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## Matariki Festival 2020

Lights, song and a spectacular fireworks display will spark joy at Nelson's Matariki Festival this year as the star cluster Matariki appears in our skies during the month of Pipiri (June).

The appearance of the star cluster marks the start of Māori New Year and a month of celebrations throughout the city.

Nelson City Council's Matariki Festival begins at 6pm on 18 July with a karakia and a mihi from kaumātua, followed by a message from Nelson Mayor Rachel Reese and Tasman Mayor Tim King.

Te Kapa o Kura Tai Waka will provide a special performance, and the evening will conclude with a fireworks display from Neale Park at 7pm.

Unique to this year's festival is a tribute in the form of images of essential service workers and messages of thanks that will be beamed onto the side of Civic House in a light art display during the evening's celebrations.

The images include staff and volunteers from Nelson Marlborough Health, St John, Police, Fire and Emergency New Zealand, local iwi, Kai with Love, Department of Conservation, Tasman District Council, New World Nelson and more.

Abigail Packer, Chief of Operations of Kai with Love said: "A huge thank-you to the Civil Defence Emergency Management team from Kai With Love. We are so grateful for your fabulous, professional and friendly help that assisted us in giving food support to thousands of families across the Nelson Tasman region."

St John Nelson Bays Territory Operations Manager Anne-Maree Harris said: "St John is thankful and proud of New Zealand's response to this pandemic."

All of the festival's activities will be live-streamed and available to view via the Council Facebook page or YouTube channel. Those who wish to see the light art display or the fireworks in person can make an evening of it and support our local businesses while they're out and about.

The fireworks will be viewable from various places around the city, including Guppy Park, North Road, Kinzett Terrace Carpark, Peace Grove, Akersten Street and the surrounding area.

[Free buses will be available to and from Akersten Street for the fireworks display. For more information see page 6.](#)

Mayor Reese said Matariki was a time to reflect on the past, acknowledge the present, and to look forward to the future.

"The past few months have been a challenging time for all of us and the determination, resilience and strength our community has shown has been incredible.

"For Matariki this year we remember those who we have lost in the past year, and we celebrate everyone, particularly our essential service workers, for helping us get to Alert Level 1. The road ahead will not be an easy one, but we must continue to support one another as we reconnect and rebuild in the months to come."

Council will be following Government health and safety guidelines, and advice from the Nelson Marlborough Health Chief Medical Officer regarding this event. Any changes will be advised ahead of time.

## New look for Stoke Library

Stoke Library is getting a minor makeover.

The library will be closed from 25–28 June 2020 for refurbishment.

New, wider shelving will be installed to make the aisles more accessible and easier to navigate and the furniture, including the young adult seating and armchairs throughout the library, will be replaced for the comfort of visitors.

Nelson Public Libraries Manager Sarina Barron said the changes would give the library a much-needed refresh.

"We're hoping the changes will make the library an even more comfortable and enjoyable place for our community to visit."

New, larger signage labelling the different sections of the library is also planned and is expected to be installed in early July. This work will not require any further library closure.

The library will reopen at 9.30am on Monday, 29 June. Library items can still be returned on the days the library is closed.



## MAYOR'S MESSAGE

Out and about over the weekend, it really did feel like Nelson Whakatū was coming back to life, with shops, cafes and restaurants open.

Having our thriving Nelson back in operation was a special milestone, and a reminder of how far we have come in the past few months.

But as we return to some resemblance of normality, Council remains acutely aware of the financial toll the COVID-19 shutdown has had on so many of our ratepayers.

Our support package has included a range of responses such as hardship provisions for ratepayers struggling to pay rates, rental relief for many Council lease and licence holders, and the establishment of a \$200,000 Emergency Fund for community organisations.

As well as this targeted support, we took a careful look at the Annual Plan and made savings and have confirmed a net zero percent rates increase for the 2020-21 year.

We acknowledge the significant financial burden many of our ratepayers are facing and we are fortunate to have the choice to consider this option as a Council.

It is not by accident we are in this position, but the result of sound financial management of this Council.

Now we are in Alert Level 1, it is imperative we reinvigorate our regional economy as quickly as possible and that means working collectively like we never have before.

