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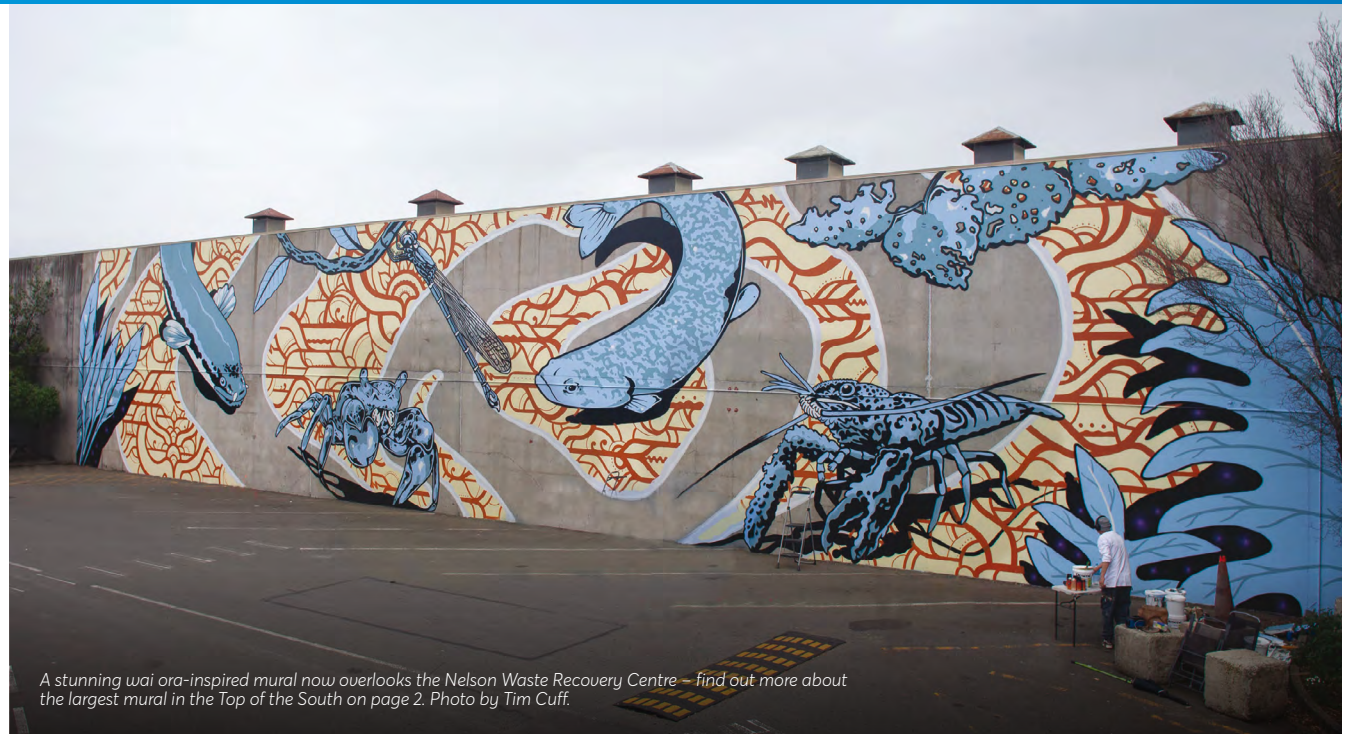
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A stunning wai ora-inspired mural now overlooks the Nelson Waste Recovery Centre – find out more about the largest mural in the Top of the South on page 2. Photo by Tim Cuff.

What do you stand for?

VOTE
2022
LOCAL ELECTIONS



Have you ever thought about running for Council, or even Mayor, but been unsure where to start?

Nominations to stand for election open on Friday 15 July 2022 and close at 12 noon on Friday 12 August 2022. If you are considering running, now is the time to ensure you fully understand the election process and what the role of an elected representative includes.

To provide some inspiration, we interviewed three former Nelson City councillors – Ali Boswijk, Hilary Mitchell and Gail Collingwood – about their experiences working in local government. Whether they wanted to create a better relationship between Council and members of the community, advocate for cultural and arts projects, or simply felt it would be a natural progression of their knowledge and skills, they each had their own unique reasons for standing.

To watch the videos, visit: shape.nelson.govt.nz/local-elections-2022, or just scan the QR code with your smartphone.

Local elections take place this October, and we encourage everyone to consider what you would stand for. Do you see changes that could be made to improve our city? Could you be a voice for underrepresented members of the community? Do you have knowledge or skills that could help guide Nelson through decisions both big and small?

To help those considering standing for election this year, we've put together a list of frequently asked questions.

When is election day?

Election Day is Saturday 8 October 2022. Voting closes at midday on that day, but people can cast their votes as soon as they receive their voting papers in the post.

How many positions are there to fill?

There will be 13 positions to fill – 12 councillors and one Mayor. Three councillors and the Mayor will be elected at large (by the whole city); four councillors will be elected from the Central Ward; four elected from the Stoke-Tāhunanui Ward; and one elected from the Whakatū Māori Ward.

What is the role of a councillor?

Councillors represent the needs and views of the community within a legislative and regulatory framework. They participate in strategic and long-term planning for the entire Nelson district; participate in setting a budget and rates; develop policy across a wide range of activities and services; review and develop bylaws for the city; and monitor the performance of the Council organisation and the Chief Executive.

They also represent the city at functions; coordinate and form partnerships with other spheres of government and other agencies; and advocate on a wide range of issues, from climate change and housing needs to sport and recreation and modes of transport.

