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Te Huihui o Matariki

Nelson's Matariki Festival returns to Founders Heritage Park on Saturday 3 July this year, for a community celebration featuring live music, food and electric performances as the star cluster Matariki appears in our skies.

The gates open at 3pm where there will be plenty of stalls on site at the Matariki Market selling arts and crafts, along with food and refreshments. A wide variety of food will be available for purchase, from traditional Māori kai, tastes of the Pacific, to Asian cuisine and Latin American spice with a side of Salsa and Merengue dancing.

This year's annual Matariki celebrations will also have plenty of entertainment and performances from local Pasifika youth, kapa haka groups, fire poi, a light art projection and more. A performance by singer and songwriter Sianne Dougherty (Ngāi Tahu, Ngāti Tūwharetoa) will also feature and the evening will conclude with a fireworks display at neighbouring Neale Park at 7pm.

Keri Takao (Te Atiawa, Ngāti Rārua, Ngai Tūhoe) Te Reo Māori Teacher at Nelson Marlborough Institute of Technology and Te Ataarangi ki te Tauihu o Te Waka a Māui Inc, will provide a brief presentation at the Matariki Festival about the history of Matariki, the traditions that surround it, and how we celebrate it today. Head to the Energy Centre at 4:15pm to attend.

We encourage those attending the event to travel on foot, bike, bus or carpool. Please scan the QR code on arrival, and follow COVID-19 protocols, meaning if you are unwell, please stay at home.

There are also several other Matariki events happening in Whakatū Nelson.

Te Huihui o Matariki, Matariki Festival 2021

When: Saturday 3 July: Gates open at 3pm. The event starts at 4pm and will conclude at 8pm.

Where: Founders Heritage Park, Nelson

Cost: Gold coin entry

More info: our.nelson.govt.nz

Healthy Streams

When: 30 June – 7 July 2021, Dusk onwards

Where: Poorman Valley Stream, Stoke, Nelson

The Ōmaio Project is weaving together knowledge and creativity to support and increase community care for the awa (streams). School and community artworks celebrating Matariki and the awa will light up parts of the riparian walkway and bridges from Sanctuary Drive, to Ōmaio/Stoke to Seaview Road.

More info: shape.nelson.govt.nz/poorman-valley-stream

Ngā Whetu o Matariki

When: Thursday 1 July, 5pm

Where: Trafalgar Street, Nelson

A kapa haka performance will commence at 1903 Square (corner of Trafalgar Street and Selwyn Place) and a series of glow in the dark art acknowledging Ngā Whetu o Matariki (The stars of Matariki) will be visible to celebrate the Māori New Year.

More info: acn.org.nz

Nelson Public Libraries

Friday 2 July – Sunday 11 July, see the libraries' website for times.

The Elma Turner Library has various activities available for the community to celebrate Matariki. A seed and plant swap, kite and poi making, weaving, Riverside plant walk, along with Hilary and John Mitchell talking about their new book *He Ringatoi o Ngā Tupuna: Isaac Coates and his Māori Portraits.*

More info: nelsonpubliclibraries.co.nz

Victory Community

When: Friday 2 July, 3.10 – 7pm

Where: Victory Community Centre

The Victory Community Centre will hold its annual Matariki celebration for the Toi Toi community. This year will include entertainment, lantern hīkoi and hāngī for \$5. Take a lantern, torch and utensils.

More info: victorycommunity.org.nz/matariki

Te Wheke o Muturangi

When: Friday 9 July, 10 – 11am

Where: Māra Wheke Park, Ngā Whatu Sports Field, Stoke, Nelson

A children's storyboard and interpretation panel about the iwi pūrakau (legend) of Te Wheke o Muturangi will be unveiled. The interpretation panel and blessing will conclude with light refreshments. If you would like to attend and for catering purposes, please RSVP to tkw@ncc.govt.nz

Matariki Tree Planting

When: Saturday 11 July, 1 – 3 pm

Where: Sunday Hole, Maitai

This project will commemorate Kākati, the common ancestor of six iwi of Te Tauihu. Kākati is immortalised in the name of the Wharenui (Meeting House) of Whakatū Marae. This Matariki event is part of Project Mahitahi and will involve planting down the river esplanade to commemorate this connection between people and land. If you would like to attend and for catering purposes, please RSVP to tkw@ncc.govt.nz

More info: Nelson City Council's Facebook page

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Mix then match: Engaging with the City Centre Spatial Plan

Nelson City Council's City Centre Development Lead Alan Gray has already hosted 65 engagement meetings over the past four months with people from all walks of life, to gather ideas for Te Ara o Whakatū (the city Centre Spatial Plan).

But the latest round of engagement came with a twist; bringing together groups with quite different views.

"Most of the people we have talked to share the same view that we need to prepare our city centre for the future. Where people differ tends to be in how we might reach that future," Alan says. "By joining together groups in this way, people had the opportunity to see things from someone else's perspective.

"Council will agree a way forward later this year following public consultation, and although we know it's not possible for the plan to meet everyone's needs, we do feel that people have been listened to and had their vision for the city considered, and we will continue to listen as we go through the more formal consultation process."

