



Sneak peek: a progress shot from Fiddle Lane which will be completed this week.

Fiddle Lane to get makeover with climate change message

Nelson's Fiddle Lane will become a quiet green oasis away from the bustle of the city centre's streets thanks to a Youth Council project with a climate change message.

Green Lane is a joint project between Nelson City Council's City Development Team, Events Team and the Nelson Youth Council and aims to raise awareness of climate change while creating an inviting, quiet place for people to sit, socialise or eat lunch.

Nelson Youth Council members worked with Council staff and local designers to come up with the new layout, which incorporates refurbished planter boxes from Upper Trafalgar Street, locally sourced plants, and seating, with flourishes of bright colour and custom artwork by local artist Isaac Anderson incorporating the whakataukī, "Hutia te rito o te harakeke, kei hea te kōmako e ko?" (If you remove the heart of the flaxbush, where will the bellbird rest?).

Boffa Miskell Ltd Principal Landscape Architect Alan Gray says the idea for Green Lane evolved over the course of a year and was inspired by an incredible "walking forest" project of moveable trees in the Netherlands.

"Green Lane is about transforming a somewhat barren Fiddle Lane into a green oasis for people to relax, socialise, and participate in civic life. The team has worked with Council and designers to upcycle the planters from Upper Trafalgar Street, provide needed seating out of the busy streets, and develop a place of sanctuary and respite in our central city.

"The Youth Council has stayed involved with a small group of committed representatives playing an influential role in the design process - from ideas on the whiteboard down to meeting budget, deadline, and finer details."

Youth Councillors Ruth Buckland, 17 and Finn Kerby-Pinguet, 16, were among those who took a keen interest in being part of the Green Lane Project.

Ruth says seeing how a simple idea could become something much bigger and positively impact the community has been a highlight.

"I hope that this laneway will inspire people to become aware about their thoughts and actions towards the environment. I hope that this will inspire individuals to take positive action in whatever way that looks like for them."

Finn says rangatahi have been engaged from the inception of the project and it was heartening to see a tangible outcome to a kaupapa [principle] they felt so strongly about.

"If Green Lane just gets people thinking about the climate crisis as they move through town, it will have fulfilled its purpose. The project is designed to be a thought-provoking and reflective installation, and hopefully the awareness that it creates can go on to influence people's behaviour and actions to become more sustainable."

The planter boxes were installed in Fiddle Lane (next to Farmers on Bridge Street) over Monday 4 and Tuesday 5 December, where they will remain for at least two-three years.

The project launches with a celebration on Friday 8 December with live music and food carts selling climate-conscious food from 5pm-7.30pm. All are welcome to join Nelson Youth Council and celebrate the new-look space.



Jessica St Germain – cyclist and parent



Bridge to Better – the view from Minnesota

The St Germain family, consisting of Jessica, Dean, and their two children (8 and 10 years old), swapped the long, cold winters of Minnesota for the warmer climate of Nelson just over two years ago.

"We were living in Minnesota during lockdown. It's the third coldest state in the USA, after Alaska and North Dakota. We started to get crazy ideas and thought, why don't we try living in New Zealand? When researching where we could move, our main criterion was – where will it be sunny?"

With that in mind, they chose Nelson and found much to love about their new city and lifestyle. Before living in Minnesota, Jessica and Dean had spent many years in Los Angeles.

"To get anywhere in LA, you are in your car for hours at a time. Walking and cycling just aren't options, and there's no green space. So, coming to Nelson, it's the walkability and the environment that we love. You can walk to town, or you can walk by the river. There are so many great options pretty much right on our doorstep," Jessica says.

"When we lived in Minnesota, winter lasted over five months, and it was often well below zero, so you're not really walking around outside in the winter. In Nelson, you can walk around all year round. We're also impressed that it's just a short drive to mountains, the ocean, and rivers that you can jump in! We also love the Saturday market. You can get fresh fruit and vegetables, get something to eat, and see your neighbors. It's so easy to get to, and we all enjoy it."

People stopping to chat, work/life balance, and feeling safe are just some of the other things they appreciate about their new life in Nelson.

"We really notice the difference in the pace of life here. People have time to communicate with one another. It was hard for me in the beginning because I was so used to having to rush to be somewhere all the time."

They've swapped their long commutes in cars for walking, cycling, or catching the bus to work and school.

