



We are here for you

Residents in areas throughout Nelson, especially those who had to evacuate their homes, have had their lives disrupted following last week's floods. Here's how Nelson City Council can help if you require assistance.

"The Nelson community has pulled together to help each other in this heartbreaking situation," says Mayor Rachel Reese.

"I want to thank response agencies, support agencies and iwi, along with countless volunteers, who selflessly came out to help over the past week. There's a lot of clean-up to do, and plenty of work to achieve recovery, but I've seen real spirit and endurance on the ground. We can get back on our feet in time.

"My message is simple. If you are in need of help please get in touch. We are here for you."

Contact:

NCC: 03 546 0200. Please email non-urgent queries to enquiry@ncc.govt.nz if you can.

Incident Information Centre: iSite, Millers Acre.
8.30am - 6.30pm.

CIVIL DEFENCE:

- General Inquiries: 03 543 7290
(Nelson Tasman Emergency Management Office)
- After hours: 03 543 8400

Road closures and slips

For the latest on Rocks Road please check our website. Please avoid unnecessary travel, allow extra time for your journey and drive safely through the detour on Rutherford Street/Waimea Road. Road closures and slips throughout Nelson are being updated at nelson.govt.nz including a live map at: bit.ly/3QyUv9v



Help those in need

The Nelson Tasman Mayoral Relief Fund is now open to accept donations from the public following a \$200,000 contribution from the Government.

How to donate:

Bank transfer: **03 0703 0325055 00**

Reference: **Mayoral Relief Fund***

Nelson Mayor Rachel Reese says the emergency team working on the response has been overwhelmed by the offers of help by the public, and the Fund offers a straightforward way to channel that support.

"The generosity and caring spirit of Nelson Tasman has been in full display over the last few days and this fund allows us to provide support to people who are unable to access support elsewhere.

"By donating to the fund, we can ensure that people receive the help they really need at this difficult time."

Any donations will be eligible for a donation tax credit.

**Westpac customers may need to choose Debtors as payee.*



Council staff help at the Glen

Nelson City Council staff and contractors worked tirelessly last week, with teams out in residential streets helping to reduce the impact of flooding.

On Thursday, a team of staff and contractors worked at the Glen Stream on Brook Street, where overflowing water from a blocked culvert was threatening to undermine the structure of the road.

Staff cleared blockage and built a bund (dirt barrier) to divert excess water away from the road.



Antenno users multiply

More than 2000 people across Nelson-Tasman have downloaded the Antenno app to get the quickest updates on the weather event straight to their phone.

All of Council's weather event updates on Facebook are posted on Antenno, and it can also be used to report issues back to Council staff without having to call.

Outside of emergencies, Antenno is still useful, providing reminders about recycling and notifications about other useful information such as road closures.

Download the app here: nelson.govt.nz/services/apps/antenno



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It also lets you report issues in your area. It's free, easy to install and doesn't collect any personal data. Check it out today!

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Help for the big clean-up

For those that can safely re-enter their homes the focus is now on cleaning up the damage.

We have put in place some facilities to make a grubby job a little easier.

- Skips have been placed where the worst flood damage occurred for the disposal of small household items (i.e. toys, clothes, pots, pans, small appliances etc.). This includes the Nile Street, Wood, Tāhunanui and Atawhai areas, and we will monitor demand and place more skips if needed. Skips are available for two weeks from Monday 22 August.
- Please only use these skips for flood-damaged goods, please think of others that have suffered damage to their homes and need the space.
- Additional options are being considered for larger items such as furniture, whiteware, carpets and rugs.
- Transfer stations around the region will accept flood-damaged goods for free for two weeks from Monday 22 August 2022. This is for goods damaged between 15 to 21 August and customers sign a declaration that they were damaged by flooding. You'll need some form of identification like a driver's licence or utility bill and will need to agree that if insurance pays out, transfer station fees will be paid.
- We have two sites to dispose of soil and mud deposited around homes by flooding. These are: Stoke (corner of Main Road Stoke and Saxton Road – the old Circus set up location) and Miyazu Gardens (the northern end). These sites are for households and can accommodate small trucks and cars with trailers. Open 8am – 6pm.

Mayor's Message

I am incredibly thankful and proud of the strength and resilience of our community.

The extreme rain event last week has impacted everyone, and my heart goes out to those who have had to leave their homes, but thankful for everyone who has stepped up and supported them.

Hundreds of people throughout Nelson Whakatū have supported family, whanau and strangers directly and indirectly, through shelter, clean ups, hot meals, hugs and so much more.

Our response agencies, support agencies, and iwi, have also worked tirelessly to protect lives, homes and infrastructure, and provide help wherever possible. My thanks also to critical personnel from outside of the region who have joined us in our time of need, and to our contractors who worked around the clock.

Across Te Taihū the impacts are widespread, from Golden Bay to St Arnaud, central Richmond, Nelson, The Glen, Cable Bay, Marlborough Sounds, and through to Rai Valley.

Despite the weather easing, as people get out and survey their properties, the reports of devastation and destruction continue. And even as we start the clean-up and assessment of infrastructure across the region, with the land still very wet and more rain forecast, we remain vigilant to ongoing landslips.

The most immediate avenue where the community can support people affected by the flooding is via the Nelson Tasman Mayoral Relief Fund. The government has given the fund a wonderful kickstart with a donation of \$200,000 to help people get back on their feet.

Anyone wishing to donate to the fund can deposit funds into the Nelson City Council bank account:

03 0703 0325055 00

If making a donation, please use **Mayoral Relief Fund** as the reference.

