

# Tō Tātou Whakatū Our Nelson



## Connings pop-up pops up

Simon Conning with staff Amelia Price and Ajo Thomas

Locally-grown food and 35 new jobs have made their way to Nelson's city centre thanks to a leasing agreement between Connings Food Market and Nelson City Council.

The Connings pop-up shop opened at its Council-owned Achilles Avenue site last week and has already proved popular with shoppers.

"This is a positive boost for our city centre after a tough winter," says Nelson Mayor Nick Smith.

"This development has created 35 new jobs, is good for our health with easier access to locally grown fresh fruit and veges, is good for the environment with fewer people having to drive out to Appleby for these products and it's good news for the revitalisation of our city centre."

Council's agreement with Connings includes the option to buy the Achilles Avenue site so it can be turned into a permanent food market.

"30% of our customers come from Nelson, so it makes sense for us to come to them instead," says Simon Conning.

Chair of the City Revitalisation Taskforce Deputy Mayor Rohan O'Neill-Stevens says the food market fits perfectly with Council's plans to stimulate Nelson's city centre.

"The new shop's not far from the Rutherford Street end of Bridge Street, which is due for a significant upgrade as part of the Bridge to Better project. You can already feel a bit of a buzz about this part of the city – in a couple of years it will be almost unrecognisable.

"Over time, Council has strategically purchased property throughout the city and on the waterfront as part of a strategy to increase housing capacity, improve our links from the city to the sea and revitalise our city centre. This is a great example of that strategy succeeding."

Council recently called for Expressions of Interest on several City Centre sites that it owns, including the Bridge Street bus interchange, the old Refinery building, 42 Rutherford Street, and Civic House itself.

"We've had some really interesting and promising offers that are still commercially confidential. I'm looking forward to being able to say more but they will all add significant value to our city," says Chief Executive Nigel Philpott.

"I'm really proud that Council has been able to move quickly and decisively to provide Connings with the opportunity to set up a Nelson base for their business. Our city needs Council to be urgent and innovative as we all work together to breathe new life into Nelson and this ticks all the boxes."

Most Connings produce is farmed within 8km of its Appleby store



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# TUKU|25 WHAKATŪ

## The call for Tuku 25 Whakatū events is now open

Sign up and start celebrating the unique and diverse heritage of Whakatū.

From 23 March to 4 May 2025, the Tuku festival is six weeks of events to share (tuku) Nelson's unique stories of people and place.

Every year, multiple organisations and community groups run their own events throughout Nelson with support from Nelson City Council. Events are hosted by the community for the community.

Last year, Tuku 24 delivered 120 events, enjoyed by an estimated 18,000 people. The cultural diversity of events rose for the fifth year running, with 44% of events representing non-Pākehā/European heritage. Tuku is the most culturally diverse Council-led Heritage Festival in New Zealand.

Events must have a focus on heritage through stories of people and place, and be open to the public. Council is looking for a broad range of event ideas from our vibrant and diverse community – surprise us!

There are community grants available to those that need a little extra support. Grants generally range from \$500 to \$2000. Grants aim to subsidise event costs to keep charges for attendance down (ideally, free). In this way, Council can help the whole community access your activity.

An information pack, event registration forms and grant application forms are available now on [tukuwhakatu.co.nz](http://tukuwhakatu.co.nz).

The deadline to submit ideas and lodge a grant application is 5pm 8 January 2025.



## Sun 17 Nov, 9am–2pm

Re-home household goods – anything from furniture, clothing, books to leftover building materials. Register by 15 November.



## Pianist performs to restore 160-year-old piano

Colleen Rae-Gerrard, a former concert pianist with an international career, is raising funds to restore the piano at Isel House to its former glory.

The piano, a John Broadwood & Sons grand piano was built in London in 1864, brought to Nelson in 1859 and gifted to Isel House in 2019.

Due to the piano's age, it requires a specialist to replace internal parts so it can play as it did when it was first built. Colleen says the magic of having a piano like this is how it sounds.

"If you can hear what people would have heard back in 1864, when it was built, you can appreciate its history and value."

Colleen has arranged a series of concerts, held each Wednesday throughout November, at Isel House with all donations going to the restoration.

For more information or to donate, please visit [our.nelson.govt.nz/pianist-performs-to-restore-160-year-old-piano](http://our.nelson.govt.nz/pianist-performs-to-restore-160-year-old-piano)



## Isel House Fundraising Concerts Wednesdays 12:30pm, Free Admission

**6th November - If you Love Love: A Song Recital**  
Rosemary Galton and Kyoko Takashima

**13th November - Schumann & Beethoven**  
James Donaldson (cello) and Kyoko Takashima (piano)

Additional Wednesday concert dates will be shared soon

All proceeds will go towards the restoration of the 1864 Broadwood Grand Piano



## Recycling right: What you need to know

Nelsonians are pretty good at recycling. Every year, Council audits Nelson's kerbside recycling bins. Apart from the odd orange tag (indicating the wrong thing might have made it into the bin), our community usually gets it right. So what can we do to recycle even better?