What qualifications and experiences do I need to be a candidate?

You do not need any formal qualifications to serve as a councillor or Mayor. Elected members come from all walks of life and generally have a strong desire to serve their community.

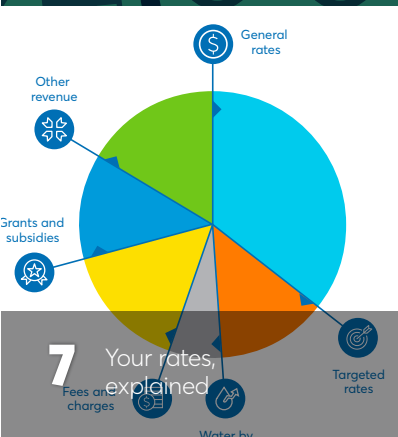
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You must, however, be a New Zealand citizen, be enrolled as a parliamentary elector anywhere in New Zealand, and be nominated by two electors in the area or ward you are standing for.

Other requirements exist for current employees of Council, people with concerns or interests in contracts over \$25,000 with Council, or those subject to a Court Order.

How many people do I need to nominate me? Who is able to nominate me?

You need two people on the electoral roll for the area you are standing in to nominate you. If you are standing for election for one of the three wards (Central, Stoke-Tāhunanui or Whakatū Māori), your nominations must come from two people on the electoral roll for the same ward.

When do nominations open?

Nominations open Friday 15 July 2022 and close at 12 noon on Friday 12 August 2022.

Where do I get a nomination form?

Nomination forms will be available from Council's website and Customer Service Centre from 15 July until 12 August at midday.

Do I need to be on the Māori electoral roll or of Māori descent if I am standing for election in the Māori Ward?

No. To be eligible you must be a New Zealand citizen and your name must be on the Parliamentary Electoral Roll (anywhere in New Zealand).

You will need to be nominated by two electors whose names appear on the Māori electoral roll within the area of election for which you are standing.

Equally, if you are on the Māori electoral roll, you can stand in a general ward and will need to be nominated by two electors whose names appear on the general electoral roll within the area of election for which you are standing.

How long is the term of an elected member?

Three years.

How much will I get paid?

Pay and allowances are determined by the Government's Remuneration Authority. You can find info on remuneration for Nelson City Council at this link: bit.ly/3KdEVMv.

Changes to Council fees

Nelson City Council would like to know what you think of the proposed amendments to fees and charges for Resource Management Act, Food Act and Building Act activities for the next financial year.

Council has reviewed its charges and is proposing to increase user fees and charges in several areas in line with the Consumer Price Index (CPI). This will mean a 4.9% increase for these activities to ensure those benefitting from the services pay a reasonable portion of the costs rather than the general ratepayer.

What is changing?

Council proposes to increase regulatory fees and charges in line with the Consumer Price Index (CPI) at 4.9% for most activities under the Resource Management Act, Food Act and Building Act.

New changes, or changes that are greater than CPI are:

1. Fix the fee for the solid fuel burners at \$450, or \$625 if an extra cavity inspection is required (the existing deposits are \$430 and \$595, with additional charges invoiced at the hourly rate). Applicants pay a higher percentage of the total cost at application, reducing the cost paid upon completion;
2. Introduce a deposit of \$250 for historic building consents (consents where more than five years have elapsed since granting and no Code Compliance Certificate has been issued);
3. Raise the deposit for amendments to Building Consents from \$125 to \$450 to better reflect the actual final cost, minimising larger invoices at the time of issuing the amendment.

The draft changes are proposed to come into effect on 1 July 2022.

We want to know what you think of the proposed changes and invite you to make submissions until Saturday 14 May 2022.

Council will take account of all submissions made before deciding on this proposal.

Have your say

Go to shape.nelson.govt.nz/change-regulatory-fees-and-charges-2022-23 for more information and to give your feedback before 5pm, Saturday 14 May 2022.

Whakatū Nelson's largest mural set to wow

A new mural, depicting Nelson's aquatic wildlife across its impressive 420m2 span, has brought an unexpected splash of beauty to the Nelson Waste Recovery Centre.

A blank 60m x 7m concrete wall proved the perfect canvas for artists Chris Zesk, Sean Duffell and Thijs de Koning (pictured below L to R), whose work highlights some of the native creatures found in in our waters.

The mural, the largest in Whakatū Nelson to date, is funded by a portion of Nelson City Council's yearly arts budget and Council's Solid Waste closed account, which is self-funded through sources such as landfill waste levies, and not directly funded from rates.

The total cost of the mural is \$30,000, which covers all artist fees, including travel costs, materials, design, delivery of work on-site (including undercoating and graffiti-guard coating), health and safety assessment and controls, environmental protection controls and insurance.

Duffell is one of Aotearoa New Zealand's top mural artists, and along with collaborators de Koning and Zesk, won the tender from a pool of more than twenty submissions.

The mural, as yet untitled, was installed over a five-day period during the Easter break by the three artists.

Duffell says wai ora, the water of life, connects all living things and is the backdrop that binds the mural together.

"Our mural took inspiration from the Brook Waimārama Sanctuary and the design is influenced by the flow and colours taken from the Maitahi awa.

"Looking after the hauora/health of our whenua/land, awa/rivers and te moana/oceans are important elements in the visual story playing out across the mural which features tuna/long fin eel, īnanga/whitebait, kōkopu, kōura/crayfish as well as titiwai/glowworms glittering at either end of the wall.

