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Credit: Joel McDowell

## Big party leaves small footprint with waste diverted

The Netsky event held at Trafalgar Park showed festival-goers know how to have a good time as well as care for the environment, with nearly 90% of event waste diverted from landfill.

Community Leisure Management Trafalgar Centre Manager Mark Mekalick, who leads the team responsible for managing the venue for Nelson City Council, says the results show people want to do the right thing when it comes to recycling.

"People are really good at choosing to recycle or compost when they have those options," says Mark.

"By being mindful about the products sold on site, we're able to sort waste after events and ensure the vast majority is recycled or composted. I think we can continue to divert even more waste from landfill for future events."

Waste minimisation has increasingly become business as usual at Nelson events, with flagship events at the Trafalgar Centre seeing a steady decrease in waste, going from 66% waste diversion from Bay Dreams in 2020, to 79% in 2021, followed by 89% at this year's electronic music event.

"We're incredibly proud the Trafalgar venue can hold big events that are light on the environment," says Mark.

Community and Recreation Committee Chair Councillor Tim Skinner says the Netsky event has shown what's possible in terms of diverting waste.

"It's great to see our venues, event organisers, and the patrons who attend events in Nelson working together to reduce waste and make these events more environmentally sustainable.

"This should inspire all event organisers to think about waste and how they can make a positive difference."

Council will be holding another waste minimisation workshop in autumn to help event organisers reduce waste. To learn more and for other advice on event waste planning, email:



## Enjoy a free healthy snack while exploring our many reserves

Fruit is ripening at many of the open orchards found throughout the city.

First planted by Nelson City Council over 25 years ago, these open orchards provide a variety of fruit, nuts and herbs for the community to harvest and enjoy throughout the year. Trees and plants bearing apples, feijoas, figs, hazelnuts, olives, pears, persimmons, plums, walnuts and rosemary, can all be found at many reserves.

Council maintains a list of these open orchards on its website, including recommended Edible Walks with maps, best times to harvest, and a bit of cultural history.

For plum, pear, apple and apricot fans, now is the time to enjoy one of these walks and a snack along the way.

Please remember, the food is there to share, so just take ripe fruit and be sure to leave enough for others to enjoy, too.

For further details, go to:



## Nelson Summer Events update

New Zealand has moved to Red under the COVID-19 Protection Framework (CPF), therefore, Nelson City Council has made the difficult decision to cancel some of our upcoming Summer Events due to new capacity restrictions.

February's Opera in the Park will not take place this year. Council staff are now looking at whether it is feasible to postpone until February 2023.

The Buskers Festival on 28-31 January, which was to be held at Founders Heritage Park this weekend, has been cancelled following discussions between buskers and Council.

The Kai Festival, which was due to be held on Monday 7 February has also been cancelled.

The remaining Summer Movies Al Fresco have also been cancelled.

Council staff are very sad that these events are unable to go ahead. Other events that are taking place later in the year will be assessed on a case-by-case basis and the CPF rules that are in place closer to the time.

For event updates and further details, go to the Its On website, [nelson.govt.nz/summer-events](https://nelson.govt.nz/summer-events) or the Nelson City Presents Facebook page.

## Secondhand Sunday

Secondhand Sunday is a fun way for Nelson and Tasman residents to declutter and re-home unwanted household goods for free.

If you have items you want to give away, simply register online to get on the list of participating addresses and print off a poster to put on your mailbox. The list of participants will be available to download from 12pm, Friday 11 February.

The event will take place rain or shine, and at Red. Remember to keep a safe distance from others and wear a mask when collecting items. If offering items, please provide a paper register or QR code for collectors to scan (instructions on our website).

Register online to participate: [nelson.govt.nz/second-hand-sunday](https://nelson.govt.nz/second-hand-sunday)

## 'Innovating Streets for People – Nelson South' project recognised again as a leading example

The community road safety project has earned Nelson City Council the Traffic Institute of New Zealand's (Trafinz) Sustainability Leadership Award.