Most of the groups engaged with so far have comprised of ten people or less, something Alan views as a particular strength of the process.

"In a smaller group, a person who may not usually feel comfortable raising their hand to talk can find it easier to have their say. This has been fundamentally important to our preengagement process as we wanted to talk to people representing all the different groups who enjoy time in the

city centre."

Chair of the Urban Development Subcommittee Judene Edgar said it was important for people to feel they have been listened to.

"Every single person in the meetings Alan has carried out so far has had a say. I have attended a number of these meetings, and it is great to see that everyone is listened to, and knows that their views and opinions are making a difference."

Wider public consultation was previously proposed to take place in July/August, however Councillor Edgar said that it was important for the public consultation to take place a little later to enable better alignment with Council's Parking Strategy and other strategic work.

If you are interested in knowing more about Te Ara o Whakatū, a City Centre Expo will most likely take place in early September, to provide the opportunity to talk to staff and take a closer look at the plan.

To find out more about Te Ara o Whakatu, including some of the early proposals within the plan, read our previous story on the Our Nelson website: search "city centre"

Alternatively, you can see the slides from Alan's engagement presentations at:

shape.nelson.govt.nz/city-centre-spatial-plan

Mayor's Message

Every six years, local authorities are required to review their representation arrangements. This is a chance to have sense check of how our local community is represented by elected members. A short representation survey is currently open online (with hard copies also available) giving the people of Nelson an early chance to influence how you are represented. Further opportunity will come in August, to provide feedback on Council's first proposal of the structures intended for the 2022 local election. It's a key part of our democracy, determining how many wards Nelson will have and what their boundaries will be, how many councillors we have and whether all of them will be voted for by ward or some by ward and some by the whole city, and whether we have community boards.

I'd urge everyone to have your say; you can access the survey on our Shape Nelson webpage.

This weekend we come together for Te Huihui o Matariki, the 2021 Matariki Festival. The start of the Māori New Year is traditionally a time to gather with whānau to remember those who have passed, reflect on challenges in the previous year and the goals we have accomplished. Matariki celebrates new beginnings, but is also a time to set new goals for the year ahead. I hope you will join us on Saturday 3 July at Founders Heritage Park to celebrate.

On 9 July, the dazzling lights of Te Ramaroa will turn on across Nelson. Now in its fifth iteration, the Light Festival will expand into the central city, allowing more people to see the incredible illuminations. Te Ramaroa showcases and connects the amazing creative talent we have in our community. It's a wonderful attraction for locals and visitors alike and I'm pleased to see it return. bigger and better, after its COVID-19 postponement last year. There's something about the glow of the installations that lends a magical air to our Smart Little City, it's well worth taking in the festival on one of Nelson's crisp winter evenings.



Council prepares to take over management of Nelson marina

Nelson Marina users and visitors can expect a smooth transition when Nelson City Council formally takes over management of the marina on 1 July.

In March this year Council hired a new Marina Manager, Nigel Skeggs, who has spent the past three months hiring a new marina team, drawing up a new license agreement for berth holders, and facilitating changes that will streamline payments and improve services for users.

"I am originally from Nelson and am really looking forward to transforming my hometown marina into the modern, highly functional facility that Nelson deserves," Nigel

says.

Developing a new governance model and a Master Plan for the Nelson Marina is a priority for Council during 2021. The land-based aspect of the Master Plan has been completed, with the water-space aspect now being worked on. It is expected that both a full

Master Plan and options for future governance will go out to wider consultation in the fourth quarter of 2021. The Master Plan sets out a vision for development over the next 10 years at the Marina. Strategic Development and Property Chair Gaile Noonan says Council's ambitious plan aims to refine and develop Nelson Marina. "We have such close links to the sea in Nelson, so it makes sense that our Marina should be a thriving place, linked to our city centre and open for business and recreation. The Master Plan will set out our vision to achieve this, and I am confident Nigel and his team can turn that vision into reality."



Mountain bike safety a priority as Nelson's trails are audited

Nelson and Tasman's extensive network of mountain biking trails has been audited and many trails have been recommended for regrading, helping cyclists of all levels find an enjoyable and safe track to ride on.

Simon Noble of Envisage New Zealand completed a partial trail audit at the end of May 2021, assessing 43 trails across the district. The trails are on land owned by both Nelson City Council and Ngāti Koata. A number of the trails Simon audited were then peer reviewed by Tom Hay of Elevate Trail Building, who also carried out audits on the majority of the remaining trails.

Audits were also carried out on 11 trails in Tasman, owned and operated by Tasman District Council at Kingsland Forest and Moturoa Rabbit Island.

There are a number of documents that provide guidance for mountain biking in New Zealand, all using a scale of 1 to 6, with Grade 1 being the easiest grade and Grade 6 being the most technically demanding.

The results from the audits show what many riders already know: that Nelson's trail grades are generally more difficult than the rest of the country i.e. a "Nelson 4" is really a Grade 5 elsewhere. This inconsistency distorts expectations and creates safety and experience issues, particularly for visitors to the region.

