



Mayor Nick Smith in the mayoral chair in some of the mayoral dress from the archives – the mayoral robes from the 1960s and the mayoral hat.

Nelson City Council sesquicentennial celebrations begin

Nelson City Council begins its 150th sesquicentennial celebrations at the end of this month, marking a century and a half of service to the community.

Over the course of the next 12 months, we will be sharing stories from Council's history with our community in a series of weekly snippets, capturing interesting tales, events and photos from the past 150 years. Whether it's the cost of the first rates (one shilling a year), or the city's appointment of a rat catcher who once caught an impressive 2000 rats in one day, or the donation of a horse to the Council and people of Nelson, Council's history is a treasure trove.

We'll also be hosting a range of activities, displaying some of the treasures and images from our archives, and later in the year, holding a community family teddy bears' picnic with a competition for the oldest teddy.

The sesquicentennial festivities will end with the release of a book chronicling Council's past from 1974 to 2024. Penned by author Paul Christoffel, the publication will mark the third installment in a series, each book encapsulating 50 years of Council's history.

Dr Christoffel says it wasn't until he started writing about Council that he realised the true breadth of what it does.

"Being new to Nelson, I found it staggering to understand just how much Nelson City Council is involved with, whether its running festivals, funding a slew of activities, organisations and events, owning the city's historic houses or operating various entities through trusts. I hope people who read this book will be amazed by just how much Council does for its community – it goes so far beyond what people expect their Council to do."

The commemoration activities have been driven by Council's Sesquicentennial Taskforce, led by Chair Councillor Mel Courtney, and supported by the City of Nelson Civic Trust, to showcase the work and dedication of Council staff throughout the organisation's history.

Nelson Mayor Nick Smith says Council has played an important role in building the city into the successful and desirable place that it is today.

"There is so much good about Nelson that can be attributed to the wise decisions of previous Councils and the hard work of its staff. Our Council has, over these 150 years, built up assets worth over \$2.4 billion today that, with low debt, puts Nelson in a strong financial position to face the future.

"This milestone is an opportunity for us to celebrate 150 years of achievements but also to inspire the current Council and our community for the next steps to make our community even better."

Nelson City Council was established on 30 March 1874, a transformation of the previous governing body, the Board of Works.

Within its first year, the new Council was beset by financial woes – its coffers constantly drawn upon by the Provincial Government without the knowledge or consent of Councillors, or so alleged the Town Clerk of the time, prompting the City Treasurer to resign. Around the same time, Nelson's first Mayor, J R Dodson, also resigned. The Nelson townspeople called a vote of no confidence in the Council, prompting further resignations, this time by five Councillors. For a short time, left without a quorum, Council ceased to exist. Thankfully, the local magistrate called an election and the new Council got to work straightening out Council's finances.

Council Chief Executive Nigel Philpott says Council staff have played a crucial role in Nelson's journey over the past 150 years.

"As we celebrate this significant milestone, it's important for our staff to take a moment to reflect on their contributions. They should take pride in their hard work and dedication, which has helped mould Nelson into the vibrant community it is today."

The sesquicentennial celebrations began with a staff morning tea, and a chance for elected members, former Councillors and invited guests to meet Dr Christoffel and hear about the book's progress.

Long Term Plan 2024-34 – consultation open

Every three years Council develops a Long Term Plan for our city. The Plan covers the next 10 years (with more detail for the first three), describes the issues facing our city, what Council is aiming to achieve, how much it will cost and how it will be paid for.

This time round we are covering eight key issues from rates and affordability, property buyouts due to the August 2022 storm, Council's approach to forestry, a new management structure for the marina, changes to the housing reserve fund, an all-weather sports turf, improved beach facilities at Tāhunanui and an arts hub.

Public consultation on the plan starts today (Wednesday 27 March) and is open for four weeks. Visit nelson.govt.nz to read our consultation document and supporting documents. You can get a printed copy at our Customer Service Centre at Civic House or at a public library.

Multicultural football

Thanks to all the players and fans who turned out for the 3rd Annual Multicultural Football Tournament over the weekend!

16 teams competed, including teams from Nelson's Karenni, Chin, Bhutanese, Colombian, American, Fijian Indian, Cambodian, and Vanuatu communities. There was also a joint '111 United' and a couple of 'Rest of the World' teams.



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Stoke Library roof repair works begin

Work has begun to repair the roof of the Stoke Library to improve its weather protection and extend the life of the building by up to 20 years.

Visitors to Stoke Library can expect some disruption over the next six weeks as work is carried out, which includes fixing roof leaks, skylight alterations, and installing new roof cladding and flashings.

