

OUR NELSON

Tō Tātou Whakatū

Issue 75 • 24 July 2019

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

Greenmeadows Community Centre to host expo

Are you following health and safety protocols in your workplace?

Stoke's Greenmeadows Community Centre is hosting the Health and Safety Expo 2019. The Nelson Tasman Chamber of Commerce is running the free event on Thursday 8 August from 9am–4.30pm, which is supported by Port Nelson.

The event comprises of a trade fair and a programme of speakers delivering presentations on industry-related topics, case studies and a workshop. For details go to commerce.org.nz/events

The Greenmeadows Community Centre continues to be a popular community venue for events.

commerce.org.nz/events

STAND IN THE PLACE THAT YOU LOVE.

VOTE 2019
LOCAL ELECTIONS

PŌTI 2019
NGA PŌTITANGA Ā-ROHE



Will you represent your community by standing in the 2019 Local Elections?

Nominations are now open for this year's local elections.

In 2019, you can make a real difference to our Smart Little City by representing your community as a candidate.

In Nelson Whakatū we have a Mayor and 12 Councillors and to be eligible to stand for election, you must be a New Zealand citizen on the electoral roll.

Candidates must be nominated by two people, both of whom need to sign the nomination form, along with the candidate. The nominators must be on the electoral roll for Nelson City.

Candidates cannot nominate themselves for office. They can stand independently or under a party grouping or affiliation – similar to the process that political parties use in parliamentary elections.

Becoming a candidate costs \$200. This may be refunded, depending on how many votes the candidate receives.

As part of local elections, there are also seven members to be elected across the Nelson Marlborough District Health Board (NMDHB) area, which covers the

area made up of Marlborough and Tasman District Councils and the Nelson City Council.

Nominations for both Council and NMDHB are open until 12 noon on Friday 16 August 2019.

Nomination forms and candidate handbooks are available from Council's Customer Service Centre or any Nelson Public Library. Alternatively, you can call 03 546 0200 or head to nelson.govt.nz/elections.

Want to know more?

Come along to a candidate information evening in the Council Chamber at 5.30pm on Wednesday 31 July, where prospective candidates can learn more about what's involved in both standing for, and taking on, the role of a Mayor and/or Councillor. You can also read our candidate information handbook on Council's website.

Story continues on page 2.



2 Tahunanui Pathways – Stage One complete!



5 Skate ramp in Stoke – a sweet start



6 Matariki Festival



Will you represent your community by standing in the 2019 Local Elections? (continued from front page)

Are you enrolled to vote?

Anyone who is correctly enrolled can vote in the local elections where they live.

From the start of July, everyone enrolled should have received an enrolment update pack. All you need to do is check that your details are right. If they are you will get your voting papers sent to you in the mail. If anything needs updating, make the changes and send the form back to the Registrar of Electors immediately.

If you did not get a pack, you are not correctly enrolled to vote, and you need to enrol.

Did you know?

Voters who own property within a local council area, but who usually live outside this, can apply to go on the ratepayer roll. They will then be able to vote in the area where they pay rates and the area where they live.

To find out more, including the 'ratepayer elector' form to fill out, head to our website.

Enrolling is easy

Go online to elections.org.nz/enrol; Free text your name and address to 3676; Call 0800 36 76 56; Go to any Post Shop and fill in an enrolment form.

More information about enrolling to vote is available at elections.org.nz.

Enrol to vote by Friday 16 August

Everyone correctly enrolled by Friday 16 August 2019 will be sent their voting papers in the mail.

Those enrolling after 16 August will need to cast a special vote and will need to contact the electoral officer to obtain voting papers.

Voting in the local elections is by postal vote from Friday 20 September 2019 – Saturday 12 October 2019, 12 noon.

For further details go to:

elections.org.nz

nelson.govt.nz/vote-2019



Tahunanui Pathways – Stage One complete!

This first stage of the Tahunanui Pathways project is now complete and ready for action.

It covers the section between Annesbrook Roundabout and Parkers Road. The work carried out included the installation of a Network Tasman power cable, a new water main, and a shared walking and cycling path created where the narrow footpath used to be.

