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## Only rain down the drain!

Please don't wash painting equipment, dirty vehicles, garden waste or soil into a stormwater drain or stream.

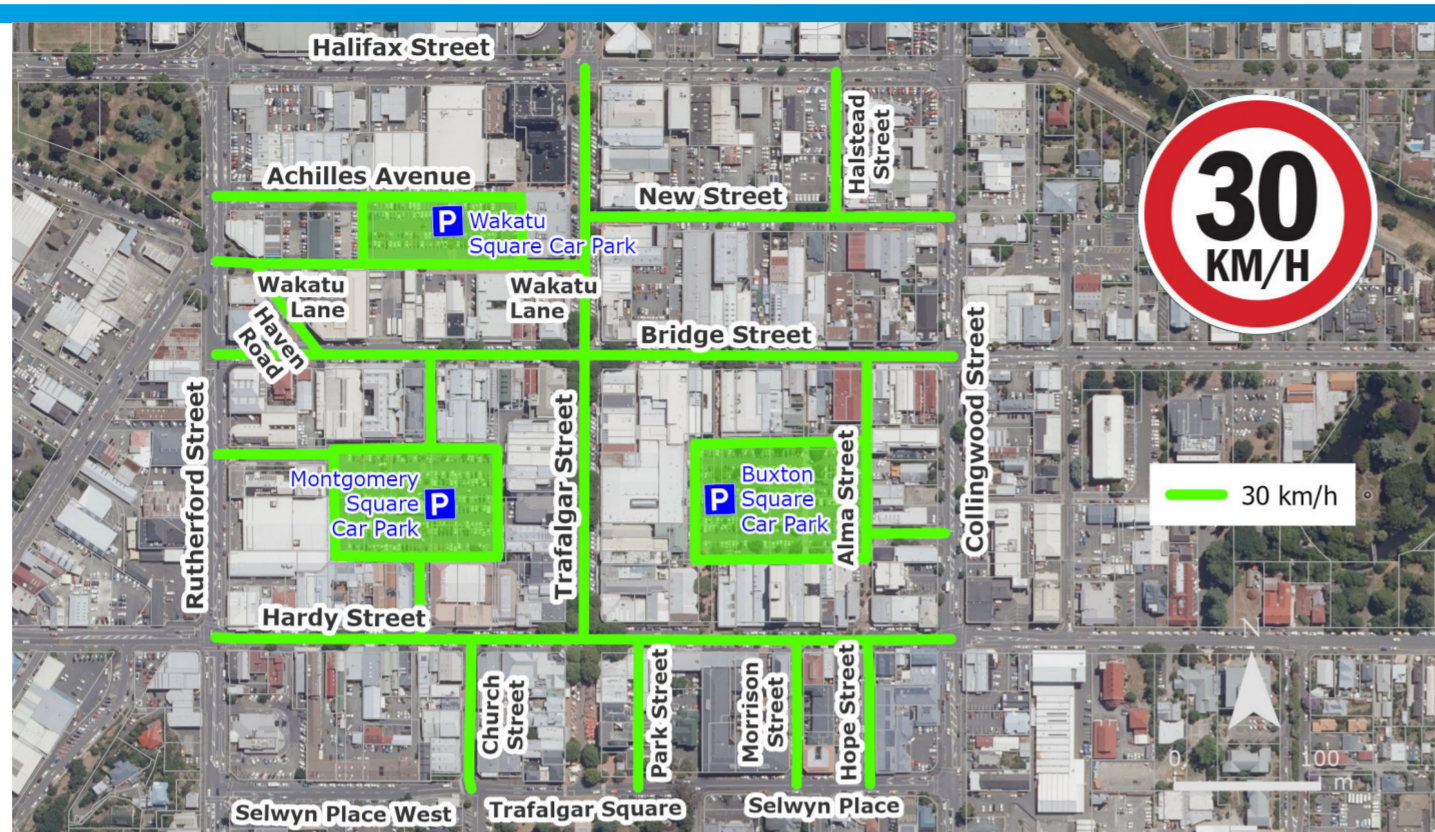
During the COVID-19 shutdown our compliance officers have been called to an increasing number of instances of stream pollution.

