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Turning the volume up to 11


Eight Nelson bands took to the stage for Rock The City, a non-competitive band showcase that is all about supporting our talented young musicians.

Each band played three or four songs with genres spanning alternative rock, R'n'B and ska.

Thanks to Nelson Youth Council for supporting this event!


Lineup:


Solace:  [omg.its.solace](https://www.instagram.com/omg.its.solace)

Imperfect Circles:  [theimperfectcirclesband](https://www.instagram.com/theimperfectcirclesband)

Finesse:  [uvbnfinessed](https://www.instagram.com/uvbnfinessed)

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Tizzy:  [tizzybandgram](https://www.instagram.com/tizzybandgram)

Shed Heads:  [shedheads_](https://www.instagram.com/shedheads_)

Lobotomy Stare:  [lobotomystare](https://www.instagram.com/lobotomystare)

KC PENELOMAY:  [kc_penelomay_music_official](https://www.instagram.com/kc_penelomay_music_official)

Opportunity Knocks

Nelson City Council will soon be calling for Expressions of Interest (EOI) for three City Centre properties with the goal of revitalising the City Centre.

Chief Executive Nigel Philpott says a common theme for feedback at the recent City Centre Revitalisation Summit was that Council should use its property portfolio to leverage redevelopment opportunities.

"This is part of a series of Council-led initiatives that are designed to revitalise our city centre and enable more City Centre housing.

"The Bridge to Better project's water infrastructure upgrade removes many of the hurdles developers face when they are looking to invest in our City. We're going into this with an open mind and I'm looking forward to seeing the ways proposals might bring new life to our City Centre."

The three properties are:

- 42 Rutherford Street
- 25 to 27 Bridge Street
- 3 Halifax Street – available for long-term lease only

42 Rutherford Street was due to be sold to Kāinga Ora for social and affordable housing, however this development has not gone ahead. The site is currently leased as a café.

Council purchased 25 – 27 Bridge Street in 2022 for urban development or transport purposes. The site is currently used as the bus interchange, which will move to Millers Acre in June 2025 (pending NZTA funding

confirmation).

3 Halifax Street is the site of the Refinery building. The land is held as an endowment for the benefit of the City of Nelson under the Nelson Foreshore Reserves Act 1889. This means that without an Act of Parliament authorising purchase of the site, it can only be offered as a long-term lease.

An Expression of Interest information pack will be made available in July and applicants will be able to register their interest via shape.nelson.govt.nz.



PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE URBAN ENVIRONMENTS BYLAW



Nelson City Council is consulting on three related proposals which affect our city and we want to hear your feedback on the proposals before making a final decision.

We want your feedback on a proposed Commercial Occupation Policy (footpath and car park dining, street stalls and markets), proposed Licence fees schedule and proposed amendments to the Urban Environments Bylaw.

Combining the engagement process for the proposals allows us to:

- Ensure these documents are consistent
 - Reduce the number of times we need to ask you to provide feedback on proposals which all relate to use of public places
 - Run an efficient consultation and decision-making process.
- Head over to the Shape Nelson page to make an online submission or download a hard copy form.

The submission period is open from Monday 10 June 2024 to Wednesday 10 July 2024.

shape.nelson.govt.nz/Proposal-Commercial-Occupation-Policy-fees-and-Urban-Environments-Bylaw

Kapa Haka Kura Tuarua o Aotearoa

Next week Ngā Kapa Haka Kura Tuarua o Aotearoa, the National Secondary School Kapa Haka Championships will be hosted by Whakatū Nelson at the Trafalgar Centre.

With 15,000+ visitors coming to the event, there are lots of buses that need dedicated parking. This means several parking locations in the CBD will be unavailable, or reduced next week.

Particularly on Monday 24 June, parking will be heavily affected, so we recommend you use it as a good excuse to work from home, try out the eBus service, or ride your bike.

Parking restrictions 24 – 28 June

The Trafalgar Centre car park, half of Countdown Trafalgar Park car park, the Nelson Squash Club car park and the Haven Rd car park next to Anzac Park will be closed to the public from Monday 24 – Friday 28 June.

Monday 24 June

7am – 5:30pm: Kinzett Terrace & Trafalgar Park internal and external car parks closed to the public.
12pm – 5:30pm: Reduced parking along Wildman Ave & Sovereign St.

