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Keep up to date with the latest news from Nelson City Council

Don't forget to slow down on Waimea Road

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The new lower 50km/h speed limit comes into effect on Waimea Road from Friday 31 May.

This means all of Waimea Road will have the same 50km/h limit in place, since the proposal to lower the limit from 70km/h on one section was approved by Council.

If you travel this way, you will have seen the reminder signs in place. The change was made to increase safety on Waimea Road, so please obey the new limit once it is in place from Friday.



Nelson City Council declares a Climate Emergency

Nelson City Council declared a Climate Emergency in recognition of the mounting advice from scientists and the United Nations that there is a small window for action to avoid the most damaging effects of climate change.

By declaring a Climate Emergency, Nelson City Council joins 529 Councils in ten countries, as well as the United Kingdom and Irish parliaments, in recognising that action on climate change needs to be prioritised at all levels of society and government.

As a signatory to the Local Government Climate Change Declaration, Council last week welcomed the Government's Climate Change Response (Zero Carbon) Amendment Bill as evidence of the high priority that central government is also attaching to the issue.

Council already has a programme of work on climate change underway, with more planned, as outlined in the Annual Plan consultation document. The Climate Change Emergency will emphasise its intention to play a key role in leading the community towards a resilient and low emissions future and implementing adaptive measures that will help to manage and minimise risk.

Mayor Rachel Reese says that the Annual Plan hearings this week have highlighted the strong support from submitters for urgent action on climate change.

"Our vision is to be the Smart Little City and climate change leadership requires smart thinking and proactive decision making," says Mayor Reese.

"We're going to need a new way of thinking and

working to meet the expectations of our youth and of the next generation.

"Our region already has a reputation as a leader in scientific, environmental and business innovation. Council wants to work alongside our business and community leaders to take an innovative approach to meet this challenge."

Mayor Reese says that the declaration is about prioritising collaboration across the wider community to take action on climate change.

"This issue affects everyone in Nelson, and we need to harness the power of our business and community strengths to work alongside the council, to look at how we can maintain our community well-being into the future. Our community has the capability to make a difference.

"Local Government plays a critical role in leadership on issues that affect us all, and today this Council has proven the value of local democracy.

"By making the declaration, Council is committed to looking at how its plans, policies, and work programmes can support action to address the climate emergency, and ensuring that a climate emergency strategy is embedded in all future Council strategic plans."



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MAYOR'S MESSAGE

During May, the Council Chamber has been busy as we heard from many groups and individuals who had submitted on our Annual Plan.

Alongside consultation on the Annual Plan, we also asked for your views on a proposal to help increase the supply of Community Housing, and a proposal from a Nelson company to acquire part of Wakatu Square for a major investment that would see an integrated shopping precinct built, connecting to Trafalgar and Bridge Streets. We will work through our decisions on these proposals early in June.

I want to thank everyone who participated and provided us with feedback, ideas, and requests through the Annual Plan consultation process. I can assure you that all your points raised will be carefully considered by Council and if possible will be included in the Annual Plan. However, Council remains committed to staying within our rates cap, so some good ideas may not be able to be included for affordability reasons this year, but we will aim to include them in future years.

We have given the challenge of climate change a strong focus in the Annual Plan, giving this critical issue priority and urgency.

Your feedback strongly supported our approach and many called on Nelson to recognise the mounting evidence from scientists and the advice from the United Nations that there is a small window for action to avoid the most damaging effects of climate change.

Council took up that call to action and joined Environment Canterbury as the first councils in New Zealand to publically acknowledge that we are in a state of climate emergency that requires urgent action and leadership by all levels of government.

In our region, we are increasingly seeing the impact on our community of climate change effects as sea water temperatures rise impacting aquaculture and storm surge damages buildings and infrastructure. This summer the intensity of wild fire and drought brought a new set of challenges.

Our region already has a reputation as a leader in scientific, environmental and business innovation and the declaration signals our intention to work alongside our business and community leaders to take an innovative approach to meet this challenge.

Climate change leadership requires smart thinking and proactive decision making and fits well with our vision – The Smart Little City.

I strongly believe in our community's capability to grasp this as an opportunity to make change for the better. The generations to follow will expect nothing less from us.



Founders Book Fair is back from 1 June

The much-loved Founders Book Fair starts on Queen's Birthday Weekend.

