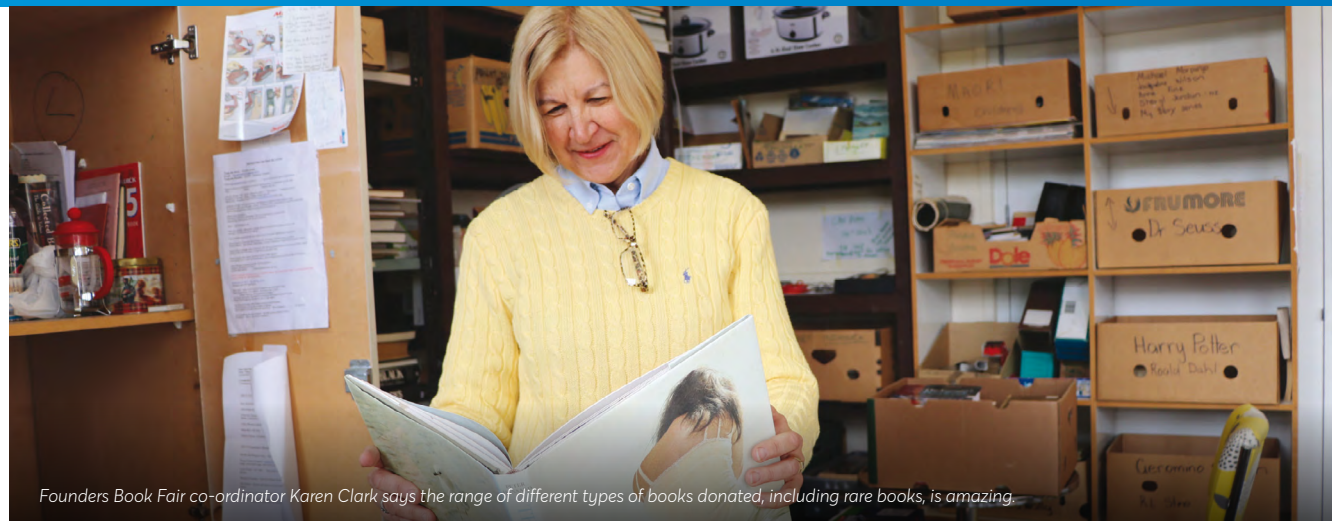


# OUR NELSON

## TŌ TĀTOU WHAKATŪ

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## Bounty of books for annual Founders Book Fair

This year's annual Founders Book Fair is the biggest yet – and that's no hyperbole.

The delay in the timing of the fair from earlier this year due to the COVID-19 shutdown has meant donations are at an all-time high.

Taking place from 17-26 October, the annual Book Fair is expected to draw about 12,000 visitors to Founders Heritage Park over the course of 10 days.

Not just a fair for book lovers, there is a wide variety of puzzles, board games, magazines and mixed media such as vinyl records, CDs, DVDs and cassette tapes on offer with prices starting as low as 50 cents.

Founders Book Fair co-ordinator Karen Clark said volunteers had been visiting twice a week throughout the year to check, sort and box the donations.

The deluge of donations has meant the puzzles section is particularly well stocked, and the amount of mixed media donated has meant it will this year have its own, signposted space opposite the Granary.

"It's amazing what people donate. We get the more expensive books too, you just never know what you're going

to find in the boxes," she said.

Good quality or as-new paperbacks were still the most commonly snapped up item, but rare books, self-help books and cookbooks were also popular.

Councillor and Community Services Chair Matt Lawrey said the success of the book fair was a credit to the brilliant volunteers who make it happen, many of whom work year-round on the fundraiser.

"I reckon you'd be hard-pressed to find a community event anywhere in the country that ticks as many boxes as our Book Fair. It raises funds for Founders Heritage Park, it's a brilliant form of recycling, it saves people – particularly families – money on books and it's a celebration of the written word. It really is a very special Nelson event."

Fair-goers are asked to bring reusable bags to take home their purchases. Entry to the fair is \$2, or a 10-day pass costs \$5. Entry is free for under 12s.

Money raised from the fair goes into development projects at the park such as new displays and venue improvements.

The fair will not go ahead during COVID Alert Level 2 or above. Those planning to attend the fair are asked to stay home if they are sick, while those who do visit are asked to scan the QR code with the NZ COVID Tracer app upon entry.

## New signage for Pūtangitangi/Greenmeadows Centre

The Greenmeadows Centre was officially blessed at a dawn ceremony on Saturday 23 June, 2018.

During the ceremony, kaumātua Barney Thomas gifted the name Pūtangitangi to the site. Historically, the site of this community space was a home to wetland birds. It was used traditionally as a mahinga kai or food gathering place. "Pūtangitangi" refers to the

paradise shelduck that inhabited the area. Continuing this theme, each of the rooms have been named after a native bird. New signage was put up to reflect the dual names Pūtangitangi / Greenmeadows Centre, last week.







# Consultation open on the Draft Whakamahere Whakatū Nelson Plan

Nelson City Council wants to hear from you, the people of Whakatū Nelson, on the Draft Whakamahere Whakatū Nelson Plan.

Delayed due to the COVID-19 lockdown, the Draft Plan is open for public feedback until 6 December 2020.

The Draft Nelson Plan is being developed to help us sustainably manage Nelson's natural and built environment. It proposes a framework for managing how Nelson grows, what we are permitted to do on our properties and how we use natural resources and care for our natural environment.

This initial two-month engagement period is the first phase of a three-phase process enabling the community to contribute to the development of the Plan. The second phase of engagement is planned for early next year to cover parts of the Plan not released in phase one. A third phase occurs in 2022 when the Plan will be publicly notified and the formal submission and hearing process begins, as required under the Resource Management Act 1991.

The Draft Plan proposes some key changes to how we will manage freshwater, residential growth and intensification, natural hazards and climate change, and development in the City Centre. In its current draft

stage, it's a discussion document that will allow the public and our stakeholders to help develop what the final Plan could be, and let us know what we've got right, what is missing and what we need to change to achieve our aspirations for Nelson in the future.