Tuesday 25 – Thursday 27 June

7am – 9:30pm: Reduced parking along Wildman Ave, Sovereign St & Trafalgar Park internal.

Friday 28 June

All day: No parking along Trafalgar St directly outside Trafalgar Park and portion of Queen Elizabeth II Drive outside Trafalgar Park.
7am – 7pm: Reduced parking along Wildman Ave & Sovereign St.
12pm – 7pm: Reduced parking along Wainui St & Weka St.



Bike Hub Nelson launches bike maintenance courses

Responding to strong public demand, Bike Hub Nelson is offering bike repair and maintenance courses.

Bike Hub Nelson is a charity based at Saxton Field that fixes up donated bikes and makes them available to the community on a koha-basis. The charity is supported by Nelson City and Tasman District Councils.

Coordinator Matt Lawrey says the first round of beginner and intermediate workshops sold out and the Hub is thrilled to be able offer another round.

"Every week we get people asking us if we're offering people the chance to learn how to maintain and fix bikes, and it feels really good to be able to meet that need," he says.

The next beginner course is being held over three weeks at the Hub's workshop starting on Monday July 1 and running from 1:30pm – 3pm. The course is being led by Helen Turinsky and covers things like pre-ride checks, how to look after your bike, how to remove a wheel, replace an inner tube, and

basic brake care and chain repairs. The cost of the beginner course is \$45.

The intermediate course is being led by Andrew McMahon and includes skills like changing and aligning disc brakes, tuning gears, maintaining the drive chain, replacing spokes, truing wheels and replacing cables. The intermediate course costs \$60 and is being held over four weekly sessions starting on Tuesday July 2 and running from 7pm to 8:30pm.

Places are limited to six per course and participants are welcome to bring their own bikes along to work on them.

The Bike Hub will also be running courses in August with the beginner course starting on 5 August and running from 1:30pm – 3pm. The intermediate course will start 6 August from 7pm to 8:30pm.

To register email: bikehubnelson@gmail.com.



Helen Turinsky and Andrew McMahon who will be leading Bike Hub Nelson's bike maintenance and repair courses in the charity's Saxton Field workshop.



Housing Reserve grant approved for Tipahi Street development

The Community Housing Acceleration Taskforce has approved a Housing Reserve Grant of \$200,000 to Habitat for Humanity (Nelson) Ltd for the development of four 3-bedroom progressive home ownership dwellings at 135 Tipahi Street, Nelson.

The Community Housing Acceleration Taskforce's role is to advise on how Council can help grow social and affordable housing using the Housing Reserve fund with the goal to double the number of social and affordable houses from 50 to 100 by 2026.

The Housing Reserve Fund was established on the basis that its purpose would be 'to work with and support partners who have the ability to deliver social and affordable housing solutions for the community'.

To date, the Housing Reserve has allocated \$6 million in co-funding to enable the construction of 45 social and affordable rentals and 16 progressive home ownership houses across Nelson (a total of 61 new homes).

Taskforce Chair Rachel Sanson says there are currently around 1150 families in Nelson facing housing insecurity and in urgent need of affordable housing - 41% higher than two years ago. [1]

"Housing insecurity takes a massive toll on the wellbeing of people in our community. Our taskforce is keenly aware of this and looking at all options to

support better housing outcomes. We really value the work of organisations like Habitat for Humanity who are focused on providing affordable and community housing and understand that Council has an important role to play, alongside the Ministry of Housing and Urban Development (MHUD) and other philanthropic funders."

Habitat for Humanity Nelson is part of an affiliated Habitat network that works across New Zealand as well as internationally, towards a vision of a world where everyone has a decent place to live. They also provide a range of programmes aimed at building strength, stability, and self-reliance through shelter in the Nelson Tasman region.

"We are very appreciative of the grants we have received from the Housing Reserve Fund to support our building projects," says Katrina Bach, GM Habitat for Humanity Nelson.

"The families chosen for these homes on Tipahi Street will have the stability and security of living in a home that they will one day own. Having a stable and secure place to live provides a strong foundation

for many of life's essential building blocks, which positively impacts the whole community. Without the support of the Nelson City Council and Housing Reserve fund we could not achieve this level of investment into housing."

Habitat's Progressive Home Ownership (PHO) Programme helps families to achieve home ownership through a rent to buy model.

Families occupy a new home built by Habitat and their rent payments go towards building a deposit over the next 5-10 years.

