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## TŌ TĀTOU WHAKATŪ

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## Nelson City Council achieves Toitū carbonreduce certification

Toitū Envirocare carbonreduce certification is granted to organisations that have proven to be taking action on climate change.

Achieving this certification for the third year in a row, reflects Council's ongoing commitment to manage, measure, and reduce its operational greenhouse gas emissions.

City councillor and chair of the environment and climate committee, Kate Fulton, says that this achievement is a great step forward for Council when it comes to reducing its own emissions. "I am thrilled to see Nelson City Council taking action and showing leadership in this space by demonstrating positive change from within."

One of the emissions reduction initiatives Council has implemented is an electric-first policy, which will see electric vehicles considered first when replacing or adding vehicles to its fleet.

For further details and to see the summary of Council's footprint for the last three years go to the Toitū website:

[toitu.co.nz/our-members](https://toitu.co.nz/our-members)



**FOUR LANES FESTIVAL**  
Surprise & delight awaits...

## 4 Lanes Festival returns to Nelson

A family fun celebration of culture, hospitality, art and free entertainment, 4 Lanes returns to the city at the end of August.

The festival encourages people to wander four key areas: Kirby Lane, for the Noodle Market and tastes of Asia; Fiddle Lane, with visual arts plus performances by Middle Eastern and Indian street bands; Old Bank Lane, which features storytelling by Birdlife Productions, giant games and circus fun by Community Art Works; and the fourth 'lane' in Morrison Square, which hosts a vibrant Latin Quarter with dancing, live music and food from Argentina, Colombia and Brazil.

Throughout the lanes, roving street performers will show off their talents. Part of Buxton Square will host Sturgeons Fun Fair, complete with Ferris wheel and a variety stage featuring Nelson Intermediate Kapa Haka, Nelson Jazz Club, Coppermine Junction bluegrass band, Footloose Ceilidh band and theatre numbers by Nelson Musical Theatre.

The Festival is organised by Nelson City Council in conjunction with Uniquely Nelson.

**Venue:** Kirby, Fiddle and Old Bank Lanes and Morrison Square

**Date:** Saturday 28 August, 3–9pm

### Youth Lane – new in 2021

An additional laneway will run in conjunction with Nelson's 4 Lanes Festival this year in the form of a Youth Lane, being developed by a team of youth from various colleges.

Organised separately but running at the same time on the same day, the Youth Lane is specifically targeted at people aged 14+. Different zones in the central city's Church Lane will be set up to support live youth bands, art projections, giant games, a chill-out zone and a skateboard competition. Youth will also have an opportunity to learn new skills such as audio system techniques.

**Venue:** Church Lane, Nelson central city

**Date:** Saturday 28 August, 3–9pm

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## Founders Heritage Park reopens after hazardous materials investigation

Founders Heritage Park reopened on Wednesday 21 July following the successful completion of an investigation of potentially hazardous materials by the New Zealand Defence Force's Explosive Ordnance Disposal (EOD) unit.

Group Manager Community Services Andrew White thanked the NZDF and the NZ Police for their work at the park, and in ensuring the ongoing safety of its staff and visitors.

"We are grateful that we were able to review our collection and have the assistance of the EOD team so promptly, meaning Founders only had to be closed for a day."

Council, along with many other organisations around the country, had recently carried out a review of the collection at Founders Heritage Park following the discovery of picric acid in a Southland museum.

An examination of the Park's inventory found a number of items suspected of containing potentially hazardous substances including picric acid.

Picric acid was widely used in early forms of medicine and medical supplies, including on gauze pads and as an antiseptic, but can be volatile and explosive under certain circumstances.

As a precaution, Council closed two of the Park's collection storage areas, and the public apothecary and hospital displays and contacted the New Zealand Police on Monday 19 July as the first step in having the items checked.

On Tuesday, 20 July, Founders was closed to the public, and its tenants asked to evacuate for the day to allow members of the New Zealand Defence Force's EOD team to assess the items. Neighbouring Whakatū Marae was asked to evacuate one building, closest to the Park.

A New Zealand Defence Force spokesperson said a number of items were removed from the park and disposed of safely.

"The items recovered were a mix of small glass vials, small tins and medical lint bandages. All had markings indicating picric acid content."

The items were found during inventory checks of old presentations/displays.

