

OUR NELSON

TŌ TĀTOU WHAKATŪ



Going, going, gone!

The deconstruction of the building at 23 Halifax Street is now complete.

Perhaps best known as the Mediterranean Food Warehouse, or Horatio's nightclub a little further back in time, the building was dismantled in a sustainable way that ensured most of its structure and contents could be reused and avoid going to landfill. First, the corrugated iron roof was removed,

followed by the steel trusses, and finally the concrete walls – none of these materials went to waste.

Deconstruction is also far less invasive, creating less dust and debris and is better for the environment.

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

Forestry harvesting in the Brook Valley and Maitai Valley to go ahead this winter

The harvesting of selected Nelson City Council commercial forestry blocks in the Brook Valley will begin mid-May 2021.

Harvesting these blocks was delayed in 2020 to allow commercial recreation businesses to continue operating after the COVID-19 lockdown.

Council's contractor PF Olsen will be undertaking a five-month harvesting project in reserves in the Brook Valley. Once the work is complete, all the harvested areas in the Brook will be retired from commercial forestry and replaced with alternative use species.

The upcoming harvest will be conducted in three phases.

Phase 1 will commence mid-May and last for two months till mid-July. During this phase, the north side of Codgers near Atmore Reserve down to the Maitai Valley Walkway will be closed, including recreational trails crossing Fireball Road, Top Dog Road and Golf Course Road.

Phase 2 will commence late July and last about two weeks. This phase will see the Tantragee Reserve closed, including the Tantragee Walkway and Coppermine Trail. Fringed Hill via Tantragee Road and Fringed Hill Road will be closed during Phase 2. This phase will affect some residents below this harvesting, and there will be some temporary traffic control. Affected residents will be contacted directly.

Phase 3 will commence in July and last until mid-September. This phase will see the closure of the majority of trails in Codgers recreation area, up to the Tantragee Saddle and down into the Maitai Valley. Tu Meke, Gully Track, Young Codgers, Fringed Hill Climb and the Coppermine Trail will remain open.

Ngāti Koata land from the Maitai Motor Camp via Groom Creek to Tantragee Saddle will be closed during all phases, including recreational trails crossing Groom Creek Road and Fireball Road.

Fringed Hill via Tantragee Road and Fringed Hill Road will be open through all phases of work. The Fringed Hill climb will be closed for two weeks during Phase 2, concessionaries will be able to bypass the closure, and the public will be able to use the alternative climb track further up Brook Street.

Harvested trees will be transported via Maitai Valley Road and Nile Street. Logging trucks will not exceed 30km/h when passing schools. Trucks will also not travel past schools during the hours of 8:15–9:15am and 2:45–3:45pm during the school term.

Group Manager Infrastructure Alec Louverdis says Council has been working with the community and relevant interest groups to minimise disruption.

"We understand these reserves are a source of recreation and business for people, which is why we are conducting the work over the winter months so as not to disrupt peak mountain biking and walking activities.

"We will also be managing trail closures to enable access to areas of the reserves where harvesting isn't active."

Maps and up-to-date information can be found on the Shape Nelson website.

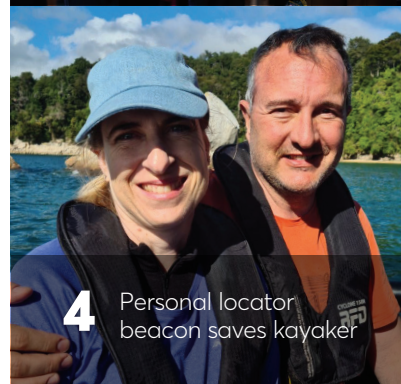
Following this project, there will be further harvesting work in the Maitai Valley between the dam and Smiths Ford. More details about this work will be made public soon.



shape.nelson.govt.nz/harvesting-our-forests



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Celebrating a very old friendship in a very modern way

Mayor Rachel Reese and members of the Nelson Sister City Co-ordinating Group celebrated 45 years of friendship with the Japanese city of Miyazu on a Zoom call with Mayor Kizaki Masafumi on Monday.



