

The final countdown: Last chance to submit to the Long Term Plan



Consultation on our Long Term Plan 2021–31 closes on Wednesday 21 April.

We have had hundreds of submissions so far, and this is your final chance to have your say. If you haven't submitted yet, but would like to, remember that submissions don't need to be lengthy – a few paragraphs on an issue that is important to you is plenty.

'Your wellbeing, Nelson's future' is a Long Term Plan with lots of things that Nelsonians will have a view on. A brand new library, a \$491m infrastructure programme, pest plant control, kerbside collection of food waste, and plans for housing intensification and the vibrancy of our City Centre, to name but a few.

Nelson Mayor Rachel Reese says the quality of

submissions to the Plan so far has been fantastic.

"Receiving thoughtful feedback like this is one of the most rewarding parts of working in Local Government. Members of our community have provided us with useful suggestions, innovative ideas, and considered arguments for and against our proposals."

So what is a Long Term Plan?

Every three years Council develops a plan for our city. It looks at the next 10 years and outlines what we will

aim to achieve, how much it will cost and how it will be paid for. For 2021 – 31, we have put the social, cultural, economic and environmental wellbeing of the Nelson region at the heart of our Plan.

We are keen to receive your feedback and ideas. Whether you agree, disagree or have another suggestion, we really want to hear your views.

Have your say!

How to make a last-minute submission:

Online at shape.nelson.govt.nz/long-term-plan-2021-2031
(you can read much more about our plans here too) or
email us at submissions@ncc.govt.nz



Your wellbeing, Nelson's future

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

Keeping our trails on track

Whether tramping in the Grampians or having a barbecue with mates at Tahunanui, Nelson's reserves are beautiful places to connect with nature and friends.

But our reserves are not only enjoyed by humans. Many are important habitats for native birds and trees, a major part of what makes our reserves so special.

This is why changes to reserves are always managed in a way that prioritises their ecological importance. Illegal tracks can threaten the existence

of wildlife and plantlife that depend on reserves for their survival.

Group Manager Community Services Andrew White says Council wants to ensure tracks have a low impact on the environment.

"Any new track must first pass an environmental assessment. This part of the process ensures important

landscapes and natural areas are protected."

Illegal tracks pose a threat to the environment and track users. They can damage native trees, disturb habitats for wildlife and make slopes unstable.

An unauthorised trail in the Maitai Valley recently resulted in an individual being trespassed from the reserve.



Nelson RSA Patron recognised for service

Royal New Zealand Returned and Services' Association (RSA) patron John Beeching, 97, was presented with a handmade poppy bowl by Mayor Rachel Reese at Stoke Rugby Club on Wednesday 14 April.

Born and raised in London, John was part of a Mosquito bomber crew that flew over Europe during World War II. After spending seven years in Edmonton, Canada after the war, John emigrated to Nelson in 1960. One of Nelson's oldest residents, John has a long involvement with the RSA. A recipient of the RSA's Gold Star award for more than 20 years service, John was one of the first people to volunteer as a trustee. John has also sold poppies at a table on Trafalgar Street with his wife, for many years. His "claim to fame" is that he has probably recited Binyon's Ode (They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old...) more times than any other RSA member. He has recited it at the RSA on club nights, funerals, Bomber Command, Nelson Hospital, schools, and other ceremonies representing the RSA. Jim Gordon, a woodturner from Hokitika made the bowl, which was presented to John, and is making more to give to individuals and RSAs around the country. John still makes his way to work three days a week at the Cawthron Institute, where he works 1.5 hours each day as a repairman. He has been working in this job for the past 33 years.



Anzac Day commemoration events

There are plenty of Anzac commemoration events planned for Nelson as part of Tuku 21 Whakatū Heritage Month:

Saturday 24 April

- Anzac Commemoration led by Nelson Cathedral, 9:15am – 9:45am, War Memorial on Piki Mai.
- "Lest We Forget" Light Projections, 6.30pm – 10pm, Anzac Park. Booking required on 03 546 0200.

Sunday 25 April

- Anzac Dawn Service is from 5.30am – 7am, Anzac Park
- WWI Research and the Wall of Remembrance, 9am – 12pm, Founders Heritage Park.
- Anzac Stoke Civic Service, 10.45am – 12.15pm at Nayland College Assembly Hall.

Related event

- Operation Grapple - We Were There: A Photographic Portrait Exhibition of NZ Nuclear Test Veterans, 1 – 30 April, Founders Heritage Park.



For further details go to: nelson.govt.nz/tuku-21-whakatū-heritage-month



Nelsonians celebrate Nelson Pride Week

The Pride Potluck Picnic was on Sunday at Tahunanui as part of Nelson Pride Week from 14–20 April.

Nelson City Council flew the Pride flag at Civic House for Nelson Pride Week, to show its support for the LGBTQIA+ community.

our.nelson.govt.nz/flying-the-flag-for-pride

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Online registration provides recreational access to Ngāti Koata land

Following agreement between Nelson City Council and Koata Ltd, all users of Codgers and Fringed Hill are now able to secure free recreational access via online registration.

