
NOTES
of the
INFORMATION FORUM
held
9.30am, Wednesday, 18 March 2026
at
Tasman Council Chamber, 189 Queen Street, Richmond

Present: Councillor T Walker (Chair), Mayor T King (Zoom), Deputy Mayor B Maru, Councillors C Butler, J Ellis, K Ferneyhough (Deputy Chair), M Greening (Zoom), J Gully, M Kininmonth, K Maling, D McNamara, P Morgan (Zoom) and T Neubauer

In Attendance: Golden Bay Community Board Member (H Dixon), Motueka Community Board Member (D Ogilvie), Chief Executive Officer (L Rae), Group Manager Customer & Community (J Ridd), Group Manager Strategy & Finance (S McLean), Group Manager Three Waters (R Kirby), Senior Governance Advisor (K McLean) and Governance Officer (K Myburg)

1 OPENING KARAKIA, WELCOME

2 APOLOGIES

Moved Councillor Ellis/Councillor Neubauer
IF26-03-1

That the apologies be accepted from Mayor T King for lateness, Councillors M Hume and D Woods (on other council business) for absence.

CARRIED

3 PUBLIC FORUM

Nil

4 INFORMATION FORUM REPORTS

4.1 Emergency Management Overview

Manager Emergency Management, Joe Kennedy, and Recovery Operations Manager, Rylee Pettersson spoke to a presentation and answered questions.

Action: Joe Kennedy to organise an EOC Centre site visit, including a dedicated Q&A session and presentation on Emergency Management and post-event recovery processes.

Deputy Mayor Maru left the meeting at 09:44 am.

Mayor King joined the meeting at 09:51 am.

Attachment 1 Emergency Management Pack

Attachment 2 Emergency Management 101 for incoming mayors and elected officials - November 2025

4.2 Environmental Policy Quarterly Activity Report

Environmental Policy Manager, Barry Johnson, Team Leader, Urban & Rural Policy, Jeremy Butler and Team Leader – Natural Resources, Diana Worthy spoke to their report and answered questions.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:30 am and reconvened at 10:46 am at which time Deputy Mayor Maru returned to the meeting.

4.3 Quarterly Climate Change Update

This report was withdrawn to be presented at a later date.

4.4 Strategic Policy Activity Report

Group Manager Strategy & Finance, S McLean and Team Leader – Community Policy, Alan Bywater, took the report as read and answered questions.

Action: Report Writers to provide clarity on the matrix used in the report.

4.5 Transportation Activity Update - February 2026

Transportation Manager, Jamie McPherson, presented the report and took it as read.

4.6 Three Waters and Waste Management Report

Waters and Wastes Manager, Mike Schruer, presented the report as read and answered questions.

Action: Mike Schruer to provide further clarity on Dovedale water treatment options and associated risk factors and costs to inform decision-making on the preferred option.

The meeting concluded at 11:42 am.