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Annie Crummer joins Stan Walker for Opera in the Park

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Star line-up for Nelson's premier summer event.

Award winning, platinum selling Kiwi artist Annie Crummer is joining Stan Walker for Nelson's Opera in the Park.

Renowned for hits like See What Love Can Do, Melting Pot, and Language, Annie was recently inducted into the New Zealand Music Hall of Fame, recognising her as a standard bearer for female musicians.

With the opera singers Anna Hoetjes (Soprano), Samuel Downes (Baritone), and Andrew Grenon (Tenor), all accompanied by Christchurch Symphony Orchestra, this event promises to be a combination of rare musical talent.

Opera in the Park is on Saturday 19 February in Trafalgar Park. Early bird tickets are available from Eventfinda until 31 December.

Please note, Opera in the Park requires attendees to have a vaccine pass.

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 throughout the city centre will be held instead.

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.

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**





For more information, visit www.uniquelynelson.co.nz

Ride to the beach in the Tāhuna Summer Beach Bus

If you are heading to the beach this summer, why not take the Tāhuna Summer Beach Bus.

The chance to ride around Nelson's stunning coastline in a double-decker bus is back, with the service running regularly every day from Monday 27 December until Monday 31 January (including public holidays).

The bus departs from either Tāhuna Beach Holiday Park or Nelson i-SITE (Trafalgar Street bus stop), stopping at Tāhunanui Beach in each direction. The cost is just \$3.50 for adults and \$1 for children each way.

Vaccine passes are not required to ride. Please wear a mask while onboard. Payment is by cash only and group discounts are available.

Timetable:

- Nelson i-Site to Tāhunanui Beach Holiday Park: 10:00, 11:00, 12:00, 14:00, 15:00, 16:00
- Beach at Bisley Walk to Tāhunanui Beach Holiday Park: 10:10, 11:10, 12:10, 14:10, 15:10, 16:10
- Tāhunanui Beach Holiday Park to Nelson: 10:30, 11:30, 12:30, 14:30, 15:30, 16:30
- Beach at Bisley Walk to Nelson: 10:32, 11:32, 12:32, 14:32, 15:32, 16:32



Huge public support for Te Ara ō Whakatū – a vision for Nelson's city centre

Submissions to Nelson City Council's City Centre Spatial Plan – Te Ara ō Whakatū – have shown widespread enthusiasm for a future where our city makes people a priority.

Following four months of engagement with groups that have a close relationship to the city centre, covering a wide range of viewpoints from retailers to young families, feedback on the plan was open from 30 August 2021 to 1 October 2021. A total of 332 submissions were received, of which 80% supported the draft plan, 15% did not approve, and 5% said they did not know if they approved or not.

Nelson Mayor Rachel Reese said she was looking forward to seeing the plan's influence on Nelson's city centre.

"This is a plan that will ensure people come first, bringing more life to our urban spaces, and will help Council deliver the city we know people want to live in. Perhaps, most importantly, it can act as a guide for future investment in our city centre."

"If there's an action that really encapsulates the ethos of this plan, it's the linear park proposal for Bridge Street. Here's an idea that combines urban greening, room for safe access to sustainable transport, a frontyard for new city centre residents, and an innovative space for people to socialise and relax. I am very much looking forward to seeing our city transform in the coming years."

Te Ara ō Whakatū outlines eight key actions that will define the future of our city over the next 30 years. These are:

- Seeing Ourselves
- Streets for People
- Great Places
- Greener Streets
- Raising Residents
- Linked up Laneways
- People at Play
- Precinct Power

Combined, they form a blueprint for a city that prioritises people, links the city in a way that promotes walking and cycling, is a genuine cultural destination full of opportunities for informal play, connects a greener city to our natural surroundings, and reflects the many strands of Nelson's unique cultural heritage. Deputy Mayor Judene Edgar, Chair of the Urban Development Subcommittee, said extensive pre-engagement, resulting in a plan that reflected the changing needs of our community, was the key to its widespread support.

"Our city centre team held more than 80 pre-engagement meetings with stakeholders. And while people had different views on how to get there, there was resounding agreement about the best possible destination for our city."

Some submissions questioned whether the 30-year vision would take too long to implement. Te Ara ō Whakatū's 30-year vision will be achieved incrementally, so change will be apparent in the very near future. A schedule of work aligned with Te Ara ō Whakatū over the next ten years has now been added to the plan.

The most common concern raised was parking, which was highlighted as a concern in 93 of the submissions received. Of those, 57 submissions supported less priority on car parking, whereas 36 submissions were keen to retain the status quo.

A new parking strategy for Nelson is currently being worked on by Council staff, following early engagement with stakeholders.

"It's encouraging to see so many people acknowledge that Nelson needs to rethink the way cars take priority in our city centre," said Councillor Edgar.

"The best city centres are places for people to live and visit. Improvements to our public and active transport systems will make it easier for people to get to the city centre in the coming years, and Council will continue to work on ways to balance the needs of those who have to drive into Nelson, with the desire to see cars take less precedence."

Council is currently finalising the parking strategy with engagement with the wider public due in 2022.

To read the full plan visit:



Three Waters reform: an upcoming chance to engage

Nelson City Council and the public will soon be able to make submissions to the Water Services Entities Bill, the

next stage in the Government's Three Waters reform programme.

On 27 October 2021, the Government decided to mandate Three Waters reform across New Zealand, meaning councils would transfer responsibility for water services to one of four publicly owned water service entities by 2024. The new entities would be collectively owned by councils, on behalf of communities, meaning the assets will remain in public ownership.

While the submission process is not Council-led, Council will make a submission based on the recommendations of staff and decisions of elected members that incorporates feedback from the community. Members of the public and community groups may make their own submissions directly to Parliament on the Bill.

Council Chief Executive Pat Dougherty says this engagement process would begin once more is known about the Bill.

"Once the Bill is published, and the timeline for consultation is made clear, Council staff will begin engaging with the community and stakeholders to determine views on the reforms and incorporate them into our submission."

People interested in helping shape Council's submission on the Bill will be able to do so by filling out a survey on the Shape Nelson website. Paper copies of the survey will be available in the Customer Service Centre, public libraries and published in Our Nelson.

Nelson Mayor Rachel Reese says,

"We want to provide a submission that addresses the reform in a manner that will best work for Nelson."

Please note: The Water Services Entities Bill has been delayed until after the independent working group reports back to Government. This is scheduled for the end of February 2022. We will let the public know when submissions can be made

More information and Council's survey form will be available at:



shape.nelson.govt.nz/three-waters-reform



Mayor's Message

Tēnā koutou e te whānau o Whakatū, me ngā manuhiri kua mauru mai

It's been a year with plenty of challenges but thanks to our high COVID-19 vaccination rates and the introduction of vaccine passes it looks like we're in a great position to enjoy our holiday break and embrace what is a slightly different new normal, but as close to normality as we can get given lockdowns and other restrictions many areas have faced.