With the severity of the rain event that has impacted our communities, the State of Emergency has been extended until Wednesday 31 August.

Our wonderful responders and contractors will be continuing their amazing mahi to support our communities. We are here for you, and we will get back on our feet in time by working together.



Mayor Rachel Reese



Nelsonians helping each other out. Credit: Aine Byrne.

Five seconds

That's how much time you save by driving at 36km/hr through the Rutherford Street/Waimea Road detour. The speed limit through the detour is 30km/hr and Nelson City Council is asking drivers to slow down and respect the residents.

"Keeping everyone safe during this project is our highest priority," says Group Manager Infrastructure Alec Louverdis.

"The work on Waimea Road/Rutherford Street is vital and can't be avoided, but it does mean that a substantial amount of traffic has to be detoured through these residential areas. We've lowered the speed limit to 30km/hr and have been monitoring speeds. The data shows that the median speed through the Rutherford Street section of the detour is 36km/hr. That sounds slow, but we need people to go slower and drive like they would on their own street – the time you're saving on this 200m stretch by exceeding the speed limit is about five seconds, is that worth putting others at risk?

"We have put in a long list of measures to slow people down, including installing an extra VMS board (electronic message board), speed feedback signs, temporary roundabouts, additional bollards to improve traffic calming, and 30km/hr signs. We have also worked closely with schools in the area to help parents and caregivers get their children to their classrooms safely.

"Now that we have speed data, we will also look at introducing more safety measures. New line markings will slow traffic down outside of peak hours by narrowing the road even when there are no cars parked along it, and we are meeting with police to ask them to spend some more time at the detour site."



Councillors' Comment

The role of Council is improving well-being – cultural, social, economic and environmental.

From Nelson Environment Centre to Victory Boxing and Melrose House Trust, Council assists a wide range of individuals and organisations that support our community well-being. Elected members also get the opportunity to be a liaison on a range of strategic organisations that we partner with. This term of Council I have had the privilege of representing Council on the Positive Ageing Forum and Youth Nelson Trust. These organisations support the social well-being of our community through education programmes, advocacy, training and recreation.

Every two years we recognise some of the many volunteer organisations and individuals in our community through the Eelco Boswijk Civic Awards. It is important to celebrate and recognise the hardworking volunteers who make a difference in our community and to hold them up to inspire others. Thank you!

Our staff also need to be recognised as not only professional and dedicated workers, but tireless volunteers in our community supporting events and projects. After long hours working to make our city a better place, they commit countless hours after work and on the weekend planting, fundraising, running events and beach clean-ups, coaching sports and so much more.

Ka pai!



What's the Rutherford Street Stormwater Upgrade?

The upgrade is one of many water infrastructure upgrades happening across our city. Our Long Term Plan 2021 – 31 allocated \$496m to core infrastructure projects, with much of that budget going towards projects that will improve our resilience to increased heavy rainfall due to climate change and an increase in the number of people living closer to our City Centre.

"The past week has shown us just how critical upgraded stormwater infrastructure is for our city's future," says Infrastructure Committee Chair Brian McGurk. "If we can get this work done now, we can build our city's resilience to heavy rainfall events and flooding."

At \$9.8m, the Rutherford Stormwater Upgrade is one of the most high-profile projects scheduled. Here's a list of other projects that are ongoing or starting in the near future.

Flood protection \$24m Saxton Creek Stage 4	Wastewater \$9.9m Awatea Pump Station and storage facilities	\$5.9m Washington Valley Infrastructure Upgrade		
Stormwater and Wastewater \$5.9m Washington Valley Infrastructure Upgrade	Stormwater \$33m Haven Road	\$1.6m Wastney Terrace	\$1.6m Centennial Park	\$1m Tāhunanui Hills Catchment 3

Rutherford Street detour changes

We've achieved a lot during Phase 1 of this important infrastructure upgrade.

Work to install stormwater, wastewater and water supply pipes is underway, and we've installed a large stormwater chamber at the Rutherford/Examiner intersection. As we move into Phase 2, we are slightly changing the detour routes. It's tough to say exactly when we will move into Phase 2 as the severe weather has meant a delay in work. Once an exact date has been confirmed, we will let residents and Nelsonsians know via our regular channels.

As always, please follow all posted signs and stay within the reduced speed limits. They are there to keep you and everyone around you safe.

All businesses in the area remain open for the duration of the project, and parking is available along the detour route and near the road closure.



What's happening during Phase 2:

- Continuing the installation of stormwater pipe in Waimea Road
- Completing stormwater pipe installation in Rutherford Street
- Closing Wellington Street to enable connection work at the intersection
- Completing the watermain and sewer installation on the west side of Rutherford and
- Beginning watermain and sewer installation on the east side of the Rutherford/Examiner intersection

Airport a no-go zone for drones

Drones are a lot of fun when used safely, but please remember that some places are a no-go for flying drones.

Drone use within 4km of an airport is subject to Civil Aviation Authority rules. It's important you know what these are before operating a drone near Nelson Airport – everything you need to know can be found at airshare.co.nz.

Sighting of a drone near Nelson Airport could result in an emergency call to police and might require temporary closure of the aerodrome.

There are some other rules to be aware of, too. For example, you must obtain permission from the property owner or occupier before flying drones over private property.

Commercial and recreational use of drones on Council owned or operated land is allowed subject to CAA requirements.

