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Keep up to date with the latest news from Nelson City Council

We want your views now!

Nelson City Council is currently seeking the community's views on two major strategic plans that will affect the future of our Smart Little City.

The Draft Whakamahere Whakatū Nelson Plan is a resource management plan for managing how Nelson grows and develops, and for protecting our natural environment and the Long Term Plan 2021-2031 (LTP) outlines Council's vision for the future of Nelson, major projects that Council will undertake over the next decade and the associated budgets.

Both of these plans will benefit from your input. To find out how to attend a community meeting for the LTP or a drop-in session for the Nelson Plan turn to page 6.



Photo: RNZ/Tracy Neal.

From left, Dale Bradley - Area Manager Kāinga Ora, Nelson Mayor Rachel Reese and Nelson MP Rachel Boyack discuss Community Housing in the Council Chamber.



Nelson City Council transfers community housing to Kāinga Ora for \$19.8m

The transfer of 142 community housing units from Nelson City Council to Kāinga Ora is a mutually beneficial agreement, that will increase investment in housing in Nelson, while retaining access to community housing for existing tenants.

This agreement also supports the shared housing priorities of both Kāinga Ora and Council by creating a Housing Reserve for the purpose of supporting affordable and social housing projects in Nelson.

\$12m from the sale will be available to the Reserve immediately on settlement, with \$5m held back for up to 15 years for any share of the costs required for units that may undergo retrofitting and renewal, consents for expanding the housing and rent top-ups, should any be necessary, for tenants who do not qualify for the government rent subsidy.

Nelson Mayor Rachel Reese says the transfer follows the Special Consultative Procedure in 2019 that asked for the views of Nelsonians on divesting the properties to a new provider. Having heard and considered 79 submissions, Council approved divestment in month/year.

"The new Housing Reserve is excellent news for the community, and a resounding investment from Kāinga Ora in our Smart Little City. What's more, this is an agreement that continues to prioritise the welfare of our existing community housing tenants.

"There will now be a handover period where our tenants will be supported as their tenancies switch to Kāinga Ora."

Kāinga Ora was established on October 1, 2019 to lead the government's urban development projects and be a world-class public housing landlord. Three entities, HLC, Kiwibuild and Housing New Zealand, joined to form the new agency.

Kāinga Ora Area Manager Dale Bradley says the organisation has a significant presence in Nelson and is looking forward to forming close relationships with

community housing tenants.

"Kāinga Ora has many years of experience of running social housing, and our team of local staff are really excited and looking forward to meeting our new tenants and working to support them in their communities," says Bradley.

The new ownership under Kāinga Ora would take effect in February 2021. In the lead up to the transfer, Council will work collaboratively with Kāinga Ora, the Ministry of Social Development and the Nelson Tasman Housing Trust to ensure community housing tenants are well informed, reassured and supported.

Over the next few weeks, MSD staff will contact and support each tenant with an assessment which all public housing tenants require, and make sure they're getting all the financial support they're entitled to.

Waitlists for Council community housing, Nelson Tasman Housing Trust housing and the Ministry of Social Development's housing register for the region have been hitting all-time highs. There has been just over 100% increase in applicants on the government's housing register for Nelson since the 2018 Census and there are 20 times more applicants than five years ago.

Mayor Reese said the agreement with Kāinga Ora is a strong sign of both organisations' commitment to improving the housing situation in Nelson.

"We know that the need for affordable and social housing is continuing to grow. This agreement is a significant opportunity to help provide quality housing for Nelsonians who might otherwise struggle to find a home on the private market."



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Mayor's Message

This month has seen a big step forward for social and affordable housing options in Nelson.

An agreement between Kāinga Ora and Nelson City Council that supports shared housing priorities for the region will ensure continued access to social housing for existing tenants, as well as the creation of a \$12m Housing Reserve, which will be used to support affordable and social housing projects in Nelson.

Worth \$19.8m, this agreement represents two years of intense efforts from Council, the Ministry of Housing and Urban Development and Kāinga Ora. The agreement will see the transfer of 142 community housing units from Nelson City Council to Kāinga Ora and will allow retained access for existing tenants.

This is excellent news for our community, and represents a resounding investment from Kāinga Ora in our Smart Little City. What's more, this is an agreement that also prioritises the welfare of our existing social housing tenants.

We expect our tenants will qualify for central government's rent subsidy, but for the small number who may not quite meet new criteria there is an amount of money set aside to provide rent top-ups.