"A reminder of the fragile ecosystem that's right on our back doorstep and the wider message playing out across this mural: becoming more aware of our footprint as human beings."

Community and Recreation Chair Tim Skinner says Council always receives positive feedback when it transforms drab, unused spaces.

"We are all creatures of our environment, so inspiring public art like this has the power to lift spirits and help people feel Whakatū Nelson is a place worth living in and visiting.

"This mural is a fantastic example of what we are trying to achieve with the new arts strategy. It's brought life to an otherwise grey area, and has an important message about the impact our own actions can have on our natural environment."

Infrastructure Chair Brian McGurk says that this is an example of a great collaboration across Council.

"What better place for a visual reminder of the responsibility we all have to keep our beautiful Maitahi awa full of life. We can talk about these important things wherever possible, but sometimes a picture can do the job a thousand times more effectively.

"Responsible waste disposal and management, and recycling where we can, helps improve air and water quality."

Registrations of interest closed on 19 November 2021 in a tender process for this mural, which requested submitters have previous experience of working on similar projects, with experience delivering large-scale, painted murals preferred. The winning design was chosen by a panel comprised of Council staff, members of the public and an iwi representative.





International Compost Awareness Week 1 - 7 May

Free events:

Compost 101 Workshops
Tuesday 3 May, Thursday 5 May, 5.30 – 6.30pm
timsgarden.co.nz/events

Compost Club
Saturday 7 May, 9 – 11am at the Waimarama Community Gardens
communitycompost.co.nz

Compost and food waste reduction hub at the Nelson Market
Saturday 7 May, 8am – 1pm
nelsonmarket.co.nz

Mitre 10 Mega interactive compost display
Saturday 7 May, drop in between 10.30am – 12.30pm
and 1 – 3pm to talk with a compost expert
facebook.com/nelsonsgardencentre

Look out for online competitions, spot prizes and tips from compost experts on the Nelson City Council Facebook page.



Pest Patrol

Pest Patrol is a new monthly spot dedicated to lesser-known biosecurity threats and how you at home as citizen scientists can help us to spot them.

Nelson City Council will be profiling weeds and other nasties that we would like you to keep on the lookout for – pests that have yet to become fully established in our region that we want to nip in the bud before they spread and become large-scale problems.

This month we are focussing on moth plant (*Araujia hortorum*). Moth plant is a problem vine weed that has been found at several locations in Nelson and Tasman. It is already a very serious problem in the Auckland region and is at risk of becoming established here.

Distinctive, large green seed pods form in autumn and winter making it easy to recognise – the only other vine with large green pods like this is choko. Another method of identification is milky sap that will ooze from any broken stem. This sap is poisonous and likely to cause skin irritation, so avoid contact.

Moth plant is also called "cruel vine" due to its smothering and strangling habits. If not

controlled, moth plant pods release multitudes of wind-dispersed seeds, spreading the problem through neighbourhoods and into the bush.

If you think you have seen this plant, please report sightings to biosecurity@ncc.govt.nz or 03 546 0200, and a biosecurity officer will be able to assist with control.



Climate Action

Building a climate resilient future – together

Nāu te rourou, nāku te rourou, ka ora ai te iwi – with your food basket and my food basket, the people will thrive.

This whakatauki carries an important message for addressing the climate crisis: by working together and building on our strengths, we can create a low emissions and climate resilient future.

A recent International Panel for Climate Change (IPCC) report found that climate change impacts look to be worse than previously estimated – scientists are now estimating that 3.5 billion people (40 per cent of the world's population) are "highly vulnerable" to climate change.

In Nelson, we're likely to experience increased average and extreme temperatures, droughts, seasonal variability in rainfall and greater intensity of storms. Nelson will face between 0.4 and 0.7 metres of relative sea-level of rise in the next 50 years, and between 0.8 m and 1.7 metres in 100 years (these figures reflect recently released data on how sea-level rise will impact specific locations. You can read more at: www.searise.nz/maps).

Amongst the messages of devastation and disruption that we've come to expect from IPCC reports there is one message of hope: climate risks will be significantly reduced if we take action now to prepare for a changing climate.

Government is currently consulting on the draft National Adaptation Plan and seeking feedback on how we address the most

significant risks identified in the National Climate Change Risk Assessment (download the draft plan at environment.govt.nz/publications/draft-national-adaptation-plan). Resource management reform is also underway – this will provide local government with much-needed tools and direction for dealing with the gnarly issues such as 'who pays?' and the option of moving people from coastal areas to higher ground.

Like many other councils, Nelson City Council is assessing how climate change will impact our city. We will engage with the community in the next few months on coastal inundation and Maitai River flooding, to identify what is important to achieve through our adaptation response.

We are not alone in tackling the climate challenge. Countries all around the world are figuring out ways to build public awareness of climate change impacts and to come up with solutions. In Copenhagen, for example, Danish authorities have raised park benches to show the projected impacts of sea-level rise. In Nelson, we have released maps showing areas of the city likely to be affected by sea-level rise (you find these maps at shape.nelson.govt.nz/coastal-hazards/about-coastal-inundation-online-maps).

Preparing for climate change will require us to work together to develop solutions. As Kiwis and as Nelsonians, we are resourceful, and we rally together in times of crisis. We have what it takes to address the climate crisis.