For more information on drone use in New Zealand, check out: aviation.govt.nz/drones



A message from Civil Defence - as of 4pm, Monday 22 August

Incident information:

The Incident Information Centre has moved to what was the old iSite building at the Millers Acre Centre, Nelson. Hours will remain the same from 8:30am to 6:30pm. Insurance Council, EQC and other insurers, WINZ, Primary Health, Red Cross and IRD will be present on-site.

Roading:

For the latest on SH6 (Rocks Road) please check nelson.govt.nz or Waka Kotahi's website. SH6 Bayview to Hira is open to residents only.

We recommend limiting non-essential travel and working from home where possible. If you are travelling, please take care, keep your speed down and allow additional time to reach your destination.

Re-entering evacuated properties:

Supported re-entry is underway for evacuated residents and is directed by a placard structure based on risk:

- Red placards mean that entry is not permitted
- Yellow placards mean you may have temporary access during daytime hours to retrieve contents, but cannot stay overnight
- White placards (which may be no placard, or a white dot on or around your entryway) means your home is safe to re-enter

Nelson City Council is calling evacuated residents to confirm the status of their homes.

FAQs for returning home after evacuations

What if my home is damaged?

If you are able to (i.e. if your house has no placard or a yellow placard), you should take photos of all damage and speak to your insurance company as soon as possible.

There will be insurance experts at the iSite daily from 8:30am - 6:30pm if you prefer to speak to someone in person.

Where can I go to for help?

The Incident Information Centre at the iSite is open from 8.30am till 6.30pm until further notice and is the best place to go to talk to support agencies.

Is there someone I can talk to about insurance?

Yes- there will be insurance experts daily at the Trafalgar Centre to talk to you *kanohi ki te kanohi* (face to face). You can also call your insurance company if you prefer.

Can I get cash from the Mayoral Relief Fund?

The Fund will be open to any resident, ratepayer, business owner and not-for-profit organisation in Nelson or Tasman regions that has suffered financial hardship as a result of the weather event.

Details about how to apply will be made available soon.

Can I get an emergency MSD payment?

You may be eligible. MSD will be at the Trafalgar Centre daily or you can call 0800 559 009.

How long will we be in a state of emergency?

At this stage, we are in a state of emergency until Wednesday 31 August. Basically, this means Civil Defence has certain powers to make things happen to preserve community safety in an emergency.

I am really stressed. Can I talk to someone?

Yes, you can call or text 1737 for 24/7 confidential support.

Candidates for the 2022 Nelson City Council local election announced

A total of 42 candidates are standing for election to Nelson City Council, with seven standing for the position of Mayor, eleven standing for the "at large" councillor vacancies, nine standing for the Central Ward, thirteen standing for the Stoke-Tāhunanui Ward, and two standing for the Whakatū Māori Ward.

Those wanting to learn more about candidates standing for election will be able to read candidate profile statements on nelson.govt.nz by clicking on the 'Local Elections' tile. Statements will be uploaded to the website as soon as possible and will be included with voting papers.

Voters will also be able to hear directly from candidates at events organised by community groups. Interested groups can register their candidate event at our website. Events will be advertised at our Election Hub once they are scheduled.

Voters interested in participating in the election should make sure they are enrolled to vote and that their details are up to date. Visit vote.nz to enrol or update your details.

There are also important changes for this election that voters should be aware of, including the use of a mixed-ward system and Single Transferable Vote (STV) to elect candidates. Voters can check which ward they are in using our interactive ward map, and our short animations explain how STV works and how to fill in a ballot paper using the new system. All this information and more can be accessed at our Election Hub at:

shape.nelson.govt.nz/loca-elections-2022

Candidates standing for election

Standing for Mayor (1 Vacancy)

- Matt Lawrey
- Kerry Neal
- Rohan O'Neill-Stevens
- Richard Osmaston (MFPNZ)
- Tim Skinner (Nelson Citizens Alliance)
- Nick Smith (Independent)
- John Wakelin

Standing for Council – At Large (3 Vacancies)

- Cindy Batt (Work 4 U)
- Zoe Byrne (Nelson Citizens Alliance)
- Margot Haley
- Marie Lindaya (Whiria te Tāngata - weave the people together)
- Rohan O'Neill-Stevens
- Brent Pahl (Independent)
- Mani Rai (Nelson Citizens Alliance)
- Rachel Sanson
- Tim Skinner
- Mike Ward
- Ian Williams (Independent)

Standing for Council – Central Ward (4 Vacancies)

- Matty Anderson (Independent)
- Murray Cameron (Nelson Citizens Alliance)
- Cleo Cowdrey (Nelson Citizens Alliance)
- Sean Davis
- James Hodgson (Nelson Citizens Alliance)
- Dai Mitchell (Independent)
- Pete Rainey (Independent)
- Aaron Stallard (Independent)
- Peter Win (Nelson Citizens Alliance)

Standing for Council – Stoke-Tāhunanui Ward (4 Vacancies)

- Ian Barker (Time to work better together)
- Matthew Benge
- Trudie Brand (Working for You)
- Rhys Bromell
- Mel Courtney (Independent)
- Lyndell Dodunski
- Mike Gane (Independent)
- Allan Hoult (Nelson Citizens Alliance)
- Sarah Minchington (Independent)
- Valmai Palatchie
- Harry Pearson (Nelson Citizens Alliance)
- Cambell Rollo (Independent)
- Harvey Ruru (Independent)

Standing for Council - Whakatū Māori Ward (1 Vacancy)

- Bernie Goldsmith
- Kahu Paki Paki

Library events for every age

Find fun and free activities for the whole family at your local library.