Housing is a critical issue for Nelson, which is consistently in the top three least affordable housing markets in the country,

and we are experiencing record growth in waiting lists for social housing. This is why it is one of our key priorities for our Long Term Plan, which we are now seeking early feedback on at a series of Community Meetings (see Page 6).

Council's new governance structure, voted in by Councillors last month, will enable a greater focus on housing.

We have now dropped the number of governing committees from five to three, in an effort to free up time for councillors and staff to engage with central government, iwi, other councils, private sector, NGOs and citizen groups, and created more focused subcommittees.

One of these – the Urban Development Subcommittee – will focus specifically on social housing opportunities, housing affordability, intensification and choice. This Committee is designed to provide a pro-active and collaborative approach to address one of our most pressing needs.



Celebrating Whakatū Nelson's past

Fresh ways to tell stories of Whakatū Nelson's unique people and places are sought for the next Nelson Heritage Festival.

Held annually over the month of April, the 2020 Festival went virtual during the COVID-19 shutdown, but is expected to be refreshed and ready to share the stories of our past in real-time again in 2021.

There is a wealth of stories from our city's history to explore, and Council has been working with the eight iwi of Te Tau Ihu to encourage more participation in our next festival so that it is rich with diverse stories.

We're eager to hear from creative individuals or organisations with ideas for sharing our histories and stories for the next festival. Nelson City Council has grants of up to \$2000 to help bring those ideas to life.

The grants work in partnership with Council, and as such, applicants are required to match the amount granted in time or money.

Events must have a heritage focus and be open to the public. For more event criteria, or to apply for a grant visit our.nelson.govt.nz/stories/calling-nelson-heritage-festival-event-hosts. Applications are open from 11 November to 20 December, 2020.

Look out for more news on the festival, including a new name that reflects our city's diverse cultural history, in the coming months.



Waka Kotahi approves \$850k Innovating Streets funding for Nelson South

Residents of Nelson South's Kawai South, Tipahi and Tukuka Streets will benefit from a new people-first road layout after Nelson City Council's application for Innovating Streets for People funding was approved by Waka Kotahi NZ Transport Agency.

Waka Kotahi NZ Transport Agency's Innovating Streets for People programme aims to make it faster and easier to transition our streets to safer and more liveable spaces.

The funding of \$851,000 covers 90% of the costs of the project, with a further \$94k provided by Council.

The money will be used to trial innovative traffic calming measures in the Kawai Street South/Tipahi/Tukuka St area. These measures could include colourfully designed on-street art, planter boxes, build-outs from the kerb that will partially narrow the street, astroturfed sections at street corners and speed cushions.

This initiative will see build out areas that can be used for community spaces such as picnic tables, community gardens and areas for community artwork.

These Phase 1 changes are expected to be implemented prior to Christmas, with further co-design being undertaken with the community in the New Year to extend the project.

These changes were reviewed and tested with the community through a pop-up event held at the Nelson South Kindergarten on 25 July 2020.

Kawai Street resident Clare Scott said they have been working for over a year on making this project a reality

and listening to the concerns about safety and liveability from those who call the area home.

"The community will be thrilled to see action taken to make our neighbourhood streets slower, safer, and more about creating a thriving neighbourhood rather than a busy thoroughfare. As the community lead for this project, I am so excited to see this finally coming together, and am very grateful to everyone who helped make this amazing project happen."

Nelson Mayor Rachel Reese says this project is an example of Council and community working together to come up with a solution.

"One of our focus areas as a council is sustainable transport and by altering the street layout this project will make it safer for children, more appealing to cyclists and a more pleasant place to live."

Infrastructure Chair Brian McGurk says Council wants to encourage walking and cycling wherever it can.

"Alongside this project, we are undertaking a Speed Limit Bylaw Review to lower the speed limits on many local roads. This is all about a shift to a more sustainable transport system, and allowing people to feel safe on the street they live on."



The cheapest time to buy your firewood for next winter is now!

And to make it even more of a good deal, Council and selected Good Wood suppliers are offering a limited number of firewood discounts to Nelson residents who buy their wood in November and December.

The promotion runs until 23 December 2020, or until fully allocated, whichever comes first.

The promotion is for Nelson City Council residents and is a \$25 discount off the price of one load of firewood per household. Minimum load size 3m³ to qualify for a discount.

Good Wood suppliers are committed to supply to the public either:

- Dry, seasoned firewood, suitable for immediate use. This is wood that has a moisture content of less than 25% dry weight. This wood can be stored away immediately.
- OR
- Green (unseasoned) firewood delivered sufficiently far in advance of winter so that, if properly stored by the user, the wood will be seasoned for use the following winter. You will need to allow this

wood to season (dry) before storing away.