In Kingsland Forest, trails were also generally graded too low, although one trail on Moturoa Rabbit Island that is currently a Grade 2 trial is recommended to be considered Grade 1.

"There are some relatively simple and cheap things that can be done to make some of Nelson's trails easier to ride," says Simon.

"This could be achieved by splitting trails in two, or making adjustments to slope, width and turn radius. I do recommend a rethink of the network to increase the provision of Beginner Grade trails. This might involve making existing trails easier, or by making new trails."

Community and Recreation Chair Tim Skinner says user safety is Council's first priority.

"We know that Nelson's trails draw people from around New Zealand, and we expect to welcome international visitors again when the borders reopen. That's why it's so important that our trail grading is consistent with the rest of the country. Riders of all abilities deserve to have confidence in the trails they are using."

NMBTC President Mel Schroder says the club supports greater consistency over the trail network.

"Nelson terrain makes building and maintaining easier trails expensive and difficult and with increasing numbers of people riding across the whole trail network the work required to maintain trails is increasing. While trails may start within grade, it is easy for a feature to form over time that deteriorates the trail. We look forward to working with Ngāti Koata and our stakeholders to ensure the network grading is accurate and consistent and improvements are made where possible when a trail deteriorates."

A working group consisting of landowners, the Nelson Mountain Bike Club and industry representatives is now working through the audit recommendations to agree on revised grades for Nelson's trails.

The group may recommend improvements to some trails, but in many cases will simply revise the grade to be consistent with the rest of the country.



Speed cushions installed on Toi Toi Street

Ten new speed cushions designed to slow traffic and improve safety have been installed on Toi Toi Street.

Before installation, Nelson City Council's contractor Fulton Hogan conducted a trial on their property, including loading a Nelson Coachlines bus, complete with driver and a busload of Fulton Hogan employees, to make sure the new speed cushions can be driven over without bottoming out.

Test runs with smaller vehicles were also given the green light, with vehicles able to drive over the speed cushions safely.



Councillor's Comment

Eighteen months into the decade and I would like to make a prediction.

By Councillor Matt Lawrey

I predict that by the time we get to 2030, one of the defining issues of the era will have turned out to be how we use public spaces, including our roads. Ever since the arrival of the privately owned motor vehicle, we have largely run our cities on two assumptions. The first is that the privately-owned car is king and the second is that people should be allowed to store their car, their private property, on public land for free or a relatively modest sum. In Nelson-Whakatū that public land includes our squares and our streets.

The way human beings become conditioned to things is an interesting business. Few would question the way we let people store their cars on public land, but if you or I decided to start storing other possessions in the same space, like a garden shed or outdoor furniture, people would go nuts.

As the challenges of growth, congestion, and climate change hit home, however, people are beginning to question the logic behind giving cars special treatment. It's also becoming increasingly obvious that allowing people to use public space for the storage of their cars comes at a cost. For Nelson-Whakatū, that cost includes the ability to create inner city housing, parks, outdoor dining areas, play areas and better footpaths and bike lanes. Why do I mention this? Well, it's because the more we learn about the challenges we face, the clearer it's becoming that the answers lie more in behaviour change than in spending billions on asphalt.

If we can make better use of our existing public spaces, we have a really good shot of better managing the impact of growth, reducing congestion and reducing our emissions without going broke.

The challenge, of course, will be convincing people that it's in all of our interests to change the way we do a few things, including how some of us get around, where some of us live, and whether private property storage is the best use of large swathes of public land. My hunch is the cities that best embrace change will be the ones that will be doing the best come 2030. Hopefully, Nelson-Whakatū will be among them.





Glowworm tours a highlight at Brook Waimārama Sanctuary

The Brook Waimārama Sanctuary is inviting visitors to experience a different side of the Sanctuary with an afterdark glowworm tour introduced for the winter months.

Living in the sheltered banks of the Sanctuary pathways are hundreds of glowworms and by visiting after hours, visitors will get the chance to see the glowing bioluminescence generated by the glowworms as well as experience the wildlife that prefers nocturnal hours – such as the ruru (morepork).

Each 90-minute tour is taken by two guides and starts outside the Brook Waimārama Sanctuary Visitor Centre at 6.30pm.

Because of the darkness, this tour is not recommended for children in prams or for those in wheelchairs as safely navigating the pathways in the dark may be challenging.

Tickets start from \$15 per visitor

brooksanctuary.org.nz/lots-to-see-and-do/glowworm-and-forest-after-dark-tour

Do you have practical skills you would be happy to share?

Repair Cafés are community events which match people who have broken household items with skilled volunteers who like fixing things.

These events are becoming increasingly popular, including a regular café hosted by St Stephens Church at Habitat for Humanity, and larger events such as the successful Fix It Saturday held on Saturday 29 May. More repair cafes are planned over the coming months, including several being organised by the Nelson Tasman Climate Forum. This will give people further opportunities to give a new lease of life to items that might otherwise end up in the landfill.

Repair Café organisers looking for people with the following skills: sewing, knitting and craft repairs, leather stitching, minor electrical repairs, tag and test, wooden toys, bicycle repairs, knife sharpening, garden tool cleaning and maintenance, furniture and wooden items. If you are able to help with repairs of items like these and would enjoy working with people to restore their broken items, please get in touch. For more information or to add your name to our database of volunteers contact Cally Budenberg-Stockdale on 022 40 60 206.

