

# OUR NELSON

Tō Tātou Whakatū

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## 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.

We recommend this simple precaution for all households, including those on public and private water supplies.



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## The Buskers are back!

If you're looking for something extraordinary, you won't want to miss the upcoming Nelson Buskers Festival from Thursday 31 January to Sunday 3 February!

Gaile Noonan, Community Services Committee Chair welcomes the street performers to Nelson and is looking forward to this year's eye-opening acts.

"We have award-winning performers from around the globe, including Argentina, Canada, Germany, Japan, as well as Aotearoa for four days of action-packed shows at three different venues. The Buskers Festival is certainly one of those light hearted, fun events that you want to make sure is on your entertainment to-do list," says Gaile.

The Trafalgar Street performances during the day and the Church Steps evening shows are family-friendly and free to attend (but do bring some cash to show your appreciation for the amazing skills of these hard-working performers).

The Thursday and Friday evening cabaret shows at The Boathouse, where the buskers really let their hair down, is ticketed and for people over 18 years.

This summer's performers are:

- **Hero-san (Japan)**  
An acrobat and ninja gymnast.
- **The Atari Show (Argentina)**  
Comedian and juggler, featuring high-class contemporary juggling, physical comedy unsynchronised dance moves and upbeat improvisation!
- **Sara Twister (Germany)**  
Contortionist and acrobatic archer. One of the only professional contortionists in the world who, whilst balancing on her arms, can fire a bow ... with her feet!
- **The Silver Starlets (Canada)**  
All-female aerial acrobatic show, full of glam, glitz and glitter.
- **Basketball Jones (New Zealand)**  
Basketball freestyle and comedy juggling – ball skills like no other you've witnessed.

You can see these performers at the following location and times (see the Nelson Buskers Festival Facebook page for any late changes):

### BUSKERS AT THE BOATHOUSE

Thurs 31 Jan 8pm and Fri 1 Feb, 8.30pm

This is a ticketed event – see [nelsonsummer.nz](http://nelsonsummer.nz) for more information.

### BUSKERS ON THE CHURCH STEPS

Sat 2 and Sun 3 Feb, 6pm

Family cabaret show

### BUSKERS ON TRAFALGAR

Thursday 31 Jan, 11am–3pm

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| 11–11.45am      | The Silver Starlets |
| 11.45am–12.30pm | The Atari Show      |
| 12.30–1.15pm    | Hero-San            |
| 1.15–2pm        | Basketball Jones    |
| 2–2.45pm        | Sara Twister        |

Friday 1 Feb, 11am–3pm

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| 11–11.45am      | The Atari Show      |
| 11.45am–12.30pm | Basketball Jones    |
| 12.30–1.15pm    | Sara Twister        |
| 1.15–2pm        | Hero-San            |
| 2–2.45pm        | The Silver Starlets |

Saturday 2 Feb, 10.30am–2.30pm

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| 10.30–11.15am | Sara Twister        |
| 11.15am–12pm  | Hero-San            |
| 12–12.45pm    | The Silver Starlets |
| 12.45–1pm     | The Atari Show      |
| 1–1.45pm      | Basketball Jones    |





## Sign up for the Aotearoa Bike Challenge

Kua takoto te mānuka: The Challenge has been set!

The Aotearoa Bike Challenge runs throughout February and is a fun, free competition to encourage work colleagues to experience first-hand joys and benefits of riding a bike. There are lots of fantastic prizes to be won too!

### How does it work?

You and your workplace team earn points for every kilometre you ride, every day you ride, and for every person you encourage to sign-up (whether they join your team or not).

You'll compete against other workplace teams of comparable sizes. Ride anywhere, anytime for just 10 minutes to participate.

Just register at [lovetoride.net](http://lovetoride.net), it only takes a few minutes and then you'll be all set to ride and win.