Lots of people have been talking to me about staying local this summer and welcoming family and friends into the region. This is a great place to have a holiday and it's the perfect opportunity to check-in with what Nelson Tasman has to offer, experience what's new, and make the most of our fabulous environment and facilities.

The tourism slogan "don't leave town till you've seen the country" was originally meant to encourage people to see New Zealand before heading overseas. Now is the perfect chance to explore your own city, or a stunning little village not too far away, or even a short break to one of three national parks on our doorstep.

For inspiration on what we've got in our own backyard take a look at Nelson Tasman 100 ways to experience the regionnelsontasman.nz/visitnelson-tasman/one-hundred-ways. We know our hospitality and tourism sectors have been doing it tough throughout the pandemic period and every dollar spent locally will provide a "multiplier" as it circulates throughout our local economy keeping businesses open and people in jobs. This is especially important as the number of visitors are likely to be down again this holiday season with the international border being restricted. It would be easy to make an appeal just based on parochialism but I think that misses the point of the many blessings we have living where we do. Give yourself

permission to stop and recharge the batteries and maybe find a new favourite destination or activity.

Go urban, go rural, go wild places and people. Do active or adventure or just stand and stare at the awesomeness of what's around us. There's lots to smile about.

While it shouldn't be necessary for me to extol the virtues of our wonderful food and beverage, this is the season to experience some of the best produce in the world so fill your boots and your pantry. There are plenty of places where you can try and buy and remind yourself again (in case you have forgotten). And lots of really good value where buying in season is good for the budget as well as the taste buds.

And of course, getting about is made easy and good for the environment, with local markets and local walks and cycle tracks to enjoy without having to get into your car.

This piece isn't so much an advertisement for the local tourism and hospitality sector as a reminder that we can easily overlook great things close to home.

So the Mayor's Summer Challenge – do three new things locally that you haven't done before. And maybe make them a part of your new normal for 2022.

As always, remember to stay safe and look after those around you.

Meri Kirihimete me te tau hou kia koutou katoa.





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Healing our forests: ungulate populations on the decline

Nelson City Council carried out a successful cull of wild ungulates—hooved mammals like deer, goats and pigs in the Maitai and Roding water reserves in September.

The cull, carried out four years running, is part of Council's pest control programme to help protect the rare ecosystems of the forests surrounding the mineral belt, a unique geological area located southeast of Nelson City.

The mineral belt and surrounding forest occupy a 10,000 ha area that is important due to it being the source for Nelson's drinking water and its exceptional diversity of native species and ecosystems.

However, decades of grazing by wild ungulates are threatening this important area.

Once ungulates have disturbed an area of the forest through grazing, space is created for new plants to grow. In many cases, this space is filled by exotic species rather than natives, which reduces the diversity of the ecosystem.

Foraged native plants that do try to regenerate are usually eaten before their seedlings and saplings can reach maturity and, depending on the number of ungulates in an area, some species could be grazed to local extinction.

If left unchecked, these grazing habits will eventually lead to the collapse of the forest canopy, as old native trees are no longer replaced when they fall. Exotic or unpalatable plants left behind would eventually overrun the area, and the habitat our native wildlife needs to survive would be lost.

These changes to the forest can be prevented, and Council's annual cull is proving successful in controlling this threat.

The long-term goal of the programme is to reduce ungulate numbers to

a low level within the control area to allow the undergrowth of the forest to recover.

Since the annual cull programme started in 2018, the number of animals culled each year has been declining while the land area covered has continued to expand, indicating a lower density of animals in the reserves.

Reversing the impact of ungulate grazing will take many years, but the Brook Waimārama Sanctuary offers a glimpse as to how quickly ecosystems can recover once ungulate populations are controlled.

The fence around the Sanctuary was erected in 2016/17, and all ungulates were removed shortly after. Since then, seedlings and saplings of the more quick-growing plants favoured by ungulates— broadleaf/pāpāuma, māhoe, five-finger/whauwhaupaku and species of Coprosma—have begun to thrive again.

In the Maitai and Roding water reserves, these types of changes may take longer to observe without a fence to prevent ungulate populations moving in from uncontrolled areas.

However, keeping the number of ungulates in the area as low as possible will give the undergrowth a chance to regenerate, and Council has long-term vegetation monitoring in place to assess this recovery over time.

Toxic algae caution for Maitai River

Cyanobacteria, or toxic algae, are naturally present in all New Zealand waterways. During hot, dry weather, toxic algae blooms can form in rivers, making swimming sites dangerous for people and dogs.

These blooms create black, green or brown slime on rocks, or brown or black 'mats' at the river's edge that have a velvety texture and musty smell that can attract dogs to lick or eat them.

Toxic algae is harmful to humans and dogs when ingested; a piece the size of a 50c coin is enough to kill a dog.

Council monitoring has found moderate levels of cyanobacteria throughout the Maitai River, including popular swimming and dog walking areas at Avon Terrace, Dennes Hole and the Maitai Campground.

Nelson Marlborough Health and Council recommend that people and pets stay out of those areas of the river to avoid the potential contact with cyanobacteria mats while warnings are in place.

Warning signs are up at affected areas. If you see toxic algae mats, avoid contact and keep your dogs and children out of the water.

What to do:

- Keep your dog on a lead and out of the water around affected sites.
- If you think your dog has eaten toxic algae, contact your vet as soon as possible as the toxins can take effect within minutes.
- If a person experiences a reaction to toxic algae, seek medical help immediately.

For more information go to the Nelson City Council website: nelson.govt.nz/toxic-algae

Governance model recommended for Marina management

Nelson City Council's Strategic Development and Property Subcommittee has approved a recommendation that Nelson Marina should be managed via a Management Council Controlled Organisation (CCO), while ownership is retained by Nelson City Council.

The final decision will now be made at a full meeting of Council. Strategic Development and Property Subcommittee Chair Gaile Noonan says Council's goal is to transform the Marina into an amenity that benefits everyone in Nelson.

"Running the Marina as a CCO will ensure we can implement the vision for the Marina in our upcoming Masterplan, in an efficient and timely manner.

"Our recent engagement with stakeholders identified some key themes: the Marina should be an efficient and profitable business, it is undergoing a step change that will secure its value for future generations, and that the Marina offers recreation value for everyone in Nelson. Setting up a CCO is an important part of meeting that vision."

If approved by Council, the governance model would aim to go out for public consultation before Christmas and run until the first week of February.



Tuku 22 Whakatū Heritage Month event hosts needed

Now is the time to put your heritage ideas into action, with planning for Tuku 22 Whakatū Heritage Month underway.

Held throughout the month of April, the festival delivers a range of interesting and exciting events designed to celebrate the unique and diverse cultural heritage of Whakatū.

Every year, multiple organisations and community groups run their own events around Nelson Tasman with support from Nelson City Council.

Last year's Tuku 21 presented 69 events and activities to the public, such as a Victorian murder mystery night, heritage cooking demonstrations, a tour of sites of significance hosted by Ngāti Kuia, guided art walks, and so much more.

The deadline to submit ideas and lodge a grant application for the 2022 programme has been extended to 28 January.

