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'Tis the season for festive fun in Nelson

The weeks leading up to Christmas are packed full of Christmas festivities and seasonal joy as Nelson counts down to the big day.

Nelson City Council and Uniquely Nelson, with support from Nelson Centre of Musical Arts and Make/Shift Spaces, have a schedule of events with something for everyone to enjoy.

For the young ones, Santa and his elves will be ready and waiting for the all-important visit and photo in Santa's Grotto from 9 December, while the young and young-at-heart will be able to write letters to Santa and post them in Santa's mailbox.

Under 17s can make some space in their bedrooms and some pocket money ahead of the big day at the Umbrella Market on 12 and 19 December. Registered stall holders fill up the space inside an open umbrella with their wares and get selling. Later that same day, from 4pm-9pm, young people aged 14-18 buy tickets to attend a youth-focused Christmas in the City party in Kirby Lane.

Other events featuring games, carol singing, music

and competitions at a range of times and venues throughout the city centre are sure to bring yuletide cheer to everyone.

Please see uniquelynelson.nz/christmas-in-the-city, the Summer Events Guide and the ItsOn website for

For more Christmas and Summer Event details go to pages 4 and 5.







Summer events at your fingertips

Whether it's open-air movies, concerts, markets or shows you're looking forward to this summer, Nelson Tasman has the event for you.

Nelson City and Tasman District Councils' Summer Events Guide is out now, packed with everything from sandcastle competitions to Shakespeare, to see you through the summer right up to April 2021.

Many of our favourite markets and family-friendly events are back, as well as our summer showstoppers - New Year's Eve, Bay Dreams 2021 and Tahuna Summer Sounds.

Tahuna Summer Sounds returns with a difference in 2021. The free show will take place on 15 January and 12 February, rather than on consecutive weekends. This spreads out the fun and gives families who are away over the summer break a chance to go along when they're back in town.

Nelson's New Year's Eve celebrations kick off in Upper Trafalgar Street with family-friendly fun and entertainment at the earlier time of 7pm this year, with the first 2021 countdown for children at 9pm. The celebrations will carry on until 12.30am with performances from Dagmar, Ryan Beehre & Keeli, Rabbit Höle and Cover Me.

Bay Dreams brings top international artists to our shores, warming up with a pre-party in the Trafalgar Centre on 4 January and getting into the main event on 5 January at Rutherford Park and the Trafalgar Centre. Tickets are selling fast, so be sure to get yours soon from www.baydreams.co.nz.

Skateboarders and aspiring skateboarders, can join in or just watch the extraordinary skills on display as the



Skatepark Tour makes its way around Tasman from 6 January. There's lots of thrilling action to keep everyone entertained. Stay informed at facebook.com/tasmanskate.

For those wanting a more leisurely pursuit, pack a picnic or just some popcorn, and head along to see the likes of Hunt for the Wilderpeople, To Sir with Love, and The Railway Children as part of the Summer Movies al Fresco series. This year there will be 14 screenings across seven locations, so there's sure to be one nearby.

Nelson Mayor Rachel Reese says there is something for everyone in the summer line-up.

"We've got events, activities, markets and shows happening all around our beautiful region this summer. It's the perfect opportunity to get out, explore and enjoy all the wonderful things Nelson Tasman has to offer."

Tasman Mayor Tim King says "2020 has been a challenge, to say the least. So, it's great to know there are plenty of free events happening all over the region. There are lots of opportunities for families to get together and have some fun this summer so grab a guide and get involved".

The Summer Events guide is available online at www. nelson.govt.nz/recreation/festivals-and-events/summerevents-2, at Nelson City and Tasman District Council's Customer Service Centres, and our region's libraries. Please check individual listings on itson.co.nz for more information.

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Collaborative Project Mahitahi restoration project launched

The launch of Project Mahitahi this week signals the start of a collaborative effort to restore the ecosystem of the Maitai/Mahitahi Valley.

Representatives from the Kotahitanga mō te Taiao Alliance – Ngāti Koata, Nelson City Council, the Department of Conservation and Iwi Trust Boards including Ngāti Rārua and Te Atiawa, as well as the Ministry for Primary Industries, attended the launch for the project which has the following vision:

The mauri (or life force) of the Mahitahi is restored- ki uta ki tai – so that native plants and wildlife can thrive within a functioning and connected eco-system and people and communities are inspired to nurture and value the Mahitahi as a taonga for past, present, and future generations.