The Fair, now an event over nine days with more than 12,000 visitors, has come a long way since the first book sale in 1988. Donated books steadily stream in from the community year round, and a dedicated group of volunteers come in every week to sort and price items.

The Book Fair is a major fundraiser for Founders Heritage Park with all profits going towards developments at the park.

Community Services Chair Gaile Noonan says, "It wouldn't be the success that it is without the community's support and the generosity of volunteers putting in many hours work. A big thanks to all those involved!

"The Fair has been growing in popularity year on year and attracts people from all over the Top of the South and even further afield which is great news for Nelson. I hear many locals and visitors return every year to find their gem amongst the pre-loved books," says Gaile.

This year there are more children's books than ever before, and new book categories have been introduced. These include popular authors, for example Enid Blyton,

Dr Seuss and JK Rowling, and a vintage category for children.

"We've also made other changes to make it easier to browse and find what you're looking for amongst the thousands of books," Gaile says.

"We have a new room layout at the Energy Centre and a map will be available showing the range and location of book categories."

This is also a bumper year for jigsaw puzzles with hundreds for sale in The Granary, this could be a perfect way to while away the hours during the colder, darker winter months.

Daily entry to the fair is \$2 per adult or \$5 for a nine-day pass. Children under 12 years are free. The Book Fair will open from 10am–4.30pm on Saturday 1 June and runs through to Sunday 9 June.

If you love books or someone else in the family does, note your calendar now and don't forget to bring a bag to take away your new pre-loved books.

Event details

What: Founders Book Fair
Where: Founders Heritage Park
When: Saturday 1–Sunday 9 June



Greenmeadows Community Open Day – come and enjoy the facilities

The Greenmeadows Community Open Day will provide the community with the opportunity to “have a go” at various taster and information sessions provided by the community groups, who now call Greenmeadows home.

Stoke Tennis Club will have racquets and balls available for tennis fans, while the Arts Council will be offering people the opportunity to create art which will be displayed in the Greenmeadows facility.

Other groups including the RSA, Stoke Cricket and Stoke Seniors, will also have activities and information on offer, for the public to try out.

Chair of the Community Services Committee, Councillor Gaile Noonan, is looking forward to giving the local community the chance to enjoy the facilities.

“We can’t wait to see people at the open day, where they can participate in a number of fun activities and enjoy the experience. I am confident it will be a real community hub for Stoke.”

The day starts at 10.30am with brief formalities including a welcome from Mayor Rachel Reese. There will be a presentation at 11am by Marc Baron, the architect of the building.

The event, which runs until 1pm, will provide fun for the whole family with bouncy castles, a free barbecue and various other food and entertainment also available.

Mark Sunday 9 June in your calendars for the Greenmeadows Community Open Day and come along!



Pop-up library service for Stoke

There is a new ‘pop-up library service’ in Stoke, while the assessment for internal damage is undertaken during the temporary closure of the Stoke Library.

The library closed on Friday 24 May, to allow wall and ceiling linings to be removed to assess potential moisture-related damage. A pop-up library service is offering limited services from the Greenmeadows Centre’s upstairs function room. This is serviced by a lift, so is accessible for all.

Stoke Library is an important and busy community space and Community Services Committee Chair Gaile Noonan says, “It is vital that as many services as possible are retained for the community in Stoke during the closure. I realise some people will be inconvenienced by the move, but the public’s patience is appreciated as we assess the Stoke Library building. Hopefully people will enjoy the views of the lovely setting at Greenmeadows, while using the pop-up library service.”

The pop-up library service provides reserve and pick up items facilities as well as book returns, a small lending library,

bus ticket sales, rates drop off, Wi-Fi, sitting areas, newspapers, along with printing and photocopying services. Some of the most popular programmes such as Storytime and Small Talk will continue happening at Greenmeadows. While the pop-up library will not be open on Saturdays, a new Sunday service will be in its place from 10am–1pm.

The length of the temporary closure is expected to be four weeks, but this will not be confirmed until the damage has been assessed.

Updates will be available as soon as possible and people can keep up to date on the Nelson City Council and the Nelson Public Libraries Facebook pages.

Details

What: Stoke ‘Pop-Up Library’

Where: Greenmeadows (upstairs function room overlooking the Greenmeadows field), access from Main Road Stoke or the car park on Songer Street.

Contact: library@ncc.govt.nz or 03 546 8100.

Opening hours: Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri 9.30am–5pm.