The work will take place over two stages and has a budget of \$581,000.

Manager Libraries Kate Miller said the library will continue to provide a full range of services throughout the work period.

"Stoke Library is well used by the community, and while there may be some disruption to library users, we're very pleased a solution has been found so the library can remain open while work takes place."

The first stage of work--replacing the skylight--began on 19 March and requires a scaffold mezzanine that runs the length of the inside of the library.

During this time, the skylight will be replaced with corrugated iron and a new ceiling and lighting will be installed. The library will remain open throughout the construction period, and the mezzanine will be wrapped to limit falling objects, dust and noise. The most disruptive work will be scheduled outside of library hours.

Weather-tightness and structural remedial work on the library was undertaken in 2019 under a temporary building consent to make the building structurally safe and address leaks.

Group Manager Community Services Andrew White says with the building consent up for renewal, it's vital that we make sure Stoke's access to its library remains secure.

"Our library staff are nothing if not highly skilled at helping their customers through repair work, so I am confident they will do everything they can to help people use the library without too much disruption."

Mayor's Message

Celebrating 150 years and planning the next 10

Our Council this week celebrates its sesquicentennial noting the first meeting occurred on 30 March 1874. It's a time to reflect on 15 decades of progress but it is also a time to look to the future. Consultation begins today, 27 March 2024, on Council's plans for the next decade.

Looking back helps us look forward. The most important contribution Council has made to our city is building the roads, bridges, pipes, footpaths and other infrastructure that we often take for granted. We are forever indebted to those wise Councils that built assets such as the Maitai Dam and the Tantragee Water Treatment Plant.

This infrastructure is expensive and much of it is underground. Many Councils, such as Wellington, have neglected it. Our infrastructure is in much better shape than most Councils but we need to keep investing. Our draft plan has us putting \$815 million towards infrastructure upgrades over the next decade.

Council, while celebrating its centenary in 1974, was still grappling with fixing and funding the damage and flood protection improvements from the horrific 1970 storm. We have the same problem today with a net cost to Council of nearly \$60 million to fund the recovery work from the August 2022 storm. We know the \$300 extra charge on rates for homes and businesses will add costs at a difficult time but there are no easy answers. We have worked hard to secure Government support that has reduced this cost from \$450.

We should take pride in the social capital that has been

built in this city over 150 years alongside the physical assets. Nelson has a strong sense of community. We care for each other and for our environment. We are a safe and tolerant city. We should also cherish that our city has been democratically governed continuously for 150 years as this is true for only a small minority of the thousands of cities in the world. We need to hold firm to these values as we navigate the next chapter in Nelson's story.

My ambition as Nelson's 30th Mayor is to lead a Council and community that works together, gets good stuff done and spends public money wisely. I'm encouraged that Council last Friday unanimously approved the Consultation Document "Beyond the Storm" and now we welcome your feedback on it by 28 April 2024. Together, we can make Nelson even better.



Mayor Nick Smith

Nelson's Arts Strategy gets funding boost

He Tātai Whetū, Nelson's Arts and Creativity Strategy, has benefitted from an injection of funding for a Te Taihūtanga Design and Identity Project and a new Arts Development Agency.

These are two of the cornerstone projects in the Strategy, which was approved by Council in August 2022. Council subsequently agreed to ringfence some of the government Better Off Funding it was allocated to bring the strategy to life.

Arts Council Nelson has received the first tranche of the \$150,000 set aside to support its transition into an independent arts development agency. The agency will be equipped to advocate for the arts and artists, attract investment opportunities, and develop relationships with the wider business sector like construction and tourism.

The first installment of the \$500,000 allocated for the Te Taihūtanga project has also been received. The project will be led by all eight Te Taihū iwi and facilitate the expression of Toi Māori in the design of Nelson's buildings, public spaces and artworks. Funding will directly contribute to the design, execution and installation of Toi Māori public artworks and developing the creative capabilities of Māori to deliver these projects.

Deputy Mayor Rohan O'Neill-Stevens says the funding will enable Nelson's arts sector to fully realise its potential.

"Our arts community has long expressed the need for a single point of contact where artists can seek advice and opportunities, develop their craft and capabilities, network, and interface with the wider community.

"Creating the He Tātai Whetū was an important first step, but now the real magic happens as these projects spring off the page and into reality," he says.

Arts Council Nelson Chair Sophie Kelly says they are thrilled to have the backing of Council to help them transition into an arts development agency.

"The proposed new agency will help us further support the creative sector, champion the interests of local artists and creative projects in the region and help strengthen the artistic and cultural life of our communities."

