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A new Sci-Tech Precinct for a Smart Little City

Council has approved funding of \$5.5 million in year one of the Long Term Plan 2021-31 for a new Science and Technology Precinct.

The new precinct, initiated by Port Nelson, Cawthron Institute and Nelson City Council, will be a hub for innovation and creativity, drawing companies and talent from all over the world to Nelson to work on some of the most pressing issues in science, research, health and technology.

Referencing Council's support for the precinct, Mayor Rachel Reese said investment in addressing the big tech and science challenges, lifting productivity and retaining and attracting young talent to the region makes sense for everyone.

"This is very much a wellbeing project. It's a positive project, not only for the economic wellbeing of our City but also its cultural and social wellbeing. We heard from Cawthron that over half of their staff is under the age of 35. This is about retaining and attracting young, talented people to our region who want to thrive, contribute to our community and address the big global issues where we can make a difference."

Mayor Reese also highlighted the potential to attract international businesses.

"New Zealand has always been identified as a good place to do business, and now thanks to our response to COVID-19, we've strengthened our brand and are known as a safe place to do business."

Once completed, the precinct is expected to accommodate 1,000 workers in the science and technology industries.

Stallholders invited for Matariki 2021

Nelson City Council is hosting Te Huihui o Matariki, a winter festival on Saturday 3 July 2021 from 4pm – 8pm.

The event will feature entertainment from local kapa haka groups, and a performance by rising star Sianne Dougherty and Grove Roots.

The evening will conclude with a spectacular fireworks display at 7pm. We are inviting stallholders offering

a culturally diverse range of food and refreshments and/or Māori arts and crafts, to secure a spot at this year's Matariki Festival.

Applications close on Friday 18 June 2021. For more information check out our website: shape.nelson.govt.nz



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New Library Precinct gets green light

Nelson City Council will proceed with a new, high-specification library on the corner of Halifax and Trafalgar Streets, acknowledging the support of submitters to Nelson City Council's Long-Term Plan for a visionary, bold and innovative approach to the Elma Turner Library Redevelopment Project.

In a Council meeting on Thursday 20 May, councillors emphasised the strong support in submissions for community engagement in the development of the library precinct concept.

Mayor Rachel Reese reserved the right to speak to allow Nelson City Council's Library Manager Sarina Barron to acknowledge the importance of the project.

"What I can do is assure you it will be a well-used, well-loved community facility. Our current library is just that.

"Today at the library we had nine different groups, covering everything from online safety courses to robotics for kids. This is us – this is our library at our limit.

"However, we know that the community needs more and wants more."

Ms Barron's vision of a new library that could provide more for the Nelson community was echoed in submissions. Many encouraged Council to create a community hub where ideas and learning could be fostered and encouraged.

Mayor Rachel Reese said the

decision to proceed with the new library was consistent with Council's vision for Nelson and urged councillors to stay the course.

"This is about the wellbeing of the community, so if at any point in this process this gets challenging, and it will do, then remember you are doing this for the right reasons."

Environment Chair Kate Fulton acknowledged the work undertaken by consultants and staff in preparing the report.

"We have staff who have spent hundreds of hours looking at how you mitigate and build for the future."

Deputy Mayor Judene Edgar said the new library was a fundamental part of Nelson's infrastructure.

"People often say a library is a nice to have, that it is not core infrastructure. I will just refer you to the Local Government Act. It is acknowledged as critical to our communities."

After the Long Term Plan is formally adopted in June, the next step for the project is to begin formal land negotiations with Wakatū Incorporation.

An audience with Queen Victoria in Queen's Gardens

To celebrate Queen's Birthday weekend, Nelson Historical Society members are giving the public an opportunity to explore the Victorian-era Queen's Gardens and meet some of the characters and stories behind its landmarks.

The Queen's Quest will see costumed presenters stationed throughout the gardens, sharing their stories through presentations repeated at regular intervals throughout the afternoon. Visitors will meet a passionate botanist; hardworking Mayor Trask and his irrepressible wife, a Boer War nurse, a WWI soldier, and an early caretaker at the fledgling Suter Gallery.

Children can participate in the Queen's Quest quiz. Free guide maps and quiz sheets will be available at the Bridge and Hardy Street entrances.

This event was originally part of the Nelson City Council Tuku 21

Festival, but was postponed due to bad weather.

The Queen's Quest takes place in Queen's Gardens, Nelson, on Monday, 7 June 2021, 1.00pm - 3.30pm. Free event.