Councillor Brian McGurk (Nelson Plan lead) encourages people to get involved through the feedback process. "We are looking forward to hearing from you and getting your feedback. This is a great opportunity for the people of Nelson to have their say on this important document."

Under Covid-19 Alert Levels 1 and 2 we will be running public drop-in sessions around the city - including Stoke and Tahunanui - where the public can ask questions and talk to technical experts about areas that concern them. Keep an eye on our Facebook page, Council website or go to [shape.nelson.govt.nz/nelson-plan](https://shape.nelson.govt.nz/nelson-plan) for the most up-to-date information and dates and times of drop-in sessions. The dates and times of drop-in sessions, as well as the plan chapters, topics, maps and supporting information, are available online at:

**The Draft Whakamahere Whakatū Nelson Plan**  
Smart Little City, Smart Nelson Plan

Nelson City Council  
Te Kaunihera o Whakatū

[shape.nelson.govt.nz/nelson-plan](https://shape.nelson.govt.nz/nelson-plan)



David Marshall Wellington

## Calling all artists - design Nelson's Chorus cabinets

On behalf of Nelson City Council and Chorus, Arts Council Nelson is calling for designs from local artists for four street-sited Chorus cabinets.

The cabinets chosen for beautification are located throughout Nelson, on Nayland Road in Stoke, Tipahi Street, Waimea Road and Washington Road.

These cabinets can become works of art in the street, often telling stories about their communities, and help to discourage tagging. This is a win-win for our communities and a great opportunity for artists to showcase their talents to the Nelson community

and the wider world.

Requests for designs are open, and will close on 19 October. There are two large and two medium sized cabinets which have commission values of \$1,500 and \$1,000 respectively, paid for by Chorus.

You can find more information about this and apply on the Arts Council Nelson website:

[acn.org.nz/chorus-art-cabinets.html](https://acn.org.nz/chorus-art-cabinets.html)



# Grazing on The Grampians – a long-term vision for a unique reserve

Grazier Andrew Newton has a unique role in Nelson life – guardian to the 80 sheep that now live on the Grampians Reserve.

As a natural method of managing fire risk and controlling non-native plant species, sheep are key players in an Ecological Restoration Plan that aims to make the Grampians a place where indigenous plant and animal life can thrive.

Andrew is always conscious the Grampians is a public space and is amazed at the number of people who regularly use it.

"It is surprising that in a country with 25 million sheep many people never get close to one. Our Wiltshire sheep are not disturbed by passersby, so are well used to being photographed and approached."

One of the difficulties in managing the Grampians is its proximity to residential properties. Following the 2019 wild fires in Nelson and Tasman, it was clear potentially flammable vegetation presented a fire risk.

Exotic tree plantations, grassland and shrubland on the north-west slopes of the reserve are prone to drying out during hot summer months.

The sheer size of this area means the sole use of herbicide and weed cutters is prohibitively expensive and not effective. Thoughts at Council turned to methods used in the past.

Sheep previously grazed on the Grampians, and it was now time for them to return, as a natural way of managing fire risk, and an innovative method for keeping non-native plants under control.

"Another aspect we saw last year was the fire on the Botanicals/Sir Stanley Whitehead area," says Andrew. "The grazed area contained the fire, which gave firefighters the opportunity to concentrate on keeping people's residences safe. The sheep keep that risk to a minimum as the new fenced areas focus their efforts on that grazed fire buffer."

The sheep also have an appetite for old man's beard and banana passion fruit, which can thrive in the reserve at the expense of native species. Fencing on the Grampians ensures native plant species are unaffected by livestock.

Introducing sheep into a public area requires careful management. Lambs can become 'mis-mothered', by following human visitors while their mother is distracted.

"They live the good life with plenty of sun, shelter and shade in summer. The only real risk is the odd dog issue, but most owners are responsible."

Recent changes to Council's dog control

bylaws mean parts of the Grampians, where sheep graze, are now on-leash areas for dog walkers.

"It was good work by NCC to get signs in place," says Andrew. "With dog walkers self-regulating, this has improved life for the sheep."

A haven for native birds, trees and even the at-risk longfin eel, the Grampians Reserve, bordered by Bishopdale to its south and the Brook to its east, is one of those special areas of natural beauty that make Nelson such a rewarding place to live.

Loved by dog walkers, cyclists, foragers and people who just want a walk in nature without straying far from the CBD, the Grampians has a unique set of circumstances that require careful ecological management by Nelson City Council.

These were laid out in 2019 in an Ecological Restoration Plan specifically made for the Grampians. Produced alongside Council staff by ecological consultancy Wildland, the plan outlines a vision for the reserve to manage the effects of pests (both animal and plant), fire, livestock and erosion.

The goal of the plan was to make the Grampians Reserve a place where indigenous plant and animal life can thrive. From replacing exotic tree plantations with natives, to improving the habitats available to native birds, insects and lizards, Council staff are now stepping up work that will see the Grampians both transformed and protected.

Sports and Recreation Chair Tim Skinner said the work being carried out at the Grampians would protect one of Nelson's most-loved areas.

"We are so lucky to have an outdoor environment this rich in native animal and plant life just a short walk from our city centre. Council has a responsibility to be careful stewards of this land, and the work that I have witnessed will protect this asset for future Nelsonians to enjoy and take care of themselves."

But as Group Manager Community Services Roger Ball explains, sheep are not the only way to eradicate pests in our reserves.

"Our overall plan is to let the current native forest thrive. Native forest makes up about 50% of the Grampians reserve – we have mahoe, totara, tarata... one of Nelson's biggest kahikatea is on the Grampians.

"Weeds like climbing asparagus, old man's beard, and banana passion fruit can smother native trees if you let them take hold. Once you

come across an area with an infestation, it's about five years' work to get it under control. This is done with a combination of herbicide pastes and manual work – in the first year you focus on the big mature plants, in year two the smaller leftovers and then for the next three years you have to be vigilant with any further growth."

This work has been part of Council's responsibilities in our reserves for decades, but in recent years there has been an increased effort to protect native forest. That motivation also extends to native wildlife, an aspect of reserve management that is partially handled by the Birdlife on Grampians volunteer group.

Birdlife on Grampians group coordinator Bryce Buckland says his group of approximately 25 volunteers come from all sorts of different backgrounds, from law to computer engineering.