Sister Cities was established by United States President Dwight Eisenhower in 1956, as a means of promoting world peace through people-to-people relationships. Since then, it has grown to be an internationally-recognised organisation.

Mayor Reese said the Zoom call was an opportunity to reaffirm the strong links between the two cities, and the endurance of this special relationship.

"Face-to-face connection across borders is so important while COVID-19 restricts international travel. We must remember how we all have

common goals, interests and needs at a time when international co-operation has never been more important."

Mayor Reese and Mayor Masafumi took the chance to reflect on the warmth and significance of the Sister City relationship, with residents from Nelson and Miyazu hosting each other on numerous occasions over the decades.

In 1987, delegates from Miyazu came to Nelson to attend the opening of the Maitai Dam. A few years later, a working holiday scheme was established to allow young

people to easily visit between the two cities.

In 2014, Mayor Reese visited Miyazu to celebrate their 60th anniversary as a city, and in 2016, a delegation led by Deputy Mayor Ueda visited Nelson for the relationship's 40th Anniversary.

"I treasured the opportunity to experience the culture of our Sister City first-hand," Mayor Reese said of her visit to Miyazu.

"The hospitality shown to me by the residents of Miyazu was heartwarming, a real reminder of the importance of being able to share in this sort of cultural exchange."

Mayor Reese said the celebrations are a reminder of the mutually beneficial role Sister City relationships have for both communities.

"I believe there is significant potential to grow joint trade and business ventures, as well as numerous opportunities for shared learning and development. We all have different ways of expressing ourselves through music, dance, food, celebration and worship, but I sincerely believe we have more in common as people than not."

Strong community participation in Long Term Plan submissions

Thank you to everyone who took the time to submit to the Long Term Plan 2021-31 consultation document (LTP). We received 648 submissions during the consultation period, which is more than a 40% increase on the previous LTP.

Those submissions included 2279 items of feedback on 21 major topics, with strong interest from the community on the library proposal, housing affordability and intensification, transport, climate change, and the proposed pest plant control plan.

The consultation period closed on 21 April 2021. The next steps in the process are hearings on 4, 5,

6 May, where submitters who indicated that they wish to speak to their submissions are heard. This is followed by the deliberations meeting on 18, 19, 29 May, where elected members will consider public feedback and decide on any changes to what was proposed in the 10-year work programme.

The Long Term Plan 2021-2031 will be adopted at

a Council meeting before 1 July 2021. Mayor Rachel Reese was thrilled to see more members of our community take part in local democracy.

"Our plan is always made stronger by the ideas we get from our community. Thanks to all the individuals and organisations who were able to provide us with their feedback."



Time for a refresh

Time has stopped on Civic House's clock tower for three weeks, as the clock face and tower shaft undergo renewal and maintenance work.

In work which started on Monday, scaffolding is being installed around the clock tower, while repairs are made to improve the watertightness of the tower shaft and replace some internal steel work.

While this work is carried out, the clock will also be refreshed, and the hands and drive mechanisms from all four faces removed for inspection and renewal. To improve the clock's readability, its hands will be repainted patent black, and some of the glass panes, currently mismatched, replaced to give the clock a uniform white face.

As the scaffolding is put up, a section of Halifax Street, from the entrance to Burger King to the intersection of Halifax and Trafalgar Streets, is closed from 6.30pm to

6am every evening from 3 May to 6 May. The Burger King entry/exit will remain open.

The works are expected to be finished by early June, and at that time the same stretch of road will be closed again from 6.30pm to 6am while the scaffolding is dismantled. This is expected to take place from 6 to 9 June.

During these closure periods, the footpath outside Civic House will also be closed.

Group Manager Infrastructure Alec Louverdis says: "It won't be the same without hearing the bells tolling, but this is a good opportunity to take care of our city's heritage. The work to improve watertightness of the tower is essential, and when we're finished with the clock face it should be easier and clearer to read."



Mayor's Message

Taking the time to remember those who have served our country on Anzac Day at the Dawn Service is a significant day in our calendar. After the cancellation of last year's remembrance due to COVID-19, it was such a joy to listen to the exceptional speeches at Anzac Park, Marsden Cemetery and Nayland College on Sunday. I was also moved by the words of Dean Mike Hawke at Piki Mai on Saturday.