Hence the creation of Project Kōkiri (meaning to

champion/promote or thrust forward) developed by regional leaders as the recovery and regeneration plan to provide clarity and action on our region's economic restart.

Through Project Kōkiri, this region has submitted dozens of projects seeking Government support.

Projects that collectively would provide direct employment for over 2,500 people.

Projects that will not just provide a much-needed stimulus to our economy right now, but provide benefits for future generations of people living in Te Taihū.

These projects support our ocean economy, water and food security, sustainable transport systems and affordable housing.

The impact of this virus was beyond our control, but what we can control is what we do next, and this will define how our response will be remembered for years to come.



## Council's longest-serving staff member celebrates 45-years in the job

In the same year that GIS Analyst Ian Tyler first started work at Nelson Council, Waitangi Day was celebrated as a national holiday for the first time, former Prime Minister Norman Kirk passed away aged 51 and the country's first Pizza Hut opened in Auckland.

Forty-seven years ago, Tyler's family moved to Nelson and after settling into local life spotted an advert for a draughting position in the Nelson Mail that could bring their eldest son home.

"I was working as an Architectural Draughting Cadet for a firm that supervised the building of homes for the Tiwai Point Aluminium Smelter staff," says Tyler. "That was followed by a brief stint making butter at Southland Dairy Federation!"

"My application consisted of a single A5 letter to Geoff Toynbee, who was the City Engineer/Acting Town Clerk at the time. From that I received a phone call from Chief Draughtsman Ted Priest offering to pay half the cost of my flights to attend an interview over Queen's Birthday Weekend. The rest is history."

Tyler then enrolled at the New Zealand Technical Institute in Wellington and specialised in Architectural Drafting doing papers remotely, but says his most useful lessons came on the job.

"There's no better experience than work itself."

When Tyler started work Council's offices were situated at the foot of the Church steps on the corner of Trafalgar Street and Selwyn Place (now the 1903 site) and he was lucky enough to share an office with a view of the steps.

"Office life in the early days was quite relaxed, the old TV One series 'Gliding On' was not far off the mark. But this has really changed over the past thirty years or so. Greater demands for accountability have made everyone's lives much busier."

The most significant change in Tyler's career was the introduction of desktop computers for all staff in the early '90s.

"I had been patiently waiting for this to happen as I could see the potential it had in my area of expertise. The days of the 3H pencil, rotting ink technical pens, electrical erasers, tracing paper and drawing machines were numbered!"

Tyler now works for the GIS team, which provides vital infrastructure information, spatial analysis and mapping to teams right across Council.

"Computers brought about a significant change in direction for me, as I moved from project and design work to the ever-growing GIS [Geographic Information Systems] world. It's an area of work I love and is constantly evolving. You have to keep yourself up to date, and there's not a day where I don't learn something new."

Tyler says he is proud of the GIS team's involvement in recent Civil Defence Emergency events, assisting logistics, communications, and welfare with statistics, locations and publically available web maps.



## Council seeks Forest Stewardship Certification for management of Nelson's forests

Nelson City Council manages several commercial forests and we want to ensure they are managed in a way that has the most positive outcomes for our region: environmentally, economically and socially.

We are seeking Forest Stewardship Certification for Brook, Maitai, Roding and Marsden Valley Forests. This will show our forests are managed according to industry best practice.

Council has committed to PF Olsen's FSC Group scheme, and they have developed a management plan to achieve certification.

We want the public to provide their views on the plan, and so will be looking for feedback during June 2020.

For more details go to the Shape Nelson website:

[shape.nelson.govt.nz/FSC-management-plan](https://shape.nelson.govt.nz/FSC-management-plan)





# How Nelson’s Heritage Festival went virtual to beat lockdown

As Jacinda Ardern took New Zealand into lockdown, plans for Nelson’s Heritage Festival were underway.

Seventy-six events were planned, with talks on everything from Nelson’s pottery industry, to a walking tour of the City’s pubs. But life was about to change dramatically, and all events were cancelled. Heritage Festival organisers decided to take the festival online – and the Nelson Virtual Heritage Festival was born.

### Tanya Nock – Nelson Voice Collective

“We kept spirits high throughout lockdown with events touching the lives of thousands. We invited 16 families to sing Nga Iwi E in one of four harmonies, and send in videos. The resulting video has attracted thousands of views. “Next, we organized a virtual pub crawl of Nelson’s historic pubs, playing Brown Eyed Girl and Dancing Queen to viewers. Fortunately, all virtual drinkers got home safely.”