Pouwhakahaere Chief Executive of Te Ātiawa o te Waka-a-Māui Justin Carter says He Tātai Whetū is the first time that iwi have endorsed an arts and creativity strategy for the city.

"We did so because it recognised the historical neglect of Toi Māori and sought to return our stories to the built environment of Whakatū," he says.

"We welcome this strategic and timely investment to give effect to that work as we prepare to host Te Matatini in 2027. It will enable us to leverage and deliver a wide range of opportunities to enhance our collective sense of place and belonging."

Better Off Funding was provided to local councils for their part in the Three Waters reform process.

Other projects earmarked for Better Off funding, some of which are already underway, include the development of a new city centre play space at Rutherford Park, lighting the Railway Reserve, developing iwi engagement capacity and a new winter creative tourism event.

Dogs on buses trial begins

On April 1, eBus will begin a trial of large dogs on board. A successful trial was carried out recently by Auckland Council with Auckland Transport and we have followed their approach.

To ensure everyone has an enjoyable trip, there are a couple of rules including:

- Your dog must be leashed and muzzled
- You can travel with your dog between 9am – 3pm, after 6.30pm and all day on weekends and public holidays
- Your small dog can go in a pet carrier or be muzzled
- Your dog travels free
- You are responsible for any mess your dog makes.

This is a trial and as such it is really important for pet owners to stick to the rules if we want this to become a permanent fixture of our bus service.

As it is a trial we will be accepting feedback from dog owners, and public transport users.

For a full list of questions and answers, and a great video on how to muzzle train your dog visit: ebus.nz/using-ebus/dogs-on-ebus



Plan for Civic investment unveiled at City Centre Summit

A transformative vision for the future of Whakatū Nelson was unveiled at a City Centre revitalisation summit held at the Trafalgar Centre on Tuesday 26 March, outlining a strategic case for investing in a new library and community hub, combined with a new civic centre to replace Civic House.

Faced with the costly and pressing reality of the increasing costs in maintaining Elma Turner Library and Civic House, both of which are nearing the end of their useable life, Council's proposed solution tackles multiple issues in one concerted effort.

By combining a new library and community hub with civic offices, elected member facilities, and a customer service centre, this plan offers a strategic blend of innovation and practicality that endeavours to enhance service delivery, modernise essential infrastructure, and revitalise the city centre.

The indicative business case underscores the urgency and potential inherent in pushing forward with a new civic investment, says Nigel Philpott, Nelson City Council Chief Executive.

"We have a major challenge in respect of the facilities of both Nelson's Civic House and Elma Turner Library. We have recently strengthened the library, extending its life by five to 10 years but a new facility will be required," says Philpott.

"Civic House requires major refurbishment or replacement and has not had any significant investment for 30 years. The potential of a combined library, community hub and civic centre is an exciting option.

"These are early days in considering the future of the library and Civic House. We are releasing this report to provide transparency on one of the options – a combined library and civic centre. Any proposal needs to have broad community support and we would engage further before any decisions are taken."

Drawing inspiration from successful initiatives in other communities like Taupo, Napier, and Ashburton, as well as developments closer to home in Motueka, Blenheim and Picton, the proposed project aims to create more than just a community library. By providing multifunctional spaces and modern amenities such as a sound studio and gaming centre, which were extremely popular with young people in Ashburton, the envisioned hub seeks to become a cornerstone of civic life.

Read the full business case at nelson.govt.nz.



