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Get the latest Council COVID-19 updates

Find out how COVID-19 is affecting 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. 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/covid-19





Walk the Chalk in Nelson's City Centre

As Nelsonians return to the city centre, Nelson City Council, in conjunction with Nelson Marlborough Health (NMH), is encouraging people to Walk the Chalk – keep left and keep safe on busy footpaths.

Nelson's newly reopened businesses need community support, and it's important that support is given safely and kindly, by following the Government's 2-metre physical distancing guidelines, being courteous to others and sharing our footpaths.

Councillor Pete Rainey, City Centre Working Group Chair, said our central city footpaths are 3 metres wide, so keeping left, where practical, will help pedestrians maintain a safe distance from each other.

"Simple things like keeping left on the footpath and where that's not possible, waiting for the space on the right-hand side to clear before proceeding, are easy, common-sense steps we can all take to help each other as we find our way again after the COVID-19 shutdown."

Council and NMH are encouraging people to Walk the Chalk and remember their footpath etiquette by stencilling a small number of arrows on the footpaths of Trafalgar, Bridge and Hardy Streets – areas home to Nelson's highest amounts of foot traffic.

The stencils are being laid using non-toxic, washable chalk spray. They will be installed overnight on Wednesday, 20 May to avoid business disruption.

To help, retailers are asked to be mindful of their sandwich board and flag placement, taking care not to impede the flow of foot traffic.

Chief Medical Officer for Nelson Marlborough Health Dr Nick Baker said it was important people continued to practice physical distancing. "Businesses, restaurants and schools are going to great effort to give people the space they need to stay out of each other's 'moist breath zone', so we need to play our part when out shopping and exercising and enjoying our parks and playgrounds again."

As more people returned to the streets, it was important people felt safe, particularly the elderly and vulnerable members of our community, Dr Baker said.

"We cannot contact trace casual contacts from footpaths so it is important to keep spacing to limit the risks. Keeping left can improve flow and safety on footpaths just as it does on the roads.

As we move down the alert levels, people would be coming into contact with more people, in more places."

Keeping your distance from other people in public and continuing to practice good health etiquette – washing hands for 20 seconds and drying them well, sneezing into your arm, and not touching your face – was key to staying well.

"The COVID-19 virus is spread on droplets from coughs, sneezes and moist breath. So are influenza and cold viruses. This winter we will worry every illness could be COVID so it is even more important to avoid catching any virus. Play it safe, and keep your distance."

If you are sick, stay home and call Healthline on 0800 611 116 or your GP and get tested. Don't go to work or school and don't socialise if you are not feeling well.

Council is seeking feedback from retailers about how they and their customers are adjusting to business post-COVID-19 shutdown.

Measures to temporarily widen footpaths on Trafalgar Street and the south side of Hardy and Bridge Streets with bollards and signage were put on hold this month after further discussion with retailers, and will not proceed.

Further public feedback on a range of options aimed at encouraging a thriving city centre will be sought in early June.



New parking meters arriving soon – but what next for the old meters?

Nelson will soon have new pay-by-plate parking meters. Arriving on 29 June, the new meters require people to enter their car registration number before paying, and create zero paper ticket waste.

Users can pay using PayWave, coins or a new parking app. If you choose to pay by app and realise you need a bit more time in the City, you can top up your parking remotely as long as you remain within the allowed time limits. For those that have paid by PayWave or cash you can top up at a nearby meter. With no paper ticket to worry about, visitors to the City Centre will be able to simply pay for their parking and walk away – no need to return to your car.

The first hour of parking will remain free, and can be split into 15 minute increments.

But what will happen to our old parking meters? Fortunately, they won't end up on the scrapheap.

The screens behind the rear panels will be reused in other parking meters, electronics and wiring will be sent to Auckland to be recycled by the Electronic Recycle Company, and the steel and alloy that their casings are made from will also be recycled.

Group Manager Infrastructure Alec Louverdis says Nelson's population is passionate about reducing waste and the new parking system achieves that aim while also increasing convenience.

