

# Tō Tātou Whakatū Our Nelson



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## Nelson Mayor welcomes Govt grant for Tāhunanui beach cleanup

*Pictured: Nelson City Council Group Manager Community Services Andrew White (left), Environment Minister Penny Simmonds, Nelson Mayor Nick Smith and Tāhunanui ward Councillor Campbell Rollo.*

Nelson Mayor Nick Smith says he is relieved by announcement of a \$3.44 million Government contribution towards the cleanup of contaminated wood waste at Tāhunanui Beach.

"I am very grateful to Environment Minister Penny Simmonds and the Government for providing this funding so promptly as one of the first grants from the new Contaminated Sites and Vulnerable Landfills Fund.

"Our Council got on with the cleanup, given how vulnerable the affected Back Beach area is to coastal erosion. The grant amounts to 75% of the total expected cleanup cost of \$4.59m. It will come as a huge relief to ratepayers, who would otherwise have had to meet the full cost alone."

The \$3.44m grant from the new Fund reduces the ratepayer contribution for the cleanup to \$1.15m. Council will spend another \$300,000 for the construction of a replacement gravel car park and the planting of the remediated area. This brings the total project cost to \$4.89m, less than previously estimated.

"This contaminated site is a legacy issue from an era when too little value was placed on coastal environments and the risks of treated timber toxins were poorly understood," Mayor Nick says. "I am pleased with the way central and local government are partnering to fix this inherited problem and restore this iconic beach to a pristine state.

"These contaminated site problems are difficult to resolve and often take decades to fix. I welcome the prompt, pragmatic approach that has enabled us to get on and reasonably resolve this site within 18 months of the tests showing it posed risks to public health and the environment."

Nelson City Council Group Manager Community Services Andrew White says about 10,000 cubic metres of contaminated material is expected to be removed from the affected Back Beach area and taken to the York Valley Landfill hazardous waste facility during the cleanup phase of the project. The contaminated material is comprised of wood waste, underlying sand, topsoil, and car park base course.

"Moving the material out of Tāhunanui Reserve started late-September and it is expected to be at least six weeks before dunes are re-established on the site and the new gravel parking area is installed."

Road access to the Back Beach will remain closed from the end of the Skate Nelson car park for the duration of the removal operation, and the site will be cordoned off and secured overnight and at weekends. During transportation, the contaminated material will be covered, and the trucks will be decontaminated before they leave the site.

"We want this removal work completed safely

before the busy summer season gets under way," Andrew says. "There will be disruption for beach users but we ask for tolerance so contractors can get the job done as quickly as possible."

After the contaminated material has been moved, a 20-space gravel parking area will be constructed, and the area will be reinstated and planted to support the formation of low-lying dunes and restore species habitat.

"If the weather permits, planting will occur before the summer season and for several years until the dunes are fully established," Andrew says.

"Tāhunanui Beach is well loved by residents and visitors and the reinstatement of the dunes will enhance this popular area."

Plans to remove the sawdust have been ongoing since testing of the site in May 2023 confirmed concentrations

of arsenic, chromium, copper and boron as well as dioxins, consistent with at least part of the buried sawdust and wood pieces being treated material. The exposed face of the sawdust pile has been covered by a geotechnical cloth regularly reinforced with a sand bund since that time to stop further erosion of the site.

For updates on the project visit: [shape.nelson.govt.nz/tahunanui-backbeach-sawdust-remediation](https://shape.nelson.govt.nz/tahunanui-backbeach-sawdust-remediation)

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– Andrew White



## New homes for local lizards at Tāhunanui Back Beach

More than 80 protected native lizards have been successfully captured and relocated prior to work starting on the contaminated sawdust site at Tāhunanui's Back Beach.

An ecological assessment of the site, carried out in April, identified the presence of protected native lizard species the northern grass skink and katipō spiders living in the area. As a result, an environmental management plan was put in place to ensure the safety of these populations before any work began.

In collaboration with iwi representatives from Ngāti Kūia and Ngāti Rāua, local ecologists from Tonkin + Taylor captured and relocated 88 northern grass skinks. Each skink's data, including sex, life stage, and measurements, was recorded before they were moved to a nearby site. Fortunately, no katipō spiders were found within the project area.

To safeguard the skinks during the works, lizard exclusion fencing has been installed around the site. In partnership with Nelmac, the team enhanced the

skinks' new habitat by adding logs, log discs, and shrubland debris, creating an inviting and suitable new home for them. Further improvements, including native planting using locally sourced seeds, ongoing pest control, and weed management, are planned.