### Coffee cups

While they appear to be cardboard, coffee cups are lined with plastic to make them watertight. Recycling machines are unable to separate the plastic lining from the cardboard, meaning they cannot be recycled.



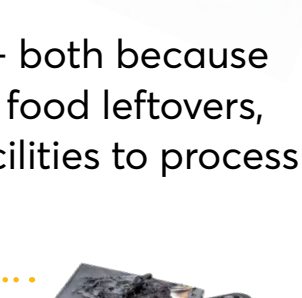
### Compostable and biodegradable food packaging

Compostable and biodegradable food packaging requires a commercial composting system that uses high heat to accelerate the breakdown process, and some products contain additives that can make them less suitable for composting. There are very few commercial composting facilities in New Zealand and Nelson currently does not have a suitable composting option available.



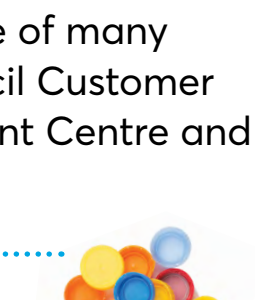
### Aluminum trays and foil

We now have nationwide standards for what can be accepted in recycling collections. Aluminum foil, and products made of foil, are excluded from council collections nationwide – both because these items are sometimes contaminated with food leftovers, and because not all councils have the right facilities to process them.



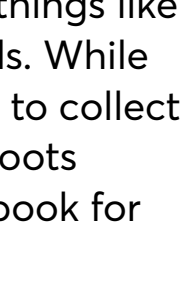
### Batteries

Batteries, such as those made using lithium, can and have, caused fires in collection trucks, recycling centres and landfills. Batteries should not go in your kerbside recycling or rubbish bin. Instead, you can drop batteries off for free at one of many collection points including the Nelson City Council Customer Service (small quantities only), Nelson Environment Centre and the Nelson Waste Recovery Centre.



### Lids

Because of national recycling standards, lids are excluded from Council collections. This is because lids are usually too small to be picked up by most sorting machines and can jam equipment or contaminate recycling. This covers all lids, including things like ice cream lids, milk bottle tops and even metal jar lids. While national recycling standards mean Council is unable to collect lids, there are community-led options such as Grassroots Recycling, which will accept lids. Find them on Facebook for details.



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



# Cable Bay Road is now 80km/h



## Speed limit changes in North Nelson

Speed limits on the rural zones of Cable Bay Road and Maori Pa Road will be lowered to 80km/hr as a result of engagement on the Nelson Tasman Speed Management Plan. Council received 27 submissions about these roads with 96% in favour of lowering the speed limit.

In late 2023-early 2024, both Council's undertook extensive engagement and consultation with our communities receiving 2,200 submissions.

In July 2024, the Joint Committee of Nelson City Council and Tasman District Council adopted the Joint Speed Management Plan. The Director of Land Transport certified the Speed Management Plan on Friday 18 October 2024.

The new Setting of Speed Limits 2024 rule, which was passed by Central Government on 28 September 2024 and comes into force on 30 October 2024, allows changes such as those proposed for on Cable Bay Road and Maori Pa Road but would require Council to redo the lengthy speed limit process to put them in place.

On 22 October 2024, an extraordinary Council meeting was held to discuss and unanimously approve a timing adjustment for the implementation of the speed limit change on Maori Pa Road and Cable Bay Road from 14 July 2025 to 29 October 2024, bringing forward the date by nine months. Bringing the date forward and erecting the speed limit signs would mean that the speed limit was 'in force' by the commencement date of the rule and could remain.

"Cable Bay residents were clear about their preference for a lower speed limit and I would like to thank those residents who submitted so passionately on this topic," says Deputy Mayor Rohan O'Neill-Stevens.

"Central Government needs to come back to the table on this and have a practical conversation with local government about how we can make changes that reflect the interests and needs of our communities. Ensuring these reductions can be implemented without further challenges is a step in the right direction to make Cable Bay Road and Maori Pa Road safer for residents and visitors alike."

The new Setting of Speed Limit Rule 2024 requires variable speed limits outside all schools by 1 July 2026. Nelson currently propose to have these in place by mid July 2025 to coincide with the start of the third school term subject to funding. You can see the maps here: [shape.nelson.govt.nz/creating-speed-management-plan](https://shape.nelson.govt.nz/creating-speed-management-plan).

## We want to hear from you in the 2024/25 residents' survey!

It's that time again, where Nelson City Council is asking the community for feedback about our organisation's current services, activities, and overall direction.

The results of these surveys give us a valuable overview of public opinion and help Council improve how it delivers the services that impact you – everything from Nelson's transportation network to sporting and cultural events and how we look after the natural environment.