"How good is the eBus! We use it all the time. The kids are just old enough to have a little bit of independence, and they get themselves home from school on the bus – we love it."

When they're not using the bus, the family cargo bike, which can take one adult and two kids, is their other main transport option. Safety, particularly when she's got her kids on board, is always top of mind for Jessica when she is cycling.

"I always map out the route in my head before we go anywhere. And I don't care if it's longer, as long as it's safer. I do find that people are, for the most part, very respectful of cyclists in Nelson more than where I've lived in the States, for sure. As a cyclist, I think let's do this together. If you're in a car, be aware of cyclists. If you're on a bike, be aware of cars."

However, she feels like there is room for improvement to help make cyclists feel safe.

"I'd love to see better biking and walking connections from the city to the sea. I'm not taking my kids on the bike on Rocks Road with a logging truck coming at me; it's scary. And getting to and from and through the inner city, there are places where we'd benefit from more delineation between bikes and other road users – both vehicles and pedestrians."

Since moving here, another difference they have noticed is how quiet Nelson city is in the evenings and on the weekends.

"That was one thing when we first moved here; we're like, let's go out. We'd be in town around 6pm and think, where is everybody? This is so quiet!" She loves the area around the top of Trafalgar Street and thinks the planned Bridge to Better infrastructure that will enable more people living in the inner city will bring even more vibrancy.

"What's lots of fun is seeing other people out and about, and Nelson's climate is perfect for that, whether it's people who live in the city having dinner on their patio, groups strolling from one café to another, or people just hanging out. Upper Trafalgar Street really encourages people to sit outside and mingle; it's got a great vibe, but I think we should explore options that will give the city even more of a buzz."

Jessica welcomes the idea of more people living in the inner city, particularly if it's a way to attract more young people to live in Nelson.

"I don't see very many young people here. There are families with young kids and teenagers, but there's not that 20 to 30-year-old community. If Nelson could figure out how to attract that group, it would add a lot to the city."

"My husband and I have talked about it a lot – how do you get younger people into Nelson? We think one of the keys is education and really promoting NMIT as a study option. For example, they've got an amazing music facility with a state-of-the-art performance room and equipment. How cool would it be to have the reputation that if you wanted to study music, the best option would be to come to Nelson? And we'd get all that positive flow-on effect of having all those young creative people to spark up our town."

As a parent with young children, she'd also love to see more spaces in town that are fun for kids, with an emphasis on color, interactivity, and creativity.

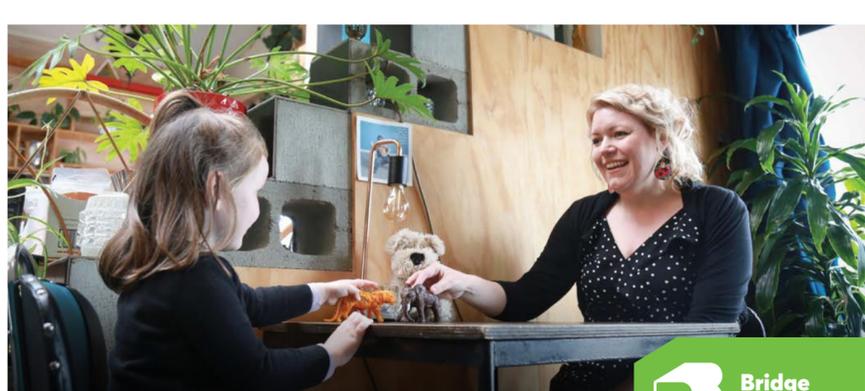
"I actually love all the murals and artwork that are around town already, but there is always room for more, and more places and fun activities for families. Maybe an interactive pathway to explore, or a scavenger hunt activity, or places where you can make, build or create."

Whatever changes through Bridge to Better that are to come, the St Germain family love their new hometown.

"I feel like we've made a really good decision for our family, for our kids. They're having a childhood that is similar to mine back in the day – running around the neighbourhood, catching up with friends, and going down to the playground. They have so much fun."



shape.nelson.govt.nz/bridge-better



Sarah O'Connell



Sarah O'Connell – more people equals more fun

Sarah O'Connell takes laughter seriously. As a comedian and a member of the Nelson Comedy Collective, she's part of small group of people who are working hard to build a thriving local comedy scene.

