

Date: Thursday 12 February 2026
Time: 9:30am
Meeting Room: Tasman Council Chamber
Venue: 189 Queen Street, Richmond

Tasman District Council

Kaunihera Katoa

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Iwi representatives on Council committees

Tāngata whenua have particular interests, rights and responsibilities in their rohe (tribal area). These are recognised in the Treaty and in various pieces of legislation governing local government and its activities. Local iwi and hapū will have varying interests in local government activities. Some will be interested in the wide range of council activities and community well-being, while others may be more focused on land and natural resources. This is why it is important for councils to gain an understanding of the interests, aims and aspirations of tāngata whenua

*Frequently Asked Questions on Council – Māori engagement
A resource to support councils, October 2007*

Matt Hippolite – Poutiaki mō Te Taihū

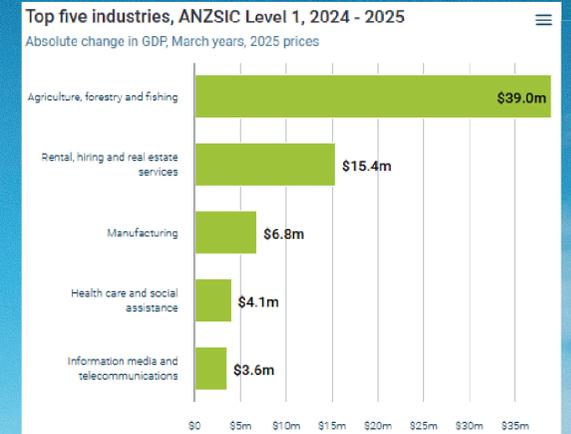
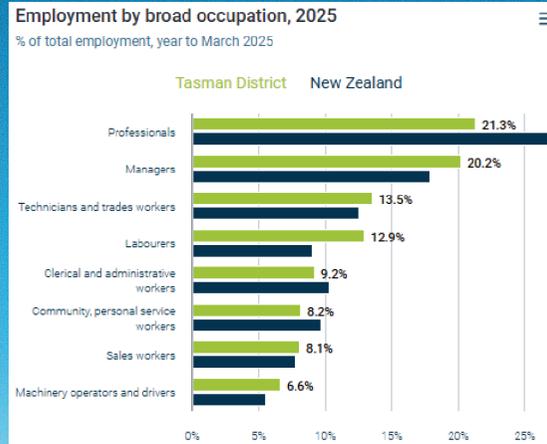
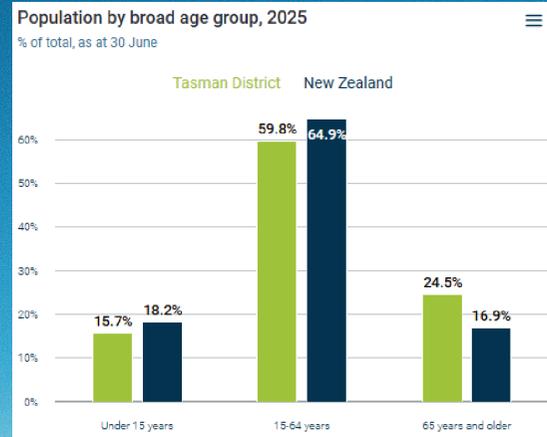


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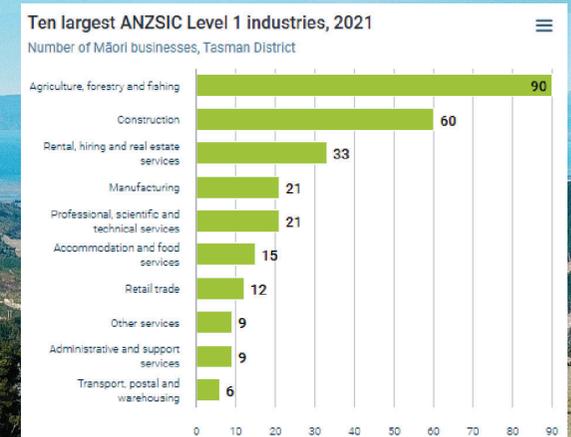
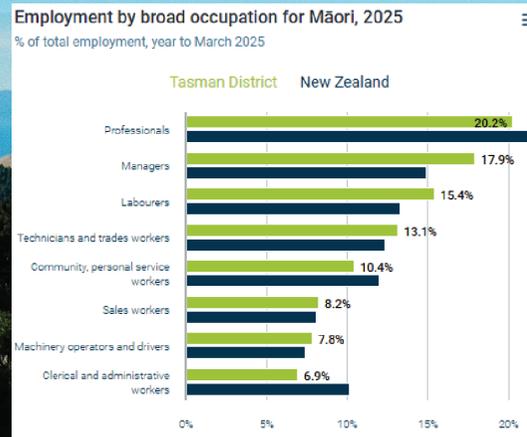
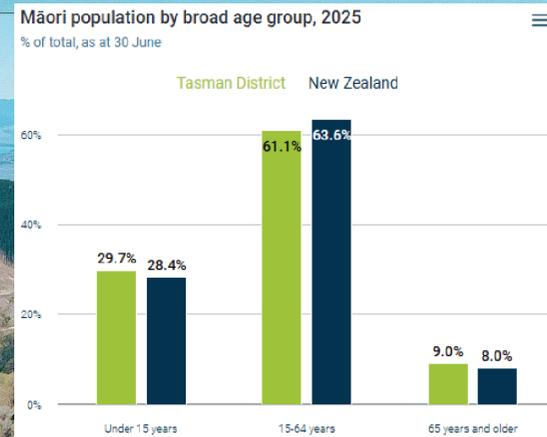
Thomas Taylor and Anthony Lamb, photographed by Carly Ave at Tahunanui Beach, Nelson, New Zealand. Image: courtesy of Wakatū Incorporation.



Tasman General



Tasman Māori



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Why partner with iwi?

Council activity
(old) mental model
Trust us, we know
what's best?




Iwi Partnership

Māori input to council decision-making can also help councils to ensure that their services are relevant to, and accessible by, Māori communities.

- Increased resilience
- Added capacity
- Built capability
- Align with priorities
- Working as honorable Treaty partners
- Expanded connectivity
- Improved efficiency
- Resource sharing
- Increased scale of work



What's the opportunity?

- a greater understanding of one another's expectations and aspirations
- increased opportunities to establish shared projects and joint ventures
- improved processes based on an understanding of one another's priorities, expectations, and available resources
- more efficient and effective use of council and Māori resources
- supporting Māori expectations and aspirations to promote the well-being of Māori and the wider community.

The Local Government Act 2002

The Act includes requirements for councils to:

- ensure they provide opportunities for Māori to contribute to decision-making processes
- establish and maintain processes for Māori to contribute to decision-making
- consider ways in which they can foster the development of Māori capacity to contribute to decision-making processes
- provide relevant information to Māori
- take into account the relationship of Māori and their culture and traditions with their ancestral land, water, sites, wāhi tapu, valued flora and fauna, and other taonga.



The agreement recognises the important and unique roles that both iwi and councils play in social, cultural, environmental, and economic wellbeing of Te Taihū. It seeks to weave these aspirations more closely together to strengthen Te Taihū as a region and deliver shared aspirations more effectively.