An independent research company will survey at least 400 Nelson residents at random, across four periods between July 2024 and June 2025 to maximise opportunities for people to participate. We'll make the survey results public once the survey is completed, but individual responses will be completely anonymous.

If you've been chosen to participate, you'll get a letter in the mail with a QR code you can scan to complete the survey online. You'll also be able to request a paper copy if that is easier for you. Either way, the survey should only take about 10–15 minutes to complete. As thanks for taking the time to respond, you'll go in a draw to win one of four Prezzy cards valued at \$100 each, so make sure you check your mailbox!

Even if you aren't selected to complete the survey, there are always plenty of ways to share your feedback with Council. Projects open for consultation are regularly updated online at [shape.nelson.govt.nz](https://shape.nelson.govt.nz) and you can report any problems or issues through the Antenno App or by contacting our Customer Service Centre on 03 546 0200.



Deputy Mayor Rohan O'Neill-Stevens and 2024 Tuia Rangatahi programme candidate, Myah (Ngāpuhi, Ngāti Whātua, Ngāi Te Rangī).

## Calling future leaders

Applications are now open for the 2025 Tuia Rangatahi Programme.

The Tuia Rangatahi programme is a transformative experience, says this year's candidate Myah (18) (Ngāpuhi, Ngāti Whātua, Ngāi Te Rangī), and now it's someone else's turn to begin their own leadership journey.

The Tuia programme is a long term, inter-generational approach to develop and enhance the way in which rangatahi (young Māori) contribute to communities throughout New Zealand.

Candidates are selected by the mayors of participating Councils and offered mentorship and a chance to enhance their leadership skills.

The relationship provides both the Mayor and the successful candidate with the opportunity to gain a deeper insight into inter-generational issues, cultural values, and experiences. Rangatahi also build peer networks with graduates of the programme and receive leadership training by attending four leadership development wānanga over the course of the year.

Myah found the kaupapa helped her build confidence and social skills.

"It was an eye-opening experience. You hear stories from others and their experiences, how they work with iwi in their communities, and how they're trying to make a change in society."

As part of the programme, Myah arranged a three-day wānanga (educational seminar) for 12 local secondary school students with support from Te Whatu Ora.

"It was a huge success," says Myah. "It provided our rangatahi with the opportunity to meet and get hands-on experience with nurses, physio therapists, radiologists, surgeons, and other health professionals, allowing them to explore what their future careers could look like."

Applications are now open for the 2025 Tuia Rangatahi Programme.

All rangatahi Māori aged between 18 and 25 years old, from the Nelson region, who are actively involved with their community and have leadership potential are encouraged to apply.

Applications close Friday 6 December 2024.

For more information or to apply, see:





# Mayor's Message

I am chairing a Local Government NZ working group that is leading a discussion on how to strengthen the democratic mandate councils have to represent their communities.

The decline in participation in council elections is an existential threat to local government. The voter turnout rate nationally has fallen from 57% to 42%, getting so low it is a risk to councils' mandate. Nelsonians should take pride that our turnout rate is about 10 percentage points higher than the national average, but it has also fallen from 70% three decades ago to 51% in 2022.

This 42% voter turnout rate for council elections in NZ is about half the rate of central government elections at 78%. The local election turnout also compares poorly internationally. The working group aims to identify why people are not voting in council elections and find practical changes that will enhance participation.

The most urgent challenge, as most councils conduct their elections by post, is the decline of the postal system with volumes down a staggering 80% since 2000. It's proposed that NZ Post mail deliveries drop from three to two days per week in urban areas and from five to three days per week in rural areas. There have been commitments to trial e-voting but none have eventuated and security remains a major concern. The third method is polling booth voting as per general elections.

An underlying issue of concern is ensuring voters understand the role of councils. There are problems with electors knowing who the candidates are and what they

stand for.

Another issue is the appropriate term for local government. This discussion is pertinent with the Coalition Government proposing a referendum on central government moving to a four-year term. There is a strong argument for alignment. The case for councils to move to four years is that it will better enable them to deal with long-term matters such as infrastructure, housing and climate change.

These challenges over turnout, voting method, information and length of term come at a time when democratic values are being challenged globally. Changes to our electoral system are rightly subject to a high level of scrutiny as they go to the core of how our communities are governed. Our group is working hard to try and build a platform for positive change. We welcome your feedback. My goal is to help make our local democracy work better. Read the issues paper and have your say at [www.lgnz.co.nz/policy-advocacy/key-issues-for-councils/local-electoral-reform](http://www.lgnz.co.nz/policy-advocacy/key-issues-for-councils/local-electoral-reform).

Submissions close on 19 January 2025.

Mayor  
Nick Smith



## Local cows dismayed at Maitai walkway changes

A recently installed cattle stop, at the southern end of Almond Tree Flat, has caused contention within Nelson's bovine community and limited their ability to roam freely.