The main causes have been the washing of paint brushes and other DIY equipment into stormwater drains, and surface contaminants such as soil and sediment being washed into streams or drains.

These pollutants can kill fish and other stream life. Paint is toxic, and soil and sediment can have long term impacts as they cloud the water, making it harder for fish to breathe, see and eat and cause skin damage making them more susceptible to disease.

Once sediment enters a stream it can settle on the bottom and smother the natural stream bed where algae and invertebrates live and fish like to hide. This affects the food sources and natural lifecycle of stream life.

So when you are doing work in the garden, or cleaning a muddy vehicle, remember only rain down the storm drain and keep dirt where it belongs away from our waterways. There's a \$750 fine for anyone caught polluting our rivers and streams.



## New 30km/hr speed limit to make Nelson's city centre safer

The speed limit in Nelson's City Centre has decreased to 30km/hr to provide a safe environment for drivers, cyclists and pedestrians during the COVID-19 pandemic and recovery phase.

The emergency speed limit change occurred on Saturday, 9 May with new signage set up within the inner city.

Under clause 7.1(2)(b) of the Land Transport Rule the setting of an Emergency Speed Limit can be authorised by a council's Chief Executive in the case of an emergency, such as an epidemic.

Use of public transport is lower than usual, and is expected to remain that way under COVID-19 Alert Levels 2 and 3, and traffic levels in the inner city are currently quite low.

However, as people start to return to the centre, Council expects an increase in journeys taken by private vehicles, including bikes and e-scooters.

"Reopening our city centre for business is vital for our region's economic and social wellbeing so we want people to feel safe as they move about our inner city," says Nelson Mayor Rachel Reese.

An emergency speed limit can only apply for a maximum of 12 months. However, Council is considering consulting

the public later this year on making the 30km/hr city centre limit permanent as part of a speed limit by-law review.

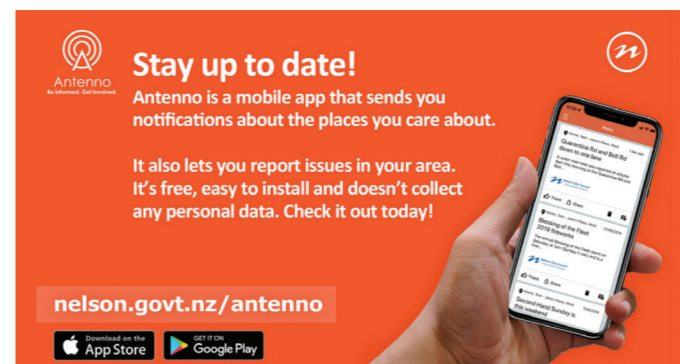
Pursuant to clause 7.1(2)(b) of the Land Transport Rule: Setting of Speed Limits 2017, an emergency speed limit of 30km/h is set for the roads (or parts of roads) listed below, which are marked in green on the map:

- Hardy Street – From Rutherford Street to Collingwood Street
- Bridge Street - From Rutherford Street to Collingwood Street
- Trafalgar Street – From Hardy Street to Halifax Street
- Church Street
- Park Street
- Hope Street
- Morrison Street
- Halstead Street
- Montgomery Square and its entrance and exit lanes from Bridge Street, Rutherford Street and Hardy Street
- Buxton Square and its entrance and exit lanes, including Alma Street from Buxton Square to Bridge Street
- Wakatu Square and its entrance and exit lanes, including Achilles Avenue, Wakatu Lane, and Haven Road from Rutherford Street to Bridge Street.