The spokesperson said there had been five EOD callouts to safely dispose of picric acid in 2021.

"A number of museums are now reviewing their holdings to ensure the safety of their staff and the public. It is possible that historical holdings will continue to be identified as this process occurs."

"Items containing picric acid can pose a risk to the NZ public. If anyone has any concern about items they have discovered, call the NZ Police as soon as possible and ensure to keep away from the items."

## Tuku 21 Whakatū Heritage Month success

From explorations of family history, to cultural sites of significance, a heritage fair and a journey into the legends, songs and craft of Te Tauihu – Tuku 21 Whakatū Heritage Month had something for everyone.

Whakatū Nelson's heritage month celebrations saw 6,007 people attend 69 events throughout the city during the month of April.

With a new name this year – Tuku 21 Whakatū Heritage Month – and a new look, Tuku 21 was an exploration, a celebration and at times, a behind-the-scenes look into Whakatū Nelson's unique and diverse history.

Nelson City Council Community and Recreation Committee Deputy Co-Chair Trudie Brand said the heritage month celebrations had returned better than ever after last year saw it become a virtual celebration due to COVID-19.

"There was a fantastic array of events this year, particularly those looking at different aspects of our heritage that haven't featured in the event before. It's an exciting evolution for the festival, which started as just a single week of events. I can only imagine next year is going to be even better."

This year saw Ngāti Kuia host the Ngā Tohu Whenua, Sites of Significance bus tour, as part of the Tuku 21 events. The free tour, guided by Hamuera Robb, was booked out and saw event-goers visit six sites around the city and hear pūrākau

(stories) from the land.

Also new to the programme this year was the Nelson-Tasman Filipino community's cultural performances, costumes and food at the Philippine Cultural Celebration day, and the Cawthron Institute celebrated a century with a range of special events.

Community and Recreation Committee Deputy Co-Chair Yvonne Bowater said the heritage celebrations helped to grow our cultural understanding as a community.

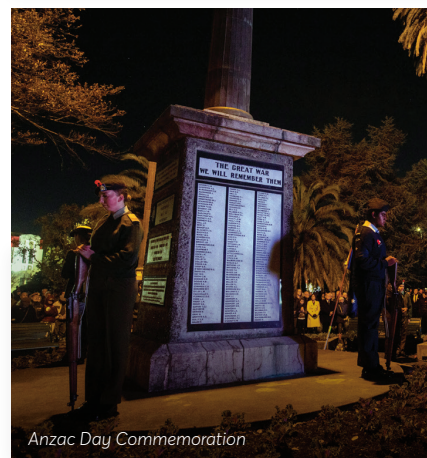
"It was fantastic to see the range of first-time events happening as part of Tuku 21 this year. We have so many diverse communities that enrich our local cultural heritage, and this is an opportunity to share stories."

Surveys carried out at the events showed 75 per cent of respondents scored the event they attended a five out of five, and 66 per cent attended more than four events, suggesting the programme's variety meant there was plenty to keep people coming back.

Expressions of interest for next year's event, Tuku 22 Whakatū Heritage Month, will open in October 2021.



Ngāti Tohu Whenua, Sites of Significance bus tour.



Anzac Day Commemoration



Puppetry Workshop





# Three Waters reform package welcomed, now's the time to talk

A \$2.5 billion package to support Three Waters reforms was welcomed by Nelson Mayor Rachel Reese on Thursday 15 July, following an announcement by Local Government Minister Nanaia Mahuta.

The proposed reforms aim to transfer New Zealand's drinking water, wastewater and stormwater services from local authorities to four new regional water services entities.

Speaking at the Local Government New Zealand (LGNZ) Conference in Blenheim, where the support package was announced, Mayor Reese described the announcement as a pivotal moment for local government.

"We know that the Three Waters status quo is not working – and will not work in much more obvious ways in the future, when we factor in growth and climate change.

"But today, we have in front of us a new package that focuses not on what councils might lose, but what communities could gain. Local government can start to see what a future without water service delivery might look like – and how that would allow us to focus more rapidly on delivering wellbeing to our communities."

### The package is split into two component parts.

**"No worse off" component:** \$500 million is set aside to provide certainty for local authorities that they will be supported through the transition process, and to ensure the financial impacts of reform will be managed. This "no worse off" component of the support package seeks to address the costs and financial impacts that councils would incur such as the transfer of water assets, liabilities, revenue and staff to a new water services entity. The funding also ensures councils will be able to continue to sustainably perform their non-water related roles and functions.