The award is one of two top awards granted by Trafinz to organisations, individuals or communities that make an outstanding contribution to transportation safety and sustainability leadership in New Zealand.

Trafinz Vice President John Goettler praised the project for being a positive example of how to promote mode shift in communities.

"People, and society as a whole, must aim to shift travel modes for the health of their communities and the environments they live in.

"This initiative is doing it for Nelson, while being a model for local authorities throughout New Zealand, as well as providing a practical example of how to be responsive to communities, residents and users."

Another Council project, 'Pedalling Equity', a bike library trial for Nelson Intermediate School students, was also acknowledged by Trafinz.

The project received a Certificate of Merit for Sustainability, with Trafinz commending the project for enabling people to experience what it means to ride and be a part of their own community.

"This bike library trial is a fantastic transportation sustainability initiative, with nationwide repeatability that must be commended for its grassroots leadership towards a healthy and sustainable transportation future."

Nelson City Council Manager of Transport and Solid Waste and member of the 'Innovating Streets for People' project, Marg Parfitt, said it's great to see the team's efforts receive national recognition.

"This project has not been easy, and like many places around New Zealand trialling this type of intervention, it was subject to some abuse and vandalism.

"However, steadfast leadership from Council and community champions enabled the team to press on, and the data is now proving projects like this work.

"These roads in Nelson South now have safe and appropriate speeds and less rat-running through-traffic, and residents are reclaiming their neighbourhood as a place for people first and cars second."

The data collected from the project has proven useful as Council begins exploring ways to prioritise pedestrian activity in the city centre with the recent approval of 'Te Ara o Whakatū', the City Centre Spatial Plan.

The Trafinz award continues a successful run for Council in being recognised by the transportation sector as a leader in sustainable and innovative traffic solutions.

The 'Innovating Streets for People – Nelson South' project was also recognised earlier this year with the 3M Traffic Safety Innovation Award for 2021 at the Engineering NZ Transportation Group's annual conference in Auckland. The premier road safety award recognises exemplary innovation and effectiveness in saving lives and preventing injuries on roads.

## A new arts strategy for Nelson

Nelson City Council is developing a new arts strategy for the region to support the growth of a stronger creative sector in Whakatū Nelson.

Council was successful in attracting funding of \$30,000 to support the strategy from Creative New Zealand.

It has been more than 12 years since the city developed an arts strategy. This new strategy will guide innovation and creation in the city over the coming decade and help Nelson realise the full potential of the creative sector and the economic and community wellbeing outcomes that it supports.

A working group has been appointed to guide the development of the strategy, which is being chaired by Deputy Mayor Judene Edgar. Other members of the group are Councillor Pete Rainey and Councillor Tim Skinner. The work will be supported by local strategy firm OD&Co with lead facilitators Johny O'Donnell and Ali Boswijk.

"This is an opportunity for Nelson to truly make its mark and develop a future focused arts strategy that attracts investment and support from across the community," says Judene Edgar, the Arts Strategy Working Group Chair.

"COVID-19 has been really tough on the creative sector, and unless we focus on the arts, we risk losing more of the great talent we have here. This strategy is about realising the opportunity we have before us and making the most of it as a city."

The public will be invited to participate in this process early in early 2022.

# Don't wait till it's too late to conserve water

With a warmer than average summer predicted for Nelson, it's important to start thinking now about ways we can conserve water.

The earlier we begin conserving, the longer we may have before water restrictions are needed.

Nelson City Council has a list of easy water saving tips that we can all use to help conserve water. Remember, every drop helps.

- Put a bowl in the sink when washing your vegetables, then reuse the water on your garden
- Choose drought-tolerant trees and plants for your garden
- Avoid watering your garden or crops during the heat of the day
- Compost mulch around trees and shrubs
- Turn off the tap when brushing your teeth
- Wash the car using a bucket rather than a hose
- Stick to shorter showers
- Put a bottle full of water in your toilet cistern to reduce flush water
- Fix any dripping taps

For a handy printout of these tips, go to:



[nelson.govt.nz/water-conservation-1282](https://nelson.govt.nz/water-conservation-1282)

## Teddy bears take over Fairfield House

Children of Nelson brought their teddy bears and other stuffed companions to Fairfield House on Sunday 16 January for a Teddy Bears' Picnic.