### Daniel Allan – Horatio Nelson

“I got the idea to make a character of Horatio Nelson when I found David Howarth’s excellent ‘Trafalgar: The Nelson Touch’ in my late father’s book collection. It seemed strange our town was named after this famous sea-faring hero, yet I knew very little about him, and nor did anyone else. My play imagined Horatio returned from the dead, discovering nobody in Nelson knew who he was, and organising a lecture to educate the citizens. Festival organisers

invited me to re-invent Lord Nelson as a virtual host, and I enjoyed extending the character’s life, putting a little of Lord Nelson’s spin on each video.”

### Eliane Polack – Royal Theatre

“We planned to host our annual Open Day as part of the festival, but once we knew the theatre would close, we produced a digital back-stage tour. We presented the theatre’s auditorium, the heritage part of the building. Technical Manager JR Richardson took viewers through the history of the oldest wooden functioning theatre in the Southern Hemisphere.”

### Natalie Gilberd – Nelson Provincial Museum

Our first online exhibition, Rugby: 150 Years On, was boosted thanks to Nelson City Council’s help projecting images marking the anniversary of New Zealand’s first ever game onto city landmarks. The film aired on TVNZ 1 News and visits to the Museum’s website tripled. Plans are underway to launch a physical version of the exhibition.

The Virtual Festival was an innovative way to showcase heritage during lockdown, but as restrictions ease, there are more opportunities to visit cultural sites in person. Take a walk to The Suter Art Gallery, visit the Museum or catch a show at the Nelson Centre of Musical Arts or the Theatre Royal.

Many sites are free for locals; Founders Heritage Park and Broadgreen House are both open. The Founders café is under new ownership and open through winter (except Mondays) or try the gorgeous Melrose Café, open all week.

Watch: [youtube.com](https://www.youtube.com) Search: Nelson Virtual Heritage Festival



## Pay and walk away.

Our new pay-by-plate parking meters mean no more ticket troubles. There’s no need for a paper ticket, just enter your rego at the meter, pay with payWave, coins or the easy-to-use PayMyPark app, and walk away. If you want to extend your time within the limit, you can top up from anywhere without having to return to the car. Parking in Nelson City just got easier.

For more parking information go to [nelson.govt.nz/parking](https://nelson.govt.nz/parking)



Smart Little City.

## Nelson’s old lollipop meters for sale

On 29 June, Nelson City Council will have fully installed our new Pay-By-Plate parking meters. You may have seen contractors around the central city, working to replace the old meters with the new ones.



As a result, Council now has more than 100 old-style lollipop meters at Civic House. To avoid all of the meters going to scrap metal, and raise some money for charity, we are offering Nelsonians the chance to own a little bit of local heritage and buy an old meter for \$10. To buy a meter, simply call Council on 03 548 0200 and we will give you a time to come into our Customer Service Centre at the corner of Trafalgar Street and Halifax Street to pick one up. Nelson Mayor Rachel Reese says any money raised will go to local charity the Fifeshire Foundation. “This is an opportunity to own a small piece of Nelson’s history. The old lollipop meters were a feature of many New Zealand cities, and it would be great for them to be repurposed.

Nelsonians are incredibly creative – so I look forward to seeing what people make of them!” The new Pay-By-Plate meters allow parking payments using payWave, coins and the PayMyPark app. To use the meter, just input your registration number, choose a payment option and length of time and pay. There are no more paper tickets, so the new machines are zero waste, and save Council more than \$100,000 a year in paper costs. This also means there is no need to return to your car once you have paid. If you sign up for an account using the app you can save up to six registrations numbers, and top up your park remotely, within time limits, without returning to the meter.



# Celebrating Nelson’s artistic community through the Art Flags Project

For five-year-old Jeanie Hicks, Nelson is an ice cream cone, piled high with her favourite flavours, on a hot summer’s day.

While for 75-year-old Blake Twigden, an oystercatcher with the harbour and colourful yachts is his typical image of the city.

These works of art are two of 88 unique art flags designed by locals to fly along Nelson’s city centre streets as part of the Art Flags Project.