Wed 10am–5pm. Sat Closed. Sun (2 and 9 June) 10am–1pm.



Changes at Betsy Eyre Park

Bollards have been installed around Betsy Eyre Park in the Brook Valley.

Now that the Brook Recreation Hub is available further up the valley, trail users can leave vehicles there and Betsy Eyre Park can once again be used as an open green space for the neighbourhood, rather than a parking area. For those wanting to access the trails, the best option is to cycle, but if you must drive, please bear in mind the access road to the Brook Recreation Hub still needs some improvements, so take extra care and be considerate as Riding for the Disabled is operating in the area.



Composting – not just a pretty bin...

Did you get yourself a compost bin using Council’s Kickstart compost voucher? If not, you’ve still got a couple of days to get the full \$30 subsidy – after 31 May it drops back to \$20. Go to nelson.govt.nz/compost to find out more.

Composting is a process that mimics nature by recycling organic material and capturing carbon to return to the soil. It is good for recycling most types of food and garden waste. The resulting compost is rich in organic matter and makes a great natural fertiliser and soil conditioner for your garden, but it also helps with reducing our carbon emissions.

How to compost

Buying your bin is just the start. Once you’ve got your bin assembled, check out our easy beginners guide to composting video and the ‘how to compost’ online resource, and start turning your kitchen waste to garden gold.

Why should you compost?

Why we compost is as important as how.

From a purely personal cost-benefit perspective, composting means you have less waste to dispose of, so you save on the cost of rubbish bags and landfill fees. Green waste and food waste can make up a considerable amount of your household waste, so composting can save you quite a bit of money.

On top of that, composting rather than putting everything into your household waste bin also helps you do your bit to reduce greenhouse gases, by keeping organic waste out of landfill.

Organic waste sent to landfill is buried and so it decomposes without oxygen. This process produces methane, which is 26 times more potent than carbon dioxide as a greenhouse gas and is a significant contributor to global greenhouse gas emissions.

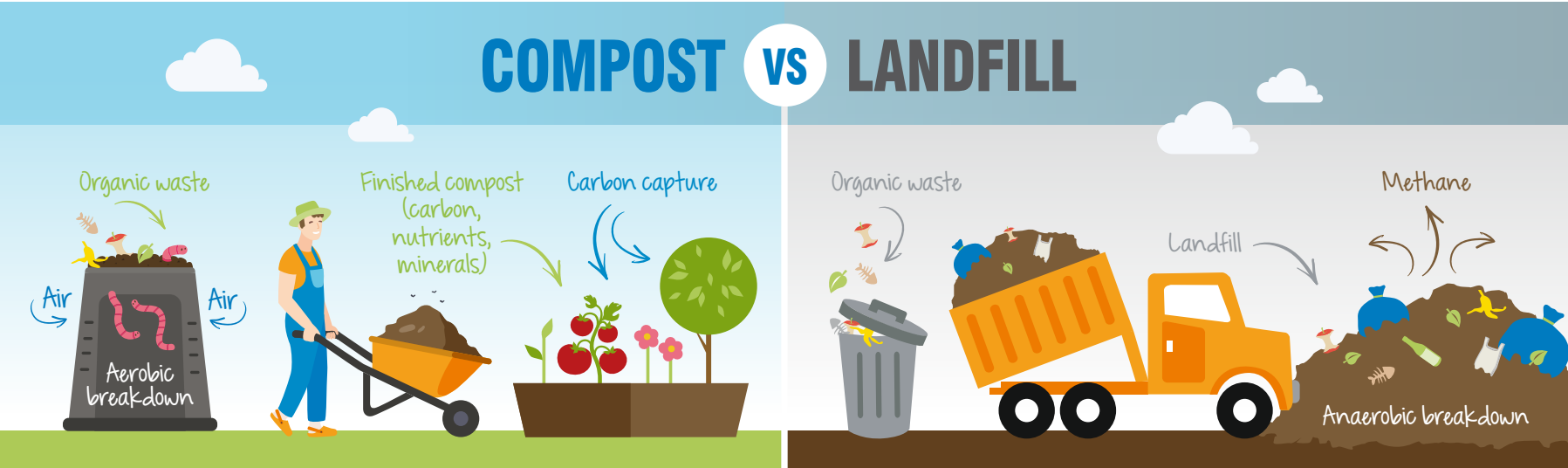
Composting is decomposing with oxygen, in a process which reduces or prevents the release of

methane. Plus, the carbon-rich compost produced is mixed back into the soil, making the carbon available to plants and microbes rather than releasing it into the air.