## MEETINGS

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

### Chief Executive Employment Committee - Rūma Whakatū

2pm

25 Jan

### Saxton Field Committee – Boardroom, Sports House, 142 Saxton Road East, Saxton Field Complex

9.30am

9 Feb

### Joint Shareholders Committee - Tasman District Council Chamber, 189 Queen Street, Richmond

2pm

14 Feb

### Environment and Climate Committee

9am

15 Feb

### Hearings Panel - Other

9am

16 Feb

### Environment and Climate Committee - to Hear Submissions to Urban Environments Bylaw Review (if required)

1pm

16 Feb

### Council meeting

9am

17 Feb

### Strategic Development and Property Subcommittee

at the conclusion of the Council meeting

17 Feb

### Audit, Risk and Finance Subcommittee

9am

22 Feb

### Chief Executive Employment Committee - Rūma Whakatū

2pm

22 Feb

### Infrastructure Committee

9am

24 Feb

For a full list of meetings go to:

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# 2020/21 Annual Report

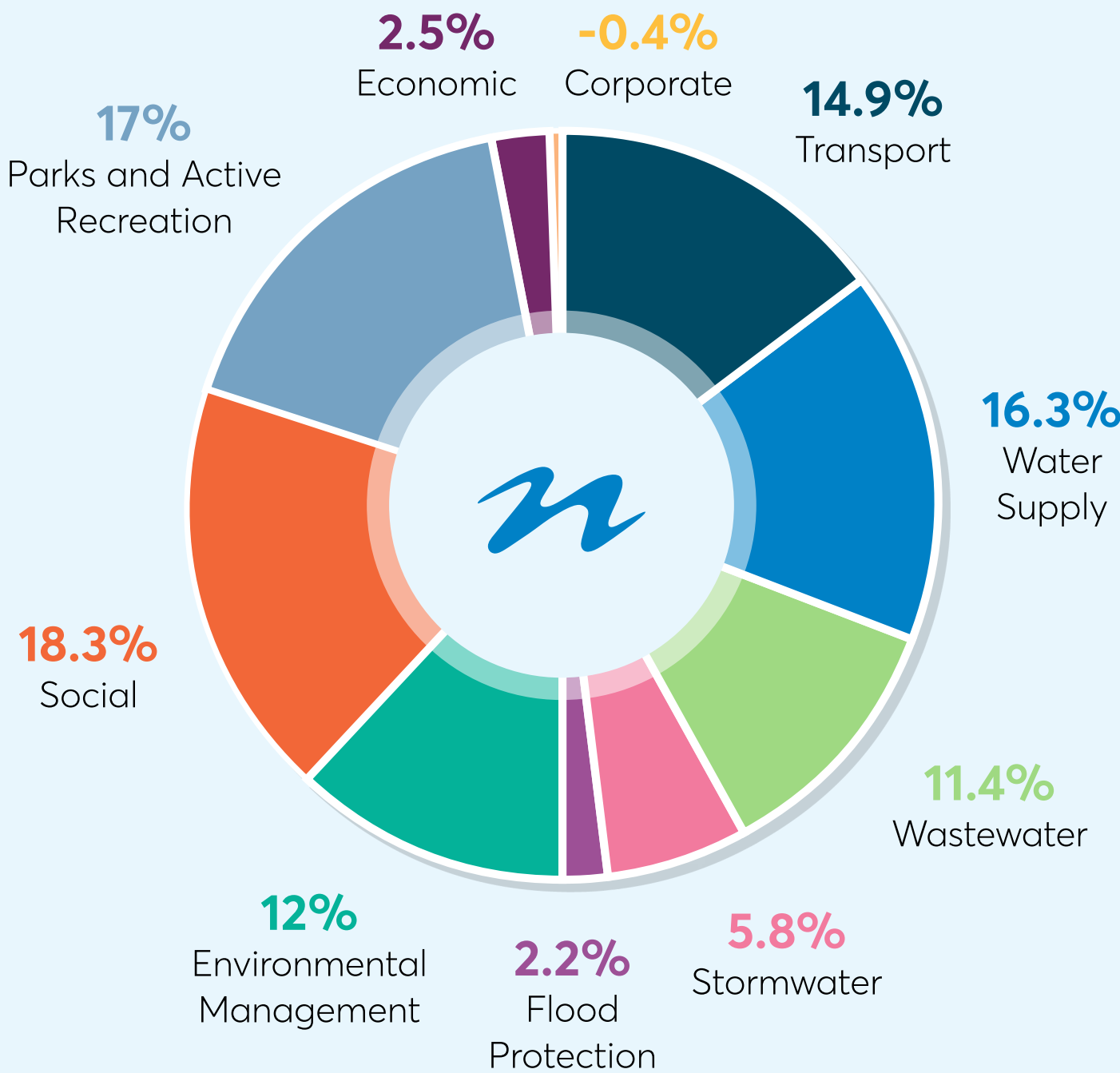
Each year in June, Nelson City Council produces its Annual Plan, which outlines the activities that we will undertake during the following 12 months. At the end of the year, we produce a second document, our Annual Report, which sets out how successful we were in achieving our goals for the year.