Rachel Pemberton,
Climate Change Manager,
Nelson City Council



Park benches in Copenhagen have been raised to show future sea-level rise



A parking strategy for people

5,600
workers

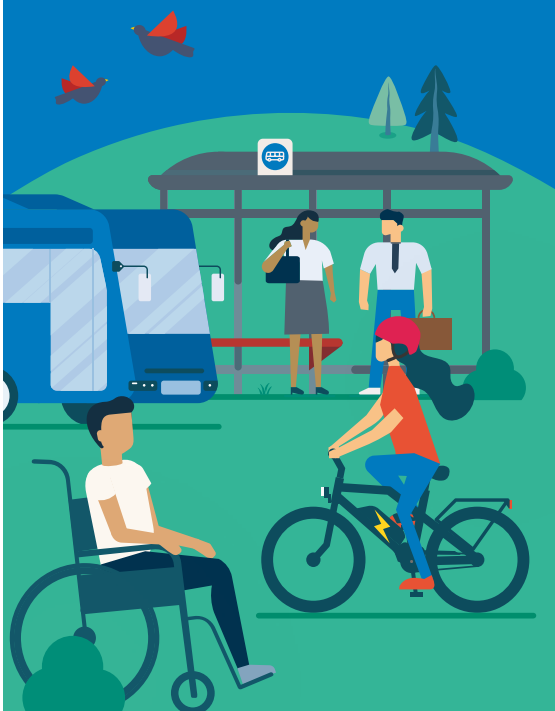
3,000
students

100
residents

800
future
residents

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focussed City.

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about our parking plans
for supporting sustainable
transport, accessibility,
streets for people and more
at [shape.nelson.govt.nz/
parking-strategy](https://shape.nelson.govt.nz/parking-strategy)



Cold brew: teabag experiment requires volunteers

Come along and help us dig up the tea bags we planted in December as part of our estuarine decomposition experiment.

It will be muddy, but fun, and no experience is necessary.

We are looking for volunteers on:

- Friday 13 May at The Haven from 11.30am
- Monday 16 May at Waimea Inlet from 1.30pm

What is it for?

Nelson City Council scientists are looking at our local estuarine health and carbon sequestration (the process of capturing and storing atmospheric carbon dioxide) potential, as well as contributing to a global study to gather information about how soils around the world sequester carbon.

Wetland ecosystems (seagrasses, coastal marshes, and mangroves) are incredibly efficient at storing and sequestering atmospheric carbon dioxide, also known as blue carbon. Blue carbon ecosystems also help improve water quality, provide habitat for wildlife and commercially valuable fish, and help protect shorelines from storm damage.

Tea bags of two very specific types are used in the experiment that represent natural vegetative litter.

"These were planted out in different soil types, seagrass, saltmarsh and mud, in December 2021, and will now be dug up for the next part of the experiment," says Vikki Ambrose, Nelson City Council Coastal and Marine Scientist. "For experiments like this we rely on the generous help of citizen scientists

from our community – it's a fun couple of hours in the mud and hopefully those people walk away knowing they are contributing to something that has both local and global importance."

Tea bags were weighed before burial and will be weighed again after retrieval and drying. Decomposition can then be calculated. Little-to-no decomposition indicates carbon sequestration in the seabed.

The information gained from this experiment may provide indications for areas of estuarine soils that sequester carbon better than others. This information will help Council and other organisations locally to identify areas where there may be blue carbon sequestration occurring and guide enhancement projects and restoration plantings. This means we can enhance our estuarine ecosystems while doing our bit for climate change at the same time by increasing carbon sequestration.

This is just one of the methods currently being used in Te Taihū/the top of the South, where Councils and service providers are all working together looking at the benefits of blue carbon.

More detailed information about taking part and what is involved will be provided to those who are interested in participating.

If you are interested in helping us dig up the tea bags, please contact Vikki, Council's Coastal & Marine Scientist at vikki.ambrose@ncc.govt.nz

Patricia Jones – Nelson's first Sister City Coordinator

Patricia "Pat" Jones, a tireless advocate for international relations through her work for the Sister City project, passed away on 25 March 2022.

Since the late 1980's, Pat had nurtured Nelson's sister city relationships and was a key figure in establishing Sister City ties with Huangshi (1995) and Eureka (2004-2014). In 1995 she was appointed Nelson's first Sister City Coordinator, a voluntary position she held until 2007. She also served on the NZ Sister City Board from 1990-1998.

Following an official delegation's visit to Nelson from Miyazu in 1987, Pat – together with the then-Mayor Peter Malone – returned the favour, travelling to Japan in 1990, her first of seven trips to the country.

Pat recalled that initial trip (her first one abroad) in a chapter of her 2008 book, "A Violet Revealed". Finally arriving in Miyazu after several close-call transportation issues, she wrote, "I was stunned when a crowd of people rushed into the carriage, including a photographer. I recognised some of the people. They took my suitcase and gave me a great welcome. I was swept away to a limousine lined with silk curtains ... there were speeches and flowers, and I was overwhelmed."

Under Pat's guidance, the relationship between Nelson and Miyazu remained strong. At 45 years old, it is the second-oldest Sister City relationship in New Zealand today. Her contributions to the Nelson-Miyazu relationship and include the organisation of the city-wide Festival of Japan in

1990; the formation of the 1993 Nelson Miyazu Sister City Association; and the official opening of Miyazu Garden – the plans for which she first presented to the Miyazu local government during her earlier trip to Japan – by Miyazu Deputy Mayor Hashimoto. In recognition of her dedication, she was made a Life Member of the Nelson Miyazu Sister City Association in 2006.