"We've been doing this work for the past 11 years, setting traps for possums, rats, mice, stoats and weasels. Possums are the trickiest to deal with. In winter they tend not to go into the traps. We have to experiment with different lure flavours to see what works – cinnamon, aniseed, peanut oil, peppermint, rose and so on.

Council recently provided Birdlife on Grampians with a \$5000 grant through our Environmental Grants Scheme for replacement traps and bait as part of the Nelson Nature Halo Project. Since 2009, the Birdlife group has received three awards from Council for their work in the Grampians. Constantly improving the designs of their traps, they have removed 1,000 possums, 3,500 rats and 93 weasels and stoats from the reserve.

The work on the Grampians is ongoing, with a long-term vision to protect, maintain and improve the reserve for generations of Nelsonians to come. Asked what he would like to see for the area in the next 10 years, Bryce is keen to see how improvements in technology will make the job easier and more environmentally friendly.

"I won't be there in 10 years," he says. "But hopefully we will see gene drive technology start to take control with less traps and no toxins needed. That's the only way we will get anywhere near predator free New Zealand by 2050."

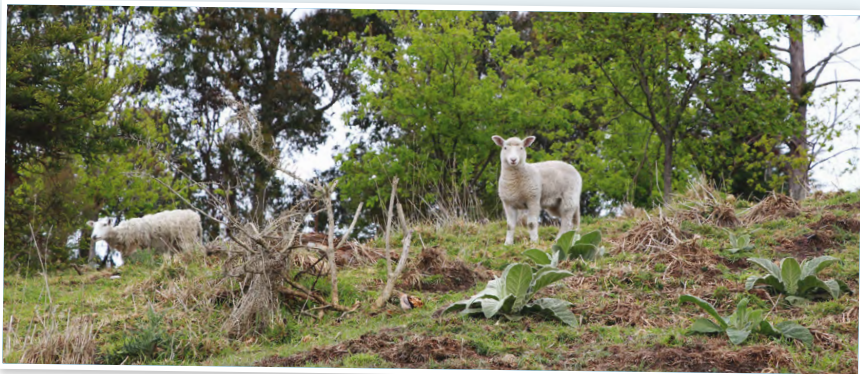






Photo: Mike Stevens, Rodger Curry, Karen Wilson from Blind Citizens NZ Nelson branch, read the large format Our Nelson, with Sharmaine Ford from Nelson Public Libraries.

# Large format Our Nelson publication available in Nelson Public Libraries

Nelson City Council's Our Nelson - Tō Tātou Whakatū is now available in a large printed format each fortnight at the Elma Turner and Stoke libraries.

Council and Nelson Public Libraries have been working with local residents from the Nelson branch of Blind Citizens NZ, to ensure our publication is accessible to as many people as possible. Karen Wilson, a member of the group, described the large

print publication as "amazingly awesome," when we caught up with her recently. Each issue of Our Nelson is available to read in large printed format inside the Nelson Public Libraries from the Thursday after it gets published.

# Mayor's Message

Last week we launched the Draft Whakamahere Whakatū Nelson Plan for your feedback and you will have received a copy of the Draft Nelson Plan consultation document in your mailbox.

The Draft Plan proposes some key changes to how we will sustainably manage Nelson's natural and built environment. That includes how we manage freshwater, residential growth and intensification, natural hazards and climate change, as well as development in the City Centre – now and for the future.

Once finalised in 2022, the Nelson Plan will provide a framework for managing how Nelson grows and responds to changing pressures, and for managing the use of our natural environment. It will set out what we are allowed or permitted to do on our properties and how we use Nelson's natural resources.

We've had early conversations with communities about what was important to Nelson, and then further feedback from stakeholders in 2020 to help us develop this current draft plan. As it is still a draft, the plan is a discussion document that will allow you, the public, to help us develop what the final Plan could look like, and let us know what we've got right, what is missing and what we need to change to achieve our aspirations for Nelson in the future. We want to create a plan

that represents what you believe is important to Nelson, this place we all call home.

The first phase of public engagement on the Draft Plan opened last week and runs until 6 December. I strongly encourage you all to get involved by attending one of our public engagement sessions online or at a venue near you. This two-month engagement is the first of a three-phase process and there will be another round of engagement early next year on topics not covered in this initial phase.

Now we've produced a Draft Nelson Plan, the next step is up to you – your feedback will help focus us in the right direction when it comes to how we develop and cherish this beautiful region. You can find out more and have your say at:

[shape.nelson.govt.nz/nelson-plan](https://shape.nelson.govt.nz/nelson-plan)



# Second-Hand Sunday a chance for a spring clean out

Second-Hand Sunday Nelson Tasman is on 18 October.

It is open to Nelson and Tasman residents and is free to take part – it's a great way to pass on unwanted items to others who may find them useful.

## Here is how to participate

1. Sort and collect your items.
2. Register your address before 10am the Friday prior to go onto the participating households list.
3. Download the participant list on

Friday 16 October. It will also be available from Nelson City Council and Tasman District Council.

4. Print the letterbox poster to show on the day.
5. Put your items on your driveway.
6. Bring in any remaining items at the end of the day.

To register, go to our website:

[nelson.govt.nz/second-hand-sunday](https://nelson.govt.nz/second-hand-sunday)





# 12,000 Bee Cards and counting as free card period nears an end

Nelson's Bee Card honeymoon continues with 83% of journeys now paid for using the electronic travel card. Nelsonians have embraced the Bee Card with more than 12,000 cards picked up, allowing bus passengers to pay for their ride more conveniently and making it easier to access the city's cheapest bus fares.

Acting Group Manager Infrastructure Lois Plum says she is pleased with how well Nelson has adapted to the new card.

"It has made using our buses easier and faster. Not only have we introduced the card, but we have streamlined our zones, making it a cheaper and simpler way to travel for most of our passengers. Given the high uptake of the card, we expect more people to use NBus to get around our Smart Little City."

Bee Cards are currently free from Council's Customer Service Centre, the public libraries and bus depot, and \$5 at BeeCard.co.nz. However, as advertised, the free card system will come to an end at the end of October.

