



Second Hand Sunday success

Despite the wet weather, plenty of people took part in Second Hand Sunday at the weekend, with 160 households registered in the regional event.

Council welcomes your feedback. A survey will go out to all registered households by email this week.

Feedback can also be emailed to enquiry@ncc.govt.nz (please make sure subject line includes Second Hand Sunday) or call 546 0200.

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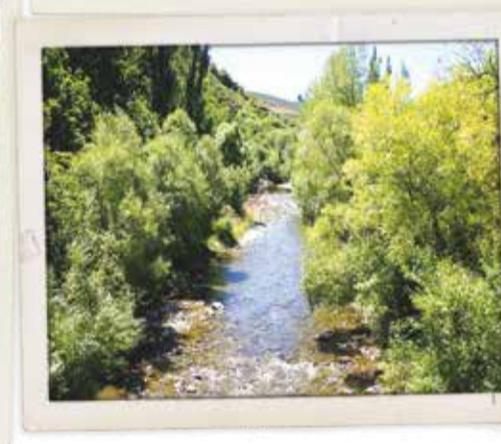
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Send in your Maitai/Mahitahi photos



To mark World Rivers Day (28 September), Nelson City Council has launched a photo competition that celebrates the Maitai/Mahitahi River while raising awareness about Council and community efforts to revive the river.

Anyone who loves Nelson's treasured Maitai/Mahitahi River is encouraged to take part in the online competition that runs until 5pm on Sunday 12 October.

The best photo will win \$500 worth of gear from Rollo's Outdoor Centre in Nelson.

Working closely with Iwi and the community, Council has committed \$400,000 this year for Project Maitai/Mahitahi, which aims to improve the water quality of the river through a variety of initiatives.

Councillor Brian McGurk says the photo competition is intended to increase engagement and understanding about how Nelsonians can play a part in improving the river's health.

"For an urban river, the water quality of the Maitai is good but it's not great. Unfortunately, there is no single solution for achieving better water quality. Nelson's success in restoring our river relies on everyone working together to drive changes over time.

"This photo competition is an opportunity for our community to celebrate the Maitai and what it means to people in different ways. It's also a chance to find out about Project Maitai/Mahitahi and the small things people can do that will make a difference to river health."

Project Maitai/Mahitahi is an initiative that aims to make the river safer for swimming in, collecting kai from and to create a river everyone can feel proud of.

World Rivers Day is a celebration of the world's waterways, and strives to increase public awareness and promote improved stewardship of rivers around the world.

To enter the competition, simply upload your photo via Council's website, nelson.govt.nz/ProjectMaitai, and follow the instructions.

- Please say in 50 words or less what you love most about the river.
- Photos can be scenic shots, action shots of people out and about enjoying the river, or simply an image that illustrates a favourite memory.
- Photos must be 1–5MB in size, and in jpg or png format.
- Any photo submitted as part of the competition may be used by Council for promotional purposes.

Civic Trust brightens up Nelson



Current Trustees (L – R) Mary Gavin, Jeremy Glasgow, Cathy Knight, Kay Hill, Roger Nicholson (Chairperson), Hamish Neale, Murray Farrant, Glenn Roberts and Rachel Dodd.



Following on from the successful installation of the drinking fountain/bottle refill station on Trafalgar Street last month, The City Of Nelson Civic Trust is also the organisation behind the project to light the Paru Paru Road footbridge over the Maitai River. They tell us how it came about.

The decision to light the footbridge over the Maitai River was made at the Civic Trust's October 2013 meeting. We saw it as a project that would fit our criteria of benefitting the City of Nelson and making the bridge a safe area to be at night.

We involved a New Zealand specialist LED lighting company – Brightlights, to design a lighting layout that would illuminate the bridge walkway and the concrete arches. After a trial run over two or three nights a strip of LED lighting along each side of the bridge was decided on. This would illuminate the railings on each side, the under-side of the arches, and provide a subtle glow over the walkway.

The project has been a huge success, with the only challenge being working around the tides. But once the scaffolding along either side was erected, the state of the tides did not matter.

As an unexpected bonus, if the bridge is viewed from up-river or down-river at high tide, the warm glow from the strip lights is also reflected in the water.

The total cost of the project was \$16,307.00 which was fully funded by the City of Nelson Civic Trust. The Trust invests money left from bequests to the City, and spends the interest on projects such as this.

