

OUR NELSON

TŌ TĀTOU WHAKATŪ



These images show a range of ways libraries throughout the country and the world have used innovative design to create comfortable, flexible and accessible spaces for visitors to enjoy. We want to do the same for our community. Photos: Athfield Architects

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Library Precinct Redevelopment – a hub, a highlight, and a haven

A place to learn, to explore, to dream, to converse, to relax and to be inspired – libraries are not just places for books; they are touchstones for communities.

Nelson City Council's vision for the Whakatū Nelson library is an investment in our city's future, supporting the lifelong learning of our community with a new building on the corner of Halifax and Trafalgar Streets.

We know Nelsonians support the library. The Elma Turner Library currently receives more than 300,000 visitors each year, and its collection is the most borrowed per capita in New Zealand. Library membership is about 20% higher than the national average.

The present Elma Turner Library is located in a converted space, previously a car sales showroom and yard. Parts of the building date back to 1973, with extensions and internal refurbishments undertaken in 2005 and 2012. It has served us well, but it is no longer suitable for the amount of use it receives and the expanding role libraries play in our community.

The library we are proposing is bigger, with more space to deliver activities and programmes, for community groups and individuals to book spaces for meetings and events, to home a new shared archive and for our book collection to grow.

Working alongside our partners Wakatū Incorporation, the proposed new library would form the gateway to a new

Riverside Precinct. The surrounding area could be brought to life with a playground, market square, food outlets, local retailers and a climatorium.

The Maitai/Mahitahi River is a significant natural and cultural element of our city, and using innovation and clever design, the new library will ensure we make the most of this connection, as well as creating a low carbon, climate-resilient building that will last for another century or more.

We propose a provision of \$46.3 million (\$44.4 million uninflated) for a new library precinct, which includes a contingency budget. This development would be funded through borrowing, with the cost spread over 65 years as it will benefit Nelsonians for years to come.

The new library is expected to result in greater usage and an increase in operational costs of \$51,000 in 2022/23, increasing to \$136,000 per year by 2026/27.

If the proposed new library goes ahead, design work will start in the 2021/22 financial year, with the aim of lodging the necessary consents in 2022/23 and commencing construction in 2023/24. However, these timeframes are indicative and will form part of the consenting process.

Other options considered for the library redevelopment include refurbishing the existing building, rebuilding on the current site to a lower specification, and moving the library to another part of town - you can read more about those options on page 2. Council has spent time considering them all and has concluded that option one - a new, high-specification library on the corner of Halifax and Trafalgar Streets, would deliver the best results for the community.

Elma Turner Library – more than books

In the 2020 calendar year, despite the COVID-19 lockdown and alert level restrictions, Elma Turner Library:

- Issued more than 392,000 items.
- Entertained and educated 2,300 children at events like Storytimes, school holiday programmes, afterschool clubs and school visits.
- Printed 58,159 pages from the public access computers, made 16,000 photocopies and scanned 25,000 pages.
- Issued *Diary of a Wimpy Kid: The Ugly Truth* by Jeff Kinney 90 times, making it the most popular children's book of the year.
- Donated more than 400 baby blankets, teddy bears and clothes, knitted by the library knitters group based at Elma Turner Library to Nelson organisations in need.
- Recovered about 65 items of lost property each month – everything from passports to teddy bears to USB sticks. Most are claimed.
- Put 26,000 items on hold.



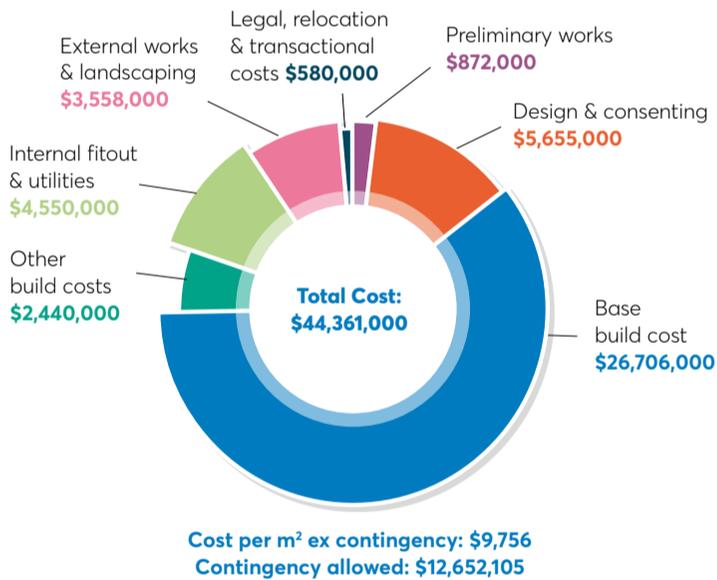
Breaking down Council's provision for the preferred new library option

Engagement in 2019 and 2020 showed a strong desire from the community for a sustainable building, demonstrating Nelson's approach to climate change. Therefore, our proposal is for a new library built to a Green Star rating of five that demonstrates a range of sustainable and climate-resilient features.

While construction costs are higher for a Green Star build (approx. 3% increase), we expect cost savings to be realised over this building's life through lower operating costs brought about by features of the building such as passive heating and solar power generation. Annual energy savings are expected to be at least 30%, but could be as high as 70% compared to a non-Green Star build.

