's map historical panel which proudly hangs in the Centre's foyer. They were also granted \$2,900 from the Youth and Children's category to help install a permanent community barbecue.

So, if your organisation has an exciting community project in the pipeline, a Community Grant could help make it happen. The criteria are broad and cover 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.

We'll be looking at projects that are either Tasman-based or will help Tasman residents, meet a community need and have community support. Priority is given to projects that align with our community outcomes and can show financial support from other sources.

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

The deadline for applications is 31 July. Find more details and apply on our website, [tasman.govt.nz/grants](http://tasman.govt.nz/grants).

## Find out how to burn better

If you'd like to learn how to get the most out of your wood burner, come to one of our drop-in sessions with local home heating expert, Dave Pullen of the NZ Home Heating Association.

Monday 13 May, Motueka Library Community Meeting Room, 11am – 12pm.

Monday 20 May, Constance Barnicoat Room at Richmond Library, 11am – 12pm.

Sunday 26 May, Motueka Sunday Market, Decks Reserve, 8am – 1pm.

If you're part of a community group that would appreciate a session with Dave, contact [airaware@tasman.govt.nz](mailto:airaware@tasman.govt.nz) and we'll see what we can do for you.

For more information, visit our website [www.tasman.govt.nz/good-wood](http://www.tasman.govt.nz/good-wood)

## Paws on the bus

Last year, eBus began a trial of dogs on buses. Phase one allowed small dogs in a suitable carry container. That was successful and has led to phase two, allowing all dogs on board, this time with a muzzle and leash.

A 12-week trial of dogs on our eBus network began on 1 April. As it is a trial, we will be accepting feedback from dog owners and other eBus users and this will be used to decide how the service will continue if it gets through the trial phase.

There are a few things you need to know about the trial. All dogs must wear a cage type muzzle and lead or be travelling in an approved pet carrier, so it may be worth having a trial run with your canine buddy wearing a muzzle before you take your first trip.

You can travel with your pet on weekdays between the hours of 9.00 am and 3.00 pm, after 6.30 pm, and all day at weekends and public holidays.

You are responsible for your pet's mess and must ensure that any pet mess is cleaned up before leaving the bus.

Children under the age of 16 years old can't travel with a dog unless they are with an adult, but best of all your pooch rides for free.

Full information is available at [shape.tasman.govt.nz/pets-as-passengers](https://shape.tasman.govt.nz/pets-as-passengers)

## Doggy dos and don'ts being considered

We are taking a long hard look at all the feedback we gathered during the early engagement phase of our Dog Control Bylaw Review.

During the first phase, we heard from over 800 people. This feedback is now being collated and analysed.

There were a lot of comments about where canine companions should and shouldn't be exercised with calls for bans in some areas and the establishment of dog parks in others.

A lot of discussion also focused on the responsibilities of pet owners, with calls for increased penalties for those not cleaning up after their animals and those who don't have their dogs under control.

We are now putting together a draft Dog Control Bylaw, balancing those things people want with those the community needs and this will be released for formal consultation in a couple of months.

To see a summary of all the themes we captured during the early engagement phase head to [shape.tasman.govt.nz/dog-bylaw-review](https://shape.tasman.govt.nz/dog-bylaw-review).