

# OUR NELSON

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## Want to save money and compost your food scraps?

Remember that you can get a \$20 subsidy (conditions apply) with coupons available through approved retailers for compost bins, bokashi buckets, worm farms and worms.



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



Histrionics re-enactment of the famous nine-day railway sit down protest in 1955 to save the line

## Celebrate Nelson's Heritage Festival

This year's Heritage Festival has an exciting programme of events on offer to celebrate and share our city's rich and varied past. Now in its ninth year, the festival has evolved from a week of activities, to a true community event across the month of April involving many organisations and community groups.

Last year hundreds of locals and visitors enjoyed over 40 individual events celebrating Nelson's unique stories, people and places.

Councillor and Community Services Committee Chair, Gaile Noonan says, "The festival would not be the popular event that it is without the support of the community. Many history buffs, theatre groups, artists, special interest groups and people in the community get involved to share their stories and the heritage of our wonderful city to create a more vibrant celebration.

"The variety and calibre of activities and entertainment last year was terrific and I would like to thank all the volunteers for their enthusiasm, commitment and time. You can be truly proud of what you achieved for visitors and locals alike. I'm really looking forward to this year's event and encourage you to keep the festival in the forefront of your mind during April," says Councillor Noonan.

There's something for everyone with live performances, talks, tours and enjoyable activities at a range of wonderful locations on offer.

The Cancer Society's popular Heritage Homes Tour returns this year, where some of Nelson's oldest building owners open their doors to the public to raise funds for charity. There's also some new additions to the programme including the interactive and informative comedy 'Lord Nelson' at the Theatre Royal, and Author Philip Simpson

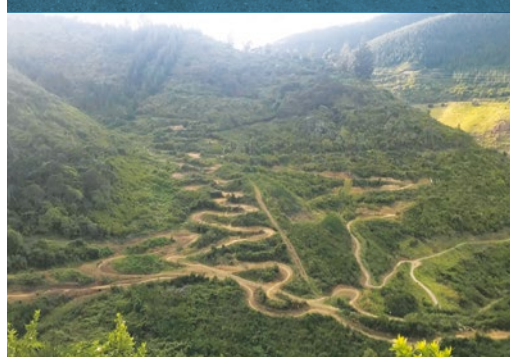
discussing his latest book about one of the region's most loved parks, the Abel Tasman.

The Great Lego Print Day at Founders Heritage Park also sounds like fun – roll up your sleeves and get inky fingers at a workshop using Lego tiles to build your own image, and using the oldest press in the Printery to produce it.

See the next edition of Our Nelson for the programme or see [nelson.govt.nz/heritage-festival](http://nelson.govt.nz/heritage-festival) for more information.



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## Council awards fire volunteer Margaret Goff

A Nelson woman has been thanked for her outstanding contribution to the community response during the Pigeon Valley fire.

Within 24 hours of the blaze starting, Margaret Goff opened the doors to the Nelson Suburbs Football Club's rooms at Saxton Field to provide a much-needed hub for meals, donations, and community support.

While Marg admits that she didn't have a plan, she knew that people wanted to help and that someone needed to coordinate those efforts.

For nearly three weeks, Marg coordinated up to 100 volunteers at a time to provide food and care packages to evacuees, firefighters, Police, SPCA, HUHA, and Civil Defence.

They also supplied the firefighters with vital supplies such as thick woollen socks, lip balm, insect repellent and strapping tape.

"Meal by meal, energy drink by energy drink, and grocery pack by grocery pack, Margaret and her team met the demand," says Mayor Rachel Reese.

"She supported the lives of those in need who had been evacuated from their homes, as well as sustaining those on the front lines, working so tirelessly to keep our community safe."



## Water restrictions update

At the time of printing, water restrictions are still in place in both urban and rural Nelson. However, they may change if we continue to get significant rain in the right areas.

Find the latest information about restrictions and great ways to conserve water at:

[nelson.govt.nz/services/water-and-wastewater/water-restrictions/](https://nelson.govt.nz/services/water-and-wastewater/water-restrictions/)



## Nelson reserves reopened

The recent rain has helped to ease the fire risk and allowed Nelson City Council to reopen the reserves that had previously been closed.

