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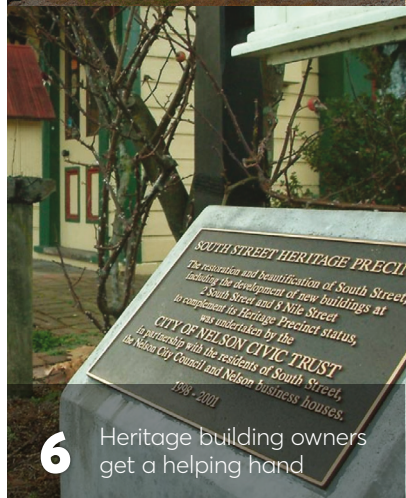
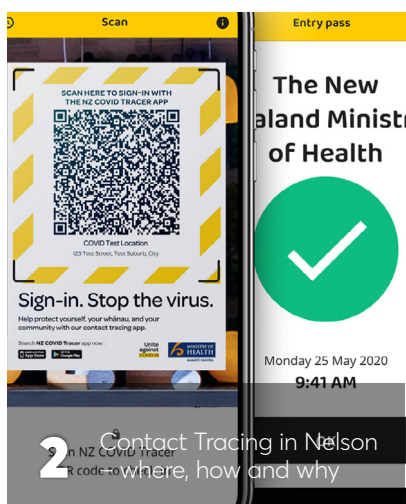
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Nelson Council's services under COVID-19 Alert Level 2

New Zealand's Alert Levels changed at 12 noon on Wednesday, 12 August.

For Nelson, this meant a return to Alert Level 2 until Wednesday, 26 August. This is due to the increased risk of community transmission. At Alert Level 2, Government advice is that people should consider wearing masks in situations where physical distancing is not possible, i.e. on public transport or in shops. We encourage everyone to embrace this and to download and use the NZ COVID tracer app.

Nelson Mayor Rachel Reese said the sudden return to restrictions was a shock, but urged Nelsonians to come together again, and look out for one another.

"We've got this' is our recovery motto, but it also applies now. We know we can work together in this region and we will get through this. We need to stay calm, follow Ministry of Health advice and remember how important it is to be kind."

During all Alert Levels, Nelson City Council has been maintaining essential services, including refuse/recycling, public transport, roading, water, wastewater, stormwater and its cemetery/crematorium. Most Council services will stay the same at Level 2 but there are some key changes to be aware of:

What's changed:

- Council's Customer Service Centre has reintroduced physical distancing. Visitors must register for contact tracing, and there will be a maximum of eight customers allowed in the centre at any one time. Cashless payment is preferred.
- The Pascoe Street transfer station remains open but all payments must now be contactless, cash will not be accepted. Contact tracing will be required, including the recording of vehicle license plates. The reuse shop will be open for customers to drop off items, and with physical distancing and sanitisation measures, will also be open for shopping.
- Public transport now has physical distancing which may limit bus capacity. An overflow bus will be engaged as required. Users are encouraged to travel off-peak where possible or allow plenty of time for their journey.
- The spacing on buses is one person per row. Bus operators will have signage in place to guide passengers as to where they should sit.
- The timetable remains as normal at Level 2, but this will be reviewed if we go to Level 3.

- Bus fares are still being charged. Getting a Bee Card and registering it will allow people to pay for travel in a contactless manner. Registered Bee Cards will also be used for contact tracing – so please remember to tag on and off.
- Alternatively, contact tracing will be available via a website or by phoning, with details displayed inside the bus. Customers without a mobile phone can call the number after they have completed their journey. Children can be registered for NBUS on Shape Nelson.
- Additional cleaning will be carried out on the buses and bus drivers will be wearing masks. Wearing a mask is encouraged to protect other passengers.
- Elma Turner and Stoke libraries will remain open but numbers will be limited and all users must sign in. Customers are still encouraged to access our online services e.g. ebooks, audiobooks, movies and device help without visiting the physical library building. Nightingale Library will close due to the small size of the building making physical distancing difficult. All classes and events at the libraries will stop, this includes Small Time and Story Time sessions.
- Founders Heritage Park remains open, along with the café. Book donations will be accepted at Level 2. Isel House is closed for the winter and will reopen in October. Broadgreen House is closed.
- Riverside Swimming pool will remain open, with restrictions and partial opening of certain facilities, as well as contact tracing on entry.
- The cemetery and crematorium remain open. However, for funerals and tangi the maximum of 100 people will now apply.
- Drinking fountains will be closed until confirmation is received from public health that they are safe to reopen.
- Physical council meetings, workshops and hearings will continue. However, the physical distancing requirements will mean that there will no longer be space available in the Council chamber for the public and media. All Council meetings will be livestreamed as usual and those wishing to speak at public meetings will be able to do so via Zoom.
- At traffic signals, the push buttons for pedestrians are automated daily between 7am-7pm so the public don't need to push the button.