Over five years Project Mahitahi will provide local employment opportunities as part of the COVID-19 recovery, plant 125,000 trees including taonga species, restore 1.3 hectares of wetlands and carry out pest plant control in the Maitai/Mahitahi and Brook Waimarama catchment.

The ecological restoration plan for the project has the following goals:

- enhanced water quality
- a reduction in weeds that will help to reduce the spread of invasive plant species across a wider area

- habitat improvement
- the preservation of indigenous tree and plant species, some of which are found only in the Mahitahi (Maitai) Valley
- the development of a food corridor that will support the movement of native bird species across the Nelson region
- benefits for taonga species such as kõura/ freshwater crayfish, tuna/eels, inanga/native fish

Nelson Mayor - Rachel Reese says Nelson is extremely fortunate to have received this level of funding to restore our river valley ecosystem, a critical habitat for native species and birdlife, some of which are endemic to the Maitai/Mahitahi.

"To be able to create employment as well is a real boost for our region in such a time of financial uncertainty. I hope the exciting work of this project will entice and also keep talented and energetic people in our city, who will share our passion for restoring the Mahitahi for generations to come."

Ngāti Koata Trust General Manager and Project



Mahitahi Co-chair Justin Carter says the Mahitahi catchment is of central importance to mana whenua iwi identity.

"It is about us being good ancestors and fulfilling our collective kaitiaki role for the generations to come. This project supports us to do that. Toitū te marae a Tāne, Toitū te marae a Tangaroa, Toitū te Tangata

If we care for the resources of the land and the sea, we, the people, will survive."

Martin Rodd, Kotahitanga mõ te Taiao Alliance Co-Chair says "Project Mahitahi offers us a stunning opportunity to achieve remarkable restoration outcomes in a location so close to the central city. Council, lwi and DoC collaborating in this way, building upon the existing work will contribute to great outcomes for our ecosystems and for the people living here, as well as for those who work on the project."

Scrap foodwaste with ShareWaste



Nelson City Council is proud to support ShareWaste NZ as a way to connect people who have food scraps with people who have ways to use them.

Just like plastic, foodwaste is a serious issue. New Zealand households throw away nearly 160,000 tonnes of food a year - that's the equivalent of 271 jumbo jets of food going to landfill and producing greenhouse gases.

While some of us compost food waste at home, it's not a solution for everyone, whether that's due to space, time or simply because compost is not needed.

ShareWaste NZ is very easy to use (either go to the website or download the app). There are four simple steps:

- Open the ShareWaste NZ map on the app or website and look for a host near
- Send the host a private ShareWaste NZ message to introduce yourself and arrange the first drop-off.
- Store food scraps that your host can

accept in a container until you have enough for a drop-off

 Take your scraps to your food scrap host so they can compost it or feed it to animals

If you are joining as a host, contact rethinkwaste@ncc.govt.nz for a sticker for your letterbox.

Find out more at sharewaste.org.nz. If you would like to give composting a go, Council provides a \$20 subsidy off the purchase of a compost bin, worm farm or bokashi set at approved retailers –see more information on the Nelson City Council website along with our short and fun 'beginners guide to composting' video.

If you have any questions or suggestions on avoiding waste, contact rethinkwaste@ncc.govt.nz.

nelson.govt.nz/composting-3



Rethink Waste event grants available now

Nelson City Council has set aside \$10,000 to help with event waste reduction.

Applications for grants of up to \$500 are open now, and will close on 31 March 2021, or when all the funds have been allocated.

Hampden Street School's Twilight Gala and The Great Christmas Market are the first two recipients of Council's event waste minimisation grants. Both event holders are taking solid steps to not only reduce, but also avoid waste, and Council is pleased to support them to do this.

For criteria or to apply, please visit nelson.govt.nz/grants-to-avoid-or-reduce-waste-at-events.