"I believe our friendship contributes to world peace and happiness. This friendship is largely due to the selfless effort of Patricia Jones," Miyazu Mayor Tokuda said in the 1980s.

"Pat gave years of service to this city with her encouragement for the Sister City commitment. Over the nine years when I was Mayor, Pat continued to give incredible service to this city and the region at personal cost to further the peaceful relationship with international families over the world," said Paul Matheson, who was mayor of Nelson from 1998-2007.

"We have been honoured to have Pat represent us as a city and region on the international and domestic stage, and I and the city have lost a lovely New Zealander and Nelsonian."





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Moller Fountain spruced up

You may have seen Moller Fountain covered up recently as it undergoes a paint job by Nicholson Protective Coatings.

This latest stage of the fountain's renovation follows repair work carried out last year when, with financial support from the City of Nelson Civic Trust, technicians from Nelmac and Powertech Nelson installed new water pipes, a new pump station, and replaced the fountain's iconic lights.

The 82-year-old fountain will be painted white to take advantage of the new lights and will be operational and on display again soon.

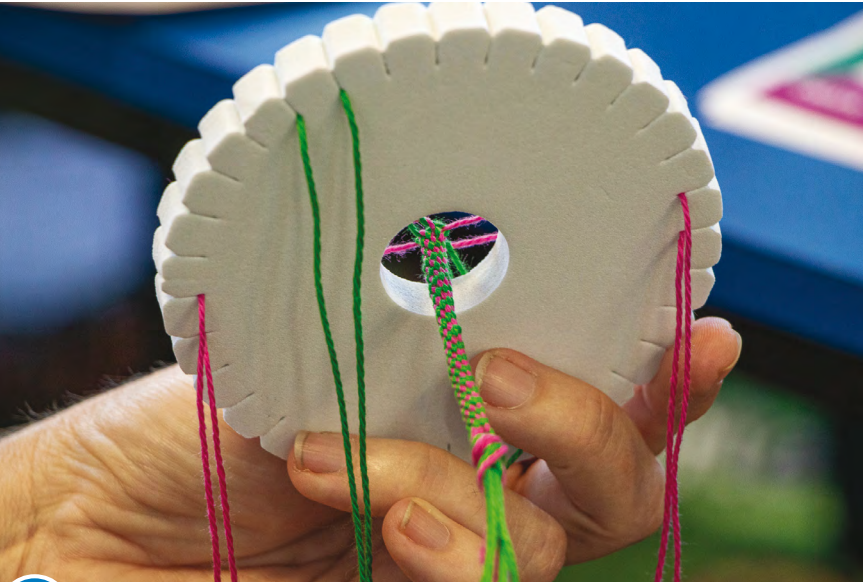
Tuku 22: great turnout for Japanese yarn braiding

There was a large turnout at Stoke Library Friday 22 April of families keen to learn Kumihimo, a traditional form of Japanese yarn braiding, as part of Tuku 22 Cultural Heritage months.

Library staff came up with the idea as an activity for children to do during the school holidays. Staff taught themselves the traditional weaving method for making a braided cord in preparation for the event and were busy sharing their new knowledge with attendees on the day.

Those having a go at braiding said it was difficult at first but soon found the repetitive movements soothing once they understood the pattern. After almost an hour of weaving, you could really see the cord take shape, with each weaver opting for a different pattern and colours.

If you'd like to check out events like this, Tuku 22, a festival to celebrate culture and heritage in Whakatū Nelson, will continue through the months of May and June.



You can find a full programme of Tuku 22 events at: itson.co.nz

Councillor's Comment



Why do we commemorate war? Why do we choose to remind ourselves so regularly and so publicly of its costs?

Commemorating war is about showing our respect. Taking a moment out of our busy lives to pause and reflect on the sacrifices given by past and current generations.

For ANZAC Day, there are at least 59,000 reasons for our commemoration – 18,000 who died and a further 41,000 who were wounded. There were also those left behind, the women and children, those too old, and those who contributed to the war efforts in other ways.

But times of remembrance shouldn't be limited to the 25th of April or the 11th of November. History shouldn't be relegated to statues and memorial days – it needs to be remembered, honoured, respected, and learned. And we need to learn from it, not just about it.

Ultimately history is about people – why certain decisions were made, why people supported a certain direction, and why things happened.

This year, I was heartened to see that ANZAC Day has become a multi-generational event, an opportunity for our younger people to learn about the past and the activities of their forebears.

As the saying goes, "those who do not learn from history are doomed to repeat it".

By understanding the why, we can become better informed and more understanding and empathetic citizens, and being informed is a key element in maintaining a democratic society.



Councillor Judene Edgar



2021/22 Eelco Boswijk Civic Awards honour Nelson's community champions

After a year-long delay due to pandemic restrictions on event numbers, the winners of the 2021/22 Eelco Boswijk Civic Awards were honoured at a COVID-resilient ceremony on Wednesday 13 April.

The awards, which are presented every three years, celebrate the mahi of Nelsonians who go above and beyond to make their community a more resilient, creative and diverse place. This year, Nelson City Council partnered with the Nelson Civic Trust and Nelson Mail to deliver the awards.

In total, 41 nominations were received across the five award categories. Thanks to sponsors Nelson Civic Trust, NBS, Nelmac, Nelson Pine and Nelson City Council, the winners of each of the five award categories will be able to direct a \$1,000 donation to a local charity of their choice.

Deputy Mayor Judene Edgar, who presented the awards, said the occasion was a reminder to celebrate the people and organisations contributing to the community, particularly during COVID-19, when even small acts can make a big difference.