As part of the new system, SuperGold Cards are required to be

linked to a Bee Card for cardholders to get free travel at off peak times and reduced travel at peak times.

Once you have a registered Bee Card, you can link your SuperGold Card by going to BeeCard.co.nz, clicking on 'Manage Card' and then choosing SuperGold in the menu on the right hand side of the page.

SuperGold Card holders have until 1 January 2021 to do this, and help can be provided at Council's Customer Service Centre or the libraries in Nelson, Stoke, or Richmond.

"Our message to anyone who needs help, is to come and speak with our staff at the Customer Service Centre. We are more than happy to help someone register a card and link it to their SuperGold."

beecard.co.nz

## Councillor's Comment

One of the exciting realities of living in Nelson is that people are really passionate about lots of different things.

This passion was demonstrated when we received well over 700 feedback submissions to our City Centre Streets for People survey recently. This showed that our community is almost evenly split in thinking on how we should progress development on one aspect of our city.

Despite this differing of opinion, it's clear that most agree our central city is looking a bit tired, and that it could do with a refresh.

I relish the opportunity as a councillor to help shape progress in Nelson – especially in regard to our central city and the possibility of putting in place that refresh that many agree is needed.

Whether that refresh is cosmetic only, or whether it addresses some fundamental ways in which we interact with our public spaces, can at times lead to difficult conversations.

It's good to know then that we have experienced and capable staff helping to guide these processes.

The City Development team have been at the helm of some exciting tactical placemaking initiatives to show the way for future development of our city. The work on upper Trafalgar Street has proved to be popular, with the roll out of stage three involving more permanent enhancements to take place soon.

The recently opened Riverside Youth Pop-up Park on Halifax Street has emphatically

shown the need for consideration of public spaces in the city. It has been extremely popular and will guide thinking about a permanent facility since it is only a temporary amenity.

Staff have also been developing a suite of streetscape standards for future development, which will give real direction and cohesion to the way our city looks and feels with the on-going renewal of our public realm assets. We should all embrace the concept of good urban design in our city as it can add so much to our lives and enhance our ability to enjoy our public spaces.

As urban design champion for Nelson City I look forward to the development of the City Centre Spatial Plan, which will guide and inform thinking on future development.

Councillor Pete Rainey



## New entryway from library to Riverside Youth Pop-up Park

Visitors to the Riverside Youth Pop-up Park will soon have easy access directly to and from Elma Turner Library.

The park, a collaboration between Nelson City Council and Wakatu Inc, who owns the land on Halifax St, opened last month and has proven a popular new addition to the city centre. Now, Council is installing a door that will connect the small, fenced Imagination Playground area of the park to the adjacent children's section of the library.

Group Manager Environmental Management, Clare Barton said the new door will make it easier for young people enjoying the park to check out a

book (with parental help) on their way home, or pop out of the library to build a new creation with the big blue blocks.

To minimise disruption to park users, work installing the door has been timed to begin after school holidays. It will start on 12 October, and is expected to take two weeks.

During this time, the Imagination Playground area will be cordoned off and unavailable for use. A small area of the children's section inside the library will

also be cordoned off.

While the Imagination Playground area is closed, some of the big blue blocks will be available from the children's library instead.

Disruption to library users should be minimal, as the majority of noisy work will take place before the library opens.

When the door is complete, it will be available for two-way use within the Library's opening hours.





Op shops



- 1 IHC Charity Shop**  
3 Elms Street  
03 544 4744
- 2 St Vincent de Paul Society**  
530 Main Road, Stoke  
03 547 7351
- 3 Red Cross Shop**  
103 Neale Avenue, Stoke  
03 547 7115
- 4 ReStore (Habitat For Humanity)**  
73 Quarantine Road  
03 547 4626
- 5 Nelson Reuse & Recycle Centre (NEC)**  
6 Vivian Place  
03 548 5603
- 6 St Vincent de Paul Op Shop**  
77 Vanguard Street  
03 548 9372
- 7 Red Cross Shop**  
76 Vanguard Street  
03 548 4764
- 8 SPCA Op Shop**  
21 Vanguard Street  
03 548 1519
- 9 St John Community Shop**  
46 Rutherford Street  
03 548 8598
- 10 Nelson Hospice Shop**  
110 Bridge Street  
03 548 1823
- 11 Lifelinc Goodwill Store**  
76 Collingwood Street
- 12 The Salvation Army Nelson Family Store**  
Montgomery Square  
03 548 9937
- 13 Nelson Women's Centre Op Shop**  
44 Trafalgar Street  
03 546 7986
- 14 The Koha Shed Nelson**  
2 Totara Street  
021 152 2779



Have fun shopping and lighten your footprint

An online competition has been launched to encourage people to reduce textile waste as well as save money.

Join the Op Shop Street Hop competition on the Nelson City Council Facebook page, and tell us your best tips for op shopping – where to go, what to look for, and even share a photo of your best op shop purchase.

All comments will go in the draw for a \$50 voucher towards your next op shop shopping spree.

Global clothing production has doubled since 2000, with the average person buying 60 percent more items every year, but only keeping them for half as long.

Reusing clothes is an action we can all take to not only save money, but also to be kind to our environment. Don't forget that op shops depend on your donations of used clothes and

goods to continue to be fabulous shopping destinations.

To enter the competition, go to the Nelson City Council Facebook page.



Council launches trial online newsletter - 'Rethink Waste'

Rethinking waste is all about seeing the opportunities as well as the challenges presented by waste - one man's trash is another man's treasure after all.

For this reason we are launching a Rethink Waste online newsletter. We will be sharing stories, information and ideas every few weeks, and you have the opportunity to subscribe so future issues come directly to your inbox.

We know reducing waste to landfill takes buy-in from everyone, not just Council, and through

Council's new 'Rethink Waste' engagement programme, we aim to encourage more community collaboration, as well as share ideas and knowledge.

To help us all work out what matters, there will also be regular polls on Shape Nelson to gather ideas and feedback on how we can all work together to reduce waste.

Take part in the first poll and/or subscribe to the first newsletter at [shape.nelson.govt.nz/rethink-waste](https://shape.nelson.govt.nz/rethink-waste).