Thousands gathered in the morning chill to recognise New Zealanders who embodied our best traits – unity, endurance, and compassion. All of which are held in spades by Derek Nees, who introduces and organises Anzac Day Services, as he has done for more than 20 years on behalf of the RSA.

Thanks also to guest speaker Brigadier Sean Trengrove, who told those gathered about a lesser-known Anzac battle that took place on Anzac Day in 1951 in Kapyong, South Korea. Students Hannah Young, Brodie Seelan and Anna Sawyer spoke eloquently about grandparents and great-grandparents who fought in both World Wars. Colonel Bernard Isherwood's reconnect of the service above self of NZ Army soldiers in the Mt Ruapehu tragedy, was especially confronting and moving.

I would also like to recognise the efforts of Nelson Rugby Football Club, Nelson Male Youth Choir, Nelson City Brass and cadets and defence force personnel who all played a part in the weekend's activities.

How privileged we are to attend events like this, and now

able to fly internationally as part of the Trans-Tasman bubble. I know many will be looking forward to seeing friends and family in Australia. I am looking forward to seeing my grandson before the end of the year, who I have missed terribly. I hope a successful bubble provides a vision for a future where borders can open safely.

Of course, the bubble only exists because of New Zealand and Australia's world-leading response to COVID-19. But it will only be able to be maintained if our vaccination rollout is successful. Ensuring we are well-informed when the vaccine becomes widely available will be key to its success.

You could talk to your GP, practice nurse, iwi healthcare provider or a Healthline nurse – they can answer questions about the vaccine and tell you when you will be able to access it.

If you prefer online research, I encourage you to visit the Unite Against COVID-19 and Ministry of Health websites and social media. Here you will find evidence-based and New Zealand-specific information about the vaccine, including rollout, safety, ingredients, and side effects.



Photos by Tim Cuff





Safety first: Students take on Tipahi Street trial road layout

Nelson Intermediate school students took to the streets on Thursday 15 April, putting a trial road layout on Tipahi Street to the test.

The Innovating Streets Project in the Kawai Street South area has involved the community in trialling ways our residential roads can become safer and more accessible.

Phase 2 looks at connecting the community with schools, Victory Community Centre and the Railway Reserve, including enhancing pedestrian and cycling safety.

Hundreds of students rode bikes and scooters or walked through the layout, which involved placing planter boxes with trees on the road to slow down car traffic. After taking the route, students were asked to say whether they liked the new layout, whether they were undecided, or whether they thought it didn't work.

Nelson City Councillor Brian McGurk was pleased to see the children letting Council know their views.

"Right from the start, the Innovating Streets project has been about co-design with the local community. We are running these trials to see the ideas that work and the ideas that might need some more thought.

"Most children today seemed to like the new layout, but there were others who were unsure, and others who found it uncomfortable. There's unlikely to be a road layout that suits everyone, but I am confident we will be able to meet our goals of reducing speeds and making people the priority in this area."

Phase 1 of the project on Kawai Street South was successful at reducing speeds on the road by 20% and the number of cars that use the road by 30%.

Nelson City Councillor Rohan O'Neill-Stevens went to Nelson Intermediate School and recalls a hair-raising journey to school.

"I used to go past Hampden Street on my way up Waimea Road, which was a bit unnerving. But over the years Council has made routes to nearby schools much safer. Hampden Street is now closed to traffic from Waimea Road, there are lower speed limits



near schools, and more pedestrian refuges.

"It's so important to get people using active transport at an early age so it becomes a habit that's hard to drop. Making it easier and safer for children to walk or cycle to school can go a long way to reducing the congestion, and related emissions, at the busiest times of the day on our roads."

Further trials for residents were held on Saturday 17 May.

Nelson City Council is currently taking feedback on the road layouts trialled in Phase 2 so far. Visit Shape Nelson to give us your thoughts, or alternatively call us on 546 0200.



For more information on this story visit shape.nelson.govt.nz/innovating-streets



Sign up now for easy dog registration

Now is a good time to sign up for Dogs Online, so you can do your dog registration the quick and easy way.

