

# Tō Tātou Whakatū Our Nelson

## Demolition begins in

## Strawbridge Square



The New World revamp is progressing in Strawbridge Square. The first part of the project requires the demolition of the old Video Ezy building.

From Wednesday 2 October, for three weeks, contractors will be working around Strawbridge Square and the access way/carpark between Stoke Library and the Video Ezy building will be closed as the contractor will use this space to undertake the demolition.

The footpath around the Video Ezy building will be closed, and three trees will be removed as part of this work to accommodate the new building's design.

Please be alert to additional activity in the carpark, and follow all onsite instructions and signage.

For more information see:



[shape.nelson.govt.nz/strawbridge-square-new-world-upgrade](https://shape.nelson.govt.nz/strawbridge-square-new-world-upgrade)



## The Montgomery Superloo is getting a revamp!

Over the next fortnight there's a huge amount of mahi happening at the toilet block, which will require it to be closed.

This week, work started in the family room, and children's toilet. These two rooms are currently closed. From next week the whole block will be closed (reopening weekends).

### What's happening?

- Painting of the exterior, interior, and roof
- Replacing damaged exterior cladding
- Installing six extractor fans
- Installing two heat pumps
- Relining the shower cubicles in both the men's and women's areas
- Removing unused solar water heater tubes, and installing Solar PV panels
- Installing two commercial washing machines
- Installing a fold-down additional handrail in the accessible toilet
- Installing an ironing board
- Replacing the cabinetry in the kitchen
- Replacing the existing lockers
- Installing a new switchboard
- Applying Terraflake flooring on floors
- Regrouting tiles
- Clearing external storm and sewer drains.

● Closed: 23 - 27 Sep

● Open: Weekends

● Closed: 30 Sep - 4 Oct

● Open: Weekends

The outside toilet will be available at all times.

## Expressions of Interest sought

Nelson City Council is calling for expressions of interest (EOI) from interested parties for the development of a new library, community hub, and civic centre.

The opening of the EOI follows approval by elected members of an Indicative Business Case for the proposed new facility in August this year.

The responses to the EOI will be used as a starting point to help staff provide advice to Council on the options. Consultation with the community will be undertaken prior to any significant investment decisions being made on any of the options.

### The EOI includes:

**Option 1:** Land purchase by the Council, where a new facility would be developed by the Council

**Option 2:** A building designed, built, and delivered for lease to the Council.

Additionally, the Council is open to expressions of interest in the future divestment of Civic House, if a decision is made by a future Council that it is no longer required.

Council Acting Chief Executive Alec Louverdis emphasised that no final decisions have been made.

"This is an important step in gathering information from the market. The insights we receive from the expressions of interest will help shape the next phase of investigation and planning."



For more information and to register your interest, visit [shorturl.at/4po47](https://shorturl.at/4po47)





## Libraries offer gateway to Hillary's Antarctic hut

Antarctic Heritage Trust invites you to explore Sir Edmund Hillary's Antarctic hut through a fully immersive virtual reality (VR) experience. Step inside Hillary's hut and find out what life was like for Sir Ed's team living in the world's most extreme environment, furthering science and exploration. This is a digital experience that will transport you to Antarctica without getting cold.

Elma Turner Library (Learning Centre) – 10am to 4pm, October 7, 8, 10 and 11.

Nightingale Library Memorial (Meeting Room) – 12pm to 4pm, October 9.

The VR experience takes approximately 15 minutes. It is suitable for everyone over 9 years old. For further information visit:



## Water meter reading

The residential water meter reading round starts on 1 October and will continue for about two months.

Please check that the meter box and the surrounding area is clear and easily accessible.

The meter readers are allowed to read the meters between 7am and 7pm seven days a week, including Sundays and public holidays. They will be identifiable by their hi-visibility vests with 'WATER METER READER' and "SBS" on the back. They also carry ID with them, which you may request to view.

As part of the ongoing maintenance of the meters, some meters will be checked to see if they are still recording accurately. If your meter is being checked, Nelmac will inform you during the meter reading. If no one is at home, a letter will be left in your letterbox letting you know that Council contractors have been. The test requires the contractor to fill a 10-litre bucket with water. If the meter needs to be replaced, the water will be turned off to do this. The whole check usually takes about 10 minutes.

If the meter readers have access issues, they will leave a note with a new visit day. Please call our contractor's help desk on 027 286 7337 if you need to change the new meter reading time.

Please be aware that if you don't make a suitable arrangement or repeated visits are needed to obtain a meter reading, you could be charged a Special Water Meter reading fee of \$36.34.

All water used through the meter is charged at \$2.626 per cubic metre. This is inclusive of GST.

The invoice/statements are generally posted out within three weeks of the meter being read. If your account has a balance of less than \$10 or a credit of less than \$10 no invoice will be sent.

## Lambing season is underway

We have sadly already lost a sheep this season to a dog attack, an unfortunate reminder to please keep your dogs under strict control when walking through the Grampians and Sir Stanley Whitehead Park.

Look out for signage and keep dogs on-lead where required.

These spaces are shared with our woolly friends, and it's important to give them the peace they need. If you come across a lamb that seems alone, don't worry. In most cases, the mother is grazing nearby or the farmer is keeping a watchful eye. These lambs are not abandoned; they are simply waiting for their mothers to return.



## MEETINGS

Council meeting 9am	10 Oct	Tenders Committee 11am	30 Oct
Hearing Panel 9am	18 Oct	Council meeting 9am	31 Oct



Are you working on a project that's making a real difference to our local environment?

You might be eligible for an Environmental Grant. Applications are open now and close on Monday, 30 September 2024.

This is your chance to secure funding up to \$20,000 to help your project flourish. Whether you're restoring wetlands, combating erosion, or protecting our precious significant natural areas, we want to support your efforts.

For further information and how to apply head over to Shape Nelson at [shape.nelson.govt.nz](https://shape.nelson.govt.nz) and search Environmental Grants or use the link: [buff.ly/3Riin4p](https://buff.ly/3Riin4p)

Work to remove the contaminated material from Tāhunanui Reserve began this month and is expected to be completed in November.

During this time, there will be increased heavy vehicle movements on weekdays and road access into the Back Beach will be closed from just beyond the entrance to the Skate Nelson car park.

Please stay clear of the work site, keep a close eye on children and pets, and be aware of trucks moving in the reserve during weekdays.

While work to remove the contaminated sawdust takes place, some food vendors have had to temporarily relocate. New locations are shown below. For more information see:





# DRAFT CAT MANAGEMENT BYLAW



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.

Council is consulting on a Draft Cat Management Bylaw (Draft Bylaw) which requires microchipping, microchip registration and desexing of all cats over the age of six months.

Please let us know your preference on whether we should adopt this bylaw by filling in a short submission form. Submission close 5pm, 9 October.

[shape.nelson.govt.nz/Proposed-companion-cat-management](https://shape.nelson.govt.nz/Proposed-companion-cat-management)

Make a  
submission  
here





A full list of meetings for 2024 are available on the Council's website:  
[nelson.govt.nz/council/council-structure/council-meetings](https://nelson.govt.nz/council/council-structure/council-meetings)

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