"It's now much easier for people to pay for their parking, there's no need to make sure you have cash on hand to park in a Nelson City Council carpark. We also know how passionate Nelsonians are about the waste created by pay and display tickets – and these new meters solve that problem overnight."

Reducing wastewater overflows to improve Nelson's beaches and rivers

Historically, like many cities, Nelson has experienced wastewater overflows when heavy rain hits our region.

This has resulted in wastewater getting into our waterways, which has a detrimental effect on our ecosystems and sometimes results in popular swimming spots being closed. It's also possible for sewer mains to become overloaded, increasing the cost to run our pump stations and treatment plants

The issue is often referred to as inflow and infiltration, and is something Council has been working to address. But we also need your help. Our Q and A below is a guide to the problem and simple, inexpensive fixes on your own property.

What is inflow?

Inflow occurs when rainwater enters the wastewater system directly from the surface, typically through incorrect domestic plumbing; downpipes (spouting) incorrectly connected to wastewater pipes, stormwater pipes incorrectly connected to wastewater pipes, and damaged or low-lying gully traps or manholes. When rainwater enters the wastewater system during a heavy storm it can result in sewage overflow onto private properties or the street, which then flows into our waterways.

What is infiltration?

Infiltration occurs when groundwater, ie. water that flows under the surface of the land, seeps into the wastewater system through cracks or bad joints in wastewater pipes and manholes. Similarly to inflow, this can cause sewage overflow during a heavy rainfall event.

What is a low gully trap?

Your gully trap allows wastewater from your kitchen, laundry and bathroom to flow into the wastewater system.

The picture on the right below shows a low gully trap. Rainwater can enter this gully trap quite easily, causing inflow, and a possible overflow of sewage. The picture on the left shows a gully trap raised up with concrete. Even during a heavy rainfall event it would be hard for a substantial amount of stormwater to enter.



The image on the right below shows a stormwater downpipe connected incorrectly to a gully trap. This means rainwater from the gutter (spouting) above it flows directly into the wastewater system increasing the risk of sewage overflow.



What can I do to fix my gully trap?

If your gully trap has either of the issues above contact your plumber. It's possible fixing these issues will be relatively inexpensive and reduce the chance of wastewater ending up in your garden or street.

What about my pipes, that's expensive right?

If you have leaking pipes on your property it can be expensive to fix them, but there are some ways to mitigate the cost. If you are doing work on driveways or landscaping that involves earthworks, you can save money by fixing pipes at the same time.

How do I report an issue to Council?

If there is sewage overflow on your street or property, report this to Council by phoning 03-546 0200. You can also flag the issue on the interactive map on our Shape Nelson page.

This will allow Council officers to see streets with recurring problems, so we can ask residents in the area to check gully traps and downpipes for easy fixes.

shape.nelson.govt.nz/preventing-sewage-overflows

Remember to flush your taps

Some plumbing fittings have the potential to allow minute traces of metals to accumulate in water which has been standing in the fittings for several hours.

Although the health risk is small, the Ministry of Health recommends that you flush a mugful of water from your drinking water tap each morning, before use, to remove any metals that may have dissolved from the plumbing fittings. This is recommended for all households, including those on public and private water supplies.



Rating Information Database available for Nelson public to use

Council's Rating Information Database is available for inspection (without fee) at the Customer Service Centre in Civic House at 110 Trafalgar Street during office hours (Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday 8:30am – 5pm and Wednesday 9am to 5pm).

The Database can also be accessed via Council's website. Simply go to nelson. govt.nz/rates-search and then enter the property street address to view the current year's rating information.

The public can also view the properties rating charges and information for the 2020/21 rating year.

Become a food waste champion

Love Food Hate Waste has relaunched its free five week online coaching course aimed at not wasting food becoming your new normal.

The course is a series of emails over five weeks, with great advice and tips for not wasting food. It also encourages people to do a food waste home audit and send in your results. Once you complete the food waste audit you get a free magnetic meal planner and shopping list.