Get signed up now and be part of the local celebration of cycling with Go By Bike Day on Wednesday 13 February from 7.30 to 9.30am. A free breakfast will be on offer for hungry cyclists at 1903 Square at the top of Trafalgar Street. Get on your bike and join the fun.

[lovetoride.net](http://lovetoride.net)

## Waimea Road speed limit – have your say!

Nelson City Council is seeking feedback from the community until Friday 15 February 2019 on a proposal to change the current 70km/h speed limit on Waimea Road to 50km/h.

This applies to a 1.3km section of road, from 240m south of Market Road and 200m north of the Beatson Road roundabout.

The reasons for this proposal are to provide:

- improved road safety on this section of Waimea Road
- a workable speed environment for the proposed new intersection of Princes Drive with Waimea Road.

A copy of the full Statement of Proposal is available from the Council office in Trafalgar Street, the Nelson, Stoke and Tahunanui Libraries or online at [nelson.govt.nz](http://nelson.govt.nz).

Submissions, in favour of or against the proposal, are welcome until Friday 15 February 2019. They can be:

- Done online at [nelson.govt.nz](http://nelson.govt.nz)
- Posted to Speed Limit Bylaw, Nelson City Council, PO Box 645, Nelson 7040
- Dropped off at Civic House, 110 Trafalgar Street, Nelson.

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

## Getting rid of your old fridge?

The New Year sales can be a great time to buy a new fridge, but make sure that your old fridge is disposed of properly.

Older fridges are likely to be powered by one of the manmade greenhouse gasses such as CFCs or HFCs, which contribute to climate change.

Take your unwanted fridge to the Transfer Station on Pascoe Street, (minimum drop off fee applies) where any refrigeration gases will be removed and disposed of safely so they don't pollute the atmosphere.

If you've got a good older fridge and you want to keep it going, here are some useful tips to keep down energy costs and make sure it's working efficiently:

- Keep dust off the coils at the back of the fridge
- Make sure the door seals (gaskets) are clean and working well – test this by putting a torch in your fridge and turn the lights off in the kitchen. Replace them if they're not performing well.
- Keep your fridge away from other appliances so it won't be made to work harder because of the heat they generate. Positioning it out of the sun can also help.



## Small grants to reduce waste at events

Public and community events can create a lot of waste which often ends up in the landfill. Events offer a great opportunity to reduce waste going to landfill and to educate and support people to avoid or reduce the creation of waste.

Nelson City Council has a funding pool of \$10,000 available to support the avoidance or reduction of waste at events. This funding is available in the form of small grants of up to \$250, and applications are open until 30 June 2019 (unless the fund has been fully allocated prior to that date). Conditions apply.

If you have any queries please contact [lesswaste@ncc.govt.nz](mailto:lesswaste@ncc.govt.nz) or visit:

[nelson.govt.nz/events-waste-grants](http://nelson.govt.nz/events-waste-grants)



## Annual Kai Festival a wonderful celebration of culture

Residents and visitors are invited to celebrate this Waitangi Day at Nelson's annual international Kai Festival from 10.30am to 3.30pm. Hosted by Whakatū Marae and Founders Heritage Park, the festival promises to be a wonderful celebration of community culture.

The day features a pōwhiri, a traditional welcome for visitors, at Whakatū Marae at 11am and there's also a unique opportunity to take part in cultural workshops run by Whenua Iti. The workshops on offer include haka, flax weaving and te reo. Local stories and history will be shared during the day.

You can also see internationally-renowned Tā Moko tattooist, artist and master carver Gordon Toi, the founder of House of Natives Aotearoa demonstrating his talent and skill in the Granary. A range of Māori arts and crafts will also be on display.

Chair of the Community Services Committee, Gaile Noonan says with more than 70 international kai and craft stalls available, it's a perfect way to mix food, celebration and culture.

"The festival has grown in popularity year on year, and last year more than 7,000 people attended. It's an event to celebrate Te Ao Māori and also recognises the diversity of Nelson's people. We're a fun, welcoming city that values our past and present," says Gaile.