Sport and Recreation Committee Chair Tim Skinner says "This rain has brought welcome relief in terms of reducing fire danger. It has been a very long wait for us to get back into these wonderful spaces that we all enjoy so much as community. I thank everyone for their patience and understanding of the situation.

If for any reason, some areas need to remain closed, the closure signage will stay in place. Please take note of this because if an area is staying closed, it will be for valid safety reasons.

Fire and Emergency note that although the situation has eased, the amount of rainfall has been variable and if we get several weeks of dry warm weather the risk of a significant fire will again be very real.

Please stay vigilant at all times and if you see smoke or any sign of fire please call 111 immediately.



## Mayor partners up with aspiring new mentoree

Nelson's Mayor is partnering up with an aspiring young rangatahi to help develop the leadership of young Māori within the community.

Mayor Rachel Reese is once again taking part in the Tuia and Mayors Taskforce for Jobs, as part of the Rangatahi Leadership Programme.

It is an intentional, long-term, intergenerational approach which involves local mayors selecting young Māori to mentor on a one-to-one basis, to encourage and enhance leadership skills.

Selected rangatahi are expected to undertake and record a 100 hour community service project in their respective communities.

Rangatahi will also obtain support and receive leadership training by attending four leadership development wananga over the course of the year.

Mayor Reese says she sees great value in the programme.

"Educating and inspiring the leaders of tomorrow is one of the best things we can do to positively influence the future of our communities.

"I thoroughly enjoy my role as a mentor and I feel it is a great honour to be able to guide young people in this way."

This year Mayor Reese's mentoree is Tamati-James Wilson, 20, from Stoke.

The former Nelson College student has just

started a full-time role at Garin College as the Te Reo Māori teacher, for year 9 to year 13, and is completing a teaching degree with Te Wānanga o Raukawa.

He says he's excited at the opportunity.

"I am really passionate about my whakapapa and I am determined to grow and learn, guiding both myself and my iwi to new opportunities."



## Building Warrant of Fitness renewal invoicing change

Nelson City Council is making a change to the way it invoices for the Building Warrant of Fitness (BWOF) renewal fee.

To date, Council has invoiced the month before the BWOF is due and sent the invoice along with a reminder letter.

From April 2019, payment for all BWOF renewals for the 12 months from 1 March – 28/29 February (inclusive) will be invoiced annually in March, and due April of that year.

The BWOF renewal due date will remain the same. This is to allow the Commercial Building Assurance Team to concentrate on the core roll of ensuring Nelson buildings with Specified Systems remain safe and to provide more transparency and efficiency for our Finance team.

- If your BWOF is due in April 19 you will receive your invoice in March 2019 as usual.
- If your BWOF is due between 1 March and 29 February 2020, you will also receive your invoice in March 2019 due April 2019.
- If you were invoiced in January or February for the 2019 renewal you won't be invoiced again in March 2019 – your next invoice will be March 2020.

Due to the quantity of payments expected, please ensure you use your 'CS Customer Number' as a reference when making a payment online. For any payments that incorporate multiple BWOFs, please ensure you forward a Remittance Advice which will enable our Finance team to split the payment correctly. The change will not negatively impact any building owner, as any fee review would not be applied until the next annual invoice.

The Building Quality Assurance team will continue to send reminder letters monthly at this stage but it is the building owner's responsibility to ensure the BWOF renewals are submitted before the due date. Insurance cover may be void if the building does not have a current BWOF.

If you have any questions please contact our Building Quality Assurance team by email at [bwof@ncc.govt.nz](mailto:bwof@ncc.govt.nz).



Winner of the Best Little Woodshed competition Avner Nahmias with judge Councillor Brian McGurk

## Best Little Woodshed 2019 winners

This year's Best Little Woodshed competition saw judges, Councillor Brian McGurk and Eco-home Advisor Richard Popenhagen, looking for woodsheds that met criteria for design, function and flair.

Woodsheds were judged on:

- Cover to keep the rain off
- Airflow to the sides
- Wood up off the ground
- Use of recycled materials
- Innovation of design and material use
- Practicality/ease of use
- Aesthetics.