When they have a sufficient deposit, they can purchase their home from Habitat by taking out a mortgage from a bank and become homeowners. Habitat invests the money from the sale of the property back into the PHO programme to help more people into homeownership.

[1] Monitoring Local Housing Need Summary for the period 1 July – 31 December 2023, Nelson Tasman Housing Trust

Mayor's Message

Storm recovery long and costly

The journey of recovery after a shock or disaster is long and hard. I experienced it as the Minister for Building and Housing working on the Christchurch earthquake recovery. There was initially huge goodwill and community spirit but as the years and the bills mounted, people became tired and frustrated.

The pattern was similar with Covid. New Zealanders responded with tremendous goodwill when the pandemic first hit but as the lockdowns dragged and the economic pain hit, public support waned.

Nelson's August '22 storm was a much smaller event. However, it was our worst natural disaster in 50 years with more than \$100 million of damage to infrastructure, 200 landslips and over 100 homes badly damaged.

I am proud of the work of our Council engineers and contractors in getting on with fixing our infrastructure. I also appreciate the tolerance communities have shown to the disruption caused by this work, most recently on Cable Bay Road. There is a difficult trade-off between giving our contractors the space and time to get the job done cost effectively and the disruption to communities.

It has been difficult finding an answer for the families whose homes are on properties threatened by landslides that are too expensive to make safe. Our pragmatic buyout solution, with 50% funding from Government, has been approved through the Long Term Plan process. We'll sign the finalised deal with Government next month

and then get these properties sorted.

The cost of the storm recovery will hit home next month when the rates bill arrives with an extra \$300 charge per year. It comes at a difficult time when households are already under the pump from high inflation and interest rates. There are no easy answers to this. My only comfort is that the charge would have been \$450 annually without Government recovery funding.

This recovery work includes improving our resilience to future events. We secured \$9 million in Budget '24 to help us fund extra flood protection. We are also tightening our rules through Plan Change 29 to better manage the risks from landslides. Last week, we secured the support of GNS Science and EQC to better understand the Tāhunanui Slump.

We are on the right path but it will take years. Our progress to date compares well with other storm-affected cities. We need continued community goodwill to get this recovery job completed.

Mayor
Nick Smith



It's time to renew your dog registration

All dogs who are (or will be) three months of age or more on 1 July 2024 must have a current registration. Registrations are due on 30 June 2024.

Once registered, the registration is required to be renewed annually by 30 June.

There is a grace period of up to one month, however failure to register your dog before 31 July will incur an infringement fine as well as late registration fee.

Dogs can be registered online via the Council website nelson.govt.nz. Please note that tags will be sent by post when you register online.

For more information on changes to dog registration fees from 1 July 2024, visit our dog licence and registration page on our website.

It's time to renew your dog registration

For more information on changes to dog registration and to register, visit our online portal at nelson.govt.nz

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MATARIKI FESTIVAL

Te Huihui-o-Matariki 2024



5pm – 9pm, 28 June 2024 ▶ **Trafalgar Park**

For more information visit  





Te Huihui-o-Matariki expected to be Nelson's most popular Matariki festival to date

Festivities begin with Ngā Kapa Haka Kura Tuarua o Aotearoa competitions, which will see 42 groups from 15 regions across Aotearoa showcasing their unique kapa haka performances at the Trafalgar Centre from Tuesday 25 to Friday 28 June, and culminate with Te Huihui-o-Matariki on Friday 28 June at Trafalgar Park from 5pm to 9pm.

Hosted by Nelson City Council in collaboration with Ngā Iwi e Waru o Te Taihū o Te Waka-a-Māui, the theme for this year's Matariki festival is Matariki Heri Kai, which draws from the Māori proverb "Matariki whetū heri kai" and means "Matariki, the bringer of food".

There will be 61 stalls at Te Māketē Pō (the Matariki night market) with plenty of delicious kai and refreshments along with a variety of traditional Māori arts and crafts for sale. The week begins with 42 groups from 15 regions across Aotearoa showcasing their unique kapa haka performances at the Trafalgar Centre from Tuesday 25 to Friday 28 June and culminates with Te Huihui-o-Matariki on Friday 28 June at Trafalgar Park from 5pm to 9pm.

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With 61 stalls at Te Māketē Pō (the Matariki night market), there will be plenty of delicious kai and refreshments for people to enjoy with friends and whānau along with a variety of traditional Māori arts and crafts for sale.