If you are interested in putting on an event as part of Tuku 22 go:

shape.nelson.govt.nz/tuku-22-whakatu-heritage-month

Councillor's Comment



By Councillor Tim Skinner

Breaking down boundaries and building a resilient community

As chair of Community and Recreation Committee, I get a lot of satisfaction from engaging and assisting a range of community groups, both large and small, that make up our rich and diverse Nelson population.

Our committee responsibilities cover a broad range of decisions and strategic oversight with our community and events, from arts, culture, heritage, recreation and sports.

It aligns very well with my involvement and interest in the wellbeing of Nelson residents, and mind and put aside any pressures of the day had or the week ahead.

The sportsfield, youth park, clubrooms, community hall, art gallery, and theatre stage are all places that communities must feel welcome and catered for. Places individuals can build confidence and friendships.

The success of the Youth Park opened in Stoke next to the RSA Community Hall is another recent example of a much-needed facility, designed by the community for the community, breaking down boundaries and building a resilient community for young and old.

Thus, it was very pleasing to hear from Immigration New Zealand's Refugee and Migrant Support's National Manager

a desire to ensure we have events and facilities that perform and are utilised to the highest standard in providing for our growing and diverse community.

Our city, and my elected role, are greatly blessed and enabled by the passionate hardworking team of Council staff and managers in our Parks and Recreation and Community Services teams.

Participation in sports and arts provide a universal language, and enable different communities to interact and build relationships, overcome language barriers, and bridge cultures, religions, politics and even age.

They unify us, and build camaraderie and resilience, mentally and physically.

I also personally find participating or coaching in sport, and the creative mental outlet of art, gives me space to clear the last week that Nelson gained recognition and membership to the 'Welcoming Communities' network.

The NZ Welcoming Communities Panel acknowledged we have a strong platform in place already, notably the exceptional support provided to former refugees.

And from this successful application comes a further resource given to us for a dedicated Welcoming Communities coordinator in Nelson.

This provides us the opportunity to even further improve this exemplar work , while also working with the community to come up with new and innovative welcoming activities that will help build on our acknowledged welcoming and inclusive reputation.

Mysterious backstories give vintage garments new life

The history behind the dress comes to life at Nelson's Broadgreen Historic House in a new exhibition that shows there is more to garments than material and thread.

The Secret Lives of Dresses features 16 garments, ranging from dresses to a soldier's uniform, from Broadgreen's extensive clothing and textile collection, carefully conserved and displayed among the house's rooms with an accompanying backstory.

But not all the stories are what they seem. Many of the garments have an unknown provenance, meaning some of the tales are true, but others are borrowed from the lives of the owners of other garments in the collection or historical figures, and others still are pure fiction.

The exhibition is based on The Secret Lives of Dresses, a novel by Erin McKean. In it, the main character inherits a vintage clothing store from her late grandmother and discovers she wrote fantastical and fabulous stories to accompany every dress she sold.

As with any display of textiles at Broadgreen, hours of planning and research is required. Many of the garments require stabilisation before they can be mounted for display, and Broadgreen is fortunate to have an experienced Textile Technician volunteer in Karen Richards.

Karen has spent about six months carrying out conservation on the displayed garments to ensure the fragile items would be ready for their public debut.

Heritage Facilities Curator Māhina Marshall says it's up to visitors to Broadgreen's exhibition to guess which stories truly belong to the garments on display.

At the end of their tour of the house, visitors will be able to see if they guessed correctly and find out the truth behind each garment.

"The exhibition is a great opportunity to showcase clothing that has never been on public display, and it's a bit of fun. Visitors are treated to beautiful outfits, fashion history, a spot of mystery and a little dash of trickery," Māhina says.

The Secret Lives of Dresses opened on 30 November and will run through to April. Please note, vaccine passes are required to enter Broadgreen House. A 1m physical distancing rule and mask-wearing also applies.



Heritage Facilities Curator Māhina Marshall and Textile Technician volunteer Karen Richards with two of the garments featuring in the Secret Lives of Dresses.

Making donations to Op Shops this Christmas?

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Repurpose or dispose of ripped, broken or soiled items, they cannot be donated.

Ensure donated clothing is clean and in good condition.



Always donate during opening hours.

Try another time if the shop is closed, don't leave donations outside.







Marsden Cemetery to be secured with perimeter fence

Work has started on a permanent fence to deter pigs and deer that originate from the Enner Glynn side of the valley from entering Marsden Cemetery.

The 1km perimeter fence will be 1.8 metres high and cover exposed areas of the cemetery along Marsden Valley Road and Quail Rise.

The decision to build the fence was made following reports of pig damage around headstones and graves and deer grazing at the cemetery in May 2021.

At the time of the first reports, Nelson City Council installed cameras at the cemetery to determine the number and size of the wild pigs, and work was taken to ascertain where the wild animals were originating from.

Footage from the cameras revealed a group of wild pigs were visiting the cemetery every couple of nights and digging around the graves. Wild deer are often spotted in the surrounding hills in large numbers.

Cemetery staff spent some time clearing and repairing the turf damage and erected fencing around some plots to minimise damage.

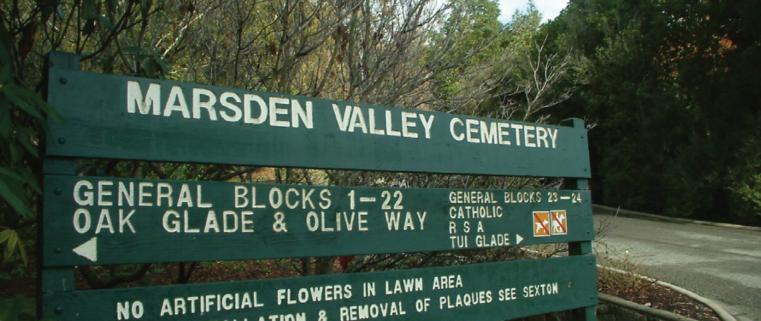
Council staff are also working with nearby landowners to cull deer and pigs in the area. On a wider scale, back and front country culling has taken place throughout Nelson in the last couple of months, with further culls planned in 2022.

Group Manager Community Services Andrew White said he is confident the permanent fence will help bring the issue to a close.

"We're very conscious of the importance of keeping these graves undisturbed so that family, friends and whānau may visit their loved ones in peace.

"We've brought this project forward as fast as we could, given contractor and supply availability, to ensure this matter is resolved swiftly."

Work on the fence is expected to be completed by early January.



Work underway for Maitai Recreation Hub

Nelson City Council has begun the development of the Maitai Recreation Hub at the Waahi Taakaro Golf Course.

Once completed, the hub will include mountain bike facilities (pump track, bike stands, wash down and repair station), outdoor decking at the golf clubhouse, provision for a café and/or mobile stalls, new paths, a water fountain, an additional accessible toilet, new golf practice nets and additional car parking that will help relieve parking issues throughout the valley.

Community and Recreation Chair Tim Skinner said the hub is proposed to be connected to the city with a new off-road trail that will link to the Maitai Walkway shared path.