For more information on the grant, please contact rethinkwaste@ncc.govt.nz

Live poetry in Nelson's 1903 Square

The Nelson Public Libraries team took poetry to the streets on Saturday, with a live reading of The Rime of the Ancient Mariner by Samuel Taylor Coleridge.

Trafalgar Street's 1903 Square hosted a crowd of Nelsonians who came to experience the live reading and musical event, featuring readings from a number of local personalities.

Those at the live reading were fortunate to hear from renowned poet and author Cliff Fell. Clearly passionate about poetry, he was thrilled to be part of a live reading.

"When you hear a poem aloud it really brings the piece to life. Poems are exercises of breath and air, they should be heard."

Event organiser and Reader Services Librarian Dan Callahan said he was "extremely grateful for how enthusiastic people were to be on

board and very proud of everyone

The well-known poem was brought to life by its readers, and with music provided by folk musicians Davy Stewart, Alex Davidson and Barrie McDonald

Dan thanked the three folk musicians who took us on a musical journey throughout the live reading event "they are like New Zealand folk music royalty."

"Most importantly, the event was about fostering a love of books, reading and poetry. It was about bringing what we do in the library out into the community."





Mayor's **Christmas Message**

Kia ora koutou te whanau o Whakatū.

As we headed into 2020, like many of you, I was really hoping for a year off from emergency events given the previous few years of fires, droughts, flooding, cyclones, and slips.

But, of course, nobody could predict a pandemic that would see the most significant global disruption in our lifetime.

It's been a tough year for all of us with significant financial burdens placed on many, but there is no doubt that we have also seen true grit, resilience and community spirit.

From grocery shopping and phone calls to vulnerable neighbours during lockdown; the incredible offers of accommodation and food for those out of work; to the ways we have all worked so hard to support local businesses.

I think the Christmas period, and the start of a New Year is a chance to focus now on recovery and restoration.

Our collaborative recoveryfocused Project Kōkiri is already well underway, bringing in Government investment and employment to our region.

Nelson City Council has also joined forces with iwi, other councils in the top of the South Island, Government agencies and other organisations to launch the Te Tauihu Intergenerational Strategy, as a new way of thinking about and approaching regional development.

The vision is Tūpuna Pona – to be good ancestors, and to leave a legacy of which we can be proud.

I have seen a myriad of job adverts in recent weeks employers are looking for staff now, and my hope is those jobs will be filled quickly by the many skilled and highly talented people in our region.

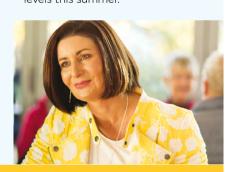
Our summer has already got off to an exciting start with the Tasman Mako securing yet another title in the Mitre 10 Cup, giving them back-to-back wins in the competition, and the summer events season is about to kick off.

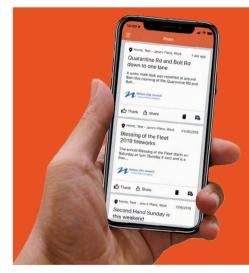
Over Christmas and New Year, many of us with family and friends overseas will continue with virtual celebrations, just as we have had to for birthdays, anniversaries and other family events.

I know this is tough, but we are lucky here in Nelson to have access to technology, to make this virtual connection easier, and for some, it has transformed the way we communicate both at work and at home.

And if you're lucky enough to have someone coming home this summer, enjoy those hugs!

After such a demanding year, I know you are all in real need of rest, and it is my hope, that you will get a chance to really restore your physical and mental energy levels this summer.







Keep up-to-date about places and things you care about!

Recycling reminders **Emergencies** Road closures Water outages

Send us reports and we'll get right onto it!

Graffiti **Parking Animal control**

Also in Tasman and Marlborough!

Environmental problems

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Christmas Events

9 December

Santa's Grotto opens at 194 Trafalgar St, formerly Urban Beach, 11am- 4pm. The grotto will be open four days a week Wed-Sat, 9-12 December and 16-19 December.

Nelson Bays Harmony Group

– Singing Christmas carols throughout the streets and shops of Nelson from 9-21 December.

10 December

Broadgreen Historic House: A 19th century Christmas exhibition opens. 10.30am – 4.30pm every day except Christmas Day. Exhibition runs to 31 January 2021.