So composting is important. You can reduce your household waste (and associated costs), reduce your carbon footprint and help look after our soils and climate, just by buying and using a compost bin.

If you have a garden of any sort, using the compost in your garden will help condition the soil and encourage the worms and soil microbes to do their jobs, giving you better vegetable and fruit crops and healthier flowers, trees and shrubs. If you don’t have a garden, the compost can be swapped with or given to neighbours or friends.

nelson.govt.nz/compost



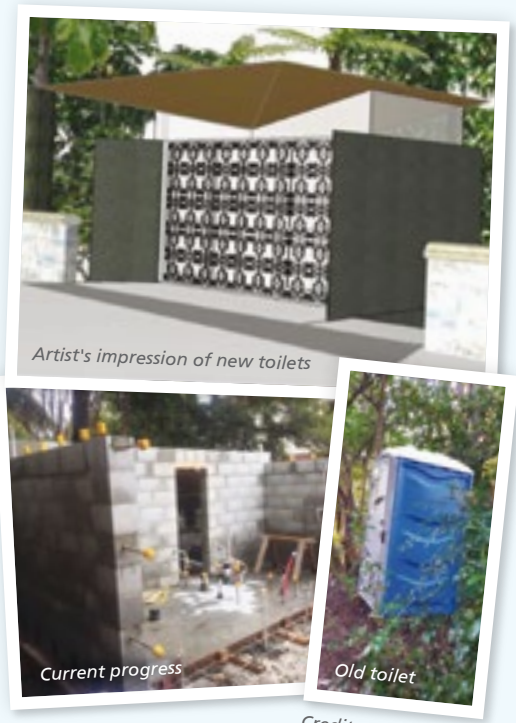
New Queens Gardens toilets on the way

The days are numbered for the plastic-fantastic toilet in the Queens Gardens.

If you’ve been down Bridge Street recently you will have seen the construction beginning on the replacement toilets, beside the Suter Art Gallery and Nelson’s Queens Gardens.

Council has heard from public feedback that there needs to be a long-term solution for visitors to the Gardens, since the closure of the public toilets in the basement of The Suter.

The new toilet block will be accessed from the Bridge Street footpath and has been designed to complement the exterior of the adjacent Suter Gallery. It will contain two unisex toilets, one of which is disabled accessible and has a baby change table. Construction is expected to be completed by the end of June 2019, subject to weather or any other unexpected delays.



Credit: Gaile Noonan

Soft plastic recycling update

Like many others we’ve been waiting for an update on the soft plastics recycling programme run by the Packaging Forum (the industry body for promoting packaging recycling) in partnership with supermarkets.

The reason the Packaging Forum suspended the programme was that the volumes of soft plastic being collected were more than they could find new uses for – you can read about this online at recycling.kiwi.nz/solutions/soft-plastics-recycling-landing. The organisers have now decided only to offer this programme in Auckland, so it will no longer be available in our region.

Please remember that soft plastics (any plastic, even if numbered, that is soft, lightweight and can be scrunched easily) CANNOT go into the Council kerbside recycling collection, as they are too lightweight to go through the sorting equipment. The best answer of course, wherever possible, is to reduce the amount of plastic we all use, but in the meantime to make sure that these materials don’t get out into our environment, please put them in your regular household waste collection.



2019 Festival Round-Up



"Participating in the Heritage Festival is a fantastic way to share my passion for traditional printmaking. I love the vibrant, upbeat hum in the printery as participants delve into learning this art form. Not to mention the endless creative outcomes that bring fresh twists on conventions,"
Renee Hadlow, The Armarie Room, the printery at Founders.

"A great opportunity to pass on and share our time honoured skills and to be part of the Nelson Heritage Festival," Helen Gerry, Centre of Fine Woodworking Trust.

"It was pleasing to see so many people taking an interest in the history of the early Nelson settlers. The research that was done, is now kept at the genealogy library, 67 Trafalgar Street," Judith Fitchett and Cheryl Carnahan of the NZ Society of Genealogists Nelson.

"This year's Heritage Homes Tour was a sellout event, a rare opportunity for the public to enjoy an often hidden part of Nelson's rich history," Michelle Hunt, Centre Manager – Cancer Society Nelson.