Small Times for 0-2 years old: Offering songs, rhymes and stories for our youngest learners. Tuesdays at Nightingale Library, Wednesdays at the Elma Turner Pop-up Library, and Fridays at Stoke. All sessions begin at 10:30am.

Story Times for 3-5 years old: Join for themed stories and play with a focus on early literacy and movement. Available at Nightingale Library in Tāhunanui, every Tuesday at 1:30pm.

Techy Times for after-school: A technology and LEGO fun session for kids 4-13 years old. Parents are encouraged to stay and play too. Available 3:45-4:45pm, Tuesdays at the Nightingale Library, and Fridays at Stoke Library.

Festival of Adult Learning: For our life-long learners. Take part in Nelson's first Amazing Race, solve the clues in our escape room, get creative with punch-needle embroidery, and more. On from 5-11 September.

For information on all our weekly library events and special festival events, contact library@ncc.govt.nz, phone 03 546 0414, or visit nelsonpubliclibraries.co.nz.



Taiwan cherry – a pretty pest



**PEST
PATROL**
On the lookout

Taiwan cherry (*Prunus campanulata*) is an invasive weed that poses a real threat to our environment.

Spread easily by birds, it forms dense stands in the landscape, preventing regeneration of native species that provide all-year-round food and habitat for our native animals.

It has become a major pest plant in Aotearoa New Zealand and has the potential to cause problems comparable with old man's beard, gorse and blackberry, if it is not brought under control.

Taiwan cherry is a deciduous tree that grows up to 10m in height. It's most likely to be noticed from late July through to early September, when the mature trees produce thousands of deep pink flowers that attract pollinators such as bees and tūi. Its thin leaves are 5-17cm long, staggered, serrated, and it has shiny, scarlet fruit (1cm in diameter) from October to December.

Native birds such as tūi feed on the berries and nectar, however, the nectar only lasts for a couple of weeks. Good native nectar suppliers for tūi are pōhutukawa, flax, kōwhai and ngaio. Taiwan cherry crowds out these species if left to spread, giving our native birds a much shorter timeframe and food supply than what the native plants offer.

We appreciate that Taiwan cherry trees are considered to be attractive and that they draw in birds and bees, but these benefits are far outweighed by the disastrous ecological impacts this species will have on our indigenous

scrubland and forest ecosystems if left to spread. We recommend replanting with native species such as kōwhai, rātā or tī kōuka (cabbage trees) to benefit the local bird and insect population.

Taiwan cherry in the Nelson area

Taiwan cherry was officially given eradication status in 2019, making it illegal to sell, propagate or distribute in the Nelson Tasman region.

This species is a high biosecurity priority, and Nelson City Council is offering free removal if you have this tree on your property. Council contractors will be contacting landowners with known trees over the coming weeks to discuss tree removal.

What can you do?

Council is asking for the local community's support and cooperation to help us achieve Taiwan cherry eradication, and we urge anyone who suspects they have it growing on their property to get in touch to arrange for the tree(s) to be assessed.

To report Taiwan cherry or to arrange an assessment, contact Kūmānu directly on 03 546 0910. You can also email us on biosecurity@ncc.govt.nz or call 03 546 0200.

Go to our website for more information

nelson.govt.nz/taiwan-cherry



Name Nelson Airport's fire truck and win!

Nelson Airport's new Panther Rosenbauer fire truck is arriving in September 2022. The emergency vehicle is equipped with a 700 horsepower Volvo engine, a cannon that can throw water up to 80 metres and can blast 7,000 litres of water per minute. Its arrival will provide Nelson Airport's Rescue Fire Service with state of the art firefighting capability.

Now all it needs is a name that's worthy of it! Do you have a great suggestion? Let us know at nelsonairport.co.nz/name-the-truck, and you could be in with a chance to WIN the following:

- A ride on Nelson Airport's Panther Rosenbauer fire truck
- A framed photograph of the experience
- A \$100 prezzy card
- A voucher to spend at Sublime Coffee at Nelson Airport

The winning name will be selected by a panel of invited judges.

Entries close on Wednesday 7 September.

Terms and conditions apply.



**NAME
OUR FIRE
TRUCK!**



NELSON ARTS FESTIVAL

Discover 11 days of unmissable arts experiences for and with Whakatū — the 2022 Festival programme is now live!

20 – 30 October 2022 nelsonartsfestival.nz

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Te Kaunihera o
Whakatū

FESTIVALS ARE COMPLEX, UNWIELDY, UNCERTAIN BEASTS

They are akin to a storm, long seen in the distance and then wildly all-encompassing when on top of you.

Festivals take you for a ride, and we wouldn't want them any other way. But not all storms are alike, and not all environments are either. This storm, on this day, in this place, is hugely different from 2021, 2020, or particularly 2019.

The presentness to this moment (and the certainty of change) means Nelson Arts Festival has to change too. From flying icebergs to boxing ring poetry slams, and everything from exhibitions, performances, workshops, whispers in the streets, parties, words, discussions, rituals, residencies and unforgettable experiences, in halls, theatres, galleries, cafes, heritage sites, Kōhanga Reo and digital platforms, and, to top it all off, a burning piano: we are making a Festival with our community at its heart, embracing a wider range of artists and spaces in Whakatū and beyond, looking to different framings where

even more of our community may feel seen and safe, and embedding the community in a multitude of aspects of the programme.

This manifests this year in an expanded Access Programme, continual growth in our Tamariki and Rangatahi Programme, and new initiatives such as the inaugural *By Whakatū* residency at the Suter Theatre. *Masks About Town* celebrates the creativity and history of mask culture and making in our community; *THAW* brings a big event for the whole community; our streets and galleries come alive after dark for *NIGHT VISION*, and community-led making is embedded across the Festival.