The Trust has supported a huge number of other great projects and initiatives in its 41 year history. The full list is on the Council website but here's a taste of what else they've supported and achieved so far in 2014.

- Drinking Fountain – installed at the top of Trafalgar Street
- Museum – support for the WW100 commemorative exhibition
- Pocket Park – Trees, shrubs and hopefully more to come on the empty section in Bridge Street where Streat Kitchen and other food carts are sited
- Ongoing donation to Nelson Theatre Royal

- Light Nelson – support for the "Talking Trees" part of this hugely popular event in July
- Meet You At The Steps – support for the book about the history of the Church Steps

More about the City of Nelson Civic Trust

The City of Nelson Civic Trust is an independent non-profit organisation established in 1973 as a better way to handle gifts or bequests made to Council. Using a separate trust helped to ensure that the donations were kept apart from other funds and used for their intended purpose. As well as being a charitable tax-free vehicle people can leave funds to, the Trust's generated interest is tax-free, and in most cases the Trust isn't required to pay GST on projects.

The Trust provides an opportunity for people to contribute funds for developing cultural, artistic and social amenities for Nelson residents and visitors alike. It can also help to ensure that historic landmarks are preserved for future generations. Funds are accrued by bequests, donations, annual monetary gifting or gifts of assets such as land, buildings or works of art. Grants for substantial specific projects are also received from relevant donor organisations. The Trust is a registered charitable trust so donations are eligible for tax rebates.

Information on how to contribute to the valuable work the Trust carries out is available on the Council website, nelson.govt.nz, search phrase = Civic Trust, or you can collect an information card from the Council office in Trafalgar Street.

nelson.govt.nz

Search = Civic Trust



Countdown to Arts Festival

With the Nelson Arts Festival kicking off in just over two weeks, Nelsonians are encouraged to get organised and book up tickets to preferred shows.

Festival Director Sophie Kelly says shows are selling well across the festival's 20th anniversary programme, with several performances already sold out.

"Our ticket sales are tracking well across the board and we are really pleased with where we are at two weeks out from the start of the festival. Shows proving especially popular include *Beyond*, *Back of the Bus*, Julia Deans, *Black Faggot* and *Sal Valentine*," she says.

"Some of the shows received rave reviews at the Edinburgh Fringe Festival recently and we are super excited to be sharing these performances with Nelson audiences."

Spectacular Australian physical circus *Beyond* was described by TimeOut magazine as, "Exhilarating... a display of supreme strength, flexibility and grace."

Kiwi play *Black Faggot* earned excellent praise by another reviewer as "a magical mystery tour" where "you are made to feel like one of the family." Tickets for the Nelson Arts Festival are once again widely available. You can buy them directly online for all events at nelsonartsfestival.co.nz where you can print out your tickets. You can also buy tickets from the Nelson Arts Festival stand at the Saturday market and on week days from The Theatre Royal.

nelsonartsfestival.co.nz



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Celebrate Science with Cawthron

Nelson City Council is taking part in the 'Celebrate Science with Cawthron' week-long event, which starts on Sunday 12 October, to highlight the importance of science in the management of the region's natural resources, especially our freshwater.

This is a week of activities, interactive games, demonstrations and informative talks (all for free) with the aim of making science accessible to families.

It kicks off with a family fun day on Sunday 12 October, followed by evening lectures throughout the week, and ends with three schools-only days packed with activities for primary students.

Council and the Friends of the Maitai community group will be hosting an interactive water quality stand at the family fun day at Victory Community Centre, from 10am to 5pm.

On Tuesday 14 October at 7.30pm, Council is also teaming up with the Cawthron Institute to present an evening lecture on water quality issues in the Maitai/Mahitahi River and dam.

This lecture ties in with Council's Project Maitai/Mahitahi, which is all about improving the river's health by working together with Iwi and the community so we swim safely, collect kai, and value this taonga (treasure) as an integral part of Nelson's physical and cultural landscape.

For more information or to book, find Friends of Cawthron on Facebook.

[facebook.com](https://www.facebook.com)

Search = Friends of Cawthron

More trees to bring future treats

Thanks to the generous bequest of a Nelson resident, 100 new walnut trees have been planted this season in Council reserves including Branford Park, Hira, Bishopdale and Riverside.

This planting carries on the work of the Dick Roberts Trust that was set up according to the will of Dick Roberts who passed away in 2009.

Dick Roberts was an avid environmentalist with an interest in permaculture, tree crops for every microclimate, organic production, science education for children and sustainable living.