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- Physical distancing measures will mean more Council staff will be working from home in Alert Level 2. For those in Council workplaces, additional cleaning and hygiene practices will be implemented to ensure a safe working environment.

What's the same:

- Recycling will continue as normal.
- All programmed roading maintenance will continue as normal.
- All capital construction projects will continue, with workers following the Government's Alert Level 2 risk management practices.

- Public toilet facilities remain open, with increased cleaning being introduced.
- Businesses at the Marina remain open as does the Marina Hardstand. The jetties and boat ramps remain open.
- Building inspections, environmental monitoring and public contact roles such as dog control, noise control will continue to be carried out according to the Alert Level 2 requirements.
- All parks and playgrounds remain open, including exercise equipment, skate parks and public sports facilities. It's important to make sure you wash your hands or use hand-sanitiser before and after use. People should not use equipment if they have cold or flu symptoms.
- Sports fields remain open and limited

organised sports can continue, as permitted by the Government's COVID-19 guidelines for recreational activities.

- Community halls and club rooms are permitted to stay open provided they can meet the Government's instructions and protocols for Alert Level 2.
- Freedom camping sites remain open. Contact tracing will be in place.
- Campgrounds remain open, with strict and more regular cleaning protocols.
- Trails in the Nelson and Tasman region remain open to mountain biking and walking/running.

COVID-19: Contact Tracing in Nelson – where, how and why

As New Zealand has now returned to COVID-19 Alert Level 2, and Auckland to Level 3, it will become mandatory from 11.59am on Wednesday 19 August for every business, school, public agency and facility to support thorough and effective contact tracing by supplying a QR code that records location via the NZ COVID Tracer app.

That is why you will see the QR code at all Council facilities in the Nelson region, you will also have the option of signing in and providing contact details by hand.

You will see similar systems in place at schools, health facilities and businesses.

If you take public transport there are signs showing your option for logging your journey – including the QR code, website and a phone number for those without a smartphone.

NZ COVID Tracer helps you protect yourself,

your friends, your whānau and your community by enabling faster contact tracing.

The app allows you to create a digital diary of places you have visited and in the event of an outbreak this will help contact tracers to quickly identify and isolate anyone who may have been exposed to COVID-19.

Search 'NZ Covid Tracer' on your phone's app store to download the Government's contact tracing app. Businesses and organisations can get QR codes at qrform.tracing.covid19.govt.nz



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How Bee Card works with your SuperGold Card

Nelson City Council launched Bee Card at the beginning of August, a new cashless alternative to pay for the bus.

You can still pay with cash, but in order to get a concessionary fare you need to register a Bee Card and add your SuperGold Card. You no longer need to show your SuperGold Card (but may be asked to produce it on request), as simply tapping your new Bee Card will let you travel free on off peak buses or for reduced rates at peak times.

Our Nelson spoke to Manager Technology and Customer Experience Jane McLeod, who leads the Bee Card team, and asked for her top tips on making the most of the new system.

Our Nelson: What sort of feedback have you had about Bee Card?

Jane: the response has been fantastic, we have given out more than 9000 cards and it has been great to see so many people use them in the first month.

ON: Any teething problems?

Jane: Remember to tag off! If you forget we don't know how far you travelled, so you pay a higher default fare. We have signs up to remind people, but hopefully it should be second nature soon!

When you tag on with the card, just hold it over the scanner like you would for PayWave, swiping it doesn't work.

ON: Any advice for people who aren't sure about the new system?

Jane: Staff at Nelson and Tasman Council Customer Service Centres, the bus depot and our libraries are ready to help with queries. You can add the SuperGold Card yourself at BeeCard.co.nz, but we can also help you do this in person. The same applies for loading money – you can even ask a driver to add money to your card. This means there's no longer any need to get cash out for the bus, or buy a new NBus card when it runs out.

ON: what happens if you forget your Bee Card –will people be left on the side of the road?

Jane: Increasing public transport use in Nelson is one of Council's priorities and one of the aims of the Bee Card system. The last thing we want to see is passengers left behind. If you haven't brought



Nelson's Deputy Mayor Judene Edgar and Councillor Brian McGurk take the bus on Bee Card launch day.

your Bee Card, or picked one up yet, drivers will be lenient and can give advice about the new system. For more information about Bee Card go to:

Search 'Bee Card FAQ' at our.nelson.govt.nz



Nelsonians get behind Plastic Free July

For Plastic Free July, Alice Evatt made deodorant for the first time.

Previously, like many people, she had bought roll-on deodorants which weren't recyclable when empty, so she decided to make her own.

"I committed to buying a long-life refillable stick deodorant container so I could make my own deodorant and refill the container, hopefully re-using it for many years," she said.

"I have a few good recipes from friends to experiment with."

Alice was one of our winners in the Nelson City Council's Plastic Free July Facebook competition aimed to

encourage people to use less plastic.