"The Heritage Festival helped us to promote our Fair and 200 years of apples in New Zealand," Katrina Richards from Willowbank Heritage Village, Wakefield.

Events held

56

Total attendees

11,000+



How much did people enjoy it?



0%

Didn't like it



0.7%

Could be better



3%

Neutral



18.4%

Quite liked it



77.9%

Loved it

Second Hand Sunday is on 9 June: it's a fun way to declutter

Whether you are trying to free up some space in your house, or grab yourself a freebie, Second Hand Sunday is a fun way of recycling household goods.

Have you got that old bike sitting around gathering cobwebs or the wardrobe overflowing with clothes you haven't worn in ages? One person's trash is another person's treasure, so why not participate?

You also don't have to load up the car to share your belongings, simply leave the items to give away on your driveway (but remember to take back inside anything that doesn't go on the day). The Nelson Environment Centre has some great information on how to recycle leftover items.

If you have items you want to give away, simply register online to make sure you go on the list of addresses taking part, print off a poster (or pick one up from Council's Customer Services Centre) and put it on your mailbox on the day.

Second Hand Sunday starts at 10am on 9 June, so put your goods on your driveway (not on the footpath), with the poster on display. Please do not put out food or dangerous goods, like faulty electrical equipment or chemicals.

The list of participants will be available for download from 12pm on Friday 7 June, so pick up a list and head out for a treasure hunt. The event will take place rain or shine, but please respect the 10am start time.

nelson.govt.nz/second-hand-sunday

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Water main upgrade on Hardy Street

Council has started work on replacing the water main on the southern side of Hardy Street - between Collingwood and Trafalgar Streets.

The existing water main has failed several times recently and needs to be replaced to provide a reliable supply.

The installation work means that the traffic lane on the southern side of the road has to be closed during the work week. Single lane traffic will be maintained at all times travelling from Trafalgar Street to Collingwood Street. There will also be some loss of parking in the area. Both lanes of traffic will be open over the weekend.

Pedestrian access to all Hardy Street businesses will always be maintained.

Tasman Civil is carrying out the work on Council's behalf and they are working hard to minimise the disruption for all the affected businesses and their customers.

The aim is to have the work completed by the end of June, weather permitting. Thanks for your patience while we get the work done.



Take extra care on winter roads

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

From the start, making sure you have good visibility is crucial. Take the time to demist and de-ice your windscreen, all windows and mirrors before you hit the road. It's important you can see all other road users all around your vehicle and you're not just peering out of a small hole in the ice.

Nelson City Council has a limited supply of ice scrapers and microfiber cloths (for inside your windscreen) to give away from the Customer Service Centre on Trafalgar Street. Be in fast to collect yours while they last.

Gritted roads

Gritting the road doesn't act like glue. 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.

- Slow down.
- Stopping distances can increase by up to ten times.
- Allow more time for your journey.
- Increase your following distance.
- Watch out for ice in shady areas and on bridges.
- Check your tyre pressure.

See and be seen

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

- Drive with lights on dip in rain, snow or fog.
- Use your vehicle's demister or air conditioning to keep windows clear.
- Watch out for sun strike in the winter sunlight.
- Keep your windscreen cleaner reservoir topped up.
- 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.

Water meter renewal programme

Council is at the start of a four-year programme to replace water meters around the city. The first batch of 5,000 mechanical meters, has now been delivered and installation is underway.

The first installations will be at properties in the Tahunanui/Annesbrook area.

You will be informed in advance when the meter replacement is due to take place in your area. There will only be a short interruption to water supply as the meter is installed.

The programme to replace approximately 15,200 meters citywide that have reached the end of their service lives will take approximately four years, as the budget is spread over that period.



Rating Information Database

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, Wednesday and Friday 8.30am–5pm and Thursday 9am–5pm).

The Database can also be accessed via the Council's website. Simply look up our property 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 2019/20 rating year.

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

nelson.govt.nz

Building consent timeframes

Council's building consent staff are aware that due to current workloads and system issues, timeframes for consents are getting stretched towards the statutory processing time limits.

Staff are doing their best to clear backlogs, improve turnaround times and meet your expectations. Please contact us if this could cause a problem for you. We appreciate your patience and your understanding.

Building inspection notice

Council's building inspection team would like to remind clients to give at least 48 hours' notice for a building inspection request to ensure resources are in place and deadlines can be met, without undue delay.