"The new trail will provide safe and easy access for cyclists and pedestrians getting to the reserve from the city. The journey is short enough that it would be a reasonably comfortable return trip for a family to make.

"This is all in line with our priorities to make it easier for people to choose an active transport option like walking or cycling. I think this will encourage more people to make the trip into the Maitai Valley, or to the golf course, while leaving the car at home."

The project has been supported by the Waahi Taakaro Golf Club and the Nelson Mountain Bike Club (NMTBC), who have been involved in the planning and assisting with advice on the design and use of the hub.

Waahi Taakaro Golf Club manager Peter Watson said the club was excited about the prospect of more people using both the course and the club facilities.

"We have a great golf course here in a beautiful and peaceful setting within easy reach of the city, which we want more people to discover and experience.

"Being part of the local bike trail network should provide a further incentive for people to visit," he said.

NMTBC Chair Melanie Schroder said:

"NMTBC are pleased to support both Nelson City Council and Waahi Taakaro Golf Club in the development of plans for the hub. We're certain that our members and the wider Nelson community will make great use of the facility, which further broadens the recreation offering in the Maitai and addresses the needs of the community by providing safe accessible parking at the base of our fantastic trail network." Council is mindful that the hub provides trail head facilities for recreation users, including those using Ngati Koata land, and has reached an interim agreement with Ngati Koata that requires users of the privatelyowned Codgers area to either be members of the NMTBC or register online at join.hivepass.co.nz/codgers (NMTBC members do not need to register).

Those using the Sharlands area must be members of the NMTBC. NCC appreciates the ongoing support of Ngāti Koata for the provision of recreation in the region and supporting the development of the hub.

The hub is due for completion in April 2022, subject to the availability of materials. The upgraded connecting off-road trail may not be completed at the same time, as it relies on a different resource consent, which is yet to be granted.

Recent trail audits have identified a lack of easy bike tracks in Nelson, and the off-road trail will help alleviate that problem.

The hub was identified as a key initiative from Council's Out and About on Tracks Strategy and the BERL report (Nelson Mountain Biking Economic Study, February 2018), which identified a lack of trailhead facilities in the Maitai Valley.

Councillor Skinner said he was pleased to see Nelson's recreation opportunities becoming more accessible.

"Nelson's outdoor spaces are very important to our community. I hope the new facilities make it more practical for a wider range of people to get out and enjoy them."

Works due to pause over Christmas

Over the Christmas holidays a number Council projects will pause. This will mean some roads with traffic management will reopen.

Haven Road Wastewater Renewal: traffic management removed 23 December to 10 January.

Haven Road: traffic management not related to sewer renewal removed between midday 23 December and 5 January.

Saltwater Creek Stormwater Upgrade: fresh topsoil in the berm protected by fibre matting during holidays.

Awatea Place Wastewater Pump Station: site closed 23 December until 10 January. Awatea Place and the Parkers Road will be cleaned up, temporarily sealed and fully opened.

Modellers Pond: light work will start before Christmas. The pond will be fenced for safety reasons, but model trains will still run.

Maitai Recreation Hub: work at the Waahi Taakaro Golf Course will pause during Christmas and New Year.

Saxton Creek Upgrade Stage 4: all traffic management will remain in place.

Airlie Street: road will reopen from 24 December to 11 January.

Nelson City Council's new litter basket trial

Plastic drinking straw wrappers, shopping receipts and tree leaves were some of the items prevented from getting into Nelson's stormwater network, thanks to a new litter basket trial being undertaken by Nelson City Council.

Council is investigating ways to improve the water quality from the stormwater network prior to discharging into our streams, rivers and coastline by trialling litter baskets, which are retrofitted into road sumps.

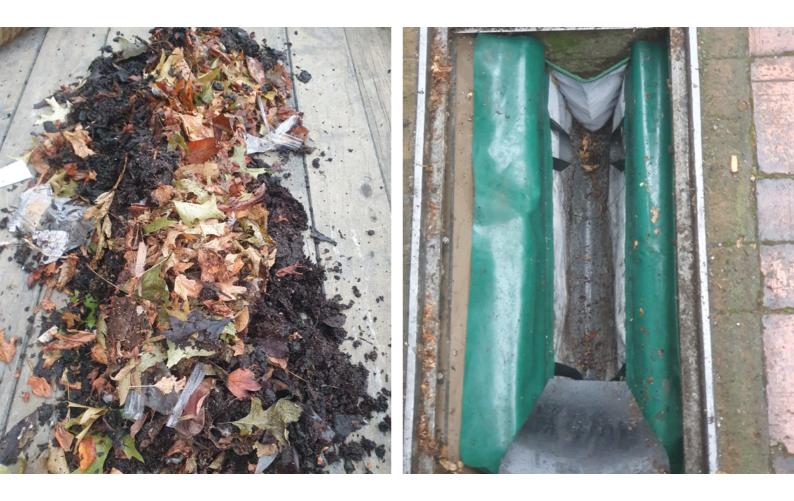
The aim of the trial is to understand how well these litter baskets perform at catching pollutants, including heavy metals, petrochemicals, microplastics and general litter.

Council is in the early stages of this trial and has installed these baskets in four locations around the Nelson city centre.

Each location has its unique environment such as a heavily trafficked road, a low trafficked road, a pedestrian walkway and a car park. The aim of this trial is to better understand how these baskets perform within each of these environments, as the source and concentration of pollutants will vary.

The first round of sampling has been completed and initial results show a variety of contaminants including arsenic, copper, zinc, nickel, total hydrocarbons, microplastics and large litter materials are being captured.

Over the next year, Council will be collating this information to assist in developing a more comprehensive plan for the suitability and preferred locations of these devices and to determine ongoing maintenance costs.



Is your pool safe for summer?

Go to **nelson.govt.nz/swimming-pool-consents** to find out everything you need to know to make sure your pool and pool barrier is compliant with relevant legislation and safe for your family and friends to enjoy. Find out about the rules for residential swimming pools, including the three-yearly inspection process.

All pools must be registered with Nelson City Council, even those that are only used in the summer months. If you don't know if your pool is registered, or haven't been contacted by our inspections team for more than three years, you can check by emailing pools@ncc.govt.nz

Only rain down the drain!