Council received a great response to its Plastic Free July social media competition on Facebook with 25 winners, sharing some excellent ways of reducing plastic as part of the worldwide campaign.

Prizes included reusable items such as produce bags, bees wax food wrap, stainless steel straws and food storage packs.

Nelson residents shared a range of things they were giving up for the month.

Felicity Connell: "I'm using toothpaste tablets so I don't have to send toothpaste tubes to landfill"

Kylie Tytsma: "We use reusable containers instead of cling wrap for sandwiches"

Isla Laing: "I've stopped buying bin liners and am trying to get used to making liners out of newspaper!"

Ethel Murdoch: "I use biodegradable bags in my bin as I don't have enough newspaper."

Jeana Packer: "Beeswax for sandwiches and wraps instead of cling wrap."

Cj Maddock: "Cloth nappies instead of disposable ones. So easy to use and much cuter and better for the environment."

Rachel Woodyear-Smith: "I'm going to purchase steel clothes pegs to replace my plastic ones and I also use Pic's Peanut Butter containers for storage instead of purchasing plastic containers."



Help us protect Nelson's waterways

If you have noticed anywhere in your area where bad smells or noticeable sewage overflows occur during heavy rainfall, then we would like to ask for your help.

Historically, Nelson has experienced wastewater overflows when heavy rain hits our region. This has resulted 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.

This isn't a new issue and it's not confined to Nelson. It is often referred to as inflow and infiltration, and is

something that Council has been working to address.

To help protect Nelson's waterways and your local community, please put a pin in the map on our Shape Nelson website and let us know where to focus our efforts.

Please remember, we want to capture both new and historic issues, but in the case of an emergency please call Council on 03 546 0200 before using the map.

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

Riverside Youth Pop-up Park opening delayed

A delay in the supply of some of the materials for Nelson's new pop-up park has pushed back its opening.

Council's contractors are now working to a new time frame of mid-September for the park to open.

The park will feature a pump track for skaters, bicycles and scooters, a solar-lit basketball half-court and an imagination playground for younger children.

There will also be table tennis, planters, picnic tables, youth hammocks and colourful seating. A customised container will provide shade and secure storage overnight for the games and equipment.

Work to weatherproof the wall of the library exposed when the building

formerly on the pop-up park site was demolished has finished, and ground-level site preparation has begun.

However, the delivery of some of the surface treatments, which must be laid before the park's attractions can be installed, has been delayed.

We know the park is highly anticipated and are doing everything we can to make sure it can open as soon as possible.

Construction of a new door in the wall of the children's section of the library, leading directly into the park, is expected to take place some time after the park has opened.

Mayor's Message

Nelson has a proud history of aviation, it's an industry that has provided our region with skilled work for many years. But as planes largely disappeared from Nelson's skyline during the COVID-19 lockdown, it was clear this industry would require a great deal of care and attention during the recovery phase of the pandemic.

That's one of the reasons why Government investment of more than \$53 million in the Top of the South couldn't have come at a better time - Nelson's marine and aviation technology industries stand to receive more than \$12 million.

The funding for Hawk Eye Limited and Apollo Autonomy will further develop software that will enable unmanned airfreight operations and will create up to ten jobs in the short term, with up to 40 permanent jobs as the project develops. A focus on leading edge innovation is a positive move as the sector responds to downsizing challenges as a result of COVID-19.

Port Nelson Ltd and Aimex Service Group will receive a \$9.8m IRG investment to replace an aged and inadequate small marine slipway with a state of the art modern replacement to support the region's fishing, aquaculture and marine engineering industries. Projects

like the slipway replacement are critical to building strength in our region's ocean economy and this project opens the door to attracting more national and international work to our region.

In addition, the Kaikaiawaro Charitable Trust will also receive a PGF Whenua Māori grant of \$700,000 to help establish a Kanuka processing facility built on Ngati Kuia land, to enable the Trust and iwi to develop a dedicated facility using products harvested from their own land.

All of these projects play an important role in developing skilled and sustainable employment. As part of Project Kōkiri, our region's collaborative economic response to the pandemic, I know there are more projects under consideration by Government and I'm hoping we'll see further investment for Te Taihuhu in coming weeks.



Councillor's Comment

When it comes to Community Partnerships... Council joins the dots, writes Councillor Gaile Noonan.

Community Partnerships came about during my time as Chair of Community Services.

I thought the concept of Council acting as "connectors and aiders" for the Nelson and Stoke community could achieve more.

Our staff are well connected and available to assist with funding applications and join interested groups together who then provide services to our community.

Recently some work has been done on governance with community groups. This is essential learning as many people join community boards because they are passionate about what that entity does. Often, they don't have any experience in governance and work in roles that are becoming much more complex, covering things such as health and safety, with more accountability than ever before.

In collaboration with a number of external groups, the Community Partnerships team launched an educational governance bites programme (many of these sessions were over-subscribed due to the interest).