When discussing your firewood requirements with your Good Wood supplier, make it clear whether you are happy to receive green wood to dry over summer, or dry wood if you are planning to store it away immediately. The Good Wood suppliers taking part are:

- Bay Firewood - (03) 525 9560 or 027 769 6348
- Buyright Firewood - 021 127 8957
- Quality Firewood - 027 449 0622
- Richmond Wood and Coal (03) 544 6473
- Wholesale Firewood - (03) 546 9595 or 027 922 9611

Some Good Wood suppliers are also offering buy now pay later terms; ask your Good Wood supplier for details.

Founders Book Fair a best-seller

A bumper year of donations to the Founders Book Fair has resulted in a record-breaking amount raised in support of Founders Heritage Park.

The delay in the timing of the Fair from earlier this year due to the COVID-19 shutdown meant donations of books, puzzles and other mixed media reached an all-time high.

The 10-day fair, held from 17-26 October, drew an estimated 10,900 people and raised a new record of \$157,000, an increase of \$6700 on last year.

The funds will be used to pay for improvements and new displays at Founders Heritage Park.

Founders Book Fair Co-ordinator Karen Clark said the overall feedback from the public and volunteers was that this year's fair was enjoyable and relaxed.

Good quality books donated by the public, great community support from those who

attended and bought items from the fair, and the year-round dedication and expertise of the volunteers ensured another excellent result for the fair and for Founders Heritage Park.

"We were well supported by members of the Rotary Club of Nelson, the Rotary Club of Whakatū, the Nelson Lionesses and Nelson City Council staff. The fair could not exist without the generous commitment of all of these organisations, and the 100 or so volunteers who help before and during the fair.

"Our team remains committed to improving the fair and looking for ways to support book sales throughout the year at Founders Heritage Park, and continue to seek ways to ensure next year's fair is even more successful again."

A day at the Dog Park

The newly opened Marsden Dog Park is proving a popular go-to for canine lovers all across town. With a section for small dogs and another for large dogs, there is plenty of space for all our canine friends to enjoy.



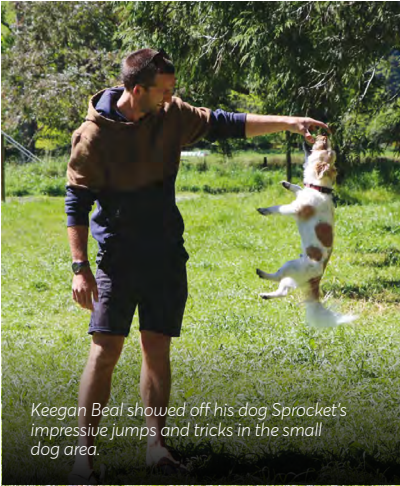
Julie and Mark Beal enjoying a seat in the shade with their furry pal Jake.

Julie and Mark Beal had come from Atawhai to experience the park with their dog Jake.

"It's great that you can let them roam free in a secure setting, other places you have to be so careful," says Mark who loves being able to let Jake off the lead.

"The back beach is good, the trouble is you get covered in sand."

Mark and Julie were really happy with the facilities the Dog Park offered, with doggy-do bags and water and bowls available. Jake was pretty happy too and enjoyed climbing the ramps and smaller dog agility equipment.



Keegan Beal showed off his dog Sprocket's impressive jumps and tricks in the small dog area.

Keegan Beal was stoked with the new park.

"It's nice there's sheltered areas and lots of space for the dogs to run around freely," he said.

Keegan's pooch Sprocket had a spring in his step and spent his time exploring the park and showing off new tricks.

The park has areas full of trees, shrubs and nooks, perfect for dogs to explore or catch a scent. It also caters for different fitness levels so no pet misses out on the great outdoors.



Marsden Valley resident Greg Pellowe walks canine friend Ella on the agility course.

Over in the large dog area, Marsden Valley resident Greg Pellowe and his clever girl Ella braved the agility equipment. Greg was happy to see the park open.

"It's a brilliant idea this place, being able to sit down and let them run to their hearts content in a fenced area is awesome."

Local vet Lindon White was enjoying the park for the first time with his three children Luca, Jade and Mackey and their six-month-old puppy Cosmos. Lindon had heard about the park from a friend and was really happy to have found it.

"This is a really good place to socialise Cosmos with other dogs his size so he doesn't feel intimidated."

Lindon was pleased to have an enclosed area for Cosmos.

"Her recall is not great given her age, she's learning, so to have an enclosed area is great, she can't go too far."



Local vet Lindon White with Children Jade, Luca and Mackey and their pooch Cosmos.