Upcoming repair cafe dates are:

- 17 July
- 21 August
- 18 September

The cafes typically last three or four hours and the aim is to transfer some skills so that people are better able to repair their items in future. Volunteers are not expected to provide repair materials.

More information about these events is available on the Nelson City Council website:



Nelson Public Libraries remove overdue fees

(children under 5 free) for Sanctuary

members and group or concession discounts are available: online

and will operate until Wednesday 1

These tours start on Sunday 4 July

The Brook Waimārama Sanctuary Trust received a Qualmark Gold

Award under the Sustainable Tourism

Business criteria recently, recognising

local communities, whilst delivering a

quality, safe experience for all visitors.

its commitment to protecting our

beautiful natural environment,

For bookings and further

information go to:

enhancing connections with our

bookings are essential.

September.

Nelson City Council has scrapped overdue fees on late returned items, to give more people in our community access to the thousands of books, CDs and magazines available at Nelson Public Libraries.

The decision was made during the Long Term Plan deliberations, where the suggestion to remove fees was made among the submissions. The submission was championed by Councillor Rohan O'Neill-Stevens, and approved by Council at a meeting in May.

Councillor O'Neill-Stevens said there was plenty of evidence that showed the removal of overdue fees led to an increase in library membership and usage without impacting the overall return of books.

"This is a step toward making our libraries more accessible, and if you'll excuse the pun it's long overdue. We want to make sure our libraries are for everyone, and this is a fairly simple thing we can do to assist with that."

From 1 July, overdue book fees, currently charged

at 50 cents a day, will cease. Outstanding overdue fines will not be waived, but the fee will stop accruing at the daily rate.

People who have books on a four-week loan that have not been returned or renewed by their due date will have 21 days to return them. If they are not returned in that time, a replacement fee will be charged to their account. This is to ensure books are still being returned to the collection for other library members to enjoy. The amount charged will vary depending on the item.

Items with shorter, 1-2 week loan periods, such as DVDs, bestsellers and magazines, have a shorter overdue return time of 10 days after the due date before a replacement fee is applied. It will still cost \$2 to put a book on hold, and library members with fees of more than \$10 owing on their account will be unable to borrow any more items until the fees are paid, or the items are returned.

High-use collections will be monitored to ensure popular titles are kept in stock.

Nelson Public Libraries Manager Sarina Barron said discussions with other libraries throughout the country where overdue fees had already been removed revealed it had made little difference to their return rates.

"We have faith in our community that waiving overdue fines will not affect the length of time items are borrowed for. We simply want to remove the barrier that overdue fines pose to some of our library members."

WE'RE BACK!

Te Ramaroa (formerly Light Nelson Event) is a free outdoor festival celebrating art, technology, community and the wonder of light! Get ready to be wowed by a dazzling array of installations transforming our city over five nights this July. This year marks Te Ramaroa's fifth instalment. It's wonderful to see how far we have come since the first spark of an idea back in 2013! One of the most unique characteristics of Te Ramaroa is its strong sense of community: the majority of the light installations are made by Nelson Whakatū locals; most of our amazing volunteers and crew are locals, as are the thousands of people who come along to see the installations and performances. For this year's festival, we have extended our footprint to span the wider city centre. From candlelight to laser, from tiny discoveries to large-scale projections on buildings, we promise a magical night out for everyone! Special thanks must go to Nelson City Council and all our generous sponsors, our Luminaries and supporters - we could not do it without you!



9-13 JULY 2021 EACH NIGHT 5.30-9.30 PM NELSON CBD



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NELSON LIGHT FESTIVAL HUI TAURIMA RAMA KI WHAKATŪ RANAROA

MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR

Te Ramaroa is one of Nelson's most-loved winter events, bringing a shining display of illusion, beauty, interaction and fun to our city centre. Its fifth year promises to be bigger and brighter than ever, with the display extending right across the city with more light installations, live music and performances. Always hugely popular with locals and visitors alike, Nelson City Council is proud to support Te Ramaroa and the creative and talented artists, organisers and supporters who continually surpass themselves with their imagination and dedication. This really is an event created by the community, for the community, and I look forward to sharing the joy and wonder it brings with all of you.

Rachel Reese, Mayor of Nelson

WELCOME FROM THE TRUST

We're very excited to be presenting Te Ramaroa 2021. Now more than ever, we're acutely aware of how precious it is to be able to freely gather as a community. This year we're taking Te Ramaroa in a new direction with an extended footprint across the city. Once again, we have an incredible array of talented artists and creatives, as well as a massive support structure - our wonderful Luminaries, generous sponsors and the visionary Nelson City Council – all coming together to make this truly remarkable community event happen. And most of all, we love that our new name, Te Ramaroa, reflects the concept of a beacon of light that honours the past, celebrates the present, and looks towards a bright and positive future.

Bronwyn Monopoli, Te Ramaroa Trust



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PERFORMANCES **ART IN MOTION**

Our community performance stage on Upper Trafalgar St will feature a different line-up of local artists every night - enjoy the music, sing along and marvel at the performance.

