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## Street closure improves safety at busy intersection

The Hampden Street West intersection with Waimea Road will be closed to vehicle traffic for the long-term following a decision at a full meeting of Nelson City Council on Tuesday, 10 May 2022.

The decision to close the intersection followed a trial period begun in October 2019, which showed significant safety gains at a busy part of Waimea Road close to the Hampden Street school.

During the trial, there were no crashes at the intersection, which had seen 14 reported crashes between 2012 and 2019. The number of cyclists per hour on Hampden Street West increased from 11 per hour to 16 per hour during peak times.

Infrastructure Committee Chair Brian McGurk says the closure supports Council's goals for a people-focussed city.

"There hasn't been a single reported accident at the intersection since the trial layout went in, and that has resulted in an increase in the number of pedestrians and cyclists in the area. It's fantastic to see a people-focussed solution work so well for pedestrians and cyclists right outside Hampden Street school," he says.

"By helping parents feel they can walk or cycle their children to school safely, we can go a long way to reducing congestion and related emissions.

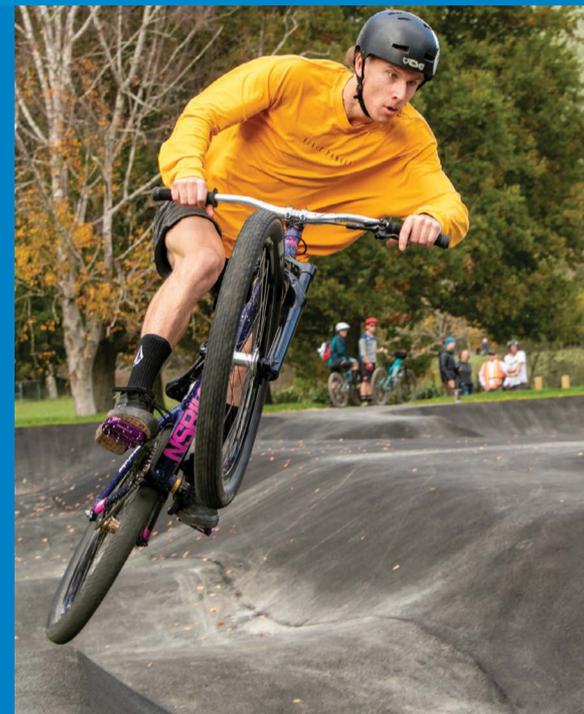
"Council has worked closely with all the people affected, including parents and nearby residents. This is a lovely example of how positive and well-managed change can be."

Council staff are now working on a design that will allow pedestrians and cyclists to use the intersection while keeping it closed to vehicles.

## Maitai Recreation Hub opening weekend

10am – 2pm, Saturday 21 May  
11am – 2pm, Sunday 22 May

The **Nelson Mountain Bike Club** and **Waahi Taakaro Golf Course** will be holding open days at the new Recreation Hub on Saturday and Sunday, respectively. Head to [ItsOn.co.nz](https://www.itsOn.co.nz) and search 'Hub' for more info, or visit [nelsonmtb.club/event/maitai-recreation-hub-opening](https://nelsonmtb.club/event/maitai-recreation-hub-opening)



## Making our city tick – updates to the Urban Environments Bylaw

The Urban Environments Bylaw (UEB) covers many things that help us coexist harmoniously in our city and neighbourhood spaces.

It includes the management of public health, safety and nuisance, trading in public places, the control of alcohol in public areas, keeping animals on your property, management of reserves, and burials and cremations.

Nelson City Council engaged with the public to seek their views in late 2021 as part of a regular review process designed to ensure the Bylaw is still fit for purpose, serving the community, and keeping up with change.

Council received 38 submissions on the Draft Amended Urban Environments Bylaw, with most relating to cats, trading in public places, control of alcohol in public places (including reserves), and golf in Neale Park. A late submission was also accepted, representing 24 residents who are asking Council to include a provision prohibiting alcohol in public places in the Wood area, specifically between the central city and Trafalgar, Tasman, Weka and Wainui Streets.

At a full Council meeting on 10 May, elected members voted to accept some changes to the Urban Environments Bylaw (2015) that will come into effect on 1 June 2022 and address some concerns in other ways.

- The permission to play golf in Neale Park has been removed, with the new Bylaw specifying that no one is to practice or play golf in any area or reserve other than Waahi Taakaro Golf Course. Golf in Neale Park has caused public safety concerns from neighbouring residents and park users, including some very near-miss incidents involving golf balls landing too close to young children.

- There will be no change to the current rules relating to retail displays like sandwich boards on footpaths. Following feedback from submitters the Bylaw will retain the 2 metre width of footpaths, and instead, a comprehensive assessment of structures on footpaths will occur when Council reviews the City Amenity Bylaw later this year.
- There were requests to manage cats, particularly in relation to microchipping and desexing. Time is required to consider these matters, and staff will report back on this issue by August 2022.
- There are no changes to the current list of public places where alcohol is not permitted. However, in response to a submission from residents, elected members have asked Council staff to report back on the option of adding an area in The Wood to this list.

The review and feedback process ensures the Bylaw keeps pace with our community and its changing needs, says Mel Courtney, Environment and Climate Committee Deputy Chair.

"What we can see from the review, and what we're hearing from the community, is that the current Bylaw is working well, and only a small range of issues have arisen since it was last reviewed in 2015.