Light art installations will illuminate the night sky, and live performances from local groups and special guests Maisey Rika (Ngāti Awa, Te Arawa, Te Whānau-ā-Apanui, Tūhoe) and Rei (Ngāti Raukawa, Ngāti Pākehā) will keep the crowds entertained throughout the evening.

Nelson Mayor Nick Smith says everyone attending the festival will feel the manaakitanga - the hospitality - of

Whakatū Nelson.

"Te Huihui-o-Matariki is a wonderful event for whānau to enjoy. It's an opportunity for the community to learn more about kaupapa Māori and to bring families together and celebrate our region's diversity. It's extra special this year to have so many visitors already in town for the popular secondary school kapa haka competitions."

Māori Ward Councillor Kahu Paki Paki says he finds it inspiring that we now have an annual festival that is uniquely owned by Aotearoa.

"This Māori new year provides us a chance to pause our busy lives and reflect on the ones we love and have lost and can be shared by all. If you see me at these events, come say 'kia ora, mānawatia a Matariki!'"

Gold coin koha will be collected upon entry to the night market for two local charities – Te Kotahi o Te Taihū Charitable Trust, which assists people experiencing financial hardship, and Rangatahi o Whakatū / Youth Nelson, an alternative youth education provider.

Attendees are encouraged to bring cash as eftpos availability will be limited, and there will be no access to cash withdrawals on site.

Thousands of people are expected to attend both events, so traffic will be busy in the city throughout the week and on Friday evening. Consider carpooling, taking the bus, cycling or walking if you plan to attend the kapa haka at Trafalgar Centre or Matariki festivities at Trafalgar Park.

A map of the Matariki market stalls and a schedule of entertainment will be available at our website nelson.govt.nz.

Celebrating Matariki: events around Whakatū Nelson

Victory Matariki Celebration Wednesday 3 July, 3pm - 7pm Victory Community Centre

The annual Matariki celebration for the Toi Toi and Victory Community, featuring school and community performances, hot soup, a hāngī, veggie curry, a lantern hīkoi along the Railway Reserve, fire poi, and more.

Bring a lantern or torch and wrap up warm. Children under 12 must be accompanied by an adult. Visit the Victory Community Centre website for more information.

Matariki Art Exhibition 19 July – 2 August, 12pm Refinery Art Space

A selection of 19 Matariki artworks, created by community group Te Ohu Weka and led by local artists Robin Slow and Mat Tait, will be exhibited at the Refinery Art Space, Whakatū from Friday 19 July - Saturday 10 August.

All original artworks are framed and for sale. Proceeds support reo revitalisation in Te Taihū and Te Ataarangi ki Te Taihū o Te Waka-a-Māui. Enquiries: tereomaori.org.



Bins to be rationalised as Nelson’s parks and reserves move toward waste-free future

Nelson City Council is removing bins from some of its parks and reserves following a review of its rubbish collection services and a rise in household rubbish dumping.

The decision follows a review of Council's rubbish collection services last year, which found that of the more than 300 bins across Council's parks and reserves, 35% were used very little, while 53% of the rubbish collected from parks and reserves was household waste.

Group Manager Community Services Andrew White says this has resulted in extra costs for the ratepayer and extra waste going to landfill.

"Nelmac is contracted to collect rubbish from parks and reserves, but this doesn't include household waste. Consequently, household waste dumped on our parks and reserves is creating an extra cost over and above what we have budget for. Council and Nelmac have been spending upwards of \$370,000 a year to empty rubbish bins in parks and reserves.

"In some instances, household rubbish dumping in our parks and reserves has meant multiple trips in one day to empty a rubbish bin, which is inefficient, bad for our environment, and costly. As well as household rubbish, we find rubbish that could be recycled if people had taken it home and put it into their recycling bins."

From 10 June to 31 August this year, 66 rubbish bins will be removed from local parks, reserves, walkways and esplanades. This is expected to reduce collection costs by almost \$41,500 over the year.

A list of the parks where this will occur is available on Shape Nelson. Many of the bins to be removed are in very small reserves and are primarily used by nearby residents. Some bins are being removed from larger destination parks and reserves, where Council is looking at supplying fewer, but larger, 240L bins which will require less frequent collection while still meeting demand.