She knows that there is an appetite for comedy, with international stars such as Bill Bailey able to attract audiences to venues like the Theatre Royal and Trafalgar Centre, but promoting local comedians is challenging.

"We've got about 20 local comedians who want to perform regularly, but we've really only got enough demand for a once-a-month gig. The team at East Street Café, our current venue, are wonderful and supportive, and they'd have us there every Friday night, but we're just not getting enough people coming to justify it," she says.

She's hopeful that the planned Bridge to Better infrastructure upgrade that will enable more people living in the inner city will help boost the local live entertainment scene.

"I think having more people living in the inner city would have a positive flow-on effect for live comedy and music. Because we need the bodies in the restaurants and pubs for the owners to say, 'Hey, look, we've got people coming, we've got a busy, well-staffed venue and we're making a profit, we can now get the entertainers in.' If we were getting bigger audiences more regularly, it would mean we would be able to attract well-known New Zealand comedians to perform in Nelson as well," she says.

"I performed in Christchurch recently and the Christchurch comedians all want to come up. They like coming to Nelson but it's too hit and miss with how many people are coming along to make it worth the trip. Nelson audiences don't book, they just turn up if they want to! If you had a scenario where there were people actually living in the city who wanted to go out and experience live comedy and live theatre, that numbers game would definitely help, a hundred percent."

There's a safety in numbers aspect to having more people in town too.

"If it was a hustling, bustling city with more people around and more places open in the evening, there's more safe places to go. I don't feel unsafe walking home after a gig now, but it would be nice to have more people around if I needed them."

Safety on the streets has another meaning for Sarah. She's a mum of two young girls, and doesn't drive, so the family does a lot of walking and cycling.

"I think people don't talk enough about how scary cars can be when you are a cyclist or pedestrian. I used to take my youngest to kindy in a trailer on the back of my bike and sometimes being on the roads felt risky and it felt like the safest option was to ride on the footpath. That's not ideal but I felt I needed to do whatever was safest."

Sarah and her daughters live near the city, and quite often walk into town.

"We enjoy the various parks, but they are quite spread out. I think it would be great to have more in the central city that was focused on kids and young families. Even more green spaces, small play parks, and water parks would be awesome. It would be great to have places that cater for everyone. I have friends with children with disabilities, and there isn't much in the inner city that is suitable for them. There is awesome accessible playground equipment now, so it makes sense that it should be incorporated into any design. More accessible toilets would be fantastic too."

Her ultimate wish list for the inner city would be a space to both celebrate and create art.

"The arts has a huge role in creating vibrancy and a vibe in the inner city. I would love for Nelson to have a seven day a week arts centre – somewhere where you could do everything from rehearsing to performing. It could cover everything from theatre, dance, music, comedy and even film. Add in a bar and a theatre that seats around 100 people – that would be my dream!"

In the meantime, you can support local comedy by heading to East Street Café – follow the Nelson Comedy Collective on Facebook to find out when their next gig is.



Pohowera Banded dotterel on the Boulder Bank

Protecting nesting birds on the Boulder Bank

From 15 August to the last day of February each year dogs are prohibited from the Boulder Bank for 4km from the Cut towards Boulder Bank Drive.

It is also important to keep your dog under control in other areas of the Boulder Bank as there may be birds and other wildlife outside of the dog prohibited area. Neighbouring Haulashore Island is off limits to dogs at all times of the year.

Both areas are nesting grounds for native birds including kororā little blue penguins and pohowera banded dotterel. As the Boulder Bank contains the largest white-fronted tern/tara and red-bill gull/tarāpunga breeding colonies in Nelson it is extremely important for these species to be undisturbed during their nesting cycle. Other colonies where these species breed along the northern coastline of Nelson are significantly smaller.

Red-billed gulls are the most conspicuous coastal New Zealand gull and are now ranked as a declining native species. One important factor contributing to the decline of the species is predation by mammalian species such as cats, ferrets, rats, dogs and stoats. Climate change can also cause a decline in their marine food supply.

The Boulder Bank is also home to the largest breeding concentrations of banded dotterel/pohowera and variable oystercatcher/tōrea pango within Nelson. A Nelson City coastal bird survey counted 172 tōrea pango here in December 2020.

All these important native species make their nests on the ground and are particularly vulnerable to predation and disturbance between August and February each year.