The Annual Report covers what we did well and where we will look to improve, and includes the income Council has generated and how much money we have spent. As well as the full Annual Report, we also produce a summary that gives a condensed overview of the key findings and provides a snapshot of Council's performance.

You can find the full Annual Report and summary at [nelson.govt.nz/annual-report-2020-21](https://nelson.govt.nz/annual-report-2020-21). Copies are available to view at all Council libraries, and the Customer Service Centre.

## How your rates dollar was spent

\*Solid waste costs are user pays and not rate funded.



## Our Achievements

### Council highlights 2020/21

Here are a few of the great things we have achieved this year:



**Council continued to invest in improved three waters infrastructure** to improve resilience and capacity, and minimise the risk of overflows to the environment. Several major works were completed, including the Gracefield Sewer Diversion, commencement of the new Awatea Pump Station, and installation of the Beach Road Storage Tank. Stormwater upgrades were completed and commenced to reduce the risk of flooding and to improve capacity for future development.

Council's 142 community housing units were transferred to Kāinga Ora in 2021 for \$19.8 million, creating from the proceeds a \$12 million Housing Reserve to support **affordable and social housing** projects in Nelson.



A total of **2.8 km of new shared or separated paths** were built.

Project Kōkiri (the Nelson Tasman region's post-COVID-19 economic recovery plan) **moved from the 'survival and response' phase into 'restart and recovery'**, supporting local businesses.



**Council was awarded \$1.23 million from the Provincial Growth Fund**, for infrastructure projects to help our region recover from the COVID-19 pandemic by providing local jobs.

**The Innovative Streets for People trial project** in Nelson South began, and there have been significant reductions in speed. The project **received the 3M Traffic Safety Innovation Award**.



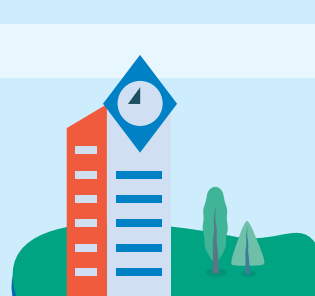
Council set emissions reduction targets for the organisation, **committing to achieving net zero emissions of all greenhouse gases** (excluding biogenic methane) by 2050, and reducing biogenic methane emissions by 24-47% by 2050.

The **Rethink Waste programme** was **launched**, and a 12 month trial for kerbside collection of residential kitchen waste began.



Project Mahitahi was launched, with **Council receiving \$3.7 million of Government funding** to provide conservation-based jobs in the Maitai Catchment.

A review and restructure of Council's committee and subcommittee arrangements was completed, and **Council voted to establish a Māori ward for the 2022 Local Authority elections**.



Direction on the **Central Library Development** was determined through the Long Term Plan 2021-31 process.