For further details on the course, go to:



The Rating Information Database contains a record of all information required for the setting and assessing of rates and informing ratepayers.

nelson.govt.nz/rates-search

MAYOR'S MESSAGE

Welcome back to Alert Level 2 of the COVID-19 response.

There's new guidance to follow, but we now have more freedom to enjoy our beautiful city and region.

Like many of you, I've been glued to the daily press conferences and keeping up with local news reports on how COVID-19 has been having an impact on all of our lives. I've also been keeping track of the devastating impact of COVID-19 in countries without the protection or resources we have in New Zealand. As a reader of the UK's Guardian newspaper, it was a treat to see Nelson in a story about New Zealand's move to Level 2. Seven year old Joshua Young was the star, returning to his favourite spot - the Tahunanui Beach playground. Simple pleasures like this have put smiles on our faces - walking on the beach, taking the boat out, or a trip to our favourite café. Personally, the best of all for me was hugging my Mum and sitting on her sofa for a chat and a cup of tea.

Many people I've talked to have reflected on the pleasure of a simpler, less pressured life. Quite a few talked with neighbours for the first time or ran errands for an older adult. We've walked and cycled more and gardens have never had more attention. These are things to hold on to as we face an uncertain future.

The scale of job losses and business failure can't be ignored, and we have seen significant impact in Nelson with redundancies and reduced work hours affecting many individuals and families.

Some of my toughest conversations have been with business owners and employees who have had insufficient work to maintain employment and livelihoods. Hard-working, skilled people whose lives have changed through no fault of their own. These people remain at the front of my mind as we begin the COVID-19 recovery phase.

This month I've worked with with iwi, Tasman District Council, the Nelson Regional Development Agency, the Chamber of Commerce, MSD, industry organisations, MBIE, and others on an employment recovery plan. We have advanced infrastructure and environmental projects for government investment, brought forward council projects, and fast tracked contract approval processes to help create employment opportunities. It's a big challenge, but I couldn't ask for a more dedicated and capable group of regional leaders to work alongside.

He waka eke noa – we are all in this together.





Non Recyclable Plastics - their number's up!

Now Nelson City Council recycling is back to normal under Alert Level 2, it's time to look again at upcoming changes to plastic recycling.

From 1 July, our kerbside recycling collection service will only accept plastic types 1, 2 and 5. To make sure you have recyclable plastic remember to look out for a triangle with a number in it on the bottom of plastic packaging.

Plastics 3, 4, 6 and 7 are not recyclable in New Zealand. While there are still some limited overseas markets for these plastics, shipping has an associated carbon footprint and we are concerned they could in fact end up in the world's oceans and rivers.

As a responsible Council, we have decided that we cannot in good conscience send these plastics overseas to potentially end up as someone else's rubbish.

Plastic types 1, 2 and 5 make up 85% of the plastic that New Zealanders buy, so the vast majority of plastic waste in Nelson is still being collected and sent for recycling.

Nelson City Council has already written to supermarkets and local retailers, asking them to phase out plastics that can't be recycled in New Zealand. As a community, we can also play our part by taking a moment to rethink

the products we buy. Are they in sustainable packaging? Reducing the amount of plastic we buy can be challenging, but every little effort helps.

From 1 July, plastic recycling is changing in Nelson...





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Plastics 3, 4, 6, 7, glass, liquids, rubbish, polystyrene, plastic bags, garden waste, food waste, disposable nappies, hot ashes, oven ware, electrical goods, engine oil bottles, automotive parts, paint and chemicals, bubble wrap, ceramics, crockery and porcelain, lids, toothpaste tubes.

Put your bin out by 7am on your fortnightly collection day, as close to the kerb as possible. For more information visit nelson.govt.nz.

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Top Ten Recycling Tips



FIND THE RECYCLING NUMBER

The recycling number is usually on the base – if it's 1, 2 or 5 it can go in your yellow recycling bin, anything else (including items where you can't see a number and materials like polystyrene) must go in the rubbish.