We have sought to provide a conservative rough cost estimate from the outset, using all the information we have at this point in time, and have included costings for elements such as legal and relocation costs that are often not included in project cost estimates. We have also built in appropriate contingencies (ranging from 20% to 50%), which is higher than many similar projects around New Zealand.

Elma Turner Library (Wakatū Inc site) 3250m²



Option One: Construct a new library on the corner of Halifax Street and Trafalgar Street (Council's preferred option).

New, modern library (3,250m²) within the Maitai River Precinct that would also act as a gateway from the central city to the River. Construction to high environmental standards, for a modern, low-carbon, climate resilient library. Excellent urban design outcomes, with significant landscaping and plaza connection to enhance the library's links to the River. Very little disruption to library services.

Disadvantages: Estimated cost, slightly smaller footprint compared to option four, some additional time delays to complete land exchange negotiations with Wakatū Incorporation.

Cost
Our provision for this option is \$46.3 million (funded through borrowing, with cost spread over 65 years).

Impact on rates
\$2.1 million p.a. (total increase in rates of 2.5%)

The alternative options:

Option Two: Refurbish the existing library building.

Replacing existing roof and changing and refreshing internal layout of library to make better use of existing space (2,450m²). Refurbishment would extend the life of the library for 20-30 years. This is the lowest cost option.

Disadvantages: Limited improvements to physical environment and no contribution to cohesive Riverside Precinct. It would not provide much more additional space for the wider range of services and programmes the community has asked for. Significant disruption to library services while work is carried out.

Cost
The estimated cost for this option is \$21.3 million

Impact on rates
\$1.4 million p.a. (total increase in rates of 1.6%)

Option Three: Construct a new, reduced-specification library on the current site.

Replacing the library with a larger (3,150m²) modern building. This costs less than Option One, doesn't require new land to be purchased, retains riverside location and provides medium-term flexibility on location.

Disadvantages: Some of the sustainability, design, fit-out and landscaping asked for by community not included to keep budget down. Limited environmental benefits and impact on development of a cohesive Riverside Precinct. Significant disruption to library services during build.

Cost
The estimated cost for this option is \$33.6 million.

Impact on rates
\$1.7 million p.a. (total increase in rates of 2.1%)

Option Four: Construct a new, high-specification library on the current site.

Replacing the library with a larger (3,400m²) modern building. This does not require new land purchase, retains riverside location and construction would be to high environmental standards. We would end up with a modern, low-carbon, climate resilient library. Also likely to be quickest of the new-build options.

Disadvantages: Some good urban design outcomes, but would impact development of a cohesive Riverside Precinct and wouldn't provide an integrated entranceway from central city to the Maitai/Mahitahi River. Significant disruption to library services during build.

Cost
The estimated cost for this option is \$45.2 million.

Impact on rates
\$2.1 million p.a. (total increase in rates of 2.5%)

Option Five: Construct a new library somewhere else in the City.

Would mean losing the connection between the library and the River. We have consistently heard a preference for the Maitai River Precinct as the preferred location for the library, but have retained this option in case a decision cannot be reached on one of the above options.

Disadvantages: Significant delay to start of the project while a suitable site is found. Not building a high-quality gateway building on the River could discourage other significant investment in this area. Other disadvantages include, drawing foot traffic away from the river end of Trafalgar Street, cost of the land purchase and unknown construction risks.

Cost and impact on rates
This option is not fully costed, as land purchase, design and construction costs all depend on the exact location.



What you've told us:

In 2019 and 2020 we engaged with a range of people and groups about what the library could deliver. Feedback included a desire for:



Mayor's Message

Consultation on the Draft Long Term Plan is underway, and I've enjoyed listening to your feedback and ideas for the future of our Smart Little City.

I spent some time at the Elma Turner Library to hear directly from the librarians and Friends of the Library about why libraries matter and what is important in the redevelopment project. At their best, great libraries build communities, and we want to bring the community along with us on this journey to transforming our city's library. Because of the lack of space our librarians say that - on a daily basis - they are having to turn down requests for valuable community activities.

In its current form, our library is not able to offer a full service to the people of Nelson and change is now needed to allow it to shine as a true community hub.

We recognise Council's preferred option is a large investment for our community, but it will provide us with a first-class facility for the next century.

The proposed new library would see us work collaboratively with Wakatū Incorporation, who share our vision for the site - a new Riverside Precinct, linking the Maitai/Mahitahi River to the heart of our city.

The new library would be the cornerstone of this Precinct, with unlimited potential for further development to take place, forming a true centre point for our Smart Little City with a Cathedral of faith at one end of Trafalgar Street and a Cathedral of knowledge at the other.

Next time you are on Halifax Street why not try and picture what the new library might look

like and what it might offer and then let us know what you think by making a submission to our Long Term Plan before 21 April.

As well as looking forward to an exciting new library for our city, now is also a time for us to look back.

This year, we have updated the name of the ever-popular Nelson Heritage Festival to 'Tuku 21 Whakatū Heritage Month' and several events will be held at the library.

'Tuku' in te reo Māori means 'to transfer' or 'share' and reflects the intentions of our event - to share and learn about our rich and diverse stories that may encourage and support greater understanding of our community.