**The "better off" component:** comprises \$1 billion Crown funding and \$1 billion from the new water services entities and is allocated to councils on the basis of a nationally consistent formula. Councils will be able to use this funding to support the three waters service reform and focus on other local wellbeing outcomes associated with climate change and resilience, housing and urban design and planning, and community wellbeing. Under this formula, Nelson would receive a support package in the region of \$20 million.

Mayor Reese said the next eight weeks are for Nelson City Council to review the information and resolve

any outstanding issues including accountability, influencing local decisions, and making sure Council's plans for growth are appropriately integrated with water services planning.

"I want to acknowledge that not everyone will agree with the proposal, but it does aim to balance the many complex considerations, common challenges and local differences across communities throughout New Zealand. It's obvious to everyone that the water reforms work if everyone participates, so every community can benefit. As a Council, we will take this time to consider how this proposal can work for Nelson.

"I also want to stress the importance of iwi engagement and partnership – and the significance of walking together through these reforms. Iwi have an innate interest in the protection of wai Māori. The Government has put great emphasis on building flexibility into the model, so that councils and mana whenua can adapt elements of the structure to suit local needs and tikanga."

Local Government Minister Nanaia Mahuta said all water assets would be retained in local ownership and a public referendum provision would provide "the ultimate protection" against privatisation. Mechanisms would also be put in place to provide communities with a say in how water assets and services are managed.



## Mayor's Message

Like many delegates at the annual Local Government New Zealand (LGNZ) Conference in mid-July, I ended up spending more time in Marlborough than planned due to road closures and experienced first-hand some of the massive damage caused. Community is the heart of what makes regional New Zealand a great place to live, and it's times like the recent weather events that test the resilience of that heart. My thoughts are with all the people across our region – from Buller to Marlborough – who have had their homes, businesses, farms and roads impacted in the last few weeks. Emergency services, iwi, defence, council, and Waka Kotahi teams have worked hard to support residents, businesses, and farmers with lifelines, including emergency housing, livestock feed and wellbeing support. It will be a long recovery so please look out for ways that you can support in the coming months. And please be patient on the roads as repairs are underway.

Our neighbours in Marlborough did Te Tau Ihu proud, hosting the 600 conference delegates from around the country. The theme of the 2021 LGNZ conference was Reimagining Aotearoa – from community up. The conference was an opportunity to discuss the sector's chance to help shape a new kind of local government to support stronger, more resilient communities. As part of the conference I took a visit to the Wairau flood control scheme and then saw it successfully in action a few days later. Not quite what was planned, but it worked!

The conference created lots of discussions around change – three waters, resource management and Future for Local Government. On three waters, we as a Council, now

have the next two months to review the information and resolve any outstanding issues including accountability, influencing local decisions, and making sure council's plans for growth are appropriately integrated with water services planning. We'll be looking carefully at the data and information as it comes to us.

Lastly, I want to acknowledge the incredible mahi (work) and auahatanga (creativity) that went into delivering this year's Te Ramaroa light festival. The expanded festival really brought our city's nights to life. More than 50,000 people rugged up to get out and about to see the fantastic innovative displays across the central city, from the Cathedral to Queens Gardens, through laneways and transforming building facades. Thank you to the artists, volunteers, trustees, and sponsors who make this event possible and, of course, thank you all for coming along to share in the experience. A special acknowledgement to our accommodation sector who hosted out of town visitors for the five nights of the festival – the city was fully booked. We may have been a bit short on sunny days in July but what an amazing festival to brighten up our cold winter nights.

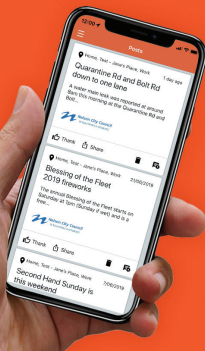


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# New Nelson Tasman Future Development Strategy underway

A new Nelson Tasman Future Development Strategy (FDS) will look at how Nelson City Council and Tasman District Council can help meet housing and commercial property demand over the next 30 years.

Both Councils committed to building on the current 2019 FDS, at a joint committee meeting held on 6 July, 2021.