Savour the season

Holidays and special occasions are great opportunities to celebrate with food. Whether you're having breakfast, lunch, dinner, a house party, potluck, BBQ, a beach or park picnic; having a menu plan, a shopping list, and a plan for the leftovers is a great way to avoid creating or managing any excess food.

Begin menu planning

Once you know the approximate number of people coming, you can start to plan your menu. It's very tempting to make everyone's favourite food but try hard to not go overboard. If it's a potluck, delegate categories to ensure you have a great spread with few repeats.

When thinking about the dish or dessert to bring for a potluck, try thinking ahead about transport and storage. Is it likely to spill? Will it need to be chilled and is there a place for it to be chilled? Does it need to be cooked or reheated? You can also Google portion planners. They'll tell you how much food you need for the amount of guests you have.

After everyone is full!

Send friends and family home with leftovers! Think of fun ways to use leftovers, like ham and pineapple on home made pizza. Remember, the freezer is your friend!

Tips for a sustainable Christmas

- Give edible delights as gifts. From homemade bread, bliss balls and truffles to jams and preserves. Edible gifts are sure to please.
- Rather than giving 'things' and 'stuff', try giving experiences or subscriptions. A family day out or a movie and a meal. Subscriptions like e-books or entertainment. Digital gifts like downloadable games rather than one in plastic packaging.
- Use reusable cloth bags, old newspapers, or even a festive tea towel to wrap your gifts sustainably.
- Try to avoid disposable dinnerware. When you have plenty of guests and not enough plates using disposable plates seems quick and easy. Pop past your local thrift store and see how cheap it is to grab a pile of plates!
- Give thrift store treasures. You can find unique glassware, kitchenware and decorative ornaments that have been handed on that can make perfect gifts.

NBS Nelson Santa Parade

Celebrate the festive season at this years' NBS Nelson Santa Parade.

Sunday 10 December, 1pm-3pm.

eBus detours are in place all day throughout Nelson's CBD due to road closures.



eBus
Santa Parade Bus Detour
10 December – All day



Jobs for Nature combines biodiversity with cultural preservation

Biodiversity restoration has been the focus of the three-year Jobs for Nature project in the Wakapuaka and Whangamoia river catchments.

More than 45 hectares of weed control including banana passionfruit, old man's beard, sycamore and willow has been completed in a range sites of high ecological and cultural value since work began in Spring 2021. Many of these sites provide habitat for threatened species, such as the at risk/declining Marlborough mini gecko discovered at one site.

Jobs for Nature is a \$1.19 billion dollar programme that manages funding across multiple government agencies to benefit the environment, people, and the regions as part of the government's COVID-19 recovery package.

Nelson City Council is working with a group of Jobs for Nature rangers from Kūmānu Environmental in the Wakapuaka and Whangamoia catchments, navigating steep terrain to tackle intensive vine and other weed infestations which pose one of the biggest threats to our native ecosystems.

This third and final year of the project has also seen work start on two other project deliverables: 20 hectares of wilding conifer control and 30 hectares of possum control. In addition to this, 10,000 more native plants will be planted before the end of the project next winter.

The project also supports a cultural guidance programme for Jobs for Nature rangers and Council staff working in environmental areas, through a Pou Tikanga role appointed by Ngāti Tama. A recent pakohe (argillite) wānanga (sharing of traditional knowledge) in collaboration with Ngāti Kuia and Nelson Provincial Museum developed understanding of the historical and contemporary importance of pakohe, and our collective role as kaitiaki.

A wānanga was organised with Hamuera Manihera, the Kaitiaki Taonga Māori (Māori Taonga Collections Manager) for Nelson Provincial Museum, alongside Ruihana Smith from Te Rūnanga o Ngāti Kuia about their connections to pakohe. The purpose was to enhance the understanding and knowledge around pakohe and the importance of this taonga, which is particularly associated with the Nelson and Marlborough regions. Nearly 40 staff from Council and Kumānu attended, and this was a first for many to hear about the history of this particular taonga, which was traded and used for making tools, and formed an important part of the history of the region.



Ruihana Smith, Ngāti Kuia



The 2023/24 Summer Events Guide is out!

The Summer Events Guide is back! It's filled with incredible events to enjoy around our region.

Look for the guide in your home letterbox or pick one up in the Nelson City Council Customer Service Centre at 110 Trafalgar Street. You can also download a copy online at summerevents.nz.

This year's guide has all the kai, music, markets, sports and activities you need to keep you busy this summer, and then some.