He tried to encourage thousands of people to take an interest in a sustainable future with a real focus on growing fruit and nut trees appropriate to different climatic conditions.

This aim has been continued by the Trust offering financial support to Nelson City Council to enable many more fruit and nut trees to be planted on Council land all around the city. As well as the recent walnut trees, the Trust has supported previous fruit and nut tree plantings near the Neale Park skate park and native environmental plantings at Glenduan Reserve.

The fruit and nuts will be an ongoing source of food for the community for many years to come.



Support Nelson in the Gigatown final!

#GigatownNSN needs your brains more than ever over the next 9 weeks.

Nelson has a real chance of becoming Gigatown. Our community could become more connected than ever before with a 1GBps UFB service – but to win we need the whole community onboard!

The final round has new rules, so make sure you're up to date by visiting the gigatown.co.nz website.

To earn points in the finals there's a Town Plan for Gig Success, a Fantastic Fibre quiz and a fun Instagram competition. Keep posting and hashtagging great content about UFB and gigabit fibre on Twitter, Facebook and Instagram too.

Gigatown will support entrepreneurs and innovators who use the gigabit fibre connection with a \$200,000 business development fund. Plus, for the next three years, a \$500,000 Gigatown community fund would allow us to kick-start developments that showcase how gigabit infrastructure and UFB can be activated for social good. Basically, Nelson has the chance to be light years ahead thanks to giga-connectivity.

But to win, we need to make sure you (and everyone you know!) is

registered as a Gigatown Nelson supporter – including friends and family across New Zealand and overseas. So send these instructions to all your contacts now!

- Go to gigatown.co.nz
- Select 'Sign Up'
- Register with your email address or Facebook log-in
- Select Nelson as your town
- Click the link in the subsequent confirmation email
- Complete the Fantastic Fibre Quiz
- Learn 'how to play' Gigatown – on social media and through the Instagram comp

[facebook.com/gigatownnelson](https://www.facebook.com/gigatownnelson)

gigatownnsn.co.nz

gigatown.co.nz





Rural fire readiness exercise

The Nelson region was recently caught between two major rural fires. Luckily the fires were fictional and were the basis of an exercise to test the multi-agency response and capabilities of Rural Fire, the Police, the Fire Service, The DHB and Civil Defence Emergency Management.

Based in Hira and St Arnaud, the fires tested the agencies' ability to work across multiple sites, with a central command structure operating out of the new Civil Defence Emergency Management Centre in Richmond.

Principal Rural Fire Officer, Ian Reade said the Rural Fire Network wanted to test the region's response to a major fire and build on the exercises they hold annually, so decided to invite the other agencies along.

"As we enter our danger period within the region it also gave us the opportunity to establish relationships with those we may need to work alongside in the coming summer."

'Exercise Kaka' ran very successfully on Wednesday 17 September with locals noticing a number of emergency vehicles driving throughout the region. The exercise also involved a large-scale emergency evacuation within its scenario, testing skill sets and logistics.

"We wanted to establish a scenario that provided us with the best test of our systems and roles so that if a real emergency does occur we are in the best position to deal with it. In doing so we can save valuable time in a real event, with experienced and

knowledgeable personnel getting right into the task of preventing harm to lives and property."

As we head into the warmer months, residents can also do their bit to prevent fire taking hold, including cleaning roofs and gutters of needles and leaves, and storing firewood at least 10 metres away from their home. Most homes are burnt down by wildfires due to embers falling on and around them that ignite flammable material. The original fire can be kilometres away when this happens.

In bush areas, residents and landowners should thin trees and remove accumulations of dead branches and stem wood underneath and in between trees. Highly flammable species like manuka, ake ake, wattles, gorse etc should be removed or replaced with low flammable species such as broadleaf and five finger.

For more information you can request a *FireSmart Home Owner's Manual* or speak to a Community FireSmart Advisor by contacting the Rural Fire Network on 544 2441 or visiting their website.

ruralfirenetwork.co.nz

Mental Health Awareness Week: 6–12 October

The theme of this year's Mental Health Awareness Week (MHAW 2014) is *Keep Learning*.

When did you last learn something new? Evidence shows continuing to learn throughout life can help improve and maintain our mental wellbeing. Learning can boost self-confidence and self-esteem, help build a sense of purpose and connect us with others. Studies have shown that ongoing learning can be linked with greater satisfaction and optimism and improved ability to get the most from life.