Once again, with assistance from Council funding, individuals and community groups have put forward an array of exciting events, which celebrate and highlight Whakatū Nelson's collective story and I would like to take this opportunity to thank these groups and volunteers for their enthusiasm, commitment, and investment in time and effort.

On behalf of Nelson City Council, we hope you and your family, friends and work colleagues are able to embrace some of the activities contained in this programme, and enjoy coming together share and learn more about our history.



Accounting for the Riverside Precinct flooding risk

Any new building in the Riverside Precinct would be built to exceed the current standard in relation to minimum ground levels for 2130, taking into account Representative Concentration Pathways (RCP) 8.5 climate scenarios.

The new proposed library building will therefore have a floor level approximately 1.2 metres higher than the existing library. Furthermore, the proposed new library building will have the potential to raise the floor level in the future if required, to be almost 2m higher than the existing library floor level. This would extend the flood protection for the building

to 2160-2200, assuming the RCP 8.5 climate scenario.

A refurbishment of the existing building would not have the same level of protection. While floor levels could be raised from their current level, these would not provide the same long-term resiliency as a new build with a higher floor level.

What sort of parking will be available at the new library site?

Council is committed to providing a highly accessible library facility and service to meet the needs of library users.

If the project is approved through our Long Term Plan consultation, we will move into the design phase, during which we will carefully consider access needs, including

carparking. Accessible parking will be incorporated into the design. We will also provide for alternative modes of transport such as cycling, electric vehicles and public transport.

Have your say!

Drop in sessions

Long Term Plan 2021-2031 consultation

Talk to us about our plans: Discuss the Long Term Plan 2021-2031 with us in person at our upcoming public drop-in sessions

To find out about our plans for the next 10 years and make a submission, go to: shape.nelson.govt.nz/long-term-plan-2021-2031

Call us on 03 546 0200
Or visit us in person at Council's Customer Service Centre, 110 Trafalgar Street, Nelson

Elma Turner Library, 27 Halifax Street, Nelson

- Tuesday 6 April 2:30pm - 4:30pm
- Friday 9 April 11:30am - 1:30 pm (focus on climate change/ sea level rise and the library)
- Wednesday 14 April 10:30am - 12:30pm

Nelson Market Montgomery Square, Nelson

- Saturday 10 April 8:30am - 1pm



NELSON CITY CENTRE PROJECT

Starting the journey to a better city centre

What will Nelson’s City Centre look like in 30 years? How will we move around it? How will we live in it? Consideration will be given to a range of factors such as transportation and climate change.

Between March and June this year, Council’s City Development Team will be meeting with people from more than 40 diverse community sectors across Nelson - from residents, city workers, and youth to retailers, hospitality and non-retail businesses, to hear their opinions and views on how Nelson City Centre should evolve and adapt.

These sessions will help the team develop the Nelson City Centre Spatial Plan - a people-focused, place-based vision for the city centre that will attract investment, residents, talent, thriving business, families and events, and strengthen Nelson’s position as a Smart Little City.

This round of pre-consultation engagement follows on from the 2020 Streets for People survey which canvassed the community on proposed changes to improve pedestrian safety, visitor experience, consumer spending and activity in

Nelson’s city centre. We received over 800 submissions to that survey and have used that feedback to help shape our thinking regarding the City Centre Spatial Plan.

Following the four months of pre-consultation stakeholder engagement, a draft City Centre Spatial Plan will be presented to the Council in early July, for approval for public consultation. All going well, the plan will be available for public viewing and feedback later that month. At the same time, Council will also develop the Nelson Parking Strategy to align with the City Centre Spatial Plan.

To keep up with Council projects and consultations please join our Shape Nelson page where you can choose to follow a project and be kept up-to-date with the latest information and opportunities to have your voice heard.

shape.nelson.govt.nz



Nelson youth ready to rock

Youth event Rock the City is preparing to turn up Nelson’s volume with an all-ages gig featuring 12 of the hottest up-and-coming youth bands and acoustic acts in the region.

Performing live across two stages on Saturday, 10 April, acts include former regional Smokefree Rockquest winners Muted (Nayland College) and runners up The Few (Waimea/Garin). They will be joined on stage by The Batteries, Parallel Park, Inaudible, and Nelson Crime Family.

The acoustic stage will feature performances by Myah Powell and Lovinia Pluck.

With more than 35 young people performing on stage, and a further 12 young people involved in various production roles behind the scenes, Rock the City provides a range of meaningful youth development opportunities for Nelson’s young people both on and off the stage.

Nelson Mayor Rachel Reese says it is a credit to Nelson’s youth to see so many talented young people taking part in such an event.

“Getting up and performing in front of your peers or tackling the roles of

event management or production is no small thing, even for an adult. It’s great to see our young talent showing off their skills, and I encourage everyone to show their support by going along.”

Supported by Nelson City Council, Rock the City is strictly alcohol and drug-free and suitable for youth aged 14 years and older. Security and health and safety staff will be on hand to ensure a happy and healthy event for all.

Rock the City is free to attend; however, interested attendees are encouraged to reserve a ticket via Eventbrite. Tickets are limited, so reserve yours now and support our local youth musicians as they follow their dreams.