Once the contaminated material is removed, the work area will be restored to low-lying sand dunes, which will offer a more suitable habitat for lizards and katipō spiders. This restored area will be fenced to protect the new plantings and support the natural return of native wildlife. Ongoing monitoring will track the success of these restoration efforts.

Trucking the contaminated material out of the reserve began in late-September and is expected to be completed by mid-November.



Image of northern grass skinks settling into their new homes once relocated by T+T ecologists and iwi representatives. Credit: T+T ecologists



## 30 years of culture at the Nelson Arts Festival

Nelson's enduring arts festival turns 30 this year and is back on 24 October with a line-up worthy of this significant milestone.

Initially conceived by Dame Suzie Moncrieff as a wrap-around event for the Word of Wearable Art (WOW), the festival took shape when she met Annabel Norman, who moved to Nelson in the early 1990s.

Keen to find Annabel paid work after volunteering for WOW, Dame Suzie suggested Annabel ask Nelson Mayor Philip Woolaston for Council support.

"Woolaston was a champion for the arts, and he could see the value in creating another cultural festival for Nelson," says Dame Suzie.

In 1994, Council appointed Annabel Norman to research and develop the Nelson Arts Festival providing funding, logistical assistance, and the use of public spaces, which were vital for the festival's launch. That year, a small trial was held called Off the Wall. It featured cabaret, talks and lectures, and art tours of artist's galleries in the city.

The first full Nelson Arts Festival was held the following year and Annabel worked as the festival director for the next 16 years.

Over the past three decades the festival has grown from its humble origins into a vibrant cultural cornerstone of our city, bringing art in all its forms to Te Taihū and providing a platform for local, national and international artists to perform.

The 2000s brought significant development for the festival. Council increased its investment to broaden the festival's appeal and attract a wider audience.

The establishment of the Nelson

Arts Festival Trust in 2018 was a pivotal moment, with the trust managing the festival, securing additional funding, and supporting its growth.

"Under the stewardship of the trust, the festival has flourished," says Group Manager Community Services Andrew White.

"The introduction of new formats, workshops, and interactive experiences has kept the event fresh. The trust's ability to secure additional funding has supported Council's investment and helped the festival to grow into the hugely successful event we see today."

The 30th Anniversary line-up features more than 200 artists, an electrifying mix of visual arts, theatre, music, books, comedy, poetry, and dance.

Highlights include Rutene Spooner's comedy cabaret about his childhood obsession with Kiwi legend Billy T James, Lusi Faiva's journey from her youth in 1960s Samoa to the inspiring warrior she is today in ALGA at the Theatre Royal, 90's rave-inspired dance performance The Butterfly That Flew Into the Rave, stand-up comedy from 2024 Best Newcomer Courtney Dawson and Jacqueline Bublitz's unveiling of her latest novel Leave the Girls Behind.

For the full line-up including the beloved Mask Carnivale on 1 November and live music at Kirby Lane, the Deville Music Hub, NCMA, and even a string quartet at the Brook Waimārama Sanctuary visit: [nelsonartsfestival.nz](http://nelsonartsfestival.nz)



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# Bridge to Better project brought forward

Nelson City Council is proposing to bring forward some work on the Bridge to Better project to minimise disruption to city centre businesses and make the most of current construction market prices to get better value for the ratepayer.

Construction work on Bridge Street, the Paru Paru wastewater pumpstation upgrade, and a new Paru Paru Road carpark is still planned to commence in 2026. Work to upgrade the St Vincent Street stormwater culvert will get started in 2025 as planned.

However, parts of the project, which aims to create the capacity for hundreds of city centre homes with upgrades to three waters and transport infrastructure, are now planned to commence in 2025 with work starting early on the water ring main along Halifax, Collingwood and Bridge Street (between Collingwood Street and Queens Gardens) and the installation of a new floodgate at Saltwater Creek.

"We want to take advantage of a buoyant contractor market to get going on this vital project. Splitting the work into two stages will mean

less disruption for the city centre as a whole in 2026 and provide local contractors with an economic boost a little earlier than expected," says Group Manager Infrastructure Alec Louverdis.

To start this work in 2025, \$4.2m of budget from the years 2025/26 and 2026/27 will need to be brought forward to this financial year.

Louverdis says moving the work forward is integral to the City's revitalisation package.

