

Keep up to date with the latest news from Nelson City Council

Do you have a great idea for a banner?

The deadline has been extended until Friday 15 November for artists and designers from the Nelson region to submit banner design proposals for the exciting new FlagTrax project.

A new street banner system has been installed around the city and it means the banners can easily be swapped in and out at ground level.

The aim is to brighten up the city streets with 80 uniquely designed banners for display between major events, which will add diversity and colour, to spectacularly showcase local art in our Smart Little City.

Each selected artist will receive \$300 for allowing Nelson City Council to use their image for this purpose.

For further details go to Arts Council Nelson website:

acn.org.nz/art-flags-project.html

Is it a dangerous, insanitary or an affected building?

Council has approved a draft of the Dangerous, Insanitary and Affected Buildings Policy for public consultation.

Council is required by law to have a policy that sets out its approach to managing these buildings within the City.

The proposed changes respond to amendments in the Building Act 2004 (2013 and 2016) and would alter how Council identifies, assesses and takes action on affected buildings.

The consultation period runs from 30 September until 4 November 2019. We'd really like to hear what your thoughts are on the proposed changes.

For more information or to make a submission see:

nelson.govt.nz/consultations



Bloom into springtime with Nelson Nature

If you want to find out how to bring the wild into your life this springtime, come and visit the Nelson Nature/Healthy Streams stand at this year's Bloom Festival in the gorgeous gardens at Isel Park in Stoke on Sunday.

We'll be doing all we can to help you make your garden as nature-friendly as possible. You'll be able to find out about how to harvest water to use to keep your garden going during dry weather and you can go in the draw to win a Marley Twist downpipe attachment to help you capture rainwater for your garden so you can save water this summer. We'll also have info on drought-resistant native plants suitable for Nelson gardens.

Interested in making your garden into a backyard sanctuary for our native creatures? Ask us for information and advice on backyard trapping to keep rats, stoats and other pests out of your garden so birds and lizards can be safe there, and how to safely control weeds so that your native plants can flourish.

Some native trees are important food sources for our native birds, so you can encourage them to hang out in your

garden by planting the right trees – ask for a 'planting for native birds' fact sheet. We've also got copies of our Living Heritage Guide – all you need to know about planting native trees to help restore Nelson's ecosystems – for those planning on larger scale projects.

As well as information and advice we'll have some giveaways and fun activities for kids, like making a bottle garden, so come and say hello – look for the Nelson Nature and Healthy Streams banners.

What: Nelson Nature/Healthy Streams at the Bloom Festival
Where: Isel Park, Stoke, Nelson
When: Sunday 6 October, 11am–3pm

Voting is open!

Get your votes in for the 2019 Local Elections to have your say.

Voting papers have been sent out to enrolled voters and must be returned by post or be hand delivered by 12 midday on Election Day, 12 October 2019.

The last suggested day for using NZ Post to mail your votes in is Tuesday 8 October, so don't miss out.

Select the candidates you wish to vote for on your voting papers, seal your prepaid envelope and put your completed voting papers in a post box.

You can also drop your voting papers into one of the ballot boxes in Council's Customer Service Centre or any of the Nelson Public Libraries up until midday on Saturday 12 October.

Council will also be providing a one-stop elections shop at the Nelson Saturday Market from 8am till 1pm on Saturday 5 October in Montgomery Square near the BNZ car park. Come along to the Nelson City Council stand where eligible voters can enrol, vote or cast a

special vote at the one place.

In 2019, there are seven Mayoral Candidates and 31 Councillor Candidates. You can vote for one Mayoral Candidate and up to 12 Councillor Candidates.

Candidate profiles and voting details are available on the Nelson City Council website with election updates on the Nelson City Council Facebook page.

[Do you have any further questions?](#)

If you haven't enrolled yet or received your voting papers or you have changed address; please email elections@ncc.govt.nz, call Council's Customer Service Centre on 546 0200 or go to the Nelson City Council website.

nelson.govt.nz/elections-2019

Nelsonians gets on board free NBus weekend

Thanks to everyone who got on board with Nelson Free Bus Weekend on 21 and 22 September 2019 for Zero Emissions and World Car Free Day.

The free buses were very well received by the public, with extra buses put on to meet the demand, as buses were full.

[Some interesting stats](#)

- Late-Late Bus carried over three times its usual patronage
- Saturday service local routes (Atawhai/ Brook / Victory) patronage went from 73 (same weekend this time last year) to 173
- Nelson–Richmond service went from 498 to 1275 on Saturday
- Nelson–Richmond service went from 382 to 967 on Sunday.