11 December

Stoke Library Santa's Grotto: 3.30pm-4.30pm
There's magic in the air as Santa's Grotto
returns to the Library. There will be crafts, the
chance to sign up for our Children's Summer
Reading Challenge and the man in red will be
making a special appearance.

Nibbles and Notes: On the grounds of Nelson Cathedral, 12.30pm-1.30pm every Friday until 18 December.

12 December

Youth Umbrella Market: A Christmas market by youth for youth 17 and under – an upside down umbrella becomes your market stall. At the Nelson pocket park, behind Westpac Nelson 10ammidday. Also taking place on 19 December.

Youth mini-fest Christmas in the City: 14-18 year olds, Kirby Lane, 4pm-9pm. Tickets \$10 plus booking fee. Food, fun and music featuring Rei, Melt, Afta Dina Mint and Mike Nicholas.

Elma Turner Library Santa's Grotto – 11am–12pm.

13 December

The Hits 89.6 Nelson Santa

Parade: 1pm-3pm, starting on Hardy St outside TANK and moving down Upper Trafalgar St to finish up at Hathaway carpark.

Christmas Remembrance Service: Nelson Cathedral, 10am.

16 December

Christmas Movie: Elma Turner Library, 3.30pm. Join in on the family friendly Christmas movie and popcorn.

17 December

The Nutcracker Ballet: Three performances at the Royal Theatre, 17, 18 and 19 December. Buy tickets eventfinda.co.nz/2020/the-nutcracker/nelson/tickets.

18 December

Nelson City Brass to play Christmas Carols and music in 1903 The Square 4pm-8pm.

20 December

Nelson Cathedral: Festival of Nine Lessons & Carols with Nelson City Brass, 7pm.

23 December

Christmas Movie and Games: Elma Turner Library, 11am. Get into the spirit of the season with a family friendly Christmas movie and popcorn. Movie starts at 11am with board games from 1-5pm.

Christmas poetry and tea at Stoke Library from 2pm-3pm. Take time out from the silly season to sit back and listen to some Christmas poetry read by our librarians. With afternoon tea provided, this is the perfect way to have some holiday fun.

Christmas Eve

Nelson Cathedral:

- 5:30pm Christingle Service
- 8:45pm Carols by Candlelight on the Cathedral Church steps - song sheets and candles available by donation. Music by the Nelson City Brass Band.
- 10:45pm Choir sings carols from the Cathedral Gallery
- 11:30pm Christmas Eve communion

Christmas music: Nightingale Library Memorial – 10.30am-11.30am. Join Julie Saraswati for performance of Christmas music on harp.

Christmas Day

Nelson Cathedral:

- 8am Holy Communion
- · 10am Family Eucharist

Rotary Community Christmas Dinner: 11:30am Beachside Conference Centre.

New Year's Eve

Countdown in the central city, Upper Trafalgar St. Family-friendly entertainment and events start 7pm, with a 9pm countdown for the children. The party continues with contemporary music through to 12.30am.



Holiday Hours

Below are the opening hours for Council services and facilities over the Christmas and New Years 2020-21 break.

Customer Service, Civic House, Trafalgar Street

Closed 3pm 24 Dec. Reopening 8.30am Tue 5 Jan 2021

Council is always available by phone 03 546 0200 for emergencies.

NBus Services

No services Christmas Day. On public holidays (26, 28 December and 1,2,4 Jan) only Routes 1 and 2 operate. A Saturday timetable will be in place. A full bus timetable will run on all other days.

The Late, Late Bus operates from 12.55am until end of timetable on 27 Dec, 1 and 3 Jan. It sets off from Nelson at the Selwyn Place bus stop near McDonalds.

Nelson Public Libraries

All libraries will be closed on:

- Fri 25 Mon 28 Dec
- Fri 1 Mon 4 Jan 2021

Recycling and Nelmac Rubbish Collection

- Fri 25 Dec will be collected Sat 26 Dec
- Fri 1 Jan will be collected Sat 2 Jan
 Please check with your provider for other collections.

Pascoe Street Transfer Station

Thu 24 Dec 8am-2.30pm Closed 25 Dec and 1 Jan. Open Mon 28 Dec and Mon 4 Jan 10am – 4.30pm on (observed stat days).

