

OUR NELSON

TŌ TĀTOU WHAKATŪ



Te Huihui o Matariki 2021 – A family night of fun and entertainment to celebrate Matariki

Nelson's Matariki Festival returns to Founders Heritage Park this year for a community celebration featuring live music, food and electric performances, as the star cluster Matariki appears in our skies.

The star cluster's appearance marks the start of Māori New Year and a month of celebrations throughout Nelson.

Nelson City Council Kaumātua Ruka Katu says, "Matariki marks the season for harvesting, catching game and gathering kai, and it is a time when we remember loved ones who have passed, and a time to welcome the abundance of the new year."

The Matariki Festival begins at 4pm on Saturday 3 July, with family entertainment and food at Founders Heritage Park, culminating in a spectacular fireworks display at neighbouring Neale Park.

The event will open with a karakia and a mihi from kaumātua, followed by a welcome from Mayor Rachel Reese. Keri Takao will give a presentation about Matariki.

Among the performers are finalists for Te Matatini 2022, Te Kapa Haka o Kura Tai Waka and Te Mana Kuratahi [national primary school kapa haka] competitors Te Pitau Whakareia from Nelson Intermediate School.

Te Rōpū Whakamanamana from Victory Primary School will also join the entertainment.

One of Aotearoa's rising stars will appear to round off the entertainment. Wellington singer and songwriter Sianne Dougherty (Ngāi Tahu, Ngāti Tūwharetoa) will perform live in the Energy Centre with Grove Roots,

before fireworks begin.

Matariki is also a significant time for our Pasifika community, and CCCS Nelson / EFKS Youth Nelson (Congregation Christian Church of Samoa in Nelson) will perform. Other entertainment includes the Kahurangi Irish Dance School and NelsonSon Dance and Entertainment.

A variety of food stalls will showcase a range of food from different cultures.

From 2022, Matariki will be a public holiday. The first Matariki public holiday will be held on 24 June 2022, and this date will change each year, similar to Easter.

Mayor Rachel Reese said she was looking forward to celebrating Matariki with the community once again.

"This is a chance for the Whakatū community to come together to celebrate Māori New Year, reflect on the past and what's ahead, learn about what Matariki means, and experience some of the amazing local and national talent on show. Bring your whanaū, your warm coats, and prepare to settle in for a fantastic evening."

Businesses or community groups interested in selling arts, crafts or food, or providing entertainment can register online at shape.nelson.govt.nz/matariki-festival-2021.

Matariki Festival – Saturday 3 July, 4pm–7pm, Founders Heritage Park. Koha entry.

Upcoming community planting

Poormans Valley Stream
Restoration Project



When: Sat 19 June 10am–1pm (rain day 20 June)

Where: Marsden Valley, just past Quail Rise

Parking: In the Plumtree Lane area, where footpaths will lead you to the planting site. No parking on Marsden Valley Road.

Bring: A smile, your own spade/gloves if you have them. Some are available for use on the day.

BBQ: Free sausages provided.

This event may continue on Saturday 26 June if there are plants remaining. For updates go to the Nelson City Council Facebook page.

Te Ramaroa Light Nelson Festival

Nelson's favourite free winter festival is back! Te Ramaroa 2021, from 9 – 13 July, will feature more than 30 magical light installations, transforming the city into a winter wonderland of colour and light.

This year, the display has extended across the city, with installations around NMIT, Nelson CBD, Cathedral Hill and various laneways, as well as a

major work in Queens Gardens. Upper Trafalgar Street will be a performance precinct with music and roving characters.

teramaroa.nz

Council trailing smart rubbish bin

A solar-powered compacting rubbish bin will soon be installed on Trafalgar Street, outside BNZ Nelson in our Smart Little City.



The bin lightly compacts rubbish, holding up to five times more than a regular bin. When the bin is ¾ full, it sends an automatic message to the collection company so it can be emptied.

This is a trial, and if successful, a number of our cast iron bins will be replaced. We hope this will reduce refuse spilling out of bins, which can attract seagulls and other animals.



For more information visit: shape.nelson.govt.nz/matariki-festival-2021

Eric Davy remembered

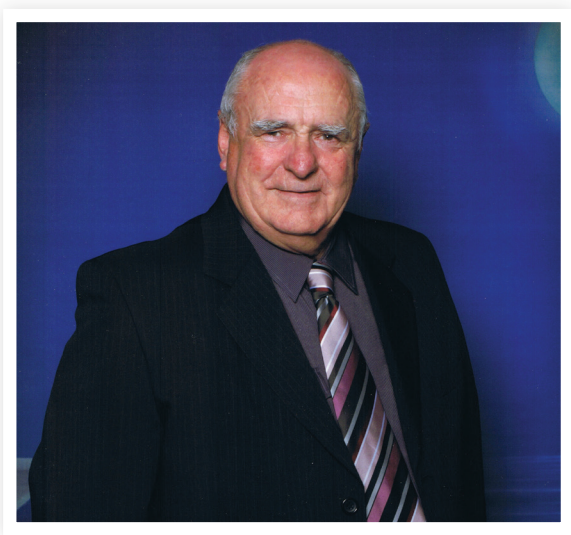
Former Nelson City Councillor Eric Davy passed away suddenly on Friday 4 June.