LIDS CAN'T BE RECYCLED

Anything lightweight like bottle tops (or lids of any kind) or plastic cutlery should go in the rubbish – even if it has a number. It's too light to get through the sorting centre and it can jam up equipment.



DON'T SQUASH PLASTIC BOTTLES OR CANS

No matter how tempting! The automated parts of the sorting facility can mistake them for flat cardboard and they can end up not being recycled.



IF IT SCRUNCHES EASILY IT'S A SOFT PLASTIC

Soft plastics are anything you can easily scrunch or bend in your hand – like glad wrap, chip packets, biscuit trays, wrappers and ties. These are too lightweight to be sorted and need to go in the rubbish.



YOU CAN'T RECYCLE IF IT'S NOT CLEAN

Containers with food residue still in them can't be recycled! In fact anything with food left on it must be cleaned before recycling or it should go in your rubbish bag or bin (or if it's cardboard with food on you can put it in your home composting).



IF IT'S TOO BIG OR TOO SMALL IT CAN'T BE RECYCLED

Containers need to be at least the size of a yoghurt pottle but no larger than 3 litres (the size of the biggest milk container you can buy). Otherwise they won't go through the sorting facility.



CARTONS FOR LIQUIDS CAN'T BE RECYCLED

Cartons for liquids may look like cardboard, but they have plastic in them (and the same goes for take-away cups, unless home compostable). This means they can't be broken down to be recycled.





COMPOSTABLE DOESN'T MEAN RECYCLABLE

Lots of containers look like plastic but are actually compostable or biodegradable (type No 7) which means they can't be recycled with other plastics. Unless they clearly state home compostable (so they can go in your compost bin) they need to go in the rubbish.



METAL CANS AND TINS ONLY

Other types of metal items can't be processed easily by our sorting plant. Think about reuse where possible and drop items like pots and pans off to re-use/op shops.

CARDBOARD AND PAPER MUST BE BIGGER THAN AN ENVELOPE

It needs to be larger than the size of an envelope to get through our sorting equipment, and any cardboard with a plastic coating such as food containers can't be recycled (and remember you can also home-compost paper and cardboard).

COUNCILLOR'S COMMENT

Can Zoom open up a new way of engaging with Council?

By Trudie Brand

The past nine weeks within the reality of COVID-19 has demonstrated the importance of effective communication. It's a component vital to building community resilience that starts not with a crisis, but, as continuous dialogue delivering shared goals, while maintaining transparency and accountability.

We are all social creatures who thrive on interacting with each other. My personal preference is face-to-face, an approach that was suddenly limited under COVID-19 Alert Levels 4 and 3. This gave me cause to reflect on how to engage meaningfully as an elected representative.

Those who view my social media, will know that I do not share my every thought in real-time. I prefer to discuss issues, ideas and shared thoughts directly in person, or by phone or text. I will then follow up and investigate concerns independently, happily getting my feet and hands dirty, to explore an issue to ensure sound understanding, before directing you to a resolution. From the outset, Council used an internetbased conference calling tool known as Zoom. Zoom allows multiple parties to attend an online meeting with audio and video for each party, ensuring your elected representatives were engaged in crisis and recovery planning, while maintaining transparency and accountability.

Zoom meetings provided many benefits such as real time face-to-face communication, but can be limited by fixed durations. I found Zoom meetings required additional concentration as attendees are presented in a spilt screen variable-sized grid, making reading body language difficult. Ensuring your voice was heard and respected took careful self-management.

It was great to see, considering Zoom was new for many speakers and councillors alike, the public effectively engaging with Council via phone, emails and Zoom. Patience was shown to all as they negotiated their way, while adjusting communication styles to suit the Zoom environment. Being invited into peoples' homes electronically created opportunities to remove barriers and build trust. I had not personally experienced this before in formal meetings.

Could Zoom be an option for future presentations and engagement with Council?

I hope that Nelson City Council reflects on the success of Zoom with enhanced ways of working, especially for people who may face barriers to in-person presentations, enabling wider community engagement, better outcomes and transparency for all. These tools provide the potential to save time, money and resources. Yet for me, I still value face-to-face meetings where councillors are involved in making critical decisions.



