

OUR NELSON

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Nelson is now at COVID-19 Alert Level 2

At Alert Level 2, COVID-19 is contained, but the risk of community transmission remains, and some restrictions will continue.

Most Council services have resumed at Alert Level 2, but there are some key changes:

Customer Service Centre

- Council's Customer Service Centre is open, with physical distancing. Visitors must register for contact tracing, and there will be a maximum of eight customers allowed in the centre at any time. Cashless payment preferred.
- Unpaid rates accounts will not incur penalties until five working days after moving to Alert Level 2. We recognise lockdown has created financial pressure for some, so please contact the Customer Service Centre if you have difficulty paying or to arrange a suitable payment plan.
- Contact Nelson City Council on 03) 546 0200 or email enquiry@ncc.govt.nz

Libraries

- Both Stoke and Elma Turner Libraries have reopened. Numbers are limited, and users must sign in. Nightingale Library will open next week. This delay is to ensure staff and protocols are in place to manage mandatory contact tracing and a high volume of book returns expected. Customers are still encouraged to access online services e.g., eBooks, audiobooks, movies, and device help without visiting the physical library. Some classes and events will go ahead with limited numbers, provided physical distancing can be maintained. Children's Small Time and Story Time sessions will be unable to meet these requirements and will not be held under Level 2.
- For a full list of what is on visit: nelsonpubliclibraries.co.nz

Rubbish and recycling

- Recycling has resumed as normal.
- Nelson Waste Recovery Centre at Pascoe Street has reopened, but all payments must be contactless, no cash. Contact tracing is required, including recording vehicle license plates. The public recycling drop-off is open. Physical distancing is required when unloading.
- The reuse shop is open for customers to drop off items; and with physical distancing and sanitisation measures, also open for shopping.

Public transport

- The Nbus timetable has returned to its normal schedule at Level 2, and contactless payment using Bee Card is preferred. Registered Bee Cards are used for contact tracing – so please tag on and off.
- Physical distancing does not need to be observed on board public transport services at Alert Level 2. However, passengers are still encouraged to

physically distance where possible. Additional cleaning will be carried out.

- Passengers are required to scan the COVID-19 QR codes displayed on the bus, which are unique to each bus route.
- Bus drivers, staff, and passengers are required to wear face coverings at all Alert Levels unless there is a medical exemption. Drivers and passengers of small passenger vehicle services such as taxis are required to wear masks.

Nelson Mayor Rachel Reese:

"We've had two lockdowns and a quiet summer due to lack of international tourists. Lockdowns have proved successful in allowing us to lead normal lives for the past 18 months, but that's still an extremely challenging situation for any business to operate in.

"Lost revenue for a café, bar or restaurant can't be made up once restrictions ease. Two weeks of missing income stays just that. At Alert Level 2, these businesses will also be impacted by new rules only allowing fifty people inside at any one time, alongside social distancing measures.

"If you can, try to support your local businesses as they reopen. For my part, I will be asking central government to extend financial support to businesses whose revenues are still affected at Alert Level 2."

Mayor Reese also encouraged people to keep up to date with the information provided by Council and Government as some guidance has changed since last year.

"A bit more freedom and normality are really welcome as I know people are tired and reserves have been running low. Every level change comes with change and uncertainty, so please be patient as we all adjust.

"Our vaccination teams have been working hard to protect our community, and I am encouraged to see how many people have gone to get their first and second jabs. Our rates still need to continue to climb so please make time over the next week to get vaccinated if you haven't already by booking a slot at bookmyvaccine.co.nz."

For more information about Alert Level 2 please visit: covid19.govt.nz/alert-system/alert-level-2

Other Council facilities

- All parks and playgrounds have reopened, including exercise equipment, skate parks and public sports facilities. It's important to make sure you wash your hands or use hand sanitiser before and after use. People should not use equipment if they have cold or flu symptoms.

Unite
against
COVID-19

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- Riverside swimming pool is open, however contact tracing is required on entry.
- Founders Heritage Park has reopened, along with the café. Isel House and Broadgreen House remain closed under Alert Level 2.
- Sports fields are also open and limited organised sports can continue, as permitted by COVID-19 guidelines for recreational activities.
- Council venues, stadiums and halls are open, subject to government COVID-19 guidelines
- Public toilets are open, with increased cleaning.
- Freedom camping sites have reopened. Contact tracing will be in place.
- Campgrounds are open to new guests, with strict and more regular cleaning.
- The cemetery and crematorium are open. However, for funerals and tangi a maximum of 100 people are permitted.
- Businesses at Nelson Marina are open, as is the Marina Hardstand. The jetties and boat ramps are also open.
- Trails in the Nelson and Tasman region remain open to mountain biking and walking/running.

Council work

- All programmed roading maintenance has resumed.
- All programmed parks maintenance has resumed.
- All Nelson City Council capital construction projects can now continue, with workers following the Alert Level 2 risk management practices.
- Building inspections, environmental monitoring, and public contact roles such as dog control, noise control and water meter reading and invoicing will be carried out according to Alert Level 2 requirements.
- Those needing Duty Planner appointments to discuss resource consents can book meetings for over the phone or zoom, rather than face-to-face at Civic House.
- Physical council meetings, workshops and hearings will restart in-person next week. However, physical distancing requirements will mean there is no space available in the Council chamber for the public and media. All Council meetings will be live-streamed as usual and those wishing to speak at public meetings will be able to do so via Zoom.