For kids and families there are fun activities like the Elves' Workshop (20 December) and the Teddy Bears' Picnic (14 January).

You'll find outdoor summer entertainment, like NBS Tāhuna Summer Sounds (12 January) and Summer Movies Al Fresco (from 3 January – 17 February) in parks and reserves throughout the region.

Many events in the guide are free, and others are low-cost or koha gold coin. Get into it, Nelson!

All Council supported summer events are also listed on It's On:

itson.co.nz

Plan Change 29 submissions: engagement summary and next steps

Nelson City Council's planning team received 880 submissions to Plan Change 29, and 401 submitters let us know that they will take up the opportunity to speak at the hearing.

Submissions have been collated and uploaded to shape.nelson.govt.nz/plan-change-29.

Our planning team is currently reading through each submission to identify key issues raised, ideas, and opportunities and to ensure each submission point and decision requested are carefully noted.

All submissions made on Plan Change 29 will then be paraphrased into a summary that lists the main points made by each submitter, including their reasons and what outcome they seek from the hearing panel's decisions.

Those who submitted will be notified once the summary is available to view at the end of January 2024. The opportunity to make further submissions either in support or opposition of other submissions will then be invited. A detailed timeline of events and upcoming dates for Plan change 29 is available to view on the Shape Nelson website.

Plan Change 29 was publicly notified on 11 August 2023 and closed for submissions on 31 October.



shape.nelson.govt.nz/plan-change-29

Mayor's Message

As a Council and a community, we need to take into account that the new Government's focus is on the economy and cost-of-living crisis so we can maximise the opportunities for Nelson.

The Government's priorities come as no surprise with inflation at the highest level in decades and hiked interest rates squeezing household, business and Council budgets. It inherits a \$30 billion balance of payments deficit and net debt that has increased 13-fold over the past five years to \$71 billion.

Funding will be tight and we will have to show good value for money to get Government support.

Nelson is well placed to support the Government's ambition to grow New Zealand's export and technology sectors. We have one of the highest proportions of export industries with our horticultural, seafood, forestry and farming sectors. We have an emerging science and technology sector that, if nurtured, can increase productivity and wealth for our region.

We had everything to lose and nothing to gain from the previous Government's radical three waters reform because Nelson's infrastructure is in much better shape than most Councils. I have been a critic as I did not think it was fair for Nelson ratepayers to be picking up the bill for cities such as Wellington that have badly neglected their water infrastructure. Nelson will now retain the \$750 million of wastewater, stormwater and drinking water infrastructure that has been built over the past 150 years.

The National–NZ First Coalition agreement provides for a new \$1.2 billion Regional Infrastructure Fund. Our region only got a slim slice

of the previous Provincial Growth Fund. We have 5% of the provincial population but received only 1% of the funding. Northland received 10 times the funding per person. I will be working hard to ensure we get a fairer slice of this new fund. We will need to tailor our proposals to the priorities of the new Government.

There are other big changes affecting our polytechnic, housing density, resource management, the setting of speed limits and forestry as well as a proposal for a four-year term that will all have an effect on Council.

My top two priorities for the region will be advocacy for the \$1.1 billion Nelson Hospital upgrade and the \$250 million Hope Bypass. I will be working hard to ensure they are progressed.



Mayor Nick Smith



Murray Leaning and Mayor Nick

Nelson Mayor's Christmas Dinner

The annual Nelson Mayor's Christmas Dinner will be at Pūtangitangi Greenmeadows Centre from 11.30am on Christmas Day, and it's free.

Anyone who would like to spend time with others and enjoy a free meal on Christmas Day is welcome.

"Christmas Day is about giving, enjoying the company of others and being thankful for Nelson's many blessings. If anybody faces the prospect of Christmas Day alone, I'd love them to join us," says Nelson Mayor Nick Smith.

"Murray Leaning, the Nelson Youth Choir and a team of elf helpers are creating this opportunity for the community to enjoy the spirit of the season."

Tickets are free but numbers are needed for catering, so to book your free ticket to the Nelson Mayor's Christmas Dinner or enquire about transport to and from the community centre, please call or text 021 340 553 or email famcarp123@hotmail.com.

Murray says some extra volunteer elves would also be welcome from 10.30am or to help with the clean-up from 2pm. If you can help, please call or text 021 340 553 or email famcarp123@hotmail.com.