A collaboration between the Nelson City Council and Arts Council Nelson, 529 artworks were submitted to the project, from which a final 88 were chosen by Council’s art selection panel and Iwi advisers.

They’ve been flying high since February, but we thought it was time to showcase the flags and the talented artists behind them through Nelson City Council’s Instagram channel.

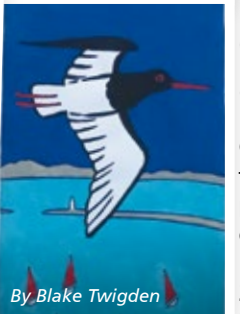
Over the next six weeks we will be profiling two flags a day. So, find out more about the flags and the story behind the designs and let us know what your favourite flag is on Council’s Instagram and Facebook accounts: [@nelsoncitycouncil](#)



Photo: Jeanie Hicks (age 5) with her family



Photo: Blake Twigden



By Blake Twigden

## COUNCILLOR'S COMMENT

### Food security and composting key to a resilient future

By Kate Fulton



Just over nine years ago, I completed my first Annual Plan process. As a newly elected councillor, I thought much could be done and that what could be done, could be done immediately. Little did I realise that enthusiasm at the council table, isn’t always enough to deliver. Council processes work in curious ways.

During one of those first AP workshops, I suggested that the asphalt and speed bumps at Paddys Knob Lookout could be removed, and the area turned into a neighbourhood park – with a natural play area, circular lawn, fruit trees and edible planter boxes. After

all, there wasn’t a flat picnic/play area on Tahunanui or Port Hills.

Council staff considered the proximity to other parks, and it eventuated Paddys Knob was always intended to be a neighbourhood reserve. Consequently, it was added to park renewals through the Long Term Plan.

Nine years later, Paddys Knob is transformed. Work to remove the asphalt began just before Lockdown, and the circular lawn was planted one day prior.

During this period of uncertainty, greater appreciation of the importance of local food resiliency during a crisis – climate or Covid-19, has evolved.

The pandemic triggered rapid purchases in seeds and seedlings and provided time for ‘bubbles’ to plant and grow their own food.

We also have a greater understanding of how vulnerable essential life forces – soil and water – are to climate change. And that food production and waste are massive contributors to greenhouse gas emissions. Yet, they could be the opposite.

Regenerative agriculture principles utilise deep root and fungal systems during plant growth, to restore soils, and sequester carbon. Plants also absorb CO<sub>2</sub> through photosynthesis.

Committed to a Zero Carbon future, we should consider healthy food choices, grown restoratively for our planet. At the same time, we can remove food waste from landfill – instead creating compost, which nurtures soil health and retains moisture.

As Environment Committee Chair, I’m committed to supporting resiliency and wellbeing, through increased edible landscaping in our Parks and Reserves.

I’m excited about our new e-bike and trailer, purchased for Community Compost, to collect food waste from restaurants and cafes. Look out for it ‘out and about’ in our CBD!

Later this year we begin a residential trial – collecting food waste and turning it into compost.

From little things big things grow.

## Non-recyclable plastics... their number's up!

From July 1, only put plastic types 1, 2 & 5 in your yellow bin.







# Dog registrations now due, but you have an extra month to pay

Dog registration forms were sent out by email and post at the beginning of June. This year, in recognition of the significant additional financial pressure caused by COVID-19, we have extended the date when late penalties for dog registration fees apply from 1 August to 1 September.

Council’s review of the dog registration fees has resulted in an increase in the fees to more accurately reflect the cost of staff time for dog registration processing, signage, recovery and impounding of wandering dogs, attending dog-related incidents, dog education programmes and regular dog patrols.

Council understands that the increases in dog registration fees for the 2019-20 year is unpopular with dog owners. The decision was not made lightly but was necessary to enable us to continue to offer a high standard of dog control services, including animal welfare and public safety, while managing increasing costs. If these costs are not met by dog owners then they must be met by all ratepayers.

Following public consultation, Council has also removed the Good Dog Owner Policy from 1 July 2020.