Nelson youth inspired by young environmental leaders programme

Fifteen-year-old Nelson Youth Councillor Sophie Weenink-Smith has returned from the BLAKE Inspire programme ready to put into practice what she has learnt.

The Year-10 Nelson College for Girls student was selected from hundreds of people to attend the programme for “young environmental leaders who want to make a difference”, held in Waikato recently.

“It was just so cool because I haven’t really met many other youth in Nelson who are as keen as me to do things in this area,” she said.

The programme helped her develop skills as an environmental leader and Sophie also had the chance to go caving, kayaking, black water rafting and diving.

“We went black water rafting on tubes and it took us about an hour to get down, it was my highlight. It was really cool,” she said.

Sophie has a passion for the environment and making change.

She has organised several beach and river clean-ups in Nelson and for her 15th birthday on 3 October she fundraised more than \$2000 in food vouchers for the homeless in the city through Giving Aroha.

“I am action-based, I don’t

really want to just sit around, I want to put everything into it,” she said.

Deputy Mayor Judene Edgar was one of three references Sophie used in her application for the BLAKE Inspire programme.

“Sophie is not only a future leader, she is a current leader,” Deputy Mayor Judene Edgar said.

“Her commitment to the Nelson community, to the environment and to achieving better social outcomes is unwavering. She is a true inspiration.”

Sophie’s next project is a Tahunanui Beach clean-up on Saturday 5 December from 10am to 12pm.

She organised her first one there last year and expected to have 10 people attend. More than 200 people showed up and collected 200kg of rubbish.

If anyone is interested in attending Sophie’s clean-up events, then they can go to her Ecogirl NZ Facebook page for details.

Ecogirl NZ

Continuing our work on Coastal Management – Responding to Sea Level Rise

From 17 November to 17 December, Council will be looking for feedback about coastal inundation maps.

Inundation maps and supporting information will be available for viewing and feedback at shape.nelson.govt.nz and will show the potential inundation levels from sea-level rise of 0.5 metres, 1 metre, 1.5 metres and 2 metres. The maps are based on modelling undertaken as part of the Draft Nelson Plan.

We’ll be asking people for feedback on whether the maps reflect their own experience and knowledge of Nelson’s coastline, how these

changes could affect them, what they value about the coastline and what activities would be appropriate in areas that could be subject to inundation in the future.

We’ll also be running public information sessions during the feedback period, so keep an eye on our Facebook page and Shape Nelson for dates and times.

shape.nelson.govt.nz

Freedom camping initiatives get central government funding

Nelson City Council has received \$121,500 from the Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment’s (MBIE) Responsible Camping Fund to go towards responsible camping initiatives in Nelson.

Starting from November 1 and running to the end of April, initiatives across freedom camping sites in Nelson will include an ambassador and enforcement programme, additional waste management and recycling services, and a user survey.

Sports and Recreation Committee Chair Tim Skinner says the funding will ensure Nelson is able to manage an expected increase in domestic tourism this summer.

“Freedom campers are often domestic tourists. By maintaining our ambassador and enforcement programme, and ensuring proper

access to waste and recycling facilities, we can help ensure everyone has a positive experience in this vital year for our tourism industry.

“I’d like to encourage Kiwis that do come to Nelson to visit our wide range of tourist attractions, hospitality, and local shops and services.”

In 2019, Council set up a temporary daytime facility for freedom campers at 20 Halifax Street. With fewer freedom campers expected in 2020 and the Halifax Street site no longer available, the temporary daytime facility will not return this summer.

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 mugful 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, including those on public and private water supplies.



Photo: From left, Eric's wife Faye, Eric, Mayor Reese, Patrol treasurer Liz Reeve, Patrol chairperson John Wyllie.

Eric Stewart keeping the streets of Nelson safe for 25 years

The founding member of the Nelson Community Patrol has been recognised for his commitment to keeping the streets of Nelson Whakatū safe.

Eric Stewart was an integral part of the inaugural meetings of the patrol over 25 years ago, set up by the then Mayor Philip Woollaston.

Nelson City Council supplied a vehicle for the Patrol's work.

After securing a Council-owned car, Eric and his team began patrolling the CBD in January 1994 on Friday and Saturday nights.

They work alongside Police, supporting people enjoying a night out, and also attend community events throughout the year, providing additional eyes and ears on the ground.

After a quarter of a century of hard work, Eric was awarded the 25 Years of service plaque

from Community Patrols New Zealand (CPNZ).