Where: Pūtangitangi Greenmeadows Centre, corner of Songer Street and Main Road Stoke.



Nelson Mayor Nick Smith, left, Nelson Professional Theatre Company Chair Colleen Marshall, Sesquicentennial Taskforce Lead Councillor Mel Courtney and The Complete History of Nelson Abridged (CHONA) writer and actor Greg Cooper.

Mayor Nick Smith led a small ceremony on Tuesday 28 November to launch Nelson City Council's sesquicentennial logo and the opening of the play CHONA at a small ceremony at Founders Heritage Park.

Council officially marks its 150th anniversary on 30 March 2024, but the commemorations have started a little early to support the opening of the play – a fast-paced overview of Nelson's history with a comedic bent – which runs from 1–10 December at Founders Heritage Park.

More sesquicentennial events will be announced throughout the next year, with commemorations finishing in 2025 with the publication of an anniversary book covering the period between 1974–2024. The book follows on from two previous anniversary publications in 1924 and 1974.

It's blue passion flower time of year again!



Nelson City Council's Biosecurity team has been working to stop the spread of this notorious vine weed over the last two years. Don't be fooled by the pretty flowers – this rampant climber smothers trees and gardens. Fortunately it is not yet widely established in the region and we want to keep it that way.

The striking flowers and 5–7 lobed, hand-shaped leaves make it easy to identify at this time of year. From mid-summer, the vines produce small round orange fruit. The fruit aren't good to eat but can help to identify vines hiding in the tops of hedges and trees.

The main area affected by this weedy pest is Nelson South between Konini Street, Franklyn Street and Hampden Street. This is a reminder to affected landowners to remove these plants ASAP so they don't get a chance to make fresh seed. Hand-pulling is effective if you can get the roots, but larger ones are best treated with a spot of herbicide on the cut stem.

If you have this plant and aren't able to deal with it yourself, please get in touch on 03 546 0200 or email biosecurity@ncc.govt.nz and

we can arrange a visit to control this pest vine, free of charge.

We are really interested in finding any other sites where blue passion flower is growing. If you have seen this pest plant anywhere else in the region, please take a picture and report it, with the location, to biosecurity@ncc.govt.nz or via the Antenna app.

Note for identification: Blue passion flower is sometimes mistaken for two other common and closely related plants.

1. Black passionfruit is not weedy, but is commonly grown in gardens for its delicious, large purple fruit. The flowers are very similar, but the leaves of the black passionfruit are three-lobed and shiny.
2. Banana passionfruit vine is an established weed pest all over Whakatū Nelson. It has long pink flowers that hang down and leaves with three lobes. The large oval fruit are green-yellow when ripe. This vine smothers native vegetation and should be removed whenever possible but does not need to be reported.





Water restrictions in place

From 1 December, water restrictions will be in place for Whakatū Nelson.

We're heading into what is predicted to be a long, hot, dry summer. It's important to start thinking now about ways we can conserve water.

The earlier we begin conserving, the longer we may have before water restrictions are needed.

Nelson City Council has a list of easy water saving tips that we can all use to help conserve water. Remember, every drop helps!

Stage 1 water restrictions:

- Filling a pool, spa or water feature is prohibited
- Topping up a pool, spa or water feature is permitted
- Water play activities (eg. water slides) are permitted
- Watering (flower beds, shrubs, veges) is permitted when using a handheld hose with a trigger nozzle
- Watering grass or lawns permitted on alternate days
- Outdoor washing (vehicles, surfaces and windows) is permitted when using a handheld hose with a trigger nozzle



Councillor's Comment

When we work together, anything is possible

Nelson is a great place to live, learn, work and play. Recent events have taught us how important it is to work together because when we work together, we see that something that appears impossible or out of reach at the start becomes very possible and achievable in the end.

Safety on our local roads is one of your Council's key priorities and local government has a vital leadership role in this area. The newly established Joint Regional Transport Committee, now with membership from both the Nelson City Council and Tasman District Council, was tasked by the previous Government with putting together a regional Speed Management Plan and that is why we are currently seeking your input on speed limits on local roads (Note: Waka Kotahi/NZTA has the responsibility for state highways). The submission process opened last week and will finish on 29 February next year.