### The policy was removed because:

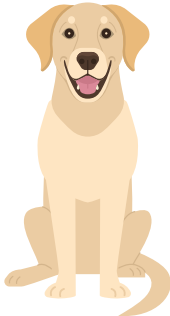
- The good dog owner category requirements were the same as those already required by the Dog Control Act, so people were effectively getting a discount for doing something they were legally required to do.
- The cost of the Good Dog Owner policy was high – in terms of administration to run the scheme and the impact on income into the dog control account.
- If the Good Dog Owner policy had remained in place, the standard fee for an urban dog would increase from \$86 to \$108.50.
- Council policy requires 90% of the costs of dog control to be met by dog owners, with only 10% coming from the general rates.
- The fees adjustment means Council will be meeting this policy.
- If the Good Dog Owner category was retained, the fee for standard registrations would have had to rise by \$22.50 (from \$86 to \$108.50). By removing the Good Dog Owner category the increase to the standard dog registration category is \$9.80 (from \$86 to \$95.80). There is still a \$5 discount for neutered dogs. The \$5 discount also applies to kennel club members or if the dog is used for show purposes.

Council has retained recognition of community working dogs such as police dogs or seeing-eye dogs by only charging the cost of the registration tag. Council has also retained the rural dog category where working-dog costs could be recoverable as a business expense.

### What do these fees pay for?

Services covered by dog registration fees include:

- Dog control, including impounding wandering dogs, investigating dog attacks, minimising nuisances caused by dogs
- Responding to a variety of complaints
- Running the animal shelter
- Patrols
- Taking legal action when required
- Education programmes for adults and children
- Administration and maintenance of Council database including the annual registration process
- Dog training and onsite behavioural advice
- Signage and advertising of dog-related issues
- Providing dog poo bags.



In 2018/19, Nelson had 5,901 registered dogs, issued 288 infringement notices, and 1672 dog complaints that were investigated and 288 dogs were impounded.

Of the dogs registered in Nelson, 10 were classified as dangerous, and 74 as menacing. There were 22 dog attacks on humans, 64 dog attacks on animals and 68 dog aggression complaints.

# Changes to the Dog Bylaw balance the welfare of dogs with the environment

Council will be deliberating changes to the Dog Control Bylaw on 25 June.

The Bylaw aims to strike a balance between the wishes of dog owners, the welfare needs of dogs, wider public concerns, protection of local ecology, such as nesting shorebirds, and the grazing of sheep, which currently play an important role in weed management and fire prevention. As such, it considers where dogs should be allowed to be off-leash, on-leash or not allowed at all.

Councillor Kate Fulton, Chair of the Environment Committee says it is vital to manage the needs of dog owners with the natural environment.

“I know many dog owners are extremely mindful of their dog’s impact on the environment, and Council wants to ensure Nelsonians are able to enjoy our beautiful parks and reserves with their dogs alongside them. We must however protect and restore vulnerable parts of our ecosystem, and the changes to our bylaw will provide that protection.

“If adopted by Council, the amended bylaw will require dogs to be kept on-leash on land grazed with sheep in Council reserves, including small areas of the Grampians Reserve and Sir Stanley Whitehead Reserve. These areas will be sign-posted and dogs will be required to be kept on a leash even if sheep are not visible. There are still large areas within each reserve where dogs can exercise off-leash.

This does not apply to the grazed areas of the Maitai River Esplanade Reserve, and Tantragee Reserve, where dogs can be off-leash but must remain under control. This is because these are cattle grazing areas rather than sheep grazing areas. Dogs will also be allowed off-leash in the Titoki Reserve and Monaco Reserve, excluding the playground area.

At Paremata Flats, dogs can be off-leash in the areas grazed by cattle. However, the Paremata Flats planted area is an ecologically significant restoration project so will continue to be completely off-limits to dogs. The Delaware Estuary and margins and Whakatū Drive Foreshore Reserve would be on-leash areas to increase protection of nesting shorebirds.

The Boulder Bank is an on-leash area from Boulder Bank Drive south to the Cut, but dogs are prohibited from 15 August to the last day in February each year (the critical nesting season for the vulnerable banded dotterel) for 4 km from the Cut towards Boulder Bank Drive. The Boulder Bank north from Boulder Bank Drive to Glenduan and Glenduan Reserve is off-leash, excluding the playground area.

“Nelson’s foreshore and estuaries are a haven for rare species of shore-nesting birds, and the banded dotterel needs particular protection due to its rarity and its earlier start to the breeding season,” says Councillor Fulton.