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DATE	TIME	EVENT	LOCATION	CHARGES	BOOKING REQ
Sunday 24 March	9am – 5.30pm	Resourceful Craft Workshops	Fairfield House, Nelson	Charges apply	Yes
Sunday 24 March	10am – 2pm	Come Play With Clay!	136 Rutherford Street, Nelson	Free	Yes
Sunday 24 March	11am – 4pm	Multicultural Festival	Founders Heritage Park, Nelson	Koha/donation	No
Mon 25 March, Mon 1 & Mon 8 April	6.30pm – 8pm	Mau Rākau Evenings	Whakatū Marae, Nelson	Koha/donation	No
Multiple dates, see listing	Multiple times, see TUKU website	Stitch and Chat with Nelson Embroiderers' Guild	Broadgreen Historic House, Stoke	Charges apply	No
Tuesday 26 March	11.45am – 6.30pm	Orchestra Day at NCMA	Nelson Centre of Musical Arts	Free	No
Tue 26 March & Tue 9 April	12pm – 1pm	Tasman Heritage Slideshow	Richmond Library	Free	No
Tuesday 26 March	1pm – 2pm	Post Memory Project: Bringing Our Heritage Alive	Richmond Library	Free	No
Wednesday 27 March	10.30am – 11.30am	Theatre Royal Tour	Theatre Royal Nelson	Charges apply	Yes
Wednesday 27 March	11am – 12pm	Art Tour at Te Noninga Kumu Motueka Library	Motueka Library Te Noninga Kumu	Free	No
Wednesday 27 March	6pm – 8pm	Poi 101 – An Insight into the World of Poi with Matepo Hepi	Ngāti Koata Office, Port Nelson	Koha/donation	Yes
Wednesday 27 March	6.30pm – 9.30pm	Brazilian Beats Open Evening	Founders Heritage Park, Nelson	Koha/donation	Yes
Thursday 28 March	12.30pm – 1.30pm	Lunchtime Concert: Helen Webby (harpist)	Nelson Centre of Musical Arts	Charges apply	Yes
Fri 29 – Sun 31 March	6.30pm – 9pm	Barden Party presents Romeo & Juliet	Fairfield House Meadow, Nelson	Charges apply	Yes
Tue 2 – Fri 5 April	9am – 4.30pm	Introduction to Wood Bending	Centre for Fine Woodworking, Wakapuaka, Nelson	Charges apply	Yes
Wednesday 3 April	6pm – 7pm	Belated Accolades Author Talk: The True Story Versus the Established Myths	The Hotel Nelson Conference Room, Nelson	Free	No
Thursday 4 April	9.30am – 4.30pm	Waka Tours Onboard Hinemoana	Nelson Marina	Free	Yes
Thu 4 & Fri 5 April	10am – 3pm	Quilts, Embroidery and Lace at Melrose	Melrose House, 26 Brougham Street, Nelson	Koha/donation	No
Thursday 4 April	12.30pm – 1.30pm	Lunchtime Concert: The Nile Street Project	Nelson Centre of Musical Arts	Charges apply	Yes
Thursday 4 April	7.30pm – 10pm	The History Of Gypsy Jazz – Nelson Jazz Club Night	The Barn at the Honest Lawyer, Monaco	Free	No
Friday 5 April	5.30pm – 7.30pm	Public Talk: Bird Photography in the Nelson Tasman Region	Nelson Provincial Museum Pupuri Taonga o Te Tai Ao	Free	Yes
Sat 6 – Tue 9 April	9am – 4pm	Woodworking Basics	Centre for Fine Woodworking, Wakapuaka, Nelson	Charges apply	Yes
Sat 6 – Sun 14 April	9am – 3pm	Te Hau Kōmaru National Waka Hourua Festival 2024	Kaiterere Recreation Reserve	Free	No
Sat 6 & Sat 20 April	11.30am – 12.30pm	Sip Tea, Taste Cultures	Elma Turner Library, Nelson	Free	Yes
Saturday 6 April	2pm – 4pm	All Saints – Living in the Heart	All Saints Church, 30 Vanguard Street, Nelson	Koha/donation	No
Saturday 6 April	4pm – 8pm	Flags, Dance and Music Festival	1903 Square, Top of Trafalgar Street, Nelson	Free	No
Sunday 7 April	9.30am – 4.30pm	Paint Like the Masters	Nelson Marlborough Institute of Technology	Charges apply	Yes
Sunday 7 April	10.30am – 11.15am & 2.30pm – 3.15pm	Native Plant Identification – A Guided Walking Tour	The Brook Waimarama Sanctuary, Nelson	Free	Yes
Sunday 7 April	2pm – 3.30pm	The Nelson Institute presents: What Can Rudyard Kipling do For You? A Talk by Harry Ricketts	The Suter Art Gallery Te Aratoi o Whakatū Theatre, Nelson	Charges apply	No
Sunday 7 April	2pm – 3pm, 3pm – 4pm & 4pm – 5pm	Experience Indian Block Printing with Chai	Pūtangitangi Greenmeadows Centre, Stoke	Charges apply	Yes