## Top tips to keep our streams clean:

- Wash painting equipment using the two bucket method.
- Wash dirty vehicles, bicycles, motorbikes etc. on grass, lawn or gravel surfaces where the dirty water will be absorbed by the soil below, not washed down the drain.
- Avoid heavy gardening work such as digging or clearing vegetation when rain is forecast.
- Don't wash soil from tools, wheelbarrows, machinery or other equipment into the stormwater drain.

For further details got to: [our.nelson.govt.nz/diy-painters-guide-to-paint-disposal](https://our.nelson.govt.nz/diy-painters-guide-to-paint-disposal)



## Nelson gets clicking!

Nelson businesses have seen customers flock to online ordering and click and collect during Alert Level 3.

Uniquely Nelson, with the support of Nelson City Council has launched a Let's Get Clicking Nelson City campaign to support retailers and hospitality providers through Alert Level 3 and into Alert Level 2.

The campaign has brought together retailers and hospitality providers who were able to open within the restrictions of Alert Level 3.

Simon Duffy of Uniquely Nelson says that 90 businesses have joined the Let's Get Clicking Nelson City campaign so far and more are coming on board every day.

"Our website traffic has gone through the roof. This campaign has been well received by the Nelson community and our businesses have really appreciated the support. It's good to see locals supporting locals. Nelson City retailers and hospitality are back in business and are looking forward to Level 2."

Nelson Mayor Rachel Reese says she has heard of local business owners going above and beyond to deliver goods in a contactless way. "Thank you to the retail and hospitality businesses of Nelson for thinking about how to deliver to customers during Alert Level 3 and supporting Nelson's recovery. It is this entrepreneurial thinking which will help Nelson's economic recovery."

To find out more visit:



## Dog registration for 2020 sent in early June

This year's dog registration forms will be sent during the week of 8 June, with the payment due date of 30 June, and non-payment fees applicable after 31 July.

Nelson City Council has made changes to its invoicing system to reduce printing costs and improve consistency for customers getting multiple bills. If you've signed up to our customer database to receive your rates or water bill by email, you'll automatically receive your dog registration invoice by email. This move will apply across other Council

services that you may get invoiced for. If you don't want to receive any or all of your Council invoices by email please contact Customer Services on 03 546 0200.

And if you haven't yet signed up to have your invoices emailed, you can do so at:

[nelson.govt.nz/change-of-address-form](https://nelson.govt.nz/change-of-address-form)

## Get the latest Council COVID-19 updates

Find out how the latest COVID-19 situation affects Council services on the Our Nelson website or Council's Facebook page.

If your friends or neighbours are not online, please feel free to keep them in the loop, while maintaining a safe distance of course. Council's Customer Service Centre is also available to answer any queries about Alert Levels and what's open, either by phone on 03 546 0200 or email enquiry@ncc.govt.nz

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

## Road maintenance and repairs

Nelson City Council is looking for ways we can maintain our City's road network in the most cost effective way while causing less disruption to the public.

One potential solution is to allow essential road maintenance work to occur at night. This would be proposed for busy roads with high volumes of traffic, for work that only lasts a short period of time. We want to find out how many Nelsonians would support working in this manner. Please take our survey on Shape Nelson to share your thoughts.

### Public Transport

Nelson City Council and Tasman District Council are jointly reviewing Nelson and Tasman public transport services.

Fill in our survey before it closes on 16 May, or drop a pin on a map to let us know where public transport can improve.

For both surveys go to the Shape Nelson website:

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



## MEETINGS

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

Council meeting - to hear submissions to draft Annual Plan (Day 1) - if required  
9am 14 May

Joint Shareholders Committee  
10.30am 18-May

Council meeting - to hear submissions to draft Annual Plan (Day 2) - if required  
1pm 19-May

Governance and Finance Committee  
9am 21-May

Audit and Risk Subcommittee at the conclusion of the Governance and Finance Committee  
21-May

Classification of Greenmeadows Hearings Panel - deliberations of feedback  
9am 27-May

Chief Executive Employment Committee  
2pm 27-May

Environment Committee  
9am 28-May

For a full list of Council meetings go to:

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