"An important part of recognising people is to role model this to others, to show them that they too can make a difference, and to demonstrate that, despite feelings to the contrary that people may have, we still live in a good world with people who care.

"So thank you for letting us shine a light on your contributions and the impact you've made on the life of others and on our community," Edgar said.

[Read more about the winners and finalists below:](#)

1. Nelson Civic Trust Community Hero

Recognising those who selflessly give up their time to assist the community, whether that is across one organisation or group, or several.

Winner: Brian McIntyre and the "A Team"

Over the past few years, Brian and his team have carefully cleaned and painted thousands of headstones at Wakapuaka Cemetery in Atawhai with permission from the deceased's families. These amazing volunteers give up their time to clean, clear, mow and tidy the cemetery, helping its upkeep and creating a pleasant, peaceful place.

Finalists: Jan Berkhout, Peter Burland, Cable Bay Adventure Park Trail Crew, Mike Carnahan, Richard Carruthers, Brendan Crichton, Jeanette Douglas, Karolina Gorton, Murray Leaning, Ron Marris, Peter Millward, Sally Rees, Emma Jane Silke-French, Heather Walker, Nigel Weeks

2. Nelson Pine Change Maker

Individuals who create change and encourage social change for the betterment of others.

Winner: Sean Thomas

Sadly, Sean died of lung cancer in December 2021. Nelson Mayor Rachel Reese presented Sean his award in November last year.

Sean spent many years as a volunteer mentor with Big Brothers and Big Sisters in Nelson, offering support and acting as a role model for many troubled young boys to assist them in becoming good people

and successful young men. Sean also devoted a great deal of his time to the Rotary and several youth arts-based charitable organisations. He tirelessly worked to ensure policies and procedures have been put in place at the Nelson Youth Theatre Charitable Trust to ensure young people are safe from discrimination, harassment and creating a safe environment for all.

Finalists: Kimberley Anderson, Yusuf Corten, Justin Eade, Tanya Nock, Emma Sanders - Brain Injury Association

3. NBS Leadership

Individuals, organisations and businesses who go above and beyond to show leadership, provide opportunities for others and give back to the community.

Winner: Giving Aroha in Anzac Park and Kai with Love

Giving Aroha in Anzac Park was set up to address homelessness and poverty in the area over two years ago. It now involves more than 30 volunteers who cater to more than 80 people every Sunday afternoon. Volunteers also assist people who can't physically make it to Anzac Park, as well as offering independent advocacy for those in need and providing basic shelter items.

Kai with Love is a food charity set up in Nelson, ensuring over 600 families every week receive individual food parcels. The team's tireless efforts over the past three-plus years have made a tangible difference to the communities in which they work.

Finalists: Businesses for Climate Action, Isaac Carnegie, Miraka Norgate, Safeguarding Children - Willow Duffy, Karen Stade, Te Tauihu o te Waka a Māui Māori Cultural Council, Sue Wilson - Sioux Line Dance

4. Nelmac Kaitiakitanga

Awarded to those who enhance or restore Nelson's natural environment through volunteer efforts.

Winner: Sophie Weenink Smith

Sophie is a passionate year 13 student who has devoted all her free time for the past three years to help the community and our environment. She is part of the leadership group of the Nelson Tasman Climate Forum, runs a Facebook page called EcogirlNZ, has started a group called Teens Taking Action, and has spoken at many schools in the region.

Finalists: Trevor and Myffie James, Nelson Tasman Climate Forum, Gillian Pollock, Te Wairua o Keri - Kelly's Conservation Forest Committee, Wakapuaka Mouri

5. Nelson City Council Smart Little City

Smart and innovative thinkers who create new possibilities to achieve our vision of being a Smart Little City.

Winner: Ben Bushell and Anne Rush - Make/Shift Spaces

Ben Bushell has founded, inspired, led and managed a diverse team of volunteers in a local fight against climate change for the past four years. Every week, Ben and his team manage to turn one tonne of food waste - collected from households, businesses and events - into compost.

Anne Rush has been chosen thanks to her exceptional creativity through the stunning Art Walk throughout our city. She has made art accessible in everyday places and in everyday life. The cost-effective project ensures works can be replaced, removed or shifted about - creating a durable and easily managed city asset.

Finalist: Chia Sisters





Your rates, explained

Rates are the main way councils fund the activities they carry out to keep a city running.

The rates you pay generate around half of Council's annual income and are used to provide residents with a wide range of essential services and facilities.

Your rates are made up of three components:

- **Uniform Annual General Charge (UAGC):** This is a fixed payment that Council uses to cover charges for services most residents benefit from, such as roads or pest management. The amount of the UAGC is the same regardless of your land value, so everyone pays the same amount.
- **General rates:** In Nelson, general rates are based on the value of your land, both commercial and residential, and don't include the value of your house or any other structures on the property. They are set on a "cents in the dollar" formula, so for every dollar your land is worth you pay a certain amount. If your land was hypothetically worth \$250,000 and your house was worth \$300,000, your general rates would be calculated on that \$250,000. If the value of your land changes, your general rates will be adjusted accordingly.
- **Targeted rates:** "Targeted rates" means that this portion of your rates is earmarked to fund a specific function or group of functions. Nelson has targeted water rates that include a fixed cost for stormwater and flood protection; a fixed cost for wastewater disposal; and a fixed daily charge for water supply paid by all ratepayers with a water meter.