Mayor's Message

A Smart Little City takes shape

Over the last few weeks, a series of decisions, announcements and achievements gave added meaning to our Long Term Plan vision, Nelson – A Smart Little City – He Tāone Tōrire a Whakatū.

The Long Term Plan decision-making concluded with strong support for this vision and priorities to support the vision. You will see some of these decisions highlighted in this edition of Our Nelson.

Tech Week in Nelson kicked off with Intelligent Guardians – a live virtual event where we heard from some of Nelson Tasman's most inspiring and innovative businesses and people who are leading the charge when it comes to applying research, science and technology to solve some of the greatest challenges of our time. If you missed it, you can watch it on the Nelson Regional Development Agency (NRDA) Nelson Tasman NZ Facebook page.

Our decision to support the Science and Technology Precinct aligns with Cawthron Institute's centenary of delivering world-class science and innovation.

Last week, Prime Minister Rt Hon Jacinda Ardern acknowledged the significant science contribution of the Cawthron Institute, when she opened the first stage of the new National Algae Research Centre at Glenduan. The second stage will be part of the new Science and Technology Precinct at Port Nelson.

To enjoy more centenary celebrations, take a visit to the Nelson Provincial Museum to explore an underwater world of life-sized mammals, a kelp forest and much more in the Our Science, Our Future – 100 years of Cawthron exhibition.

The NRDA achieved recognition, winning the Best Practice Award for Collaboration for Project Kōkiri at the 2021 Economic Development New Zealand conference held in Palmerston North last week.

Project Kōkiri is the collaboration setup to navigate the economic impacts of COVID-19, led by NRDA in partnership with Māna Whenua, Nelson City Council, Tasman District Council, Nelson Tasman Chamber of Commerce, and regionally based government

agencies. NRDA Chairperson Meg Matthews said "Project Kōkiri was formed to develop a well organised, agile and economic response across Nelson Tasman."

"Kōkiri means to move forward together. The whole recovery has been driven by a focus on collaboration and despite the noise, uncertainty and challenges that 2020 delivered, this focus was unwavering."

More unwavering commitment was recognised on Thursday night at our regional Industry Training Organisation Graduation held at the Trafalgar Centre. It was a privilege to award certificates to dedicated graduates who are employed across a diverse range of industries. During the financially uncertain times that Covid-19 presented, your dedication to upskilling is truly awesome and I handed out those certificates with absolute respect to you all.

Finally, on Saturday night, the region paid tribute to the outstanding achievement of Pāora Te Poa Karoro Morgan (Paul Morgan), inducted as Laureate to the New Zealand Business Hall of Fame.

Paul is widely respected at home and globally as a Māori leader, lobbyist and entrepreneur who has been at the centre of economic development and political advocacy for Māori for over 30 years. You can learn more about Paul in a video on the New Zealand Business Hall of Fame website, where he was formally introduced at the awards by his son, Rore.

It has been a privilege to work with Paul over many years and I acknowledge his leadership and championing of our region through development of the Te Taihu Intergenerational Strategy with its vision of Tūpuna Pono: To Be Good Ancestors.

There's plenty of smart thinking and innovation to celebrate in our Smart Little City and plenty more to do.





Nelson City Council expands climate change response in Long Term Plan

Additional climate change funding, consistent with Nelson City Council's vision to enable our community to respond to climate change, was approved for Council's Long Term Plan 2021-31 (LTP) at a deliberations meeting held last month.

Nelson-Tasman Climate Forum, Business for Climate Action, Community Compost and Tasman Environment Trust are all in line for funding after submitting to the LTP. After Nelson Tasman Climate Forum requested financial support from Council, councillors approved \$100,000 of funding allocated in each of the first three years of the LTP. Environment and Climate Committee Chair Kate Fulton has been working with the Forum to develop a Climate Action Plan. "The Forum is proving its worth in bringing together a diverse range of knowledge and views. Its recently released Action Plan highlights how we can work together to deliver solutions to climate change," says Councillor Fulton. Businesses for Climate Action (BCA) helps local businesses reduce carbon emissions. Their vision is for Te Taihu (Top of the South) to become the first zero-carbon region in New Zealand. Councillors approved a recommendation that the group receive \$65,000 per annum for years

one and two of the LTP and \$45,000 for year three. Nelson Mayor Rachel Reese says BCA's work supports Council's climate change objectives. "This additional funding will go to organisations that will help our community reach ambitious, but necessary climate goals. Their submission outlined the importance of assisting local businesses to make good decisions on climate change, providing expertise and support in this vital area." Other funding in the LTP went towards diverting food from landfill. This practice is important if Council is to meet its emissions goals. Food in landfill creates substantial amounts of methane, a very powerful greenhouse gas, as well as an equal amount of CO2. Council has allocated \$13.3 million for residential collection of food waste. Pending on the success of a kerbside collection trial, this will provide opportunity for all residents to divert their kitchen waste from landfill.