Keep Learning is about new experiences. We gain the most when we expand our horizons and learn new skills. There are many ways to bring learning, and therefore wellbeing, into your life.

The Mental Health Foundation has put together the MHAW 2014 Toolkit, which includes a whole raft of tools and ideas to help you and your family keep learning throughout your lifetime. The toolkit includes mobile apps, website links, top reads, games and competitions.

For more information visit the Mental Health Awareness Week website.

mentalhealth.org.nz

Water meter reading

The residential water meter reading round starts on 1 October 2014, and will continue for about two months. Please check and ensure that the meter box itself, and the area surrounding it, are clear and easily accessible for the meter readers to locate and read. Please move any pot plants that are sitting on the boxes.

The meter readers are allowed to read the meters between 8am and 6pm seven days a week, including Sundays and public holidays. They will be identifiable by their hi-visibility vests with 'WATER METER READER' and "DataCol" on the back.

The city is divided up into areas, with the meter readers starting in Tahunanui, moving to Stoke, through the town, The Wood, Atawhai and ending at the Glen at the end of November.

As part of the ongoing maintenance of the meters, some meters will be checked to see if they are still recording accurately. If your meter is being checked the meter reader will let you know if you are at home at the time. If no one is at home, a letter will be left in your letterbox letting you know that Council contractors have been. The test requires the meter reader to fill a 10 litre bucket with water. If the meter needs to be replaced, the water will be turned off to do this. The whole check usually takes about 10 minutes. The meter readers will still be carrying out these checks in December.

If your meter is not easily accessible for the readers, e.g. behind a locked fence or if you have dogs, please call 0800 870 008 so that suitable arrangements can be made to have the meter read. Please be aware that if you don't make a suitable arrangement or repeated visits are needed to obtain a meter reading, you could be charged a Special Water Meter reading fee of \$25.

All water used through the meter is charged at \$2.086 per cubic metre. The minimum daily charge is \$0.554 per day, shown as a Daily Line Charge on the Invoice/Statement. These costs are inclusive of GST.

The Invoice/Statements are posted out usually within two weeks of the meter being read. They will be due for payment on 15 December 2014.

Tell us what you think of sharrows

The 'sharrow' marking trial has been in place on Hardy, Tasman and Brook Streets for several months. This is a national trial by the New Zealand Transport Agency and several other cities have also been taking part.

Driver and cyclist behaviour has been monitored during this time and now researchers want to hear from all road users. The Transport Agency wants to hear your views and discover what you believe the new roadmarking is for.

As a reminder, the sharrow marking resembles a standard cycle symbol supplemented with two chevron arrow markings (as pictured). The distinctive stencil-style road marking has been used overseas to improve cyclist safety and promote better road sharing.

You are invited to take part in a short survey, available via the Council website, nelson.govt.nz, search phrase = sharrows. Results will help the Transport Agency to understand how effective the roadmarking trial has been. Feedback is invited until Friday 14 November. Anyone taking part in the survey is also eligible to win a \$50 supermarket voucher.



Smaller recycling bins available

A new mini recycling bin is now available from Nelmac in Vickerman Street and the Council office. The new smaller bin fits perfectly inside a standard bin. It has been added as a response to requests from older residents – seeking something lighter, and from single-occupant households – who tend to have less recycling to collect.

There is also a small price change following increased costs with the latest shipment of bins. Recycling bin prices from 1 October will be:

- 45 litre mini bin \$18.50 (new)
- 65 litre standard bin \$20

An update on the change to glass collection

Since the change to glass recycling collection, requiring all glass to be put out in an official recycling bin or similar rigid container, Nelmac's recycling runners have seen a lift in residents using the appropriate bins. Nelmac wants to thank Nelson residents for their continued support in keeping their hard-working recycling runners safe.



The good, honest fun of a true family day out is on offer again with Isel in Bloom on Sunday 12 October.

As always, the magnificent gardens will be the star of the show and they are set to be looking their best.

This fantastic free annual event to celebrate Spring is on from 11am to 3pm. Held at historic Isel House, which is beautifully set in four hectares of gardens and woodland park, Isel in Bloom marks the reopening of the house and gardens after a winter hibernation.

You can enjoy interesting arts, crafts and food stalls. There is a fantastic range of entertainment aplenty for all ages, including storytelling, music and face painting for the younger ones. A special exhibition opening at 11am in Isel House introduces the public to Stoke WWI soldiers.