"Alongside the new playspace at Rutherford Park and the upgrade of our Marina, these projects will expand our connection from the city to the sea, bring more people to our city centre and are strong signals to the market that Nelson is open for investment and development."

Elected members will be asked to approve this proposal in the Council meeting held on 10 October.

# Forty bikes for forty tamariki

Nelson City Council, Sport Tasman and the Nelson Bike Hub have combined to supply more than 40 bikes to tamariki and their families at Victory Primary School and Nelson Intermediate.

Ash Della Bosca (Kaiako and ESOL Co-ordinator) and Kelly Burrell (Sports Co-ordinator) were instrumental in launching the project.

"Victory Primary has a significant number of students from former refugee backgrounds. Many parents are in the process of learning to drive or may not have access to a vehicle, making transportation difficult. Additionally, some parents work long hours, which limits their availability to transport their children to activities and sports. Our students are incredibly talented athletes and we are committed to ensuring they face no barriers to participation in sports. Twelve months ago we approached Matt Lawrey at the Bike Hub to see if we could find a solution," she says.

A partnership between Nelson City Council, Bike Hub and Sport Tasman emerged.

Council worked with Bike Hub to secure funding from Sport Tasman's Tu Manawa Active Aotearoa Fund. Sport Tasman's RideON programme (funded by NCC and TDC) worked with Kaiako Ash after she had identified a group of students at Victory Primary that wanted to participate in afterschool sports but couldn't get to Neale Park.

"The RideOn Bike programme also helped identify the safest route for the students to bike from Victory to their football games at Neale Park, while teaching the tamariki about

road safety. It's a perfect example of what can happen when different organisations come together to solve a problem," says Ash.

Once the kids who needed a bike were found, it was time to get them kitted out with a new bike.

"We take bikes that have been donated to us. We repair them, service them, clean them and then rehome them," says Bike Hub Coordinator Matt Lawrey.

"Over two years, we've managed to rehome over 2,400 bikes by working with schools, health agencies and community groups, and by being open to the public."

Nelson City Council purchased helmets and bike locks and Bike Hub provided the bikes.

"We also do a session with the kids to talk about maintenance and safety," says Matt.

In September, Cung Cung, Alex, Bawi Nun, Nehemiah, Pray Reh, Ishant, and Lal were the last group of kids to receive a bike under the 2024 programme.

"They'll use their new bikes to get to school, gym, football practice at Neale Park and riding home from the Victory Homework Academy," says Ash.

"This project not only connects them to school and sports, but the bikes give them more independence in their community."

## The soft plastics kerbside collection

started in Nelson last week. This is the first industry lead trial in the country.

Mayor Nick says "This step up to a kerbside recycling service has the advantage of being much more convenient than taking soft plastics to a recycling bin in a store. My hope is that we can make a success of this 1000-home trial so a kerbside collection service can be expanded throughout Nelson and then New Zealand."

Enviro NZ will collect the orange bags on separate collection trucks from council's kerbside collection materials, bale the soft plastic collected from registered households and deliver to Future Post in Blenheim to be

recycled into fence posts for local vineyards and farms, as well as garden beds.

Read more: [our.nelson.govt.nz/stories/kerbside-soft-plastic-collection-begins](https://our.nelson.govt.nz/stories/kerbside-soft-plastic-collection-begins)





## Mayor's Message

This month Nelson became the first city in New Zealand to have an industry-funded kerbside recycling service for soft plastics. It is a six-month trial of 1000 homes funded through The Packaging Forum and supported by Council. It builds on previous work to find a solution to the waste from these commonly used products.

Nelson has a proud history of environmental leadership. There were successful campaigns to protect the Abel Tasman in the 1930s, the Nelson Lakes in the 1950s and Kahurangi in the 1990s. We proudly started NZ's first Environment Centre in 1976 and it continues its good work this year with a recycling programme for construction waste. Our region led the charge on stopping the clear felling of native forests. Our Brook Waimārama Sanctuary is the largest pest-free reserve in the South Island and is soon to become home to tuatara.

Our city has been progressively improving our recycling, starting with glass and now including cardboard, paper, aluminium and steel cans, and hard plastics. The challenge with all recycling schemes is keeping the cost affordable for ratepayers and finding practical ways to reuse the products.

I helped get soft plastic recycling started in NZ during my time as Environment Minister. I worked with The Packaging Forum in 2017 to enable people to drop their used soft plastics at stores such as supermarkets and The Warehouse. This supply has enabled businesses to start

up remanufacturing these soft plastics into fence posts for vineyards, farms and home gardens.