Dog registrations will be due in June this year. If you have signed up to our customer database to receive your rates or water bill by email, then you will automatically receive your dog registration invoice by email.

If you are not already set up for online dog registration and payment, go to my.nelson.govt.nz and create an account – you will then receive your dog registration by email and can pay online.

All dogs over three months of age on 1 July must have a current registration.

If you need any help setting up an account, logging in or registering your dog, contact Council's Customer Service Centre on 03 546 0200. Just remember, however you do it, all dogs need to be registered by 1 July.

my.nelson.govt.nz

Personal locator beacon saves kayaker in distress

John Gamba and his wife Anika set out on their kayak from Cable Bay to do some fishing and explore the coastline around Pepin Island. But when conditions changed for the worse, they decided to head back.

"We had checked the weather and it was meant to be a fine day. In fact, it was a fine day, but conditions changed in the blink of an eye.

"I tried turning around to follow my wife, but my kayak seemed to be caught by the wind and tide. That's when a freak wave knocked me out of the boat."

John tried to get back into the kayak, but the waves kept tossing him out and ramming the boat into his head.

Worried he would be knocked unconscious, John grabbed hold of some nearby rocks.

"The shells on the rocks were tearing my hands and the waves kept pushing me under water. I knew if I let go, I would be smashed into the cliffs behind me, but I was quickly losing energy. That's when I first realised how serious my situation was."

John tried using his radio, but the device was not connected to his personal flotation device (PFD) and was swept away by a wave.

"That's when I remembered — I still had my personal locator beacon (PLB)."

John pressed the button on his PLB, sending out a distress call that conveyed his location to emergency services.

"I really don't think I would be here today if I didn't have that PLB," John said.

John was shortly rescued by helicopter and airlifted to Nelson Hospital where he was reunited with his wife. He now wants to encourage people



to plan, expect the unexpected, and carry the right equipment.

"If I can just get five kayakers to buy a PLB after hearing my story, it will all have been worth it," John said.

"Next time, I will be more prepared. I will have a lanyard for the radio, a flare, a PLB for my wife to have on her person, and I'll be getting another one for myself.

"We will also start doing briefings together before getting out on the water. We will check each other's gear, establish a contingency plan and review it before going out."

The next day, Port Nelson Deputy Harbour Master Stuart Whitehead found a group of kayakers with no emergency equipment close to where John had almost drowned.

"These kayakers are so incredibly lucky given what John experienced the day before," Stuart said.

"If the roles were reversed, I am afraid they wouldn't have survived.

"I really hope John's story encourages people to take things a little more seriously when they are out on the water. It's crucial to have a plan and the right gear. It really could be the difference between life and death."

For more information about water safety or to check conditions, go to: portnelson.co.nz/shipping-information/harbour-conditions

maritimenz.govt.nz or coastguard.nz



Humour takes the stage

Laugh Nelson returns for 2021 with an evening full of live stand-up comedy and improvised theatre sports skits.

Headlining the event this year is award-winning stand-up comedian and writer Brendon Green. A former Billy T Award nominee and past winner of the Best Storytelling Show at the Auckland Fringe Festival, Brendon has more than 10 years of experience in the New Zealand comedy industry.

He has performed stand-up comedy worldwide and featured among some of New Zealand's best comedy shows as a writer for 7 Days, The Project, and Jono & Ben.

Also performing is internationally award-winning clown Fraser Hooper. Fraser's unique style has delighted audiences in more than 30 countries, with the classic ingredients of audience involvement, ridiculous routines and a complete disregard for his own safety.

In support, are performances from up-and-coming comedians from the Nayland College, Nelson College for Girls, and Garin College school theatre sports teams.

Council Community and Recreation Committee Chair Tim Skinner says Laugh Nelson is an opportunity for Nelson's youth to exercise their comedic talents on stage.

"The ability to make people laugh is



Fraser Hooper

a great skill to have. Laugh Nelson is an excellent opportunity for our young comedians to show just how skilled and quick thinking they can be. I'm sure it will be a great night out." 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 and Young and Inspired are supported by Nelson City Council and are being held at the Suter Theatre. Supported by Nelson City Council. Both events are suitable for ages 14 years and up and are free to attend. Seats are strictly limited, so reserve your ticket to ensure a seat.