Broadgreen Historic House

Closed Christmas Day. Open every other day from 10.30am-4.30pm.

Founders Heritage Park

Closed Christmas Day. Open every other day from 10am-4.30pm.

Isel House

Closed Christmas Day and New Year's Day.

Waahi Taakaro Golf Course

The Golf Course will be open sunrise to sunset daily, the pro shop will be open from 8am to 7pm daily, except Christmas Day.

If you would like to play golf on Christmas Day, please place your green fees in the honesty box next to the bridge.

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Nelson readies for Bay Dreams 2021

Back in Nelson for its third year, Bay Dreams takes place in Rutherford Park and the Trafalgar Centre from 11am-11pm 5 January, with a pre-party inside the Trafalgar Centre on 4 January from 8pm-2am.

Camping for the 2021 festival is at Rutherford Park, with the camping area situated between the Trafalgar Centre and Trafalgar Park. The campground is available for ticketholders only and spaces must be booked via the Bay Dreams website. The Maitai/Mahitahi Walkway and bridge connecting Rutherford and Trafalgar Park will be closed to the public from 9am 4 January to 4pm 6 January.

Ticketholders will be able to access buses for free to and from Wakatū Square in central Nelson on 5 January. The buses will run from Richmond, Stoke, Tāhunanui, the Brook Valley Holiday Park and Maitai Valley Holiday Park. Buses will follow their regular bus routes.

On 5 January, a small section of Wakatū Square will be used as a bus drop-off point, meaning there will be plenty of space left for parking. However, from 5.30pm that day, the carpark will be closed to allow the space to be dedicated to the Festival bus services and will reopen after 1am on 6 January.

During the period of the festival

the roads immediately surrounding Rutherford Park and Trafalgar Park will be closed

Closed:

- Paru Paru Rd: 6am Sunday 3 January - 6am Wednesday 6 January 2021. One lane will be open for Countdown Supermarket customers to exit the supermarket on to Paru Paru Rd.
- Archilles Ave/Wakatū Square: 5.30pm Tuesday 5 January - 1am Wednesday 6 January 2021.
- Hathaway Terrace: 9am Tuesday 5 January - 1am Wednesday 6 January 2021.
- · Hathaway Carpark: 6am Sunday 3 January - 6am Wednesday 6 January 2021.

For more information about the festival, please see the Bay Dreams South FAQ www.nelson.govt.nz/baydreams-south-faqs/. To buy tickets, please visit:



Tahuna Summer Beach Bus service is back!

The Summer Beach Bus service will be running again this summer from 27 December until 7 February, including public holidays.

The double-decker bus runs throughout the day between Tahuna Beach Holiday Park and Nelson i-SITE (Trafalgar Street bus stop), stopping at Tahunanui Beach in each direction.

The bus leaves the Nelson i-SITE on the hour and Tahuna Beach Holiday Park on the half-hour.

The first bus of the day will leave Trafalgar Street outside the i-Site at 10am and the last bus will leave at

There will be no service at 1pm to aive the driver a break.

The cost is just \$3.50 for adults and \$1 for children each way.

Council is supporting the service by way of a grant to the Tahuna Beach Holiday Park, who manages the service.



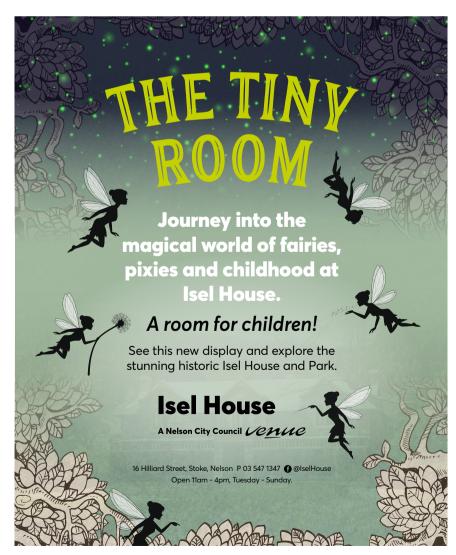
Timetable:

(N=Nelson; B = Beach at Bisley Walk; T = Tahunanui Camp)

N-T: 10:00, 11:00, 12:00, 14:00, 15:00, 16:00 B-T: 10:10, 11:10, 12:10, 14:10, 15:10, 16:10

T-B: 10:30, 11:30, 12:30, 14:30, 15:30, 16:30

B-N: 10:35, 11:35, 12:35, 14:35, 15:35, 16:35



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Councillor's Comment

Tenacity and teamwork have defined 2020

The Tasman Mako winning the Mitre 10 Premiership title felt like the perfect analogy for 2020.