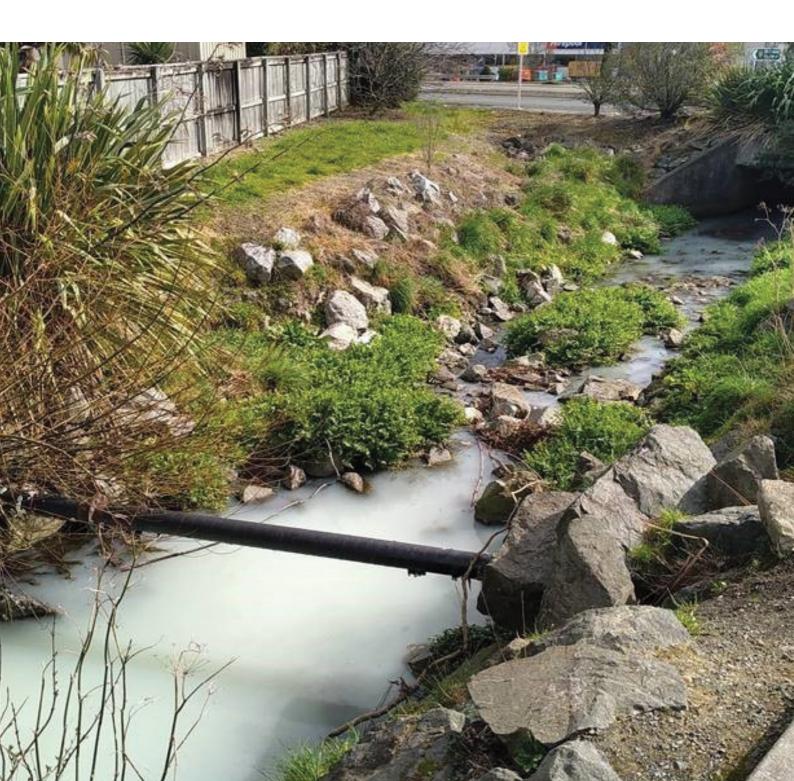
As we head into summer, a timely reminder that it's illegal to discharge contaminants like paint and chemicals into our stormwater drains.

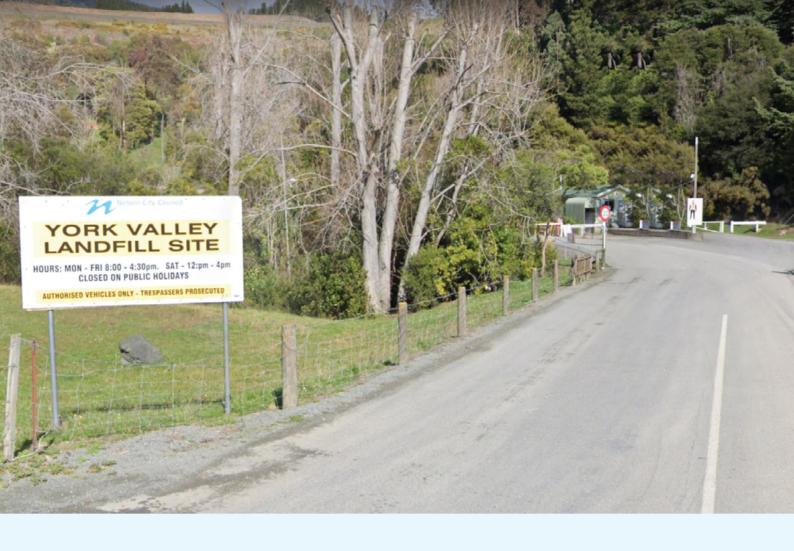
There have been recent occurrences of paint being washed down stormwater drains in residential areas. Go to nelson.govt.nz/how-to-washyour-paint-brushes-safely for a handy guide that shows you how to clean up safely after painting.

The health of all our waterways – rivers and streams, as well as our harbour, the Haven and Tasman Bay – is directly impacted by stormwater and it's vital we make sure that only rain goes down the drain.

Contaminants enter our streams through the stormwater system and build up in stream beds and the sea floor, contaminating the life that lives there: whitebait, eels, shellfish, and larger fish are all impacted. This affects the number of fish in our harbour, the opportunity for recreational fishing and diving, as well as commercial fishing operations. Things that we all enjoy like swimming, surfing or just paddling around in your local stream can become hazardous to the health of you and your children, because high levels of bacteria and poisons are released into our streams, lakes and rivers through contaminated stormwater.

Please remember to do your part to keep stormwater drains free of chemicals, paint and any other contaminants.





Upgrades recommended for York Valley Landfill

The Nelson Tasman Regional Landfill Business Unit (NTRLBU) has recommended that Nelson City Council and Tasman District Council jointly fund an estimated \$5.9m upgrade to the York Valley Landfill's leachate system.

This will extend the Landfill's life, providing improved certainty about waste disposal for the Nelson Tasman region while also reducing the risk of slope instability now and well after the Landfill closes.

Under York Valley Landfill's resource consent, the stability of the Landfill needs to be assessed at every 10m elevation in landfill height. Under the current use of York Valley Landfill, this occurs roughly every three years.

The most recent review of stability found that even small landfill displacements arising from large earthquakes could potentially sever the current leachate drainage system. This system was installed in 1985 and consists of several small PVC pipes that feed into a drainage blanket in the toe of the Landfill that then feeds into the sewer system through a single pipe.

The independent review by Tonkin & Taylor considered that improvements to the leachate system are critical, and this is the most vulnerable component of the Landfill.

The solution suggested by NTRLBU officers is to rebuild the current toe leachate drainage system to include several pipes constructed with more resilient materials and create a second leachate trench drain system which would act as a backup should a significant event occur that causes damage to the main system.

Nelson City Councillor Judene Edgar, NTRLBU Chairperson, says the benefits of changing the leachate system are two-fold; the Landfill will operate up until its resource consent expiry date of 2034, rather than the current estimate of closure in 2028, and future environmental risk is managed.

"This Landfill is reaching the end of its life in terms of being used for refuse, but for several hundreds of years after it closes, there will still be a risk that slope instability could cause consequences for our environment such as contamination of our waterways. We want to manage that risk now, but also ensure future generations are protected. This is about being good ancestors and making sure our vital infrastructure is future-proofed."

The NTRLBU is a joint committee of Nelson City and Tasman District Councils. The recommendation to upgrade the leachate system will now go to both councils for a final decision. If approved, the work will be implemented over two years.

Nelson City Council facilities under the new COVID-19 Protection Framework



Safe access to Nelson City Council's facilities are working in line with the new central government COVID-19 Protection Framework.

The new framework changes the way New Zealand manages COVID-19 risks in the community now that we have high vaccination rates. Many of the services people access on a daily basis, from a trip to the library or a swim at a Council-owned pool, will have new guidelines people will be required to follow to protect other users and staff.

The COVID-19 Protection Framework replaces the four-stage Alert Level system with a three-stage Traffic Light system.

At each stage, there are slight differences as to what restrictions are required to be put in place, but restrictions are much more lenient where a vaccine pass is required.

Nelson is currently at the Orange level of the new system, along with the rest of the South Island and many places in the North Island.

Nelson City Council's Incident Management Team Leader Alec Louverdis said the guidelines for Council facilities were not set in stone and subject to change depending on the COVID-19 situation.

"People can likely expect to see changes in approach over the coming months, and while we acknowledge that people may have differing opinions on the most effective strategies, we ask that you treat staff, volunteers and anyone else in the community responsible for administering these rules with kindness and respect.

"Our role now is to ensure people can access our facilities while remaining protected from COVID-19. In some cases, that will mean requiring a vaccine pass, but where a service is essential for all, we will rely on measures we are all familiar with, such as continued physical distancing and mask wearing."

Nelson Mayor Rachel Reese says the challenge now faced by Nelson is to function as normally as possible while keeping safe.