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:

eventbrite.co.nz

Youth Week

8-16 May 2021

8 ROCKQUEST REGIONALS Annesbrook Centre	11 TEAM E-SPORT GAMING NIGHT Whanake HQ	14 SHOWQUEST Theatre Royal
9 SCAVENGER HUNT (VIRTUAL) Stoke & Nelson	12 SILENT DISCO & PIZZA Elma Turner Library	15 YOUTHIFY GIG Johnny Cash Room, NMIT
10 YOUTH EXPO Tui Room, Greenmeadows	13 BLUE LIGHT SKATE PARTY Whanake HQ	16 YOUNG AND INSPIRED The Suter Gallery
		YOUTH ART EXPO TOUR Refinery ArtSpace

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#youthweeknelson



Councillor's Comment

How many of you have enjoyed time in the Chinese Gardens? The Cherry Blossom Festival at the Miyazu Gardens? Or at Eureka Park up the Brook enjoying a relaxing picnic?

Did you know these gardens/parks were developed in partnership with Nelson's Sister Cities? Currently, Nelson has four formal Sister Cities Relationships with Miyazu, Japan (May, 1976); Huangshi City, China (November, 1995); Yangjiang, China (July, 2004); and Eureka, USA (March, 2004).

There is more to these relationships than enjoying gardens and fostering friendships. Sister Cities are formal links that focus on "People to People" relationships and are key to building cross-cultural understandings.

Sister City relationships are vital to New Zealand's place in the world, promoting the best from partner cities/regions, sharing economic development in education, business, technologies, and tourism. Youth participation is strongly encouraged, developing cultural understanding and relationships. These

relationships are held in high regard, as such the NZ Governor-General is the Patron of the NZ Sister Cities organisation.

I have been appointed to the Nelson Sister Cities Co-ordinating Group, alongside the Mayor, council staff and chairpersons of dedicated community groups in our region.

As a councillor, the role has permitted me to connect with our community in diverse ways. In August 2020, I had the privilege of unveiling the heritage panel for Appo Hocton, a true Nelson Pioneer who, in 1856 became the first naturalised emigrant of Chinese descent.

In April 2021, I had the honour of attending the NZ Sister Cities annual conference in Wellington. We were officially welcomed by Kaumatua Kura Moeahu. He explained that all countries and cities are connected by oceans and that water feeds the life force. Kura Moeahu outlined "NZ is promoted globally as a bi-cultural country, with the Treaty of Waitangi as its foundation; yet locally we need to celebrate our multi-culturalism and Iwi partnerships are key for inclusion,

connection and a sense of belonging."

Many other experiences were shared at the conference, leading me to conclude that Nelson could and should continue to build, grow and maintain these relationships, especially following COVID-19 and the ongoing risks of natural disasters.

In May 2021, Nelson will celebrate the 45th anniversary of our Sister City relationship with Miyazu –Japan. How would you like Nelson to celebrate this milestone given the importance of this relationship?



Councillor Trudie Brand



Second-Hand Sunday a winter opportunity

Second-Hand Sunday, your opportunity to re-home household goods, is back - just in time for a winter clear out.

It happens across the region - from Tasman Bay to Golden Bay - and is run in partnership with Tasman District Council.

The next Second-Hand Sunday is on 16 May. If you would like to get involved, register your address before 10am on Friday 14 May and print out the letter box poster to let people know you are taking part.

On the day, put your items out on your driveway (not the footpath) and don't forget to bring anything that hasn't sold back in at the end of the day. The Nelson Environment Centre has ideas on how to

recycle leftover items.

Please do not include items such as food or dangerous goods, like faulty electrical equipment, chemicals, or firearms.

If you are planning to go looking for items, a participant list will be available on 14 May after 10am on both Councils' websites and Customer Service Centres. Second-Hand Sunday starts from 10am.

The event will take place come rain or shine, and it is up to the householder to put items out or not.