Speed Limit survey – please share your thoughts

Central Government has placed a focus on reducing crashes on our roads, not only by investing in road safety improvements, but also ensuring ‘safe and appropriate’ travel speeds.

Of course, the ‘safe and appropriate’ speed will vary for different types of roads, depending on their main use and characteristics.

Both Nelson City and Tasman District are starting work on reviewing the current speed limits that are in place.

For speed limits to be effective, they need to be underpinned by community support and understanding.

That’s why we want to hear from you. Please take the time to complete an online survey at

nelson.govt.nz before 14 June 2019. It’s your chance to tell us what speed limits you think are safe and appropriate on our different road types.

This feedback will help us as we review our speed limits. There will be a formal consultation process to follow if speed limit changes are proposed for specific roads.

If you would prefer to complete a paper copy of the survey, they are available at the following locations and can be returned there once completed.

- Nelson City Council Customer Service Centre, 110 Trafalgar Street, Nelson.
- Elma Turner Library, 27 Halifax Street, Nelson.
- Nightingale Library Memorial, 2 Beach Road, Tahunanui.
- Stoke Library, 35 Putaitai Street, Stoke.

nelson.govt.nz

Free cycle safety training sessions for adults

If you are new to cycling, just getting back on your bike or simply want to improve your skills, you can enrol for one of these free adult cycle skills and maintenance sessions.

Nelson City Council is making these available to help all cyclists increase their skill levels so they feel more confident and safer on the road.

The sessions are free of charge but numbers are limited so you do need to register. The registration form is available on the website, nelson.govt.nz

- Saturday 15 June, 10am–12pm, Maitai shared path behind the Library. Non e-bikes only.
- Saturday 22 June, 10am–12pm, Maitai shared path behind the Library. E-bikes only.
- Saturday 29 June, 10am–12pm, Maitai shared path behind the Library. All bike types.

All bike types – to include 30 minutes on blind zones and wheel tracking with Kelvin Aris from sharetheroad.org.nz.

If it’s too wet these session will be postponed – keep an eye on the Nelson City Council Facebook page for updates.

sharetheroad.org.nz

Holiday hours

To view the upcoming holiday hours for Council services, visit our.nelson.govt.nz/holiday-hours



Get planting at Tahunanui

You are invited to be part of a community planting event at the Tahunanui Back Beach on Saturday 8 June from 10am till 1pm (wet weather day is Sunday 9 June at the same time).

In the week when we celebrate Arbour Day and World Environment Day (5 June), it’s your chance to get involved by helping to plant some native trees and shrubs suited for the coastal environment.

The area set for planting this year is at the Tahunanui Back Beach, just look for the signs. All the plants and equipment will be provided and there will be a sausage sizzle and drinks available for all volunteers.

You don’t need any previous planting experience, just turn up in suitable footwear and lend a hand. Bring the family along for a great day at the beach and make a difference to our environment, that you can see for years to come.

Other upcoming planting events

- **Todd Valley Stream Esplanade**
Sunday 9 June, 12–2pm.
- **Centre of New Zealand – Whenua (Placenta) Planting**
Saturday 15 June, 12–2pm. Continuing the revegetation of the site with this event which has been running for 10 years now.
- **Orphanage Stream Delta**
Saturday 22 June, 11am–1pm.



ROAD CLOSURES

Proposed closures

Applicant: Powertech
Event: Removal of redundant streetlight poles
Location: Chings Road and Waimea Loop Road
Date and time: 17 June 2019, 10am–midday.
Wet weather contingency dates: 18, 19, 20 June 2019

Applicant: Nelmac
Event: Removal of dead tree
Location: Melrose Terrace, Trafalgar Street and Van Diemen Street
Date and time: 17 June 2019, 7.30am–5pm.
Wet weather contingency dates: 18, 19, 20 and 21 June 2019

Applicant: Nelson City Council
Event: Christmas Carols
Location: Selwyn Place from Trafalgar Square East to Trafalgar Square West
Date and time: 24 December 2019, 7pm–11pm

Feedback date for proposed closures:
Friday 7 June 2019
Email: 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



MEETINGS

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

Community Services Committee
9am 30 May

Council meeting – to deliberate on submissions to draft Annual Plan/Community Housing/Potential Sale of Land for Commercial Development Wakatu Square
9am 4 & 6 Jun

Governance Committee
9am 13 Jun

Changes to meetings

Hearings Panel – Other – Ruma Mārama – previously advertised as taking place on 6 June
8.30am 20 Jun

- 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 and minutes for Council meetings can be viewed on Council’s website nelson.govt.nz.

nelson.govt.nz/meetings



From the Libraries...