This means anyone visiting our parks should be prepared to carry their litter away with them, Andrew says.

"We'd like people to follow the simple approach the Department of Conservation and some other Councils around the country apply to their parks and reserves (and we already operate on our more remote reserves); – pack-in, pack-out. This means whatever waste you bring with you, you take home at the end of your visit. Taking your litter home from the park, or better still, not bringing it at all, is a small act, but it can have big benefits to our environment, soil, waterways, and wildlife."

Bin removal is being carried out in stages to ensure Council can efficiently mitigate any issues that arise. This approach has already been trialled across many parks and reserves in our network.

So far, 47 rarely used or disused bins have been removed from public gardens and sports parks throughout Nelson, saving \$25,269 annually. This has included bins from several reserves where multiple bins were historically positioned close together, which meant some of the bins being serviced were often almost empty.

Andrew says the changes have so far gone well, with a temporary increase in littering in some areas diminishing as people adjusted to the change.

Bins removed from areas where people have been dumping household waste will be monitored closely. Notices to remind people there is a \$400 fine for illegal dumping have already been placed on some bins in dumping hotspots and will be rolled out further as necessary.

We appreciate that the cost of waste disposal has gone up for everyone, and Council supports a range of waste minimisation resources to help the community reduce the amount of waste they are producing.

Our Alternatives to Landfill pamphlet is a comprehensive guide to help you reduce and reuse before you need to recycle and dispose and includes a list of local recycling and waste facilities.

Case study - Marsden Valley Cemetery:

In June 2023, Council replaced 28 rubbish bins in Marsden Valley Cemetery with a large capacity rubbish and recycling hub near the main cemetery entrance.

Marsden Valley is an area where the number of rubbish bins had increased over time to where bins were, in some cases, situated within 100 metres of each other. Emptying these bins was costing \$15,000 a year. The installation of the hub has reduced that cost by 90 per cent to around \$1500 a year. The money saved has been used for additional planting and cemetery upkeep.

While there have been some instances of people leaving rubbish where the bins used to be - primarily bags of dog poo and old flowers - generally we have found that people are using the new rubbish and recycling hub and are recycling correctly or are taking their rubbish home with them.



We are still open!

Nelson City Council is upgrading the roundabout at the intersection of Toi Toi Street and St Vincent Street, installing four raised crossings.

The roundabout is closed. One lane will remain open controlled by traffic lights. The eBus will be diverted down Northesk Street with a temporary bus stop.

All businesses in the area will remain open.

Scan the QR code or visit shape.nelson.govt.nz/intersection-safety-improvements for more information.



MEETINGS

Council meeting 9am	27 Jun
Council meeting 9am	4 Jul
Joint Committee of Tasman District and Nelson City Councils 9.30am	9 Jul
Regional Pest Management Joint Committee - Tasman District Council Chamber, 189 Queen Street, Richmond 9.30am	11 Jul
Civil Defence Emergency Management Group - Emergency Operations Centre, 28 Oxford Street, Richmond 9.30am	23 Jul
Activities in Public Places Consultation Panel – to hear submissions (if required) 1pm and 9am	24 and 25 Jul
Hearing Panel 9am	26 Jul



Council polls public support for cat management bylaw

Nelson City Council is considering a cat management bylaw as a way of addressing some of the companion cat nuisance problems in Whakatū Nelson.

Before Council proceeds with work on the proposed bylaw, we would like to gather community feedback on cat ownership and nuisance in Nelson and find out whether there is support for its introduction, and which measures the community would like to see included in the bylaw.

Elected members requested Council staff collect options for consulting on a cat management bylaw at a meeting in October 2023, that could require mandatory microchipping, microchip registration, and desexing for all companion cats in the region. The first step in that process is to engage with the Nelson community to assess whether the public support such a move.

There is already nationwide movement towards greater cat controls and measures, and the Parliamentary Environment Select Committee endorsed positive action last year when it recommended the establishment of a nationwide cat management framework.

Until Government provides direction on companion cat management, one option available to Council is a bylaw that could require mandatory microchipping, microchip registration and desexing for all companion cats in the region. This is different to feral and stray cat management to protect biodiversity, which can be dealt with through Council's Regional Pest Management Plan under the Biosecurity Act 1993.