Councillor's Comment

The decade of change

By Councillor Kate Fulton.

Having just completed my fourth Long Term Plan deliberations at Council, I have been reflecting on the past decade and my experiences striving to create positive change. There have been many obstacles and setbacks. I have learned to be more patient. I have also learned tenacity requires perseverance, passion and the courage to stay true to having your voice heard, while remaining open and respectful towards those with differing views.

These past few months I have felt jubilant about our successes and excited for our future. It appears there has been a paradigm shift and 2021 feels like the start of a new decade when our hard work is coming to fruition. I have some highlights to share.

In April, I participated in the first release of a reintroduced species into the Brook Waimārama Sanctuary. Forty South Island Tieke (Saddleback) were translocated from Motuara Island in the Marlborough Sounds. For 12 years I have supported the Sanctuary to realise this dream. This is an absolute highlight of my time on Council.

I have always passionately advocated for the inclusion of Māori at our governance table. In 2011, we were successful in voting to establish a Māori ward. However, to my dismay, a petition was signed and a referendum held. Ten years later, the legislation that existed to maintain this colonial power structure has been dismantled. It was an honour to vote on this decision again, restoring the mana of our iwi, who have waited far

too long to participate in our local government decision making processes.

Declaring a climate emergency two years ago set the scene for the most important issue of our time to sit at the centre of our decision making. When thinking about solutions, we need new ways of thinking about our future economy. Project Kōkiri creates opportunities to consider new regenerative economic narratives, which embrace environmental restoration, care for our societal wellbeing and a zero carbon future.

After many years of waiting for the outcomes of the Nelson Future Access Project, we are now able to progress Rocks Road Walkway and Cycleway. It is reassuring to observe Waka Kotahi prioritising emissions reductions when considering our region's future transport solutions.

Finally, I'm extraordinarily excited about the proposed Library and Climatorium, and Science and Innovation Precincts. These are intergenerational investments promoting the values of curiosity, creativity and life-long learning. Collectively, they will create many opportunities to grow regional prosperity, which celebrates our kiwi ingenuity and knowledge potential.



Councillor Kate Fulton

Council holding two community plantings on Arbor Day

There are two community plantings taking place in Nelson on Arbor Day, Saturday 5 June.

We have got 3,000 plants to get in the ground as part of the Tahunanui Beach Dune Restoration Planting and we need your help.

Tahunanui Dune Restoration Project

When: Sat 5 June 10am-1pm (rain day 6 June)
Where: Next to the BBQ area, Bisley Walk.
Bring: Your own spade/gloves if you have them. Some are available for use on the day.

Project Mahitahi Community Planting

When: Maitai Mahitahi Wetland will be held on Arbor Day, Saturday 5 June at 1.30pm to 3.30pm, after it was postponed last weekend, due to bad weather.

Bring: Sturdy shoes, and a spade if you have one, to help plant 700 native plants to help our goal of planting 125,000 native trees in the Maitai. Warm drinks and food will be provided for planters.
Where: There will be a free bus from the centre city for those needing transport to the planting, which takes place at the wetland adjacent to the Maitai Campground
– contact project.mahitahi@ncc.govt.nz for more details.

our.nelson.govt.nz/search/project-mahitahi





2021-2031 Long Term Plan - here's what you may have missed



Port and Airport Model

A new company model for Port Nelson and Nelson Airport has been approved.

A majority of councillors supported the proposal for a new company that will serve as a funding vehicle only, granting access to different funding options that would lead to an estimated savings of \$900,000 per year.

These savings would ultimately be passed on to the ratepayers of Nelson Tasman and improve the economic wellbeing of Te Taihū, as the Nelson City Council and Tasman District Council each have a 50% stake in the two companies.

Wastewater

Council voted in favour of additional funding for key upcoming infrastructure projects.

The Awatea Place wastewater pump station upgrade will receive an additional \$1.2 million, and an additional \$4.3 million will go toward stage 4 of the Saxton Creek upgrade.

The new Awatea Pump Station will be designed to meet the demands of a growing population in the Tahunanui area and will be better equipped to prevent sewer overflows and minimise the impact of wet weather events.