We are always interested to hear your ideas – if you have anything you wish to share please email [rethinkwaste@ncc.govt.nz](mailto:rethinkwaste@ncc.govt.nz).



# What Nelson needs next: Free services for youth

By Isla Galbraith

Everyone has different opinions about what Nelson should be like in 10 years. Some people think that Nelson should have robots and flying cars in 10 years' time. Others think that there should be no poverty. In my opinion, in 10 years, Nelson should have free services for youth.

Some young adults that have just moved out of home are struggling with their lives. They may be finding it hard to get a job. This is why I think Nelson should provide free services for youth.

The services we should provide include a career advisor, a counsellor, a budgeting class, a rental advisor, an academic tutor, a nurse, and a healthy eating class.

I think these services should be in a public place like the library because it's 100% free to go to the library. It's a place anyone and everyone can go, you can check it out before using a service so it's less intimidating and it would encourage more young people to use the library.

The benefits of using these services are better mental health, meeting interesting new people, a

healthier lifestyle and new, very useful life skills such as knowing how to get a good job, a good house and looking after yourself properly.

If young adults are happier then I think they will be more interested in helping others and if more people are helped I think Nelson would be a better place.

*Isla is a member of the Media Club, which meets every Wednesday at Elma Turner Library after school. Every three years Nelson City Council produces a Long Term Plan for the future of our City. This document outlines everything we plan to do over the next decade to make Nelson a great place to live. Work is underway for the 2021 plan now and public consultation will be sought next year.*



# Get a head start on boat safety for summer at our Marine Safety Expo

Summer is coming so it's time to prep your boat for the coming season.

You can get a head start at our Marine Safety Expo days, to be held on Sunday 18 October and Saturday 7 November 2020, from 10 am – 2 pm at the Akersten Street Boat Ramp.

You'll find all you need to be boat safe for summer – including free safety checks, engine and life jacket checks, information on locator beacons and marine radio, demonstrations, vouchers and a sausage sizzle.

We'll have some great prizes on offer including a handheld radio; locator beacon; life jackets and a day skipper course.



# Maintenance carried out on Motu Mānuka Jetty

Nelson City Council contractors will be carrying out basic maintenance on the iconic Haulashore Island Motu Mānuka Jetty to ensure it can continue to be a part of Nelson's scenic landscape.

Group Manager Community Services Roger Ball said although the Motu Mānuka Jetty is structurally unsafe and closed for use to both people and boats, past community feedback had shown it is a highly valued part of Nelson's landscape.

In December 2018, Council decided maintenance work should be carried out on the structure to allow it to be retained for landscape purposes. This work will begin on October 19, when the tides and conditions are best suited for access, and is expected to take five days.

Even after the work has been carried out, the jetty will not be useable – the aim of the maintenance is to keep the structure safe and minimise further deterioration.

Councillor and Sports and Recreation Committee Chair Tim Skinner said Motu Mānuka Jetty is a special feature to many Nelsonians, and a very recognisable part of the landscape as you look towards the island. "This work will ensure that the jetty will remain unchanged until it comes back to the Council table."

Council has yet to make a decision on the long-term future of the jetty, but a community consultation process will take place before any outcomes are decided.

# Planning for Nelson's future

Nelson City Council is building its plan for activities, projects and budgets over the next 10 years - the Long Term Plan 2021-2031.

COVID-19 has delivered significant social and economic hardship to our community, but also opportunities to rethink how we do things. Council is very aware of the toll COVID-19 has taken on our community and our economy. As we plan for recovery over the coming years it is essential that we have your input. We want to hear your thoughts on the opportunities and challenges for Nelson's future. What priorities do you want Council to focus on? What are your greatest concerns? Where do you want to see the focus of investment and activity to support our community?

Please come along to a community meeting in your area in November 2020 and have your say.

- Community meeting - Stoke**  
Saturday, 7 November 2020, 10 am - 12 noon  
Annesbrook Church Hall, 40 Saxton Road, Stoke, Nelson
  - Community meeting- Tahunanui**  
Saturday, 7 November 2020, 2.00-4.00 pm  
Tahunanui Community Hub, 55 Muritai Street, Tahunanui, Nelson
  - Community meeting - Nelson North**  
Saturday, 14 November 2020, 10 am-12 noon  
Wakapuaka Hall, 460 State Highway 6, Main Road, Wakapuaka, Nelson
  - Community meeting – Nelson Central**  
Saturday, 14 November 2020, 2.00-4.00 pm, Victory Church Hall, 238 Vanguard Street, Nelson
- After this round of engagement with the community, there will be another opportunity to provide feedback on a consultation document in early 2021.





# Free native trees at the Brook Sanctuary Open Day

The Brook Waimarama Sanctuary Open Day is on Saturday 24 October, and Nelson Nature is offering a free native tree to the first 200 people who come along.

The trees will be given to Nelson residents to plant in their garden, creating more habitat for native birds within the Nelson Halo. The Halo is an area of predator control and habitat enhancement outside the predator-free Brook Waimarama Sanctuary, that provides a safe haven for wildlife and helps bring the wild into people's lives. Nelson Nature is working with the Brook Waimarama Sanctuary, community groups and residents to strengthen and enhance the Halo. The free trees (one per household) will be available from the Nelson City Council stall at the Brook Sanctuary Open Day.

# From the Libraries

Library programmes are back.

Catch-up on the fun with a week of music, talks and creativity

**Live Music Series - Trio Jackson**  
2pm Sunday 25 October

**Poetry in the Modern Day**  
Sunday 25 October, 2:30pm

**Beginners Te Reo Māori Class**  
Wednesday 28 October, 12 - 12:45pm  
Bookings required.

**Make & Mend**  
Wednesday 28 October, 12-1pm

**Tai Chi- have a go!**  
Thursday 29 October, 12:30-1:15pm

**Seedling and Planting Fundraiser Stall**  
Run by the Nelson Seed Library  
Saturday 31 October, 10:30am

**Introduction to Growing**  
Saturday 31 October, 11am - 12pm

**Seed Guardian Workshop**  
Saturday 31 October, 1-2pm

**Breathing Clinic talk: all about asthma**  
Saturday 31 October, 11am-12pm

**Cooking on a Budget**  
Sunday 1 November, 2-3:30pm  
Bookings required.  
All events will be held at the Elma Turner Library.  
For more information see our website.