"Consequently, most of the current Bylaw will remain the same, and where there are issues, we are looking to make changes. The changes reflect feedback we've had from the community, for example, people feeling unsafe in Neale Park because of the danger of being struck by a golf ball."



For more information, and to read the updated bylaw in full, search 'Urban Environments Bylaw' at [nelson.govt.nz](https://nelson.govt.nz)

# Council approves governance structure for Nelson Marina

Nelson City Council has approved the formation of a Management Council Controlled Organisation (CCO) for Nelson Marina.

With this approval in place, the Strategic Development and Property Subcommittee will now draw up recommendations for the scope and structure of the new board for consideration by Council.

Decision-making and management for the Marina is currently carried out by Council, but a Management CCO will allow Council to add people with specialist knowledge to a team responsible for guiding the Marina through this transition with a commercial focus.

The next 10 years will see significant investment in Nelson Marina as Council works to create a valuable asset that benefits the whole community, makes a return on investment, and provides extended, modern facilities that meet the changing needs of boat owners.

Strategic Development and Property Subcommittee Chair Gaile Noonan says the new board will provide expert oversight at Nelson Marina while it undergoes transformative change as a result of the Marina Masterplan, which is out for public consultation in late June.

"There is so much potential in our Marina that we want to release. In the coming years, it will become both a modern marina offering boaties the services they require and a significant public space with recreation value for everyone in Nelson."

## IAF city centre project progresses

A project designed to help increase housing supply in the City Centre is in the final stage of the Infrastructure Acceleration Fund (IAF).

The Achilles/Rutherford proposal is for infrastructure upgrade supporting up to 175 new affordable and social homes by Kāinga Ora.

The project includes investment in the Bridge Street Linear Active Transport Corridor, which offers green space for people and effective, safe, and healthy movement across our City.

The proposal also includes an upgrade to water infrastructure in the City Centre that will meet the demands of up to 850 extra dwellings.

Search 'IAF' at [our.nelson.govt.nz](https://our.nelson.govt.nz)

## Get involved and help us shape Nelson



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## 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, Thursday and Friday 8:30 am – 5:00 pm and Wednesday 9:00am to 5:00pm).

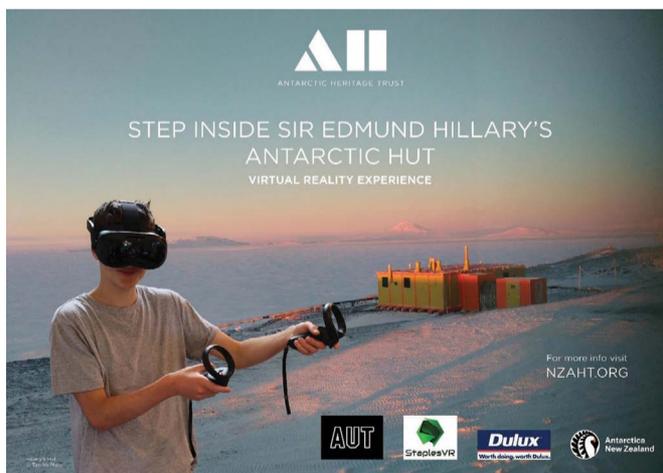
The Database can also be accessed via the Council's website. Simply look up our property rates search [nelson.govt.nz/public/rates-search](https://nelson.govt.nz/public/rates-search) and then enter the property street address to view the current year's rating information.

The public can also view the properties rating charges and information for the 2022/23 rating year.

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

## Step inside Sir Edmund Hillary's Antarctic Hut

Founders Heritage Park, Old St Peter's Church, 18 – 28 May, 10am – 4pm



Find out what life was like for the scientists and explorers on the Trans-Antarctic Expedition of 1957-59.

This fully immersive virtual reality experience takes approximately 15 minutes to explore. Suitable for everyone nine years old and over.

\*Entry to Founders Heritage Park is free for Nelson locals.

## MEETINGS

Joint Committee of Tasman District and Nelson City Council Subcommittee – to deliberate on submissions to Future Development Strategy – Tasman District Council Chamber, 189 Queen Street, Richmond	9am	2 Jun
Council meeting	9am	7 Jun
Community Investment Funding Panel - Rūma Whakatū	1pm	7 Jun
Hearings Panel - Other	9am	8 Jun
Strategic Development and Property Subcommittee	9am	9 Jun
Strategic Development and Property Subcommittee (reconvened from 24 March 2022) at conclusion of ordinary Subcommittee meeting		9 Jun
Council meeting	9am	14 Jun
Environment and Climate Committee	9am	16 Jun
Forestry Subcommittee	9am	21 Jun
Regional Transport Committee	1.30pm	21 Jun
Infrastructure Committee	9am	23 Jun
Urban Development Subcommittee	9am	28 Jun
Community and Recreation Committee	9am	30 Jun

### Changes to meetings

Council meeting, previously advertised to take place on 19 May 2022, commencing at 9am, will now commence at 11am.

Tenders Subcommittee, previously advertised to take place on 18 May 2022, commencing at 3pm, will now take place on 1 June 2022, commencing at 10am.

### Cancelled meetings

Joint Committee of Tasman District and Nelson City Councils Subcommittee - to deliberate on submissions to Future Development Strategy Day One (25 May) and Day Two (26 May). The deliberations will commence on 31 May, 9am, at Tasman District Council Chamber, 189 Queen Street, Richmond.

For a full list of Council meetings go to:

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



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