To register see:

nelson.govt.nz/second-hand-sunday



BLUE STORIES PROJECT

sharing journeys of getting out of perinatal depression

Elma Turner Library
27 Halifax Street
Nelson
9 MAY - 30 MAY

Project website:
WWW.BLUESTORIESPROJECT.COM
will be launched on Sunday, 9th of May

YOU ARE WARMLY INVITED TO:

Blue Stories Project Exhibition Opening
at 2pm on Sunday, 9th of May



SUPPORTED:



Kai Rescue volunteers pack food boxes for distribution. Photo: Amy Matheson

Community grants applications open

Nelson's non-profit community groups can now apply for a grant to support their work for up to three years from Nelson City Council's Community Investment Fund.

This year, the fund has \$240,000 available for three-year strategic grants to support non-profit community organisations to deliver programmes and activities with a social development focus and that contribute to Council's community outcomes. Grants of up to \$30,000 a year for three years are available.

Organisations applying for the grants must have a focus on supporting and empowering our community, and in particular projects that address:

- social isolation/loneliness
- reducing housing vulnerability and addressing social issues for those at risk of homelessness or those living in substandard housing
- improving access to work and learning opportunities, in particular those adversely affected by COVID-19, and
- reducing the impact of poverty, which can amplify other social issues.

Kai Rescue, a food rescue and redistribution programme operated by the Nelson Environment Centre, received funding in the last round of strategic grants in 2018/19.

Kai Rescue Funding Co-ordinator Lily Hirsch says:

"Grants like the one we received from the Community Investment Fund help us continue to feed thousands of people and save tonnes of food from being dumped every year. Since its launch in 2017, Kai Rescue has saved more than 500 tonnes of food from being dumped. Every week we supply enough food for 7000 meals,

feeding between 2000 and 3000 local people."

Victory Community Centre was another organisation to receive a strategic grant, which went towards a new Community Navigator position, which aids Nelson's former refugee and migrant community.

Victory Community Centre Manager Jenni Bancroft says without the Community Investment Fund Grant, the role wouldn't exist.

"It is incredibly valuable to have these grants to ensure we have this valued role in our community. The grant covers not only the Navigator salary but also things like the use of interpreter services. The use of interpreters offers more than just the chance to be heard; it gives recent migrants a real opportunity to learn our systems and build their knowledge and resilience."

Community and Recreation Committee Chair Tim Skinner says Nelson's not-for-profit organisations helped build the strength of our community by looking after some of our most vulnerable.

"The Community Investment Fund is there to support these organisations to carry on the great work they do for so many in our community. Community wellbeing is so important, and to do that we must look after everyone in our community, and we want to help those who are doing this as much as we can."

Applications are open from 27 April to 31 May. All applications will be assessed by the Community Investment Fund Panel and grants will be paid from August 2022.



Apply for the fund by visiting shape.nelson.govt.nz/community-investment-fund-panel



Council subsidy available for child car seat recycling

Not everyone knows that children’s car seats have an expiry date. When your child car seat expires or is damaged, it doesn’t have to go to landfill.

The materials will be re-purposed and the cost is kept down to \$10 per seat thanks to a Council subsidy. As a bonus, the scheme not only ensures materials are reused, but also helps employ people with disabilities or who are disadvantaged.

Keep children safe and help the environment by recycling your expired car seat at Baby on the Move at 4 Akersten Street, Port Nelson through the Seat Smart programme.



For further details go to: nelson.govt.nz/childrens-car-seat-recycling-subsidy

Mayor’s bouquet recognition for floral arranger

Edna McLaughlin’s tireless service to the community has been honoured with a Mayor’s Bouquet.

Flowers were an appropriate way of acknowledging the 97-year old’s efforts as much of Edna’s volunteer work involved floral arrangements.

Edna provided the flowers for St Barnabas Church in Stoke from her own garden, as well as providing flowers for countless events such as births, weddings and funerals.

She did this right up until the age of 91.

Edna was also often seen fundraising for the community at the local church fair, arranging flowers for Nayland College, and donating daffodils for the

annual hospice fundraiser.

Nelson Mayor Rachel Reese says Edna’s service to her community is extraordinary.