Future development strategies are based on requirements set out by Central Government in its National Policy Statement on Urban Development (NPS UD), the latest of which came into effect in 2020.

The NPS UD sets out the Government's guidelines and rules for development in cities across New Zealand. The 2020 version includes new rules that match many of the two council's housing and sustainability goals.

The 2019 FDS will form a starting point for the draft, but all the sites currently identified for future growth will need to be reassessed under the new requirements of the NPS UD. Both councils will now work on the strategy with the aim of releasing to the public for consultation in 2022.

The new strategy will also help inform the 2024 Long Term Plan of both councils.

Tasman District Council Growth Coordinator Jacqui Deans said the objective was to create a new strategy consistent with any new requirements under the NPS UD.

"We've got a fast-growing district, and so we need to stay on top of things - actively monitoring this growth to keep up with ongoing demands is key."

Having a solid, up-to-date document would also put councils in a good place to bid for central government funding, she said.

Deans said Tasman's Long Term Plan 2021-2031 showed how TDC was following through with planning for expected growth.

Combined infrastructure investment of more than \$300 million in Tasman's recently adopted 10 Year Plan included some of the future development sites from the last strategy period, which offered a

starting point for the upcoming strategy.

Nelson City Council's Group Manager Environmental Management Clare Barton said supporting growth in housing supply and intensification was a focus for Council in the 2021/31 Long Term Plan.

"Our Long Term Plan included funding for infrastructure that would increase housing capacity. We are also in the process of applying to and assisting others to make applications to the Government's Infrastructure Acceleration Fund where they will support an increase in housing capacity."

"New requirements set out in this National Policy Statement, especially around transport links and proximity, match our own development goals, so this is an opportunity to produce a refreshed development strategy that will inform how we will manage our city's growth for the next thirty years."

## Second-Hand Sunday returns in August

The next Second-Hand Sunday is on Sunday 15 August in the Nelson and Tasman regions, offering you the opportunity to pick up that highly prized freebie or get rid of items you don't need anymore.

If you have items you want to give away, simply register on our website to make sure you get onto the list of participating addresses, print off a poster from our website (or pick one up from Council's Customer Service Centre) and put it on your mailbox on the day.

Second-Hand Sunday starts at 10am, so put your unwanted goods on your driveway (not on the footpath), with the poster on display.

The list of participants will be available for download from our website, or from our Customer Service Centre from 12pm on Friday 13 August.

Pick up a list and head out to enjoy some treasure hunting (you don't need to register to participate).

The event will take place rain or shine, but please respect the 10am start time.

Homeowners are responsible for

taking back in anything that doesn't go on the day.

For further information, go to

[nelson.govt.nz/second-hand-sunday](https://nelson.govt.nz/second-hand-sunday)

### What to do - checklist

1. Sort and collect your items.
2. You can also register your address on our website before 10am the Friday prior, to go onto the participating households list.
3. You will be able to download the participant list from our website the Friday before from 12pm. It will also be available from Council.
4. Print the letterbox poster from our website to show on the day if you are getting rid of items.
5. Put your items on your driveway.
6. Bring in any remaining items at the end of the day.



## Composting workshops blooming success

Beginner's composting workshops have been blooming as Nelson's budding home composters dig into making their own nutrient-rich soil.

The monthly one-hour workshops, hosted by Tim's Garden and sponsored by Nelson City Council's Rethink Waste programme, have seen about 150 home composters learn how to save money and reduce greenhouse gas emissions through composting in the past year.

Tim's Garden director Tim Morozgalski says the workshops cover how best to produce compost, how easy it is to compost at home, and what to do with it in the garden.

Tim says the most common questions asked are around pests, smell and what is best to put in the compost.

"People are surprised by the amount of green and kitchen waste that worms can break down daily.

"What really seems to strike a chord with attendees is when we explain that any amount of home composting will help improve their environmental impact and build healthy soil in their gardens. Landfills are a last resort for green and kitchen waste."

More workshops are planned for the rest of the year, with the next two coming up on 14 August and 7 September.

Once attendees are equipped with their new composting know-how, they can take advantage of the \$20 Council subsidy on compost bins, worm farms and bokashi buckets available at local retailers. To book a space in the upcoming workshop, go to the Eventbrite website.