THE AIR BETWEEN US

CHLOE LOFTUS & RODNEY BELL Friday, Saturday, Monday 7.45pm; Sunday, Tuesday 6.45pm

HIJO DE LA LUNA VOICE COLLECTIVE Saturday 10 July 6.45 pm

BIKE RAVE VOICE COLLECTIVE Monday 12 July 6.45 pm

ROVING PERFORMANCES EVERY NIGHT

MS SHADE & THE BEACON HEADS TE RAMAROA

OUT OF THE BLUE CHLOE LOFTUS DANCE

ELECTRIC ECLECTIC CIRCUS COLLECTIVE COMMUNITY ART WORKS

THE GLAD RAGS **GLADYS & BERYL**

CULTURAL CONVERSATIONS

SRI LANKAN INSTALLATION each night

BLACKLIGHT SILENT DISCO Sunday 11 July 6.30-7.30 pm Tuesday 13 July 6.30-7.30 pm

MORRISON SQUARE

OUTDOOR NIGHT DISCO Friday 9 July 7.30-9.30 pm

CATHEDRAL BY CANDLELIGHT NELSON CATHEDRAL GROUP

LIGHT DWELLS THE SUTER ART GALLERY TE ARATOI O WHAKATŪ

JOSEPHINE CACHEMAILLE

(*) INDICATES MULTI-SITE ARTWORK, E.G. NUMBER 6 INDICATES THE BEGINNING OF A TRAIL AND NUMBER 10 INDICATES THE FIRST PLACEMENT OF THIS ART WORK.





HUGE THANKS TO OUR SPONSORS

Te Ramaroa would not be possible without the support of our core funders, sponsors, and supporters. Their help means Te Ramaroa is a free community event. A very special thank you to all our sponsors and our dedicated group of Luminaries!



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WEATHER

We are an all-weather event unless it's not safe to go ahead. Keep an eye on our website and social media for updates. Wear sturdy footwear and dress warmly.

VIEWING INSTALLATIONS

This year we have extended across the city. There is no set walking route, just wander as you please and make sure to mind the traffic when crossing the roads.

PARKING

We encourage you to bike, walk or car-share. All the major carparks will be open.

KEEPING SAFE

Please sign in with the QR code. Stay home if you are unwell.

FOOD DRINK

Our Kirby Lane Food Hub will be filled with food stalls. Plus, many restaurants throughout town will be open.

KIDS & DOGS

Please keep an eye on your tamariki. There are no road closures except Selwyn Place. In the gardens, watch out for slippery paths, unfenced waterways, cables on the ground and delicate artworks. Please leave your furry friends at home (except service dogs).

INFO HUB

Need some help, first aid, or lost a child? Come to our Info Hub on upper Trafalgar St.

TOILETS

All public toilets are open, with extra toilets at upper Trafalgar St and Kirby Lane.

SHARE Don't forget to tag us!

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Get involved with Project Mahitahi's Community Planting Programmes

Bring your family and friends along to plant a tree for the future and help restore the mighty forests of the Maitai.

Matariki Community Planting

When: Sunday 11 July, 1pm-3pm

Where: Sunday Hole

What: This Matariki event, chosen by the Ngati Kaumātua Council to commemorate the connection between people and the land, will continue planting efforts along the river esplanade, and will be held here over the next three years.

Food, education, and entertainment will be provided to volunteer planters. Keep a look out for more details on this commemorative event on the Nelson City Council Facebook page.

Maitai Mahitahi Wetland Community Planting

When: Date TBC (after it was previously postponed because of rain) see Nelson City Council Facebook page for updates or email

project.mahitahi@ncc.govt.nz

Where: Maitai Mahitahi Wetland, adjacent to the Maitai Campground

What: In partnership with Multicultural Nelson Tasman and Friends of the Maitai, this planting will commemorate the journeys that many people have made to a new home in Nelson Whakatū, and celebrate the vibrant community that we are today. This is year one of a three-year project.

We will provide food and warm drinks to volunteer planters and will have some games and educational opportunities for younger participants.

Rethinking waste at school events

Nelson Central School was left with just one-and-a-half bags of waste from a recent fundraising event with the help of a Waste Minimisation Grant from Nelson City Council.

The school used the grant to plan how to avoid or reduce single-use packaging at its Central Challenge Family Adventure Race earlier this year, and to support a wash station at the event.

With the help of Ecogirl NZ, Sophie Weenink Smith who organised volunteers for the recycling bins and wash stations and volunteers from Z Energy, an estimated 89 per cent of materials were diverted from landfill through composting and recycling.





Other community plantings

Braemar Village Community Planting Day When: Saturday 24 July, 10am-1pm (rain day 25 July) Where: Adjacent to Braemar Village, Grampians Reserve. Walk to site from the top of Motueka Street Bring: A smile, and your own spade/gloves if you have them. Some equipment is available for use on the day.

This event is stage one of a three-year project. This planting site is not suitable for younger children.