Stage four of the Saxton Creek upgrade is the final stage of the project to mitigate future flood risk of Saxton Creek and help preserve our natural environment.

Housing

Affordable housing and intensification is a top priority for Council.

Council has approved an extra \$128,000 per year over the next three years for additional resources to help deliver essential housing outcomes.

A lack of affordable housing in Nelson is one of the most significant challenges facing the region. The increase in funding in this area will support Council's work to leverage additional housing supply (including affordable housing) and intensification by partnering with government, community housing providers and developers.

Nelson Centre of Musical Arts

A new pocket park will increase green space in the CBD.

\$25,000 has been approved by Council to go towards the development of a public pocket park at the Nelson Centre of Musical Arts.

The funding is part of Council's strategy to increase green spaces within the City to make Nelson an attractive and vibrant place to work and live.

Cemetery

Plans for a regional cemetery partnership with Tasman District Council have been approved.

Nelson City Council will work with TDC to explore the option of a regional cemetery to build more burial capacity for Te Tau Ihu.

A regional cemetery is considered the most cost-effective and efficient solution for meeting the region's current and forecasted demand.

Mountain Bike Trails

Council approved a reallocation within mountain bike trail capital budgets to provide for additional capital in earlier years and a greater focus on renewals. A carry forward of \$37,000 was also approved, bringing the year one budget to a total of \$202,000.

The economic benefits of mountain biking are significant for the Nelson region in terms of bringing money into the local economy and job creation.

Funding for mountain biking supports the enhancement of the existing trail network and the development of new trails, which will help increase Nelson's profile as a premier mountain biking destination.

Library fees

Late fees for overdue library items will be abolished from 1 July 2021.

The zero overdue fees policy will apply to all late returned library items, including books, DVDs, magazines and other lending items. This does not change the existing lost books policy, which comes into effect when the borrowed item is 21 days overdue. There will still be a charge for borrowing DVDs.

The removal of the fees is a step toward making the library more accessible to everyone.

Lost revenue from the removal of fees will be made up in an additional rates contribution of \$37,000.

The policy will be reviewed in 12 months, and if required, reported back to Council.



Pole Vaulting

A new pole-vaulting facility at Saxton Field has been given the go-ahead.

Council has agreed to contribute \$18,000 toward the cost of the new pole-vaulting facility, with Tasman District Council also contributing \$18,000. The Top of the South Athletics Charitable Trust will contribute the remainder.

The new facility will provide Nelson Tasman with the capacity to host major athletic events.

Hosting larger events would increase the regional and national profile of Saxton Field and its state-of-the-art facilities, establishing Nelson as a top choice for hosting major athletic events while bringing economic benefits to the region.

Sports Fields and Hockey Lights

An additional \$10,000 in year one and an additional \$50,000 per year thereafter will be allocated for sports field maintenance.

A further \$870,000 staggered across the first seven years of the Long Term Plan 2021-2031 has been allocated for projects such as improving sports field lighting, and reconfiguration of the Guppy Park changing rooms.

Council also approved a reallocation of \$37,500 within the Saxton Field budgets to upgrade lighting to LED for Saxton Field Hockey to meet television broadcasting standards and improve safety. Costs are shared between NCC and TDC, as well as the Nelson Hockey Association.

The maintenance and improvements to these facilities will make them safer and available for use for longer time periods.





Transport

Council has brought forward funding to improve public transport services in Nelson.
\$670,000 per year originally allocated for year six of the Long Term Plan 2021-31 has been brought forward to year three to improve the frequency and extend the hours of operation of Nelson’s public transport service.

An additional \$38,000 per year has also been approved to provide the Living Wage for bus drivers over the next ten years, Council is now working with all parties to enable this change.

The additional funding is in line with Council’s strategy to promote public transport in Nelson to reduce traffic and carbon emissions. Public transport initiatives in the Long Term Plan are dependent on 51 per cent funding from Waka Kotahi.

Marina

Council has approved \$800,000 from years seven and eight of the Long Term Plan for hardstand improvements to be brought forward to year one, to address health, safety and security projects prior to the Marina Masterplan being consulted on.

A Marina Masterplan will be open to public consultation once completed. Further redistribution of the Marina budget may occur, and additional funding may be needed pending the outcome of the final Marina Masterplan.

Sea Sports Building

Council has agreed to fund 80 per cent of the cost of a new Sea Sports building with

the expectation that users of the building will raise a minimum of 20 per cent of the total construction costs.