Nelson City Council Group Manager Livestock John Smith says the new cattle stop is designed to make the track easier for walkers and bikers.

"We had to replace a faulty gate and the use of a cattle stop made the most sense for human track users."

A spokescow for the bovine community disagreed.

"It is a nightmare, they just came in and installed this thing. We now cannot access the golf course at all."

The Waahi Taakaro Golf Course is beautiful, especially during the Summer months.

"We had regular outings planned, the wide-open spaces are perfect for cow pats, the native trees make a refreshing snack and best of all, no dogs!"

Many of the cows spoken to believed the cattle stop was installed deliberately to keep them off the course and were appealing to have access reinstated.



## Help restore the Bristol Freighter at Founders Heritage Park!

John Kelly (aviation engineer) and Roy West (retired pilot) have generously donated their time, expertise, and workshop premises to help refurbish the Bristol Freighter at Founders.

They're after a few more volunteers as they near the final stages of the project and prepare the plane for painting.

If you're interested in helping with sanding panels, drilling rivets, talking about planes, eating cake and drinking tea, please get in touch with John on 021 128 9579.

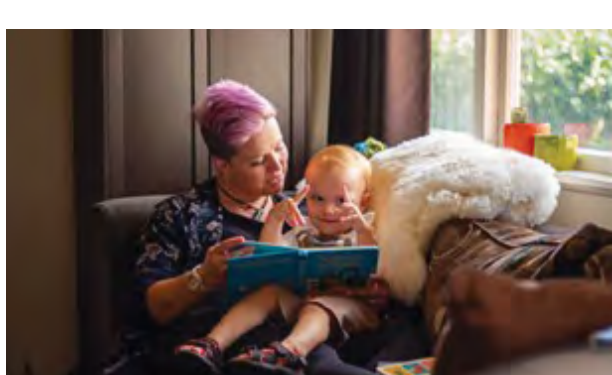
The only requirement is a sense of humour.

The Bristol Freighter Merchant Buccaneer landed in Nelson on the Wakapuaka mudflats in 1986 and was towed to Founders Heritage Park. It is one of four remaining in New Zealand and has been a favourite of visitors to the park since its installation in 1986.

The wonderful Friends of Founders (who bring us the Founders Annual Bookfair) started the initiative to refurbish the aircraft and have generously funded this project.



# Warmer Healthier Homes: Making a difference in our community



The Nelson City Council is proud to announce the remarkable progress of the Warmer Healthier Homes publicity campaign. This initiative is making a significant impact by assisting low-income families in installing insulation, thereby ensuring that homes in Nelson, Marlborough, and Tasman are warmer, drier, and healthier.

The Warmer Healthier Homes programme works in collaboration with the Energy Efficiency and Conservation Authority (EECA) through the Warmer Kiwi Homes Project, ensuring that more families can benefit from warmer, drier homes. For the year commencing 1 July 2023, the Nelson City Council has committed \$55,577 to further support this initiative. This funding underscores the Council's dedication to improving living conditions and promoting health and well-being in our community.

## Key highlights

- 331 properties insulated across Te Taihū from 1 July 2023 to 30 June 2024.
  - 3,549 properties occupied across Te Taihū have been insulated since the project's inception in 2014.
  - 1,713 properties insulated in Nelson since the project's inception.
- The programme is funded by EECA, which in 2024 increased its funding from 80% to 90% for homeowners with Community Service Cards and added 80% funding for homes in deprivation area 7. Some of these neighbourhoods might include parts of Victory, Washington Valley, and Toi Toi. The local trust supported by Council top-up the remaining amount providing a funding of up to 100% of the cost.

## Campaign success

This year, the number of homes insulated is over 20% higher than the previous year, thanks to a successful publicity campaign initiated by the Nelson City Council. The campaign featured a video explaining the criteria and a letter sent to eligible homes, signed by the Mayor, which included a QR code linking to the video. This targeted marketing approach was also rolled out to Tasman and Marlborough, significantly boosting the number of homes insulated.

The campaign's videos, featured on the Nelson City Council Facebook page, reached over 16,000 views, demonstrating strong community engagement and interest. As a direct result of the campaign, 95 homes were assessed in August alone.

If you are looking to get 100% cover, this is possible thanks to the Warmer Healthier Homes Te Taihū Charitable Trust, which covers the gap funding provided by EECA. They have selected Absolute Energy as their preferred supplier.

## Eligibility criteria

To qualify for the Warmer Healthier Homes project, homeowners must meet the following criteria:

- Permanently occupy the home.
- The home was built before 2008.
- The home does not have adequate insulation.
- The homeowner has a Community Services Card or SuperGold combo card, or the home is in a lower-income area.

Check your eligibility for the EECA grant at [www.eeca.govt.nz/check-eligibility](http://www.eeca.govt.nz/check-eligibility).