The number of dogs will continue to be restricted to two per household without the need for Council permission.





## ‘Matariki hunga nui’

Proudly brought to you by Nelson City Council

*Twinkling in the winter sky in June - July just before dawn, Matariki (the Pleiades) signals the Māori New Year.*

### 6pm - Livestream Te Huihui-o-Matariki

Nelson City Council invites our community to join us in celebrating Matariki. Proceedings will be livestreamed via our Facebook page and YouTube channel starting at 6pm:

Opening Karakia | Mihi o te tau hou | Kaumātua  
Mayor's Message | Mayor Rachel Reese  
Kapa Haka Performance | Te Kapa o Kura Tai Waka  
Light Art Projections on Civic House  
Fireworks display from Nelson Harbour

### 7pm - Fireworks Neale Park, Nelson

The fireworks display will now be held at Neale Park, Nelson. This can be enjoyed via livestream or from Guppy Park, North Road, Kinzett Terrace Carpark, Peace Grove, Akersten Street and the surrounding area.

Bring a torch, a lamp or create a lantern to light up the waterfront along Akersten Street.



Photo: Melissa Banks



Photo: Roger Ball



### Free Bus Service Available

Buses will be available to take you to Akersten Street and home after the fireworks display, via the routes and times listed below:

**Route 1:** 6:45pm 2 x Buses Depart Nelson Depot to Akersten St for Fireworks Display

**Route 2:** 7:20pm 1 x Bus Depart Akersten St → Tāhunanui → Stoke → Richmond

**Route 3:** 7:20pm 1 x Bus Depart Akersten St → Bishopdale → Stoke → Richmond

### Taurapa Light Art Display

Maitai Walkway, Rutherford Park, Paru Paru Road, Nelson.  
Date: Friday, 17 June 2020. Time: 7:30pm – 8:30pm

The Taurapa will be lit up on the Maitai River. Information from the artist Maia Hegglin will be shared about its creation, along with designs provided by local school children, based on the theme of migration to Whakatū.

### Civic House Light Art Display

Civic House, 110 Trafalgar Street, Nelson.  
Date: Saturday, 18 July 2020. Time: 5pm – 9pm.

This year, we will have a light art projection on Civic House, which will include a special thanks to Nelson's essential workers, Civil Defence staff and the community for their combined contributions during the COVID-19 lockdown.

For further details and updates go to the Nelson City Council Facebook page, the Our Nelson Tō Tātou Whakatū website [our.nelson.govt.nz](https://our.nelson.govt.nz) or call the Customer Service Centre on 03 546 0200.

*We hope that you and your whānau (family) will join us in this winter Matariki celebration as we reflect on the past, acknowledge the present and look forward to the future.*







# Take care on the roads this winter

Over winter we all need to take extra care to make sure we are driving to suit the road conditions; that goes for motorists, cyclists and motorcyclists too.



Firstly, make sure you have good visibility. Take the time to demist and de-ice your windscreen, along with all windows and mirrors, before you hit the road. It's important you can see all other road users and you are not just peering out of a small hole in the ice.

### Gritted roads

Gritting the road does not remove all risk. You may only get up to 15% more grip on a gritted road than an icy road, so there are some things you need to keep in mind.

- Stopping distances can increase by up to ten times
- Allow more time for your journey, you may need to travel slower than normal
- Increase your following distances so that you can stop safely if needed
- Watch out for ice in shady areas and on bridges
- Check your tyre pressure regularly and maintain your tyres to ensure good handling, steering and safety, as well as comfort, long tyre life and optimum fuel economy.
- Make sure that you can see all other road users through your windscreens and are visible to

other road users especially by wearing light colours if you are on a bicycle or motorcycle.

### Visibility

This is a major issue in winter so here are some ways to reduce the risk.

- Drive with dipped headlights in rain, snow or fog to improve driver vision.
- Use your vehicle's demister or air conditioning to keep windows clear.
- Watch out for sun strike from the winter sunlight. Make sure your sun visor is well positioned.
- Keep your windscreen cleaner reservoir topped up so that your windscreen is clean and easy to see out of.
- Cover your windscreen on frosty nights or use an ice scraper or cold water to totally clear your screen of ice.