Type	Relationships with humans	Considerations
Companion Cat	Directly dependent	Have owner/guardian
Stray Cat	Directly or indirectly dependent	Community cats, semi owned, unowned, managed/unmanaged as a single cat or colony
Feral Cat	Independent and unsocial	Wild animal, considered a pest in many regions in NZ

Microchips must be registered with the New Zealand Companion Animal Register (NZCAR), an online service provided by registered charity, Companion Animals NZ. This step is key in promoting responsible cat ownership, as it ensures that the cat's microchip number is linked to its owner's contact information.

Nationally, cat overpopulation results in thousands of unwanted cats and kittens being abandoned, killed inhumanely or left with welfare organisations each year. Desexing cats is an effective way to help lessen this problem. To prevent unwanted kittens, early-age desexing can be undertaken provided the young cat is in good health.

From Tuesday 28 May until midnight Sunday 23 June, Nelson residents are invited to have their say on companion cats on the Shape Nelson website so that Council can gauge the suitability of a bylaw option.

Mandy Bishop, Group Manager Environmental Management says that a bylaw could significantly benefit both the feline population and the broader community.

"It's crucial that we hear from our residents and understand their perspectives before moving forward. New Zealand has one of the highest rates of cat ownership in the world, so it's a decision that

will affect all of us. We are committed to taking an approach that balances the actions requested by our elected members with the wishes of the Nelson community.

"Any cat control initiative in Nelson aims to enhance the welfare of cats, improve their chances of being returned if lost, and support responsible pet ownership.

"Microchipping is a safe, permanent way to identify pets and link them to their owners. Unlike collars and tags, which can be removed or lost, microchips provide a reliable means of identification."

By mandating microchipping and ensuring that all cats have a registered microchip, Council hopes to address issues related to stray and lost cats, reduce the impact on wildlife, and assist in reuniting lost cats with their owners. This would also help to reduce the pressure on SPCA and vets when a lost cat is held with them whilst the owners are being found.

"Stray and lost cats can be repeat offenders when it comes to the sort of behaviours that communities can find frustrating," says Mandy. "The idea is that microchipping will reduce the amount of time cats are lost for and the number of strays. This will have a knock-on effect in reducing nuisance behaviour."

Feedback can be provided by visiting the Shape Nelson website and completing the online survey at shape.nelson.govt.nz/Proposed-companion-cat-management until midnight, Sunday 23 June 2024.

All feedback will be reviewed and considered before a decision is made by Council later in the year. If the bylaw is agreed as the best approach, it will be drafted and circulated for public feedback.

Numerous councils around New Zealand have introduced bylaws requiring that companion cats be microchipped and the chip registered with NZCAR; desexing and/or limiting numbers of companion cats.

PROPOSED COMPANION CAT MANAGEMENT BYLAW



Paws and reflect – why are we asking about companion cats?

Pet cats are cherished members of our households, providing us with much joy and companionship.

However, as responsible pet owners, we recognise they can also negatively impact our neighbours and wildlife.

We need to balance our love for these animals with the well-being of our communities and the valuable work of rescue organisations.

Please fill in our survey to show whether you would support such a move.

shape.nelson.govt.nz/Proposed-companion-cat-management

Fill in the survey here



Councillor's Comment

As winter extends its icy grip on our daily activities, it focuses our attention on the seasonal shift in patterns for our Central City.

Often described as the Central Business District, I prefer the descriptor Central City as this better reflects the complex and multifaceted nature of Nelson City.

Some say our Central City is in decline or is it more a case of Nelson following the worldwide trend of seismic shifts in retail? As online offerings expand, and big-box retailers chase the new-build subdivisions, it puts more pressure on established centres.

Nelson is no different in this regard, but I refute the notion that our Central City is dying. Far from it. Nelson is home to a host of award-winning restaurants, the Nelson Centre of Musical Arts, Nelson Provincial Museum, great bars, the Theatre Royal, outrageously good cafes, The Suter Art Gallery, a vibrant and growing arts scene with new additions such as The Bench jewellery school, the Refinery ArtSpace, numerous niche stores, our tranquil and beautiful Cathedral, plenty of free and low-cost parking, and an enviably leafy and well laid out streetscape.

As a member of Council's new City Revitalisation Taskforce, I'm enjoying the opportunity to help shepherd the Bridge to Better project, which will transform Bridge Street.

At recent City Centre Business Forum meetings, the enthusiasm for events and how they can add vitality to our lives has been highlighted. Compare the following list of events in heading our way over the next few weeks with those in other settlements at the top of the south.