Conservation Week 2021

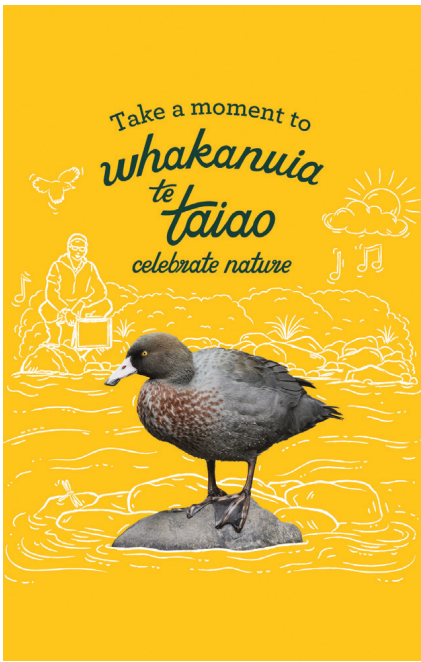
This year's Conservation Week runs from 4-12 September and is an ideal opportunity to get outside and enjoy nature.

The COVID-19 lockdown reminded us to slow down and take a fresh look at our lives and the environment around us.

This Conservation Week, maybe you can continue that new perspective and boost your wellbeing by immersing yourself in our natural world.

While our Project Mahitahi bus field trip has been postponed, we will be providing plenty of conservation-themed content and competitions, including our Spring Photo Competition, on social media throughout Conservation Week.

For details, go to our Facebook page: facebook.com/nelsoncitycouncil or go to conservationweek.org.nz



Have your say!

Three Waters reform

Central Government is proposing reforms in the Three Waters infrastructure space (drinking water, wastewater and stormwater).

As a Council, we will be working to make sure that the best possible outcome is achieved for Nelson, and we will have the opportunity to provide feedback to the Government during this reform process.

It is important that our community understands what the reforms involve. You can view our 31 August Workshop which provides a financial overview, reform summary and Local Government New Zealand insights on the Shape Nelson website.

Our Shape Nelson page also provides the public with Nelson City Council financial data for Three Waters as well as Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs), media releases and links to other helpful information and websites.

We will be holding public meetings to explain what we know about the proposed reforms, what the result could be for Nelson, and the next steps in the process.

Public meetings

Tuesday 14 September 5:30pm – 7:30pm

Thursday 16 September 5:30pm – 7:30pm

These meetings are subject to COVID-19 Alert Levels allowing meetings to occur.

The meetings will all be live-streamed due to the limited number of participants allowed. We will consider further public meetings if there is sufficient demand.

For further details on these public meetings and the Three Waters reform, go to: shape.nelson.govt.nz/three-waters-reform

Parking Strategy

Nelson City Council is developing a parking strategy to help guide how we manage parking into the future.

Council staff from our Transport team were to be running some engagement sessions for businesses and community groups in Stoke and Tahunanui last week, but these have been delayed due to the COVID-19 restrictions. These will take place when we are at Alert Level 1. For further details and to submit feedback go to:

shape.nelson.govt.nz

Te Ara ō Whakatū - the pathways of Nelson

Creating a City Centre Spatial Plan for Nelson's future development.

Feedback is open from Monday 30 August until Friday 24 September 2021.



Kāinga Ora Feedback

Proposal to sell 42 Rutherford Street and/or 69 to 101 Achilles Avenue to Kāinga Ora for social and affordable housing.

Feedback is now open. Feedback closes on Friday 24 September 2021 at 4pm.

Nelson Heritage Story Panels Fund

Do you have a great idea for telling people about Nelson's heritage stories? We are accepting applications for heritage story panel ideas to be located in Nelson this financial year.

Applications close on Friday 24 September 2021.

Representation review

Reviewing our representation arrangements to achieve fair and effective representation in Nelson City

Feedback closes Friday 17 September 2021.

Due to COVID Alert levels, public meetings will not be able to be held for the Representation Review.

During COVID Alert Levels 3 and 4, if people wish to make a submission over the phone, then please call our friendly Customer Service Centre on 03 546 0200.

Tahuna Beach Camp Lease

Seeking public feedback about renewing the lease of the land to the Tahuna Beach Camp Inc.

Feedback closes Friday 10 September 2021.

To have your say on any of these projects, go to the Shape Nelson website. shape.nelson.govt.nz.

Get involved and help us shape Nelson



MEETINGS

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

Audit, Risk and Finance Subcommittee	9am	14 Sep
Hearings Panel - Other	9am	15 Sep
Community and Recreation Committee	9am	16 Sep
Nelson Regional Sewerage Business Unit	2pm	17 Sep
Chief Executive Employment Committee	2pm	21 Sep
Council meeting	9am	23 Sep
Regional Transport Committee	1.30pm	28 Sep
Forestry Subcommittee	1pm	29 Sep
Tenders Subcommittee	9am	30 Sep

Change to meeting

Environment and Climate Committee, previously advertised to take place at 9am on 9 September, will now be a Council meeting.

Cancelled

Urban Development Subcommittee, previously advertised to take place at 1pm on 14 September 2021 has been cancelled due to insufficient business.

Meetings will be held via Zoom due to COVID-19 restrictions.

Please refer to the Council's website for further details.

For a full list of Council meetings go to:

nelson.govt.nz/meetings



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