Throughout the season
Tasman Mako has been
described as "unpredictable",
"all over the shop" and "on fire
one week, downright poor
the next", but in the end, their
tenacity, determination and
teamwork led to triumph. And
not just that, but back-to-back
Premierships.

It was wonderful to welcome the team home, and better still to see the looks on the faces of supporters filling the airport terminal to congratulate them. Being able to finish 2020 on a high is not only great for rugby fans, but also our community spirit.

Our community has had a similar degree of ups and downs. We've Googled sourdough recipes, Ozark and Dalgona coffee one week, and the next COVID-19 symptoms, self-isolation and death tolls. Similarly, some businesses were able to to pivot, innovate and flourish, whereas others are having to lay off workers or close their doors altogether.

Early economic predictions were grim; the economy was predicted to decrease by 7.9%, unemployment projected to reach 8.6% and earnings expected to decline by \$280 million. But like the mighty Tasman Mako, Nelson fought back and data for the September quarter shows a region in recovery with GDP

up 3.4% compared to 2019, consumer spending up 10% and unemployment at 3.4%.

Like winning the Mitre 10 cup Premiership, back-to-back, tenacity, determination and teamwork will be needed to get through this. Working across the Top of the South with businesses, communities, NGOs, and local and central government, Nelson City Council formed a team led by Wakatū Incorporation to develop the Te Tauihu Intergenerational Strategy, launched at the end of November.

The Strategy acknowledges these uncertain times and that business as usual is no longer fit-for-purpose. It challenges us to make decisions that think not just about tomorrow, but the future, ensuring they support our vision to be good ancestors: tūpuna pono.

While we're not ready to celebrate economic recovery yet, for now we can celebrate the Mako's win, hopefully enjoy time off with family and friends, and look forward to what 2021 brings.



Be pool-safe this summer

Are you buying a pool this summer?

While they are just the thing to keep you cool on hot days, be aware that some pop-up pools are easy for small children to get into, but can be really hard to get out of. Any pool capable of having a water depth of 400mm must have a physical barrier that restricts access to children under 5 years, as required by the Building Act

In some cases the pool sides are high enough to be compliant, but in all other cases when considering purchasing pop-up pools or swim spas, keep in mind the fencing requirements and make sure your pool is safe and compliant. A hard lockable lid may be sufficient for some small heated pools less than 5m²

Since the 2017 legislation changes, indoor pools are now covered by the Building Act, and subject to three-yearly inspections.

For more information check out the Pool Barrier Guide at nelson.govt.nz/swimming-pools or contact the Pool Compliance Officer on 03 546 0200 - we are always happy to help you get it right.



Hira School goes Green Gold

On 2 December, Hira School held its Green Gold reflection day, to decide if the school was a good fit with the description of a Green Gold Enviroschool.

The students welcomed visitors, including past students, parents, board members and community members into the school to share their Enviroschools journey and provide evidence of all the work they had been doing since their Silver reflection. Highlights of the school tour included their refurbished playground, their awa iti and all their hard work caring for their school stream, and their fantastic gardens, fruit forest and plant nursery.

Back in the classroom, students shared stories of their work tackling waste, learning about and looking after their environment and participating in community projects. After a wonderful shared lunch, everyone split up into small groups to look at whether the school has achieved its aspirations for Green Gold. To everyone's excitement the decision was a resounding yes and Hira School officially became a Green Gold Enviroschool.



New heating system for Riverside Pool to be installed

Nelson's Riverside Pool is getting a brand new heating system, which will ensure users can enjoy the pool at a pleasant temperature every day.

Work to install the system will mean the pool is closed from 28 December 2020 until February 2021.