In the consultation document there are a variety of alternatives being put forward on speed limits to cover all our local urban and rural roads in Nelson and Tasman. Under the urban road category, roads are differentiated as those outside schools, school neighbourhood roads, local urban streets and urban connectors.

The case for speed reductions or limits is that there are clear benefits to the community: it makes our streets safer which reduces casualties and injuries; it increases child and adult activity levels which improves health and wellbeing; it provides a safe environment to encourage more people to walk and cycle; it supports our climate change declaration as it lowers emissions and tackles congestion; and finally,

it creates a stronger sense of place.

Journey times on roads in urban areas tend to be determined by traffic lights, intersections, crossings, and parked vehicles, rather than the speed limit. Less acceleration and braking smooths traffic flow. Fuel consumption is mainly influenced by the way we drive and driving at a consistent speed is better than stopping and starting.

In Nelson the number of people walking and cycling to work or school is above the national average and increasing. Local people know their local roads. We use them every day. Lower speed limits in residential areas are a way of making our neighbourhoods safer and more liveable. It is important you share your thoughts with us. We all have a responsibility to make our roads safer.



Councillor Mel Courtney



Christmas and New Year hours

Here are the holiday hours for Council services and facilities over the Christmas/New Year break.

We are available by phone 03 546 0200 for emergencies; 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

Customer Service Centre

Civic House, Trafalgar Street
From 2pm Friday 22 December 2023 – Tuesday 2 January 2024 inclusive: Closed

eBus services

On public holidays Routes 1 – 4 operate hourly. Routes 5 and 6 won't be operating on Public Holidays. Check the live tracker or 'Holidays' tab at ebus.nz

Marina office

Sunday 24 December: Closing 3pm
Monday 25 and Tuesday 26 December: Closed
Sunday 31 December: Closing 3pm
Monday 1 and Tuesday 2 January: Closed

Recycling

No collection Christmas Day – Week 1 Monday 25 December collection will be picked up on Tuesday 26 December. No collection New Year's Day – Week 1.

Monday 1 January collection will be picked up on Tuesday 2 January. No other changes.

Nelson Waste Recovery Centre

Sunday 24 December: 10am – 2pm
Monday 25 and Tuesday 26 December: Closed
Wednesday 27 – Saturday 30 December: 8am – 4.30pm
Sunday 31 December: 10am – 4.30pm
Monday 1 and Tuesday 2 January: Closed

Get involved and help us shape Nelson



MEETINGS

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

Council meeting 9am	7 Dec
Regional Pest Management Joint Committee – Tasman District Council Chamber, 189 Queen Street, Richmond 9.30am	8 Dec
Joint Nelson Tasman Regional Transport Committee – Tasman District Council Chamber, 189 Queen Street, Richmond 9.30am	11 Dec
Council meeting 9am	14 Dec

For a full list of meetings go to:

nelson.govt.nz/meetings



To read the latest updates or sign up for Our Nelson by email go to:

our.nelson.govt.nz



Project name	Likely end date	Location	Benefit
Maitai Hub Bridge Replacement	October 2023 – February 2024	336 Maitai Valley Road	Recovery project providing access across the Maitai River
Saxton Creek Upgrade Stage 4	December 2023	Main Road, Stoke	Flood mitigation
NRSBU Rising Main Duplication Section 5-7	February 2024	Railway Reserve Cycle way – Elms Street–Kotua Place	Improve network capacity and resilience

Saxton Field

FTSNT Kirikiti Tournament –
Saturday 9 December

Saxton Stadium

After School Table Tennis
Juniors – Mondays and Fridays
during term time, 3.30pm – 5pm

Saxton Oval

BLACKCAPS vs Bangladesh ODI
Cricket Match – Wednesday 20
December, 10am

Trafalgar Centre

L.A.B. and Sublime with Rome –
Friday 5 January, 4.30pm

1903 Square

New Year's Eve Countdown
– Sunday 31 December, 7pm –
12.30am

Founders Heritage Park

Hours: 10am – 4.30pm Daily
The Complete History of Nelson
Abridged – Friday 1 – Sunday 10
December

Trafalgar Street

Carols at the Steps – Sunday 24
December, 8.45pm – 9.45pm

Melrose House

Hours: Monday: 9am – 3pm,
Tuesday to Sunday: 9am – 4pm,
closed public holidays
Christmas at Melrose House
– Sunday 10 December, 4pm –
6pm

Isel House and Park

Hours: Tuesday to Friday: 10am
– 3pm, Saturday 12pm – 4pm,
Sunday and Monday – closed
Closed Christmas Day through
to
2 January inclusive
Isel Twilight Market – every
Thursday, 4.30pm until dark

Nelson Public Libraries:

Christmas Closures:

Sunday 24 December – Friday
29 December inclusive: Closed
Monday 1 and Tuesday 2
January: Closed

Open with regular opening
hours: Saturday 23 and Sunday
31 December.

