

Government funding for Saxton Creek Upgrade Project

Funding of \$7.5 million has been granted to the Saxton Creek Upgrade Project in Stoke to allow critical flood mitigation works to continue at pace, creating employment for the region.

The funding was announced by the Government on 24 July as part of a \$53.3 million funding package for the top of the South Island, comprised of a combination of loans and investments from the Provincial Growth Fund and the Infrastructure Reference Group's (IRG) shovel ready projects.

In 2013, during an extreme weather event, there was severe flooding to residential houses along Saxton Creek, as well as to commercial and industrial properties in the Wakatu Industrial Estate. A number of properties experienced up to half a metre of water going through their premises.

The Saxton Creek Upgrade Project aims to protect the residential, commercial and industrial properties along the Creek for a 1 in 100 year event. It will also look to mitigate flooding of Main Road Stoke (a main access road) and increase capacity of the culverts between Main Road Stoke and Whakatu Drive.

Mayor Rachel Reese says the funding will allow Council to press ahead with essential upgrades while offering employment to the region.

"The flooding was devastating for the businesses and residents of this area and this project offers them some security and allows them to plan for a future without having to worry about the next time we have an extreme weather event."



Cheaper bus travel for Nelson-Tasman as new zone system is introduced

Many bus passengers in our region are now benefitting from cheaper bus fares due to changes to the public transport zone system, with some people saving up to \$1.20 per journey.

The new zoning system extends Zone One all the way to Hayes Corner where Main Road Stoke meets Waimea Road and Annesbrook Drive, Zone Two to Main Road Stoke just north of Elm Street, and Zone Three to Richmond including the Richmond loop services.

This means that passengers can travel from Atawhai to Hayes Corner for just \$2 with a Bee Card (or \$2.50 if you pay cash), a trip that would previously have cost \$3.

Passengers going from Richmond to Nelson using a Bee Card will pay \$2.80 (or \$3.50 if you pay cash), instead of \$4 under the old zoning system.

All feeder loops like the Stoke Loop are now considered part of the zone they sit within and there is one hour to transfer between services without incurring an extra fare.

Fare categories have also been simplified. One concessionary fare now applies to children (5-18), students, and holders of Super Gold and Community Services cards. Children under five travel free and off peak Super Gold travel will still be free when using a Bee Card.

Infrastructure Chair Councillor Brian McGurk says

simplifying the zone system and making fares cheaper is a core part of Council's strategy to encourage a more sustainable transport culture in Nelson.

"The new zones will make bus travel cheaper for many people, especially those coming into Nelson from Richmond to work. Coupled with the new Bee Card, public transport in Nelson will be easier to access for everyone and we hope more people will take advantage of the great public transport system we have here."

Bee Card, the Nelson-Tasman region's new electronic bus card, launched on 3 August. Cards are available now at BeeCard.co.nz or our Bee Card retail outlets: Nelson City Council and Tasman District Council customer service centres, public libraries in Nelson, Stoke and Richmond and the bus depot on Bridge Street.

For more information about Bee Card, how to register an account and load up money go to:

nelson.govt.nz/beecard-faqs

Protect Nelson's waterways – tell us about wastewater overflows in your community

Periods of heavy rainfall can result in wastewater overflows from drains on streets or private properties.

This can result in wastewater getting into our waterways, which has a detrimental effect on our ecosystems. In some situations, overflows can result in popular swimming spots being closed off.

There are two ways you can help your community and Nelson's environment. First read our FAQ on the Our Nelson website and then check the drains at your own home – there may be cheap fixes that you can carry out, which will

make a difference.

Secondly, if you do notice wastewater overflows in your community, flag them to Council using our interactive map on Shape Nelson. By doing this you will help Council target the areas where we can provide assistance and information to homeowners.

shape.nelson.govt.nz/preventing-sewage-overflows

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Development Contributions Policy review

Council's Development Contributions Policy is up for review and Council is seeking feedback from both developers and the wider public, on how to make the policy as fair and easy to understand and apply, as possible.

Group Manager Environmental Management Clare Barton said Nelson was growing rapidly, and growth-related infrastructure comes at a cost.

"The contributions policy helps ensure those developing properties pay their share toward the extra costs that comes with the increase in demand."

Since the policy's 2018 review, Council has identified three potential areas requiring review; the reserves development contributions, the overall complexity of the policy and the policy exemptions.

Council would also like to hear the community's views on what should be changed, Ms Barton says.

The amount of development contribution required for a project is calculated depending on the value and size of the land, as well as the type of development and its service connection requirements.

The types of developments that are assessed for development contributions include new subdivisions, new house builds, new office and retail spaces, commercial buildings, new apartments in existing buildings and additions to existing buildings.

Council's current development contribution policy is available on the Nelson City Council website, and includes a development contributions calculator for simple residential developments.

The survey opens on Shape Nelson on 5 August 2020, and closes on 2 September 2020.



shape.nelson.govt.nz/development-contributions-review

Conservation Week is for everyone

Conservation Week (15–23 August) celebrates our beautiful flora and fauna, natural environments and great work being done by volunteers across the region.

This year, we're celebrating with a talk at the Elma Turner Library, and series of online videos which will be showcased through our social media channels.

Conservation Week library talk

Saturday 15 August, 11am - Elma Turner Library, Nelson

Local DOC Ranger Sally Leggett will talk about getting families out into nature by going on day walks and overnight tramps in our local area.

DOC volunteer Jacqui Irwin will discuss her experience as a camp host in Abel Tasman National Park.



Don't miss this great opportunity to engage with our wonderful outdoors.

Conservation Week mini film-festival

Keep an eye on Nelson City Council's Facebook page for a series of great conservation-themed videos. We'll be posting a new video every day during Conservation Week for you to look, learn and wonder – and there will be a daily prize draw with some great prizes, including family passes to Natureland and the Brook Waimarama Sanctuary.

facebook.com/nelsoncitycouncil

New lighting for the Taurapa



The Taurapa was lit up for the first time on 17 July, with a light display held to celebrate Matariki.

The display was a collaboration between Taurapa artist Maia Heggglun, who has been working with local school children to create images based on the theme of migration to Whakatū, and artist Klaasz Breukel, who took those images and combined them with others to make a light art display.

The Taurapa will remain lit with blue lights in recognition of Matariki and as a thank-you to our essential workers during the COVID-19 shutdown for a month.

The lights will then change colour over the course of the year to represent other kaupapa/anniversaries and seasons.

ROAD CLOSURES

Applicant: Asphalt & General

Event: The closure is building demolition

Location: Harley Street

Date and Time of Closure: Monday 24 August 8am to Tuesday 25 August 2020 6pm, Closed all day and night
All vehicle access will be unavailable during this time.

Feedback for proposed closures to be given by: Wednesday 19 August 2020

Email: enquiries@ncc.govt.nz

Post: Nelson City Council, PO Box 645, Nelson 7040, Attention: Gillian Dancy

For all road closure information visit:

nelson.govt.nz/road-closures

MEETINGS

The following meetings of the Nelson City Council have been scheduled.

Sports and Recreation Committee	6 Aug
10am	
Saxton Field Committee - Netball Pavilion, Saxton Field	11 Aug
9.30am	
Audit and Risk Subcommittee	11 Aug
1pm	
Council meeting	13 Aug
9am	

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