Mon 8 & Mon 22 April	9.30am – 3.30pm	Make Your Slides Digital	Motueka Library Te Noninga Kumu	Free	Yes
Monday 8 April	7.30pm – 9pm	Early Settlers Revisited	St Stephens Community Church, Tahunanui	Free	No
Wednesday 10 April	12.10pm – 1pm	Faces of Nelson: Floor Talk in The Suter's Exhibition <i>Let's Face It</i>	The Suter Art Gallery Te Aratoi o Whakatū, Nelson	Koha/donation	No
Thursday 11 April	10am – 12pm	Introduction to Ancestry Workshop	Richmond Library	Free	Yes
Thursday 11 April	12.30pm – 1.30pm	Lunchtime Concert: Parisian Nights	Nelson Centre of Musical Arts	Charges apply	Yes
Thursday 11 April	1pm – 2pm	The Lost Art of Horology (and Clock Maintenance)	Broadgreen Historic House, Stoke	Free	Yes
Thursday 11 April	3pm – 4pm	Research Room Tour	Elma Turner Library, Nelson	Free	Yes
Thu 11 April & Thu 2 May	3.30pm – 4.30pm	Toi Ahiahi	Nelson Provincial Museum Pupuri Taonga o Te Tai Ao	Free	No
Thursday 11 April	5.30pm – 6.30pm	Paul Deacon Marine Artist Talk: Coasting Northern Europe and Beyond 1970s/80s	Richmond Library	Free	No
Thursday 11 April	6pm – 7pm	George Miller: Stonemason Sculptor	The Suter Art Gallery Te Aratoi o Whakatū Theatre, Nelson	Charges apply	Yes
Friday 12 April	7pm – 9.30pm	Speak OUT!	Pūtangitangi Greenmeadows Centre, Stoke	Free	Yes
Saturday 13 April	1pm – 6pm	Bhutanese Nepali Cultural Show	Victory Community Centre Hall, 2 Totara Street, Nelson	Free	No
Saturday 13 April	2pm – 3pm	The Nelson Institute Presents: Nelson's Autobiography in Buildings. A talk by Christopher Vine	Elma Turner Library, Nelson	Charges apply	No
Sun 14 & Sun 28 April	1pm – 3.30pm	Paint Your Heritage! Create a Connection to Your Past and Present Through Painting	RubbaSoul Studio, Founders Heritage Park, Nelson	Charges apply	Yes
Sunday 14 April	1pm – 3.30pm	Decorate Your Teacup	Elma Turner Library, Nelson	Free	Yes
Sunday 14 April	1pm – 6pm	Ram Navami Shobha Yatra	Meet at the Church Steps, Top of Trafalgar Street, Nelson	Free	No
Tuesday 16 April	10am – 11am	Research Room Tour	Elma Turner Library, Nelson	Free	Yes
Tuesday 16 April	10am – 4pm	Escape Room – Escape the Past!	Elma Turner Library, Nelson	Free	Yes
Tuesday 16 April	1pm – 2pm	Wayne Greig Author Talk: <i>Three Strands of an Unravelling Rope</i>	Richmond Library	Free	No
Wednesday 17 April	2pm – 3pm	Sailing Stories and Yarns with Robbie Williams and Tom Rowling	Motueka Library Te Noninga Kumu	Free	No
Wednesday 17 April	5.30pm – 7pm	Book Launch: <i>The Edwin Fox</i>	Nelson Provincial Museum Pupuri Taonga o Te Tai Ao	Free	Yes
Thursday 18 April	1pm – 2pm & 2.30pm – 3.30pm	School Holiday Crafts	Nelson Provincial Museum Pupuri Taonga o Te Tai Ao	Charges apply	Yes
Thursday 18 April	1pm – 2.30pm	Origami Fun!	Elma Turner Library, Nelson	Free	Yes
Thursday 18 April	5.30pm – 7pm	Awestruck by Nature: Eight Storytellers Relate Transcendent Moments	The Boathouse, Nelson	Koha/donation	Yes
Thursday 18 April	7.30pm – 8.30pm	Kia Ngāwari Kapa Haka Club 50 Years in the Making	Nelson Centre of Musical Arts	Charges apply	Yes
Thursday 18 April	7.30pm – 8.30pm	Tuku 24 Blues Performance	The Barn at the Honest Lawyer, Monaco	Charges apply	No
Friday 19 April	10.30am – 12pm	Family History Friday	Richmond Library	Free	No
Friday 19 April	2pm – 3pm	Origami Fun!	Stoke Library	Free	Yes
Friday 19 April	5.30pm – 8pm	Ancient Sounds and Pūrakau of Matangi Āwhio with Bob Bickerton and Donna McLeod	Āwhio, 16 Paru Paru Road, Nelson	Koha/donation	Yes
Friday 19 April	7pm – 9pm	Te Mana Hā Opening Waiata Concert	Nelson Women's Centre, 144 Trafalgar Street, Nelson	Charges apply	Yes
Saturday 20 April	10am – 12pm & 1pm – 3pm	Te Mana Hā Waiata Workshops	Nelson Women's Centre, 144 Trafalgar Street, Nelson	Free	Yes
