

Tō Tātou Whakatū Our Nelson



Tuatara touch down

Brook Waimārama Sanctuary has welcomed 56 tuatara to their new home: a 3.7-hectare mouse-free enclosure within the sanctuary.

Board Chairman Chris Hawkes says the release of these treasured native reptiles into their special enclosure is a red-letter day for the Sanctuary and the region.

"This is the first release of tuatara into the wild in the Whakatū/Nelson region in more than 100 years. This is a significant cultural milestone for Nelson city, for the region, and for iwi Māori, particularly Ngāti Koata, who are kaitiaki of Takapourewa/Stephens Island tuatara."

The tuatara were accompanied to their new home by representatives from Ngāti Koata as they travelled by car and plane from Palmerston North, ensuring the animals were handled with care and respect.

To view our video of the tuatara release, visit the Nelson City Council YouTube page or scan the QR code:



Biodiversity leads to ecosystem resilience to climate change



Councillors Aaron Stallard and Campbell Rollo with community member Mark Rosser, after helping people take the one-year survey.

eBus survey results

eBus recently conducted a public transport survey of passengers. Questions covered everything from frequency and reliability to safety and security.

eBus scored very highly across a number of metrics with an overall satisfaction rating of 94%. Vehicle quality and service access (both 93%) had the highest satisfaction with change information (69%) and service frequency (76%) indicating some areas where the service can improve. Many passengers asked for earlier and later services.

Councillors Aaron Stallard and Campbell Rollo, pictured here with eBus advocate Mark Rosser,

conducted many of the surveys with Mark gathering a huge 85 responses! In total, 214 eBus passengers took part in the survey.

The results from this survey are included in a report to Waka Kotahi NZTA. The survey results, along with Shape submissions and customer service requests, will form a report to the Regional Transport Committee to outline any upcoming adjustments to the service.





Driver appreciation

Saturday 16 November was Bus Driver Appreciation Day.

Mayor Nick visited Nelson Coachlines with a cake to say thank you:

"These drivers have been key to the success of the eBus service. It's been a ripper success and that is hugely down to the friendly and safe service that's being provided by our drivers. If you're on the buses, give a big thumbs up and smile to our drivers."

[Visit the Nelson City Council facebook page to watch our Bus Driver Appreciation Day video.](#)

Proposed road closures

Applicant: Club Italia Nelson Incorporated

Event: Nelson Italian Festival

Proposed Closures: Trafalgar Street – between Wainui Street and Grove Street

Date and time of schedule closure:

Sunday 2 March 2025. Closed between 6:00 am – 7:00 pm

The road will be closed.

The event will be run between Wainui Street and Elliott Street. Resident vehicle access will be available between Elliott Street and Grove Street when safe and directed by the contractor.

Emergency Services access will be catered for. Detour will be in place.

The event will run from 10:00 am – 4:00 pm.

Feedback for proposed closures to be given by: Wednesday 4 December 2024

Email: 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



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 infant lessons in 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 three-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.



Meetings

Council meeting
9am **5-Dec-24**

Joint Nelson Tasman Regional Transport Committee - Tasman District Council Chamber, 189 Queen Street, Richmond
1pm **6-Dec-24**

Council meeting
3pm **12-Dec-24**

Dams Policy and Buildings Policy Consultation Panel - to DELIBERATE on submissions
9am **13-Dec-24**

Tenders Committee
9am **17-Dec-24**

Cancelled Meeting

Joint Shareholders Committee - previously advertised to take place at 9.30am on 26 November 2024, has been cancelled due to insufficient business.

Christmas bus detours

There's a lot of activity happening across Nelson Tasman in December that will require some bus detours, you can see them all here: ebus.nz/news/santa-parades-and-market-days

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