So make sure you continue to join the thousands of Nelsonians that enjoy getting around our Smart Little City on the NBus.



Be part of 25th Nelson Arts Festival's Mask Parade & Carnivale on Friday 18 October

It's just two weeks until Nelson's biggest night of the year! Sometimes we forget how very special the Mask Parade is, but there really is nothing else like it in New Zealand.



Over the last 24 years, nearly every primary school in the region has been involved. This year, there are schools as well as community groups, dancers, performers, bagpipers, brass bands, drummers and stilt walkers. Leading the Parade are some of our newest Nelsonians – the Colombian community – who have promised to show off some of their traditional masks.

Of course, the Parade is always followed by the Carnivale, which this year will feature a silent disco with three DJs, NCMA Schola Musica and a cracking line-up of youth bands. Trafalgar Street will be closed

for more performers and more space for everyone to dance the night away, fuelled by Nelson's best food trucks.

A major highlight for 2019's Festival is Pic's Piki Mai. Spectacular large-scale projections will light up the Cathedral and Church Steps every night, from dusk to late, making it the perfect free event for the whole whānau. Pic's Piki Mai begins on the same night as the Mask Parade & Carnivale, and continues every night until Monday 28 October.

nelsonartsfestival.nz

Help us make Nelson a safer city

Council wants to make sure that our streets and public spaces are as safe as possible in an earthquake.

Nelson is in an area of medium seismic risk. This risk level has been defined as part of a national system that specifies the seismic hazard factor for each area of New Zealand ranging from 'low' to 'high'.

We need to work out where our busiest roads, footpaths and public spaces are that may also have unreinforced masonry buildings that could drop debris/masonry in an earthquake creating a high risk to life and public safety. These areas will be designated higher priority areas.

We want you to tell us which busy streets (both people and vehicles) and important routes for emergency services might cause a problem in our city during an earthquake – either by falling debris/masonry that could injure people or block important roads and routes. This will help us identify areas to prioritise for improvement.

Consultation begins on 30 September and will run until 4 November 2019.

If you would like more information, or have any questions you would like to ask, Council will be holding informal community meetings in the Council Chamber on the following dates:

- Thursday 3 October, 5.30pm – 6.30pm
- Wednesday 23 October, 5.30pm – 6.30pm

These sessions will include a presentation followed by an opportunity to ask questions

See nelson.govt.nz/consultations for more information, including maps that show proposed high-traffic areas and key routes, or to make a submission.

nelson.govt.nz/consultations

Hampden Street trial closure starts this month

The trial closure of Hampden Street (West) where it meets Waimea Road will start on 6 October 2019.

The purpose of the trial is to see if the change in road layout improves safety at the busy intersection. While the trial is set to run for 12 months, the Council passed a resolution to receive a report after six months to review what the monitoring is showing. Feedback regarding any concerns can be logged through Council's Customer Service Centre on 546 0200 or email enquiry@ncc.govt.nz. To report a near miss, phone 0800 CYCLECRASH.

Harvesting to commence in Codgers recreation area

Access for walkers and mountain bikers to the Tantragee and Atmore Reserves, which include the Codgers recreation area, will be restricted from 7 October to 20 December 2019, while commercial pine forest harvesting activities are carried out.

For all the trail closure details please go to:

nelson.govt.nz/codgers

Nelson Community Arts Centre – Feasibility Study

Nelson City Council has commissioned a feasibility study for the development of a Community Arts Centre. It is proposed that the centre could be sited at the Refinery ArtSpace site on Halifax Street.

We'd like to get your ideas on what might be included in the centre. These will be used to scope the project. We're also interested in your experiences of other community arts centres – both good and not so good.

There's no set format for submitting your ideas, but we would like to share them with others – if you'd rather we don't do that, please let us know.

Here are some questions to start the discussion:

- What would you like to see at a Nelson Community Arts Centre? (This could be facilities, activities or programmes.)
- How would you use the centre?
- How could the centre strengthen the Nelson community?
- What are the opportunities and limitations of the proposed site?

Please come along to the meetings on either Thursday 17 October (6pm–7.30pm) or Saturday 19 October (1pm–2.30pm) to share your ideas. Please register by sending an email indicating your preferred meeting to artshub@policyworks.co.nz



MEETINGS

Upcoming meetings for the new triennium (2019–2022) will be advertised once confirmed after the Local Elections 2019.

WHAT'S ON... www.nelsoncitycouncil.govt.nz

at a Council venue near you?

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itsn.co.nz

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