[eventbrite.co.nz](https://eventbrite.co.nz)





# Art meanders along Poorman Valley Stream

Hundreds of students and community members have created a public artwork that stretches from the upper Marsden Valley down to the estuary, following the waterway, Poorman Valley Stream.

The works were created by artists of all ages, from pre-schoolers to grandparents.

Projects began with explorations into stream ecology, monitoring and identification of lifeforms found in the stream.

Artists then progressed through observational studies and pattern recognition to produce artworks that celebrate the waterway's inhabitants, ideal stream conditions and offer suggestions of care.

Project workshops included an art/ecology day held at Nayland College, involving Nayland science students and Broadgreen Intermediate's envirogroup, and a tukutuku project that saw Broadgreen Intermediate students mentor Nayland Primary students as part of a 'tuakana teina' artmaking session.

This is the second of two public artworks produced as part of a community engagement project linked to the riparian restoration/enhancement plan for Poorman Valley Stream, which commenced in September 2020.

Nelson City Council's Climate and Environment Committee Chair Kate Fulton said the project had brought people together.

"There's a real community feel to this project, as people volunteer to help with planting and restoring the stream and its surrounding environment, and the new pathway will make it easier for people to see the fruits of their labour. The art projects led by Vicki Smith have brought in a cultural element, and helped residents of all ages contribute."

Some of the artworks will be installed within the new planting area, but there will also be works on bridges and property fences. A Cabinet of Curiosities full of bottled 'specimens' will turn up at Stoke Library and copies of the art will be used to create a map of the waterway along the windows at Pūtangitangi / Greenmeadow Community Centre.

The finished works are being installed to coincide with Matariki celebrations held by the schools and kindergarten who created them. Within the Matariki constellation, many of the works reference the stars Waiti & Waitā, which represent freshwater and marine in the Mountains to Sea approach to water ecology.

For more information and a map showing where you can find the artworks visit the Shape Nelson website:



# New rates instalment issuing dates

Starting with this new financial year, rates instalment issuing dates are moving forward by one week to give ratepayers extra time and flexibility to pay.

Nelson City Council rates invoices will now be issued on the 25th day of the month before they are due. These changes took effect from 1 July.

Be on the lookout for the first instalment of this year, which were sent to ratepayers on Monday 26 July.

For the quickest and easiest way to pay your rates, consider signing up to receive Council invoices by email and paying by direct debit.

Email is the quickest way to receive your rates invoice and paying by direct debit allows for faster automatic processing of payments, helping you avoid late fees.

For more information, call our Customer Service Centre at 03 546 0200 or visit:

[nelson.govt.nz/paying-rates](https://nelson.govt.nz/paying-rates)

## Councillor's Comment

### By Councillor Brian McGurk

One of my old bosses would often say "change is hard". Two recent examples with the Innovating Streets trial in Nelson South reminded me of this simple wisdom.

One was the installation of four way stop signs on Tukaka Street, which some labelled as unworkable and confusing.

The second was the appearance of butterfly and bees road art on Tipahi Street and the subsequent public comment they would be distracting to drivers and encourage children to run out onto the road.

Both of these examples were part of a much wider traffic calming trial for streets in Nelson South.

Prior to this trial, residents had approached the council seeking a solution to the problem of speeding vehicles and increasing numbers of drivers using their streets as a short cut.

There were 16 recorded crashes in the area in the preceding 10 years, including one resulting in serious injuries. We also knew from our own monitoring of speeds in the area that cars were driving far too fast, just over 100 km/h by Nelson Intermediate School and over 80 km/h outside Nelson South Kindergarten, in what are residential streets. The residents' concerns were justified.

The residents were open to trialling different traffic calming techniques as the more traditional methods didn't seem to be working. This presented an opportunity use funding from Waka Kotahi Innovating Streets Fund and work with residents and schools to design and trial new initiatives.

It was very clear that some people love the traffic calming,

some hated it, while others had mixed feelings.

Supporters argued the traffic calming protects residents, pedestrians and cyclists from motor vehicles, allows residential streets to better balance their multiple uses and help towards creating a sense of community.

Critics argued that it is a waste of resources, it is an inconvenience and places an unfair burden on drivers, that it merely shifts adverse traffic impacts from one street to another and that it causes more problems than it solves.