Event details

What: Rock the City
When: Saturday 10 April, 7pm
Where: G104, Nelson Marlborough Institute of Technology, Nelson

Rocks Road stormwater renewal underway

Nelson City Council is undertaking improvements to stormwater assets along Rocks Road, from Tuesday 6 April, for approximately six weeks.

Council is scheduling this work ahead of Waka Kotahi’s road resurfacing in late 2021, to minimise overall disruption to all users.

Stage two of the project, which starts after ANZAC weekend, is expected to last two weeks.

During this stage, Rocks Road, between Bisley Avenue and the Basin Reserve, will be closed between 7pm and 6am to all traffic except pedestrians, cyclists, buses and heavy transport.

We thank all users in advance for their patience while we carry out this work to improve our city.

Please also take care of the penguins

Little blue penguin / kororā (*Eudyptula minor*) is an indigenous bird species known to inhabit the Tasman Bay area.

To ensure the safety of any kororā in the area during construction, Nelson City Council will follow its Penguin Management Plan, developed in consultation with environmental and conservation experts.

What you can do to keep them safe

- Keep your dog on a short lead at all times.
 - Keep your distance. Do not approach any kororā in the area.
 - Report any sightings of injured or dead kororā to the Department of Conservation Hotline 0800 362 468
- For further details on this project, go to the Shape Nelson website.

shape.nelson.govt.nz/tahunanui-stormwater-upgrade



Council to launch trial programme to control invasive water weed



Nelson City Council will shortly start a trial programme to control invasive water celery (*Apium nodiflorum* also known as *Heloscadium nodiflorum*) in Orphanage Stream, Stoke using an approved herbicide that doesn't persist in the environment.

Water celery is native to Europe, northern Africa and western Asia. In New Zealand it has spread through the North Island and is now becoming established in the Nelson region. It is a bright green spreading plant that grows easily from seed and from pieces of root detached from the main plant.

Water celery infestation can affect infrastructure and native habitats. A stream choked with water celery can increase the size and frequency of flood events, and it forms dense mats that block sunlight and de-oxygenate the water, smothering our local flora,

trapping sediment and reducing habitat for stream life.

There are records of a variety of threatened and at risk native fish in Orphanage Stream, including longfin eels; giant kokopu; torrentfish; shortjaw; lamprey; koaro; inanga; bluegill; and redfin bully.

Contractors will be using the selective herbicide Triclopyr triethylamine (Garlon 360) - which degrades in water and soil and only targets specific species. It also has low toxicity to fish and other stream life. It is recommended by NIWA for the effective control of this weed in our waterways and Council has been granted

permission to use it by the Environmental Protection Authority.

Council will be monitoring the stream before, during and after spraying for adverse effects on pH, dissolved oxygen and temperature. Once the weed mass has died off, it will break up and slowly wash downstream.

Please look out for signage around the work site and follow all instructions. Do not collect any plants within the area being sprayed, and keep dogs and children away from the work area.

Embrace Whakatū Nelson's history and culture



Tuku 21 Whakatū Heritage Month is on now. Featuring events, activities, shows, talks and adventures, Tuku 21, celebrated throughout April, is a month to share and explore Nelson's stories of people and place through its heritage.

Here are some highlights from the first part of the month:

Operation Grapple - We Were There: Portrait Exhibition Artist Talk

Saturday 3 April, 2pm - 2.45pm Founders Heritage Park. Free, booking required: Phone 03 548 2649 or email founderspark@ncc.govt.nz.

A talk by photographer Denise Baynham about her thought-provoking portrait exhibition on display at Founders for the month of April. Portraits of 19 New Zealand nuclear test veterans, taken in their own homes around the country, tell the story of this little-known chapter in New Zealand history of nuclear testing in the Pacific. Denise will talk about Operation Grapple, her motivation in pursuing this compelling personal project, and the photographic challenges along the way.

Tohu Whenua - Ngāti Kuia Sites of Significance Bus Tour

Saturday 10 April, 10am - 12pm. Ngāti Kuia office, 192 Rutherford Street. Free, contact vanya@ngatikuia.iwi.nz to book.

An opportunity to learn from our historians and visit places that are culturally significant to Ngāti Kuia. This guided bus tour will include places, names, events and purakau/stories from the land. You will also be provided with a take-home resource.

Cawthron Centenary Open Day

Saturday 10 April, 10am - 2pm. Cawthron Institute Enviro-Tech Wing, 98 Halifax Street East, Nelson. Free, no booking required.

Join us for a journey through time as we celebrate 100 years since Cawthron Institute opened in Nelson. Where have we come from, where are we going and why? You will get to explore it all with engaging exhibits, fun activities, presentations and a behind-the-scenes look at New Zealand's largest independent science organisation, dedicated to protecting the environment and supporting primary industries. An event for all ages to learn and enjoy.

Nelson Rainbow Pride History

Wednesday 14 April, 6pm - 8pm, Founders Heritage Park Café. Free, email nelsonpridenz@gmail.com to reserve a seat.

An opportunity to sit down and chat with some of Nelson's "Pride Pioneers" who have helped create a safe and inclusive community for all Nelsonians.

Philippine Cultural Celebration

Sunday 18 April, 5pm - 7pm, Nelson Boys' College hall. Entry \$5 per person (cash only) on the door. Under 16 years of age - free. No booking required.