All sites are open as usual with
regular opening hours from
Wednesday 3 January 2024

Elma Turner Library

Hours: Monday, Tuesday,
Thursday, Friday: 9.30am – 6pm
Wednesday: 10am – 6pm
Saturday: 10am – 4pm
Sunday: 1pm – 4pm
Library Knitters – every
Thursday (excluding 11 January),
10am – 12pm

Community Corner with
Employable – Thursday 30
November, 10am – 12pm
Meet Luna at the Library –
Saturday 2,
16 and 30 December, 13 and 27
January,
3pm – 4pm

Kōrero te reo Māori – Saturday
2, 16 and 30 December, 13 and 27
January, 10am – 11am

Community Corner: Telehealth
– Friday 22 December, 10am –
12pm

Summer Selfies – Friday 1
December – Wednesday 31
January

Summer Reading Party –
Wednesday 13 December,
12.30pm

Teen Takeover: Crafternoon –
Thursday 14 December, 3pm –
5pm

A Fantastic Fandom Fiesta! –
Wednesday 17 January, 11am –
4pm

Side Quest Completed –
Celebration Event – Wednesday
24 January, 10am – 12pm

Teen Takeover: DIY Tote Bag

– Thursday 25 January, 3pm –
5pm

Nightingale Library Memorial

Hours: Monday – Friday: 12pm –
4pm

Saturday: Closed

Sunday: 1pm – 4pm

Nellie Knitters – 13 and 18
December and 15, 24 and 31
January

Fun and Games in the Hundred
Acre – Wednesday 10 January,
10am – 12pm

Stoke Library

Hours: Monday, Tuesday,
Thursday, Friday: 9.30am –
5.30pm

Wednesday: 10am – 5.30pm

Saturday: 10am – 1pm

Sunday: Closed

Museums and Galleries:

Broadgreen House and Samuels Rose Gardens

Summer hours: 10.30am –
4.30pm daily

Closed Christmas Day through
to

2 January inclusive

Langbein Time – Every day to
Wednesday 31 January, during
opening hours

The Suter Art Gallery and Theatre

Hours: 9.30am – 4.30pm Daily

Exhibition: Disruptive Order:
Abstraction from The Suter's
Collection IV – Saturday 4
November – Sunday 24 March,
during opening hours

Exhibition: Fire and Earth:
Contemporary Ceramics from
the Top of the South – Saturday
18 November – Sunday 10
March, during opening hours

Exhibition: Home: Give Me
Shelter – Saturday 25 November
– Sunday 3 March, during
opening hours

Nelson Suter Art Society
Summer Exhibition – Monday 11
December – Sunday 4 February,
during opening hours

The Spirit of Ireland – Saturday
16 December, 11am and 5pm

The Bubble Show – Saturday 6
January, 2pm

Refinery ArtSpace

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

Opening Doors: Sue Heydon
– Artist Talk – Wednesday 6
December, 10.30am – 12pm
Exhibition: Sue Heydon – Return
Delivery – Monday 4 December
– Saturday 13 January, during
opening hours

Exhibition: Sue Heydon –
Felled – Monday 4 December
– Saturday 13 January, during
opening hours

Exhibition: Drop in and Draw –
Tuesday 14 November – Friday
22 December, during opening
hours

Opening Doors: Sue Birchfield
– Painting Demonstration
– Wednesday 13 December,
10.30am – 12pm

Exhibition: CRACKING –
Marina McPherson Textile
Artist – Monday 4 December
– Saturday 13 January, during
opening hours

Exhibition: Project Roadkill –
Monday 15 January – Friday 9
February, during opening hours

Nelson Provincial Museum

Hours: Weekdays from 10am
– 5pm, weekends and public
holidays from 10am – 4.30pm,
closed Christmas Day

Animal Antics: The Comedy
Wildlife Photography Awards –
Friday 15 December – Sunday
10 March, during opening hours