For more information, visit [www.nelson.govt.nz/climate-change/what-climate-action-can-our-community-take](http://www.nelson.govt.nz/climate-change/what-climate-action-can-our-community-take).

By working together, we are making a tangible difference in the lives of many families, ensuring that everyone has access to a warm and healthy home.

Insulation equals warmer homes and lower emissions



Climate change is a key focus area for Council and included as a priority in the work we do. We want to make this area clearer so keep a look out for the above graphic in future Our Nelsons to see the impact our work has on reducing emissions, adapting for the future, and protecting our environment.



Before



After

## Overnight roundabout upgrade

Salisbury Road roundabout has had an overnight makeover, with rocks and planting replacing what was previously a patch of grass.

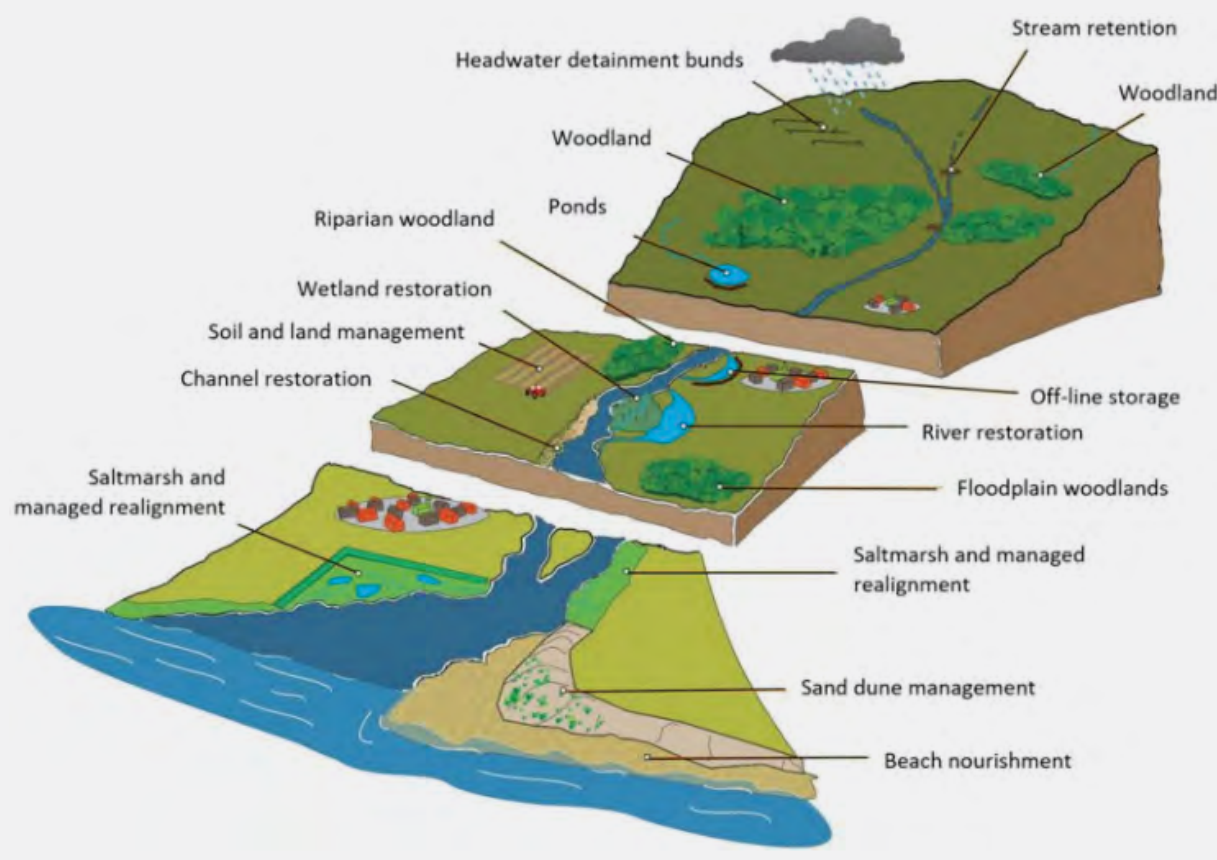
The new roundabout will require much less maintenance and avoids grass becoming overgrown, which can become unsightly and a safety hazard.

Work started at 7pm and finished at 2am to avoid disruption at this busy junction.

Queen palms and grasses were planted between the rocks so that the new-look roundabout looks similar to roundabouts on Haven Road and Champion Road.

Have a look at the before and after photo to see the improvement.





## Climate Change Community Grants

Nelson City Council's annual climate change community grant will open on 25 October and close at 11.59pm on 1 December 2024. The purpose of this grant is to enable community led climate change adaptation and mitigation initiatives.

Funding available: A total of \$50,000 is available this year. Applicants can apply for grants up to \$25,000 for a single proposal.

The Council welcomes innovative proposals that directly or indirectly reduce greenhouse gas emissions within the Nelson region and proposals that increase our resilience to the impacts of climate change. Please carefully read the application guidelines (238KB PDF) and criteria before applying.