The building is dependent on the identification of a suitable site and approval of the Marina Masterplan.

The purpose-built facility would provide increased storage space for sea sport clubs operating out at the Marina. These clubs have experienced significant growth over the years and have outgrown the current facilities that were built in the 1980s.

Project Kōkiri 2

Project Kōkiri is Nelson Tasman’s economic response plan to navigate the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic. It is run by the Nelson Regional Development Agency (NRDA).

An additional \$350,000 per year, on top of existing funding of \$912,000), to the NRDA has been approved for Years 1 to 3 of the Long Term Plan 2021-31 for the implementation of the next phase of Project Kōkiri.

The project’s next stage will focus on a collaborative effort to establish a more regenerative and inclusive economy for the Nelson Tasman region.

Wakapuaka Cemetery

Additional funding of \$19,000 has been approved to improve the historic Wakapuaka cemetery.

Following a submission from Friends of Wakapuaka Cemetery, projects including extra planting, new interpretation boards, slope

mowing, and an improved garage will take place over the next three years.

Brook Valley Holiday Park

Councillors approved up to \$510,000 additional capital expenditure for costs related to ensuring compliance with Building Act and Campground Regulations, and to connect long-term occupants to water and wastewater services. Another \$84,000 operational expenditure was approved to continue with the current management model allowing further time to complete compliance with Building Act and Campground Regulations ahead of the creation of a Relocatable Home Park.



Child car seat subsidy

When your child car seat passes its use-by expiry date or is damaged, it doesn’t have to go to landfill.

You can keep kids safe and reduce waste by recycling expired car seats at Baby On The Move - Nelson.

Recycling these seats provides employment, materials from the seats will be re-purposed into useful

new products, and a Nelson City Council subsidy has reduced the cost of recycling for Nelson residents to \$10 per car seat (limited to one car seat per household each year).

Free child car seat fittings in June

Nelson City Council and Tasman District Council have partnered with Baby On The Move Nelson to ensure the region’s young people are travelling safely in appropriately fitted car seats while on the road.

The team at Baby On The Move will check your car seat (no matter where it was purchased), then provide recommendations on how to achieve a safe and compliant installation – this could be as simple

as installing a locking clip or changing a belt path. We expect these free checks to be extremely popular and bookings are essential. To book please call 03-5472555, email nelson@babyonthemove.co.nz

or send a Facebook message to Baby On The Move Nelson.



Te Ara ō Whakatū - Nelson Pathways: Our community's journey to a revitalised city centre

One hundred people live in Nelson's city centre, but what would our city be like if that increased to 2000?

That is one of the concepts at the centre of the latest round of targeted pre-engagement on Te Ara ō Whakatū - the Nelson City Centre Spatial Plan. Te Ara ō Whakatū, translated as Nelson Pathways, represents a 30-year vision for Nelson's city centre.

City Centre Development Programme Lead Alan Gray has spent the past three months meeting with more than 50 different groups to talk about potential plans and listen to people's ideas for the future of Nelson's city centre. From city centre workers to parents and caregivers, conversations have been held with a variety of people who all have differing perspectives on what a great city should offer.

"People first has been the common theme of many conversations I have had," says Alan. "There is a lot of support for the city being more focused on the people who live, work and play within it."

Alan describes city centre living as the key to bringing more life to the city.

"I keep hearing that people would be more likely to visit our city centre in the evening if the streets were busier. We currently have only 100 people living in the CBD, but 6000 people work there! Some of the changes we are recommending as part of our Housing Intensification strategy, such as encouraging the development of flats above shops, aim to increase that number. Why not aim for 2000 living in the CBD?

"This would cause a transformation for nightlife for Nelson. Busier streets would mean our shops might find it worthwhile opening a bit later, greater

opportunities for more hospitality businesses, and a sense that Nelson is still alive even after the sun sets."

City centre greening aims to turn our major streets into leafy boulevards, creating shade and contributing to carbon sequestration as part of Council's emissions reduction plans.

Opportunities for informal play could occur through the introduction of street installations that people can interpret how they choose, making the city a more exciting place for children and adults.

"We shouldn't underestimate the power of Nelson's cultural identity. What makes us stand out from the crowd? Nelson is unsurpassed across the Top of the South for boutique shops, cafes, and restaurants. That is one of our key selling points.

"We also want to continue improving links from the city centre to our natural environment. We are blessed with the natural environment on our doorstep, and this ties in well with kaitiakitanga, one of our project's core values, that humans are an intrinsic part of the natural world."