In recognition of this award, a special Mayoral presentation was held recently, at which Mayor Rachel Reese acknowledged Eric's tireless voluntary work.

"Eric's efforts in setting up the Nelson Community Patrol all those years ago, and his enduring commitment in keeping our streets safe is something very special."

"So many organisations simply would not exist without the tireless dedication or volunteers such as Eric, and it is a privilege to acknowledge his work in this way," she said.

Councillor's Comment

Change Is Coming - By Rachel Sanson.

In response to pressing social and environmental problems, the government is introducing new legislation that will result in many changes to the functioning of councils around the country. This legislation includes the recent National Policy Statements on Urban Development and Freshwater Management; last year's National Planning Standards and Zero Carbon Amendment Act; and looking ahead will likely include new direction from the Three Waters Review, the proposed National Policy Statement for Highly Productive Land and National Policy Statement for Indigenous Biodiversity. Before too long we are also likely to see Managed Retreat and Climate Change Adaptation legislation.

Change can be difficult and disruptive - but it can also bring about positive and necessary transformation.

From my experience, the Council is naturally cautious about change as it is uncomfortable about proceeding without majority community support. I believe this puts the Council in the bind of needing to enact change dictated by government but hesitant to move quickly. I see that we can either resist the changes that are coming, or we can try to be open to the possibility of change and to doing things better. These decisions are not necessarily black and white or right and wrong and we need to become comfortable with holding differing points of view. My

approach in navigating these decisions is to ask, what will deliver the broadest benefit, and what is best in the long term?

Doing things better requires community engagement and input. Nelson City Council is currently consulting you on its draft Nelson Plan. This is an important document that will guide how we manage the development of our city moving forward. I encourage you to contribute. Submissions are open till 6 December and Council is also running drop-in information sessions.

All info here:

shape.nelson.govt.nz/nelson-plan



Support for event organisers to reduce waste at events

A sea of plastic cups, plates and straws – we've all seen the waste that can be left behind after an event.

Nelson City Council recognises that events are a valuable opportunity to encourage our community to avoid or reduce waste, and to help achieve this, our Rethink Waste programme has set aside \$10,000 to help event organisers reduce waste at their events.

Applications for grants of up to \$500 are open now and is supported by a planning form to assist event organisers to plan out waste at the early stages of their event with guidance from Council's Environmental Programmes Adviser.

Applications will be assessed against the waste hierarchy and will prioritise

solutions focused on reducing and reusing resources. The fund is open to any event organiser, including community groups, schools or commercial operators.

Council is also supporting its own venues to reduce waste. The team at the Trafalgar Centre was successfully able to divert 84% of waste away from landfill following a concert in October using a Waste Management Plan created with support from Council.

For application criteria and to apply, please visit the website below. The grants close on 31 March, 2021 or when all the funds have been allocated.

nelson.govt.nz/grants-to-avoid-or-reduce-waste-at-events



Nelson City Council Plans – A Guide

One of Nelson City Council's core responsibilities is to make strategic plans that outline the future of our City. These plans come under various different names, and look to achieve different things.

On occasion, we get feedback that indicates some people are confused about the differences between each plan. So here is a guide to Council's major planning documents that are underway now.

Long Term Plan

The Long Term Plan is a ten-year plan that is refreshed every three years. It outlines Council's vision for the future of Nelson, major projects that Council will undertake over the next decade and the associated budgets.

Council is currently preparing its plan for activities, projects and budgets for the next Long Term Plan and we would like your thoughts. We are currently at the pre-engagement stage and a Consultation Document will be released next autumn.

Several community meetings have been held earlier in November, and the next meetings are scheduled for 14 November in Nelson North and Nelson Central. Visit shape.nelson.govt.nz/long-term-plan-2021-2031 for times and locations.

Long Term Plan Community meeting - Nelson North

Saturday, 14 November 2020, 10am-12 noon
Wakapuaka Hall, 460 State Highway 6,
Main Road, Wakapuaka.

Long Term Plan Community meeting - Nelson Central

Saturday, 14 November 2020, 2pm-4pm
Victory Church Hall, 238 Vanguard Street.

Annual Report

Council also produces an Annual Report that includes information on expenditure and performance at the end of each financial year. The 2019/20 Annual Report will be published in November.

Whakamahere Whakatū Nelson Plan

The Draft Whakamahere Whakatū Nelson Plan is a resource management plan for managing how

Nelson grows and develops, and for protecting our natural environment. It will prescribe how we manage the growth, development and protection of our built and natural environment; for example setting limits for subdivision, building height, earthworks or discharging pollutants into waterways.