Te Manu Reserve opening

Te Ahu Rei of Ngāti Tama led a ceremonial blessing on Friday morning to unveil an interpretation panel about their tūpuna Wī Kātene Te Manu at Te Manu Reserve in Toi Toi.

The blessing was followed by a tree planting and the official opening of Te Manu Reserve walkway, linking Matipo Terrace to Emano Street.

Members of Ngāti Tama, Nelson City Council, local residents, and students and teachers from Victory School and Victory Kindergarten all lent a hand, picking up shovels, digging holes, and planting trees.

After the ceremony and planting people explored the reserve and enjoyed a morning tea.



Take up backyard trapping this winter

If you haven't already, be sure to grab yourself a Nelson Nature subsidised predator trap for your backyard.

Backyard trapping helps make our urban environments safer for birds, and the winter months are a great time to trap hungry rats looking for food or warmth around your house.

Traps are available in a variety of types and sizes and range from \$15 to \$60. Nelson residents can purchase traps from the Department of Conservation Visitor Centre by the Millers Acre carpark.

Art Classes at The Suter

Bookings are now open for Term 3 weekly art classes, beginning on Monday 26 July.

After School Art Classes cater for students from 6 -18 years old and give the opportunity for handson art making using a wide range of materials and techniques. Students often get the chance to explore art media that they don't get to use at school. Cost per term: \$120.

Suter Kids' Club is a programme for 6–13 yearolds, on Mondays, Tuesdays or Wednesdays.

My Artspace runs on a Thursday and is designed for teen aged students.

All materials will be supplied unless otherwise advised by the tutor.

Art For Adults runs on Thursdays or Fridays and caters for beginners to those who might be more experienced but want encouragement to try something new. Cost per term: \$150, includes all materials, or a special price of \$135 for Friends of The Suter.

To book, or for more information, email info@thesuter.co.nz, or call 03 548 4699.



Celebrating Broadgreen Heritage House's tireless volunteers

Broadgreen House volunteers celebrated National Volunteer Week with an afternoon tea.

Volunteers at Broadgreen Historic House have been treated to afternoon tea as a show of appreciation for all their work at an event to mark National Volunteer Week.

The annual week, celebrated this year from 20-26 June, recognises the value of the time and effort put in by volunteers, many of whom give their time to help multiple organisations.

Team Leader Arts and Heritage Sarah Newman-Watt says there are about 35 volunteers who help with a range of tasks at Broadgreen, including providing guided tours, helping with programmes and ensuring the front desk is always manned.

"We have a fantastic group of volunteers who do so much, not just at Broadgreen but also the teams who volunteer at Isel House and Founders Heritage Park as well. Without them, we wouldn't be able to keep these facilities open to the public as often as we do and share these important parts of Nelson's history."

Lois Diaper has been volunteering at Broadgreen for 22 years. She doesn't feel right if she isn't in her

period maid uniform when she's on duty as a guide. "People appreciate it because they comment on the fact I'm dressed up," she says.

As a church organist, the piano in Broadgreen's parlour is an item of particular interest and something she always features in her guided tours.

"You really get to know people. I really enjoy taking people through the house, explaining the exhibits, and hopefully answering some of their questions.

"I think it can be quite difficult to take everything in because there's so much in there. People really seem to appreciate the personal touch."

Karen Richards, a former textiles teacher, has been volunteering behind the scenes for the past five years, assisting with conservation and planning exhibits for the house's extensive 3,000-piece textiles collection.

"I love it, it's a whole different world, and it makes you appreciate the beauty and quality of some of the historic textiles you just don't see anymore." Di Scott, a retired teacher and education

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alive for children through the Textile Kids holiday programmes, school visits and hands on activities in the house. My passion is seeing kids learning through doing and having fun."

If you are interested in becoming a volunteer at any of Nelson City Council's heritage facilities, please contact sarah.newman-watt@ncc.govt.nz

CoastSnap: Take part in a global citizen science project

Coastal towns from Brazil to Belgium are using people-power to track changes to coastal conditions due to processes such as storms, rising sea levels, and human activities.

From 1 July, Nelsonians will also be able to take part. Carefully calibrated phone cradles have been installed at Tahunanui Beach, Kinzett Terrace, the Boulder Bank, Cable Bay and Monaco, allowing thousands of people to take photos of the coastline from the exact same point over a long time period.

The photographic data collected will be used to monitor shoreline changes and show how different beaches respond to the changing ocean conditions.

"Our beaches and coastlines can erode and recover over time with changing ocean conditions, such as storm events and sea level rise," says Nelson City Council's Coastal and Marine Scientist Vikki Ambrose.

"Sand can be removed from the beach by large waves and high tides and scattered offshore, leading to beach erosion. Sand can also be returned by calmer waves and may build the beach out again over time."

Once enough photos have been collected, a timelapse video will be created showing the change to the shoreline over time.

To take part, visit shape.nelson.govt.nz/coastsnap to find the exact location of a CoastSnap phone cradle, and download the CoastSnap app on the Google Play/Apple Store.