Future Post in Blenheim now has sufficient capacity and demand to be able to take more recycled soft plastics. Nelson was selected for the kerbside collection trial due to our strong track record in recycling, the support of Council and our close proximity to the remanufacturing facility.

I was delighted so many households volunteered for this trial so quickly. Each home is provided with orange bags the occupants fill with soft plastics such as bread bags and frozen food bags and then put them out fortnightly in the NCC blue crate the day after their normal Council recycling. Households not in the trial can continue to use the bins at supermarkets and The Warehouse.

I congratulate The Packaging Forum on this initiative. We need producers to take greater responsibility for the products they make after their use. My hope is that we make a success of this trial and it is expanded across the city and potentially nationwide.

Mayor  
Nick Smith



Local kids Lily and Rosie try out the new flying fox.

The Annesbrook Youth Park flying fox is now open and ready for some high-flying fun!

The flying foxes at Glenduan Reserve and Hockey Reserve are currently closed while the grass seed establishes. They will be re-

opened in the coming weeks. Check our Facebook page for updates.

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# Nelson Marina celebrates achieving Clean Marina accreditation

The Clean Marina flag can now fly proudly above Nelson Marina having achieved Clean Marina accreditation through the New Zealand Marina Operators Association (NZMOA).

The right to fly the Clean Marina flag is held only by the marinas that have achieved the highest level of accreditation. Nelson Marina is one of only 10 in the country to accomplish this significant achievement.

Nelson Mayor Nick Smith says this Clean Marina accreditation is important in building Nelson's credentials as a centre of excellence for sustainability and the Blue Economy.

"It provides independent verification that we are managing the biosecurity, wastewater, rubbish and emissions at the marina in a way that minimises the effects on the environment.

"This accreditation at the highest environment standard is important as we embark on Council's ambitious plans to expand boat building and maintenance, berthage space and recreational facilities at the marina."

Nelson Marina Manager Nigel Skeggs said it had taken three years of dedicated effort to enhance the marina's environmental practices and promote sustainable marine operations to gain accreditation.

"Our accreditation as a Clean Marina reflects the hard work and dedication of our entire team. We are immensely proud of this achievement, which underscores our ongoing commitment to preserving

the beauty of our coastal environment for future generations. We are excited to lead by example and inspire others in the industry to adopt similar practices."

To receive certification, marinas are audited on factors such as the provision and promotion of recycling facilities, no discharge policies and enforcement of these policies, provisions for boat owners to facilitate regular hull cleaning, a thorough understanding of all processes within the marina operations and the use of sustainable materials in the maintenance and building of infrastructure.

Skeggs said the program sets a high benchmark for environmental stewardship.

"We've implemented regular monitoring of water quality and marine ecosystems; the hard stand area has a very robust filtration system that ensures all contaminants from boat cleaning and maintenance are treated and removed from surface water runoff before being sent to trade waste. During a rain event, all stormwater is also collected and filtered before being returned to the sea.

"In future we aim to store the filtered water and reuse it on site for hull cleaning, this will further reduce our use of water."



Nelson Marina team, left to right: Melissa Spijkerman, Gordy May, Alex Iue, Nigel Skeggs, Blair Taylor, Kirsty McLean, Lauchlan Dauber

"We are committed to disaster preparedness with the necessary equipment, including investing \$10,000 in rapid deployment oil spill containment booms that allow us to completely surround any vessel within the marina during an emergency event. Staff training through Maritime NZ ensures the team are prepared to manage any contaminant spills in the water."

To maintain Clean Marina status the facility must be independently audited bi-annually.

## Riverside Pool equipment upgrade

Riverside Pool will be closed from 1 December until the end of February for equipment replacement.

The existing heat pump and air handling units for Riverside Pool have reached the end of their service lives and this project will replace them with modern equivalents.

### FAQs

**Can we swim at Nayland Pool?** Yes, you can use your Riverside membership or concession cards at Nayland Pool.

**Will the gym remain open?** Yes, the gym will stay open with reduced hours. Some short power outages are expected during the upgrade.

**Will the spa be open?** No, all pools must be supervised by lifeguards, so the spa will also be closed.

**Can I put my membership on hold?** Yes, you can place your membership on hold for no charge by submitting a request.

**Where will my kids' swim lessons take place?** All swim lessons except babies, will move to Nayland Pool with the same schedule. We are making a plan for baby aged lessons for warmer weeks.