Above all, remember the speed limit isn't a target. The safest way to get where you need to go this winter is to slow down and drive to the conditions.

# Changes to Building Consents exemptions take effect from the end of August this year

The government has announced changes to the Building Act in the form of new building consent exemptions for some low-risk building work, like sleep-outs, sheds, carports, outdoor fireplaces and ground-mounted solar panels.

These changes will apply to building work starting after the exemptions come into effect from the end of August this year. If you start work before then, the current exemption rules will still apply and you may need a building consent.

The new exemptions will save building owners time and money, by removing the need to apply for building consent for these buildings. Don't forget that you will still need to check whether you need a resource consent before you start work.

All exempt building work must meet the Building Code and while some of the newly exempt building work may be done without the help of a professional, others will require input from a Chartered Professional Engineer or Licensed Building Practitioner. Information about the new exemptions can be found at [building.govt.nz](http://building.govt.nz).

### Starting a project that doesn't need consent?

It is the building owner's responsibility to check whether a building or resource consent is required. If the work that you are planning to carry out falls outside of the specified requirements for exemptions, you will need to get a building consent. If the work does not comply with permitted standards under planning rules you will need a resource consent. If you're not sure if you need consent – ask for advice.

If you want to start a building project that doesn't require a building consent, you can choose to hire a professional or Licensed Building Practitioner or you can do it yourself, provided you follow the MBIE guidance. Remember that the new exemptions won't come into effect until the end of August this year, so the current exemptions will apply to any work started before then.

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## ROAD CLOSURES

**Applicant:** Nelmac

**Event:** Maintenance of existing power poles and trimming of trees encroaching on lines.

**Location:** Mount Street – between number 10 and number 33.

**Date and time:** Tuesday 4 August – Wednesday 5 August 2020, 8.30am to 3.00pm.

**Wet weather date:** Thursday 6 – Friday 7 August 2020, 8.30am to 3.00pm.

**Feedback for proposed closures to be given by:** Wednesday 8 July 2020.

**Email:** [enquiries@ncc.govt.nz](mailto:enquiries@ncc.govt.nz)

**Post:** Nelson City Council, PO Box 645, Nelson 7040, Attention: Gillian Dancey

For all road closure information visit [nelson.govt.nz/road-closures](http://nelson.govt.nz/road-closures).

**Applicant:** Broadspectrum

**Event:** Installation of UFB (Ultra Fast Broadband).

**Location:** Cummins Street, Hockey Place, Olivine Terrace and Sugar Loaf Place.

**Date and Time of closure:** Tuesday 30 June – Friday 21 August 2020, 9am to 5.00pm.

The roads listed will not be actively closed for the whole duration of the closure. The roads will only be closed when needed for UFB installation and closed singularly.

**Feedback for proposed closures to be given by:** Sunday 28 June 2020.

**Email:** [enquiries@ncc.govt.nz](mailto:enquiries@ncc.govt.nz)

**Post:** Nelson City Council, PO Box 645, Nelson 7040, Attention: Matthew Bruce

For all road closure information visit: [nelson.govt.nz/road-closures](http://nelson.govt.nz/road-closures)



# Community Planting Day Orphanage Stream Delta

Saturday 27 June 2020, 9am – 11am,  
Orphanage Stream Delta, Saxton Road, Stoke.

Join us for a community planting day and help restore a coastal habitat in Nelson City.

We will be planting at Orphanage Stream delta, at the mouth of Orphanage Stream from 9am. Please bring a spade if you have one and wear solid footwear and gloves.

Park at the back of Annesbrook Church carpark, 40 Saxton Road, and walk through the paddock towards the stream and under the underpass to the Delta.

Contact Leigh on 0274 054 225 for more information.

This community event is organised by Forest and Bird and supported by Nelson City Council's Nelson Nature programme.



# The Nelson Tasman Climate Forum has found its feet... and wants you!

The lockdown didn't stop the Nelson Tasman Climate Forum, which launched at the end of February to weave our communities together around an urgent response to climate change.

The forum had its first meeting a fortnight later, just before lockdown started. Around 20 subgroups and working groups have gotten underway since then, discussing everything from transport and energy to social justice and community resilience to the wellbeing of our natural world. Each subgroup is planning strategic actions to reduce our greenhouse gas emissions and build our region's resilience to climatic changes, and working hard to make sure that every action respects all people and our natural world.