The judges visited a shortlist of five woodsheds and whittled them down to three outstanding sheds, which each receive a voucher for a cord of firewood.

• **First:** Avner and Emanuel Nahmias – this father and son team built a beautiful shed that steps down their drive with a curved roof. The uniquely designed shed is made entirely from recycled materials and is close to the house for easy access with the wheelbarrow.

• **Second:** Kati Doehring's woodburner is not just a heater, it's a way of life. Every spare corner of Kati's outdoor space is put to use for seasoning, drying and storing wood, with a main storage shed plus drying spaces under the eaves around the house. The wood is moved into the main storage space once dry, and she uses a moisture meter to ensure she's burning dry wood.

• **Third:** Damon Moore built a three bay woodshed to match his house. The bays separate the wood into hard, medium and starter wood, and there is good airflow under the floor. The shed uses some recycled materials, is well designed, solidly built and very close to the house for ease of access. It's a good complement to the look of the house.

• **The Facebook People's Choice prize** of a woodburner check and flue clean was won by Avner and Emanuel Nahmias, as their curved roof shed proved very popular with 180 likes.



Second place: Kati Doehring



Third place: Damon Moore





## Coastal hazards – what do you know?

We've had a great response to our call for information on coastal hazards, with lots of interesting memories, stories, images and video footage coming through to us.

This will all help draw a better picture of what has happened along our coasts in the past, and what could happen in the future. We're still looking for photos and video footage, in particular of the 2018 February storm events in Nelson, so please upload any images or footage to [ourcoast.nelson.govt.nz](http://ourcoast.nelson.govt.nz), send them to [ourcoast@ncc.govt.nz](mailto:ourcoast@ncc.govt.nz) or drop them off at the Customer Service Centre desk at Civic House.



## MEETINGS

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

Sports and Recreation Committee	
9am	2 April
Forestry Advisory Group – Ruma Mārama	
9am	4 April
Planning and Regulatory Committee	
1pm	4 April
Community Services Committee	
9am	11 April
Joint Shareholders Committee	
1.30pm	16 April
Civil Defence Emergency Management Group	
To follow Joint Shareholders Committee	16 April
Governance Committee	
1pm	18 April


### Changes to meetings

Regional Transport Committee – previously advertised to occur on 25 March	
1.30pm	15 April
Audit Risk and Finance	
26 March	Cancelled
Council meeting – to hear submissions to strategic property central city	
9am, 9 April	Cancelled
Council Meeting to deliberate submissions to strategic property central city	
9am, 18 April	Cancelled

- Notes:
1. Unless otherwise shown, the meetings will be held in the Council Chamber, Civic House, Trafalgar Street, Nelson.
  2. A public forum is held during the initial period of the Committee/Council meeting. Anyone wishing to speak at this public forum is asked to give prior advice to the Governance Advisers on 546 0200.
  3. Agendas will be available for perusal at the Customer Service Centre in Civic House, or at Nelson Public Libraries, two days prior to the meeting.
  4. Agendas and minutes for Council meetings can be viewed on Council's website [nelson.govt.nz](http://nelson.govt.nz).

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)

## AlphaOne – building control digital solution: the first five months

Nelson City Council and Tasman District Council both went live on 1 October 2018 with the Alpha One Digital Building Control System.

The Alpha One system has provided both Councils with a common system for customers which covers the full building consenting process from application to issue

of Code Compliance Certificate. The system is being used by 14 other councils across the country and has been in use for around five years.

As with any significant change to any business system there is always a bedding in period. As Alpha One is an end-to-end system it inherently impacts all aspects of the consenting business. We greatly appreciate the co-operation and understanding of our customers as the new system settles in.

## From the libraries Grab a bag of fun!

The Nelson Public Libraries' Grab Bags are full of books, puzzles and games for you to enjoy with your young visitors, or children you may be caring for.

Don't worry if you're not sure what they like to read, Grab Bags are tailored to a range of age-groups, so if you are pushed for time, just grab a bag.

Available from Elma Turner Children's Library for up to four weeks.