Case study: Blind Citizens NZ

On Wednesday, 12 May, Alan spoke with Roger Curry and Mike Stevens from the Nelson branch of Blind Citizens NZ and asked them what made a great city centre from their perspective.

"The safest crossing in Nelson for people with low vision is the Barnes Dance on the Halifax Street / Trafalgar Street intersection," says Roger. "It's the only crossing in the CBD where you can be

reasonably certain there is no traffic when you are crossing."

Roger says there are many ways in which Nelson could be adapted to make it more accessible: Zebra crossings instead of courtesy crossings, a bus that made many stops within the CBD, more shade and quiet places, and seating designed so it is easy for someone using a cane to find.

"Our conversation with Blind Citizens NZ really summed up our goals with this engagement," says Alan.

"There are so many aspects to urban design that could benefit people with low vision, as long as their needs are factored in as part of the project. By talking to as many different people as possible, we are confident that we can create a city centre that works for everyone in our community."

Consultation

Once the draft City Centre Spatial Plan is completed, the next stage in the process is community wide consultation from 9 July.

"We have a vision that will make Nelson a more vibrant place to live, cater for the increase in the number of workers we might expect to see at the Science Tech Precinct, and open up opportunities for more people to enjoy more time in our city centre. From July 9, we want to hear from the community as a whole, and build support for this exciting opportunity," says Alan.



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Upgrading Nelson's water meters

Nelson City Council's contractor is replacing 1,000 water meters in June, as part of the Residential Water Meter Replacement Programme.

Residents will be notified before the meter replacement happens in their area, and there will be a short water disruption to their property, while the new meter is installed.

The Residential Water Meter

Replacement programme, which started in May 2019 is progressing well, with more than 10,000 new meters already installed and a total of 15,200 to be completed throughout Nelson by 30 June 2022.



For more details go to: shape.nelson.govt.nz/Upgrading-Nelson-s-Water-Meters

Broadgreen House's rocking horse winner 'just bobbin' along'

Nikolai Tahuri of Hope School is the winner of Broadgreen House's "Name the Rocking Horse" competition.

Nikolai has won a \$50 voucher to Paper Plus for his winning name of Bobbin for the Victorian-era replica rocking horse.

The six-year-old came up with

the name while riding on the horse, "just bobbin' along", he said.

Bobbin, is on display at Broadgreen House and is available for children to have a go at riding.





Council buildings win architecture awards

Nelson City Council’s Civic House claimed the Enduring Architecture Award as one of two Council buildings recognised at the 2021 Nelson/Marlborough Architecture Awards.

Designed in 1983, by the Ministry of Works (architect John Rowe) and Athfield Architects in association, Civic House earned praised for its “character, honesty and unique identity”.
The Tahunanui Lions Toilet Block, which was built in 2020, with the help of Ministry of Business Innovation and Employment (MBIE) funding and

designed by Jerram Tocker Barron Architects, picked up the Small Project Architecture Award.
The facilities feature six toilets, unisex and family changing rooms, three external showers, a drinking fountain with bottle filler and a foot wash for sand with good drainage.



Founders Book Fair's popularity no fiction

An abundance of fiction awaits visitors to this year’s Founders Book Fair as it returns to its usual time of year, Queen’s Birthday weekend.

Taking place from June 5-13, the annual Book Fair is expected to draw about 12,000 people to Founders Heritage Park over the course of nine days.
The Book Fair was delayed until October last year after the COVID-19 shutdown, but despite the reduced timeframe between fairs, donations had been steady, and the tables will be full, Founders Book Fair co-ordinator Karen Clark said.
“We have more fiction books than ever, particularly crime and science fiction. Philosophy books are always wildly popular, and we have more than usual this year.
Volunteers started unpacking the donations on Monday, 24 May, and a day later, the tables in the Energy Centre were almost all full. They will be replenished at intervals throughout the sale, so there is always something new to find.
Unique to this year’s Book Fair is the opportunity to purchase a slice of its history - the trestle tables the books have been set out on since the Book Fair began. The original handmade wooden tables (recently replaced with lighter, easier to manoeuvre versions) are selling for \$25 each, and there are about 60 of them up for grabs.
Nelson City Council Community and Recreation Committee Chair Tim Skinner said the Book Fair was full of hidden gems.
“This has become an iconic event. I have made

many a great find among the stacks of books in the past, and it’s an excellent opportunity to delve into some new authors, genres and even get inspired to take up a new hobby.”
The Book Fair takes place at Founders Heritage Park from 10am-4.30pm, June 5-13. Fair-goers are asked to bring reusable bags to take home their purchases. Entry to the fair is \$2, or a nine-day pass costs \$5. Entry is free for under 12s.
Money raised from the Book Fair goes into development projects at the park, such as new displays and venue improvements.