This area is an operational forest and Tasman Pine Forests Ltd, who lease the land from Koata Ltd, support recreational access and use. Landowner, Koata Ltd requires registration, to ensure Health and Safety protocols are known, usage is tracked, closures are communicated and in case of emergency.

Registering allows access until the end of June 2021, and a new permit is needed each financial year. Proof of registration will be sent by email and may need to be shown to security when accessing the land.

A separate agreement between the Nelson Mountain Bike Club (NMTBC) and Koata Ltd, allows access to Sharlands.

NMTBC members will have registration for Codgers and Fringed Hill included in their membership, so do not need to register separately. Sharlands will focus on mountain biking and access is solely via membership of the NMTBC.

Group Manager Community Services Andrew White thanks all parties for their collaboration.

"Koata Ltd and the Nelson Mountain Bike Club are great partners to work with, and it's fantastic that this beautiful and popular area of Nelson is available for Nelsonians and visitors to enjoy."

NMTBC Chair Mel Schroder says, "The club is grateful to both Nelson City Council and Ngāti Koata for enabling continued public access for recreational use of their land and values their ongoing partnership."

"We encourage and recommend all mountain bikers join NMTBC to enable the club to continue to develop and maintain the very trails they get so much enjoyment from riding on. Without club members and a strong mountain bike club, there would be fewer high quality, fun trails throughout Nelson."

People can register at:

join.hivepass.co.nz/codgers

Interactive makeover for Rutherford Cottage

Founders Heritage Park's Rutherford Cottage now has an interactive and fun way of exploring the life and science of its namesake, Ernest Rutherford, 1st Baron Rutherford of Nelson.

The cottage, a 1/3rd scale replica of Baron Rutherford's childhood home in Brightwater, reopened on Tuesday 13 April with a new display of interactive "experiments" illustrating the Nobel prize-winning physicist's findings.

The exhibit was created with the help of Rutherford Rotary, which contributed \$3150, plus time and expertise to paint and build elements of the exhibit, and a further \$14,300 of funds raised through the annual Founders Book Fair.

Chief among the new exhibits is a unique, pinball style game that explains Rutherford's gold foil experiment. The game was designed and created by Doug Makinson, an Auckland-based expert who develops activities, equipment and interactive museum exhibits that explore the science of the physical world. It is the only one of its kind in the country.

Other activities include a plasma ball, magnetic atom wall and iPad with

science apps for children. Interpretation panels describe Rutherford's life and work.

Rutherford Rotary Trust Chair Ian Catto put forward the idea of updating and enhancing the cottage to honour the club's namesake, and it resonated with then Rutherford Rotary President and current Councillor Trudie Brand.

"This is an exciting new development for the cottage, showcasing not just Rutherford's life, but also his work through interactive science-based activities and experiments. The hands-on activities explain complicated pieces of science in really clever and simple ways, making it an awesome place for young people to explore and learn", Councillor Brand says.

To help keep the exhibit fresh and interesting, Rutherford Rotary will make an annual donation to the cottage to add more science "experiments" in future years.

Council to stop accepting cheques next month

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

This is happening because all the major New Zealand banks are discontinuing the use of cheques and cheque books, due to the changing ways their customers choose to do their banking. 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.

nelson.govt.nz/online-payments

Nelson youth events take stage in May

Youth events Laugh Nelson and Young and Inspired return in 2021.

Laugh Nelson is an evening jam-packed full of live stand-up comedy and improvised theatre sports skits for all ages to giggle along with. Stand-up comedian and writer Brendon Green headlines the show, along with support from the Nayland College, Garin College and Nelson College for Girls theatre sports teams.

Young and Inspired celebrates the amazing achievements of young Nelsonians who are living their dreams and creating positive change to the world around them.

Eight youths will share stories on the circumstances, choices, and challenges they have encountered, made and overcome.

Laugh Nelson

Friday 7 May at 7pm

Young and Inspired

Saturday 15 May at 7pm

Both events are at the Suter Theatre and free to attend, however seats are strictly limited. For tickets, go to the Eventbrite website.

Please keep the footpath clear on recycling day

Not everyone walking on our footpaths has the ability to dodge a recycling bin. Please place your yellow bin, blue crate or any rubbish bins and bags carefully so there is plenty of free space on the footpath.

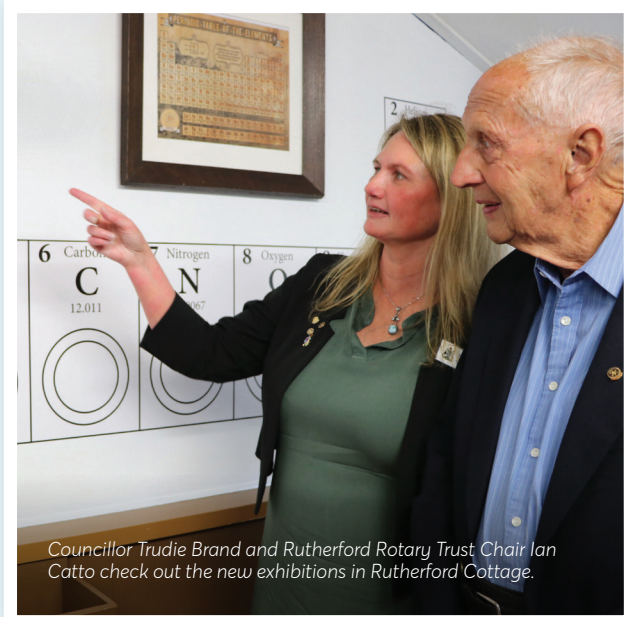
We understand that some people may not have much space to put their bin outside their house, so please put your bin either on the footpath or grass berm, not the road, while doing your best to leave as much clear space on the footpath as possible.