This event will celebrate the rich culture of the Philippines. Hosted by the Nelson/Tasman Filipino Community Inc, the event will be a display of singing and dancing cultural performances, traditional costumes and food. A celebration would not be complete without food so the Filipino Community will be sharing their favourite and most popular dishes from the Philippines, available for purchase during the event.

For more see itson.co.nz, download the programme here www.nelson.govt.nz/tuku-21-whakatu-heritage-month or pick up a printed copy at Council's Customer Service Centre, libraries, or heritage facilities.

itson.co.nz

Nelson City Council to stop accepting cheque payments from 1 May 2021



From Saturday 1 May 2021, cheques will no longer be accepted by Nelson City Council as a method of payment.

We are doing this because all the major New Zealand banks are discontinuing the use of cheques and cheque books, due to the changing ways their customers bank with them.

Nelson City Council continues to offer other ways to pay.

The easiest and most convenient way of making or receiving a payment is electronically.

There are multiple options, including via direct debit, automatic payment, direct credit,

telephone banking and online credit card payment available on the Nelson City Council website.

You can also continue to pay in person with cash, Eftpos or credit card.

If you need help with making the move to electronic payments, please contact your bank in the first instance.

Direct debits for rates can be set up on our website, or speak with a member of our

Customer Services Centre team at Civic House, 110 Trafalgar Street, Nelson, email enquiry@ncc.govt.nz or call us on 03 546 0200.

Nelson City Council's website also includes information on rates rebates and remissions for people who are having difficulty paying their rates.

nelson.govt.nz/payment-options



Heritage Project Fund open for applications

Applications are now open for the 2021/2022 Heritage Project Fund grant round; applications need to be submitted by 5pm, Friday 7 May 2021, for grants of \$1000+GST or more towards the cost of approved projects.

The fund is aimed at helping owners of heritage buildings, objects or sites (listed in the Nelson Resource Management Plan) with the cost of work that contributes to conserving Nelson's heritage properties.

We have already been in contact with owners of listed properties to let them know they can apply now. The grants are open to the owners of A, B, or C heritage buildings, objects or sites; iwi; non-profit heritage groups and heritage conservation/management groups.

The grants can be used to carry

out work like stabilisation, repair or restoration of original heritage fabric (i.e. masonry, joinery, earthquake strengthening or fire protection). It can also be used for professional services relating to heritage research and conservation plans.

Work carried out using grants funding must meet Nelson City Council and Heritage New Zealand approved standards.

You can find out more about heritage funding and apply online on the Nelson City Council website.

nelson.govt.nz/heritage-grant

Do you own a spa pool or swimming pool?

You could be affected by the proposed wastewater bylaw out for public consultation.

Nelson City Council is currently taking submissions on a proposed new wastewater bylaw.

The proposed Wastewater Bylaw clarifies what is allowed to be discharged from spas and swimming pools, and also from grease, silt, and oil traps.

The proposed Bylaw means that you can only discharge backwash or empty your spa or swimming pool into the sewer if the water has a residual chlorine level of less than 0.5 parts per million (ppm). If the chlorine level is below 0.5ppm you can empty your pool without prior approval to the wastewater network if you follow the following guidelines:

- It is done between 8pm and 7am
- There has been no rain in the previous three days
- The flow rate does not exceed 2l/s.

If the Bylaw is approved, then you will need to contact Council if you can't meet those guidelines.

If the discharge is chemically imbalanced, including pH, you will also need to contact Council to ensure there are no additional requirements, and to confirm the discharge process.

This Bylaw change also aligns with the Tasman District Council Wastewater Bylaw as far as practicable.

We are proposing changes to the

Water Supply Bylaw too.

The changes being proposed to the existing Water Supply Bylaw reflect the new requirements of the National Environmental Standards for Sources of Human Drinking Water. These changes will also align the new Bylaw with the Nelson Tasman Land Development Manual 2019 and the new Tasman District Council Water Supply Bylaw as far as practicable.

Water Source Protection Zones are proposed and activities that are allowed within each zone will be controlled. The nature of those approved activities will depend on the risk they present to the water supply. High risk activities will be prohibited from areas close to the intakes for the raw water supply.

The deadline for submissions on these two bylaws is Tuesday 27 April.

To find out more detail and make a submission, please visit: shape.nelson.govt.nz/reviewing-bylaws

Alternatively, you can send your submission by mail to:

Nelson City Council, PO Box 645, Nelson 7040

Submissions can be hand-delivered to Nelson City Council, Civic House, 110 Trafalgar Street, Nelson or to any Nelson public library.

Or you can send submissions via email to submissions@ncc.govt.nz

shape.nelson.govt.nz/reviewing-bylaws

Have your say on a new Development Contributions Policy

Council is asking for feedback on an updated draft Development Contributions Policy 2021.

Nelson City Council's draft Development Contributions Policy has been designed to ensure that those who create the need for new or additional assets contribute their fair share to the cost of providing those assets rather than the ratepayer having to meet all of these costs. This includes new or additional roading, stormwater pipes, sewers, community infrastructure and parks and reserves.

