



## Celebrating summer in Whakatū Nelson

Tickets went on sale last month, for Nelson's biennial celebration of sound – Opera in the Park. Taking place on Saturday 19 February 2022, award-winning musician Stan Walker will headline the event in his first performance in our city since 2018, with support from the renowned Christchurch Symphony Orchestra.

Stan says he is always eager to visit Whakatū Nelson, and the chance to perform with the Christchurch Symphony Orchestra is a dream come true.

"This will be a magic night for me – to have the songs I have written, and that Nelson has loved, re-imagined as glorious, big sound, is a privilege and a dream come true. The Nelson audience is a great crowd, and I'm so looking forward to returning to the City."

Opera in the Park will take place within the COVID-19 requirements of the time, and in the event of cancellation, all ticket holders will receive a full refund.

Among Whakatū Nelson's other main summer events are; Sounds by the Sea, an evolution of the usual Tāhuna Summer Sounds event, The Nelson Buskers Festival, and while a large, unticketed New Year's Eve event is unable to go ahead as it has in the past, a series of activities and performances throughout the city centre will be held instead.

Youth aged 17 and under have a unique opportunity to clear out the old ahead of Christmas by selling their wares at a youth-only Umbrella Market at 1903 Square on 4 and 11 December. For younger children, the Teddy Bears' Picnic is back on 16 January in a new location at the Fairfield House Meadow, and Summer Movies Al Fresco is a great opportunity for a family evening out as a new line-up of movies return to parks with 18 screenings throughout the region.

Nelson Mayor Rachel Reese says there is lots on for the whole family this summer.

"Event organisers and the Council team have done a brilliant job making sure Nelson's summer schedule is full of fantastic events. The Opera in the Park line-up looks fantastic as always, with Stan Walker and the Christchurch Symphony Orchestra set to bring us a standout moment of the summer. The new-look Tāhuna Summer Sounds will be a real treat, and the Buskers Festival is always full of unexpected delights!"

For the most up-to-date event information, use the QR code on the Summer Events Guide or check the event listing online at [itson.co.nz](https://itson.co.nz)

## Public feedback closing on 8 December 2021

A reminder that you have until 5pm on Wednesday 8 December to make submissions on the Urban Environments Bylaw Review and the Maitahi Bayview Private Plan Change

To find out what's changing and to submit on the Urban Environments Bylaw review go to:

[shape.nelson.govt.nz/nelson-urban-environments-bylaw](https://shape.nelson.govt.nz/nelson-urban-environments-bylaw)

To find out more, including how to get help with your submission on the Maitahi Bayview Private Plan Change go to:

[shape.nelson.govt.nz/private-plan-change-28-maitahi-bayview](https://shape.nelson.govt.nz/private-plan-change-28-maitahi-bayview)



# Stoke Youth Park open for Nelson's young people

Skaters, ballers, bongo players, coffee connoisseurs and hammock lovers unite – the Stoke Youth Park is open and ready for use.

The Park includes a basketball court, skatepark, seating, timber deck, drinking fountain, and a car park for the adjacent Plunket building.

The Rātā Foundation provided an extra \$150,000 funding on top of the money budgeted by Nelson City Council, which will be used to provide extra features such as the shade sail over the astroturf area, timer-controlled lighting to the basketball court and skate area, catenary lighting over the deck and decking extensions.

The Youth Park was designed and constructed for \$30,000 under its \$700,000 budget. The leftover money will go towards creating a parkour section of the Park at a later date.



# Modeller's Pond redevelopment underway before Christmas

Work on redeveloping the Modeller's Pond into a new family-friendly park will be split into two phases to take advantage of the good summer weather.

Before the Christmas period, Nelson City Council's contractors will start work decommissioning the pond. This phase of the work will involve deconstructing the edge of the pond, removing existing wooden features in the pond, and preparing the existing concrete for reuse when building the park.

Work will pause over the busy holiday period to make sure people are able to enjoy the other parts of Tāhunanui Reserve to their fullest potential. This means that it will be possible for the model train service to run as usual.

Throughout the summer there will be fencing around the new park area, as it will not be safe to walk around the pond's perimeter while the work takes place.

New 3D designs of the park have been created by Nelson landscape architects Canopy. They show the estuarine planting and low-lying areas that will sometimes be inundated by king tides. This is a feature of the new park, with the tides continually moulding the shape and altering the character of some of the play spaces.

The designs also show seating, picnic areas, trees planted for shade, natural play areas, boardwalks, a sheltered lookout for birdwatching, and a proposed shunting yard that will complement the model train tracks.