"We want people to continue to enjoy our facilities, but to do so safely.

"It's important that we deal with these situations respectfully; this is about the whole of the community working together."

As owner/operator of a range of facilities, from campgrounds to venues, Council has had to make decisions about each place that fit within the new framework. Below is a run-down of how facilities will operate at Orange.

These requirements will be clearly signposted at venues and work is ongoing in regard to changes that would occur at Red:

Libraries

A vaccine pass is required for access to the libraries. A Click and Collect service is now available at Elma Turner and Stoke Libraries, to ensure everyone in the community has access to the Nelson Public Libraries collection (see page 9).

Customer Service Centre

Many people need to interact with Council on a face-to-face basis, which means vaccine passes will not be required to enter the Customer Service Centre. There will be rules in place to ensure safety, as there are at Alert Level 2.

These rules are: 1m physical distancing, capacity limit of 12, masks compulsory for customers, and two-way entry.

Pools and Gyms

Riverside Pool cannot be separated from the Riverside Gym, which means vaccine passes are mandatory. For the sake of consistency across Nelson and Tasman (who require a vaccine pass to enter the Richmond Aquatic Centre), Nayland Park Pool will also require a vaccine pass.

Founders Heritage Park

As Founders is largely an outdoor venue, a vaccine pass will not be required for entry, but 1m physical distancing and masks will be required.

This will not apply during events as the park can accommodate more people than usual. For all events at Founders, a vaccine pass will be required. Organisers of events will be required to provide Council with a health and safety plan.

A vaccine pass will be required for Founders Café.

Isel and Broadgreen House

Both of these heritage houses are run by volunteers. To protect their health, both facilities will require vaccine passes to enter. A 1m physical distancing rule and mask wearing will also apply.

Campgrounds

All three of the campgrounds in Nelson (Brook Valley Holiday Park, Maitai Valley Motor Camp and Tāhunanui Beach Holiday Park) have long-term occupants who are not required to have a vaccine pass to access the place they live. At Orange level, this means a vaccine pass is not required at all campgrounds, but there is a requirement for 1m physical distancing. A vaccine pass will be required to access the café at Tāhunanui Beach Holiday Park.

Waahi Taakaro Golf Club

The golf course is a public utility and will not require a vaccine pass to play. As a retail venue, the golf shop will require 1m physical distancing and may decide to require vaccine passes.

Wakapuaka Chapel/Crematorium

Vaccine pass requirements are at the discretion of the hirer or funeral director. If vaccine passes, are used there are no limits, but masks are strongly encouraged. Without vaccine passes the chapel will require 1m physical distancing and will have a capacity limit of 25 people.

Marina Facilities and Office

As people live aboard their boats at the marina, it is not practical to require vaccine passes to use Marina facilities. A 1m physical distancing rule will apply and mask wearing is strongly encouraged

The marina office will not require a vaccine pass, but only one person can enter at a time due to limits on space.

Pascoe Street Kiosk (waste/recycling)

The transfer station kiosk will not require a vaccine pass. Kiosk users should remain in their car and pay using a contactless method only. Mask wearing is strongly encouraged.

Citizenship Ceremonies

Ceremonies in the Council chamber will be classified as events due to the numbers that will be gathering in a confined space. This means a vaccine pass will be required and mask-wearing will be strongly encouraged.

Public engagement meetings and events

Any Council-organised meeting where Council is engaging with the community on a project, for example, will be considered an event and therefore a vaccine pass, physical distancing and masks will be required.

Meeting with Council staff

To protect the health of staff and the public, meetings with duty planning and building officers will be held remotely where possible.

As with the COVID-19 Alert Level System, Council will update the community with new guidelines should we move to a different colour, or if there is a change for any other reason.

COVID-19 update: vaccine passes and Nelson City Council venues

A reminder that most Nelson City Council venues will operate differently depending on whether they are booked for a gathering or an event as we operate in COVID-19 Protection Framework Level Orange.

Here are latest details for our facilities:

- Trafalgar Centre, including the main stadium and northern extension, will require vaccine passes for events to proceed.
- Trafalgar Park Pavilion: unlimited capacity events or gatherings require a vaccine pass. Unvaccinated private gatherings can proceed with limits on numbers (maximum of 50) and adhering to 1m distancing.
- Trafalgar Street Hall and Wakapuaka Hall: unvaccinated private gatherings can proceed with limits on numbers (maximum of 50) and adhering to 1m distancing. Vaccine passes are required for events.
- Trafalgar Park: vaccine passes will be required for all events to proceed.
- Saxton Stadium, including the netball pavilion, require vaccine passes to allow sporting groups to use the stadium.
- Saxton Oval vaccine passes will be required for all events to proceed.
- Saxton Oval Pavilion: unvaccinated private gatherings can proceed with limits on numbers (maximum of 50) and adhering to 1m distancing. Vaccine passes are required for events.
- Pūtangitangi Greenmeadows Centre requires vaccine passes for the entire centre, as there is no way to separate each bookable space.

For more information on the requirements of holding a gathering and how it differs from an event, please visit: covid19.govt.nz/traffic-lights/life-atorange/gatherings-and-visits-at-orange/public-and-private-gatherings-atorange



GP (Doctor) or Pharmacy Where Should I Be?

Urgent Medical Centre

Hospital Emergency Department

GP (DOCTOR) OR PHARMACY

If it's not an emergency see your GP. If you don't have a doctor call Healthline, 24/7 on 0800 611 116.

Need to talk? Free call or text 1737 for a trained counsellor.

Community pharmacies for advice and treatment.

URGENT MEDICAL CENTRE

For urgent health concerns visit the Medical & Injury Centre on Waimea Road, call Healthline on 0800 611 116 or contact your GP (doctor).

HOSPITAL EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT

If a life is at risk call 111 or go to your nearest Emergency Department (ED). ED is for emergencies only.

www.nmdhb.govt.nz/where-should-i-be



Click and Collect available from the Nelson Public Libraries

A Click and Collect service is now available at Elma Turner and Stoke Libraries, to ensure everyone in the community has access to the Nelson Public Libraries collection.

To get a selection of books remotely, fill out the form on the library website by 3pm the day before collection. The form asks what types of items you would like, and about the authors, genres, and books you enjoy.

Items will be selected by our librarians who will make them ready for collection between 11am-5:30pm the next weekday. The library will text or email you when the order is ready to collect.

Collection will be available from Elma Turner and Stoke Libraries. Click and Collect is not currently available at Nightingale Library.

"In-person access to the libraries requires a Vaccine Pass to help protect the health of staff and the public," says Nelson City Council's Group Manager Infrastructure Alec Louverdis.

"The Click and Collect service will ensure any member of the public with a library card can still access our wonderful collection of books, children's books, magazines, CDs and DVDs."

If you would like a specific book, simply add it to the comments in your request form. If the book is not available, the library can place it on hold and advise you when it is ready to collect; the regular \$2 hold fee will apply.

Members of the public will need to wear a mask when collecting their items, scan in with the Tracer app, and have their library card ready.