Phase one of public engagement on the Draft Nelson Plan runs until 6 December 2020. You can find out more and have your say at shape.nelson.govt.nz/nelson-plan.

After this round of engagement with the community, there will be another opportunity to provide feedback on a consultation document in early 2021.

Feedback submissions can be as short as a few paragraphs outlining your thoughts and can be made on the Shape Nelson website. While we use social media as a way of encouraging feedback, social media comments do not count as official feedback and official submissions must be made on the Shape Nelson website.

The Draft Nelson Plan - planning for climate change

Now is the time to tell us what you think about the climate change chapter in the Draft Whakamahere Whakatū Nelson Plan.

We expect to see increased average temperatures, more frequent and intense heavy rainfall and storm events, and higher sea levels in the future. This is likely to increase the risks of flooding, heat stress, drought and fire.

We know that Nelson residents are concerned about climate change. In response to substantial community feedback over recent years, and changes to legislation, the Draft Whakamahere Whakatū Nelson Plan includes planning for climate change - there is a specific chapter on climate change, along with provisions for adaptation and risk reduction that are interwoven throughout the Plan.

The climate change chapter proposes provisions to enable a resilient Whakatū Nelson community that can respond proactively to the likely effects of climate change.

To manage the significant and ongoing change

that will be required over the next 100 years and longer, a combined response across communities, local government and central government is required. The Draft Nelson Plan is just one piece of the puzzle.

The Draft Plan focuses most on providing flexibility in managing effects of climate change on the environment and the effects on 'new' development, or redevelopment. The Chapter is very much a work in progress. We need to get feedback from the community about how we can reduce emissions including through housing design and density, how our urban areas are developed, and sustainable transport planning. More information about these options is contained in the Information Sheet – Climate Change, available at shape.nelson.govt.nz/nelson-plan/supporting-information.

The Plan does not contain details about emissions reduction, as we are awaiting the national Emission Reduction Plan from Ministry from the Environment. We will also likely to have to make changes once the Government's Adaptation Plan is released - these are both due by the end of 2021.

Further changes will be made to the Draft Plan as the coastal hazard sections are released following the next round of community engagement. The coastal hazard information will consider a range of sea-level rise scenarios over a 100-year timeframe.

We would love to get your feedback on this very important topic so we can develop a plan that will help us navigate this challenging issue.

For more information and to give your feedback on the climate change chapter - or any other area of the Draft Plan - visit:

shape.nelson.govt.nz

Whakamahere Whakatū Nelson Plan info sessions

Come and talk to us at Victory Community Centre, on Thursday 26 November from 1pm – 4.30 pm, or at the Nelson Saturday Market on Saturday 28 November from 8am to 1.30pm, to find out more about the Draft Nelson Plan before you make a submission.



Boxing classes at Victory Boxing.

From the Libraries

The Nelson Summer Reading Challenge returns.

The Nelson Summer Reading Challenge is back for 2020.
It's almost our favourite time of year, when we can chill out at the beach, read great books, and go in the draw to win awesome prizes.
Our ever-popular children's challenge sees us

heading to Romania for a history lesson and some sight-seeing. And we don't want our grown-up patrons to miss out, so collect your passport, book a ticket and take a world tour with our Book Your Summer competition.
Destination: you decide. Read a book set in a

remote location, or closer to home. Each book read gives you an entry into our prize draw.
There will be more information to come so keep your eyes out and start getting those reading lists ready. Registrations open Friday 11 December and the challenges close Thursday 11 February.

Nelson City Council is taking action on climate change

Following the declaration of a climate emergency in May 2019, Nelson City Council has been focussing on building climate change resilience internally and within the community.

At the time, Council committed \$500,000 to a Climate Change Reserve. In the 18 months since, Council has taken decisive action towards addressing both greenhouse gas emissions and the challenge of unpredictable and rapid change that will affect our community, infrastructure, environment and health and wellbeing. Council is leading by example, making changes internally as well as incorporating climate change considerations into our policy-making and encouraging change at a community level. The renaming of the Environment Committee to the Environment and Climate Committee, and expansion of its delegations, will ensure that focus on the climate crisis continues to be a priority.

Internally, Nelson City Council has started on a programme of emissions reduction across its own activities. This programme falls into the category of mitigation – reducing carbon emissions to the atmosphere:

Council has now:

- Set a target of Net Zero Emissions by 2050 for its own carbon emissions
- Entered into a partnership with EECA for an energy management programme
- Introduced carbon offsets for staff and elected member air travel
- Started development of an Emissions Reduction Action Plan which will identify immediate actions and inform funding in Council's 10-year plan
- Developed a policy to replace vehicles with electric vehicles as appropriate when leases come up.