Saturday 20 April	11am – 1pm & 2pm – 4pm	Guided Walk into the Past	Church Steps, Top of Trafalgar Street, Nelson	Free	Yes
Saturday 20 April	1pm – 3pm	Mahitahi Tuna Migration	Meet at walkway by Millers Acre Carpark, Nelson	Free	No
Sunday 21 April	10am – 12pm & 3pm – 5pm	Te Mana Hā Waiata Workshops	Nelson Women's Centre, 144 Trafalgar Street, Nelson	Free	Yes
Sun 21 & Mon 22 April	10am – 12pm	The Yellow Stone: A Reading Walk Around Nelson's Chinese Garden	Huangshi Garden (in Queens Gardens), Nelson	Koha/donation	Yes
Sunday 21 April	2pm – 3.30pm	Off the Wall	Wakefield Quay Heritage Area, Nelson	Free	No
Wednesday 24 April	11am – 3pm	Broadgreen House Kids' Activity Day	Broadgreen Historic House, Stoke	Free	No
Wednesday 24 April	3pm – 4pm	Grand Piano Recital	Isel House, Stoke	Koha/donation	Yes
Thursday 25 April	5.30am – 7am	ANZAC Dawn Service	ANZAC Park, Nelson	Free	No
Thursday 25 April	Various times, see listing	ANZAC Wreath Laying Ceremonies	Various locations, see listing	Free	No
Thursday 25 April	10am – 3pm	Doing Their Bit	The Granary, Founders Heritage Park, Nelson	Koha/donation	No
Thursday 25 April	11am – 12pm	Nelson/Stoke Civic ANZAC Service	Nayland College, Stoke	Free	No
Thursday 25 April	1pm – 2pm	Did My Relative Serve in World War One?	Wall of Remembrance, Founders Heritage Park, Nelson	Free	No
Saturday 27 April	10.30am – 2.30pm	Raranga Harakeke (Flax Weaving)	Āwhio, 16 Paru Paru Road, Nelson	Koha/donation	Yes
Saturday 27 April	11am – 3pm	My Time, My Life	The Granary, Founders Heritage Park, Nelson	Free	No
Saturday 27 April	2pm – 3pm	Belonging in the Baton Valley: The 170 Year History of an Extraordinary Place and its People	Elma Turner Library, Nelson	Free	Yes
Sunday 28 April	10am – 4pm	Historical Homes Tour	Nelson City and surrounding areas	Charges apply	Yes
Sunday 28 April	1pm – 2pm	Sip Tea, Taste Cultures	Elma Turner Library, Nelson	Free	Yes
Tuesday 30 April	10am – 11am	Smoked! The Broadgreen Frock Smock and Smocking Crafts	Broadgreen Historic House, Stoke	Free	Yes
Tuesday 30 April	6pm – 7pm	Belonging in the Baton Valley: The 170 Year History of an Extraordinary Place and its People	Te Noninga Kumu Motueka Library	Free	Yes
Tuesday 30 April	5.30pm – 6.30pm	How to Look at Art with the Suter Art Gallery	Richmond Library	Free	No
Tuesday 30 April	7pm – 9pm	All At Sea!	The Jaycee Room, Founders Heritage Park, Nelson	Free	No
Tuesday 30 April	7pm – 9pm	Tuku 24 PechaKucha	Theatre Royal Nelson	Charges apply	Yes
Wednesday 1 May	12.10pm – 1pm	125 Years Serving Nelson: The Suter Art Gallery Through its Collection	The Suter Art Gallery Te Aratoi o Whakatū, Nelson	Koha/donation	No
Wednesday 1 May	6pm – 7.30pm	Kanohi Kitea (The Seen Face) Public Talk	The Suter Art Gallery Te Aratoi o Whakatū Theatre, Nelson	Charges apply	Yes
Thursday 2 May	10am – 12pm	Introduction to Ancestry Workshop	Motueka Library Te Noninga Kumu	Free	Yes
Thursday 2 May	1pm – 2pm	Wayne Greig Talk: A Life-Long Adventure in Model Making	Richmond Library	Free	No
Thursday 2 May	7.30pm – 10pm	The History of the Bossa Nova – Nelson Jazz Club Night	The Barn at the Honest Lawyer, Monaco	Free	No
Friday 3 May	6pm – 8.30pm	Dumont D'Urville – the Scientist, Botanist and Geographer	Nelson Marlborough Institute of Technology	Koha/donation	Yes
Friday 3 May	8pm – 10.30pm	Songbirds on the Dancefloor	The Boathouse, Nelson	Charges apply	Yes
Saturday 4 May	10.30am – 2.30pm	Centre for Fine Woodworking Open Day	Centre for Fine Woodworking, Wakapuaka, Nelson	Koha/donation	No
Saturday 4 May	11am – 4pm	Experiencing China in Whakatū: Three Traditional Chinese Acts and Three Street Foods	Victory Community Centre, 2 Totara Street, Nelson	Koha/donation	No
Saturday 4 May	1pm – 3pm	Putting the "Story" Back in History – Writing Workshops	Elma Turner Library, Nelson	Free	Yes