Nelson Nature publishes Pest Trapping Best practice guide

Nelson Nature has produced a guide to trapping predators in the Nelson Halo, to help boost the work being done locally to look after our native birds and lizards.

Many community trapping groups and landowners are hard at work on private and public land, trapping pests like possums, rats and stoats in areas where they threaten the survival of our native animals.

The Nelson Halo Predator Trapping Guide provides advice for community groups and landowners on how to plan an effective predator trapping project within the Nelson Halo. It has heaps of great information about how to set up predator control in a range of sites in Nelson and includes recommendations for monitoring both the pests being targeted and the wildlife we're trying to protect. The Nelson Halo Predator Trapping Guide has been developed to sit alongside the Department of Conservation's "Practical Guide to Trapping" and provide additional guidance specific to projects in the Nelson Halo. The guide covers the six key things to consider when planning a predator trapping project and will help you develop a Project Plan specific to a group's trapping project. It's been developed to both help new groups set up their projects and to help seasoned trappers develop a robust plan for their own work.

You can download the guide and project plan template at:

nelson.govt.nz/environment/nelson-nature/resources



Nelson Nature is working with the community to develop the Nelson Halo – an area of predator control and habitat enhancement outside the predator-free Brook Waimarama Sanctuary to provide a safe haven for wildlife and help bring the wild into people's lives.

Dog Registration notices will be in your mailbox in June

This year's dog registration forms will be posted or emailed in early June with the payment due date of 30 June, and non-payment fees applicable after 31 July. Posted forms may take longer to arrive, so please be patient.

Council is currently considering a proposal to increase some of its fees and charges for regulatory services to bring them into alignment with other councils of similar size, and remove some of the burden of cost for these services from general ratepayers. If Council approves the proposal, dog registration fees will increase. If you've signed up to our customer database to receive your rates or water bill by email, then this year you will automatically receive your dog registration invoice by email.

You will be able to register, pay and manage your dog registration online at my.nelson.govt.nz. If you haven't already registered, you will be able to do so once you have received your registration form, and then pay your bill online.

All dogs over three months of age on 1 July must have a current registration.

How to register your dog online

If you've previously registered, we will have all your details so it will be a simple job to reregister your dog this year by logging in to the Dog Registrations portal at my.nelson.govt.nz. You can also check that all of your details are up-to-date and make any changes you need to.

If you haven't already registered, you'll need to set up your account. Once you have received your dog registration form, go to my.nelson.govt. nz and click on Dog Registration (under Animal Management) - then follow the prompts to create an account. You'll need your dog owner number, which you will find on your dog registration form and your date of birth. Once you've done this you will automatically receive your future dog registration forms by email rather than by post.

If you need any help with setting up an account, logging in or registering your dog, contact Council's Customer Service Centre on 03 546 0200 and we can help. Just remember, however you do it, all dogs need to be registered by 1 July.

The Dogs Online system only accepts payment by credit card, so if you want to pay by internet banking go to nelson.govt.nz/online-payments and use your owner number as a reference. You can also still take your dog registration form into Civic House during business hours and pay over the counter.

Council understands COVID-19 has added significant additional financial pressure to many and we are actively looking at ways to help our community navigate the impacts of the pandemic.

If you require assistance or wish to make a payment arrangement for your dog registration, please get in touch with our Customer Service Centre on 03 546 0200 or email customer.service@ ncc.govt.nz and we can work out a plan together.



Beautify your berm: Free plants available for Nelson residents

Nelson City Council offers free plants once a year to eligible properties for planting in roadside berms.

Check on the Council website if the berm outside your place is suitable for planting and if you meet the criteria.

Then complete a plant request form and up to ten plants will be delivered to your property in winter, to help you maintain the berm in front of your property.

Please be aware that once you plant anything, it needs to be cared for so that it does not encroach too close to the edge of the footpath.

You will also need to think about where you plant as you do not want to cause visibility problems for driveways or around corners.