OPENING THE DOOR: We are proud and delighted to announce – not one, not two, but ALL of our ticketed shows will be Pay What You Can (PWYC) this year!

We believe that PWYC makes the Festival more financially accessible to more of our community, and will build love of the arts in the hearts of Whakatū and beyond. With various

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factors it continues to be a tough time out there, and we want to help give the gift of the Festival to as many people as we can. This PWYC trial is funded by **The Cultural Sector Innovation Fund, Manatū Taonga | Ministry for Culture and Heritage**, and supported by our Kārearea Partner, **NBS**.

Want to know more? Find all info about our ticketing and how to book on our website: nelsonartsfestival.nz/information/#pwyc

Nau mai, haere mai e te whānau!

Here's to 11 days of unmissable arts experiences for and with you, here in Whakatū this October.

WHAKAPAPA

SCATTERGUN

WED 26 OCT (SUTER THEATRE): 8:00 PM,
THURS 27 OCT (MOTUEKA LIBRARY): 7:30 PM

Ana Chaya Scotney (Tūhoe) exemplifies a masterclass in solo performance. Exuberant and sincere by turns, *ScatterGun* burrows deep into an urban consciousness, seeking to embody connection to wairua, spirit, whenua and to each other as tangata, beneath the divisive architecture of our modern times. Tihei Mauri Ora!



KO TE ĀKAU

REFINERY ARTSPACE | EXHIBITION: WEEKDAYS
10:00 AM - 5:00 PM, SAT 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM |
THURS 20 OCT: PERFORMANCE 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM

Ko Te Ākau is a visual arts installation and curated performance programme for live and virtual spaces, created for group and solo performances, within a design accurate, site-specific installation of lighting, sound design and video projection. The project references the collaborative works of artists **Ralph Hotere** and **Bill Culbert** and serves as the inspiration for exploring the poetics of Te Ākau, the space where the ocean meets the land, where the horizon connects land, water and sky.



KEI HEA A TIKI? WHERE IS TIKI? KIM IRELAND

REFINERY ARTSPACE | THROUGHOUT THE FESTIVAL

In te ao Māori, tāne and wāhine once lived in balance with each other, and all other beings who originated from Ranginui and Papatūānuku. Gender and sexual diversity were normalised but colonialisation brought a strict gender hierarchy and static sexual identities. With the power of pūrākau and whakapapa, this exhibition attempts to draw forth mātauranga Māori of gender and sexuality.

THOROUGHLY MODERN MĀUI

THEATRE ROYAL | SAT 22 OCT | 8:00 PM

The music theatre star that is **Rutene Spooner** is channelling the Māori hero Māui into a modern-day icon – complete with rhinestones and glitter. Don't miss the charmingly quick-witted songs, hilarious antics and heart-felt storytelling.

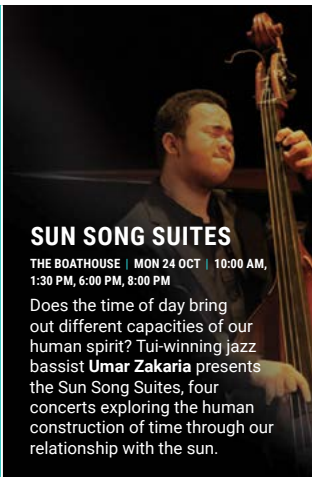


NIGHT FOLLOWS DAY

SUN SONG SUITES

THE BOATHOUSE | MON 24 OCT | 10:00 AM,
1:30 PM, 6:00 PM, 8:00 PM

Does the time of day bring out different capacities of our human spirit? Tui-winning jazz bassist **Umar Zakaria** presents the *Sun Song Suites*, four concerts exploring the human construction of time through our relationship with the sun.



PIANO BURNING

SECRET LOCATION | SUN 30 OCT | 8:00 PM

In 1968, legendary Aotearoa-born composer **Annea Lockwood** set fire to an irreparable upright piano on the banks of the River Thames in London. After recent presentations at Brisbane Festival and *RISING*, this will be the long-awaited return to Aotearoa of this extraordinary work. Join us for our final gathering of Nelson Arts Festival 2022.



ARTEFACT

THE SUTER ART GALLERY TE ARATOI O WHAKATŪ |
FRI 28 OCT, SAT 29 OCT 6:00 PM + 8:00 PM

(Re)Discover the Suter Art Gallery Te Aratoi o Whakatū: this playful site-specific dance/theatre work by Arts Laureate **Ross McCormack** invites you into rabbit holes of possibility. Follow the performers, gallery hosts and art experts on a never-before tour of the gallery spaces.



NUKU: LIVE + EXHIBITION

NUKU LIVE: THEATRE ROYAL | SUN 23 OCT | 3PM
NUKU EXHIBITION: NMIT G-BLOCK ATRIUM | 20 - 30 OCT

NUKU LIVE is part of a creative and social impact storytelling movement that amplifies the voices of kickass Indigenous wāhine.

Meet the book's creator **Qiane Matata-Sipu** and three of the wāhine featured in the pukapuka: Dr Acushla Dee Sciascia, Puawai Cairns and Rachel Taulelei at **NUKU LIVE**, and enjoy Qiane's stunning portraits exhibited at NMIT throughout the Festival (official exhibition opening Thurs 20 Oct from 4pm).