Carol Hippolite, Marae organiser for the Kai Festival says the event is in its 11th year now and still going strong.

"Through this event we have seen some of our stall holders grow from humble beginnings to owning their own restaurant or small café. This event has also been able to provide fundraising opportunities for groups such as kapa haka events, sports trips, family reunions, school trips and the list goes on," says Carol.

"Being able to provide an event for families and the wider community has been one of the visions behind the creation of the Kai Festival – sharing cultural experience through the powhiri, along with affordable prices in sampling of kai from all around the world. We wanted to give this day a grass roots feel, where people can interact with one another and enjoy a festive day with food and entertainment".

Note 6 February in your calendar, don't forget your koha (donation) and bring your own water bottles and reusable coffee cups.



## The Best Little Woodshed

Council's Best Little Woodshed competition is back, with great prizes including firewood and chimney clean/checks. Previous competitions have seen some wonderful, creative and very practical solutions to storing your wood, so we hope to see more of the same this year.

### How to enter:

Check out Council's Burn Bright tips on how to buy and store your firewood. Get your wood in, stack it loosely and make sure that:

- The wood is off the ground to avoid moisture seeping up from below
  - Air flow can reach the sides of the pile
  - The top of the pile is covered with a well-secured wind and rain-proof cover.
- If you need to build a shed, remember you can don't need a Building Consent as long as it is:
- Less than 10m<sup>2</sup> in floor area
  - No more than one storey high, with a max. floor height from the ground of 1m, and max. roof height 3.5m above floor level
  - Not positioned closer than the shed's own height to a boundary or residential building.

Take a photo of your woodshed, wood stack or ingenious wood storing solution, and upload it with your entry at [nelson.govt.nz](http://nelson.govt.nz), search = woodshed competition.

Entries are open from 23 January to 28 February 2019.

The 10 best woodsheds may be visited for final judging.

**The Judges' Choice:** The best three woodsheds will each receive a voucher for one cord of firewood from a Good Wood Supplier

**People's Choice:** Photo entries will be loaded on to Council's facebook page. The image with the most number of 'likes' will win its owner a free chimney clean and woodburner check.

For more hints and tips on getting your firewood ready for winter, visit [nelson.govt.nz/burn-bright](http://nelson.govt.nz/burn-bright)

### Conditions

*The competition is open to residents and ratepayers of Nelson City area only. Nelson City Councillors and Council staff are not eligible to enter. The wood shed/storage idea must be situated within the Nelson City Council boundaries, and must be the property of the person entering the competition. Judges will shortlist the finalists and may want to visit the shortlisted properties. Judges decision is final and no correspondence will be entered into. Entries must include a minimum of one photograph. Entries close 5pm 28 February 2019. Results will be announced in Our Nelson, issue 66, 20 March 2019.*

[nelson.govt.nz/burn-bright](http://nelson.govt.nz/burn-bright)



## Holiday hours

For information on holiday hours for Council services for Nelson Anniversary Day and Waitangi Day, go to:

[nelson.govt.nz/holiday-hours](http://nelson.govt.nz/holiday-hours)

## ROAD CLOSURES

### Proposed closures

**Applicant:** Nelmac  
**Event:** Power Pole Replacement  
**Location:** Montcalm Street  
**Date and time:** Thursday 21 February – Friday 22 February 2019, 8am – 6pm

**Applicant:** Nelmac  
**Event:** Stormwater Works  
**Location:** 1 Victoria Road to 19 Fifeshire Crescent  
**Date and time:** Monday 4 March – Friday 8 March 2019, 8am – 6pm

**Feedback date for proposed closures:** Friday 8 February 2019  
**Email:** [enquiries@ncc.govt.nz](mailto:enquiries@ncc.govt.nz)  
**Post:** Nelson City Council, PO Box 645, Nelson, 7040. Attn: Melissa Ramsay  
For all road closure information visit:

[nelson.govt.nz/road-closures](http://nelson.govt.nz/road-closures)





## Nelson Tasman Future Development Strategy

Tell us how the Nelson-Tasman region should grow.