You can either take a photo directly using the CoastSnap app or using your own camera. Using the app means you simply have to take the photo and hit upload. If you use your own camera, please make sure the image is:

• Landscape

Unedited

- Not zoomed
- Not filtered
- Sent by email to coastsnap@ncc.govt.nz

If you can't email the photo straight away, please include the date and time it was taken.

Council's Environment and Climate Committee Chair Kate Fulton said she was looking forward to using CoastSnap.

"Tackling climate change, and the changes to our environment we will see as a result, is a global group effort. Citizen Science Projects like this are an opportunity for everyone to help sustain and manage our treasured coastal environments."



New community- Founders Book designed youth park for Stoke

A new youth park featuring a basketball court, skate park and container stage will be built in Stoke, following feedback from Nelson's young people.

Council has allocated \$610,000 of funding through the 2018-28 Long Term Plan for the highly anticipated project.

This funding would also include seating, a timber deck, drinking fountain, climbing tower, seating mound, plantings and a car park for the adjacent Plunket building.

There are also some exciting proposed additional features, which could also be included if external funding of up to \$300,000 can be found, including installation of shade sails, a barbecue, catenary lighting and a deck extension.

For further details and updates on the Stoke Youth Park, go to the Shape Nelson website.









Fair success

The annual Founders Book Fair has raised more than \$140,000 in support of Founders Heritage Park.

The nine-day fair, held from 5-13 June, drew an estimated 11,000 people and raised \$141,000, an amount only exceeded twice in the Fair's 33-year history.

Founders Book Fair Coordinator Karen Clark said the wet weather during the fair meant it was the perfect time for people to visit the fair, browse, and stock up on items for the cold winter evenings.

"We're very pleased with the result, especially considering it was just eight months ago we held the last one, after it was delayed by COVID-19. Our volunteers did a brilliant job, as always, and it was great to see so many people come out to support the fair."

ROAD CLOSURES

Applicant: Youth and Community Works Location: Trafalgar Square – between Church Street and Trafalgar Square East Event: New Years Eve Celebrations 2022

Date and time of scheduled closure: Friday 31 December 2021 – Saturday 1 January 2022, Closed from 5am – 12pm

The road will be closed and access will be unavailable during this time.

Feedback for proposed closures to be given by: Wednesday 28 July 2021

Applicant: Nelson Marlborough Traffic Management

Location: Brook Street (between number 321 and number 385) and Sugar Loaf Place

Event: The closure is for the felling of dangerous trees on the roadside.

Date and time of scheduled closure: Wednesday 28 July – Friday 30 July 2021. Closed between 9am - 3pm.

Wet Weather Date: Monday 2 August -Wednesday 4 August 2021. Closed between 9am – 3pm.

The road will be open on the hour, every hour (e.g. 10am, 11am etc), to allow traffic through when safe and directed by the contractor. The road will be closed to all traffic (except for emergency vehicles) between those times.

Feedback for proposed closures to be given by: Wednesday 7 July 2021

Email: enquiries@ncc.govt.nz

Post: Nelson City Council, PO Box 645, Nelson 7040, Attention: Gillian Dancey

For all road closure information visit:

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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	1 Jul
Hearings Panel - Other	
9am	7 Jul
Nelson Tasman 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
Changes to Meeting Joint Committee of Tasman District	

Joint Committee of Tasman District and Nelson City Councils - previously advertised to take place on Tuesday, 6 July, commencing at 9.30am - will now commence at 10.45am.

For a full list of meetings go to:

To sign up for Our Nelson by email go to:



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Betts Corner Apartments: From car park to urban design haven

Conveniently set at the foot of Piki Mai and a short walk to Nelson's city centre, Betts Corner Apartments are a great example of how Council can work with developers to provide great housing urban design outcomes for our city.

Previously a car park, the site was purchased by the Scott Syndicate Partnership specifically to create an apartment development. Designed by local architects Arthouse, the building contains 17 apartments optimised to benefit from natural light, ventilation and views.

Vibrant housing options close to Nelson's city centre are a key part of Council's strategy for housing intensification. One way this can be achieved is through the use of Special Housing Areas (SHAs), a now-defunct tool made available in 2015 when Council entered into a Housing Accord with central government.

SHAs allowed Councils to recommend the Government allows a fast-tracked, non-notified consenting process for developments on Council-owned land. This was used for housing that met Council's affordability and/or intensification goals.

Council-owned Betts Carpark, situated a stone's throw from the city centre, was deemed an excellent spot to leverage city centre residential living. At Council's recommendation, it was gazetted by the government as a Special Housing Area.

Expressions of interest were sought from developers

to show how the site could achieve urban design requirements set by Council.

After reviewing submissions, Scott Syndicate Development Company was awarded the proposal. Council provided support by allowing settlement and final payment (at market value) to be delayed until the developer gained resource and building consents.

Craig Dennis, from the Scott Construction syndicate, says it's important people understand the number of moving parts in a development.

"One of the strengths of our syndicate was getting the right expertise round the table. We had an architect, a civil engineer, the builder, finance, and the fifth owner was the neighbour.

"Outside of that circle, the success of the project can depend on our interactions with other advisors, including Council. High-end support from Council was fantastic. When it comes to intensification we are all on the same page."