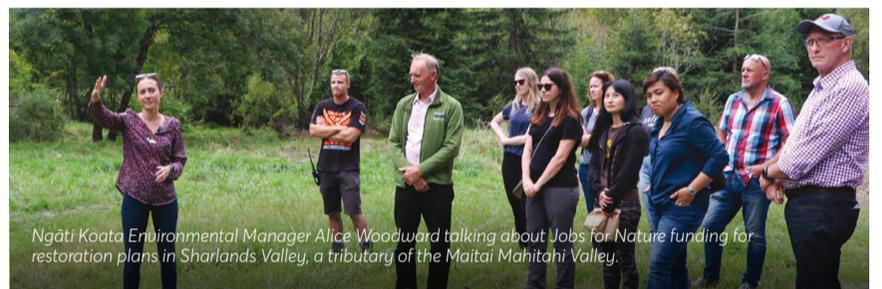
The draft Policy also reflects the need to encourage residential intensification, to provide more housing for the growing population. Some changes to the Policy are designed to encourage residential intensification.

The draft Policy proposes changes to development contributions that will see contributions towards reserves reduced, and contributions to critical infrastructure increased. The net result will be that contributions paid by most developers will be reduced if the policy is adopted.

The draft Policy is open for consultation at the same time as the draft Long Term Plan 2021-31 (LTP), as there are links between the two.

Following consultation, Council can either adopt the draft Policy or amend it based on the submissions received. To find out more and make a submission, go to:

shape.nelson.govt.nz/development-contributions



Ngāti Koata Environmental Manager Alice Woodward talking about Jobs for Nature funding for restoration plans in Sharlands Valley, a tributary of the Maitai Mahitahi Valley.

Project Mahitahi Kaimahi for Nature

Project Mahitahi partner organisations Nelson City Council, Ngāti Koata Trust, and Kotahitanga mo Te Taio Alliance, showcased the work of Project Mahitahi to visiting Department of Conservation officials on a recent field trip.

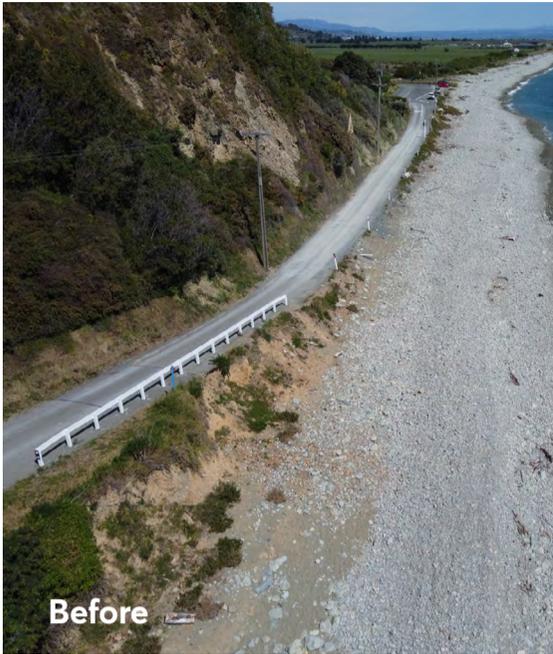
Visits to the Brook Waimarama Sanctuary and various sites in the Maitai Valley provided an opportunity to talk to staff employed under Jobs for Nature and those employers who are overseeing the roles.

Project Mahitahi is an environmental enhancement project aimed at restoring the native forest ecosystems of the Maitai / Mahitahi Valley, through the creation of nature-based employment over the next five years. The project is being supported by \$2 million of funding from Department of Conservation's Kaimahi for Nature fund and \$1.7 million from the Ministry for the Environment. Iwi, Council, the community and central government are working together to provide local employment opportunities, plant

native trees and control pests in the Maitai / Mahitahi Valley.

The trip highlighted the amazing work already underway in the valley, including visits to Friends of the Maitai planting sites at the Maitai / Mahitahi Wetland. Project Mahitahi will build on the hard work of landowners and volunteers towards better biodiversity outcomes.

This coming winter planting season will see more than 40,000 of the 125,000 planned plants in place, five community planting events, and 28 ha of weed control underway. A control plan, based around trapping, is being developed for, possums, rats and stoats, to enable native forest regeneration and our native bird species to thrive.



Before



After

Seafield Terrace Revetment Project shows 'co-operative spirit'

The Seafield Terrace Revetment Project was officially completed on Friday 26 March, with a karakia dawn blessing.

This project involved the construction of a six-metre wide rock revetment structure to protect the road against future storm events. Work also included reforming the road, adding footpaths, a new carpark layout and laying a new sewer.

Seafield Terrace at Glenduan suffered considerable damage in the November 2017 and February 2018 storms.

The final solution was arrived at in collaboration with the affected residents and considering several very technical options.

Infrastructure Chair Councillor Brian McGurk was pleased to see the result of what could happen when

Council and the local community works together.

"I applaud the co-operative spirit shown by everyone involved in this project, including iwi, Council, Council consultants, DOC and council contractors," Councillor McGurk says. "This work has restored this area of the coastline and improved safety, parking and beach access at the same time."

Take a look at the before and after photos, to see what a difference the work has made.

Thanks to the contractor, residents and local iwi for helping make the project such a success.

For further details about the project go to the Shape Nelson website:

shape.nelson.govt.nz/seafield-terrace-revetment-project

Project Mahitahi Stories of the Awa

There are many stories of the Maitai/Mahitahi, the river and valley that has run through the lives and hearts of people of Whakatū Nelson for hundreds of years.

