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## Government funding for Hira Reserve tree planting

Three years of tree planting has been secured for the Hira Reserve, thanks to a \$13,000 grant from the Ministry of Primary Industries.

The money was awarded to Nelson City Council as part of the Government's 1 Billion Tree Programme, through the Matariki Te Uru Rakau Memorial Tree Planting fund. The 1 Billion Tree Programme seeks to double the rate of tree planting to reach one billion trees by 2028.

Some of the benefits of the programme include protecting and improving soil and water quality, helping New Zealand meet international climate change commitments, increasing biodiversity and

enhancing natural landscapes.

This funding recognises the extensive environmental work that Hira School has volunteered over the last few years. Children from the school have been involved with planting, river monitoring and educating the Nelson North Community. The \$13,000 will go toward creating a beautifully planted wetland reserve.

Sports and Recreation Committee Chair Tim Skinner said the money was recognition of the

work put in by young people in North Nelson to enhance their local environment.

"It's great to receive financial support for people-led projects like this. Involving our children in this important conservation work and giving them the chance to help care for their natural environment is a great example of what we can achieve through partnerships with the local community."



## Dedicated space for Stoke's young people

Shortly before New Zealand went into Alert Level 2 and physical distancing returned, Councillors Matt Lawrey and Rachel Sanson joined members of the Stoke community for the dawn blessing of Whanake Youth's new centre.

Based in the Stoke Community Hall, just behind Stoke Memorial Hall, the centre offers a warm, safe and friendly space for local young people aged 12 – 24.

Led by Lee-Ann O'Brien, Whanake Youth is a small team of healthcare professionals who are passionate about the health and wellbeing of young people in our community.

The new site for all youth programs is open on Mondays and Tuesdays from 3.15-5pm, Wednesdays 3.15-8pm and Thursdays 6-8pm (16-24 year olds only).

Nelson City Council supported the new centre by providing Whanake Youth with a discounted lease on the

Community Hall.

Community Services Committee Chair Matt Lawrey says he has no doubt the new centre will produce "a tonne of good" for the region.

"Council has known for a long time that we needed to be doing more for young people in Stoke and it is brilliant to be able to work with Whanake Youth to finally make that happen. I'm also really optimistic about what's ahead. Not only is the opening of the centre a real step forward, I think it's going to be a catalyst for lots of other good things happening for our young people in the future."

## Nelson's new Compost Courier

Nelson business Community Compost will soon be cycling around Nelson's CBD on a brand new e-bike and food waste trailer thanks to support from Nelson City Council.

Purchased with \$9000 approved from the Climate Reserve Fund, the e-bike and trailer have been loaned to Community Compost to make the existing service more carbon neutral by using a low emission collection method and demonstrate Council's support for composting.

Helping to reduce the amount of food waste that ends up in landfill is one of the key ways that Council can reduce greenhouse gas emissions from our region.

Our Nelson met up with Community Compost's Ben Bushell when he picked up his e-bike and trailer to ask him about the project.

**Our Nelson: What got you started in composting?**

Ben Bushell: I've always loved composting and realised food

waste was an issue. I moved to Nelson and it felt like home, and that I was ready to give something back. Food waste and composting was something I had always done – so I just got started and then momentum grew.

**ON: What businesses will benefit from your service?**

BB: I can collect any food waste from businesses and offices in the Nelson CBD. A greengrocers or catering for instance, or even just small offices with communal kitchens.

**ON: What sort of feedback have you had so far?**

BB: Once people start this service they never leave, unless they start their own system, which we also facilitate. If we're not collecting

from compost-conscious people we are supporting them somehow.

**ON: Do you have a message for Nelson's businesses?**

BB: Public awareness in this space is very high, businesses know that their customers care about what they are doing for the environment. Send a message to your customers that you care, and that you are doing your bit. I'd also like to acknowledge the effort and long term support I received from Nelson City Council and local organisations and businesses such as Nelson Environment Centre, as well as the expertise from the Bike Station, CFW Metal and Cutting Edge which went into creating the Compost Courier.



## Don't miss the bus - trade in your paper bus tickets now

If you have paper multi-trip bus tickets sitting in your wallet, you only have until Wednesday 30 September to get the remaining balance of rides loaded onto an electronic Bee Card at the SBL Bus Depot at 27 Bridge Street.

No refunds for paper tickets will be available from Thursday 1 October.

Please note that if you want to transfer a balance of less than \$5 to a Bee Card, you will need to top up to \$5.

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Local Arts Funding Scheme.

Next Closing date for applications: 7th September 2020.

For projects planned to take place from Oct 2020 - March 2021.

Guidelines and application forms are available at:  
<http://www.acn.org.nz/funding.html>

The following funding round closes: 1st March 2021.

## Face coverings mandatory on Nelson's public transport

It is now compulsory to wear a face covering when using public transport in Nelson during Alert Level 2 or above.

The Government mandate came into effect on Monday 31 August and applies to buses, trains, planes and ferries and is required for everyone aged 12 and over. Passengers in smaller vehicles, such as taxis, do not have to wear face coverings, but drivers do.

A face covering is a non-medical-grade, fabric mask that can be made or bought online or in shops. However, other kinds of coverings, such as bandanas or scarves, may also be used.

Bus drivers will be encouraging passengers to wear face coverings, but it is up to the passenger to take responsibility for keeping themselves and others safe by wearing a face covering.

The new face covering rule is in addition to physical distancing measures, which remain in place.

Nelson's public transport services have been displaying the NZ COVID Tracer app QR codes since Alert Level 2 began, however, this becomes mandatory on all public transport and small passenger services from 11.59pm on September 3.

Passengers with a registered Bee Card can also use this for contact tracing.

## Celebrate the Festival of Adult Learning/Ahurei Ākonga

If you have ever wanted to learn to sew, knit or even try your hand at Lego robotics, the Nelson Public Libraries have the class for you.

The Libraries are celebrating the Festival of Adult Learning/Ahurei Ākonga from 7-13 September with a range of classes, workshops and activities.

Throughout the week there will be spot prizes to be won at each event.

For bookings or more information contact [library@ncc.govt.nz](mailto:library@ncc.govt.nz), (03) 546 8100 or ask one of our friendly librarians.

Please note that the Festival will not take place at COVID-19 Alert Level 2.

Info on all classes at: [nelsonpubliclibraries.co.nz](http://nelsonpubliclibraries.co.nz)

## 2020 Nelson Mask Carnivale cancelled

After carefully reviewing the impact of the current COVID-19 Level 2 restrictions, it is with great disappointment that the Nelson Festivals Trust has concluded that it is not possible to go ahead with the Mask Carnivale on Friday, 30 October.

With so much uncertainty about ongoing government restrictions, the Trust determined it would be too risky to spend public money on an event that might not happen. This decision was primarily based on the fact mass outdoor public events are not possible in Level 2 and that uncertainty could remain for quite some time. The Trust's decision is based on its commitment to be fiscally responsible with public funds and to guarantee participants' safety.

### MEETINGS

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