THAW

PORT NELSON | MON 24 OCT | 1:00 PM - 9:00 PM

After premiering at Sydney Festival in January, we are super excited to be bringing the call to climate action **THAW** to Whakatū for its Aotearoa premiere!

High above the harbour, suspended by a crane on 2.7 tonnes of ice, a figure — isolated on a melting platform — struggles for balance as the ice melts beneath them. Over eight hours in one day, performed by three artists, **Legs On The Wall** brings death-defying beauty to the current climate crisis.

THAW resonates with us all, as we each grapple with our own role in the climate emergency and commit to our collective obligation to a sustainable future.



FEVER

THEATRE ROYAL | FRI 28 OCT, SAT 29 OCT | 8:00 PM

The cabaret show that was on everyone's hips, lips and fingertips in 2021 returns. **Fever: Return of the Ula** features the savage stomps and luscious sways of critically acclaimed **Fine Fatale**, hosted by the soulful singing trills of the goddess trio

The Taka Tu Wops and live band.



CRUCIAL DECADE

THEATRE ROYAL | SUN 23 OCT | 10:00 AM

The time to act is NOW! **Kim Hill** invites **Paul Tapsell** (Te Arawa, Tainui), **Mike Joy**, **Dave Lowe** and **Kera Sherwood-O'Regan** (Kāi Tahu) to explain how we can respond to the climate crisis and transform our lands, waterways and communities.

BEYOND BELIEF

SUTER THEATRE | FRI 21 OCT | 12:30 PM

Anke Richter's Cult Trip is a gripping, visceral, thriller-like investigation into Centrepunt, Gloriavale and Agama Yoga. In this session, **Noelle McCarthy** quizzes Richter about the dynamics that turn a group into a cult, and why we are all susceptible to undue influence.



ART CHEMIST

KISS ME (BY KISMET) | THURS 20 - SUN 23 OCT |
THURS 20 OCT, 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM | FRI 21 + SAT 22 OCT,
10:00 AM - 5:00 PM | SUN 23 OCT, 11:00 AM - 2:00 PM

Did you know you can get arts on prescription? To look at a painting, read some poetry or immerse yourself in a performance may be exactly what the doctor ordered! **Audrey Baldwin** and her fellow **Art Chemists** will set up shop over Labour Weekend to provide creative means to tackle everyday woes and gripes.



PAX ASSADI

THEATRE ROYAL | FRI 21 OCT | 8:00 PM

After an impressive 11 year career in the Aotearoa comedy scene, **Pax Assadi** is launching his first nationwide tour, hot off the heels of his critically acclaimed (very personal, very hilarious!) sitcom, *Raised By Refugees*.



SHOWY OVARIES

SUTER THEATRE | FRI 21 OCT | 6:00 PM

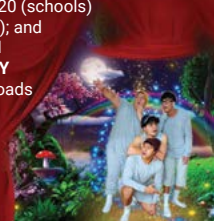
In this special live **Showy Ovaries** performance, the irrepressible comedian **Penny Ashton** will talk to bestselling novelist **Nicky Pellegrino** and acclaimed health writer **Niki Bezzant**, who both written about menopause. No one is too young for this session; knowing what's ahead may change how you live your life today!



VICTORY MINI-FEST

FROM GRAND SLAMS TO VISUAL SLAM DUNKS, WE'RE BEYOND EXCITED FOR OUR INAUGURAL VICTORY MINI-FEST ACROSS LABOUR WEEKEND.

We are grounding ourselves across three key locations and incredible organisations to celebrate the wealth of talent to be found in **Victory**: **VICTORY POETRY SLAM** (Victory Boxing, Fri 21 Oct); **Fua Creative's TUPU** (Victory Community Centre, Thu 20 (schools) + Sat 22 Oct); and **RANGATAHI COMMUNITY MURAL** (Broads Field, from Fri 21 Oct - ongoing).



GLORIOUSLY QUEER

DEVILLE | THU 20 OCT | 6:00 PM

Novelist **Rebecca K Reilly** (Ngāti Hine, Ngāti Wai) - winner of the Hubert Church Prize for best first book of fiction at the 2022 Ockham NZ Book Awards — and poet **Rebecca Hawkes** read from their stunning debut books..

DEVILLE MUSIC HUB

DEVILLE | AGES 18+ | PWYC

From across the musical time/space dimensions and from around the motu, we are excited to present our contemporary music programme at its all-new home at Deville.

Thurs 20 Oct: Emy Belle
Fri 21 Oct: Brown Sugar Factory
Sat 22 Oct: VIKÆ
Thurs 27 Oct: Wiri Donna
Fri 28 Oct: Wallace
Sat 29 Oct: Halfqueen + BBYFACEKILLA

PŪRĀKAU: WEAVING MĀORI MYTHS INTO MODERN STORIES

SUTER THEATRE | SAT 22 OCT | 3:00 PM

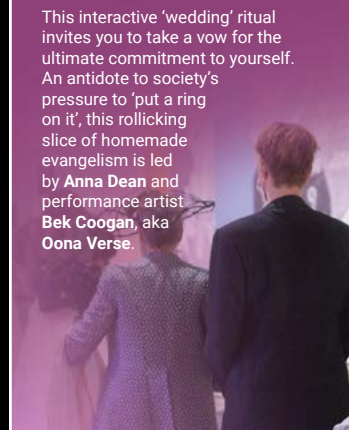
Whiti Hereaka and **Nic Low** have written two remarkable books that tell ancient Māori stories in fresh and compelling ways, with Hereaka flipping perspectives on a well-known tale, and Low using tramping and climbing adventures to bring the past to life.