As part of Tuku 21 Heritage Festival, Project Mahitahi is building a digital story map to capture some of the histories and memories of this special place. To help us breathe life into the collection, we are asking for your contributions in the form of stories, images, and recollections to add to the map that will be exhibited in the library, along the rear windows facing the Mahitahi / Maitai River, and online at the end of the Festival.

You can find some of the oral histories that we have already collected here: nelson.govt.nz/environment/healthy-streams/maitai-oral-histories

To participate:

- Come to Nelson Elma Turner Library and collect a form to write down your recollection and include any photos or images (can be as short as a paragraph or as long as you wish). The library staff will then help you to scan this into our system so we can print it off and add it to the window map.
- Email your recollection to us at project.mahitahi@ncc.govt.nz, or upload it online to the Shape Nelson website. We will add content to the display every week, so come along and see what other people have added.

At the end of April, we will randomly select one contributor who will be gifted a copy of the book *Old Nelson: A postcard history 1900-1940*.

We will also be running a story map project at Stoke Library for the Poorman Valley Stream project.

Find out more at: shape.nelson.govt.nz/project-mahitahi

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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.

Infrastructure Committee

9am 8 Apr

Joint Nelson City and Tasman District Councils Regional Transport Committees - to hear submissions to Regional Public Transport Plan - if required

9.30am 9 Apr

Environment and Climate Committee

9am 13 Apr

Urban Development Subcommittee

9am 20 Apr

Hearings Panel - Other

9am 21 Apr

Regional Transport Committee - to deliberate on submissions to Regional Land Transport Plan

1pm 21 Apr

Community and Recreation Committee

9am 22 Apr

Nelson Regional Sewerage Business Unit

9.30am 23 Apr

For a full list of meetings go to:

nelson.govt.nz/meetings



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To sign up for Our Nelson by email go to:



Online classes at Nelson Public Libraries

The Nelson Public Libraries will be offering free classes which cover keeping safe online, tips for online banking, how to pay rates online and online communication.

Online Safety: Tips and tricks for staying safe, how to spot a scam and ways to protect yourself so you can use technology with confidence.

Elma Turner Library: Thursday 20 May, 9:30-11am
Stoke Library: Thursday 20 May, 9:30-10:30am

Living online: Learn how to pay your rates, do banking, shop, play online games and communicate with family and friends from your device.

Stoke Library: Thursday 3 June, 9:30-10:30am
Elma Turner Library: Thursday 17 June, 9:30-11am

nelsonpubliclibraries.co.nz

FREE ENTRY!

Positive ageing expo

Friday 16 April 2021, 10am – 3pm
Headingly Centre, Richmond.

For more information visit:
tasman.govt.nz/my-community/events/featured/positive-ageing-expo

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.

Kirby Fridays. 4.30pm – 9pm, Every Friday until 23 April.

Baseball U13 National Clubs Championships. 10am – 5pm, Wednesday 7 – Saturday 10 April. Final 12 – 2pm Sunday 11 April.

Trafalgar Centre

Top Of The South Gymnastics Competition. 4.15pm – 9pm, Friday 16 April & 7.30am – 9pm, Saturday 17 April & 7.30am – 5pm, Sunday 18 April.

The New Zealand String Quartet – Four Suits and a Soprano. 7.30pm, Tuesday 20 April.

Nelson Giants vs Southland Sharks. 2pm, Monday 26 April.

NSB Dancing for a Cause. 7pm, Saturday 1 May.

Founders Heritage Park

Operation Grapple – We Were There: A Photographic Portrait Exhibition of NZ Nuclear Test Veterans. Thursday 1 April – Monday 31 May.

200hr Vinyasa Yoga Teacher Training. Friday 19 March – Wednesday 7 April.

Atkins Gallery Heritage Month Exhibition. 5pm, Saturday 10 April.

Nelson Rainbow Pride History. 6pm – 8pm, Wednesday 14 April.

Founders Heritage Fair & Artisan Open Day. 11am – 2.30pm, Sunday 18 April.

MEDANZ Festival in Nelson. Friday 23 – Monday 26 April.

WW1 research and the Wall of Remembrance. 9am – 12pm, Sunday 25 April.

Stoke Civic ANZAC Service. 10.45am – 12.15pm, Sunday 25 April.

Melrose House

Victorian Murder Mystery. 6pm – 10.30pm, Saturday 17 April.

Broadgreen Historic House

Textile Kids: Make a Yarn Friendship Bracelet. 10.30am – 12pm, Thursday 22 April.

Textile Kids: Stitch a Sampler. 10am – 12pm, Thursday 29 April.

Isel House and Park

The Tiny Room for Children at Isel House. 11am – 4pm, Open Daily Tuesday to Sunday, until 30 April.

The Art of Isel House with Dr Anna Crighton. 2pm – 3.30pm, Thursday 15 April.

Nelson Public Libraries:

The Library has you covered these school holidays with retro games and crafts, stories, Mario Kart, and a special performance from Levity Beed.

For the full programme, visit nelsonpubliclibraries.co.nz

Elma Turner Library

Hours:

Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays: 9:30am – 6pm

Wednesdays: 10am – 6pm

Saturdays: 10am – 4pm

Sundays: 1 – 4pm

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

STEM drop-in. 3.30pm, every Monday.