[www.nelson.govt.nz/climate-change/climate-change-grants/climate-change-community-grant](http://www.nelson.govt.nz/climate-change/climate-change-grants/climate-change-community-grant)

Increasing resilience to impacts of climate change



## Nature-based solutions

Nature-based solutions for river management in north Nelson is one of 21 new national projects funded by the Ministry for the Environment's (MfE) Essential Freshwater Fund.

A feasibility study is being carried out in the Wakapuaka catchment and will explore the potential of Nature-based Solutions (NbS) to help provide flood resilience, clean our water and support biodiversity.

Hydrology, ecology, and engineering experts from WSP support NCC with the work, combining regional knowledge with international best practice ideas for the Wakapuaka catchment. WSP will build a flood model that replicates the catchment so we understand the flooding impacts extreme rainfall events (such as 1:20, 1:50, 1:100 year events) will have on the catchment. Council will then look at how the model responds to the same events under differing climate change scenarios and if different NbS were in place. Council will workshop these with mana whenua and land-users before finishing the feasibility study mid 2025.

Council is hoping that the findings from this study will help us to understand how NbS could be applied to rivers across the region.

### What are Nature-based Solutions?

NbS are practical ways to use nature's own processes to solve challenges. They include things like native planting to prevent erosion, improve air quality and increase biodiversity, wetlands to soak up floodwater and filter pollutants from stormwater run-off and retention dams to store and slow the flow of water and capture surface run-off.

Rather than engineering or built structures, natural solutions rely on green infrastructure and could help reducing the impacts of flooding and climate change on people and infrastructure as well as playing a part in reaching Aotearoa New Zealand's environmental goals.

The figure above shows the use of different NbS in the upper, middle and lower catchments (UK Environment Agency 2018). Many of these mitigations can be used in multiple parts of the catchment.

- Restoring wetlands and native forests: This helps to soak up carbon dioxide, filter water, and provide habitat for native species.
- Planting trees and vegetation: This can help to reduce soil erosion and flooding impacts, as well as improving air quality.
- Using natural materials for infrastructure: For example, using timber instead of concrete in construction can help to reduce carbon emissions. Using multiple NbS within a catchment will provide the most resilience and reduction in the damage that could be caused by extreme weather events and flooding. NbS used in combination with existing engineering will provide the best chance of protection and extend the life span of existing structures. Natural solutions also provide multiple other benefits for the environment and people such as species habitat, carbon sequestering and recreational enjoyment.

Finding sustainable solutions that protect our well-being, infrastructure and ecosystems is becoming increasingly urgent and looking to nature's own systems can be cost effective, practical and creates resilience against climate change impacts.

Flood resilience in a changing climate



## Councillor's Comment

### A once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to reimagine our waterfront

Mayor Nick and your Council have recently established the Nelson Waterfront Redevelopment Taskforce to move forward with a vision and plan for the Haven Road and Wakefield Quay precinct in order to create a vibrant, exciting and inclusive waterfront area. Great progress is already being made, and we achieved a significant milestone two weeks ago by acquiring the Customhouse building – what has been described as the remaining piece of the property puzzle. This means Council, on your behalf, owns 10 parcels of land from Collins Street to Wakefield Quay encompassing, amongst others, the Reliance Engineering, Four Seasons and Anchor buildings.

It is about resilience. The waterfront redevelopment will be one of the most important renewal and regeneration projects ever undertaken in our city. Many considerations and factors will come into play, including sustainability, quality design, mixed use, access, and the overall configuration and orientation. We want to revitalise and reinvigorate, encourage people to visit and spend time on their waterfront. There will be a wide range of activities and places to enjoy, which in turn will have numerous economic and social benefits. We want to establish public spaces and infrastructure within the waterfront area, retain and reuse where possible, but also add and

develop where required with a mix of public and private commercial opportunities.

It is all about connection and community. A continuous connection between the city and the sea is a priority for your Council. Linking the Maitai walkway/cycleway, city centre and other key destinations such as the Nelson Marina, Port Nelson, the proposed Nelson Fish Market and, ultimately, continuing the Millennium Promenade to Tāhunanui Beach.

It is about making the most of what we have. Nelson's sea vista, hills, and mountains are some of the most impressive landscapes and settings in New Zealand, if not the world. We need to see and celebrate it. Members of the Waterfront Redevelopment Taskforce are energised and committed. We are passionate and looking forward to telling the stories of this place we are all so proud to call home, creating a thriving destination and an attraction, enhancing public amenities and values, and improving sightlines to the Haven as the jewel in Nelson's crown. There is the potential to create a very special place where cherished memories can be made.



Councillor Mel Courtney





Students from Birchwood School

## Kura inspires with hands-on environmental initiatives

Nelson City Council visited a school that is making sustainability a part of their everyday school curriculum.