It's a purpose that's full of fascinating tensions to work through, like the urgency of climate change (= speed) versus bringing everyone along (= patience), and the nature of climate change (= interconnected) versus tackling it in manageable pieces (= segmented). There are ethical considerations (what does an ethical response to sea-level rise look like?) and value decisions (how do we prioritise our actions?) and diverse perspectives to incorporate (how can we include

different interpretations of climate change and different cultures and needs?).

The Forum needs everyone to help work through these complex questions. Not just the climate scientists, energy experts or regenerative farmers, although they are very useful. It needs people from every walk of life – every culture, age, profession, faith, community. It needs us all, to create a response to climate change that we can all accept. It needs people to join in as leaders and supporters, to do the tasks of being part of a community. It needs you!

For the first time since lockdown started, the Forum will meet face-to-face in mid-July. Details of the hui will be published on the Forum website ([nelsontasmanclimateforum.org](http://nelsontasmanclimateforum.org)) and in the email newsletter, which you can subscribe to on the "Contact" page.

*\*Supplied by Julie Nevin Co-Chair of the Nelson Tasman Climate Forum.*



## MEETINGS

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

Infrastructure Committee	2 Jul
10am	
Hearings Panel – Other	8 Jul
9am	
Governance and Finance Committee	9 Jul
10am	
Chief Executive Employment Committee – Rūma Whakatū	21 Jul
2pm	
Environment Committee	23 Jul
10am	
Community Services Committee	30 Jul
10am	

**Correction to start time**

Forestry Advisory Group – Rūma Waimārama, 30 June, start time is 3pm not 9am as previously advertised.

For a full list of meetings go to:

[nelson.govt.nz/meetings](http://nelson.govt.nz/meetings)

To sign up for Our Nelson by email go to:



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nelsoncitycouncil**

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



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

**Stoke Memorial Hall**  
STOKeD SKATE. 2 – 5.30pm, Saturday 4 July.

**Nelson Public Libraries**

**Elma Turner Library**  
Small Time at the Library. 10.30am, every Monday & Wednesday.  
Device Advice. 2pm, every Tuesday & Thursday.  
Junior Book Club, 3.30pm, every Tuesday.  
Library Knitters. 10am – 12pm, every Thursday.  
Story Time at the Library. 10.30am, every Tuesday.

Tea & Talk. 10am, every Friday.  
Justices of the Peace. 10am – 12pm, every Saturday.  
Computer Class – Entertainment Apps. 9.30am, Thursday 25 June.  
Friends of the Library Book Sale. 10am, Saturday 27 June.  
Live Music Series – Trio Jackson. 2pm, Sunday 28 June.  
New Zealand Transport Agency. 3pm, Monday 29 June & 13 July.  
Book Chat. 10.30am, Tuesday 14 July.  
Young Adult Reading Club. 3.45pm, Wednesday 15 July.

**Nightingale Library Memorial**  
Nellie Knitters. 1.30 – 3.30pm, every Monday.

Story Time at the Library. 10.30am, every Thursday  
Story Time at Nightingale. 11am Sunday 28 June.

**Stoke Library**  
Small Time at the Library 10.30am, every Wednesday.  
Device Advice at Stoke Library. 2pm, every Wednesday & 11am every Friday.  
Young Adult Reading Club. 3.45pm, Tuesday 21 July

**Museums and Galleries**

**The Suter Art Gallery & Theatre**  
Hours: 9.30am – 4.30pm Daily  
Encounters with Cook: Meretoto/Ship Cove, Tōtaranui/Queen Charlotte Sound,

Te Moanan-o-Raukawa/Cook's Strait. Saturday 15 February – Saturday 5 July.  
Michael Dell: Endless Days. Saturday 23 May – Sunday 4 October  
Noble Souls. Saturday 20 June – Sunday 30 August.

**Nelson Provincial Museum**  
Hours: 10am – 5pm weekdays, 10am – 4.30pm weekends and public holidays.  
Online Exhibition: Rugby 150 Years. Thursday 14 May 2020 – Thursday 13 May 2021. 10.30am, every Tuesday.  
Story Time at the Library.