Council is also now incorporating climate change considerations in the development of its plans and policies. This activity includes both mitigation and adaptation – looking at how Nelson will be affected by climate change, sea-level rise, flooding and coastal hazards and planning ahead for a resilient city:

Actions include:

- Ongoing landfill emissions reduction research and activity
- Consideration of climate change impacts in Activity Management Plans – a process to assess climate change in business cases has recently been developed by the Council and shared with other councils nationally
- Climate Change considerations are built into the revised draft Infrastructure Strategy
- Climate Change provisions for adaptation and mitigation are proposed through the Climate Change Chapter of the Draft Nelson Plan, currently out for feedback, and climate change considerations are included across all Plan chapters
- Modelling is underway on flood impacts and coastal hazards

- Public engagement on coastal flooding information scheduled to start in November 2020
- Investigating the potential for a Climatorium in Nelson (in partnership with government and local government representatives from Denmark, and working with Wakatu Inc.)
- Urban Greening Plan and Tactical Greening Initiatives are being initiated through the Climate Change Emergency Declaration and Good Food Cities and Food Resiliency submissions to our Annual Plan.

Council is also taking a series of community-focussed climate actions to support education, engagement and emission reductions.


- Food waste education and a food waste trial
- Support for community compost collection using an e-bike funded from the climate emergency fund
- Councils Adopt a Spot program which allows community volunteers to develop edible landscaping within our parks and reserves
- Rethink Waste programme – waste minimisation grants, education and engagement to reduce emissions from landfill through education and support, including compost education and subsidies
- Support for the Nelson Tasman Climate Forum (\$90,000 since establishment)
- Council funding support of \$28,800 for a local business group (Businesses for Climate Action or BCA) to work with businesses to identify and reduce their emissions
- Planting trees for Biodiversity restoration.

Councillor Kate Fulton – Chair of the Environment and Climate Committee says that Council's actions on climate change are evidence of its commitment to acting on the declaration of a climate emergency.

“Council is very aware that the global climate crisis – especially while we are also managing the impacts of a global Covid crisis - still needs our full attention.”

“We declared a climate emergency for this reason - to ensure it focuses our attention on this very urgent global issue and that we then take rapid and decisive action. We want this to be a positive and resilient future, where all people understand and willingly adapt their lives to collectively meet the Zero Carbon Act goals.”

“We see many opportunities in shaping this kind of positive future thinking because it also allows us to also restore degraded local biodiversity and urban environments, take better care of our soil and water, promote healthy lifestyle choices as well as creating greater connections within our communities and a more inclusive and liveable city. We are focused on creating a safe and secure future with opportunity and possibilities for all.”



MEETINGS

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

Unless otherwise stated, the location for meetings is the Council Chamber, 110 Trafalgar Street, Nelson.

Council meeting	
9am	12 Nov
Saxton Field Committee - Netball Pavilion, Saxton Field	
9.30am	17 Nov
Joint Shareholders Committee - Tasman District Council Chamber, 189 Queen Street, Richmond	
1pm	17 Nov
Civil Defence Emergency Management Group - Tasman District Council Chamber, 189 Queen Street, Richmond	
to follow Joint Shareholders Committee	17 Nov
Infrastructure Committee	
9am	19 Nov
Chief Executive Employment Committee - Rūma Whakatū	
9.30am	25 Nov
Urban Development Subcommittee	
10am	26 Nov
Strategic Development and Property Subcommittee	
1pm	26 Nov


Changes to meetings

Governance and Finance Committee, previously advertised to take place on Thursday, 26 November 2020, 10am, has been cancelled.

For a full list of meetings go to:

nelson.govt.nz/meetings

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Ideas to minimise waste wanted

Community-led projects that seek to lighten our environmental footprint by reducing or avoiding the creation of waste, could get a funding boost thanks to a new Nelson City Council grant scheme.

Council is trialling the Waste Minimisation Match Fund as part of our Rethink Waste programme, which supports our community to reduce our environmental impact.

Match funding means applicant contributions make up half of the costs of the project, and Council provides the balance. For example, Council might supply funding, while the successful applicant might supply volunteer time and donations of goods of an equal value.

Infrastructure Chair Councillor Brian McGurk said the shared approach of match funding allowed Council to effectively and efficiently support great ideas to get started.

"Match funding recognises that the expertise and time given by members of our community is highly valued. We're asking any member of our community with an idea that can help avoid the creation of waste in the first instance or reduce how much waste is made, to take a

look at the criteria and get an application in to us. We're really keen to help, particularly with wide-reaching projects that deliver longer-term benefits."