Birchwood School Kaitiaki Karen and Kaiako Shelley took us on a tour to showcase some of the ideas they have implemented and how they transfer from the classroom to the tamariki's home.

Birchwood School are one of 30 Nelson Schools and ECE's involved in Enviroschools, a programme coordinated by Council. The Enviroschools programme supports tamariki to plan, design and implement sustainability projects that cover topics like water health/conservation, kai production and distribution, zero waste and biodiversity.

"Recycling is a priority for our school," says Kaitiaki Karen. "We encourage our Whānau to bring items that cannot go in their yellow recycling bins to the school."

The student's commitment to recycling is clear to see.

Hailey and Isla (Manukura o te Taiao - enviro leaders) were excited to show off the large recycling mural on the side of the school's shed.

"The most helpful part of this mural is this box," Hailey explains pointing to a rectangle painted on the wall.

"This tells us that for paper and cardboard to be recycled it must be bigger than this box, it makes it really easy and reminds us to not rip up bits of paper!"

After the mural, we entered the school hall to see boxes for collection of lids, egg cartons, soft plastics and tetra paks.

"Once we have a good collection we send the egg cartons to Kai Rescue" says Isla.

"The tetra paks and lids to go Grass Roots recycling, and one of the teachers takes away the soft plastics".

The school recently did an audit to assess the amount of plastic in lunch boxes.

"Chips and muesli bars" says Kaitiaki Karen, "the amount of plastic in just those two food items is astonishing."

During the audit, the school realised that the plastic packaging presents another issue too.

"Kids rip open packets by the corners, we noticed the little corner pieces all over the field, and the wind would blow the little pieces out of the bin," says Hailey.

The school collected all the chip packets and will send them to The Chip Packet Project who recycle the packets into thermal survival blankets.

Birchwood School have many other projects on the go from their tinker shed full of interesting and unusual upcycled products to their Koha Crop Swap where families are encouraged to bring excess cans or veges (often grown in home gardens) to swap for other veggies.

### Case study – Garden to Table

The school is particularly proud of Garden to Table. While maintaining the gardens around the school, Kaitiaki Karen started planting fruit trees and various vegetables. The kids started to show interest as the vegetables grew, leading to a programme that is now a part of the enviroschools mahi.

Each class in the middle syndicate gets a full term participating in Garden to Table. The tamariki are split into three groups that rotate through the term. One group gardens, one group cooks, and one group reports on what they see and learn.

Mitre 10 and the Menz Shed donated the wood and time to build the garden beds, and the tamariki planted them.

"There's silver beet, sugar snap peas, spring onions, celery, bok choy, peaches, nectarines, figs and my favourite cherry tomatoes!" explained Isla.

Families donated plates, knives, forks and kitchen equipment and often donate their time to supervise the cooking for lunch time.

"The kids love to cook. We've had fried rice, vegetable curries, nachos and each is full of the vegetables they grow and harvest here at school," says Kaiako Shelley.

Once the food prep is done, the class sit down to enjoy their kai. When the scraps are composted – the cycle is complete.

Environmental action based programme in schools



## MEETINGS

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

Council meeting <b>9am</b>	<b>7 November</b>
Tenders Committee <b>1.30pm</b>	<b>8 November</b>
Nelson Regional Sewerage Business Unit <b>9.30am</b>	<b>15 November</b>
Draft Cat Management Bylaw Consultation Panel – to DELIBERATE on submissions <b>1pm</b>	<b>15 November</b>
Joint Committee of Tasman District and Nelson City Councils <b>9.30am</b>	<b>19 November</b>
Audit, Risk and Finance Committee <b>9am</b>	<b>20 November</b>
Chief Executive Employment Committee – Mayor's Office, Floor 2B, Civic House, 110 Trafalgar Street, Nelson <b>1pm</b>	<b>20 November</b>
Joint Shareholders Committee – Wangapeka and Heaphy Rooms, Tasman District Council, 189 Queen Street, Richmond <b>9.30am</b>	<b>26 November</b>
Dams Policy and Buildings Policy Consultation Panel – to HEAR submissions (if required) <b>1.30pm</b>	<b>26 November</b>
Civil Defence Emergency Management Group – Emergency Operations Centre, 28 Oxford Street, Richmond <b>9.30am</b>	<b>27 November</b>
Hearing Panel <b>9am</b>	<b>28 November</b>
Nelson Tasman Regional Landfill Business Unit <b>9.30am</b>	<b>29 November</b>

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Students from St Joseph's School

The Nelson Marine Safety Expo, held over the weekend of 2–3 November at the Nelson Marina, was a resounding success. The event drew a large crowd of boating enthusiasts and families, all eager to learn about marine safety and enjoy the various activities on offer.

Highlights of the expo included interactive safety demonstrations, free vessel safety checks, and informative sessions on the latest in boating technology and safety equipment. Attendees had the opportunity to engage with experts from the Coastguard, Maritime New Zealand, and other marine safety organisations.