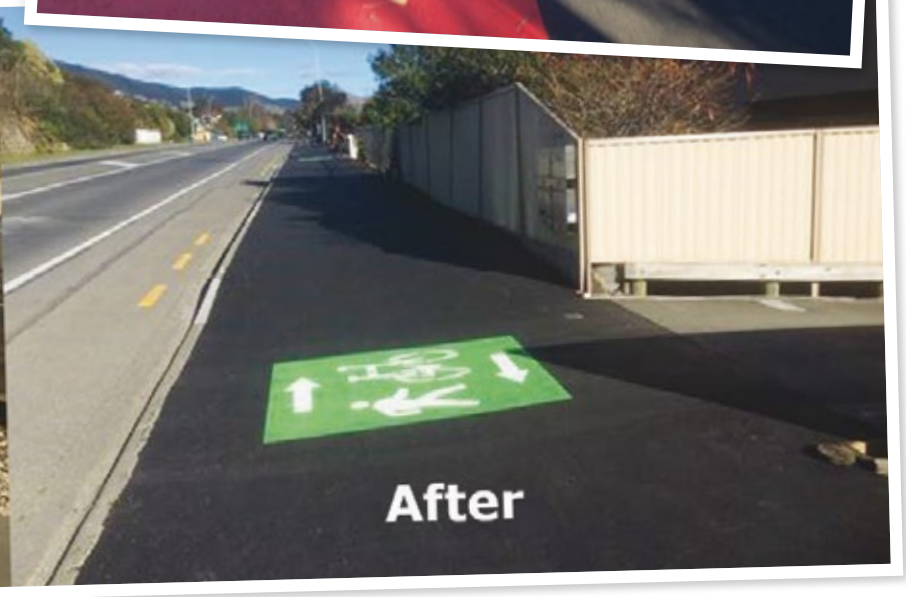
Thanks to all the residents for their patience while work was underway and for allowing us to modify their fences to improve visibility.

It's been a great outcome, with improved utility services under the road and a wide, well-marked shared path on top for all to use.

This is the first stage of the Tahunanui Pathways project which aims to make it safer and easier for people to walk, cycle or scoot around Tahunanui. Detailed designs for the next stage of the project are currently being tweaked in response to feedback from residents. This will see the route progress along Parkers Road, Muritai Street and Waikare Street with a two-way separated cycle-way. The aim is to start construction in the summer of 2019.



Before



After

Funding available for environmental projects

If you're doing your bit to improve the health of our environment you'll soon be able to apply for a helping hand to support your programmes through the Environmental Grants scheme. Applications are open from 1–30 August for the first round of grants.

Assistance is for individual and community projects. The grants process will ensure everyone has an equal opportunity to apply and that support is given consistently to improve outcomes for the environment. Successful applicants will sign a funding agreement and will need to report on their progress by May next year.

We're looking forward to helping projects that do great things for our environment, especially in the areas below:

- Protecting existing native biodiversity on private and public land (e.g. weeding, planting, fencing, possum and goat control).
- Restoring connections between native ecosystems (e.g. native planting to connect or extend fragmented ecosystems).
- Enhancing native wildlife through predator control (e.g. community trapping projects on private and public land).

- Enhancing habitat for native wildlife within the Nelson Halo and coastal ecosystems.
- Restoring riparian margins.
- Reducing erosion on farming and forestry land.
- Reducing sediment or contaminants into freshwater.

We'll consider all applications against the same criteria, and will be awarding assistance in two categories – up to a value of \$5,000 and \$20,000 per year. We'll also consider support over a number of years for suitable projects.

Details of the environmental grants priorities and the application process will be available from 1 August at nelson.govt.nz/environmental-grants or email philippa.beckman@ncc.govt.nz



Fabulous footpaths!

It's been a busy financial year for footpath improvements around Nelson. There's a good chance you will have seen work happening in your neighbourhood. If you're a walker, wheelchair or mobility scooter user, you may already be enjoying better connections and smoother surfaces.

We built new footpaths and connected existing footpath sections in these streets:

- Jellicoe Ave
- Neale Ave
- Milton Street
- Grove Street
- Kea Street
- Kaka Street
- Palm Ave
- Nikau Street
- McMahon Street
- Centennial Road
- Toi Toi Street
- Bledisloe Ave

We upgraded and improved the footpaths in these areas:

- Raised crossings in Putaitai Street (2) and Neale Avenue in Stoke

- Raised crossings in Montgomery Square (5) and Buxton Square (7) in Nelson City
- Suffolk Road
- Tahunanui Drive
- Jenner Road
- Domett Street
- Vosper Street
- Nile Street
- Bridge Street
- Viewmount
- Collingwood Street
- Trafalgar Street South
- Songer Street

A further \$300,000 was spent on small maintenance jobs at sites throughout the footpath network, including work to smooth out uneven surfaces.



nelson.govt.nz/environmental-grants

Don't forget the dog!