“To be able to honour Edna’s volunteering is a real joy, and for me personally, one of the most rewarding aspects of my role.

“It is so important to acknowledge the sacrifice and hard work of people such as Edna, and to be able to do it with flowers, makes it just that little bit more special,” she said.



Learn at the Library

The Nelson Public Libraries offer free classes covering a range of topics and are for people with all levels of experience.

Online Safety: Learn how to stay safe, spot a scam and protect yourself online.

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

Tablets: Tips and help if you’re new to using a Tablet, or just want a refresher.

Elma Turner Library: Thursday 3 June, 9:30-11am
Stoke Library: Tuesday 25 May, 9:30-10:30am

eBooks and audiobooks: Download Libby and Borrow Box and start reading and listening to a book on your own device.

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

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

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

Bookings required by phoning (03) 546 0414, emailing library@ncc.govt.nz or asking one of our friendly librarians.

Book a Librarian

If you have questions and need some assistance from one of our helpful librarians, you can Book a Librarian! We are available for a 45-minute session in person, through Zoom or over the phone. This could be on anything from computer skills, applying for work, research, using your device, family history, or any other burning questions you have. Get in touch or visit our website to book a spot today.



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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.

Council Meeting	
9am	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	
12pm	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

Changes to Meeting

Environment and Climate Committee - hearing of submissions to Fees and Charges (if required) - previously advertised to take place at 1pm on 11 May - this meeting is not required.

For a full list of meetings go to:

nelson.govt.nz/meetings

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facebook.com/nelsoncitycouncil



Rating Information Database available at Civic House

Nelson City Council's Rating Information Database is available for inspection for free at the Customer Service Centre in Civic House at 110 Trafalgar Street during office hours (Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday 8:30am – 5pm and Wednesday 9am to 5:00pm).

The Database can also be accessed via the Council's website. Simply look up our property rates search and then enter the property street address to view the current year's rating information.

The public can also view the properties rating charges and information for the 2021/22 rating year.

The Rating Information Database contains a record of all information required for the setting and assessing of rates and informing ratepayers.

nelson.govt.nz/public/rates-search

Council no longer accepting cheques

Cheques are no longer 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.

Council continues to offer other ways to pay.

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

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

For further details go to the Nelson City Council website, or you can speak with a member of our Customer Service Centre team at Civic House, 110 Trafalgar Street, Nelson, email enquiry@ncc.govt.nz or call us on 03 546 0200.

nelson.govt.nz/online-payments

Rates rebates

Nelson City Council, on behalf of the Department of Internal Affairs, administers the rates rebate scheme for people who are having difficulty paying their rates. You may qualify for a refund of a portion of your rates depending on your income, rates and the number of dependents living with you.

You can apply for a rates rebate before 30 June 2021, if the following is applicable to you:

- You pay the rates on the address that you live at
- You were living at that address at 1 July 2020
- Your name is on the rates account

Please visit our Customer Service Centre team at 110 Trafalgar Street, Nelson, give us a call on 03 546 0200 or email us on rates.rebates@ncc.govt.nz to see if you qualify for a rates rebate. Rates rebates are granted under the Rates Rebate Act 1973 and you must provide income and accommodation information so your rebate can be calculated.

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. Every Wednesday 8.30am – 1.30pm

Trafalgar Centre

Trafalgar Centre, Pink Floyd Experience, Saturday 15 May 7pm

Trafalgar Centre, Nelson Giants vs Canterbury Rams Thursday 20 May 7.30pm

Trafalgar Centre, Nelson Giants vs Hawke's Bay Hawks, Saturday 29 May 7.30pm

Founders Heritage Park

Sundowner sessions at Founders Cage. Every Friday in May from 6pm

Isle House and Park

Isle Market Pop-up Mother's Day Market. Sunday 9 May 11am – 3pm

Nelson Public Libraries:

Elma Turner Library

Hours:
Mon/ Tues/Thurs/Fri: 9.30am – 6pm
Wednesday: 10am – 6pm
Saturday: 10am – 4pm
Sunday: 1:00pm – 4pm

