

Tō Tātou Whakatū Our Nelson

Tāhunanui sawdust operation complete



Nelson City Council Kaumātua led a karakia marking the successful completion of the removal of contaminated material from Tāhunanui Back Beach last Friday, 13 December.

The ceremony was attended by iwi, elected members, council staff and representatives from the Ministry for the Environment, along with contractors Tonkin + Taylor, Nelmac Downer Group and DS Solutions.

The remediation work was completed on time and under budget. A total of 10,750 tonnes of contaminated

material was removed from the site, the equivalent of 82 adult blue whales!

A low-level dune has been reinstated, and the new car park is open.

The restoration of the dune will take a number of years, but the first stage of planting has been completed with further planting planned for April 2025 and 2026.

Nelson City Council directed to fluoridate water

Why is fluoride being added to Nelson's water supply?

In July 2022, then Director-General of Health Dr Ashley Bloomfield directed 14 local authorities, including Nelson, to add fluoride to their water supplies. The direction required Council to have this in place by April 2024. A subsequent extension of time was granted to allow fluoridation to be in place by 31 December 2024.

The Act states it is an offence for a drinking water supplier to ignore the Director-General of Health's direction. This offence has a maximum penalty of \$200,000, plus \$10,000 a day while the offence continues.

How much fluoride will be added?

The direction sets a target concentration of fluoride between 0.7 and 1.0mg/L. Council will be setting the level at 0.85mg/L. The maximum acceptable value under the Drinking Water Standards for New Zealand is 1.5mg/L.

When will this start?

Commissioning and testing of new equipment started on 6 December 2024. The operation will be completed by 31 December 2024.

Will Council test fluoride levels?

Water quality is monitored through a rigorous independent testing programme, and fluoride will be included in this testing, with analysis carried out by an independent third party.

What is the cost to fluoridate?

The Ministry of Health will fully subsidise the capital cost for fluoride infrastructure up to a maximum of \$909,000. Operational budgets are included in Council's Long Term Plan.

Double Delight for the Trafalgar Centre at the EVANZ 2024 Awards

The Trafalgar Centre won the esteemed EVANZ Medium Venue of the Year Award at the 2024 Entertainment Venues Association NZ (EVANZ) Awards in Auckland earlier this month.

This prestigious award highlights the Trafalgar Centre's exceptional service, outstanding events and commitment to excellence. The judges noted "the level of dedication each staff member has given to their venue and community. A key attribute of this venue is its ability to not only accommodate guests, but welcome and celebrate them."

Adding to the celebrations, Mark Mekalick, Nelson Community Venues (CLM) Manager, was named the Venue Management Association Leader of the Year. This award acknowledges Mark's outstanding leadership, dedication, and significant contributions to the venue management industry across New Zealand.

The judges noted Mark is an "outstanding and unselfish leader. Passionate about the venues industry with a commitment to continuing self-improvement and strong core values." His leadership has led to "significant wins for his team."

Congratulations to the team at Trafalgar Venues and the facilities team at Nelson City Council for these well-deserved honours.



Photo Credit: EVANZ Board Member Alice Larmer (right) with Mark Mekalick (CLM) and Lynn Peacock (NCC) receiving the EVANZ Medium Venue of the Year Award.

New cat bylaw approved

Nelson City Council's new Cat Management Bylaw comes into effect on 19 December 2024. This bylaw aims to promote responsible cat ownership and ensure the well-being of our feline companions.

Key Requirements:

- Microchipping:** Any cat over four months of age must be microchipped and the microchip registered with the New Zealand Companion Animal Register.
- Desexing:** Any cat over four months of age must be desexed, unless:
 - The cat is kept for breeding purposes and is registered with a nationally recognised cat breeders body, or
 - The owner provides a certificate from a registered veterinarian stating that desexing the cat will adversely affect its health and/or welfare.

Transition Period for Existing Cat Owners: Existing cat owners will be granted a transition period from the commencement of this bylaw. During this period, owners are required to desex, microchip, and register any cats they already own. This transition period will extend until 1 June 2026

For more information, please visit the Nelson City Council website.



PUBLIC NOTICE

Nelmac Ltd wishes to advise family and visitors tending lawn graves in the Marsden Valley Cemetery and Ashes lawn at Wakapuaka Cemetery, that all flowers and toys will be removed from the graves Friday 20th December to enable a full mow of the Cemeteries prior to the Christmas period.

Flowers can again be replaced on graves from Tuesday the 24th December 2024.

If rain is anticipated on the mowing day, this will instead take place the week prior, and notices will be placed at the cemetery offices.

All other items removed during this time will be placed on a shelf by the cemetery offices for collection.

We appreciate your understanding while this work takes place.

Christmas and New Year holiday hours



Customer Service Centre

- 24 December:** early closure 3pm
- 25 December - 2 January inclusive:** CLOSED
- 24/7 phone service will still be available

Nelson Public Libraries Ngā Whare Mātauranga o Whakatū

- 24 December:** early closure 3pm
- 25 December - 2 January inclusive:** CLOSED

From 3 January 2025, Stoke Library will be open from 1pm-5:30pm on weekdays due to remediation work being carried out on the roof.

From 6 January, Nightingale Memorial Library will open at 9:30am on weekdays to mitigate disruption to library services. Work is expected to be completed in mid-April 2025.

For a full list of Nelson City Council holiday opening hours visit: nelson.govt.nz

Strawbridge Square upgrade

Work will begin on 13 January 2025 to upgrade the stormwater network around Strawbridge Square, as flooding can occur in heavy rainfall in the corner of the carpark. Upgrading the size of stormwater pipes will reduce the chance of flooding occurring, protecting properties in the area and making sure water flows where it needs to go. There will be varying traffic management plans in place as the work progresses.



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