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4 Lanes programme out now

A family fun celebration of culture, hospitality, art and free entertainment, 4 Lanes returns to the city on Saturday 28 August, from 3pm – 9pm.

The festival encourages people to wander four key areas: Kirby, Fiddle and Old Bank Lanes, and Morrison Square. Running in conjunction with the festival this year is a new Youth Lane in Church Street, which will be dedicated to youth bands, games, competitions and events.

The programme for the event is out now:

nelson.govt.nz/4-lanes-festival

Some programme highlights include:

BennynBronte

BennynBronte is an upcoming acoustic/indie band, featuring Aston Murray-Campbell on the drums/bass, Ben Etchells on the keys/bass, and Elysia Brontë as lead vocalist and guitarist/pianist. They each adore songwriting and performing original songs, and have previously won APRA songwriting awards through Rockquest. Aside from composition, they perform covers featuring The Beatles, Lana Del Rey and other musicians, while bringing their own sound to their music.

Te Pītau Whakarei

The kapa haka group from Nelson Intermediate School offers a sneak peek of their potential before they compete in the Te Mana Kuratahi National Competition in Nelson in November.

Birdlife Productions

Bridget and Roger Sanders specialise in puppetry, storytelling and children's theatre. The duo travel extensively throughout New Zealand performing in kindergartens, schools and at festivals. They believe in the transformative power of puppetry to bring wonder and delight into people's lives.



Roger Nicholson from Civic Trust, Bryan Hemi from Nelmac and Stephen Pattinson from Nelson City Council review the work being done on Moller Fountain.

Moller Fountain makeover

With financial support from the City of Nelson Civic Trust and help from skilled technicians from Nelmac and Powertech, the 81-year-old fountain will soon have a new lease on life.

The project has involved cutting a section out of the fountain's base, to replace the old water pipes, installing a new pump station and replacing the fountain's iconic lights. Work for this part of the project will be completed by the middle of August.

The fountain was initially donated anonymously to the city in 1940, but the identity of the benefactor was revealed at the unveiling ceremony to be Mrs. Dorothea Moller, who gifted the fountain in the memory of her husband Bernard,

a successful businessman, city councillor, Justice of the Peace and beloved member of the community.

Moller Fountain has sported various looks over the years, ranging from its original creamy colour to pink and turquoise, purple and golden yellow, and, most recently, gold and cream.

It will have a new look again, come November, when the fountain will be repainted.

New pump station for Tahunanui

The construction of a new pump station at Awatea Place will improve wastewater infrastructure in the Tahunanui catchment, reducing the chance of overflows and enable increased housing growth in the area.

The new pump station will replace two existing pump stations on Parkers Road that are now ageing and therefore unable to meet the future needs of the Tahunanui area.

This project has received \$3.54m of government funding under the Three Waters reform programme.

Infrastructure Chair Brian McGurk says the funding will help councils increase resilience of their Three Waters network and assist in providing the region and its contractors economic stimulus after the COVID-19 lockdown.

"Our community is increasingly intolerant of wastewater discharges into waterways, such as the Waimea Inlet and Nelson Haven. We must increase capacity and resilience of our network as we deal with growth and more frequent rainfall events.

"The new pump station is in line with Council's priorities. It is one of many water infrastructure projects brought forward in the 2021-31 Long Term Plan and will increase

the area's capacity for extra housing, and protect against wastewater overflows that occur due to wet weather."

The new pump station will receive wastewater from the whole of the Tahunanui area and will then pump it out to the Airport Regional pump station. From there, it goes to the Bell Island treatment plant.

Comprising of two large storage tanks for maintenance and overflow management, as well as an activated carbon odour control system, the site for the pump station will receive extensive landscape planting to lessen the visual impact.

Contractor Hunter Civil Ltd is scheduled to start work in early August, with the job due for completion in June 2022. Residents in the area can expect minor traffic delays on Parkers Road, between Awatea Place and Golf Road. Due to the complexity of the work, a full road closure will be required for Awatea Place until the end of 2021.

Construction noise will occur during the day, but the contractor will endeavour to keep this noise to a minimum.

How we are addressing Nelson's housing capacity shortfall

The Nelson Housing and Business Capacity Assessment (HBA) was adopted at Nelson City Council's Urban Development Subcommittee meeting on Thursday, 29 July.

The HBA found that under our current situation, Nelson has a long-term housing capacity shortfall of 864 homes and a commercial business land shortfall of 8.7 hectares.

Housing capacity is a measure of the number of new houses our region can potentially build. This is determined by planning regulations, zoning, and the amount of land serviced by infrastructure, such as water and roading.