**What about Aqua Aerobics classes?** Our instructors have planned a tailored Aqua fitness programme at Nayland Pool.

**Will the Legends Strong class continue?** Yes, Caitlin will still run the Legends Strong class on Thursday mornings at Riverside Pool.

### Can we use the Richmond Aquatic Centre?

Since Richmond Aquatic Centre is in the Tasman District and operates independently despite being managed by CLM, your Riverside membership or concession cards won't be valid there. However, for Riverside Pool Members they are offering a 3 Month Gym Membership - Summer Special - \$249.99 (Normally \$350.00) - conditions apply

**I don't want to put my membership on hold, but cancel it. Can I join up again without paying joining fees?** Yes, you can cancel your membership and rejoin without paying the joining fees. However, if there has been a price increase in the membership or joining fees when you rejoin, you'll need to pay the updated rate, as the previous terms won't apply after cancellation.





## Councillor's Comment

Following the 2022 local elections, the Mayor proposed the creation of a Tāhunanui Liaison Councillor to provide a stronger voice for the beachside community and develop a closer working relationship with its residents and businesses.

This role, which I am proud to hold, has helped deliver several successes for the community. These include:

### Contaminated wood waste removal

Tāhunanui is a slice of paradise in the heart of Nelson and its beach is consistently rated one of the best in New Zealand. It holds its own in world rankings, too – coming eighth in the South Pacific category for TripAdvisor's 2023 edition of its annual best beaches awards.

When Council was made aware of contaminated wood waste on the Back Beach, we were committed to getting the issue resolved without putting too much pressure on ratepayers. Last week, we welcomed news of a grant from the Government equivalent to 75% of the expected \$4.59 million cleanup cost. Our concessionaires and stakeholders have been on this journey from day one and we, as a Council, have made sure they can remain open throughout the cleanup project, which will be completed in time for another successful summer.

### New surf lifesaving club facility

The exciting Tāhunanui Beach surf lifesaving club facility development has been boosted by funding from Council and

Government. Council has committed \$1.65 million through the Long Term Plan 2024-34. Another \$1.6 million is coming from Surf Life Saving New Zealand's Central Government Capital Fund, which means work can get under way finalising the design and securing the building and resource consents for this project, which will make our world-class beach safer.

### Pedestrian refuges

Two new pedestrian refuges have been installed on the Annesbrook Drive section of State Highway 6, just north of Blackwood Street, and on the Tāhunanui Drive section of SH6 adjacent to St Stephens Community Church and McDonald's. I've been advocating for these refuges, which were badly needed and now that they're in place, they have given people confidence to cross the road safely.

I welcome your concerns and ideas for our stunning beachside community. Come along to one of my monthly drop-in sessions at Catch 22 Café and Bar on Beach Road or send me an email at [Campbell.Rollo@ncc.govt.nz](mailto:Campbell.Rollo@ncc.govt.nz). We have an exciting summer ahead with a reserve full of fun for the whole family and a world-class beach for the next swim.



Councillor Campbell Rollo

## Nelson City Council tops customer satisfaction rates

Nelson City Council's 60% satisfaction rating in the 2023/24 residents' survey is the highest overall satisfaction rate of all the councils surveyed by Key Research.

Nelson Mayor Nick Smith says the positive results reflect a Council that is working more collegially and the increased focus of staff on delivering good services and value for money for residents.

"I am hugely encouraged that the overall satisfaction with Council has improved to 60%, up from 54% in 2023 and 51% in 2022 from when I was elected as Mayor. It is a huge achievement for Nelson City Council to have the top level of satisfaction of the 18 Councils that do this survey.

"This survey highlights some of the key achievements we have made in the past year such as the major flood repair work, fixing and reopening Elma Turner Library and introducing the new eBus service, where satisfaction on flood protection has increased by 8%, library services by 10% and public transport and are services by 27%.

"You cannot please all of the people all of the time but it is also good to have dissatisfaction falling to 16%, down from 18% in 2023 and 21% in 2022. We will be drilling down into the detail of the survey on the areas of dissatisfaction to help us prioritise areas where we need to further lift Council's performance."

Among the key highlights:

- **Kerbside Recycling Collection:** Council achieved an outstanding score of 85%, outperforming the benchmark average of 73%
- **Museums, Heritage Buildings and Galleries:** an 80% satisfaction rating was achieved in this area
- **Parks and Recreation:** Council performed well in this area, receiving a satisfaction rating of 74%, slightly above the benchmark average of 72%
- **Recycling services (overall):** Nelson residents reported a 71% satisfaction rate with

waste management and minimisation services, higher than the benchmark average of 67%.