Back to the Future - Tech Taster Sessions. Every Monday 2pm

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

Device Advice. Every Tuesday & Thursday 2pm
STEM writers Every second and fourth Tuesday of the month 1pm – 3pm

Junior Reading Club. Every Tuesday 3.30pm

Library Knitters. Every Thursday. 10am – 12pm

Tea & Talk. Every Friday 10am

Justices of the Peace. Every Saturday 10am – 12pm

Young Adult Reading Club. Every Wednesday 3.45pm

LEGO at the Library. Every Thursday 3.30pm

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

Covid Vaccine Information. Wednesday 5 May 10am – 11am

NZ Music Month – Kramit Duo. Wednesday 5 May 12.30pm – 1:00pm

Modern Slavery Talk. Saturday 8 May 2pm – 3.30pm

NZ Music Month – Avid Opera. Saturday 8 May 12.30pm – 1pm

Blue Stories Exhibition Opening. Sunday 9 May 2pm – 3pm

Bookchat. Tuesday 11 May 10.30am – 11.30am.

Clifton Terrace performing NZSL. Wednesday 12 May 10.30am – 11:00am

Employable drop-in sessions. Every second Friday from 14 May 10.30am – 12.30pm

Book launch: Chris Potter - My Beautiful Island – from England to New Zealand via Hong Kong and a War. Friends of the Library talk. Sunday 16 May 2pm – 3pm

NZ Music Month – Bob Bickerton. Wednesday 19 May 12.30pm – 1:00pm

Young Adult Reading Club at Elma Turner. Wednesday 19 May 3.45pm – 4.30pm

Learn at the Library – online safety. Thursday 20 May 9.30am – 11am

Alzheimers Nelson drop-in. Thursday 20 May 10am – 11am

NZ Music Month - Rural Mail. Friday 21 May 12.30pm – 1:00pm

NZ Music Month - Flightless Birds. Sunday 23 May 2pm – 2.30pm

NZ Music Month - Violin Quartet. Saturday 29 May 12pm – 12.30pm

Mosaic Choir. Sunday 30 May 2pm – 2.30pm.

Nightingale Library Memorial

Nellie Knitters. Every Monday 1.30 – 3.30pm

Device Advice at Nightingale. Every Friday at 2pm

Learn at the Library – Research Databases. Thursday 27 May 9.30 – 11am

Stoke Library

Hours:
Monday-Friday: 10am – 4:30 pm
Saturday: 10am – 1pm
Sunday: Closed

Alzheimers Nelson drop-in. Wednesday 19 May 10am – 11am

Learn at the Library. Tuesday 11 May 9.30am – 10.30am

Device Advice at Stoke Library. Every Tuesday & Wednesday at 2pm

Stoke Library Bookchat. Every third of the month 5.30pm – 6.30pm

Learn at the Library – online safety. Thursday 20 May 9.30am – 11am

Young Adult Reading Club at Stoke. Tuesday 1 June 3.30pm – 4.30pm

Museums and Galleries:

The Suter Art Gallery & Theatre

Hours:
Mon/Weds/Fri: 1pm – 4.30pm
Tues/Thurs/Sun: 10am – 2pm
Nelson Hills. Saturday 27 February – Sunday 13 June

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

Ann Braunsteiner: Soft ground, Tall grass. Friday 23 April – Saturday 19 June

Refinery ArtSpace

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

Nelson Provincial Museum

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

Please remember to flush your taps

Some plumbing fittings have the potential to allow minute traces of metals to accumulate in water which has been standing in the fittings for several hours.

Although the health risk is small, the Ministry of Health recommends that you flush a cup of water from your drinking water tap each morning, before use, to remove any metals that may have dissolved from the plumbing fittings.

This is recommended for all households, including those on public and private water supplies.

Safety work taking place

Work is underway to make some safety improvements for pedestrians and cyclists travelling from Boundary Road and over Waimea Road towards Bishopdale.

For safety reasons, a section of Waimea Road will be reduced to 30 km/hr in the work site area until 12 May, as the footpath will be closed and a temporary crossing point is being installed.

Much of this work is funded through the Innovative Streets project budget, with a 90% Waka Kotahi NZTA subsidy and is expected to take four weeks.