Dog registration payments due by 1 July

Call 03 546 0200 for details or register at:

my.nelson.govt.nz

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	3 Jun
Hearings Panel - Other	
9am	9 Jun
Environment and Climate Committee	
9am	10 Jun
Nelson Regional Sewerage Business Unit	
9.30am	11 Jun
Tenders Subcommittee	
8.30am	16 Jun
Community and Recreation Committee	
9am	17 Jun
Urban Development Subcommittee	
9am	22 Jun
Forestry Subcommittee	
1pm	23 Jun
Council meeting	
9am	24 Jun
Nelson Tasman Regional Landfill Business Unit	
9.30am	25 Jun
Regional Transport Committee	
1.30pm	29 Jun

For a full list of meetings go to:

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New look for Railway Reserve underpass

The Railway Reserve underpass, near Waimea Road, will be transformed into a tribute to active transport and toi Māori (Māori art) with work to paint murals on the underpass's exterior "wing walls" beginning.

Artists Hannah Starnes and Nerys Ngaruhe are painting murals on each end of the underpass over a period of two weeks. The mural designs were selected by Nelson City Council's Art Selection Panel and supported by Te Ohu Toi Ahurea (Iwi Cultural Managers). Hannah started work on the southern end of the underpass on Monday, 24 May. Her design incorporates active transport modes and a nod to the Railway Reserve's past.

"My design is a feel-good, energetic scene that celebrates the progression from the use of steam trains in the area to people choosing to use modes of active transport to get to and from the city nowadays."

Nerys is expected to start work on her mural, at the northern end of the underpass, in the first week of June.

"My piece will feature the words 'Kia haumarū te haere/Travel safely'. I hope for our community to engage with te reo Māori and give it a go. Tūwhitia te hopo!"

Both artists are collaborating with pupils from Nelson Intermediate School in their works. After brainstorming the benefits of active transport with the pupils, Hannah will paint the words they come up with into the wheel of one of the bikes in her mural. Nerys will be designing the font in which her design's phrase will be written with the help of the pupils.

Nelson City Council Community and Recreation Committee Chair Tim Skinner said both murals showcased the distinct styles and unique points of view of each artist and told an important story.

"The Railway Reserve has evolved from a train track, into a recreational asset for our community, and these murals bring fresh energy to the underpass, celebrating active modes of transport and encouraging safe travels, which was why the underpass was installed in the first place."

When the artists are painting the top section of

the underpass above the entrance, a scissor lift will be required. For these days, the underpass will be closed (between the hours of 10am-3pm), and a detour will be in place for cyclists and pedestrians. The detour will be clearly marked with signage

The murals are expected to be completed by the second week of June, weather dependent. Once complete, both murals will be treated with graffiti guard.



WHAT'S ON... at a Council venue near you



Kirby Lane

Nelson Farmers Market. Every Wednesday 8.30am – 1.30pm

Kirby Fridays: Lunch Edition. Every Friday 11.30am – 2.30pm

Trafalgar Centre

Nelson Giants vs Manawatu Jets, Thursday 3 June 7.30pm

Nelson Giants vs Taranaki Mountaineers, Monday 7 June 2pm

Tactix vs Southern Steel, Monday 14 June 8.15pm

Nelson Giants vs Otago Nuggets, Friday 18 June 7.30pm

Cancer Society Annual Charity Ball, Saturday 19 June 6.30pm

Tactix vs Splice Magic, Monday 21 June 7.15pm

Nelson Giants vs Wellington Saints, Friday 25 June 7.30pm

Founders Heritage Park

Founders Park Book Fair. Saturday 5 June – Sunday 13 June, 10am – 4.30pm

Trafalgar Street Hall

Ceilidh Dance: Ceol Aneas Irish Music Festival, Saturday 5 June, 7pm

Greenmeadows Community Centre

Writing Workshop with Nalini Singh. Friday 11 June 2pm – 3pm

Nelson Public Libraries:

Elma Turner Library

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

Wednesday: 10am – 6pm

Saturday: 10am – 4pm

Sunday: 1pm – 4pm

Mystery at the Library

The Ngaio Marsh Awards, in association with Nelson Libraries, invites Top of the South booklovers to a thrilling event with three terrific New Zealand writers who have a talent for crime and mystery.