Several offshoots have occurred since and one that I am involved in is the Youth into Governance programme, which gives young people the chance to be mentored by a board member and be involved in how a board works, sitting with them at meetings and giving a youth perspective, all while learning governance skills.

Many community groups will be familiar with the

Community Investment Fund. This is administered through the Community Partnerships team, who liaise with independent community individuals who review the applications and decide where funding is allocated.

The funding is one way Council assists the community so recipients can promote their services and meet needs.

The Nelson 2060 Goal Nine is "Everyone in our community has their essential needs met". The measures relating to community partnerships are:

- Everyone feels they belong and is proud to live here;
- Family and children are at the heart of our community;
- We are a diverse community and we welcome newcomers;
- Everyone can be involved in community life;
- Older people are respected and valued;
- People feel safe

I am very proud of our team at Nelson City Council and am grateful for their care of the communities that make up our home.



Nelson's local elections to be decided by Single Transferable Vote

Nelson City Council has voted to use a Single Transferable Vote (STV) voting system at the next election in 2022 to support increased diversity and proportional representation.

Mayor Rachel Reese spoke in favour of changing the system, pointing out that while there was a concerted effort to support greater diversity through encouraging more women candidates to stand, more needed to be done.

"I think we've made some progress around New Zealand but we have not made nearly enough and when I look at the representation of women who are Mayors in New Zealand, yes they are 30%, but that's still not good enough. When I consider other elements of diversity, for example Maori representation, the current system just doesn't work. I want to see greater sustained diversity, in my view STV is a much fairer system."

Council will publish a public notice about the new system, stating the public can demand a poll to change the decision. If the public want to retain FPP, they must submit a

petition signed by five percent of the voting population to Council by February 2021. Any poll has to be held prior to May 2021.

Using STV will also reduce confusion for Nelsonian electors in 2022, who currently have to navigate FPP for council elections and STV for District Health Board elections. As these elections occur simultaneously and are included in the same voting documents, some voters confuse the systems. Data indicates Nelson and Tasman, who both use FPP and STV, have more spoiled ballots than Marlborough, where STV is used across the board.

In the lead up to the 2022 local government election, Nelson City Council will provide an in-depth education campaign on the new system to allow all voters to make informed decisions.

For more information:

Search 'STV' at our.nelson.govt.nz

Sign up to Keep New Zealand Beautiful

Registrations are now open for Keep New Zealand Beautiful Clean Up Week which runs from 7–13 September.

If you want to get involved you can organise a clean-up event in your home town or at your favourite beach or park - get your friends, family, school, business or local community group together to participate in New Zealand's largest clean up event.

This year all groups are encouraged to organise their own sustainable and reusable clean up kits for their events by using buckets, gardening gloves, or

reusable bags. However, clean up kits, which include Keep New Zealand Beautiful reusable rubbish sacks, will still be available on request for those hosting an event who don't have access to their own clean up materials.

Registered clean up events will be able to dispose of their collected rubbish for free at the Nelson Transfer Station.

There is also the chance to win a Samsung tablet and a Keep New Zealand Beautiful prize pack by submitting your clean up event photos and evaluation form.

If you are interested in hosting or joining a clean-up event go to the Keep NZ Beautiful website:

knzb.org.nz/clean-up-week-2020



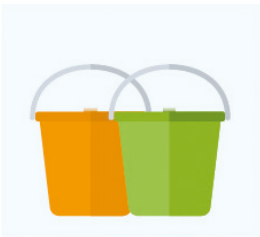
The two bucket system - for acrylic (water-based) paint



1 Use a large bucket to wash brushes, rollers and other equipment (away from waterways, drains and grates).



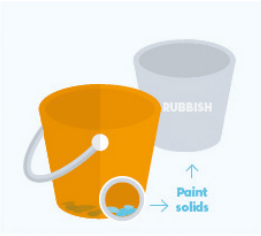
2 Transfer the washed equipment to a second bucket for a final rinse.



3 Place lids on the containers and allow to stand overnight.



4 In the morning, slowly pour the clear water from the first container onto the lawn or garden.



5 Stop just before you reach paint solids. The paint solids can be left to dry and then disposed of in your general rubbish.



6 The second container (containing the rinse water) now becomes the first container.

Paint can pollute – wash your brushes safely

Council has produced a new brochure – ‘How to wash your paint brushes safely’ to help prevent paint getting into our streams when people wash their painting equipment into stormwater drains.

You can wash your brushes safely by using the two bucket system – see the diagram below – and disposing of the paint solids in your household rubbish. The brochures will be available at

paint retailers in Nelson, so look for one when you buy your paint. You can also download a copy of the brochure here:

our.nelson.govt.nz/stories/paint-can-pollute-wash-your-brushes-safely

See nature through new eyes this Conservation Week 15–23 August



This year’s Conservation Week theme is Seeing Nature through New Eyes.