Please also be aware that utility services are often located in the berm area, so please check before you dig.

For further details go to Council's website:

nelson.govt.nz/residential-berm-planting

iii) MEETINGS

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

Infrastructure Committee 2-Jun-20 9am

Council meeting - to deliberate on submissions to draft Annual Plan (Day 1) 2-Jun-20 10.30am

Council meeting - to deliberate on submissions to draft Annual Plan (Day 2) - if required 9am

3-Jun-20

10-Jun-20

Council meeting - to deliberate on submissions to draft Annual Plan (Day 3) - if required 9am 4-Jun-20

Hearings Panel - Other 9am

10am

Community Services Committee 11-Jun-20

Nelson Tasman Regional Landfill **Business Unit**

10.30am (or at the conclusion of the 12-Jun-20 Unit's workshop

Nelson Regional Sewerage Business Unit 1.30pm 12-Jun-20

Sports and Recreation Committee 10am 18-Jun-20

Regional Transport Committee 1.30pm 22-Jun-20

Council meeting 9am 25-Jun-20

Council meeting 30-Jun-20 9am

Forestry Advisory Group 3pm 30-Jun-20

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 Virtual Heritage Festival

The Nelson Heritage Festival has been given a 21st-century twist because of the COVID-19 situation, meaning you can now be part of the Festival from the comfort of home by tuning into the Nelson Virtual Heritage Festival's YouTube channel.

Here are just some of the diverse videos available:

- **1. Rugby 150:** Celebrates the 150th anniversary of New Zealand's first game of rugby which was played in Nelson. This video is part of the Nelson Provincial Museum's Rugby 150 Years On exhibition.
- 2. Theatre Royal History: A history of the Southern Hemisphere's oldest operating wooden theatre
- 3. Voice Collective Nga Iwi e: Enjoy the Voice Collective's online lockdown sing-along
- 4. Lord Nelson: Meet Lord Nelson, the host of the Nelson Virtual Heritage Festival.
- **5. Broadgreen House Virtual Tour:** Take a video tour of historic Broadgreen House in Stoke.

youtube.com **Search =** Nelson Virtual Heritage Festival







COME SAY HI TO YOUR FRIENDLY LOCAL RETAILERS AND EATERIES, WE WOULD LOVE TO SEE YOU!

NELSON CITY CENTRE IS OPEN FOR BUSINESS! Locals supporting locals.

REMEMBER, WE ARE STILL OPERATING UNDER ALERT LEVEL 2 So practicing physical distancing still applies.

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

Kirby Lane

Nelson Farmers Market. 8.30am – 1.30pm, Every Wednesday.

Nelson Public Libraries:

Sunday: 1:00pm – 4:00pm

Current Library hours as at 25 May. Elma Turner Library Monday-Friday: 10:00am – 4:30pm Saturday: 10:00am – 4:00pm

Stoke Library

Closed at this stage.

Monday-Friday: 10:00am – 4:30 pm Saturday: 10:00am – 1:00pm Sunday: Closed Nightingale Memorial Library

Museums and Galleries:

The Suter Art Gallery & Theatre Hours: 9.30am – 4.30pm Daily Encounters with Cook: Meretoto/Ship Cove, Totaranui/Queen Charlotte Sound, Te Moanan-o-Raukawa/Cook's Strait. Saturday 15 February - Saturday 5 June.

The Water Project. Saturday 22 February -Sunday 14 June. Isolation Breakout. Monday 18 May -

Sunday 7 June. Michael Dell: Endless Days. Saturday 23 May

– Sunday 4 October Tintoretto: A Rebel in Venice. 2pm, Sunday

7 June & 11am, Wednesday 10 June.



Nelson Provincial Museum

Hours: 10 - 5pm Weekdays, 10am - 4.30pm Weekends & Public Holidays. Online Exhibition: Rugby 150 Years. Thursday 14 May 2020 - Thursday 13 May 2021

Our Moon: Then, Now & Beyond. Sunday 17 May - Tuesday 27 October.