Device Advice. 2pm, every Tuesday & Thursday.

Junior Reading 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.

Young Adult Reading Club. 3.45pm, Every Wednesday.

Junior Media Club. 3.30 – 4.30pm, Every Wednesday.

Gardening Club. 3.30 – 4.30pm, Every Friday.

Workbridge drop-in sessions. 10am, Every Monday & Wednesday.

LEGO at the Library. 3.30pm, Every Thursday.

Life in the Bubble – display. Monday 29 March – Monday 26 April.

Mahitahi Waterway Place Stories Display Community Project. Thursday 1 – Friday 30 April.

Heritage Online – Discover some tools. 9.30am – 11am, Thursday 8 April.

Writing Workshop – Your Today is Tomorrow's History. 10.30am, Saturdays 10 & 17 April.

Waterways and Place Stories Workshop. 1.15pm, Saturday 10 April

Nelson Institute Talk. Dr Duncan Steel. "Satellites Spinning Around Earth" 2pm, Sunday 11 April.

Bookchat. 10.30am, Tuesday 13 April.

Learning Wikipedia. 5pm, Wednesday 14 April.

Employable drop-in Sessions. 10.30am, Friday 16 April & 30 April.

Friends of the Library Speaker – Heritage of Nelson's Pottery. 2pm, Sunday 18 April.

Saving Marine Mammals with Project Jonah. 10am, Monday 19 April.

Grey Power. 10am, Tuesday 20 April.

FamilySearch – hidden gems. 12pm, Tuesday 20 April.

Make your own Treasure Map. 2pm, Tuesday 20 April.

Retro crafts – Hand sew your own pin cushion. 10am, Wednesday 21 April.

Inscriptions from Time: A Historical Mystery. 12.30pm, Wednesday 21 April.

Design and Fly your own Paper Plane. 3.30pm, Thursday 22 April.

ANZAC Day Crafts. 12pm, Friday 23 April.

Upcycled Jeans and Blankets. 10am, Saturday 24 April.

Pūrākau – Legends of Te Tau Ihu: a stories, crafts, waiata. 10.30am, Tuesday 27 April.

STEM Writers. 1pm, Tuesday 27 April.

Old Fashioned Games. 11am, Wednesday 28 April.

Library Knitters Sale. 10am, Thursday 29 April.

Levity Beed – music performance. 1.30pm, Thursday 29 April.

Writing Workshop – Your Today is tomorrow's history. 6.15pm, Thursday 29 April.

Retro Video Games. 10am, Friday 30 April.

Mario Kart Tournament. 1pm, Friday 30 April.

Friends of the Library Book Sale. 10am, Saturday 1 May.

NZ Music Month – Karmit Duo. 12.30pm, Wednesday 5 May

Nightingale Library Memorial

Hours:

Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays: 1 – 4:30pm

Tuesdays, Thursdays and Sundays: 10am – 2pm

Saturdays: closed

Nellie Knitters. 1.30 – 3.30pm, every Monday.

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

Device Advice at Nightingale. 2pm, every Friday.

Stoke Library

Hours:

Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays, Fridays: 9:30am – 5:50pm

Wednesdays: 10am – 5:30pm

Saturdays: 10am – 2pm

Sundays: closedStoke Craft Club. 3.30pm, Every Monday.

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.

ANZAC Day Crafts at Stoke. 2.30pm, Monday 19 April.

Design and Fly your own Paper Plane at Stoke. 11am, Tuesday 20 April.

Young Adult Book Club. 3.45pm, Tuesday 20 April & 4 May.

Stoke BookChat. 5.30pm, Wednesday 20 April.

Fun with Playdoh contraptions. 11am, Friday 23 April.

Museums and Galleries:

The Suter Art Gallery & Theatre

Hours: 9.30am – 4.30pm Daily

Nelson Hills. Saturday 27 February – Sunday 13 June.

Gavin Hitchings: Stones of Unknowing. Saturday 13 March – Sunday 23 May.

Neke Mōa: Rākau whakarawe – Weapons for the everyday. Tuesday 22 March – Thursday 22 April.

Nelson Suter Art Society Autumn Exhibition. Monday 29 March – Sunday 18 April.

Exhibition floor-talk, Nelson Hills: The Group in Nelson. 2pm, Tuesday 20 April.

Nelson City Centre ArtWalk Blessing & Launch. 7.30am Friday 23 April.

The Wairau Affray: An Open Rehearsal. 7.30pm – 9pm, Saturday 24 April.

Nelson City Centre ArtWalk – Guided Walking Tours. Tuesday 27 – Friday 30 April.

Refinery ArtSpace

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

CHAINReaction: HANDSHAKES at the Refinery. Saturday 27 March – Saturday 17 April.

Social Unrest: Nelson Riot in 1843. 11am – 12pm, Saturday 24 April.

Nelson Provincial Museum

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

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

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

BOOK LAUNCH – The Origins of You: How Childhood Shapes Later Life. 6pm – 8pm, Wednesday 7 April.

Tupaia: Voyage to Aotearoa – Meet the Illustrator. 11am & 1pm, Tuesday 27 April.