Much of the concern about the trial in Nelson South related to specific measures such as the four way stop, the painted pavement and road art, the picnic tables and tree planters, rather than the general concept of changing the street designs to deliver a specific outcome; slow vehicle speeds, reduce traffic volumes and create a calmer safer street environment. Council's monitoring shows this outcome has been achieved with 30 per cent less traffic, and a 37.5 per cent reduction in average speeds.

Change is hard, but it can be made easier if we keep focused on what we are trying to achieve. Because, while some may question some of the methods, it's hard to argue with initiatives that reduce the risk of serious injury or death on our streets.



Councillor Brian McGurk





## Council's Saxton Creek flood protection project last stage begins

Local iwi led a dawn blessing on Monday 19 July, as Nelson City Council's Saxton Creek Flood Protection Upgrade Project – Stage 4 got underway.

This \$24 million project is the final stage of Council's project to improve flood protection for the Saxton Creek area.

Stage 4 covers work through industrial private areas, running from Main Road Stoke, through to the sea.

The completed project will protect against a 1 in 100-year flood event.

This work has received \$7.5 million of funding from Kānoa - Regional Economic Development & Investment Unit.

This funding contributes towards projects that build more resilient river communities.

This project will help to reduce the environmental, economic and social damage caused by flooding.

The Kānoa funding has helped bring this project forward, so that new jobs have been created. This supports local economies and their social wellbeing following the impact of COVID-19.

For further details on the project go to the Shape Nelson website:



[shape.nelson.govt.nz/saxton-creek-stage-4](https://shape.nelson.govt.nz/saxton-creek-stage-4)

## Call for ideas for Chorus Art Cabinet murals

Nelson's creative community is invited to show off it's artistic flair in a new round of Chorus Art Cabinet mural submissions.

The call, from Arts Council Nelson on behalf of Nelson City Council and Chorus, seeks to transform two medium and two small Chorus cabinets into works of art.

The cabinets chosen to receive a makeover are on the corner of Atawhai Dr and Paremata St, on Main Rd Stoke and two on Tahunanui Dr.

The design for the cabinet on the corner of Atawhai Dr/Paremata St should embrace the Māori meaning of the word Atawhai – "to show kindness" or "to foster" - but the other three cabinets do not have a theme.

The designs will be reviewed by Arts Council Nelson and Nelson City Council's Arts Selection Panel.

Design submissions are open now, and close midday Wednesday, 11 August.

For more details and an application form, see

[acn.org.nz/chorus-art-cabinets.html](https://acn.org.nz/chorus-art-cabinets.html)



Some of the previous Chorus cabinets.

## Tahunanui water upgrade

Work to replace the ageing water main that runs down Rocks Road (from the intersection of Bisley Avenue and Tahunanui Drive to Magazine Point) is set to begin on Monday 2 August. The work is estimated to take 10 weeks to complete (depending on the weather).

The water main renewal work will provide a more reliable water supply to the users in the area and is being undertaken now before Waka Kotahi reveals the road in November 2021.

There will be some disruption to traffic and bus routes with stop and go and other traffic management in place, but Nelson City Council has been talking with businesses and residents to try and minimise this disruption.

Crews will be working from 6am to 8pm during the first stages of the work and 6am to 6pm for the remainder of the project, although there will be some exceptions to these hours to accommodate the needs of businesses in the area.

The bus stops at Bisley Ave/the Sands Apartments (northbound and southbound) will be closed from 2 August to 10 September while work is undertaken. Alternative bus stops can be found outside Mobil and Smugglers on Muritai Street.

For further details on the project, please go to the Shape Nelson website:

[shape.nelson.govt.nz/tahunanui-stormwater-upgrade](https://shape.nelson.govt.nz/tahunanui-stormwater-upgrade)

## Please remember to flush your taps

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

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

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





# Family History Month this August at Nelson Public Libraries

There are several events coming up at the Nelson Public Libraries for Family History Month.

### Family History Workshops: Where to start and tools to use

A series of workshops covering the basics of family history research followed by two sessions on our major online resources. Bookings required.

- **Introduction to Genealogy**  
Thursday 12 August 9.30-11am
- **Introduction to Whakapapa research**  
Tuesday 17 August, 2-3pm
- **Using Ancestry.com for family history**  
Thursday 19 August, 9.30-11am
- **Using FamilySearch for family history**  
Thursday 26 August, 9.30-11am

### Crafting with family fabrics

Make your own hot-water bottle cover from upcycled fabrics such as wool blankets, jumpers – then decorate with vintage notions like doilies or make your own buttons from recycled linen.