The Waste Minimisation Match Fund has \$30,000 available for qualifying projects. Grants from the fund will be broken into up to three rounds. Round one is open until 7 December, and has \$10,000 available to award grants of up to \$2000 per project. The minimum grant size is \$500. Further funding will be released in early 2021.

Examples of projects that may meet the criteria include behaviour change and education programmes, events and workshops.

For more information, including application guidelines, grant criteria and how to value contributions, and to apply for a grant go to: nelson.govt.nz/rethink-waste/rethinkreducereuse

ROAD CLOSURES

Applicant: Asphalt & General

Event: The closure is for the annual Santa Parade

Location: Hardy Street - closed between Collingwood Street and Church Street Park Street

Trafalgar Street - closed from Hardy Street to Hathaway Terrace including Trafalgar Park Lane and Hathaway Carpark

Date and time of closure: Sunday 13 December 2020, Closed between 12pm – 3pm

The roads will be closed and access will be unavailable during this time.

Feedback for proposed closures to be given by: Wednesday 25 November

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

Due to the uncertainty around COVID-19 alert levels please ensure you check 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.

Trafalgar Centre

Te Huinga Whetū Regional Kapa Haka Competition. 9am – 6pm, Friday 13 November.
7 Days Live Tour. 6.30pm, Tuesday 24 November.

TH'Dudes. 8pm, Wednesday 2 December.

Trafalgar Park

Black Ferns v Barbarians. 4.30pm, Saturday 21 November.

2020 Mitre 10 Cup Semi Final. 7.05pm, Saturday 21 November. TBC

Founders Heritage Park

100% BASS Feat State of Mind, Truth & Optimus Gryme. 6pm, Saturday 22 November.

Nelson Toy Run. 10am, Saturday 28 November.

The Great Christmas Market. 10am – 4pm, Sunday 29 November.

Isel House and Park

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

Waahi Takaaro Golf Course

Total Golf Maitai Masters. 8.30am – 5pm, Saturday 28 November.

Greenmeadows Community Centre

November Breakfast. 7am – 10am, Friday 27 November.

Nelson Public Libraries:

Elma Turner Library

Hours: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday: 9.30am–6pm

Wednesdays: 10am–6pm

Saturdays: 10am–4pm

Sundays: 1–4pm

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.

Junior 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 – Research – using the Library databases. 9.30 – 11am, Thursday 12 November.

Friends of the Library Speaker. 2pm, Sunday 15 November.

Young Adult Book Club. 3.30pm, Wednesday 18 November.

Learn at the Library – Entertainment Apps. 9.30 – 11am, Thursday 19 November.

How to avoid food waste and save money. 2.30pm, Saturday 21 November.

STEM Writers. 1pm, Tuesdays 24 November & 8 December.

Learn at the Library – Safety Online. 9.30 – 11am, Thursday 25 November.

LEGO at the Library. 3.30pm, Thursday 26 November.

Live Music Series – Aphra Trio. 2pm, Sunday 29 November.

Christmas Crafternoon. 1pm, Sunday 6 December.

Nelson Libraries Bookchat. 10.30am, Tuesday 8 December.

Nightingale Library Memorial

Hours: Monday, Wednesday, Friday: 1–4.30pm

Tuesday, Wednesday, Sunday: 10am–2pm

Saturday: closed.

Nellie Knitters. 1.30 – 3.30pm, every Monday.

Story Time at the Library. 10.30am, every Thursday

Device Advice. 2pm every Friday.

Stoke Library

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

Wednesday: 10am–5.30pm

Saturday: 10am–2pm

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 17 November.

Nelson Libraries BookChat. 5.30pm, Wednesday 18 November.

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.

Reverberation – Of Light, Land & Sea. Saturday 7 November – Sunday 21 March 2021.

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

Film: Secret Impressionists. 1pm, Sunday 15 November & 11am, Wednesday 18 November.

Book Launch: Graham Bennett. 6pm, Tuesday 17 November.

Top of the South Film Festival Nelson. 1pm – 10pm Saturday 21 November & 6pm – 10pm, Sunday 22 November.

Art Before Dark. 6pm – 8pm, Thursday 3 December.

Summer Cash and Carry. Monday 30 November – Sunday 7 February 2021.

Refinery ArtSpace

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

Nurture – What influenced us. Monday 9 November – Saturday 5 December.

A great Distance Away. Monday 9 November – Saturday 5 December.

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.

Slice of Life. Friday 13 November – Sunday 25 April 2021