This is a cost-neutral way for Council to help developers with risks associated with financing and up-front consenting costs, making a development more viable.

Team Leader City Development Lisa Gibellini says Council would consider this model again.

"We would be particularly interested in working with developers who are looking to achieve a lower price point for different parts of the housing market.

"Council is actively reviewing its property portfolio to identify any further land that may be surplus to requirements and available to leverage increased housing supply."





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

Nelson Public Libraries:

Elma Turner Library

Hours:

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday: 9:30am — 6pm Wednesday: 10am – 6pm Saturday: 10am — 4pm Sunday: 1pm — 4pm Back to the Future - Tech Taster Sessions. Every Monday 2pm Philosophy Discussion Group. Meets every second Monday of every month form Monday 14 June. 10am – 11am Workbridge drop-in sessions. Every Monday & Wednesday 10am Small Time at the Elma Turner Library. Every Wednesday 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. Fortnightly on Wednesdays 3.45pm 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 LEGO at the Library. Every Thursday 3.30pm Tea & Talk. Every Friday 10am Gardening Club. Every Friday during term time 3:30pm – 4:30pm

Justices of the Peace. Every Saturday 10am – 12pm Te Reo Maori Singalong Stories with Sharon Holt, Saturday 3 July, 10:30am – 11:30am Traditional Manu Aute, Maori Kit making, Saturday 3 July, 2pm – 3pm Nelson Institute Talk, Sunday 4 July, 2pm- 3pm STEM drop-in Monday 5 July, 3:30pm –

4:30pm Contemporary Poi making and weaving activity, Tuesday 6 July, 12pm – 1pm Employable drop-in sessions, Friday 9, 23 July, 10:30am – 12:30pm

Educational plant, tree, and riverside walk, including introduction to the life within Mahitahi, Saturday 10 July, 10am – 2pm John and Hilary Mitchell on He Ringatoi o Nga Tupuna: Issac Coates and his Maori Portrait,

Sunday 11 July, 2pm – 3pm Stop Motion Animation Workshop – First Session, Monday 12 July, 1pm – 3pm

Spacecrafts! Tuesday 13 July, 1pm – 4pm Stop Motion Animation Workshop – Second Session, Wednesday 14 July, 10am – 12pm Board Game Afternoon for Young Adults,

Wednesday 14 July, 3:30pm – 5pm Alzheimers Nelson drop-in. Thursday 15 July 10am – 11am

Y-OSCAR, Thursday 15 July,

10:30am – 12:30pm Learn about Rocks, Minerals and Gems, Wednesday 21 July, 10:30am – 11:30am Y-OSCAR, Thursday 22 July, 10:30am – 12:30pm A Tea Dragon Tea Party, Thursday 22 July, 3pm – 4pm

Georgie is a Farmer with Gillian King and

Georgina Archbold – Book Launch. Saturday 24 July, 10:30am – 11:30am Kramit Duo – Acoustic Folk, Sunday 25 July, 2pm – 2:30pm

Nightingale Library Memorial.

Hours: Monday, Wednesday, Friday: 1pm — 4:30 pm Tuesday, Thursday: 10am – 2pm

Saturday: Closed Sunday: 10am — 2pm Nellie Knitters. Every Monday 1.30 – 3.30pm

Story Time ay the Tahunanui Library. Every Thursday. 10:30am – 11am Device Advice at Nightingale. Every Friday at

2pm Starlight Stories at Nightingale, Tuesday 13 July, 6pm – 7pm

Stoke Library

Hours: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday: 9:30am — 5:30 pm Wednesday: 10am — 5.30pm Saturday: 10am — 1pm Sunday: Closed Story Time at the Stoke Library. Every Wednesday 10:30am Device Advice at Stoke Library. Every Tuesday & Wednesday at 2pm Board Game Afternoon for Young Adults,

Wednesday 14 July, 3:30pm – 5pm Stoke Library Bookchat. Every third Wednesday of the month 5:30pm – 6:30pm Contemporary Poi making and weaving activity, Tuesday 6 July, 3:30pm – 4:30pm



Play Video Games with Play-Doh, Friday 16 July, 11am – 12pm

SpaceCrafts! Tuesday 20 July, 1pm – 4pm Starlight Stories at Stoke, Tuesday 20 July,

6pm – 7pm Alzheimers drop-in Stoke. Wednesday 21 July

10am – 11am Among us Tournament, Friday 23 July,

10am – 12pm Museums and Galleries:

The Suter Art Gallery & Theatre

Hours: 9.30am – 4.30pm Daily Heavy trees, arms and legs. Saturday 24 April

– Sunday 18 July

Light Dwells, Saturday 29 May – Sunday 29 August

Chroma Saturday 19 June – Wednesday 15 September

Choices in Healthcare 2021 – Choosing Wisley and Advance Care Planning. Monday 28 June, 5:30pm – 7pm

Te Ramaroa Nelson Light Festival, Friday 9 July – Monday 12 July, 5:30pm – 9:30pm Refinery ArtSpace

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

Nelson Provincial Museum

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

Due to the uncertainty around COVID-19 alert levels please ensure you check itson.co.nz regularly for event updates.