The COVID-19 lockdown reminded us to slow down and take a fresh look at the environment around us. During 2020’s Conservation Week why not try cultivating that new perspective and boost your wellbeing by immersing yourself in our natural world. Get outside with your friends and family and enjoy Nelson’s natural spaces – sometimes a fresh look will remind you just how valuable they are to us all.

Here at Council we are marking the week with a series of conservation-themed videos being shown on our Facebook page – one a day – so if you haven’t had a look already check out Council’s Facebook page. Like and comment on one of our videos and you could be in to win a family pass for the Brook Waimarama Sanctuary or Natureland!

[@nelsoncitycouncil](https://www.facebook.com/nelsoncitycouncil)

New coloured screens to make Parking Meters easier to read



Nelson new Pay-By-Plate parking meters will be easier to read by the end of the year, as the city becomes the first in New Zealand to install new, larger coloured screens on its on-street meters.

Council originally selected the coloured screen option from the meter supplier in early 2020. However, due to COVID-19, parts for the coloured screens from overseas suppliers were delayed. To ensure the meters would be installed on time, the supplier used the standard black and white display, and agreed to swap to the new screens once they arrived at no extra cost. The new screens are for the smaller Metro-Lite meters with the screens that tilt upwards. The new colour screens will be much larger, and easier to read, and be available later this year. We hope

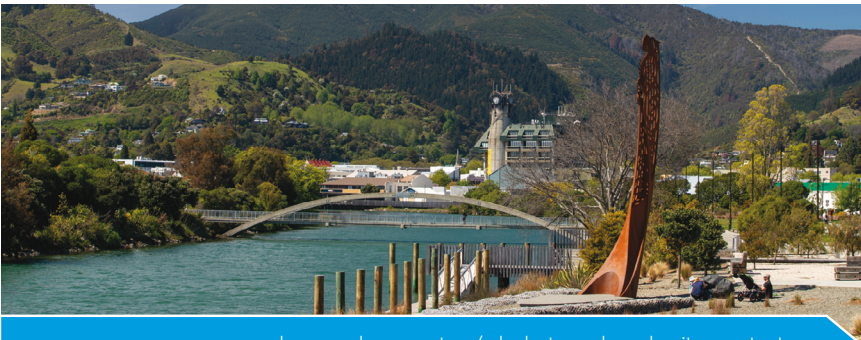
this will address the small number of complaints we have received that the displays are hard to read. Group Manager Infrastructure Alec Louverdis says the new parking meters are working as expected. “The desired effect was to encourage turn-over, and prevent all-day parking in the City Centre. Council is in the process of collating data, but initial signs suggest the system is achieving those goals. “The new machines are cheaper to maintain than the ageing meters they replaced, and of course completely eliminate the waste associated with paper tickets.”

Tell us what you treasure about Whakatū Nelson

Our Heritage Taonga Tuku Iho is important for our communities and our iwi. It’s the people who’ve been here and their stories that guide us, the buildings that contain us and the land that supports us.

This year, Nelson City Council is refreshing the Whakatū Nelson Heritage Strategy. This strategy has two key goals - to guide Council’s investment in heritage, and to better understand how Council can work with local iwi and heritage organisations to strengthen and support heritage in Whakatū Nelson. Council is consulting with iwi and heritage-related organisations to understand which heritage priorities are most important for consideration in the Long Term Plan. From those conversations the concept of taonga

tuku iho, meaning treasures handed down from ancestors, has emerged. We want to hear from Nelsonians what treasures they would like their descendants to inherit in Whakatū Nelson. This could be something physical - like a building, statue, person or place - or it might be a story, idea or belief. The community is invited to share their stories, images, ideas or even artworks on Shape Nelson’s Whakatū Nelson Heritage Strategy page. Submissions close 31 August 2020.



shape.nelson.govt.nz/whakatu-nelson-heritage-strategy



Council supports RefillNZ to reduce plastic waste in Nelson

RefillNZ is working with cafes, bars, tourist businesses and councils around the country to make it easier to refill a reusable water bottle on the go free of charge than buy water in a single-use plastic bottle.

This is a national campaign to prevent plastic pollution at source, in particular single-use water bottles and takeaway coffee cups.

Council is supporting this campaign to reduce plastic waste by paying for a regional membership and providing a facilitator who can visit cafes, explain how the system works and help them get set up online.

The number of cafes signing up in Nelson is growing. Look for the sticker on their window so that you know you can go in and ask to refill

your bottle. They can be found on the RefillNZ map (<https://refillnz.org.nz/>), along with the location of our water fountains.

Wherever you are in NZ, you can use the RefillNZ smartphone App and interactive location-based map to find your closest refill option.

Businesses interested in joining the campaign can contact lesswaste@ncc.govt.nz. More information can also be found at:

refillnz.org.nz

Heritage building owners get a helping hand from Council

Looking after privately-owned heritage homes and making sure they retain their heritage features can be expensive for their owners.