[nelsonpubliclibraries.co.nz](https://nelsonpubliclibraries.co.nz)



Photo: Tim Cuff

# Upgrades planned for Nelson Marina Hardstand

Beginning late November, Nelson City Council will undertake work on the Hardstand at Nelson Marina to ensure it is operating as efficiently and effectively as possible for those who use it, and the environment.

Council was issued an abatement notice for the Hardstand in March this year, due to consent requirements not being met.

In order to be compliant, the Hardstand area needs to be sealed with asphalt and a new sand filtration system installed, replacing the current mussel shell system.

Work is expected to begin on the Hardstand in the last week of November, and take about four weeks to complete.

There are six bays currently in operation at the Hardstand. The consented area for the Hardstand covers an area the size of just two bays. Council has applied for a consent variation to allow six bays to continue to be used once work has been completed.

Six temporary bays will be available for use inside the fenced area to the West of the existing Hardstand. They will remain operational for the duration of the works and/or until the consent variation is granted.

Group Manager Community Services Roger Ball said Council officers had been working as swiftly as possible to rectify the issues identified.

"We hope that in opening up the temporary bays, disruptions will be minimised. This is important work that must be carried out, and once it is complete will result in an improved

space for Hardstand users.

"However, we acknowledge that the work might cause some delays so we encourage anyone who has work due to be done on their boats to get them booked in at the Hardstand before the end of November. December is typically a busy time at the Hardstand so if you can, get your work done and out of the way before the rush. We've written to berth holders to let them know."

Any work carried out in the temporary space must not create environmental contaminants. This means activities are limited to dry-sanding with a vacuum and using a geotextile drop cloth. No wet sanding can take place, nor can work be carried out in wet weather.

Nelmac will be overseeing use of this area to ensure breaches of the terms of use do not occur.

Ball said once the Hardstand is compliant, Council officers will be able to move to the next phase of work, which is to seek a new consent to upgrade the Hardstand further.

"The design for the long term upgrade will make improvements to how stormwater and wastewater are managed and see the Hardstand expand from six to 22 bays by 2029."





# Celebrating a month of Christmas cheer in Nelson

Nelson City Council has opted for an ‘alert level proof’ Christmas celebration this year, taking the decision to hold a number of smaller events over the entire month of December rather than a Santa Parade.

Organised in conjunction with Uniquely Nelson, events will begin in late November and take place over four weeks.

For the young ones, Santa and his elves will be ready and waiting for the all-important photo op at Santa’s Grotto.

The young and young-at-heart will be able to write letters to Santa and post them in Santa’s mailbox, and there will be other events featuring games, carol singing, music and competitions.

Older Christmas enthusiasts can look forward to lunchtime ‘Christmas Nibbles and Notes’ sessions at the Nelson Cathedral, held in association with the Nelson Centre of Musical Arts, roving carol singers and performances of The Nutcracker Ballet.

And there’s a gift for shoppers too – people shopping or dining at participating outlets will be in with a chance to win \$5000.

Councillor and Community Services Chair Matt Lawrey said that while lots of Nelsonians look forward

to the Santa Parade, there were too many concerns around the potential for changes in the COVID-19 alert level.

“The way things have been going in 2020 it would be just our luck to plan a parade and then have to cancel it. It’s obviously disappointing, but Santa and Christmas will still be coming to the city with smaller, more frequent events that will be more resilient to changes in alert levels and won’t draw big crowds all at once.”

Council wanted to bring Christmas cheer to Nelson in a way that was as safe as possible, while still giving people opportunities to celebrate in our City Centre, he said.

“We hope the range of fun, festive events will also draw more people into town over a longer period of time, giving them more opportunities to support our local businesses and enjoy our central city.”

A full list of events and a timetable will be available online at:

[uniquelynelson.nz/christmas-in-the-city](https://uniquelynelson.nz/christmas-in-the-city)



# Adopt a Spot: Protecting flora and fauna in an industrial zone

Fulton Hogan was the first company within the Quarantine Road business area to sign up for Nelson City Council’s ‘Adopt a Spot’ programme, taking responsibility for the management and rehabilitation of a 305m stretch of Jenkins Creek, adjacent to its yard.

This stretch of the creek is a regionally-significant inanga spawning and bird nesting habitat within a highly industrialised zone.

Regional Manager Paul O’Meara says Fulton Hogan is excited about the opportunity to showcase their environmental and rehabilitation expertise.

“Industrial zones normally cop a lot of criticism, but I hope this project can lead a change in these perspectives and produce a great environmental outcome,” says Paul.

Fulton Hogan is committed to the eradication of weeds and pests, and the planting of more than 500 native plants within the 6,000m2 area. The company will also monitor spawning and nesting behaviours, and attempt to enhance the habitat for local fauna.

Environmental Manager Bruno Brosnan hopes the efforts of the team will create a resource the community can be proud of.

“We all have a responsibility to improve our environment. This initiative allows us to have a direct impact and show how good we can be,” says Bruno.

Fulton Hogan ultimately hopes the Jenkins Creek area becomes a bastion for native flora and fauna, and a shining example of the community working with Council to maximise conservation gains.

Adopt a Spot is a programme where community groups, businesses, schools, and individuals agree to enhance and take care of an area of Council land. For more information please visit:

[nelson.govt.nz/environment/adopt-a-spot](https://nelson.govt.nz/environment/adopt-a-spot)





## Public Notice - Saxton Field Reserve Management Plan Review

The draft Saxton Field Reserve Management Plan review is available for public submissions from 8 October until 10 December 2020.

Saxton Field is a significant regional sport and recreation venue managed jointly by Tasman District and Nelson City Councils on behalf of our communities. Many of our most important regional sports and recreation assets are located at Saxton Field.

It's important that you share your views on what we are planning for Saxton Field over the coming years.

The draft Plan sets out the vision, policies and methods for enhancing Saxton Field's recreation, sport, landscape, natural and cultural values. The draft Plan does not propose any significant changes to how Saxton Field is developed or managed, however, we are proposing some key changes, which we are keen to hear your feedback on.