Davy worked for the New Zealand Police for over 40 years, before serving four terms as a councillor between 2001 and 2016.

Nelson Mayor Rachel Reese said Davy cared passionately for his community and brought a wealth of experience on transport

systems and safety to his role.

"Eric was a very kind person and a pleasure to work with. Our thoughts and deepest sympathies are with Eric's family at this very sad time. Eric has worked closely with many of our staff and councillors over the years and his loss will be keenly felt."



Wairau Affray bringing history to life

Playwright Justin Eade brings a pivotal part of the history of Te Taihū to life on stage after a successful open rehearsal as part of Tuku 21 Whakatū Heritage Month.

The Wairau Affray is about the ill-fated attempt by Nelson colonists to confront Te Rauparaha at Tuamarina in an 1843 land dispute. It was the first major armed clash between Māori and Pākehā in New Zealand, the only one ever in the South Island.

Earlier this year, as part of Tuku 21 Whakatū Heritage Month, actors

read excerpts from the play in an open rehearsal, and Ngāti Toa Rangatira shared the historical significance of the event. In 2019, Justin held a series of readings and Q+As as part of the Nelson Heritage Festival.

"While the story is about Ngāti Toa tūpuna tāne (ancestors), and I've been privileged to have the

support of Ngāti Toa Rangatira ki Wairau, it is told from the Nelson settlers perspective, so as not to appropriate someone else's story," Justin says.

The Wairau Affray is at the Theatre Royal, 1 to 3 July, starting at 7.30pm.

Bookings: theatreroyalnelson.co.nz/show/the-wairau-affray

Representation Review to be completed ahead of 2022 local elections

Council is seeking feedback on the way local elections are held in Nelson.

Every six years, local authorities are required to review their representation arrangements. Council must complete its review this year.

With local elections held every three years, feedback will help inform decisions made for the 2022 local elections.

Nelson recently established a Māori ward, which means it must decide whether to establish one or more general wards, including boundaries and names.

The review looks at the total number of councillors and how they are elected. For Nelson, this involves deciding whether councillors are elected by wards only or a "mixed system" where the Council comprises some ward-based councillors and some "at large" councillors voted for by the whole city.

The review considers whether Nelson should have community boards, and if so, the number of boards, names and boundaries, and the number of members.

Hardcopies of the survey are available at our Customer Service Centre and public libraries. Consultation closes on Sunday 11 July.

Let us know what you think at:

shape.nelson.govt.nz/representation-review

Tahunanui main beach off-limits to dogs

Council has received a number of complaints about dogs on the main Tahunanui Beach – an area off-limits to canine friends under the Dog Control Policy and Bylaw.

Dogs can be exercised safely and legally on the Back Beach, leaving the main beach free for people to swim, picnic and relax. There are many public places where dogs can be exercised on and off-lead – visit Nelson City Council's website for maps and information on being a dog owner in Nelson.

nelson.govt.nz/dog-owner-responsibilities



EELCO BOSWIJK
CIVIC AWARDS

2021

Nominations
are now open

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MEETINGS

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

Community and Recreation Committee	9am	17 Jun
Forestry Subcommittee	1pm	23 Jun
Council meeting	9am	24 Jun
Nelson Tasman Regional Landfill Business Unit	9.30am	25 Jun
Community Investment Funding Panel	9.30am	28 Jun
Regional Transport Committee	1.30pm	29 Jun
Council meeting	9am	1 Jul
Joint Committee of Nelson City and Tasman District Councils	10.45am	6 Jul
Hearings Panel - Other	9am	7 Jul
Civil Defence Emergency Management Group	9.30am	27 Jul
Chief Executive Employment Committee - Rūma Whakatū	2pm	27 Jul
Environment and Climate Committee	9am	29 Jul
Urban Development Subcommittee	1pm	29 Jul

Cancelled Meetings

Urban Development Subcommittee - previously advertised to take place on Tuesday, 22 June 2021 at 9am, has been cancelled due to insufficient business.

Strategic Development and Property Subcommittee - Thursday, 8 July at 9am, has been cancelled due to insufficient business.

Infrastructure Committee - Tuesday, 13 July 2021 at 9am, has been cancelled due to insufficient business.

For a full list of Council meetings go to:

nelson.govt.nz/meetings



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