Nelson City Council and Tasman District Council are preparing a joint Future Development Strategy. This is to help plan for and manage how and where urban growth will go over the next 30 years.

Our region is growing, and we need to continue to plan for extra homes and businesses. At the same time, business needs are changing, new housing needs to be affordable, while the make-up of communities will alter over time.

We would like to hear from you about how we should best provide for growth while making sure that our region continues to be a great place to live, learn, work and play.

Do we grow existing settlements up (intensify) or out? Or do we create new settlements – and if so what should these look like?

Are there places where growth should be avoided, or concentrated? And how do we accommodate the needs of the extra people who will live here?

There are many options available, and they all have their advantages and disadvantages.

Your input on these and other questions will help us plan for our future. We're looking for high level feedback at this stage, with a further opportunity for feedback on the draft strategy in a few months' time.

For more information on the strategy, and to provide your feedback on these issues, visit [nelson.govt.nz/future-development-strategy](http://nelson.govt.nz/future-development-strategy)

Comments should be received by Monday 11 Feb and can be made by way of the online feedback form at:

[nelson.govt.nz/future-development-strategy](http://nelson.govt.nz/future-development-strategy)

## Please keep dogs out of swimming holes

Please remember that under the Dog Control Bylaw, dogs are not permitted in the busy Maitai River swimming holes from December until the end of March.

- This includes the following swimming holes and picnic areas:
- The picnic area and river bank beside Black Hole – true right side of the river only. (This is the right hand side, when looking downstream.)
  - Dennes Hole and the adjacent picnic area
  - Sunday Hole and the adjacent picnic area
  - Maitai Camp Hole and the adjacent picnic area.

You can swim your dog in other areas of the river, but please remember to check the status of the river for the toxic algae, cyanobacteria, which can be harmful to dogs if they ingest it.

Signage will be in place if it reaches significant levels in the river. Monitoring information is also available on the Council website.

Dogs are welcome to swim at the Back Beach at Tahunanui too.

## Collingwood Street Bridge maintenance

This bridge is due to be repainted in February. For this to happen, all the locks will have to be cut from the wire fencing.

Council will carry out this work and owners can claim their lock from the Council office between 11 and 15 February if they wish to do so.



## Shiny Side Up returns to Nelson

The Shiny Side Up Bike Fest returns to Saxton Field on Sunday 3 February from 10am till 4pm.

It's a Big Day Out for motorcycle riders with the aim to bring the New Zealand motorcycle community together and share best practice.

The organisers strive for people to leave the event better riders than when they arrived. The day includes rider skills demonstrations, talks from a range of respected experts as well as stalls and entertainment.

Get all the details at:

[shinysideup.co.nz/nelson](http://shinysideup.co.nz/nelson)

## MEETINGS

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


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| Works and Infrastructure Committee                      |        |
| 9am   | 14 Feb |
| Council meeting   |        |
| 9am   | 19 Feb |
| Audit, Risk and Finance Subcommittee                    |        |
| 1pm   | 19 Feb |
| Saxton Field Committee – Netball Pavilion, Saxton Field |        |
| 9.30am  | 20 Feb |
| Planning and Regulatory Committee                       |        |
| 9am   | 21 Feb |
| Community Services Committee                            |        |
| 9am   | 26 Feb |
| Chief Executive Employment Committee – Ruma Ana         |        |
| 2pm   | 26 Feb |
| Hearings Panel – Other                                  |        |
| 9am   | 27 Feb |
| Sports and Recreation Committee                         |        |
| 9am   | 28 Feb |

Other meetings

|                      |        |
|----------------------|--------|
| Nelson Youth Council |        |
| 1pm                  | 11 Feb |

For a full list of Council meetings go to:

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

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

For a full list of Nelson events go to:

[itson.co.nz](http://itson.co.nz)