To recognise the higher costs of looking after a heritage building, Council offers rates remissions to owners of buildings listed as Group A or B heritage buildings in the Nelson Resource Management Plan.

Remissions of rates for heritage properties operate over a three-year cycle, with this year being the last in the current cycle.

Owners of eligible heritage-listed

properties who didn't apply during the 2018/19 or 2019/20 year will receive a letter inviting them to apply for the rating year 1 July 2020 – 30 June 2021.

Applications for heritage building rates remission close at 5pm on Friday 28 August 2020.

All heritage property owners will need to reapply next year for the 2021 to 2023 cycle.



The Great Kererū Count 2020 is coming!

Come and join the fun from 18-27 September 2020 for the Great Kererū Count, NZ's only citizen science project dedicated to kererū.

Sharing observations will help build up a clearer picture of where kererū live, how many there are and what they are feeding on, and most

importantly how to protect them.

You can find out more about how to take part at:

kererucount.nz or [@kererudiscovery](https://www.facebook.com/kererudiscovery)

Essential maintenance at regional sorting facility puts recycling on pause

Nelson-Tasman's regional sorting facility will be shut down for a nine-day period in September, so operator Smart Environmental can replace a chain-drive conveyor belt.

The belt feeds mixed recycling into a cylindrical device called the Trommel, which helps sort recyclable materials into batches of fibre (paper and cardboard), metal (tins and cans) and plastic (types 1, 2 and 5 only). It is now five years old and has been in operation 52 weeks per year.

The collection service will continue over this period, but in the absence of there being an alternative sorting option, residents wishing to avoid their recycling going to landfill during the week 14 to 18 September have the option of not putting out their recycling bins until the following

collection.

The shutdown will not affect glass, which will be collected for recycling as usual.

Group Manager Infrastructure Alec Louverdis says that stockpiling recycling until the sorting facility is working is an option for some Nelsonians.

"If you want to hold back recyclable material until your next collection, then please make sure it is safe and hygienic to do so. This isn't possible for everyone living in Nelson, so kerbside collection continues for all who need it."

Native planting workshop growing in popularity

Twenty people attended a Council-organised Native Planting Maintenance Workshop on Saturday 8 August at the Paremata Flats.

It was a great opportunity to discuss maintaining native plantings and weed control. The Paremata Flats provide a great example of well-maintained native plantings at various stages of development. The first plantings went in the ground in 2011 and the latest plantings are less than two years old. This gave

participants the opportunity to visualise what their projects may look like at different stages of maturity.

We received great feedback from participants of this Workshop and hope those that attended found it informative and useful. Keep an eye on Council's Facebook page for future plantings and workshops.



Please remember to flush your taps

Some plumbing fittings have the potential to allow minute traces of metals to accumulate in water which has been standing in the fittings for several hours.

Although the health risk is small, the Ministry of Health recommends that you flush a cup of water from your drinking water tap each morning, before use, to remove any metals

that may have dissolved from the plumbing fittings.

This is recommended for all households, whether they are on public or private water supplies.



Nelson City Council granted \$2.86m for first phase of Three Waters Services Reform

Nelson City Council will participate in the first phase of the Three Waters Services Reform and receive initial Government grant funding of \$2.86m.

Funding is being provided to support expenditure in Three Waters (drinking water, wastewater and stormwater) service delivery and to aid economic recovery from COVID-19 through job creation.

Central and Local Government agree New Zealand's water services face urgent challenges. Investment is needed to increase confidence in safe drinking water, improve freshwater, respond to climate change and increase local resilience.

A Three Waters Steering Committee has been established to oversee this work. Nelson Mayor Rachel Reese and Chief Executive Pat Dougherty are members.

Central Government announced last month that the reform would begin with \$761m of funding for COVID-19 recovery projects that invest in water infrastructure, including funding for new government water regulator Taumata Arowai (\$51m).

A further pool of \$14.01m is available for distribution between Nelson (\$2.86m), Marlborough (\$6.26m) and Tasman (\$4.89m) councils, if at least two councils discuss participating in reform discussions. This funding does not lock councils into the programme's future stages.

The Steering Committee will investigate the Government's preference for publicly owned multi-regional water services entities. Further phases may involve transferring responsibility for water infrastructure assets to these new entities. However, taking part at this stage does not commit Council to this path as there is an opt out at the end of the first phase, which ends in June 2021.

Nelson Mayor Rachel Reese said Nelsonians would be consulted before Council committed to full participation.

"This funding is recognition of the challenges Councils face from COVID-19. Council needs to participate in good faith by working with the government and other councils, but we are not locked in to longer-term structural reform. Any decision on proceeding would be made after full consultation with our community."

Chief Executive Dougherty said Nelson was better off in the conversation than being outside it.

