

Keep up to date with the latest news from Nelson City Council

Hello 2020!

Nelson's central city New Year's Eve Countdown is a great place to celebrate your way into another decade – 2020!

This popular annual outdoor event on Upper Trafalgar Street is ever-evolving; this year we've introduced a session specially for children from 8–10pm. The family programme of entertainment and performances will culminate with a kids' own countdown and fireworks.

After 10pm, local rising star band Rabbit Hole kicks off the live Countdown Concert, followed by none other than Jordan Luck and his band, moving everyone along with Dance Exponent hits and more up to the new year's countdown and fireworks at midnight!

PLEASE NOTE: Public streets are alcohol free. There will be zero tolerance for alcohol and underage drinking.

What's on at the libraries?

Poetry and shared reading

Sit back and listen to some great poetry and, if you like, join in the discussion at one of our shared reading sessions. All welcome.

- Stoke Library – 20 December, 10.30am
- Elma Turner Library – 14 January, 3.30pm
- Nightingale Library Memorial – 24 January, 3.30pm

Julie and her harp

- Nightingale Library Memorial – 20 December, 1.30pm
- Elma Turner Library – 24 December, 12pm
- Stoke Library – 24 December 2pm

Nelson Summer Reading Challenge

The Nelson Summer Reading Challenge has launched!

Enrolments opened on 14 December. Have you signed up? There is something for every member of the community so get the whole whānau involved. Pop into the Nelson Public Libraries for all the details and to get your summer reading sorted. Great prizes up for grabs!



Tahuna Summer Sounds

Twenty of the region's top musical acts in one place: Tahuna Summer Sounds is back so kick back and enjoy the sounds of summer beachside at this family-friendly festival held on two Fridays, 10 and 17 January, 6pm–9pm.

This year's programme features a wide range in musical genres – rock, pop, soul, folk, reggae, metal... While some acts will be presenting their third TSS performance, others

are debuting; but all are fizzing about the opportunity to share their music in this iconic setting – the extraordinary Tahunanui Beach!

The music is complemented this year by 20 of the region's top food stalls to take care of all tastes. If wet, the events will be rescheduled to the following day (Saturday 11 and Saturday 18 January).

For the full programme and band bios, go to:

summerevents.nz

Look out for toxic algae

The recent warm wet weather has created perfect conditions for naturally occurring Cyanobacteria, or toxic algae, to bloom in our rivers and streams.

Toxic algae can produce toxins that are harmful to humans, dogs, livestock and wildlife when eaten.

We've found high levels in some areas of the Maitai River and recommend keeping dogs and humans out of rivers and streams if you suspect toxic algae may be present.

We'll put up signs where we know that toxic algae levels are a problem, but recommend you exercise caution as the situation can change quickly.

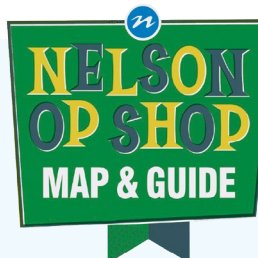
If in doubt – keep your dogs out of the water. The Back Beach at Tahunanui provides a great alternative off-lead dog exercise and swimming area at this time of year.

For more information visit our website:

nelson.govt.nz/toxic-algae



Are you thinking about how to give sustainable gifts at Christmas?



Our local op shops are a treasure-trove of vintage and interesting items which can make fabulous gifts, along with a great source of holiday season outfits!

Council has a map of all our local op shops and pre-loved shops on our website. We also have tips for good giving, if you're having a clear-out during the holiday season.

For more information and to view the map, visit:

nelson.govt.nz/reducing-textile-waste

Summer in the city

We're looking forward to a great summer in our city centre, enjoying our stunning weather and the fantastic shops, restaurants, cafes, markets and events that make Nelson such a popular summer destination.

Nelson, like the rest of the world is navigating a fast-changing retail environment, which shows up at different times of the year with empty shop windows as business owners move on. The retail cycle impacts some businesses differently to others, and we accept that at times there will be businesses leaving the market for a variety of reasons.

Council's City Centre Programme Plan team is working with MakeShift, Uniquely Nelson and the city centre community to make the most of opportunities arising to refresh Nelson's retail offerings and urban spaces.

You'll have seen artworks appearing in shop windows throughout the central city, exploring the idea of bringing art and culture into our lives in a new way. Take the time to stop and experience these fantastic ideas and installations – they are part of the creative culture that Nelson is famous for.

As Christmas approaches, we'd encourage you to shop local - support our retailers and help us keep Nelson a unique, boutique destination that we all love to be part of.

Have a fantastic summer in the city!



Right of Way easement proposed at Findlay Place

Nelson City Council is proposing to grant easements to Wholesale Landscapes Limited for a right of way and to drain waste and water in Findlay Place, subject to objections or submissions from the public.

An easement gives someone the right to use a section of land for a specific purpose even though they are not the owner of that land. Typically this is for an access way or for drainage.

Wholesale Landscapes Ltd wish to create a second entrance from Findlay Place to their land at 51 Saxton Road. This will allow them

to develop a 'one way' system for delivery trucks. They will also need to drain waste and water over the reserve.

The proposed route is across a Local Purpose Reserve (Road) at the end of Findlay Place that was intended to become formed road when this area is subdivided and developed.

The Reserve is approximately 13m², slightly over 18 metres long and less than 1 metre wide.

Council's Hearings Panel has provisionally approved the easements, subject to objections or submissions.

For more information or to make an objections or submission see nelson.govt.nz/consultations. All feedback must be received by 10 February 2020 at 4pm.

Tahuna Summer Beach Bus service is back!

The Summer Beach Bus service will be running again from 27 December until 9 February, including public holidays.

The double-decker bus runs throughout the day between Tahuna Beach Holiday Park and Nelson i-SITE (Trafalgar Street bus stop), stopping at Tahunanui Beach in each direction.

The bus leaves the Nelson i-SITE on the hour and Tahuna Beach Holiday Park on the half-hour.

The first bus of the day will

leave Trafalgar Street outside the i-SITE at 10am and the last bus will leave at 6pm. There will be no service at 1pm to give the driver a break.

The cost is just \$3 for adults and \$1 for children each way.

Council is once again supporting the service by way of a grant to the Tahuna Beach Holiday Park which manages the service.

Get ready to jump aboard the Summer Beach Bus these holidays, the fun and fast way to get between town and the beach this summer.



HOLIDAY HOURS

Visit our website for the holiday hours of Council services, including bus times and recycling.



nelson.govt.nz/holiday-hours

MEETINGS

For a full list of Council meetings go to:

nelson.govt.nz/meetings

WHAT'S ON... nelson

at a Council venue near you?

For a full list of Nelson events go to:

itson.co.nz

To sign up for Our Nelson by email go to:



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