The Suter celebrates 125 years with an exhibition from its collection, thousands of people are expected for Ngā Kapa Haka Kura Tuarua, the national secondary schools competition from 24–28 June, followed by Te Huihui-o-Matariki on 28 June, NCMA hosts the Nelson Symphony Orchestra on 22 June, Nelson City Brass Soloists 27 June, Indian Music and Dance 4 July, the Theatre Royal has Smokefreerockquest 22 June, Mary Poppins 26-29 June, Mama Mia 5-14 July, Finding Nemo 9-14 July and plenty more. We also have the farmers' market every Wednesday and the amazing Nelson Market every Saturday.

The plethora of events during winter suggests there is plenty to see and do (and eat and drink) in Nelson. Our Central City hosts more events, cultural institutions, and hospitality venues than any other city centre in Te Taihū. I argue it's not dead, it's uniquely dynamic!



Councillor Pete Rainey



eBus fares are changing from July 2024

Bee Card fares are changing from 1 July. Cash fares will not change.

Bee Card Fees	1 Zone	2 Zones	3 Zones
Adult	\$2.10	\$4.20	\$6.30
Infant under 5	Free	Free	Free
SuperGold Card - Off peak only			
Child 5 – 12	\$1.05	\$2.10	\$3.15
Youth 13 – 18			
Student ID			
Community Services Card			

Conewatch: Ongoing Projects



Maitai Dam Aeration

Likely end date: May – Nov 2024
Location: Maitai Dam
Benefit: Improve water quality

Tahuna Hills Stormwater Upgrade – Catchment 3

Likely end date: Jan to Jul 24
Location: Grenville Terrace, Days Track and Moncrief Ave
Benefit: Stormwater upgrade and geotechnical risk mitigation

NRSBU Rising Main Duplication Section 5-7

Likely end date: Section 5 in businesses property starts in May 2024
Location: Kotua Place Stoke / businesses property
Benefit: Improve network capacity and resilience

Slip 2 – 131/233 Brook Street Slip Remediation

Likely end date: March – July 2024
Location: Brook Street at Coppermine Trail start near Blick Terrace
Benefit: Property protection

41 Halifax Street – Public Car Parking

Likely end date: April- June 2024
Location: 41 Halifax Street
Benefit: Public Car Parking

Saltwater Creek Footbridge Replacement – Trafalgar Centre Footbridge

Likely end date: 20 May – Early July 2024
Location: Footbridge from Trafalgar Centre to Haven Road
Benefit: Continue this service, old bridge is structurally end of life. Add iwi art to enhance cultural significance.

City to Maitai Hub Track Upgrade – Sunday Hole Boardwalk

Likely end date: 15 April – end of June 2024
Location: Sunday Hole swimming area of the Maitai river on Maitai valley Road
Benefit: Improvement to the walking/cycle track around Sunday Hole on the true left side of the river

Maitai Road Slip Repairs

Likely end date: March 2024 – September 2024

Location: Maitai Road at Nile Street Intersection
Benefit: Repair edge of road after August 2022 Event

Glen Creek Culvert Upgrade

Likely end date: April 2024 – July 2024
Location: Brook St and Glen Creek (top end of road)
Benefit: Upgrade Culvert and repair the road back to two lanes after August 2022 Event

Quarantine Road Shared Path Bridge

Likely end date: 20 May – 30 June 2024
Location: Quarantine Road – Next to the existing Road Bridge over Jenkins Creek.
Benefit: Improved pedestrian and cycling facilities

Nayland Road Watermain Upgrade

Likely end date: 27 May – August 2024 TBC
Location: Nayland Road – 137 Aldinga Avenue to Songer Street.
Benefit: Watermain Renewal

Maitai Flood Management

Likely end date: March 2024 – July 2024
Location: Stormwater Backflow Prevention for 227 & 231B Nile Street and Level Sensors Installation for 15 locations around Nelson Central Business District.
Benefit: Flood mitigation

Cawthron Crescent Stormwater Upgrade

Likely end date: May to July 2024
Location: Cawthron Crescent, Properties # 13 to 29
Benefit: Improve stormwater management during rainfall events

Intersection Safety Improvement

Likely end date: July 2024
Location: St Vincent-Toi Toi Intersection
Benefit: Safety Improvement