Acting Chief Executive Alec Louverdis says the results, particularly the overall satisfaction rate of 60%, were a testament to the hard work of Council staff and contractors.

"Our community's satisfaction with key services, such as recycling and road safety, demonstrates the council's ongoing commitment and dedication to providing high-quality services and improving our city's liveability."

The survey also highlighted areas where the community had some concerns, including looking after the natural environment, Three Waters infrastructure services and flood protection. Many of these areas have still seen upward trends in satisfaction on previous years and are in line with results experienced by the other councils surveyed.

"While we are pleased with the overall results, we recognise there is always room for improvement, and we remain committed to addressing areas where we can do better," Louverdis says.

"Planned projects like the upgrade to the city centre water ring main, upgrade of the Paru Paru wastewater pump station and the future infrastructure upgrade to Bridge Street as part of Bridge to Better show we are constantly looking to improve services, including our Three Waters capacity, in our city.

"Our plans for a city centre playspace in Rutherford Park should improve our community's view on Council's provision of playgrounds once work gets underway. We will continue striving to future-proof our infrastructure to meet the growing needs of the city while enhancing residents' everyday experiences."



## Top Tips for Recycling Week

Recycling Week is an annual initiative to raise awareness and educate New Zealand on best practices for waste minimisation and recycling. It aims to encourage conscious purchasing and disposal of items, creating a waste-free future for Aotearoa.

In support of recycling week, Council is answering some of our most frequently asked questions about what types of paper, cardboard, metals and plastics can go in our yellow kerbside recycling bins. Did you know that:



### Only these in your recycling bin

**Egg cartons and glossy magazines** CAN be recycled in your yellow bin.

**Empty pizza boxes** CAN go in. Grease stains are ok - just no food scraps can be left inside.



### These can't go in your recycling bin

**Tin foil or aluminium foil and containers, including aerosols,** CAN'T go in. It's best to find an eco-friendly alternative if you can.

**Takeaway coffee cups and lids** CAN'T go in. To encourage use of reusable cups instead, Council is supporting 'Bring It', where participating cafes offer a discount of 30 cents to \$1 on your coffee when you bring a clean, reusable coffee cup: [nelson.govt.nz/services/rethink-waste/bring-it](https://nelson.govt.nz/services/rethink-waste/bring-it)

**Soft plastics** DON'T go in the yellow bin. These can be dropped at soft plastic recycling collection points across Nelson.

**Juice and milk cartons** CAN'T go in. Grassroots Recycling offer a range of drop off points for clean cartons: [facebook.com/GrassrootsRecycling](https://facebook.com/GrassrootsRecycling)



For more information on what can and can't go in your yellow bin, visit [nelson.govt.nz/kerbside-recycling-service](https://nelson.govt.nz/kerbside-recycling-service)

## Free Compost 101 Workshop

Join us at our free Compost 101 Workshop this Spring, run in partnership with local experts Tim's Garden.

This 1-hour workshop is suitable for beginners or anyone who wants to learn a bit more about composting, worm farms or bokashi.

These popular, fun and interactive workshops cover everything you need to know about composting. You can ask troubleshooting questions, and grab your free Composting Starter gift bag.

Workshops are held each month, located in-store at Tim's Garden. Seats are limited, so please ensure you register in advance online at:

[timgarden.co.nz/events](https://timgarden.co.nz/events)

**Date:** Tuesday 22 October

**Time:** 5.30-6.30pm

**Venue:** Tim's Garden, 26 Gloucester Street, Nelson City.

**Sign-up:** Register your free place online at [timgarden.co.nz/events](https://timgarden.co.nz/events)

## Proposed Road Closures

**Applicant:** Downer

**Event:** NBS Nelson Santa Parade

**Proposed Closures:** Montgomery Square Carpark and Entrances, Hardy Street – between Rutherford Street and Morrison Street, Church Street, Park Street, Trafalgar Street – between Hardy Street to Grove Street and Hathaway Terrace including Trafalgar Park Lane, Trafalgar Carpark, Bridge Street, Wakatu Lane, New Street and Halifax Street, Bridge Street – at the intersection with Trafalgar Street, Halifax Street - at the intersection with Trafalgar Street

**Date and time of schedule closure:** Sunday 1 December 2024, closed between 5:00am – 4:00pm.

**Contingency date and time:** Sunday 15 December 2024, same times as above.

Specific roads have different start and end times. View our website for further details.