WHAT ELSE IS ON? Exhibitions and ongoing activities

24 March – 4 May	9.30am – 6pm	Glass Harbours: The Miniature Marvel of Ships-in-Bottles	Richmond Library	Free	No
30 March – 1 December	Various times, see TUKU website	Fatal Fashion: Dangerous Dress and Injurious Attire	Broadgreen Historic House, Stoke	Free	No
1 – 30 April (weekdays)	9.30am – 5pm	Make Your Slides Digital	Richmond Library	Free	Yes
1 – 30 April	9.30am – 6pm	Paul Deacon Marine Artist Exhibition	Richmond Library	Free	No



Streets for People

The first two stages of the Streets for People project in Nelson South have been completed. These included the installation of a raised table and pedestrian crossing on Motueka Street, and a shared pathway down Tipahi Street.

A few years ago, students from Nelson College did a walk through some of the streets in Nelson South. They identified Motueka Street as a hazard, saying it was a particularly tough road to cross because the volume of traffic made it hard to safely step out and cross the road. As a result, Council included this section of road as part of our Streets for People programme proposal to Waka Kotahi. When Motueka Street re-opened with the raised table crossing, the same students joined Council officers at the crossing on Motueka Street, so they could be the first to use the new crossing and raised table that their feedback initiated.

Nelson College student Michael said: "With the new improvements, it's a lot easier for drivers to see pedestrians and for pedestrians to see drivers." Streets for People is a Waka Kotahi funded programme that enables trial road layouts to improve safety on our streets. Once all the parts are in place, Council will be seeking feedback from the community before making any permanent changes.



Councillor's Comment

Youth Council - softening the echo in our council chamber

Nelson Youth Council is one of the most integrated youth councils in our country, engaging with Councillors in our meetings and workshops. Given space for questions, speaking rights and empowered to navigate the complexities of local government; this is more than a token gesture, but one of many necessary steps to keep us safe from the risks that accompany knowledge and experience.

The best I've ever felt was immediately after having my wisdom teeth removed. My wife catching me before I wheeled myself down the hospital staircase is a memory we both hold very differently in our minds. Reality hits, and the euphoria gives way to agony, and the burning question of "why has my body done this to me" settles into my mind.

Teeth have taught me something about growth: Sometimes it requires us to let go. Like teeth, we acquire knowledge and experience throughout our lives, and mostly it serves us well. Learning is a double-edged sword, with each new discovery offering the potential for future damage, a contextual mismatch in how we apply it, and a risk that we close our minds and become rigid.

Our Council is incredibly fortunate to hold a broad range of experience and perspectives, and we test these together in a refreshingly healthy and

constructive way. I frequently lean on the experience and insights of other Councillors and believe this serves our community well. Yet we must also remain aware of the risk that each of us carries and find ways to shield Council decisions from the inevitability of our blind spots.

One opportunity that Council has taken up is through Nelson Youth Council. By empowering and enabling these 17 exceptional young people, we are welcoming the opportunity to be challenged and confronted with unfamiliar views and perspective. I am privileged to be Council's liaison within Nelson Youth Council and am repeatedly inspired to be around these incredible leaders. Nelson's Youth Councillors are sharp, engaged, and provide me with hope that our future is in safe hands.



Councillor James Hodgson



Maitai slip repair brought forward

Repairs to the slip at the start of the Maitai Valley Road (Clouston Terrace/Nile Street intersection) will start on Monday 25 March as Nelson City Council continues its recovery work following the severe weather event in August 2022.

The work is estimated to take around four months to complete and will mean the road goes back down to a single lane until the project is completed. Two-way traffic lights will be put in place.

Group Manager Infrastructure Alec Louverdis says the appointed contractor advised Council that they are able to commence works earlier.

"We've taken this opportunity to get on with the job now, so people in this area can get back to normal," he says.

"Getting started while the weather is still relatively dry will also give us an advantage and mean we can be finished sooner."

The majority of the work will focus on remedial works to the slip closest to the Maitai River, with minor works to the slip on the other side of the road that will include placing mesh across the front face.

"Our goal throughout recovery has been to build back better, taking the opportunity to increase Nelson's resilience in the event of another similar storm," says Alec.

The cost of the work is \$1.5 million; 51% of this cost will be covered by NZTA Waka Kotahi.



