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Te Wheke o Muturangi storyboard unveiled

Nelson City Council celebrated the new children's storyboard and interpretation panel about the legend of Te Wheke o Muturangi – The Giant Octopus of Muturangi on Friday 9 July at Māra Wheke – Octopus Garden playground, situated next to the Ngā Whatu sportsfield in Stoke.

The ceremonial event was led by Te Ahu Rei, Pou Ahurea – Cultural Manager of Ngāti Tama and representatives from Council.

The gathering also included a blessing, speeches and concluded with a kapa haka performance from the Nayland College kapa haka group, Pūaha Te Tai and light refreshments.

Local schools Stoke School, Broadgreen Intermediate and Te Kōhanga Reo o Kia Tau Te Rangimārie also attended.

Keep an eye out for more bilingual signage popping up around our Smart Little City, including more local iwi stories about different Nelson landscapes.



Shine Nelson shine

Upper Trafalgar Street just became a more sparkly, people-friendly place, as the new catenary lights were switched on just in time for Te Ramaroa – Light Nelson.

Pedestrianisation of Upper Trafalgar Street occurred in 2019, and since then data from the Public Life Survey has shown a 1200% increase in people movement in the space since the change.

Deputy Mayor Judene Edgar was on site to switch on the lights on Thursday evening.

"Upper Trafalgar Street has always been Nelson's heart," she said. "Piki mai, the Cathedral, Cawthron Steps these are iconic places where we walk, step, sit, protest and celebrate. We hope the new lighting, installed just in time for Te Ramaroa – Light Nelson, will create a year-round destination that is welcoming to everyone even on a cold winter night."

Deputy Mayor Edgar also spoke about Nelson City Council's upcoming plans for the City Centre.

"When it comes to enhancing our City Centre, we are just getting started. Council will soon release Te Ara ō Whakatū – the Nelson City Centre Spatial Plan, this will outline more potential strategies for a vibrant city centre in Nelson Whakatū. Te Ara ō Whakatū will be out for public consultation in September."

The Upper Trafalgar place lighting involved the installation of seven 'multi-function light poles', which can hold clusters of LED lights to achieve safe pedestrian light levels as well as bathe the area in a range of different colours.

Six of the poles support an overhead series of cables with white catenary LED lights as well as banner arms. The pole in 1903 Square contains a powerpoint and could hold a projector. All are future-proofed for audio.

Council's Te Huihui-o-Matariki event popular

The Whakatū Matariki Festival, Te Huihui-o-Matariki 2021 celebrations at Founders Heritage Park brought together more than 4500 people for an evening of whānau, fun and festivities on Saturday 3 July.

Marking the start of the Māori New Year, Te Huihui-o-Matariki featured a diverse range of food, music and performances throughout the evening, finishing up with a spectacular fireworks display from Neale Park.

We want to thank all of the groups that provided entertainment at this year's event, which was the highlight for many, and all the volunteers who helped make the evening possible. Enjoy some images of the event.



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

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

A fresh coat of paint for Tipahi Street

As part of Phase 2 of the Innovative Streets for People project, Nelson City Council is trialling speed humps and road artwork on Tipahi Street to encourage motorists to move at a slower and safer pace.

A recent community co-design evening held in March at Nelson Intermediate revealed that residents wanted the project to provide a better sense of 'place' – to enhance the streetscape by contributing to liveability and vibrancy—alongside making the area safer for people.

Data from Phase 1 of the project have revealed speed humps to be an effective speed-calming measure, and road art is a fun and creative sanctioned tactic recognised as a way to reinforce a slow-speed environment.



Councillor O'Neill-Stevens rounds the corner of Tipahi St on his bike.

Unwinding a reliance on pallet wrap

The Chia Sisters are among those who have received a grant from Council's Rethink Waste grants trial. Chloe van Dyke, one half of the Chia Sisters, tells us how they put it to use, replacing plastic pallet wraps with reusable pallet covers for all in-warehouse movements.

Pallets of goods are a factory staple – an efficient and effective way to move large amounts of goods safely and economically for both transport and storage.

But, with any load, it's got to be secure. For the Chia Sisters, this meant wrapping each pallet load of cartons with about 30 metres of single-use plastic wrap.

"I'm always looking at the business and where we can reduce our footprint, and plastic pallet wrap popped out as an area to improve," Chloe says.

She looked into alternatives and settled on reusable covers made by NZ Safety Blackwoods as the easiest, most sustainable option for the business and their team.

"Before we had someone who would do it manually – going around and around with 30m of plastic. Other people have automatic machines, but we were doing it by hand. Now it's just a net that goes over the top, and you pull a drawstring.

"It was something that already existed; you just need to think about it in order to make it happen."

The nets cost about \$70 per cover, and there is a

discounted collective rate for those who are part of the Businesses for Climate Action group. This is where Council's Waste Minimisation Grant funding was put to use for the Chia Sisters.

"Something like this makes financial sense in the long term because we're not going to need to buy extra pallet wrap for internal movements, but often businesses like us don't have that extra money up their sleeves to invest. The Rethink Waste grant helped us make that investment that will help us in the long term."

The covers are used for all their internal warehouse product movements, and Chloe estimates the change will save about four cubic metres of single-use plastic this year.

Next on the agenda is to look at an alternative solution for pallet transport throughout New Zealand, which still requires plastic wrap.

"The way we do business has got to change. Single-use just has to go," she says.

For a look at the new pallet covers, see the video on Nelson City Council YouTube channel

ROAD CLOSURES

Applicant: Nelson City Council

Location: Bridge Street - Trafalgar Street – Collingwood Street, Hardy Street- Church Street – Collingwood Street, including Hope Street and Morrison Street Intersections. Trafalgar Street - Bridge Street – Hardy Street, Park Street, Alma Street and Buxton Carpark

Event: Nelson City Centre - New Year's Eve Event Road Closures 2022

Date and time of scheduled closure: Friday 31 December 2021 – Saturday 1 January 2022, Closed from 8pm – 1am

This is for the safety of the public in the Nelson CBD on New Year's Eve. 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

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.

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
Strategic Development and Property Subcommittee	9am	3 Aug
Saxton Field Committee - Netball Pavilion, Saxton Field	9.30am	4 Aug
Community and Recreation Committee	9am	5 Aug
Community Investment Funding Panel	10am	9 Aug
Hearings Panel - Other	9am	11 Aug
Council meeting	9am	12 Aug
Audit, Risk and Finance Subcommittee	9am	24 Aug
Joint Shareholders Committee - Tasman District Council Chamber, 189 Queen Street, Richmond	1.30pm	24 Aug
Strategic Development and Property Subcommittee	9am	26 Aug
Nelson Regional Sewerage Business Unit	9.30am	27 Aug

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