"We strongly think we are better off being in the tent, and part of the decision. This is about safe, clean, affordable water across New Zealand."

ROAD CLOSURES

Applicant: Higgins
Event: Theses closures are for road levelling & sealing for two one-day periods between the dates listed below and notice will be given five days before each closure.

- Locations:**
- Allan Street: Ronaki Terrace & Hampden Street from 227
 - Athol Street
 - Beatson Road: Waimea Road/Whakatu Drive Corner/Jenkins Place
 - Chings Road
 - Endeavour Street
 - Hanby Park: from number 30 Mill Street
 - Mayroyd Terrace: Nile Street – Cleveland Terrace
 - Richardson Street: from 1 – 23
 - Whitby Road: from 1 – 31
 - Scotia Street: from 39 – 86
 - Shelbourne Street: from 38 – 60
 - Victoria Road and Fifeshire Crescent

Date and Time when the one day closure may occur: Wednesday 16 September – Friday 2 October 2020 and Monday 2 November – Friday 20 November 20, Closed between 7am – 6pm

All vehicle access will be available when safe and directed from the contractor.

Applicant: Nelson Arts Festival
Event: Nelson Arts Festival – Mask Carnival 2020
Location: Nelson CBD – various CBD streets including Trafalgar Street, Hardy Street, Bridge Street, Selwyn Place, Park Street, Morrison Street, Hope Street, Church Street.
Date and Time of Closure: Friday 30 October 9am to Saturday 31 October 2020 3am, Closed all day and night.

All vehicle access will be limited during this time.

Applicant: Downer
Event: Building of the Anzac to Maitai Cycle Link
Location: Halifax Street – between the intersection of Rutherford Street/Paru Paru Road and St Vincent Street/Haven Road
Date and Time of Closure: Monday 21 September – Friday 11 December 2020

No vehicle access will be available. Traffic and pedestrians will be detoured.

Feedback for proposed closures to be given by: Wednesday 12 August 2020
Email: enquiries@ncc.govt.nz
Post: Nelson City Council, PO Box 645, Nelson 7040, Attention: Gillian Dancey

For all road closure information visit:

nelson.govt.nz/road-closures



MEETINGS

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

Environment Committee	
9am	3 Sep
Regional Transport Committee	
1.30pm	7 Sep
Infrastructure Committee - to hear submissions to Speed Limit Bylaw 2011 (210) - if required	
9am	9 Sep
Council meeting	
2pm	9 Sep
Community Services Committee	
10am	10 Sep
Nelson Tasman Regional Landfill Business Unit - Rūma Waimārama at the conclusion of the workshop	
	11 Sep
Nelson Regional Sewerage Business Unit - Rūma Waimārama	
1.30pm	11 Sep
Hearings Panel - Other	
9am	16 Sep
Audit and Risk Subcommittee	
9am	17 Sep
Sports and Recreation Committee	
10am	17 Sep
Council meeting	
9am	22 Sep
Chief Executive Employment Committee - Rūma Whakatū	
1pm	29 Sep
Forestry Advisory Group - Rūma Waimārama	
3pm	29 Sep
Infrastructure Committee - to deliberate on submissions to Speed Limit Bylaw 2011 (210)	
1.30pm	30 Sep

For a full list of meetings go to:

nelson.govt.nz/meetings

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From the libraries

Changes to Nelson Public Libraries under Alert Level 2

Nelson Public Libraries will continue to operate under Alert Level 2 restrictions until Wednesday 26 August, however all events, programmes and classes will be suspended until then. This includes the Rainbow Storytime and Poetry Day events, in addition to children's small times and story times. The Justices of the Peace services will

continue to operate on Saturdays in the Elma Turner Library from 10am–12pm.

Online resources are available for library users to access ebooks, audiobooks and movies without visiting the physical library.

You can keep up to date with any changes through the Nelson Public Libraries website:

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Appo Hocton panel unveiling

A new heritage panel documenting the life of New Zealand's first Chinese immigrant Appo Hocton is a fitting acknowledgement to a man that accomplished so much in Nelson says his descendants who have been working to get his legacy recognized.

Appo's descendants, Alvin and Priscilla Schroder, first approached Nelson City Council in 2017 to have an unnamed walkway between Pioneer Crescent and Valley Heights – a trail that winds through the very area of town Appo owned multiple properties - named after him.

They were successful, and the path was named Appo Hocton Way late last year.

Now, an information panel featuring a picture of Appo and an overview of his life and successes will be unveiled at the Pioneer Crescent end of Appo

Hocton Way later this month.

Information for the panel was taken from the book Appo Hocton, Wong Ah Poo Hoc Ting, New Zealand's First Chinese Immigrant - Nelson 1842-1920, by Karen Stade.

Wong Ah Poo Hoc Ting, who later became known as Appo Hocton, left China aged nine before gaining a steward job on the New Zealand-bound Thomas Harrison. The ship berthed in Nelson on 25 October 1842, where he joined other crew members and jumped ship.