Rates for 2022/23

In September 2021, Quotable Value Ltd (QV) carried out an independent rates revaluation for all Nelson properties. A revaluation rating is typically carried out on all New Zealand properties every three years.

Your revaluation has three parts: capital value (an assessment of the probable value for the property as at 1 September 2021); land value (the probable value that would have been paid for the land as at 1 September 2021); and the value of improvements (the difference between the land value and the capital value).

You may already have seen that residential land values in Nelson have increased by an average of 73% since 2018, when the last revaluation was carried out. In January 2022, you should have received a Notice of Rating Valuation in the post with an updated rating value for your property, which will be

available online by the end of May. Council will start using these new land valuations to calculate rates from 1 July 2022.

Although Nelson City Council has set the average increase in rates for 2022/23 at 5.4%, below the rate of inflation, the exact amount your rates will change depends on several factors, including QV's valuation of your property.

If your land value increased by more than 73%, you may see that your rates have increased by more than 5.4%. Conversely, if your land value has increased by less than 73% your increase may be below 5.4%, or your overall rates may decrease.

Even if your rates have increased, this doesn't mean Council's total income is going up: it just changes the proportion of its income paid by a given ratepayer.

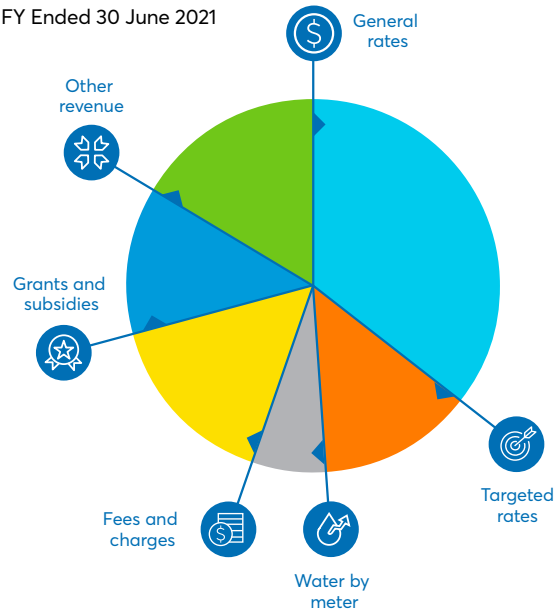
We know that rate increases can place a financial burden on households. Council has worked hard to keep these increases to a minimum while still delivering services to the community.

Once the Annual Plan 2022/23 is adopted, we will write to the most affected households to outline the financial assistance that is potentially available. This includes payment plans, the rates rebate scheme and rates postponement in some cases.

To enquire about a rates issue, please contact Nelson City Council on 03 546 0200 or enquiry@ncc.govt.nz.

Sources of Income

FY Ended 30 June 2021



Future Development Strategy: significant community interest

Elected members from Nelson City Council and Tasman District Council met over three days last week to hear submissions to the 2022 – 2052 Draft Future Development Strategy (FDS).

Between both Councils, 558 submissions were received, and 133 people asked to speak, which speaks to the significant public interest in the FDS.

Key themes from the submissions included more priority being given to intensification of urban centres, the relationship between greenhouse gas emissions and urban growth, ensuring growth areas are serviced by appropriate public transport,

provision of infrastructure required to support growth, and concerns related to greenfield development.

After submissions have been heard, both Councils will meet again at an FDS subcommittee meeting to be held on 25, 26 and 31 May. The public will be able to join that meeting via zoom.

The FDS Subcommittee will deliberate on the submissions feedback and decide on a final draft version of the FDS to recommend to the Joint Committee of the Nelson and Tasman Councils for their meeting on 27 July 2022.



MEETINGS

Council meeting	10 May
9am	
Saxton Field Committee, Boardroom, Sports House, 142 Saxton Road East, Saxton Field Complex	
9.30am	11 May
Nelson Regional Sewerage Business Unit	
9.30am	13 May
Joint Shareholders Committee - Tasman District Council Chamber, 189 Queen Street, Richmond	
3pm	17 May
Tenders Subcommittee	
3pm	18 May
Council meeting	
9am	19 May
Audit, Risk and Finance Subcommittee	
9am	24 May
Chief Executive Employment Committee - Rūma Whakatū	
2pm	24 May
Joint Committee of Tasman District and Nelson City Councils Subcommittee - to deliberate on submissions to Future Development Strategy (Day One)	
9am	25 May
Environment and Climate Committee - to hear submissions to Environmental Management Fees and Charges (if required)	
9am	26 May
Joint Committee of Tasman District and Nelson City Councils Subcommittee - to deliberate on submissions to Future Development Strategy (Day Two) - Tasman District Council Chamber, 189 Queen Street, Richmond	
1pm	26 May
Nelson Tasman Regional Landfill Business Unit	
9.30am	27 May
Joint Committee of Tasman District and Nelson City Councils Subcommittee - to deliberate on submissions to Future Development Strategy (Day Three)	
9am	31 May

For a full list of meetings go to:

nelson.govt.nz/meetings




To read the FDS report and submissions please visit: bit.ly/3Kid79N



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Conewatch

Completed

Project Name

Haven Road Sewer	Construction completed March 2022
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Ongoing

Project Name	End Date (if known)	Location	Benefit
Haven Road Stormwater Realignment	Mid May 2022	Haven Road and Vickerman Street	Improve stormwater
Residential Meters Renewal	April 2022	City wide	Accurately measure water usage
Saxton Creek Upgrade Stage 4	June 2023	Main Rd, Stoke	Flood Mitigation
Bellevue Heights Stormwater Upgrade	26 April 2022	Bellevue Heights, Tahunanui	Stopping stormwater flowing onto private properties.
Washington Valley Infrastructure Upgrade – Stage 1 (Hastings Street)	December 2022	Hasting Street	Improve stormwater network and reduce flooding risk
Awatea Place Wastewater Pump Station	Late November 2022	Awatea Place and Parkers Road	Improve wastewater network capacity and protect environment from overflows

Due to the uncertainty around COVID-19 alert levels please ensure you check itson.co.nz regularly for event updates.