NZTA – Stage 2 Bus Shelters

Likely end date: NZTA – Stage 2 Bus Shelters
Location: Nayland Road, Westbrook Tce & Muriwai Street
Benefit: Enhance Patron safety & experience

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Saxton Field

Nelson Hockey Junior Program II – Thursday 16 May – Thursday 20 June, 3:45pm – 6:30pm
Creative Writing Club – Tuesday 25 June, 3:30pm – 4:30pm

Saxton Pavilion

Indian Food Festival – Sunday 23 June, 12pm – 4pm

Trafalgar Centre

Ngā Kapa Haka Kura Tuarua Secondary Schools 2024 – Monday 24 – Friday 28 June
NBS Nelson Giants vs Southland Sharks – Sunday 30 June, 6:30pm
NBS Nelson Giants vs Otago Nuggets - Friday 5 July, 7:30pm
The International Grand Magic Show – Tuesday 16 July, 4:30pm
Top of the South Gymnastics Competition – Friday 12 – Sunday 14 July

Trafalgar Park

Te Huihui o Matariki – Friday 28 June, 5pm – 9pm

Founders Heritage Park

Hours: 10am – 4:30pm Daily
Melrose House
Hours: Monday: 9am – 3pm, Tuesday to Sunday: 9am – 4pm, closed public holidays

Isel House and Park

Winter Hours: Closed from 1 May – 30 September

Nelson Public Libraries:

Elma Turner Library

Hours: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday: 9:30am – 6pm
Wednesday: 10am – 6pm
Saturday: 10am – 4pm
Sunday: 1pm – 4pm
Small Time – Wednesday 19 & 26 June and 3 July, 10:30am – 11am
Rising Scientist – Wednesday 19 & 26 June and 3 July, 4pm – 5pm
Ruru the Therapy Dog – Saturday 22 June and Saturday 13 July, 1pm – 2pm
Teen Takeover – Wednesday 26 June, 3:30pm – 5pm
Kōrero te reo Māori – Saturday 29 June and Saturday 13 July, 10am – 11am
Live Music Series: Alvaro Moreno – Sunday 30 June, 2pm
David Melville Talk: GODWITS – Where from? Where to? – Sunday 7 July, 2pm – 3:30pm
Board Game Afternoon – Tuesday 9 July, 3:30pm – 5pm
Bubs, Bubbles & Boogie – Wednesday 10 July, 10:30am
DIY Lip Balms – Thursday 11 July, 11am – 12pm

Movie Afternoon – Tuesday 16 July, 3pm
Avatar the Last Airbender Celebration – Wednesday 17 July, 11am – 12:30pm

Nightingale Library Memorial

Hours: Monday – Friday: 12pm – 4pm
Saturday: Closed
Sunday: 1pm – 4pm
Nellie Knitters – 26 June and 1, 10 & 15 July, 1pm – 4pm
Creative Problem Solving – Sunday 23 June, 3pm – 4pm

Stoke Library

Hours: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday: 9:30am – 5:30pm
Wednesday: 10:00am – 5:30pm
Saturday: 10am – 1pm
Sunday: Closed
Odie the Therapy Dog – Wednesday 19 & 26 June and 3 July, 3:15pm – 4:15pm
Crafty Creators – Wednesday 19 June, 3:30pm – 4:30pm
Small Time – Friday 21 & 28 June and 5 July, 10:30am – 11am

Museums and Galleries:

Broadgreen House and Samuels Rose Gardens

Winter hours 1 May to 30 September: 12pm – 3pm Daily
Fatal Fashion: Dangerous Dress and Injurious Attire – Wednesday 3 April – Sunday 1 December, 12pm – 3pm
Twill Felt Flower Workshop – Sunday 2 June, 10am – 4pm
Creative Bookbinding – Saturday 8 – Sunday 9 June, 10am – 4pm
Fatal Fashion Exhibition Curator's Floor Talk – Wednesday 12 June, 3pm

The Suter Art Gallery & Theatre

Hours: 9:30am – 4:30pm Daily
Exhibition: Fatal Fashion – Wednesday 3 April – Sunday 1 December, during opening hours
Fatal Fashion Exhibition Curator's Floor Talk – Wednesday 12 June, 3pm
Floral Wreath Workshop – Saturday 22 June, 10:30am – 12pm

Refinery ArtSpace

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

Nelson Provincial Museum

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