This is a family activity; children with parents are welcome (basic sewing ability required). Bookings required.

Saturday 7 August, 10.30–11.30am

### What is available elsewhere? A Family History Expo

Your opportunity to find out more about some of the organisations in the area which can help you with Family History Research - with specialist collections or expertise.

Saturday 14 August, 11am–12.30pm

# Nelson City Council's Te Huihui-o-Matariki event in images

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 earlier this month.

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 below, taken by **Virginia Woolf**.



## 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.

### 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

### 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

### Changes to Meeting

Community Investment Funding Panel – previously advertised to take place on 9 August 2021, commencing at 10am, has been postponed. A new date is still to be confirmed.

For a full list of meetings go to:

[nelson.govt.nz/meetings](https://nelson.govt.nz/meetings)

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# Bullets & Balls Building: Solving two problems with one well-designed building

Depending on your interests, you might visit the Bullets & Balls building at Saxton Field to fine tune your cover drive or work on your sharpshooting skills.

The award-winning building houses both a modern indoor cricket training facility and a target shooting range. It is an example of how Nelson City Council can enable the creation of a purpose-built shared space for two different community groups.

Andrew Irving of Irving Smith Architects, who designed this unique building, says it utilises simple solutions to meet the different needs of two different sports clubs.

"Cricket requires a naturally lit space, with volume to accommodate protective nets. Rifle shooting [needs] a dark, low space, with reinforcement to side and rear walls.

"The challenge of this project was to find a suitable construction method that realised the required space for an extremely tight budget. This took us down the road of a proprietary system usually used for garages and industrial buildings, where opposing garage doors ventilate the cricket facility, and south facing dormers admit daylight.

"We had to find a way to add enough design to elevate the shed system without losing the simplicity of its construction or the benefit of its low construction cost," Andrew says.

Council assisted the clubs by securing \$258,000 of the funding for the building from the Lottery Grants Board and a further \$50,000 worth of funding from the New Zealand Community Trust on behalf of the Rifle Club.

Initial plans began when the Nelson Cricket Club approached Gibbons Construction to build a new indoor practice facility, that could also accommodate national and international teams playing at Saxton Oval.

Simultaneously, the Smallbore Rifle Club needed to relocate from its facility on Para Para Road.

Completed as a joint venture between Irving Smith Architects and Gibbons Construction, the building provided a cost-effective solution for the two clubs, creating 1,200 square metres of enclosed space for less than \$800 per square metre.

The modern facility, which was gifted to Council on completion, was featured in several architectural publications and won the NZIA Nelson Marlborough Architecture Award for Public Architecture. It was also a finalist for the New Zealand Architecture Awards for Public Architecture.

Both clubs have reported a steady increase in



interest, user numbers and membership since the new building came into use, and the cricket facility has been acknowledged as one of the best indoor cricket training facilities in New Zealand, enabling Nelson to host international cricket matches.

Nelson Cricket Operations Manager Tim Murdoch says the addition of the indoor training facility is an "outstanding asset" not just for cricket but for the community as well.

"Nelson Cricket enjoyed a very positive working relationship with Nelson City Council throughout the planning process and construction phases of the project. All parties understood the value and benefit of the building to the community, which added to the impressive array of sporting fields and facilities already located within Saxton Oval."

Andrew Irving echoed Tim's sentiments.

"Architects love a shed, and this is one we're really pleased with and proud of. The real triumph is a community asset, fit for purpose, with a little bit of design charm within budget."