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

Trafalgar Centre

Nelson Giants vs Auckland Tuatara – Friday 6 May, 7:30pm

Cancer Society Charity Ball - Saturday 14 May 2022 - 6pm-11:30pm – Sold Out

Te Kaiaotanga o Te Reo – Tuesday 17 May 10:00am – 4:00pm + Wed 18 May 9:00am – 2:30pm

Nelson Giants vs Canterbury Rams – Saturday 21 May, 5:30pm

Nelson Giants vs Hawkes Bay Hawks – Saturday 28 May, 5:30pm

Founders Heritage Park

Tuku22 Whakatu Heritage Festival, 1 April – 30 June

Broadgreen Historic House

Secret Lives of Dresses Exhibition, Wednesday 9 February - Thursday 30 June, 10:30am – 4:30pm

Isel House and Park

Wahi Takaaro Golf Course

Pūtangitangi Greenmeadows Community Centre

Wellby Signposter Training – Tuesday 17 May, 10am – 11:30am

Pink Ribbon Afternoon Tea Party – Saturday 28 May

Nelson Public Libraries:

Elma Turner Library

Hours:

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday: 9:30am — 6:00pm

Wednesday: 10:00am – 6:00pm

Saturday: 10:00am — 4:00pm

Sunday: 1:00pm — 4:00pm

Small Time at the Elma Turner Library, every Monday & Wednesday, 10:30am – 11:00am

Story Time at the Elma Turner Library, every Tuesday, 10:30am – 11:00am

Shared Reading for Wellbeing, every Tuesday, 11:30am – 1:00pm

STEM writers, every second and fourth Tuesday of the month 1:00pm – 3:00pm

Device Advice, every Tuesday & Thursday, 2:00pm – 3:00pm

Tea & Tales – Dementia Friendly Book Group, every Wednesday, 11:00am – 12:00pm

Library Knitters, every Thursday, 10:00am – 12:00pm

Young Adult Club, every Thursday, 3:45pm – 5:00pm

Tea & Talk, every Friday, 10:00am – 12:00pm

Justices of the Peace, every Saturday, 10:00am – 12:00pm

Quiet Hour – Sunday 8 May, 1:30pm – 2:00pm

Rising Scientess every Monday from 14 March, 4:00pm – 5:00pm

Shared Reading for Wellbeing every Tuesday, 11:30am – 12:30pm

Op Shop Fashion Challenge – Friday 1 April – Wednesday 25th May, 12:30pm

Nine95 as part of NZ Music Month - Sunday 8 May, – 2:00pm

Philosophy Discussion Group – Monday 9 May, 10:00am –11:00am

Book Chat – Tuesday 10 April, 10:30am – 11:30am

Author Talk – Chris Stuart – Sunday 15 May, 2:00pm

NZ Music Month Event - Te Manawa World Choir – Saturday 21 May, 12:30pm – 1:00pm

Reading for Wellbeing - Every Wednesday – 11:00am – 12:00pm

Ethically Kate - Zoom talk with Kate Hall - Wednesday 25 May, 12:30pm – 1:30pm

Eva & Cara - Live Music Series & New Zealand Music Month - Sunday 29 May – 2:00pm

Nightingale Library Memorial

Hours:

Monday, Wednesday, Friday: 1:00pm — 4:30 pm

Tuesday, Thursday: 10:00am – 2:00pm

Saturday: Closed

Sunday: 10:00am — 2:00pm

Stoke Library

Hours:

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday: 9:30am — 5:30 pm

Wednesday: 10:00am – 5:30pm

Saturday: 10:00am — 1:00pm

Sunday: Closed

Museums and Galleries:

The Suter Art Gallery & Theatre

Hours: 9:30am – 4:30pm Daily

Seeney and Kitts Oil painting and Sculpture - Monday 2 – Sunday 22 May

The Big Bike Film Night - Thursday 12 - Friday 13 May, 5:50pm and 8:35pm

Carla Ruka Artist Talk – Sunday 29 May, 3:00pm – 4:30pm

Refinery ArtSpace

Hours: 10:00am – 5:00pm, Monday to Friday & 10:00am – 2:00pm, Saturday

Cultural Conversations Presents

Courageous Conversations Window

Documentary Screenings on loop outside the Refinery – Saturday 30 April-Monday 20 June, 10:00am – 10:00pm

Hysterical - Friday 20 - Saturday 21 May, 7:00pm

Elevated Emotions - Maico Camilo - Monday 25 April - Saturday 21 May

Hard - Boiled Wonderland - Finn Chadwick - Monday 25 April - Saturday 21 May

Nelson Provincial Museum

Hours: 10:00 – 5:00pm Weekdays, 10:00am – 4:30pm Weekends & Public Holidays

2022 International Year of Glass – Tuesday 5 April - Monday 30 May

Ablaze - The 2019 Tasman Fires – Saturday 9 April – Sunday 8 May

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