SELF LOVE WEDDING

FAIRFIELD HOUSE | THURS 27 OCT | 7:00 PM

This interactive 'wedding' ritual invites you to take a vow for the ultimate commitment to yourself. An antidote to society's pressure to 'put a ring on it', this rollicking slice of homemade evangelism is led by **Anna Dean** and performance artist **Bek Coogan**, aka **Oona Verse**.



...AND SO MUCH MORE. DISCOVER OVER 200 ARTISTS COMING TOGETHER FOR 58 EVENTS ACROSS OUR 11 DAYS OF UNMISSABLE ARTS EXPERIENCES FOR AND WITH WHAKATŪ.

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Councillors' Comment

The strength and resilience of community

As Nelson reels from the flooding, what has been evident is the huge response of community helping each other, whether neighbour or stranger. Even those evacuated from homes are helping others in need without hesitation.

Further humbling has been the coordination of multiple emergency services, personnel and contractors who tirelessly worked day and night throughout.

Our water supply continued to provide clean filtered water to most of our homes, even when the main pipeline was severely damaged. Having the secondary mains pipe to put into action is testament to the wisdom and foresight of a previous council three terms ago.

Looking ahead, the areas where we have successfully improved flood protection and stormwater flow will be evident, and where

more is needed will be clear.

The city's resilience has been put to the test, but also the resilience of our Kiwi culture of rolling up our sleeves and working together has shone through.

There's a long challenge ahead, but I am confident we will come out the other side an even more unified and resilient community.

Councillor
Tim Skinner



An urgent food delivery to the Maitai campground

Nelson City Council staff dropped off emergency food parcels to people at the Maitai campground at the peak of the floods.

The food got to people just in time as further rain made the road even more difficult to navigate. Eventually, only heavy terrain vehicles were able to get through.

To watch a video of the delivery, scan the QR code above or go to:

bit.ly/3QG33M5



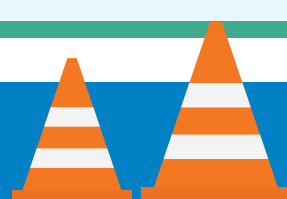
Conewatch



Completed

Project name	End date (if known)	Location	Benefit
Saxton Creek Upgrade Stage 4	End of July 2023	Main Rd, Stoke	Flood mitigation
Washington Valley Infrastructure Upgrade – Stage 1 (Hastings Street)	March 2023	Hasting Street	Improve stormwater network and reduce flooding risk
Awatea Place Wastewater Pump Station	January 2023	Awatea Place & Parkers Road	Improve wastewater network capacity and protect environment from overflows
Isel Park Bridge Replacement	August 2022	Isel Park	Upgrading the old bridge and adjacent paths
Te Pā Harakeke	From September 2022 / exact date TBC	Tahunanui Reserve	New community playground and reserve area
Centennial Park Pump Station Upgrade	September 2022	Centennial Road	Installing downstream defender to clean water pumped to Modellers Pond Redevelopment
Wastney Terrace Stormwater Upgrade	January 2023	Atawhai Crescent (Corder Pond) via private property to Wastney Terrace	Improve stormwater network capacity and reduce flooding risk

Ongoing



Project name	End date (if known)	Location	Benefit
York Terrace Stormwater Upgrade	FY23/24 (TBC)	Waimea Road, following the railway reserve path	Improve stormwater network capacity
Jenkins & Arapiki Stopbank (Nelson Airport)	FY23/24 (TBC)	Trent Drive (Nelson Airport Entrance Road)	To limit flooding risk near the Nelson Airport Storage / Carpark area
Strawbridge Sq Stormwater Upgrade	FY23/24 (TBC)	Strawbridge Sq / Songer Street	Improve stormwater network capacity
Founders Culture Display Space	FY22/23 ongoing	Founders Park	Create a culture display space
Founders Collection Store Upgrade	FY22/23	Founders Park	Improve storage collection facilities either by improvement or new build
Founders Energy Centre Upgrade	FY22/23 ongoing	Founders Park	Improve / upgrade Energy Centre building
Founders Playground	Feb/Mar 23	Founders Park	Upgrade playground facilities
Bayview Road Playground	Spring 22	Bayview Road (in new Subdivision)	Community Playground



MEETINGS

Council meeting	25 Aug
9am	
Joint Committee of Tasman District and Nelson City Councils	
9:30am	29 Aug
Strategic Development and Property Subcommittee	
9am	30 Aug
Hearings Panel - Other	
9am	31 Aug
Infrastructure Committee	
9am	1 Sep
Nelson Regional Sewerage Business Unit	
9:30am	2 Sep
Environment and Climate Committee	
9am	8 Sep
Nelson Tasman Regional Landfill Business Unit	
9:30am	9 Sep
Urban Development Subcommittee	
1:30pm	9 Sep
Audit, Risk and Finance Subcommittee	
9am	13 Sep
Community and Recreation Committee	
9am	15 Sep
Forestry Subcommittee	
9am	20 Sep
Chief Executive Employment Committee - Rūma Whakatū	
2pm	20 Sep
Council meeting	
9am	22 Sep
Council meeting	
11:15am	27 Sep
Regional Transport Committee	
1:30pm	27 Sep
Hearings Panel - Other	
1pm	28 Sep
Council meeting	
9am	29 Sep

For a full list of meetings go to:

nelson.govt.nz/meetings



To sign up for Our Nelson by email go to:
nelson.govt.nz/our-nelson

Saxton Field

2022 Tasman Primary Schools Regional Hockey Festival Y3&4 – Tuesday 20 September

Saxton Stadium

Business House Competition Table Tennis – Wednesday 10 August – Wednesday 28 September