Nelson Public Libraries has a new mobile app!

Nelson Public Libraries is excited to announce the availability of their new intuitive mobile app, which makes it easy to use the library, even if you are not physically in the library.

Available for iOS and Android, The Nelson Public Libraries app allows users to digitally browse the library's collection, get details on items, make a selection, check out or place a hold for later pickup. eBooks can be checked out too with the touch of a button. The location finder lets members find the location and operating hours of the nearest library location. Comprehensive account management is built-in too, including the ability to place holds, view their fines and fees, and for families, members can link together digital library cards to easily manage multiple accounts.

This replaces the current app, Bookmyne and the library recommends users uninstall this and download the new version. If you are interested in downloading the new app, search for Nelson Public Libraries in your app store today. If you need assistance, please contact the library and a staff member will be happy to guide you through the process.

Learn at the Library

Elma Turner Library, Thursdays, 9.30–11am

Good Book HuntingThursday 30 May
Scams & safety online Thursday 6 June
Social Media Thursday 13 June
eBooks/audiobooks Thursday 20 June
Entertainment apps Thursday 27 June

All classes are free of charge – bookings are essential by contacting library@ncc.govt.nz or phoning 03 546 0414.

Device Advice is also available as a drop in service.

- Nelson Library, Tuesday 2–3pm & Thursdays 2–3pm.
- Stoke Library, Wednesdays 2–3pm & Fridays 11am–12pm.

No bookings required, just come along with your question and bring device if possible.

New Zealand Wikipedian-at-Large visits Nelson



Dr Mike Dickison, a "Wikipedian-at-Large", arrives in Nelson on 9 June to spend three weeks working with the Nelson Provincial Museum.

Nelson is Mike's last stop on a one-year contract, funded by the US-based Wikimedia Foundation, which runs Wikipedia. Since July 2019, he has travelled all over New Zealand with residencies held at Auckland Museum, New Zealand Geographic, the National Library of NZ, Landcare Research, Otago Museum, and the University of Canterbury. Whilst there he ran public events such as "edit-a-thons" and helped those institutions make their collections and information more available online to the public via Wikipedia.

Mike will be working with Nelson Provincial Museum as a Wikipedian in residence, exploring the Museum's collection of glass-plate negatives and other images of Nelson's history. He'll be giving public talks and workshops, including an edit-a-thon to accompany the Museum's "Buller's Birds" exhibition, which will be done in collaboration with Nelson's Elma Turner Library.

Wikipedia edit-a-thon: Buller's Birds

Saturday, 15 June, 10am-4pm

In this fun and interactive full-day workshop we're improving the coverage of Sir Walter Buller's iconic book *A History of the Birds of New Zealand* on Wikipedia. Come along, even if you've never edited Wikipedia before; keen writers/researchers, ornithologists, bird friends, and researchers welcome. There will be an introduction to Wikipedia editing at the start, and experienced editors available to help. No experience required, new Wikipedia editors welcome

Bring your own laptop or other device. Free Wifi available. No charge, bookings required by contacting library@ncc.govt.nz or phoning 03 546 0414. This event is kindly hosted by Elma Turner Library in collaboration with Nelson Provincial Museum.



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



Saxton Stadium

Super Saxton. 9.15am – 10.15am, Every Monday, Wednesday & Friday.
Boot Camp. 7am, Every Tuesday & Thursday, 6pm, Every Tuesday & Friday, 10am, Every Sunday.
Cross Lift. 9.15am, Every Tuesday & Thursday
Saxton Seniors. 9.30am, Every Tuesday & Thursday, 6pm, Every Tuesday.
Mummy Tummy Fitness. 10.30am, Every Monday & Wednesday.
Weightlifting. 5pm, Every Wednesday & Friday
Trafalgar Centre
Nelson Giants vs Wellington Cigna Saints. 7pm, Saturday 1 June.
Nelson Giants vs Super City Rangers. 7pm, Friday 7 June.
Cancer Society Annual Charity Ball. 6pm, Saturday 22 June.
Founders Heritage Park
Founders Annual Book Fair. 10am – 4.30pm, Saturday 1 – Sunday 9 June.
Stoke Memorial Hall
Art Exhibition Art Group Nelson. 7pm – 9pm, Friday 14 June, 10am – 4pm, Saturday 15 June & Sunday 16 June.