Thanks to everyone who has already registered their dog for the year.

It's never been easier to register your dog, as you can do it all with Dogs Online at my.nelson.govt.nz. It's quick and easy to get set up, you just need your dog owner number from the registration form and your date of birth.

Please be aware that if you don't get this done by 1 August, a late payment penalty of 50% of the registration fee will apply. You should also know that any dog that remains unregistered after 1 August can be impounded and incur a further \$300 infringement fee.

So don't leave it too late – please register your dog by 1 August.

SAVE TIME,
DO IT
ONLINE

my.nelson.govt.nz



New track coming to Saxton Field complex

The athletics track at Saxton Field is about to be renewed. The facility will be closed from the end of July, to allow the old track to be removed and updated with a new and improved track.

Work is expected to be pretty much completed by the end of October. We appreciate the track will be missed while it is closed, but we ask everyone to be patient. Once built, the new track will be well worth the wait.



New toilet at Queens Garden

The new permanent toilet block is all set to open in the Queens Gardens, just alongside the Suter Gallery on Bridge Street.

A temporary toilet has been in place since the Suter Gallery was upgraded and the old public toilet was closed as part of that project.

The new toilet block is accessed from the Bridge Street footpath and has been designed in a style that complements the exterior of the Suter. It contains two unisex toilets, one of which is disabled accessible and has a baby change table.

Thanks to all the park users for their patience while construction was underway. Hopefully, you'll find the brand new toilets very convenient.

Reducing the effects of inflow – you can help!

Like many cities, Nelson has had wastewater overflows when heavy rain hits our region.

This means wastewater overflows to land can get into our waterways. It's not great news for the beautiful beaches and rivers in our region that we enjoy and want to protect.

One of the main issues is called inflow, where rainwater enters the wastewater system through incorrect plumbing, cross connections (where stormwater pipes have been installed incorrectly and connected into the wastewater system or vice versa) and damaged or low-lying gully traps or manholes.

Due to inflow (and other factors), when it rains a lot, the system can't take all the rain, and that's when we get the overflows.

Council is already working hard on this and has been for some time. As part of the work, we have an extensive programme of renewals and repairs underway.

However, this isn't something that Council alone can tackle as we know that part of the problem is coming from issues on private property.

This is where you can help, by clearing the gully traps, downpipes and sumps on your property.

It's quite easy to check both your gully traps and downpipes, visit our website to see how.

A sump is a bit different. A sump is a stormwater feature that collects rainwater from external surfaces such as driveways and patios. The sump has to

connect to the stormwater system, not the sewer/wastewater system.

The only way to test for a cross connection without calling a plumber or drain layer is to have a sniff around your sump. If there is a foul odour that is stronger than a normal organic / vegetation smell, you'll need to call in a qualified tradesperson to investigate.

For more information about this issue and how you can be part of dealing with it, check out our website:

nelson.govt.nz/inflow



Skate ramp in Stoke – a sweet start

When you see the skate ramp at Marsden Recreation Reserve in Stoke, remember one thing – just wait there’s more!

Yes, Council has just completed a cool little concrete ¼ pipe, but rest assured this isn’t the full extent of the Youth Park that has been earmarked for Stoke.

This small addition to the car park beside the Stoke Memorial Hall is sending a message to the kids and young people of Stoke that they haven’t been forgotten and there will be more to come.

For now, this ¼ pipe will provide a focal point for young people

to gather and if anyone wants to share their feedback on what they think would be the right facility for the young people of Stoke in the future, please get in touch via the website, nelson.govt.nz

Further consultation with the community will happen later in the financial year.

nelson.govt.nz



L–R Connor, Rychis, Lycan and Daniel put the new ramp to the test

Are you new to Nelson? Can you help our research?

Nelson aims to be a welcoming community. We want to know how newcomers to our city are settling in.

If you have arrived in Nelson in the last five years and would be willing to answer some questions about your experience, please email cityforallages@ncc.govt.nz



Cool new NBus stuff!

NBus keeps Nelson moving forward, and there are a couple of surprisingly awesome new features.

FREE WIFI!

Yes, free wifi is going to be available on our usual NBus services. You just need to look for the Nelson City Free wifi network on your device and follow the steps to join. The usual T&Cs apply.

Now you can surf for free and enjoy the ride at the same time. Installation is happening on all the buses now and should be complete by the end of July.

Real-time bus information

Have I missed the bus? Should I run to catch it or can I take my time? These questions will now be

answered for NBus passengers.