The current heater is starting to age and needs to be replaced with a modern, more reliable system. This will have the added benefit of making the pool more energy efficient. The work has been timed to ensure an alternative is available with Nayland Pool being open over the summer months.

Community and Recreation Committee chair Tim Skinner says another bonus is that the effect of breakdowns on the pool's operations will be minimised

"The new heating system will mean pool users will enjoy a more reliable heating system with reduced energy costs. It's a great upgrade for this important city centre facility." The Riverside Pool fitness centre and changing areas will still be open over this time, and members can use Nayland Pool for no extra cost.

Hire groups have been contacted regarding their bookings with the option of moving to Nayland Pool where possible.

Nelsonians who are interested in booking swimming lessons or attending fitness classes can do so at Nayland, which also offers holiday and after school programmes for children. The outdoor pool is also available for birthday parties.

For enquires regarding the works please contact Customer Service at Nelson City Council. If you have any enquires regarding use of the pools, memberships or swimming lessons please call Riverside Pool on 03 546 3221 or email NelsonAquatics@clmnz.co.nz.

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The event celebrated the most recent extension of the heritage rose collection and the opening of the Walk, which helps guide heritage rose lovers around the gardens.

Mayor Rachel Reese and Nelmac's Horticultural Parks Team Leader Kate Krawczyk cut the ribbon at the opening, with Councillors Mel Courtney and Tim Skinner in attendance, along with Council staff and the public. Councillor Skinner as Chair of the Sports and Recreation committee gave a speech.

Heritage and species roses, some from as far back

as the 19th century, enhance the historic atmosphere of the park and homestead, and are the perfect foil for the modern roses displayed in the Samuels Rose Garden section of the Broadgreen site.

The son of Jim Samuels, founder of the modern rose garden at Broadgreen, was also present.

A huge thanks to the Heritage Roses Nelson team for hosting the event, along with Tasman Bay Roses for donating 60 roses (three of each variety).

From the Libraries

The Nelson Summer Reading Challenge is coming to a library near you.

This year, our popular children's challenge sees us exploring Romania as we take you on an adventure around this historic country. For children aged 5-12

The rest of us don't have to miss out as we are inviting you to pack your bags and take a trip with our Book Your Summer Challenge.

Have an adventure in Africa, take a journey to the English countryside, spend time with the penguins



in Antarctica or travel to another galaxy by reading a book set in another country. Every book you read gives you one entry into our prize draw which will be on 14 February at a special Library Lovers day event.

Both challenges run from 11 December – 11

Register at any branches of the Nelson Public Libraries to receive your passport or sign-up on the



City for All Ages survey winner

Congratulations to Patricia Parker who took part in our City for All Ages survey earlier this year. She was drawn randomly to win a \$100 Prezzy Card.

To find out more about City for All Ages, go to:



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

Community and Recreation Committee

10am 10 Dec

Nelson Regional Sewerage Business Unit -Rūma Waimārama

1.30pm 11 Dec

Council meeting

9am 17 Dec

For a full list of meetings go to:

To sign up for Our Nelson by email go to:



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Applications are open for the Tuia Rangatahi Mayoral Programme 2021

We are looking for rangatahi (youth) Māori aged 18-25 years old from the Nelson region who are actively contributing to the well-being of their community and have the potential to be a leader in their community.

The aim of the programme is to pair up with the local Mayor to provide mentoring and leadership skills to an aspiring rangatahi from the community.

The successful candidate will be mentored by Nelson's Mayor Rachel Reese, involving both informal meetings and formal occasions that will assist the young person's development as a local leader.

Applications close on Friday 12 February 2021.

For more information and to register your interest go to the Shape Nelson website:

hape.nelson.govt.nz/tuia-rangatahi-programme

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



Broadgreen Historic House

A Traditional Christmas 19th Century Exhibition, 10:30am-4:30pm, 10 December - 31 January.

Founders Heritage Park

Festive Fun at Founders. 10am – 4.30pm, Saturday 12 December – Monday 4 January. Founders Summer Reads Book Fair. 10am – 4.30pm, Saturday 12 December – Sunday 14

Harakeke – NZ Flax Weaving Workshop. 10am – 4pm, Saturday 2 & Sunday 3 January. Jazz on the Village Green. 1.30 – 4pm, Every Sunday 10 January – 4 April.