"The designs give a real sense of the transformation that will happen, and the many ways people will be able to spend an enjoyable afternoon here," says Mayor Rachel Reese. "I can't wait to see this come to life in 2022."

To see the new designs visit: [shape.nelson.govt.nz/tahunanui-reserve](https://shape.nelson.govt.nz/tahunanui-reserve)

# Spreading festive season cheer

It's starting to feel like Christmas, as Nelson City Council's annual festive decorations go up throughout Nelson's city centre.

Council's contractors began installing Christmas wreaths and Christmas-themed flags last week, and decorations are now complete.

This year, Council is pleased to support the Nelson Santa Parade, held by the Nelson Santa Parade Trust. Council has made the commitment in the Long Term Plan to support the trust for the next three years with a \$15,000 grant each year.

Council worked with the trust to secure a 9-metre-tall sustainable, reuseable, city centre Christmas tree, which was installed on the Cathedral steps on Sunday. The tree is expected to have a lifespan of 10-15 years.

The annual Santa Parade is scheduled to take place on 12 December; however, if it is unable to go ahead on that date, later dates have been secured. The trust will be making a decision on the parade date in early December.

Nelson Santa Parade Trust Chairperson Trevor Marshall said the trust was pleased to be working with Council to bring some festive spirit to the city.

"It's already looking a lot like Christmas in the city and we're very happy to be part of bringing that Christmas joy to our community. We know how beloved the annual Santa Parade is and we're committed to bringing it to the streets of Nelson however we can."

Two other Christmas initiatives that support our most vulnerable community members have also received funding.

Mayor Rachel Reese is once again showing her support for the Fifeshire Foundation's annual Big Give gift and food appeal with a \$5000 donation from the Mayoral Fund.

The Big Give aims to relieve some of the pressure of the festive season for struggling families and individuals by giving Christmas packages, including food parcels, toys, gifts, and supermarket vouchers.

Mayor Reese says she is pleased to continue to support the Big Give, which helps hundreds of local families who would otherwise find the festive season a struggle.

"The Big Give is an excellent cause that really makes a difference to the lives of so many people in our community. I encourage anyone, individuals or businesses, to join us in supporting the Big Give, and help bring extra Christmas cheer to those in our community who need it the most."

Council is donating staff time to assist with the Big Give.

Whakatū Rotary's Community Christmas Dinner, which last year fed more than 200 people, has been granted \$10,000 from Council's Community Events Fund.

In the countdown to the big day, the Nelson Public Libraries will offer a touch of Christmas magic too. Santa's Grotto makes an appearance at Stoke Library on 10 December from 3.30pm–4.30pm and Elma Turner Library on 11 December from 11am–12pm.

Both events will have a range of crafts set up for children, as well as a Story-time of classic Christmas tales. All of these activities, including the Grotto, will be dependent on the COVID-19 Protection Framework Traffic Light System.





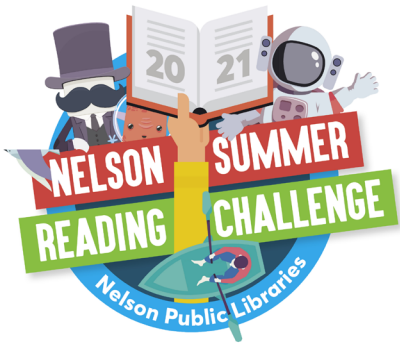


At 11:59pm on Thursday 2 December, New Zealand will move to the traffic light system. (COVID-19 Protection Framework).

To see what this means for Nelson City Council facilities and services go to [our.nelson.govt.nz](https://our.nelson.govt.nz)

## Summer Reading Challenge

Nelson Public Libraries are excited to take you on an adventure with the Children’s, Young Adult, and all ages Summer Reading Challenges. All begin from 10 December. For details go to [nelsonpubliclibraries.co.nz](https://nelsonpubliclibraries.co.nz)



# MEETINGS

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

### Hearings Panel - Other

9am	1 Dec
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### Forestry Subcommittee

1pm	1 Dec
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### Community and Recreation Committee

9am	2 Dec
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### Strategic Development and Property Subcommittee

1pm	3 Dec
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### Regional Transport Committee

1.30pm	6 Dec
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### Nelson Tasman Regional Landfill Business Unit

9.30am	10 Dec
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### Changes to meetings

Council meeting, previously advertised to take place on 9 December 2021, commencing at 9am.

1pm	8 Dec
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For a full list of meetings go to:

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



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