GPS has been installed on all NBus buses to give real-time information about the bus location and expected arrival time. The information is up on screens at the depot in Bridge Street and in Council’s Customer Service Centre. A screen will be up and running at the main stop in Queen Street soon too.

When you are out and about or waiting at any other stops, the information is on the Track-a-bus website, trackabus.co.nz/nelson, or you can download the Transit app, to have the info at your fingertips. Get it free today from your App store.

Pet cremations to cease at Wakapuaka Crematorium

From 1 August 2019, the Crematorium at Wakapuaka, operated by Nelson City Council will no longer offer a pet cremation service.

A privately operated pet cremation service is now available to veterinarians and the public, so there is no further need for Council to provide this service as well.



trackabus.co.nz/nelson



Computer classes at the Library



Nelson Public Libraries hold a variety of free computer classes each school term, for beginners and more experienced users who may want to venture further into the digital world, extend their research skills or learn about the digital services the Library offers.

Bookings essential by phoning 03 546 0414, emailing library@ncc.govt.nz or visiting any of our Libraries.

Elma Turner Library, 9.30–11.00am

- Internet for BeginnersThursday 1 August
- Tablets – bring your ownThursday 8 August
- The Prow local history.....Thursday 15 August
- Ebooks.....Thursday 22 August
- Chromebooks and cloud computing.....Thursday 29 August
- Research online Thursday 5 September
- Newspapers past and present Thursday 12 September
- Words with Friends Thursday 19 September

Stoke Library, 8.15–9.15am

- Introduction to social mediaThursday 1 August
- Scammers and safety onlineFriday 9 August
- The Prow website.....Friday 16 August
- Tablets – bring your own Thursday 12 September



AUGUST 2019

FAMILY HISTORY MONTH EVENTS

AUTHOR TALK – ELSPETH SANDYS

Elma Turner Library • Sunday 18 August, 2pm

Author of ‘A Communist in the Family: Searching for Rewi Alley.’

A Friends of the Library Talk.
\$2 entry. No bookings required.



Books will be available to purchase thanks to Volume.

DNA AND GENEALOGY WITH GAIL RIDDELL

Elma Turner Library • Saturday 24 August, 2pm

Learn about genes, DNA and family history with Gail Riddell of:

No charge or bookings required.



Matariki Festival


Thanks to everyone who braved the cold weather to come along to celebrate the Matariki Festival and Tātai Arorangi (Star Party) on Saturday 20 July at Founders Heritage Park. We hope you had an enjoyable time celebrating the 2019 Māori New Year.



Please 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.



Change to usual opening hours – Wednesday 7 August

- Nightingale Memorial, Stoke and Elma Turner Libraries – will close at 4pm (usually 4.30pm, 5.30pm and 6pm)
- Customer Service Centre in Civic House – will close at 4.30pm (usually 5pm)

Council can still be contacted 24 hours, seven days a week on 03 546 0200. We thank you for your understanding.

Heritage Equip funding available

If you own an earthquake-prone heritage building, you might be eligible for funding for strengthening work from Heritage Equip – a special government fund available to help strengthen privately owned earthquake-prone buildings. The next closing date for funding applications is 29 July 2019.

Heritage Equip funding can be used for professional advice and seismic strengthening work. You can get up to 50% of seismic strengthening costs, to a maximum of \$400,000, and there is extra support available for regional projects on a case-by-case basis. To find out more go to:

heritageequip.govt.nz

ROAD CLOSURES

Approved closures

Applicant: Nelmac
Event: Resurfacing of Halifax/Halstead intersection
Location: Halstead Street
Date and time: Thursday 25 July 2019, 7.30am–5pm

Proposed closures

Applicant: Tasman Civil
Event: Construction of raised crossing
Location: Park Street
Date and time: Thursday 8 August–22 August 2019

Applicant: Kyle Whiting Drainlaying
Event: Installing service connections across road
Location: Mayroyd Terrace (Nile Street–10 Mayroyd Terrace)
Date and time: 3 consecutive days between Thursday 19 August and Friday 30 August 2019

Applicant: Nelson City Council
Event: Santa Parade
Location: Hathaway Terrace, Trafalgar Street, Hardy Street, Morrison Street and Hope Street
Date and time: Sunday 1 December 2019, 2–6pm. Wet weather contingency date: Sunday 8 December 2019

Applicant: Creative Event Logistics
Event: New Years Eve
Location: Trafalgar Street and Selwyn Place
Date and time: 31 December 2019–1 January 2020, 5am–12pm