All of the library's regular charges and lending periods will apply to Click and Collect items.

For further details go to the Nelson Public Libraries website:



CUCK& COLLECT

Elma Turner & Stoke Library Next day pick up



Available to all library members nelsonpubliclibraries.co.nz Or phone 03 546 8100 for assistance

Forestry update

At the last full Council meeting of the year (9 December) the Chair of the Forestry Committee John Murray provided elected members with a summary of how Council's forestry operations are managed within the Council's financial management systems.

Mr Murray told the meeting that there had been a lot of confusion about the financial return from forestry and explained forestry is part of the general Council accounts, so the concept of a "dividend" like that paid by the Port is not applicable. However, forestry does contribute positively to Council finances, reducing the debt burden. The return from forestry on Council's investment over the last 10 years is approximately 11.5% per annum, excluding fixed assets.

Mr Murray also emphasised that returns from forestry to stakeholders are not just financial as they include improved environmental outcomes, the provision of recreational facilities and infrastructure such as bridges and contribute to the overall economic activity of the region.

He gave the example of Dun Mountain and the work done to ensure tracks in that area are safe to the public that had been paid for from the forestry account.

"There are a whole lot of benefits going back to the wider community of Nelson through our forestry account that aren't immediately obvious."

More information on Nelson City Council's forestry and answers to frequently asked questions will be published online in the New Year.

Free Battery Drop-Off Locations

Batteries can start fires in rubbish and recycling bins. Drop off single and loose batteries (excluding large batteries, e.g. those for vehicles) at the following places:

- Nelson City Council **Customer Service Centre** 110 Trafalgar Street, Nelson City Council
- Waste Recovery Centre Vivian Place, Tahunanui
- Nelson Environment Centre Vivian Place Tahunanui (accepts lead acid car batteries)

Find out where you can get a device containing a battery recycled



For more information go to: nelson.govt.nz/battery-disposal-guidelines



City for all Ages Strategy takes step forward

Nelson's City For All Ages Strategy is poised to take the next step as the establishment of an implementation group to oversee its actions is approved.

The City For All Ages/He Rautaki Whakatupuranga Strategy, created by a community steering group with the support of Nelson City Council, is a guide for Council and the community in considering and responding to the opportunities and challenges presented by Nelson's ageing demographic.

The strategy went out for public submissions in October and was presented at Council's Community and Recreation Committee on Thursday, 2 December. By 2040, one-third of Nelson's population is expected to be over 65 years old.

The strategy contains a range of actions and activities that, with the help of Council's partner organisations, will make our city a better place to live for everyone, not just our older residents.

Following public feedback, further actions have now been added to the strategy, including trialling an Age Concern office in central Nelson, in addition to its current Richmond office, and exploring offering training sessions on the outdoor gym equipment in Tāhunanui and the Railway Reserve.

A range of other comments and suggestions for new projects require further investigation.

The Committee on Thursday endorsed the Community Steering Group's proposed transition into Nelson's Age-friendly Implementation Group, which will monitor, support and report back on the implementation of the actions contained in the strategy.

Community Steering Group Chair Paul Steere says the strategy aims for Whakatū Nelson to be a place where people can live well, contribute to, and connect with, their community as they age.

"By no means do we see the Strategy as finished. There is much work still to be done to realise Nelson's potential as an age-friendly city and more partner organisations to engage with. But, we believe the strategy and the initiatives it contains will help ensure Nelson is a great place to live for people of all ages, and I look forward to continuing this work."

Council will now make an application to join the World Health Organisation's Age-Friendly Network, which will provide access to further resources and information to support the ongoing development of the strategy.

Awatea Place Pump Station project update

Awatea Place and the Parkers Road section currently closed in Tahunanui, as part of the Awatea Place Pump Station construction, will be reopened during the peak holiday season.

Nelson City Council's contractor is stopping work on the Awatea Place Pump Station construction site from 23 December 2021 until 10 January 2022, for the Christmas holiday period.

Prior to leaving the site pre-Christmas, Awatea Place and the Parkers Road section, currently closed, will be cleaned up, temporarily sealed and fully opened for residents and thru traffic.

Closures of both Parkers Road and Awatea Place will be required

again when works commence in 2022 and details of these closures will be communicated via social media updates and resident mail drops following a programme review in January 2022. For further details on this project go to:

shape.nelson.govt.nz/awatea-pump-station

A reminder that most Christmas wrapping and packaging waste is NOT recyclable!

Ordinary paper is OK, but tinsel, metallic/plastic wrapping paper, soft plastic, ribbon, polystyrene, and bubble wrap belong in the rubbish. To save on waste, reuse the best bits for future present wrapping or crafting.

Your yellow recycling wheelie bin is ONLY for:

- Plastics 1, 2 & 5, no lids, rinsed clean
- Cans and tins, no lids
- Paper and cardboard

Your recycling collection day is listed on the sticker on your wheelie bin – if you're unsure, you can check at nelson.govt.nz/recycling-collectionaddress-lookup. There is no change to recycling collection days over the holidays – these will happen on your normal recycling day.

All recycling (yellow wheelie bin and blue glass crate) is collected on the same day every two weeks – download the Antenno app, add your home address and you will automatically get recycling day reminders straight to your phone!

New adult-size change table at Superloo

Nelson City Council has installed a new adultsize change in the Family Room at the Superloo in Montgomery Square.

Council made the addition after receiving feedback from parents of disabled children whose dependents had outgrown the baby change table. The new adult-size change table bench, has a 200kg weight limit and is mechanically operated using a remote control, so it can move up and down to allow easier transition for people to move onto/or be placed on the bench.

The Family Room at the Superloo, where the bench is located, also features access to a play area for young children, a sofa, and a sink for washing up.

If you know of someone who would benefit from using the adult change

bench then please let them know.

Stay tuned, as we look to install a manual version of an adult-size change bench into the family room at Lions Tahunanui Toilets in the coming months.



Christmas holiday trading hours

The Customer Service Centre will be closed from 3pm on 24 December 2021 until 9am 5 January 2022.

Council is always available by phone on 03 546 0200 for emergencies; 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

Keep up to date on Nelson City Council's services and facilities holiday hours: nelson.govt.nz/holiday-hours

MEETINGS

Tenders Subcommittee - Rūma Waimārama

1pm 16 Dec

In the coming weeks, the meeting schedule for 2022 will be available to view on Nelson City Council's website.

For a full list of meetings go to:

nelson.govt.nz/meetings



To sign up for Our Nelson by email go to: facebook.com/nelsoncitycouncil

Nelson Tasman RSLG seeks feedback on their Regional Workforce Plan

The Nelson Tasman Regional Skills Leadership Group (RSLG) is seeking feedback on their proposed focus areas for their Regional Workforce Plan (RWP).

As a government appointed group of representatives of the Nelson Tasman region, the Nelson Tasman RSLG has been tasked with identifying and supporting improved ways to meet future skills and workforce needs for the Nelson Tasman region.