Yellow bins that impede the footpath can become a

frustrating obstacle for anyone who is visually impaired, uses a wheelchair or mobility scooter, or parents with baby strollers.

Nelson City Council asks all collection contractors to show the same consideration when they return empty bins.





Councillor Trudie Brand and Rutherford Rotary Trust Chair Ian Catto check out the new exhibitions in Rutherford Cottage.

Ideas to minimise waste receive grants

Organisations supporting repair cafes, plastic-free packaging trials, fill your own container options and hireable reusable plates and cutlery are among the recipients of Nelson City Council's latest round of Waste Minimisation Grants.

Council's Waste Minimisation Grants support organisations or individuals with ideas on how to avoid or reduce the creation of waste.

Now into its third and final round of funding for this financial year, \$16,000 has so far been allocated in support of eight project ideas. Applications for round three of the grants are open now, with \$14,000 available. Applications close Friday 14 May.

The five grant recipients from the second round are:

1. The Nelson Tasman Climate Forum Waste Group to build regional capacity for running repair cafes.
2. St Stephens Church in Tahunanui, to further develop their Silver Service Repair Cafe, run from the ReStore habitat.
3. Nelson Farmers Market, to help transition its stallholders to plastic-free packaging through research and trials to find what works best in a busy market environment.
4. Waste No More, to increase the number of plates, cutlery, cups etc available for event organisers to book with the Wash Against Waste trailer.
5. The Chia Sisters, to set up a "fill your own container" option for events and markets.

All of the applications were reviewed by Council's specialist panel of officers and each received grants of up to \$2000.

For more information about the grants, or to apply for the third round, see:

nelson.govt.nz/waste-minimisation-grants



Councillor's Comment

It hardly seems a year since I last wrote my Councillor's Comment, but a year it has been, and what a year.

This time last year, we all stayed home and came together as a team of five million; we were asked to be kind and think of others.

Fast forward a year, and I've found that over the last few weeks, there have been times when some of us have forgotten how to be kind. As a councillor, one of the ways I connect with the community is via social media. My observation is that it can be too easy to use social media to share disrespectful and often hurtful comments about the opinions of others or parts of our community we disagree with. I think we need to be mindful of a saying I saw recently; "The tongue has no bones, but it is strong enough to break a heart, so be careful with your words."

In a completely different space, I was fortunate enough in my role as a councillor to attend a Red Cross Area Forum. I was humbled by the passion and commitment for our community from an organisation that I knew little about.

Red Cross's mission is to improve the lives of vulnerable people by mobilising the power of humanity and enhancing community resilience. They do this with impartiality, no discrimination as to nationality, race, religious beliefs, diversity or political opinions. One of the attendees made a statement that really resonated, "no matter who you are, you are valued" maybe we could all learn from that.

And lastly, I would like to acknowledge another volunteer group that have stepped up and assisted with a project that very nearly didn't happen. I'm referring to the great work of Nelson's combined Rotary Clubs to set up a place during the day (Whare Haumarū) at the Male Room.

The Male Room is a great cause for vulnerable people in our City, and Rotary is an organisation that achieves extraordinary things and to be a Rotarian is 'simply to have a desire to do something to help others'. The four clubs were brought together by a councillor who doesn't grab the limelight and just wants to do good for the community, so I would like Councillor Gaile Noonan to take a bow, pai te mahi.



Councillor Yvonne Boulter

Get involved and help us shape Nelson



To get involved visit shape.nelson.govt.nz



For Council's Anzac Day opening hours, go to:

nelson.govt.nz/holiday-hours



MEETINGS

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

Council meeting - hearing of submissions to draft Long Term Plan (if required)
9am each day 4-6 May 21

Environment and Climate Committee - hearing of submissions to Fees and Charges (if required)
1pm 11 May

Saxton Field Committee - Netball Pavilion, Saxton Field
9.30am 12 May

Council meeting
9am 13 May

Nelson Tasman Regional Landfill Business Unit
10am 14 May

Nelson Regional Sewerage Business Unit - Rūma Whakatū (if required)
1pm 14 May

Council meeting - to deliberate on submissions to draft Long Term Plan
9am each day 18-20 May

Audit, Risk and Finance Subcommittee
9am 25 May

Chief Executive Employment Committee - Rūma Whakatū
2pm 25 May

Change to Meeting

Nelson Regional Sewerage Business Unit, previously advertised to take place on Friday, 23 April 2021, at 9.30am, has been cancelled due to insufficient business.

For a full list of Council meetings go to:

nelson.govt.nz/meetings



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