Appo was hiding in the Port Hills

when the ship left two weeks later.

Appo went on to become the first Chinese man in New Zealand to become naturalised. He bought land in Washington Valley above the tideway, and build several houses, some of which are still in the Hastings Street/ Washington Road area.

Priscilla said; "I'm really pleased there is some recognition there and people will be able to walk up there and think about what he accomplished."

The panel will be unveiled in a small ceremony with some of



Appo's descendants and community members, including the NZ Chinese Friendship Society on 25 August at 3pm.

The ceremony will only take place if the city remains at COVID Alert Level 2 or below. If you are interested in attending the event, please email your name and contact number to Arts and Heritage Adviser Tom Ransom on tom.ransom@ncc.govt.nz, to ensure numbers do not go over 100.

WHAT'S ON... at a Council venue near you



Kirby Lane

Nelson Farmers Market. 8.30am – 1.30pm, Every Wednesday.

Trafalgar Centre

Big Brothers & Big Sisters Charity dinner and Auction. 6pm – 11pm, Friday 28 August.
South Island Show-offs; Cheersport Competition. 9.30am – 2.30pm, Sunday 6 September.

Founders Heritage Park

Restorative Yoga & Oils 8 week course. 6.30pm – 7.45pm, every Thursday 23 July – 10 September.

Broadgreen Historic House

A passage to Nelson – Exhibition at Broadgreen House. 11am – 3pm, Wednesday 1 July – Saturday 31 October.

Waahi Takaaro Golf Course

Junior Gold Programme. 3.45 – 4.45pm, Every Thursday 6 August – 24 September.

Nelson Public Libraries

Nightingale Memorial Library

Closed under Level 2

Elma Turner Library

Hours:
Monday-Friday: 9.30am – 6.00pm

Wednesday: 10am – 6pm

Saturday: 10:00am – 4:00pm

Sunday: 1:00pm – 4:00pm

Justices of the Peace, every Saturday 10am – 12pm

Live music Series – Tasmonics Choir. 2pm, Sunday 30 August.

Tableland – the history behind Mount Arthur. 2 – 3pm, Sunday 30 August.

Learn at the Library – Health Online. 9.30 – 11am, Thursday 3 September.

Friends of the Library Book Sale. 10am, Saturday 5 September.

Bike Maintenance Workshop.

11.30am – 12.30pm, Monday 7 September.

Nelson Libraries BookChat. 10.30am, Tuesday 8 September.

Learn at the Library – Safety Online. 9.30 – 11am, Thursday 10 September.

Tai Chi – Have a go!. 12.30 – 1.15pm, Thursday 10 September.

Young Adult Reading Club. 3.45pm, Wednesday 16 September

Stoke Library

Hours:

Monday-Friday: 9.30 – 5.30 pm

Wednesday: 10:00am – 5:30pm

Saturday: 10:00am – 1:00pm

Sunday: Closed

Entertainment Apps. 8.15 – 9.15am, Friday 28 August.

Safety Online. 8.15 – 9.15am, Friday 4 September.

Internet for Beginners. 8.15 – 9.15am, 11 September.

Young Adult Reading Club. 3.45pm, Tuesday 15 September

Museums and Galleries:

The Suter Art Gallery & Theatre

Hours: 9.30am – 4.30pm Daily

Michael Dell: Endless Days. Saturday 23 May – Sunday 4 October

Noble Souls. Saturday 20 June – Sunday 30 August.

Ben Pearce: Life Will Go On Long After Money. Saturday 11 July – Sunday 22 November.

Italian Film Festival 2020. Wednesday 12 August – Wednesday 2 September.

Artist Talk: Michael Dell. 2 – 3pm, Saturday 22 August.

NZ's Top Dog Film Festival. 6pm, Friday 4 September.

Refinery ArtSpace

Hours: 10am – 5pm, Monday to Friday & 10am – 2pm, Saturday.

Island Lights – Sue Scobie. Saturday 8 – Saturday 22 August.

Shodo The Way of Brush – Yuyu Calligraphy School. Monday 3 – Saturday 22 August.

The Creatives – Kathy Pantling. Monday 24 August – Saturday 12 September.

Children of the Poor – Piece of Work Productions. Saturday 12 – Friday 18 September.

Nelson Provincial Museum

Hours: 10 – 5pm Weekdays, 10am – 4.30pm Weekends & Public Holidays.

ENIGMA. Friday 14 August – Monday 4 October 2021.

Online Exhibition: Everything Was Noise and Movement. Saturday 15 August – Tuesday 1 December.

Museum display and Online Exhibition: Rugby 150 Years. Saturday 15 August – Monday 8 November 2021.

**Please be aware that due to changing alert levels, some of these events may not go ahead and it is best to keep watching www.itson.co.nz for updates.*