Nelson Mayor Rachel Reese says it is important to remember that the HBA is a snapshot in time, using current rules and guidelines.

"What it doesn't capture is the work Council is already doing to address this deficit, and we expect to see a very different picture when those new plans come online. Our Long Term Plan consulted on intensification of our city centre, affordable and social housing collaborations with Kainga Ora, and included a \$491 million investment in infrastructure, which will go a long way to increasing housing capacity.

"Zone changes through the Whakamahere Whakatū Nelson Plan will make it easier to develop higher density housing and smaller homes. And that's without considering future greenfield developments, that we know are vital to address housing supply shortfalls."

Mayor Reese said Council is actively seeking to draw on the Infrastructure Acceleration Fund, a central government initiative designed to accelerate infrastructure that increases housing capacity.

"We have made one application to the fund, but also worked with local developers to support them in accessing this money as well. By bringing forward these infrastructure projects, we aim to see a faster response to housing supply issues in our region."

The findings of the latest HBA have now been incorporated into the draft Whakamahere Whakatū Nelson Plan document. This has already led to changes, such as the inclusion of smaller minimum lot sizes; higher maximum site coverage; removal or refinement of courtyard/outdoor living rules and changes to maximum building heights.

At the same time, a new joint Future Development Strategy is also being developed in conjunction with Tasman District Council that will inform how growth is managed for the next 30 years. Both councils are working on the strategy, with the aim of releasing it to the public for consultation in 2022. The new strategy will also help inform the 2024 Long Term Plan of both councils.

Book Fair pays for Founders' playground upgrade

Upgrades to the Founders Heritage Park playground, including more accessible play equipment, will be paid for using funds from the Founders Book Fair.

Scoping for the project is underway now, with work on the playground expected to take place by mid-2022.

New play equipment, along with a refurbishment of the playground's slide and roundabout are being investigated, in addition to new ground covering.

Second round of Draft Whakamahere Whakatū Nelson Plan engagement opens soon

Nelson City Council will shortly be looking for public feedback on three topics of the Draft Whakamahere Whakatū Nelson Plan (the Draft Nelson Plan) – river flood hazards, Airport Zone and Port Nelson noise options.

This is the second round of engagement and follows a comprehensive phase of engagement in late 2020 that covered a range of subject matter, including residential, commercial, and environmental topics.

Council is seeking the public's views on these issues from 18 August – 17 September 2021. Look out for more information and ways you can contribute your feedback.

The Draft Nelson Plan is designed to help guide the sustainable management of Nelson's natural and built environments. It provides a framework for managing how Nelson grows and responds to changing pressures, and for managing the use of our natural environment, including the effects of natural hazards such as river flooding.

Nelson Public Libraries events for National Poetry Day

National Poetry Day is Friday 27 August and the Nelson Public Libraries have a week full of activities leading up to it.

Poetry and Place

Follow the Nelson Public Libraries Facebook page for social media prompts to create poems based on photos around Nelson.

Monday 23 – Friday 27 August.

Ode to the Dictionary

Try your hand at creating a poem from lines of a dictionary and add your work to the display in the **Elma Turner Library. Monday 23 – Friday 27 August.**

Poetry Writing with Cliff Fell

Explore ways in which we write our lives into the poem. Open to writers of all levels.

Elma Turner Library. Friday 27 August, 1pm.

Bookings required by contacting library@ncc.govt.nz or calling (03) 546 8100.

Open Mic Poetry

Listen to poetry or give it a go and read your own.

Elma Turner Library. Friday 27 August, 2pm.

Poetry Shared Reading

Listen to poetry over afternoon tea.

Stoke Library. Friday 27 August, 2pm.

Harry Ricketts- New Collection

In conjunction with Volume Books, listen to the poet read from his new collection.

Elma Turner Library. Saturday 28 August, 2pm.

Secondhand Sunday is back

The next Secondhand 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.

For further information, go to:

nelson.govt.nz/second-hand-sunday

MEETINGS

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

Council meeting	12 Aug
9am	
Audit, Risk and Finance Subcommittee	24 Aug
9am	
Joint Shareholders Committee - Tasman District Council Chamber, 189 Queen Street, Richmond	24 Aug
1.30pm	
Council meeting	26 Aug
9am	
Nelson Regional Sewerage Business Unit	27 Aug
9.30am	

Changes to meetings

Strategic Development and Property Subcommittee, previously advertised to take place on 26 August 2021 at 9am, will now commence at 1pm

For a full list of Council meetings go to:

nelson.govt.nz/meetings



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