## 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 11.30 – 2.30pm

### Saxton Field

2021 TSSS Hockey Tournament, Tuesday 3 – Wednesday 4 August

### Trafalgar Centre

Nikon Iris Awards Photo Exhibition, Monday 26 July - Wednesday 28 July, 9:00am – 8:00pm

Te Taihū ki te Hoe, Saturday 07 August, 10:00am – 5:00pm, gold coin donation for entry

Benée & support act 'There's a Tuesday', Saturday 14 August, from 7.30pm

### Trafalgar Park

Tasman Mako v Auckland, Saturday 14 August, Kick off 2:05pm

Tasman Mako v Counties Manukau, Sunday 22 August, Kick off 2:05pm

### Founders Heritage Park

International Blues Music Day 2021, Saturday 7 August, from 7:00pm

### Broadgreen Historic House

Tapestry Weaving Extension workshop tutored by Marilyn Rea-Menzies, Saturday 31 July – Sunday 1 August 2021, 10:00am – 4:00pm

Harakeke – NZ Flax Weaving – Two Day Introductory Workshop Option, Sunday 8th – Monday 9th August 2021, 10:00am – 4:00pm

### Nelson Public Libraries:

#### Elma Turner Library

Hours:

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday: 9:30am – 6:00pm

Wednesday: 10:00am – 6:00pm

Saturday: 10:00am – 4:00pm

Sunday: 1:00pm – 4:00pm

Back to the Future - Tech Taster Sessions, every Monday 2pm

Workbridge drop-in sessions, every Monday 9.30am & Wednesday 10:00am

Small Time at the Elma Turner Library, every Monday and Wednesday 10:30am

Story Time, every Tuesday 10.30am

Young Adult Reading Club, fortnightly on Wednesday 3.45pm

STEM writers, every second and fourth Tuesday of the month 1:00pm – 3:00pm

Junior Reading Club, every Tuesday 3.30pm

Library Knitters, every Thursday. 10:00am – 12:00pm

Sewing Classes with Robyn Reynolds, every Thursday. 3:00pm – 5:00pm

Tea & Talk, every Friday 10:00am

Justices of the Peace, every Saturday 10:00am – 12:00pm

Lego Robotics for kids four-week course, Friday 30 July, 3:30pm – 4:30pm

Nelson Institute Talk, Sunday 1 August, 2:00pm – 3:00pm

Device Advice. Every Tuesday and Thursday at 2:00pm.

Employable drop-in sessions, every second Friday from 6 August, 10:30am – 12:30pm

Mid-Winter Book Sale, Saturday 7 August,

10:00am – 1:00pm

Crafting with family fabrics, Saturday 7 August, 10:30am – 11:30am

Author Talk – Jen Shieff, Saturday 7 August, 2:00pm – 3:00pm

Family History Expo, Saturday 14 August, 11:00am – 12:30pm

Friends of the Library Speaker, Sunday 15 August, 2:00pm – 3:00pm

Introduction to Whakapapa – a family history month event, Tuesday 17 August, 2:00pm – 3:00pm

Using Ancestry.com for family history, Thursday 19 August, 9:30am – 11:00am

Rainbow Storytime, Saturday 21 August, 11:00am – 12:00pm

Living Library with Erika & CoCo Flash, Saturday 21 August, 1:00pm – 2:00pm

Ode to the Dictionary, Monday 23 – Friday 27 August

Poetry & Place, Monday 23 – Friday 27 August

Poetry Open Mic, Friday 27 August, 12:00pm

Poetry workshop with Cliff Fell, Friday 27 August, 1:00 – 2:30pm

#### Nightingale Library Memorial.

Hours:

Monday, Wednesday, Friday: 1:00pm – 4:30pm

Tuesday, Thursday: 10:00am – 2:00pm

Saturday: Closed

Sunday: 10:00am – 2:00pm

Nellie Knitters. Every Monday 1.30 – 3.30pm

Story Time at the Tahunanui Library. Every Thursday. 10:30am – 11:00am

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: 10:00am – 1:00pm

Sunday: Closed

Stoke Craft Club. Monday 3:30pm – 4:30pm

Story Time at the Stoke Library. Every Wednesday 10:30am

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

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

Small Time, every Tuesday 10.30am

### Museums and Galleries:

The Suter Art Gallery & Theatre

Hours: 9.30am – 4.30pm Daily

Light Dwell, Saturday 29 May – Sunday 29 August

Chroma, Saturday 19 June – Wednesday 15 September

Hannah Beehre: Pillars, Tuesday June 22 – Sunday 29 August 2021

Simplicity Roadshow 2021, Tuesday 3 August, 12:00pm – 1:00pm

Refinery ArtSpace

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

Nelson Provincial Museum

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

Cawthron Science Speaker Series – Family Book Reading of Manaaki and te Marama by Nick King and Kim Filshie, Saturday 7 August, 1:00pm – 2:00pm

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