Summer Movies al Fresco – What Really Happened: Waitangi. 9pm, Saturday 6

Greenmeadows Community Centre

Final Public Art session for Whariki. 2pm – 6pm, Thursday 10 December. Installing Whariki Artwork. Friday 11 & Saturday 12 December.

Isel House and Park

The Tiny Room: A Room For Children, 11am-4pm, Tuesday-Sunday.

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

Summer Movies al Fresco: The Love Bug (Herbie). 9pm, Thursday 7 January.

Amazing Race at Isel Park. 1pm – 2.30pm, Saturday 9 January.

Family Picnic at Isel Park. 1pm – 2.30pm, Wednesday 13 January.

Summer Movies al Fresco: To Sir With Love. 9pm, Thursday 14 January. Summer Movies al Fresco: The Railway

Children. 9pm, Thursday 21 January.

Art in the Park at Isel Park. 1pm- 2.30pm,

Friday 29 January.

William Shakespeare's: The Comedy of Errors. 6.30pm – 8.30pm, Friday 29 & Saturday 30 January.

Kirby Lane

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

Kirby Fridays. 4.30 – 9pm, Fridays 11 and 18 December.

Christmas in the City Youth Mini-Fest. 4 – 9pm, Saturday 12 December.

Saxton Field

Colgate Games. Tuesday 15 to Thursday 17 January.

Saxton Oval

West Indies A v NZXI. Friday 11 to Monday 14 December.

Trafalgar Centre

New Zealand Speed Cubing National. Friday 11 – Sunday 13 December.

NMIT Graduation. Wednesday 16 December. Nelson Malayalee Community Day. Sunday 27 December.

Bay Dreams Pre-Party. Monday 4 January.

Trafalgar Park

Bay Dreams Nelson 2021. 11am, Tuesday 5 January.

Trafalgar Street Cathedral Steps

Nelson Gospel Day. 7am – 6pm, Saturday 12 December.

Nelson Public Libraries:

Elma Turner Library

Hours: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday: 9:30am-6pm

Wednesdays: 10am-6pm

Saturdays: 10am-4pm

Sundays: 1-4pm

Device Advice. 2pm, every Tuesday & Thursday.

Library Knitters. 10am – 12pm, every Thursday. Tea & Talk. 10am, every Friday.

Justices of the Peace. 10am – 12pm, every Saturday. Santa's Groto. 11am, Friday 11 December. Christmas Movie. 3.30pm, Wednesday 16

STEM Writers. 1pm, Tuesdays 22 December & 12 January.

Christmas Movie and Games. 11am, Wednesday 23 December.

Christmas Poetry and Tea. 2pm, Wednesday 23 December.

Nelson Libraries Bookchat. 10.30am, Tuesday 12 January & 9 February.

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. Device Advice at Nightingale. 2pm, every Friday

Stoke Library

Hours: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday: 9:30am-5:30pm

Wednesday: 10am-5:30pm

Saturday: 10am-2pm

Sunday: closed
Device Advice at Stoke Library. 2pm, every

Tuesday & Wednesday. Nelson Libraries BookChat. 5.30pm, Wednesday 20 January.

Museums and Galleries:

The Suter Art Gallery & Theatre

Hours: 9.30am – 4.30pm Daily Reverberation – Of Light, Land & Sea. Saturday 7 November - Sunday 21 March 2021.

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

Christine Boswijk: Thinking Through My Hands. Saturday 5 December - Sunday 28 February.

Cinderella. 6.30pm, Monday 14 & Tuesday 15 December.

Refinery ArtSpace

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

A great Distance Away. Monday 9 November – Sunday 13 December.

Patternicity. Tuesday 15 December - Saturday 16 January.

Centre for Fine Woodworking Exhibition. Thursday 17 December - Saturday 16 January. Nelson Provincial Museum

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

Online Exhibition: Everything Was Noise and Movement. Monday 30 November – Thursday 18 March 2021

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

Tupaia: Voyage to Aotearoa. Saturday 21 November – Sunday 30 May 2021.

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