Project name	Likely end date	Location	Benefit
NZTA eBus Shelters & Solar Lighting	January – End of April	14 Different locations throughout Nelson	To enhance patron experience & safety
Saxton Creek Upgrade Stage 4	Construction End of March 2024 Planting / Landscaping September 2024	Main Road, Stoke	Flood mitigation
Maitai Flood Management	March 2024	Stormwater Backflow Prevention for 227 & 231B Nile Street and Level Sensors Installation for 15 locations around Nelson Central Business District	Flood mitigation
Cable Bay Road Slip Repairs	Feb 2024 – June 2024. Road Closures as required between 9am – 12pm and 1pm -3pm. Notifications by Community group txt from contractor with road closure dates for the week ahead.	Cable Bay Road 6km towards beach	To repair the Cable Bay Road damaged in the Aug 22 storm.
Slip 2 – 131/233 Brook Street Slip Remediation	March – June 2024	Brook Street at Coppermine Trail start near Blick Terrace	Property protection
NRSBU Rising Main Duplication Section 5-7	Section 5 in Heslops property starts in April 2024	Kotua Place stoke / Heslops Property	Improve network capacity and resilience
Tahuna Hills Stormwater Upgrade – Catchment 3	January to May 2024	Grenville Terrace, Days Track and Moncrief Ave	Stormwater upgrade and geotechnical risk mitigation
Street for People – Hospital Connection	Mid April 2024	Nelson South – Motueka Street, Tipahi Street, Franklyn Street and Kawai Street	Improve connectivity and safety for active mode transport
Trafalgar Centre Lighting Upgrade	August 2024	The Trafalgar Centre	Lighting upgrade for televised sporting events to be held in Nelson without lighting hire being required

Saxton Field

Term 1 – Summer Social Hockey
– Wednesday 21 February –
Wednesday 27 March, 6pm –
8pm

Nelson Hockey Junior Program
1 – Thursday 22 February –
Thursday 28 March, 3:45pm –
6:30pm

Red Cross First Aid Course –
Saturday 6 – Sunday 7 April

Trafalgar Centre

Kaylee Bell – Thursday 28
March, 7:30pm

NBS Nelson Giants vs Franklin
Bulls - Sunday 31 March,
6:30pm

NBS Nelson Giants vs
Wellington Saints - Saturday 6
April, 4pm

NBS Nelson Giants vs Auckland
Tuatara – Friday, 12 April,
7:30pm

NBS Nelson Giants vs
Manawatū Jets – Wednesday 17
April, 7:30pm

Dragon – 50th Anniversary Tour
– Saturday 20 April, 8pm

Founders Heritage Park

Hours: 10am – 4:30pm Daily
Marchfest – Saturday 6 April,
1pm – 9pm

Melrose House

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

Quilts, Lace & Embroidery –
Thursday 4 – Friday 5 April,
10am – 3pm

Isel House and Park

Hours: Tuesday to Friday: 10am
– 3pm, Saturday 12pm – 4pm,
Sunday and Monday - closed,
closed public holidays

Isel Twilight Market – Thursdays
until 4 April, 4.30pm until dark

Nelson Public Libraries:

Elma Turner Library

Hours: Monday, Tuesday,
Thursday, Friday: 9:30am – 6pm
Wednesday: 10am – 6pm
Saturday: 10am – 4pm
Sunday: 1pm – 4pm

Small Times – Wednesdays until
10 April, 10:30am

Kōrero te reo Māori – Saturday
6 & 20 April, 10am – 11am

Research Room – Thursday 11
April & Tuesday 16 April

Nightingale Library Memorial

Hours: Monday – Friday: 12pm –
4pm

Saturday: Closed

Sunday: 1pm – 4pm

Nellie Knitters – 27 March & 3,
10, 15 & 24 April, 1pm – 4pm

Stoke Library

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

Wednesday: 10:00am – 5:30pm

Saturday: 10am – 1pm

Sunday: Closed

Reading to Odie – the therapy
dog – Wednesdays until 10
April, 3:15pm – 4:15pm

Small Times at Stoke – Fridays
until 12 April, 10:30am

Museums and Galleries:

Broadgreen House and Samuels Rose Gardens

Summer hours: 10:30am –
4:30pm Daily

The Suter Art Gallery & Theatre

Hours: 9:30am – 4:30pm Daily

Refinery ArtSpace

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

Exhibition: Frocked – Monday
– Saturday until 13 April, during
opening hours

Nelson Provincial Museum

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

Animal Antics: The Comedy
Wildlife Photography Awards –
Friday 15 December – Sunday 5
May, during opening hours

Te Hītori Aotūroa: Learning from
Nature – Friday 15 December –
Sunday 5 May, during opening
hours