Vehicle access for businesses and couriers only will be available where possible but delays are likely.

The roads will be closed, and access will be unavailable during this time.

The parade will start from Montgomery Square and finish at Hathaway Carpark.

**Feedback for proposed closures to be given by:** Wednesday 23 October 2024

**Email:** [road.enquiries@ncc.govt.nz](mailto:road.enquiries@ncc.govt.nz)

**Post:** Nelson City Council, PO Box 645, Nelson 7040, Attention: Gillian Dancey

**For all road closure information visit [nelson.govt.nz/road-closures](https://nelson.govt.nz/road-closures)**

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### Meetings

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



## Conewatch: Ongoing Projects

**Maitai Road Slip Repairs**  
**End date:** October 2024  
**Location:** Maitai Road at Nile Street Intersection  
**Benefit:** Repair edge of road after August 2022 weather event

**Nelson North Wastewater Treatment Plant Wetlands Planting**  
**End date:** October 2024  
**Location:** Land accessible to the public alongside the Wastewater Treatment Plant.  
**Benefit:** Improvement to habitat and ecological restoration.

**Slip 14 – 96 Tukuka St Slip Remediation**  
**End date:** October 2024  
**Location:** Tukuka Street, Blampied Place  
**Benefit:** Property protection

**Slips 18 – Grampians Reserve**  
**End date:** November 2024  
**Location:** Trafalgar St South, Van Diemen St  
**Benefit:** Property protection

**Maitai Dam Aeration**  
**End date:** November 2024  
**Location:** Maitai Dam  
**Benefit:** Improve water quality



## It's on... at a Council venue near you



**Kirby Lane**  
 Kirby Fridays – Friday 18 October, 4:30pm – 8:30pm  
 Tune Up – Thursday 24 October, 5pm – 8pm

**Saxton Field**  
 Hockey Tournament 2024 Tasman Regional Y5-6, 7 Aside – Tuesday 17 September, 9:30am – 2pm

**Saxton Stadium**  
 Term 4 – Summer Social Hockey – Wednesdays from 23 October – 27 November, 6pm – 8pm

Nelson Junior Hockey Program IV – 24 October – 28 November, 3:45pm – 6:30pm  
 Masters Mixed Hockey League Full Field – Thursdays from 24 October – 28 November, 6pm – 8pm

The Nelson Half – Sunday 3 November, from 7:30am

**Trafalgar Centre**  
 Wine Nelson Tasting Event – Thursday 17 October, 5pm – 7pm  
 73rd New Zealand Open Dance Championships – Saturday 26 – Sunday 27 October, All Day

**Founders Heritage Park**  
 Hours: 10am – 4:30pm Daily  
 Teen Beauty Camp – Monday 30 September – Thursday 3 October and Monday 7 – Thursday 10 October, 10am – 3pm

Cat vs Dog – Saturday 28 September – Saturday 12 October, 11am and 1pm daily  
 Collecting History – Saturday 12 October, 10am – 4pm

Diwali – Saturday 19 October, 12pm – 4pm  
 Zine Fest Nelson – Saturday 26 October, 10am – 4pm

The New Zealand Cider Festival – Saturday 2 November, 12pm – 7pm

**Trafalgar Street**  
 Nelson Arts Festival: Mask Carnivale – Friday 1 November, 5pm – 9pm

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

**Isel House and Park**  
 Summer Hours 1 October to 30 April:  
 Sunday, Monday and Public Holidays: Closed  
 Tuesday – Friday: 10am – 3pm  
 Thursday Market: 4:30pm – 7:30pm  
 Saturday: 12pm – 4pm  
 Isel Market – Thursdays from 3 October, 4:30pm until dark  
 Isel in Spring – Thursday 17 October, from 4:30pm

**Pūtangitangi Greenmeadows Community Centre**  
 Nelson Arts Festival: Now You Know Her Name – Tuesday 29 October, 1pm

**Nelson Public Libraries:**  
**Elma Turner Library**  
 Hours: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday: 9:30am – 6pm  
 Wednesday: 10am – 6pm  
 Saturday: 10am – 4pm  
 Sunday: 1pm – 4pm

Monster Mash Up – Wednesday 9 October, 11am – 12:30pm  
 Hillary's Antarctic Hut VR Experience – 7, 8, 10 and 11 October, 10am – 4pm