The proposed focus areas for the first iteration of the RWP are:

Opportunities

- Construction
- Ocean Economy
- Māori Economy
- Food and Beverage

• People

- Older workers
- Rangatahi
- Maori Workforce
- Education and Training

As valued members of the Nelson community, we want to know:

- Have we identified the key regional sectors?
- What jobs and skills will be needed in the future to support these sectors?
- What key actions should happen and who should lead them?

For any thoughts or feedback, please e-mail **nelsontasmanrslg@mbie.govt.nz.**

Nelson Waste Recovery Centre holiday hours

The Nelson Waste Recovery Centre at Tāhunanui will close at the earlier time of 2.30pm on 24 December.

Christmas Day

Closed

Sunday 26 - Tuesday 28 December Wednesday 29 - Friday 31 December New Year's Day Sunday 2 - Tuesday 4 January 10am – 4.30pm 8am – 4.30pm Closed 10am – 4.30pm

Climate Change Governance Group appointed

Councillors Rohan O'Neill-Stevens, Brian McGurk, and Mel Courtney will join Chairperson Kate Fulton as members of the newly-established Climate Change Governance Oversight Group (CCGOG).

The CCGOG will work to support development of the strategic framework for climate change, at the same time as supporting engagement with iwi and other key partners and providing governance oversight of climate change operational work. The Group will also support integration of the strategic framework with the Te Mahere Mahi a te Āhuarangi Climate Action Plan. Due to the uncertainty around COVID-19 alert levels please ensure you check itson.co.nz regularly for event updates.

WHAT'S ON... at a Council venue near you



Kirby Lane

Kirby Fridays, every Friday night during summer, 4.30pm – 9.00pm

Trafalgar Centre

Gindulgence, Saturday 18 December, 12pm - 6pm R18+

Trafalgar Park

Netsky, Chase & Status, Hybrid Minds, Friction, Koven & more | NELSON, Wednesday 5 January, 2pm – 11pm

Rutherford Park

Taste Tasman, Saturday 15 January, 1pm – 9pm, R18+

Founders Heritage Park

Founders Café/Songs at Sundown, Friday 17 December, 6.00pm – 8.00pm The Great Christmas Market, Friday 24 December, 9.00am – 4.00pm Founders Café/Songs at Sundown, Friday 31 December, 6.00pm – 8.00pm Founders Café/Songs at Sundown, Friday 7 January, 6.00pm – 8.00pm National Morris Dance Tour of Nelson Tasman, Saturday 8 January Founders Café/Songs at Sundown, Friday 14 January, 6.00pm – 8.00pm Founders Café/Songs at Sundown, Friday 21 January, 6.00pm – 8.00pm Founders Café/Songs at Sundown, Friday 28 January, 6.00pm – 8.00pm Buskers at Founders, Friday 28 Jan - Monday 31 January

Trafalgar Street Hall

Trafalgar Street UP BEATS Sound of the city, Friday 26 November – Friday 17 December, 12.30 – 1.30pm Day four the National Morris Dance Tour of Nelson Tasman, Saturday 8 January, 10.30am – 12pm

Broadgreen Historic House

The Secret Lives of Dresses, Tuesday 30 November - April.

Isel House and Park

Isel Twilight Takeaway Market, every Thursday night from 30 September – Thursday 14 April 4.30pm Isel Christmas Markets, December 16, 23, 4.30pm until dark Art in the Park, Monday 17 January, 10am – 12pm Art in the Park, Wednesday 26 January, 10am – 12pm

Greenmeadows Community Centre

Summer Science Workshop: Imposter Among Us, Monday 24 January, 1pm – 2pm

Summer Science Workshop: Imposter Among Us, Monday 24 January, 2.30pm - 3.30pm

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 Device Advice, every Tuesday & Thursday, 2.00pm – 3.00pm STEM writers, every second and fourth Tuesday of the month 1:00pm - 3:00pm Tea & Tales – Dementia Friendly Book Group, every Wednesday, 11am – 12pm Library Knitters, every Thursday, 10:00am – 12:00pm Tea & Talk, Friday 17 December, 10am – 12pm Family Movie Fridays, 7, 14, 21 and 28 January, 1.30pm – 3.30pm Justices of the Peace, every Saturday 10.00am - 12.00pm Heartlands Recruitment Expo, Friday 17 December, 9.30am – 2pm Book Launch – STEM Writers, Saturday 18 December, 12pm – 1pm Christmas Shared Reading, Monday 20 December, 10.30am – 11.30am Spacecraft Mondays, every Monday, 1.30pm – 4.00pm Bookchat, Tuesday 11 January, 10.30am – 11.30am Family History drop-in, Thursday 20 January, 10am – 11am YA Board Game afternoon, Thursday 20 January, 2pm- 4pm VR Drop-in, Friday 21 January, 11.30am – 12.30pm The Amazing Race, Monday 24 January, 10am - 10.30am Summer Science Workshop: Electro-Dough Constellations, Tuesday 25 January, 9.30am – 10.30am Summer Science Workshop: Electro-Dough Constellations, Tuesday 25 January, 11am – 12pm Coding for Newbies, Tuesday 25 January, 1pm – 2pm Summer Science Workshop: Alien Attack, Wednesday 26 January, 1pm – 2pm Summer Science Workshop: Alien Attack, Wednesday 26 January, 2.30pm -3.30pm Summer Science Workshop: Ready to Launch, Thursday 27 January, 1pm – 2pm Summer Science Workshop: Ready to Launch, Thursday 27 January, 2.30pm -3.30pm Tai Chi for Beginners, Friday 28 January, 12pm – 12.45pm Infant Massage, Saturday 29 January, 10am -11am

Nightingale Library Memorial.

Hours: Monday, Wednesday, Friday: 1.00pm — 4.30 pm Tuesday, Thursday: 10.00am – 2.00pm Saturday: Closed Sunday: 10.00am — 2.00pm Nellie Knitters, Every Monday, 1.30pm – 3.30pm Tahunanui Device Advice, every Friday, 2pm – 3pm **Stoke Library** Hours: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday: :30am — 5:30 pm Wednesday: 10:00am – 5.30pm Saturday: 10:00am — 1:00pm Sunday: Closed Device Advice at Stoke Library, every Tuesday & Wednesday at 2pm Stoke Library Bookchat, every third Wednesday of the month 5.30pm -6.30pm The Read Before Christmas at Stoke, Friday 17 December, 10.30am – 11.30am Spacecraft Mondays, 10, 17 January, 1.30pm – 4.00pm Challenge Workshop, Wednesday 19 January, 2pm – 4pm

Museums and Galleries:

The Suter Art Gallery & Theatre

Hours: 9.30am – 4.30pm Daily

Refinery ArtSpace

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

Mid – Week Markets, Wednesday 8, 15,22 December, 10am – 1pm

Harakeke – NZ Flax Workshop, January

8 - 9, 10am - 4pm

Nelson Provincial Museum

Hours: 10 - 5pm Weekdays, 10am - 4.30pm Weekends & Public Holidays Dinosaur rEvolution – Secrets of Survival, Tuesday 19 October – Sunday 27 March