As we head into the summer boating season, it's crucial to remember the key messages from the expo: **always wear a lifejacket** and **ensure you have reliable communications on board at all times**. These simple steps can make a significant difference in ensuring a safe and enjoyable time on the water. Let's all commit to a safe summer of boating!

## Conewatch: Ongoing Projects

### Slip 12 – 29 Allan Street Slip Remediation

**End date:** November 2024

**Location:** Allan Street

**Benefit:** Property protection

### Slips 18 – Grampians Reserve

**End date:** November 2024

**Location:** Trafalgar Street South, Van Diemen Street

**Benefit:** Property protection

### Trafalgar Centre Footbridge

**End date:** November 2024

**Location:** 25 Paru Paru Road – Rutherford Park

**Benefit:** Handrail installation

### Maitai Dam Aeration

**End date:** January 2025

**Location:** Maitai Dam

**Benefit:** Improve water quality

### Slips 16 – Grampians Reserve

**End date:** April 2025

**Location:** Trafalgar Street South, Van Diemen Street

**Benefit:** Property protection

## IT'S ON... at a Council venue near you



### Kirby Lane

Kirby Fridays – Friday 8 November, 4.30pm – 8.30pm

### Saxton Field

Hockey Tournament 2024  
Tasman Regional Y5–6, seven-a-side – 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

### Trafalgar Centre

Springboard – Saturday 30 November, 8pm

### Founders Heritage Park

Hours: 10am – 4.30pm daily

Food Truck Fridays – Fridays from

8 November, 4pm – 8pm

The Great Christmas Market – Saturday 24 November, 9am – 4pm

### Trafalgar Street

NBS Nelson Santa Parade – Sunday 1 December, 1pm

### 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 10 October –

3 April, 4.30pm until dark

### Pūtangitangi Greenmeadows Community Centre

Multi Media Workshop: Crate a Unique Collaged Floral Fantasy – Saturday 9 and Sunday 10 November, 10am – 4pm

Introduction to Mindfulness and Meditation – Tuesdays 19 November to 10 December, 6.30pm – 7.30pm

### Nelson Public Libraries

#### Elma Turner Library

Hours: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday: 9.30am – 6pm

Wednesday: 10am – 6pm

Saturday: 10am – 4pm

Sunday: 1pm – 4pm

Library Knitters – Wednesdays, 10am – 12pm

Small Time – Wednesdays, 10.30am – 11am, during term time

Frank Baby the Therapy Dog – Saturday 9

and Saturday 23 November, 10.30am – 11.30am

Ruru the Therapy Dog – Saturday 16 and Saturday 30

November, 1pm – 2pm

Kōrero te reo Māori – Saturday 16 and Saturday 30 November, 10am – 11am

Author Talk: Jenny Langford – Sunday 17 November, 2pm – 3pm

Live Music Series: Imani-J – Sunday 24 November, 2pm

Community Corner with Ancestors Attic – Wednesday 27 November, 10.30am – 12pm

Teen Takeover – Wednesday 27 November, 3.30pm – 5pm

What's Working and What's Not in NZ Education – Sunday 1 December, 2pm – 3.30pm

### Nightingale Library Memorial

Hours: Monday – Friday: 12pm – 4pm

Saturday: Closed

Sunday: 1pm – 4pm

Phoenix Rising – Thursdays until 5 December, 7pm – 9.30pm

Nellie Knitters – 13, 18 and 27

November and 2 December, 1pm – 4pm

How to Raise Your Spiritual IQ – Sunday 24 November, 3pm – 4.15pm

### Stoke Library

Hours: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday: 9:30am – 5.30pm

Wednesday: 10.00am – 5.30pm

Saturday: 10am – 1pm

Sunday: Closed

Small Time – Fridays, 10.30am – 11am

### Museums and Galleries

#### Broadgreen House and Samuels Rose Gardens

Hours 1 October to 30 April:

Sunday to Friday: 11am to 4pm

Saturday: 1.30pm to 4pm

Closed 25 December to 5

January (inclusive)

Fatal Fashion: Dangerous Dress and Injurious Attire –

Wednesday 3 April – Sunday 1

December, 12pm – 3pm

#### The Suter Art Gallery and Theatre

Hours: 9.30am – 4.30pm daily

Hineukurangi – Daily, during opening hours

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

A Show of Hands – Saturday 9

November 2024 – Sunday 6

April 2025, during opening hours

Nelson Decorative and Fine

Art Society – Wednesday 13

November, 6.30pm

#### Refinery ArtSpace

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

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

#### Nelson Provincial Museum

Hours: Weekdays 10am – 5pm

Weekends and public holidays 10am – 4.30pm

Closed Good Friday and Christmas Day

Six Extinctions – Saturday 9

November 2024 – Sunday 9

February 2025, during opening hours





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