Entry to the event is free, and it's a major fundraiser for this historic home, so come along and join the fun. Isel House will stay open now until the end of May, but is closed on Mondays.

Changed road markings at roundabout

As part of Council's ongoing road maintenance programme, the roundabout at Link Road and Main Road Stoke / Salisbury Road (where you can enter and exit Whakatu Drive) is being resealed and will become a multi-laned roundabout with two exit lanes heading toward Richmond and Champion Road.

Look out for the changes to the road marking and please slow down and be patient with other drivers while everyone adjusts to the changes.

More about multi-laned roundabouts

Most multi-laned roundabouts are marked with lanes and arrows, to help you enter and leave the roundabout. Use the lane markings and arrows to choose the correct lane before entering the roundabout. Not all roundabouts are marked the same way, so take extra care – especially at the exits. If you need to cross a lane line near an exit, give way to any vehicles in the lane that you want to enter.

When coming up to a multi-laned roundabout:

- Get into the correct lane before entering the roundabout.
- Give way to all vehicles that will cross your path from your right as you enter the roundabout.

Please remember roundabouts are designed to keep traffic flowing, but they still have rules:

- Give way to traffic coming from your right.
- Select the correct lane before entering the roundabout.
- Indicate left as you leave the roundabout.
- A roundabout is an intersection and all drivers should slow on approach and be prepared to stop.

Pest-proof fence project starts in the Brook Valley

Construction of the Brook Waimarama Sanctuary Trust's pest-proof fence project begins this month.

The sanctuary site in the Brook Valley, and the tracks on the surrounding ridges, will generally remain open during the construction period, with rolling closures around the current work sites for the public's safety.

Sections of tracks in the area around the Brook Waimarama Sanctuary will be closed from mid October 2014 for up to 6 months, to allow for earthworks in preparation for construction of the pest-proof fence.

The closures will be between 7am and 5pm Monday to Friday inclusive, but unrestricted access will be available outside of these times as well as on weekends, public holidays and during the Christmas – New Year holiday period. The following tracks will be closed as detailed below:

- Brook Street to The Classic Track; from 8–14 October 2014
- The Classic Track to Four Corners; from 15–31 October 2014
- Coleman's Link Track; from 5–14 January 2015

Any changes to these dates and additional closures will be advised.

We regret any inconvenience the closures may cause, but please obey all signage in place for your own safety. For questions regarding the project, please contact the Brook Waimarama Sanctuary Trust on 546 2422 or visit their website.

brooksanctuary.org



School holiday treasure hunt at Founders

Join in the fun at Founders Heritage Park every day these holidays. Follow the clues to find the treasure and go into the draw to win a selection of retro games and toys.

Remember entry to Founders is free for Nelson & Tasman residents.

For more information visit the Founders Heritage Park facebook page.



facebook.com

Search = Founders Heritage Park

China friendship trip a great success

A group of Nelsonians recently returned from a nine day visit to China to attend an annual international friendship forum, hosted by China's Association for Friendship with Other Countries.

As youth ambassadors for Nelson, Carla Lindley, Nayland College student and Nelson City Youth Councillor (pictured on right) and Kristina Eddy a volunteer broadcasting journalist from Nelson College for Girls (on left), visited Guiyang and Zunyi cities in Guizhou Province, south-west China, alongside Jeannette Jones, Barbara Markland and June Wild from the Nelson branch of the New Zealand China Friendship Society, before finishing their trip in Shanghai.

Carla and Kristina were selected by a panel, following an application and interview process. Both girls were keen to thank Nelson City Council, who directly funded their economy class return airfares from Nelson to China, as part of Nelson's Sister City programme.

"We are very grateful to the Council, Nelson's NZ China Friendship Society and everyone who made this trip possible. We packed a lot into nine days and learnt so much," says Kristina.

"It was a huge culture change, with lots of people, but everyone was extremely friendly and welcoming."

As the youngest delegates ever to attend the friendship forum, both girls were extremely well received in China, attracting a great deal of media interest. During the forum's opening conference, Carla greeted everyone in Mandarin, English and Maori before delivering a presentation on the importance of international friendships, which received warm praise including special congratulations from the Ambassador for Jamaica.

The delegation visited local attractions, including the unveiling of a new statue, where Carla and Kristina used their Council waiata training; the moutai museum, which celebrates the history and production of this famous traditional wine; the Chen Shi Tea Garden, where they were shown how to pick and process tea leaves; and the ancient town of Quing Yan, where they enjoyed exploring historic buildings, shops and bustling market stalls.