Applicant: Multi Events Ltd
Event: Nelson Long Lunch
Location: Hardy Street (Trafalgar Street–Collingwood Street) including intersections with Park Street, Morrison Street and Hope Street
Date and time: Monday 3 February 2020, 7am–6pm

Feedback date for proposed closures:
Friday 2 August 2019
Email: enquiries@ncc.govt.nz
Post: Nelson City Council, PO Box 645, Nelson, 7040. Attn: Gillian Dancey.
For all road closure information visit:

nelson.govt.nz/road-closures



MEETINGS

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

Community Investment Funding Panel – Ruma Mārama
9am 2 Aug

Planning and Regulatory Committee – to hear submissions to the Review of the Navigation Safety Bylaw 2012 (No. 218) (if required)
9am 6 Aug

Council meeting – to hear submissions to the Declaration of a Pedestrian Mall – Upper Trafalgar Street (if required)
Day 1: 10am–4pm 6 Aug
Day 2: 9am–12.30pm 7 Aug

Council meeting
9am 8 Aug

Saxton Field Committee – Netball Pavilion, Saxton Field
9.30am 14 Aug

Works and Infrastructure Committee
9am 15 Aug

Sports and Recreation Committee
9am 20 Aug

Joint Shareholders Committee
1.30pm 20 Aug

Nelson Tasman Civil Defence Emergency Management Group at the conclusion of the Joint Shareholders Committee meeting 20 Aug

Planning and Regulatory Committee
9am 22 Aug

Planning and Regulatory Committee – to deliberate on submissions to the Review of the Navigation Safety Bylaw 2012 (No. 218) at the conclusion of the ordinary Committee meeting 22 Aug

Council meeting – to deliberate/decide on submissions to the Declaration of a Pedestrian Mall – Upper Trafalgar Street
9am 27 Aug

Audit, Risk and Finance Subcommittee
1pm 27 Aug

Community Services Committee
9am 29 Aug

- 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

Take the Challenge and go Plastic Free!

Plastic-free July is gaining momentum, with lots of people pledging to ditch single-use plastic – and not just for one month of the year.

Plasticfreejuly.org has plenty of ideas on how to reduce plastic, plus you can sign up for the Plastic Free Challenge and really make a difference.

Here's one idea you can try at home:

How to make your own Beeswax Wrap

You'll need:

- Squares of cotton fabric (old clean pillow cases, sheets or other lightweight fabric) cut to the size you want – 30cm x 30cm is a good all-purpose size to start with.

- Beeswax pellets or shavings – about 25g per sheet
- Baking paper
- An old towel

Cut two sheets of baking paper about 5cm larger all round than your fabric square.

Lay the towel out flat. Place the first layer of baking paper on the towel, and place the fabric on top of the baking paper, right side down.

Sprinkle the beeswax pellets or shavings evenly over the fabric.

Place the second layer of baking paper on top of the fabric and beeswax.

Iron gently to melt the beeswax – you will notice the fabric slightly change colour once it is all absorbed.

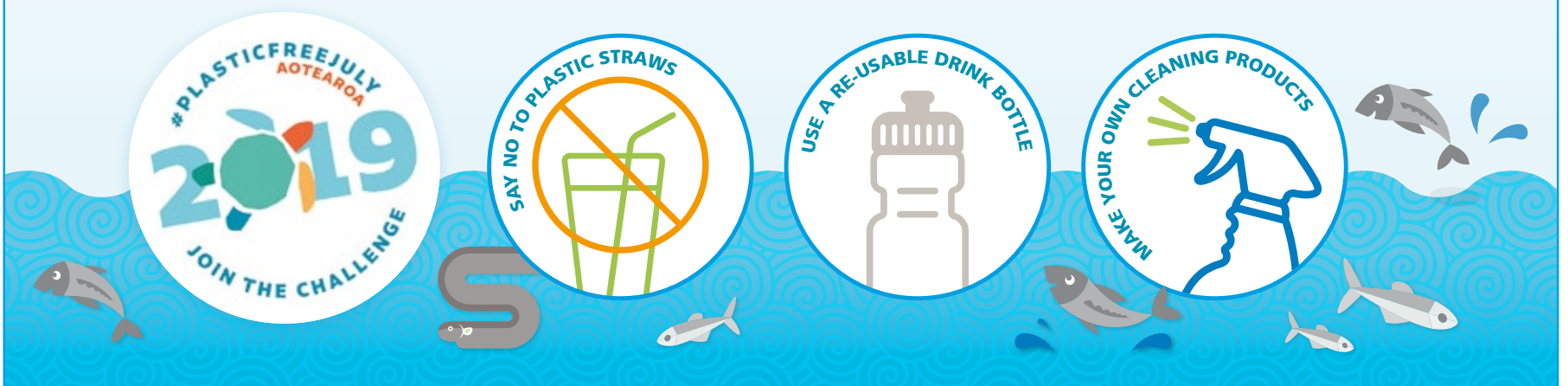
Let it stand to cool slightly and then peel the baking paper off, before setting aside until fully set.