Broadgreen Historic House

Creative flax weaving & dyeing workshop - Nelson. 6pm – 9pm, Friday 7 June & 9am – 4pm, Saturday 8 June.

Isel House and Park

Queen's Birthday Market. 11am – 3pm, Sunday 2 June.

Nelson Public Libraries

Elma Turner Library

Small Time at the Library. 11.30am, every Monday, & 10.30am, every Wednesday.
Story Time at the Library. 2pm, every Thursday.
Library Knitters. 10am – 12pm, every Thursday.
Device Advice. 2pm, every Tuesday & Thursday.
Junior Book Club. 3.30pm, every Tuesday.
Tea & Talk. 10am, every Friday.
Justices of the Peace. 10am – 12pm, every Saturday.
Learn in the Library – adult classes. 9.30am – 11am, Every Thursday 30 – 27 June.
STEMWriters at Nelson Libraries. 1pm, Tuesday 11 & 25 June.

DHB Stop Smoking Service. 11am, Thursday 30 May & 13 June.
World Knitting Day. 10.30am, Saturday 8 June.
Save our Springs author and activist talk. 11am – 12pm, Saturday 8 June.
Book Chat. 10.30am, Tuesday 11 June.
Trade-Aid Chocolate tasting. 11am, Wednesday 12 June.
Treasures from the Research Room – Buller's Birds. 12pm, Thursday 13 June.
Young Adult Reading Club. 3.45pm – 4.45pm, Wednesday 19 June.
Live Music Series. 2pm, Sunday 23 June.
Alzheimer's Nelson. 10am, Wednesday 26 June.
Nightingale Library Memorial
Nellie Knitters. 1.30pm, every Monday.
Story Time at the Library. Thursday 10.30am.
Stoke Library – Pop Up Library – Greenmeadows Upstairs Function Room
Small Time at the Library. 10.30am, every Tuesday.

Story Time at the Library. 10.30am, every Wednesday.
Young Adult Reading Club. 3.45pm – 4.45pm, Tuesday 18 June.
Device Advice at Stoke Library. 2pm, every Wednesday & 11am Every Friday.
Book Chat – Stoke. 5.30pm, Wednesday 19 June.
Alzheimer's Nelson. 10am, Thursday 27 June.

Museums and Galleries

The Suter Art Gallery & Theatre

Hours: 9.30am – 4.30pm Daily
Royce McGlashen: 70 for 70. Saturday 11 May - Sunday 7 July.
Perception 6 – art exhibition. Monday 27 May – Sunday 9 June.
Alexis Neal and Elke Finkenauer: Something to Remember. Saturday 15 June – Sunday 6 October.
Aratoi: Our Journeys to Aotearoa. Saturday 15 June – Sunday 13 October.
Thursday Talk: How to Look At Art. 12.10pm – 1pm, Thursday 30 May.
Thursday Talk: Floor Talk. 12.10pm – 1pm, Thursday 6 June.

Thursday Talk: Guided Tour. 10am – 11am, Thursday 20 June.

Refinery ArtSpace

Hours: 10am – 5pm Monday – Friday, 11am – 2pm Saturday
Gallery 1 – Local artist Maggy Johnston – 'Our Place Our Time'. Wednesday 29 May – Saturday 1 June.
Gallery 2 – Local artist Jane Tan – 'Every Thread I ever...'. Wednesday 29 May – Saturday 1 June.

Nelson Provincial Museum

Hours: 10 - 5pm Weekdays, 10am - 4.30pm Weekends & Public Holidays.
Buller's Birds – The Art of Keulemans and Buchanan. Saturday 20 April – Sunday 28 July.
Wildlife Photographer of the Year. Friday 1 May – Sunday 4 August.
How Wikipedia Works. 5.30pm – 6.30pm, Tuesday 11 June.
Buller's Birds – themed Wikipedia edit-a-thon. 9.30am – 4pm, Saturday 15 June.
What Wikipedia means for GLAMS. 9.30am – 12.30pm, Thursday 20 June.
NZ's Extinct Giant Flightless Birds. 5.30pm – 6.30pm, Tuesday 25 June.