The draft Plan and submission form are available to view on the following websites: [tasman.govt.nz](https://tasman.govt.nz) and [nelson.govt.nz](https://nelson.govt.nz).

Printed copies can be inspected during working hours at: Tasman District Council offices and public libraries in Richmond, Motueka and Takaka; and the Nelson City Council office and public library.

Any person or organisation may make written submissions, which must be received by 4pm on Thursday 10 December 2020.

### Submissions can be:

Posted to: Tara Fifield, Tasman District Council, Private Bag 4, Richmond 7050.

Emailed to: [info@tasman.govt.nz](mailto:info@tasman.govt.nz) with 'Saxton Field Reserve Management Plan' in the subject line

Completed online: on either website, [tasman.govt.nz](https://tasman.govt.nz) or [nelson.govt.nz](https://nelson.govt.nz).

Anyone wishing to speak in support of their submission should state this on their submission form.

This public notice is issued under section 119 of the Reserves Act 1977.



## Spring photo competition winner

Congratulations to Janet Arcus for winning the spring photo competition on Nelson City Council's social media.

Janet's photo (above) of her three children with the blossom trees at the Miyazu Gardens was chosen at random from 300 entries. She picks up a \$50 shopping voucher for her efforts. Keep an eye out

for future competitions on Council's social media channels. To take a look at some of the other entries, head to Council's Facebook or Instagram pages.

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

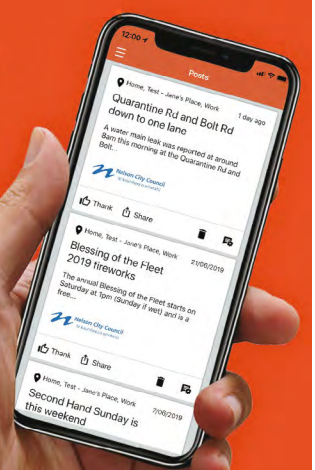
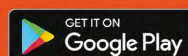


## Stay up to date!

Antenno is a mobile app that sends you notifications about the places you care about.

It also lets you report issues in your area. It's free, easy to install and doesn't collect any personal data. Check it out today!

[nelson.govt.nz/antenno](https://nelson.govt.nz/antenno)







## Water meter reading round underway

Residential water meter readings are underway and continue until December. Please ensure your meter box is easily accessible.

Meter readers are allowed to read meters between 7am and 7pm seven days a week, including public holidays. They will be identifiable by their hi-visibility vests and carry identification, which you can view. Some meters will be checked for accuracy, owners will be notified if testing is required. If your meter is not easily accessible or if you have

dogs, call our contractor's help desk on 021 0266 6708. Water meter reading will continue while it is safe to do so at COVID-19 Alert Level 1 and 2. Anyone having difficulty paying their water accounts, should call the Customer Service Centre on 03 546 0200 or email [enquiry@ncc.govt.nz](mailto:enquiry@ncc.govt.nz) to discuss a manageable payment arrangement.

## Media Club puts Pop-up Playground through its paces

The Nelson Public Libraries Media Club took a trip to the pop-up park on Halifax Street recently.

They caught up with Our Nelson to talk about their experience.

**Our Nelson: What did you think of the pop-up park?**

"We're turning into three year olds again, it's so fun!" – Lucy

"Better than expected" – Sam

"It's so colourful" – Sam

"It's beautiful" – Mia

"I'm Queen of the Playground" - Isla (when assembling a throne out of the blocks)

"We don't want to leave" – Claudia

**Our Nelson: Is there anything else you would like to see at the pop-up park?:**

While the media club enjoyed their outing, they also had some other suggestions for making the area even better.

- An ice cream cart
- Two basketball hoops
- Shade sails

- Need more blue blocks
  - We want a cosy corner or a container with comfy seats, books and little lights in it
  - Mum wants a coffee cart
  - What about climbing equipment (like a rock climbing wall)
- Our Nelson: Overall, how did you rate the pop-up park?**
- Five out of five stars



## Poorman Stream community event celebrates restoration project

Nelson City Council's Healthy Streams programme is running a series of community and school events to celebrate the start of restoration work along Poorman Valley Stream.

The first event will be held on World Fish Migration Day, Saturday 17 October, from 10am – 1pm at Seaview Road Reserve, Stoke. Activities include finding out what is in your whitebait patty; learning about the importance of fish migration and taking part in the creation of a visual waterway, encouraging us to remember that big change is available through small steps.

### MEETINGS

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

<b>Governance and Finance Committee</b>	
10am	15 Oct
<b>Classification of Greenmeadows Hearings Panel - to deliberate on feedback</b>	
1.30pm	21 Oct
<b>Environment Committee</b>	
10am	22 Oct
<b>Council meeting - to approve Annual Report</b>	
9am	27 Oct
<b>Hearings Panel - Other</b>	
9am	28 Oct

**Changes to meetings**

Forestry Advisory Group, previously advertised to take place on Friday 23 October 2020, 9am, has been cancelled. Community Services Committee, previously advertised to take place on Thursday, 29 October, 10am, will now commence at 11am.

For a full list of meetings go to:

[nelson.govt.nz/meetings](https://nelson.govt.nz/meetings)



## Learn at the Library

Nelson Public Libraries hold a variety of free computer classes each school term, for beginners and more experienced users.

Classes must be booked by phoning 03 546 0414, emailing [library@ncc.govt.nz](mailto:library@ncc.govt.nz) or visiting any of the Libraries.

### Elma Turner Library 9.30 - 11.00am on Thursdays

E-books/audiobooks	22 Oct
Social Media	29 Oct
Tablets	5 Nov
Research/Library databases	12 Nov
Entertainment Apps	19 Nov
Safety online	26 Nov

## Public notification of application for resource consent

Nelson City Council is notifying the following application for resource consent.

**Application number:** RM205196

**Applicant:** Nelson City Council – Transport Operations

**Location:** Nelson Region

**Proposal:** Resource consent is sought to authorise road repair and maintenance works to be undertaken on certain roads in Nelson during night-time hours, in breach of permitted noise standards in the Nelson Resource Management Plan.