Here are some other great things to have a go at:

- Use a folded newspaper bin liner instead of a plastic one (google 'newspaper bin liner' for instructional videos).
- Say no to plastic straws.
- Take your own containers for takeaway lunches and deli products – or better still keep a plastic-free kit handy – a reusable coffee cup, stainless steel or bamboo cutlery, a shopping bag and takeaway container.
- Use loose tea and a tea strainer ball rather than teabags, as some teabags are made from fibres that contain plastic.
- Buy or make mesh bags for supermarket produce.

For more ideas and inspiration go to:

plasticfreejuly.org



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



Saxton Stadium

Super Saxton HIIT. 9.15–10.15am, Every Monday & Wednesday. 7.30am, every Tuesday & Thursday.

Saxton Seniors. 9.30am, Every Tuesday & Thursday.

Senior Core Balance. 10.15am, Every Monday.

Mummy Tummy Fitness & No More Mummy Tummy. 10.15am, Every Wednesday.

Trafalgar Centre

Nathan Haines. 7.30pm, Saturday 17 August.

Founders Heritage Park

Colombian Day. 11am–4pm, Sunday 18 August.

Isel House and Park

Pop-up Market. 11am–3pm, Sunday 4 August.

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. 9.30–11am, Every Thursday in August.

Alzheimer's Nelson. 10am, Wednesday 24 July.

LEGO Drop-in. 3.30–5pm, Last Thursday of Month, 25 July.

Hot Club Nelson as part of the Live Music Series. 2–2.30pm, Sunday 28 July.

Introduction to Family History Research. 9.30–11am, Fridays 2, 9 & 16 August.

Friends of the Library Book Sale. 10am, Saturday 3 August.

Book Chat. 10.30am, Tuesday 13 August.

STEMWriters at Nelson Libraries. 1pm, Tuesday 13 August.

Local Family History on The Prow. 9.30–11am, Thursday 15 August.

Author Talk – Elspeth Sandys. 2pm, Sunday 18 August.

Young Adult Reading Club. 3.45–4.45pm, Wednesday 21 August.

Nightingale Library Memorial
Nellie Knitters. 1.30pm, every Monday.

Story Time at the Library. 11am, every Friday.

Stoke Library

Small Time at the Library. 10.30am, every Tuesday.

Story Time at the Library. 10.30am, every Wednesday.

Device Advice at Stoke Library. 2pm, every Wednesday & 11am every Friday.

Alzheimer's Nelson. 10am, Thursday 25 July.

Trade-Aid Chocolate Tasting at Stoke. 11am–1pm, Friday 26 July.

Young Adult Reading Club. 3.45–4.45pm, Tuesday 20 August.

Book Chat. 5.30pm, Wednesday 21 August.

Museums and Galleries

The Suter Art Gallery & Theatre
Hours: 9.30am–4.30pm Daily

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.

A Natural History: Barry Cleavin & Ansel Adams. Saturday 13 July–Sunday 25 August.

Thursday Talk: How to Look At Art. 12.10–1pm, Thursday 25 July.

Thursday Talk: Floor Talk. 12.10–1pm, Thursday 1 August.

Thursday Talk: Guided Tour. 10–11am, Thursday 22 August.

The Metropolitan Opera Live in HD – at The Suter Theatre. Die Walkure. 1.30pm, Sunday 28 July & 10.30am, Wednesday 31 July.

NT Live Series 2019 – From Britain to the World – at The Suter Theatre. Allelujah! 2pm, Sunday 4 August & 6pm, Monday 5 August.

Refinery ArtSpace

Hours: 10am–5pm Monday–Friday, 11am–2pm Saturday

Connections. Tuesday 2 July–Saturday 3 August.

Kahikatea. Tuesday 2 July–Saturday 3 August.

Gameshow of Thrones. 8–9pm, every Friday in July.

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.