NZSS Basketball Junior Premiership – Saturday 27 – Tuesday 30 August

Table Tennis Nelson - Junior Coaching – Thursday 25 August – Monday 19 September (ongoing until August 2023)

Trafalgar Centre

Womans NBL League – Friday 26 August, 6:00pm & 8:00pm

Womans NBL League, Final – Saturday 27 August, 6:00pm

Fashion for a Cure – Thursday 1 September, 6:30pm – 9:30pm

Bret McKenzie – Friday 2 September, 8:00pm

Nelson City Council Youth Event U18 – Saturday 10 September, 7:00pm

Kapa Haka Juniors – Friday 16 September, 8:00am

Trafalgar Park

Tasman Mako v Wellington – Wednesday 7 September, 7:00pm

Youth Lane Reboot – Saturday 10 September, 3:30 – 10:00pm

Tasman Mako v Taranaki – Sunday 11 September, 2:00pm

Te Huinga Whetū 2022 – Friday 16 September, 8:00am

Founders Heritage Park

Wellby @ Founders Quiz Night – Friday 26 August, 6:30pm

Juliet Ayre as part of the Live Music Series – Sunday 28 August, 2:00pm

Cawthron Scitec Expo – Tuesday 6 September, public viewing 4:00pm – 6:00pm

Funked UP – Saturday 17 September, 7:00pm – 11:00pm

Stoke Memorial Hall – Temporarily Closed

Trafalgar Street Hall

Introduction to te reo Māori – Thursday 15 September, 12:00pm – 1:00pm

Pūtangitangi Greenmeadows Community Centre

Escape Room – Thursday 8 September, 10:00am – 4:00pm

Nelson Public Libraries:

Elma Turner Pop-Up Library

Due to the temporary closure of the Elma Turner Library, some of the regular events have been moved to different locations. See below.

Small Time – every Wednesday at the Pop-up Library, 10:30am – 11:00am

Knitting Group – Library Knitters – Nelson Women's Centre, every Thursday, 10am – 12 pm

Tea & Talk – every Friday, Age Concern Office, 18 Bridge Street, 10:00am – 12:00pm

Bookchat – Tuesday 13 September, Age Concern Office, 10:30am – 11:30am

Shared Reading for Wellbeing – Nikau House, every Tuesday, 11:30am – 12:45pm

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

The Amazing Race – Monday 5 September, 10:00am – 12:00pm

Device Advice – every Tuesdays & Thursdays at the Pop-up Library, 2:00pm – 3:00pm

Device Advice, Victory Community Centre – starting Monday 5 September, 10:00am – 11:30am

Device Advice, Tahunanui Community Hub – starting Wednesday September 7, 12:00pm – 2:00pm

Nightingale Library Memorial

Hours: 10:00am – 4:00pm, Monday to Friday

Saturday: Closed

Sunday: 10:00am – 2:00pm

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

Nellie Knitters – Every Wednesday, 1:00pm – 3:30pm

Nellie Knitters – Every Monday, 1:00pm – 4:00pm

Open Mic – Friday 26 August, 12:00pm – 1:00pm

Poetry for Life with Cliff Fell - Friday 26 August, 1:00pm – 2:30pm

Small Times – every Tuesday, 10:30am – 11:00am

Story Time – every Tuesday, 1:30pm – 2:00pm

Techy Time at Tahuna – Tuesday 30 August & 6 September, 3:45pm – 4:45pm

Punch Needle Embroidery – Tuesday 6 September, 10:00am – 11:00am

Book Night – Wednesday 7 September, 5:00pm – 6:30pm

Wellby Talking Café – Thursday 8 September, 10:00am – 11:30am

Upcycled Clothing: T Shirt Stencilling – Sunday 11 September, 1:00pm – 3:00pm

Introduction to te reo Māori – Wednesday 14 September, 12:30pm – 1:30pm

Stoke Library

Hours: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday: 9:30am – 5:30pm

Wednesday: 10:00am – 5:30pm

Saturday: 10:00am – 1:00pm

Sunday: 1:00pm – 4:00pm

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

Reading to Billy the Dog – every Wednesday, 3:30pm – 4:30pm

Small Time at Stoke Library – every Friday, 10:30am – 11:00am

Techy Time – every Friday, 3:45pm – 4:45pm

Museums and Galleries:

The Suter Art Gallery & Theatre

Hours: 9:30am – 4:30pm Daily

Northspur Film Premiere – Sunday 4 September, 4:00pm & 7:00pm

Exhibition: Abstraction in New Zealand – 7 May – 9 October

Exhibition: Stevei Houkāmāu: Ira Tangata Ira Atua – 18 June – 2 October

Exhibition: Selina Foote: On a Clear Night – 20 August – 13 November

Art Classes: - Kids Being Creative – 6-9 years – every Tuesday & Wednesday, 3:20pm – 4:20pm

Art Classes: - Kids Being Creative – 10-13 years – every Monday, 3:30pm – 4:45pm

Art Classes: - Art for Adults – Thursdays & Fridays, 10:00am – 11:30am

Refinery ArtSpace

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

Exhibition: Kai – I – Nga – Ora, 6 – 28 August, 10:00am – 2:00pm

Nelson Provincial Museum

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

MELTDOWN: Visualising Climate Change – Friday 3 June – Sunday 2 October, 10:00am – 4:30pm

Exhibition: Colossal Squid – Thursday 26 May – Sunday 28 August, 10:00am – 4:30pm