The application may be viewed at the Nelson City Council Customer Services Centre, Civic House, 110 Trafalgar Street, Nelson, during normal office hours or on the Council website [www.nelson.govt.nz](http://www.nelson.govt.nz) (search phrase = Publicly Notified Resource Consents). Copies of the application are also available for viewing at the Nelson, Tahunanui and Stoke Public Libraries.

Submissions can be made by any person, in writing, on the prescribed submission form and should be addressed to Nelson City Council PO Box 645, Nelson 7040, Attention: Administrator Consents & Compliance. Alternatively you can complete the form online through the Council website above.

A copy of each submission must also be sent to the applicant: Nelson City Council, C/- Landmark Lile Ltd, PO Box 343, Nelson 7040

Submission forms are available at the Customer Services Centre, as above or on the Council website.

Submissions must be received at the Council by 4pm on 12 November 2020.

Dated at Nelson 14 October 2020

P Dougherty, Chief Executive

Visit [nelson.govt.nz](http://nelson.govt.nz) and search phrase = Publicly Notified Resource Consents



Due to the uncertainty around COVID-19 alert levels please ensure you check [itson.co.nz](http://itson.co.nz) regularly for event updates.

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



### Kirby Lane

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

Cycle-in Flix – Thursdays in October. 7.30pm, every Thursday in October.

Street Karaoke – Fridays in October. 5.30pm, every Friday in October.

### Saxton Field

The Nelson Half. 7.30am, Sunday 1 November.

### Trafalgar Park

Tasman Mako vs Southland. 2pm, Sunday 25 October.

### Founders Heritage Park

Founders Annual Book Fair. 10am – 4.30pm, Saturday 17 – Monday 26 October.

Nelson Fright Night 2020. 7.45 – 10pm, Saturday 31 October.

The NZ Cider Festival 2020. 1 – 7pm, Saturday 7 November.

### Stoke Memorial Hall

STOKeD SKATE!. 2 – 5.30pm, Saturday 17 October.

### Broadgreen Historic House

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

### Isel House and Park

Isel Twilight Market. 4.30pm, every Thursday 15 October – 1 April.

### Nelson Public Libraries:

#### Elma Turner Library

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday: 9.30am–6pm  
Wednesday: 10am–6pm  
Saturday: 10am–4pm  
Sunday: 1pm–4pm

Small Time at the Library. 10.30am, every Monday & Wednesday.

Device Advice. 2pm, every Tuesday & Thursday.

Junior Book Club. 3.30pm, every Tuesday.

Library Knitters. 10am – 12pm, every Thursday.

Story Time at the Library. 10.30am, every Tuesday.

Tea & Talk. 10am, every Friday.

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

LEGO Robotics. 3.30 – 4.30pm, every Wednesday.

Media Club. 3.30 – 4.30pm, every Wednesday.

Kids Sewing Club.

3.30 – 4.30pm, every Thursday.

Gardening Club. 3.30 – 4.30pm, every Friday.

Learn at the Library – Basic Internet. 9.30 – 11am, Thursday 15 October.

Friends of the Library Speaker. 2pm, Sunday 18 October.

New Zealand Transport Agency. 3pm, Mondays 19 October & 2 November.

Young Adult Reading Club. 3.45pm, Wednesday 21 October.

Learn at the Library – ebooks & audiobooks. 9.30 – 11am, Thursday 22 October.

Live Music Series – Trio Jackson. 2pm, Sunday 25 October.

Poetry Talk. 2.30pm, Sunday 25 October.

STEM Writers. 1pm, Tuesdays 27 October & 10 November.

Make & Mend. 12pm, Wednesday 28 October.

Beginners Te Reo Maori Class. 12pm, Wednesday 28 October.

Learn at the Library – Social Media. 9.30 – 11am, Thursday 29 October.

Tai Chi – Have a go!

12.30pm, Thursday 29 October.

LEGO at the Library.

3.30pm, Thursday 29 October.

Seedling and plant fundraising stall. 10.30am, Saturday 31 October.

Breathing Clinic Talk – All about asthma. 11am, Saturday 31 October.

Growing Groups. 1pm, Saturday 31 October.

Cooking for a Budget. 2pm, Sunday 1 November.

Learning at the Library – Tablets. 9.30 – 11am, Thursday 5 November.

Friends of the Library Book Sale. 10am, Saturday 7 November.

Nelson Libraries BookChat. 10.30am, Tuesday 10 November.

### Nightingale Library Memorial

Monday, Wednesday, Friday: 1pm–4.30pm  
Tuesday, Thursday, Sunday: 10am – 2pm  
Saturday: closed

Nellie Knitters. 1.30 – 3.30pm, every Monday.

Story Time at the Library. 10.30am, every Thursday

### Stoke Library

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday: 9.30am–5.30pm

Wednesday: 10am–5.30pm

Saturday 10am–1pm

Sunday: closed  
Small Time at the Library. 10.30am, every Tuesday.

Story Time at the Library. 10.30am, every Wednesday.

Device Advice at Stoke Library. 2pm, every Tuesday & Wednesday.

Young Adult Book Club. 3.30pm, Tuesday 20 October.

BookChat. 5.30pm, Wednesday 20 October.

### Museums and Galleries:

#### The Suter Art Gallery & Theatre

Hours: 9.30am – 4.30pm Daily

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

Elizabeth Thomson: Cellular Memory. Saturday 12 September – Sunday 15 November.

Spring Exhibition Emergence. Wednesday 7 October – Sunday 8 November.

Reverberation – Of Light, Land & Sea. Saturday 7 November – Sunday 21 March.

Book Launch – Heartsblood. 4.30pm, Saturday 24 October.

Mountain Film Festival. 6pm, Friday 6 November.

Elemental Beauty – Inspirational Photography. Tuesday 10 – Sunday 29 November.

#### Refinery ArtSpace

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

WMC: Unrefined. Tuesday 13 October – Saturday 7 November.

#### Nelson Provincial Museum

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

Online Exhibition: Everything Was Noise and Movement. Saturday 15 August – Monday 7 December.

Museum display and Online Exhibition: Rugby 150 Years. Saturday 15 August – Sunday 18 October 2021.