Meet smash hit #1 bestseller Rose Carlyle, multiple New York Times bestseller Nalini

Singh and local Nelson author and NZ Booklovers Award finalist Chris Stuart at a special Nelson Public Libraries event.

Saturday 12 June, 2pm, Elma Turner Library

Warm up to the event with two writing workshops hosted by Nalini Singh and Rose Carlyle.

Writing a Novella with Nalini Singh

Greenmeadows Community Centre, Friday 11 June, 2 – 3pm

Because a good novella isn't simply a long short story or a squished down and heavily edited novel. A novella is its own form. This workshop will talk about how to write a whole story within the novella format. Suitable for writers at all stages of their writing journey.

Bookings required. Contact Nelson Public Libraries at 03 546 8100 or email library@ncc.govt.nz

The Magic of Self-Editing with Rose Carlyle

Elma Turner Library, Friday 11 June 2-3pm

Join Rose Carlyle to learn how to polish your writing into publishable form. This workshop covers developmental editing, copyediting and proofreading, and is suitable for beginner and intermediate writers.

Bookings required. Contact Nelson Public Libraries at 03 546 8100 or email library@ncc.govt.nz

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

Philosophy Discussion Group. Meets every second Monday of every month from Monday 14 June. 10am – 11am

Workbridge drop-in sessions. Every Monday & Wednesday 10.00am

Small Time at the Elma Turner Library. Every Monday and Wednesday 10.30am

Story Time - Every Tuesday 10.30am

Kids Sewing Club four-week course. Every Wednesday from 2 June 3.30pm – 5pm

Kids Media Club. Every Wednesday 3.30pm – 4.30pm

Device Advice. Every Tuesday & Thursday 2pm

Young Adult Reading Club 2, 16 and 30 June 3.30pm – 4.30pm

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

Learn at the Library – Tablets. Thursday 3 June 9.30am – 11am

Sewing Classes with Robyn Reynolds. Every Thursday. 3pm – 5pm

LEGO at the Library. Every Thursday 3.30pm

Tea & Talk. Every Friday 10am

Gardening Club. Every Friday during term time 3.30pm – 4.30pm

Employable drop-in Sessions. Every Friday from 11 June 10.30am – 12.30pm

Careers Expo – MSD/Library. Friday 11 June 11am – 1pm

The Magic of Self-Editing with Rose Carlyle. Friday 11 June 2pm – 3pm

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

Matariki – Kite Making. Thursday 10 June 2pm – 3pm

World Knitting Day. Saturday 12 June 10am – 1pm

Mystery at the Library. Saturday 12 June 2pm – 3pm

Nelson Institute Talk. Sunday 13 June 2pm – 3pm

Creative uses for old T-shirts. Saturday 19 June 10am – 1pm

Friends of Library Speaker. Sunday 20 June 2pm – 3pm

Safety Online for Whanau: For caregivers, help your kids stay savvy online. Friday 25 June 11am – 12pm

Library talk – other ways to manage anxiety. Sunday 25 June 2pm – 3pm

O & The Mo – Indie Duo. Sunday 25 June 2pm – 2.30pm

Nightingale Library Memorial

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

Tuesday, Thursday: 10am – 2pm

Saturday: Closed

Sunday: 10am – 2pm

Nellie Knitters. Every Monday 1.30pm – 3.30pm

Story Time at the Tahunanui Library. Every Thursday. 10.30am – 11am

Device Advice at Nightingale. Every Friday at 2pm

Stoke Library

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

Wednesday: 10.00am – 5.30pm

Saturday: 10am – 1pm

Sunday: Closed

Stoke Craft Club. Monday 14 June 3.30pm – 4.30pm

Story Time at the Stoke Library. Every Wednesday 10.30am

Young Adult Book Club at Stoke. 1, 15 and 19 June 3.30pm – 4.30pm

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

Stoke Library Bookchat. Wednesday 16 June 5.30pm

Learn at the Library – Online Banking. Thursday 3 June. 9.30am – 10.30am

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

Alzheimers Nelson drop-in. Wednesday 16 June 10am – 11am

Museums and Galleries:

The Suter Art Gallery & Theatre

Hours: 9.30am – 4.30pm Daily

Nelson Hills. Saturday 27 February – Sunday 13 June

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

Heavy trees, arms and legs. Saturday 24 April – Sunday 18 July

Refinery ArtSpace

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

Nelson Provincial Museum

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

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