Library Knitters – Wednesdays, 10am – 12pm  
 Frank Baby the Therapy Dog – Saturday 12 and Saturday 26 October, 10:30am – 11:30am

Small Time – Wednesdays, 10:30am – 11am, during term time  
 Ruru the Therapy Dog – Saturday 19 October and Saturday 2 November, 1pm – 2pm

Kōrero te reo Māori – Saturday 19 October and Saturday 2 November, 10am – 11am  
 Shocktober with Hato Hone St John – Monday 21 October, 10:30am – 11:30am and 12pm – 1pm

Book Sale – Saturday 26 October, 10am – 4pm  
 Book Sale – Sunday 27 October, 12pm – 4pm

Nelson Arts Festival: Plotting Historical Fiction Workshop – Wednesday 30 October, 1pm  
 Community Corner with Ancestors Attic – Wednesday 30 October, 10:30am – 12pm

Teen Takeover – Wednesday 30 October, 3:30pm – 5pm

**Nightingale Library Memorial**  
 Hours: Monday – Friday: 12pm – 4pm  
 Saturday: Closed  
 Sunday: 1pm – 4pm

Hillary's Antarctic Hut VR Experience – Wednesday 9 October, 12pm – 4pm

Nellie Knitters – 16, 21 & 30 October and 4 November, 1pm – 4pm

Relationships and Spiritual Growth – Sunday 20 October, 3pm – 4:15pm

Phoenix Rising – Thursday 24 and 31 October, 7pm – 9:30pm

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

Wednesday: 10:00am – 5:30pm

Saturday: 10am – 1pm  
 Sunday: Closed

Bubs, Bubbles and Boogie – Fridays 11 October, 10:30am

Small Time – Fridays, 10:30am – 11am

**Museums and Galleries:**  
**Broadgreen House and Samuels Rose Gardens**  
 Summer hours 1 October to 30 April: 10.30am – 4:30pm Daily

Fatal Fashion: Dangerous Dress and Injurious Attire – Wednesday 3 April – Sunday 1 December, 12pm – 3pm

Textile Collage Stitch Workshop – Saturday 12 and Sunday 13 October, 10am – 4pm  
 Fermentation Basics – Sunday 20 October, 2pm – 4pm

**The Suter Art Gallery & Theatre**  
 Hours: 9:30am – 4:30pm Daily  
 Nelson Decorative and Fine Arts Society – Wednesday 9 October, 6:30pm  
 Hineukurangi – Daily, during opening hours

Stop Making Sense: Surrealist Legacies – Daily, during opening hours

Nelson Arts Festival: SLIP – Wednesday 23 and Thursday 24 October

Nelson Arts Festival: Housing For All – Friday 25 October, 12:30pm

Nelson Arts Festival: Otherhood: Childless, Child Free & Child Adjacent – Friday 25 October, 5:30pm

Nelson Arts Festival: Evoking the Diaspora – Saturday 26 October, 10:30am

Nelson Arts Festival: Mythology & Mystical Realism – Saturday 26 October, 1pm

Nelson Arts Festival: Tenacious Wāhine – Saturday 26 October, 3:30pm

Nelson Arts Festival: Bloody Minded: Susie Ferguson – Sunday 27 October, 10:30am

Nelson Arts Festival: Fly Here, Fly There, My Bird: Patricia Grace – Sunday 27 October, 1pm

Nelson Arts Festival: Environmental Advocates – Sunday 27 October, 3:30pm

Nelson Arts Festival: People & Water Series – Monday 28 October, 3:30pm

Nelson Arts Festival: Suitcase Show: Trick of the Light – Tuesday 29 and Wednesday 30 October, 8pm

Nelson Arts Festival: Moon: Bernie Duncan & Alistair Deverick – Saturday 2 and Sunday 3 November, 10am

Community Health Lecture: Advances in Cancer: Research to Improve Prevention, Diagnosis and Treatment – Tuesday 5 November, 7pm – 9pm

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

Pushing Clay – Forsyth Bar Ceramics Award – Friday 27 September – Saturday 19 Oct, during opening hours

Nelson Arts Festival: Waka of Dreams: Punanga Pohewa: Lissy & Rudi Robinson-Cole – Thursday 24 October – Saturday 23 November, during opening hours

Nelson Arts Festival: By Whakatū Residency Sharing – Saturday 2 November, 2pm

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

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