Carla says a highlight was their visit to a middle school in Shanghai, which specialised in golf, robotics and English.

"The standard of teaching and facilities was exceptional, with an incredibly high-tech robotics lab and a mock golf course on top of the building."

Both girls are already planning return trips to China and would like to continue learning Mandarin. Keen to develop her experience in journalism, Kristina was impressed by the variety

of opportunities in China and Carla is seriously considering a career in foreign affairs, perhaps aiming to be an ambassador to China one day.

Mayor Rachel Reese says the trip was a very successful pilot for overseas youth ambassadors and a fantastic opportunity to strengthen the relationship between Nelson and China.

"Links in education and learning are an important part of the partnership Nelson is developing with China. So I am delighted that the girls are already sharing the insights they gained with the Nelson community.

"Carla and Kristina are fantastic ambassadors for our city. Both girls have seen first-hand the power of international friendships for economic development and cultural learning, and it is exciting for Nelson that they hope to pursue careers in this area."



Mayor drives city centre idea sharing

A group of more than 30 stakeholders met last week to share ideas on the future of Nelson's city centre.

Mayor Rachel Reese invited a wide range of people with insights on how our city functions, including representatives from arts, sport, media, transport, construction, finance, property, design, retail and technology sectors, to inform Council's thinking on the next steps for the CBD. The meeting was facilitated by Kobus Mentz from urban design firm Urbanism Plus.

Topics included how we can best leverage our existing industries; the types and timing of events in the city; urban living and transport concepts and different ways of injecting vitality into the city centre.

The 'Late Night on Hardy' initiative was discussed as a great example of how CBD business owners and other agencies can work together to generate economic benefit for the city and develop more recreational opportunities for residents. Another area of focus was enabling inner-city residential development.

Mayor Reese has identified defining what Council can do to improve the attractiveness and vitality of the CBD as one of her top priorities.

"It is important to review and revisit our CBD plans together regularly, to make sure we are doing all we can to enable the brightest possible future for our city. Last week's meeting was a fantastic opportunity to get people round the table to share thoughts on how Council can tap into new opportunities and best work with businesses to attract visitors and boost the economic performance of the city centre.

"I would like to sincerely thank all those who gave up their time to attend. The afternoon was extremely worthwhile.

"We all recognise that in order to create and maintain a thriving CBD, residents, business owners, community groups, Council and our economic development agencies need to work closely together to make the best use of resources and development opportunities, and to realise the full potential of the assets and amenities we already have.

"With work underway on Council's ten year plan and the review of the Nelson Resource Management Plan, now is an ideal time to engage with key stakeholders. Last week's meeting was the start of a conversation that I want to develop into actions that will make a positive difference.

"This Council is ready to support and encourage fresh thinking, innovation and to explore opportunities for partnership. We encourage people with smart ideas who are committed to Nelson to make contact with us now," says Mayor Reese.

FROM THE COUNCIL TABLE

Bringing you the results of what has been discussed and decided at the Council table

Councillor's Comment – Matt Lawrey



Every now and then you have conversations that stick with you for the rest of your life.

A few years ago I had one with St Joseph's teacher Tim Cross about the Big Brothers Big Sisters mentoring programme. When I asked Tim why he was a mentor he talked about wanting to give back to the community and how much he got from the relationships he

made through the scheme. Pressed for more, he said it was also good role modelling for his own children and that he wanted them to grow up thinking it was normal for people to help others.

I remember thinking that was very cool.

I've been a volunteer at Victory Primary School's Breakfast Club for the last few years. On Tuesday mornings a couple of other locals and I put on a feed for up to 30 kids. I don't enjoy the early starts but I always leave feeling like I've done something useful and through the Breakfast Club I've got to know some really nice people. I also like to think it's setting a good example to my own boys.

Nelson has one of the highest levels of volunteering in the country. I think we should be proud of this fact and I think volunteering is a very Nelson thing to do.

One of the groups to receive support this year from Council's community assistance fund was Volunteer Nelson. If you'd like to give volunteering a go, check them out online or call 546 7681.

volunteernelson.org.nz

facebook.com/volunteernelson

nel.so/n/cac

Work to reopen venues starts

Opus has been appointed to oversee the earthquake strengthening and reopening of the Trafalgar Centre and the Nelson School of Music Auditorium. Two Opus project managers have been appointed so each can focus on the specific requirements of the different venues.

Mayor Rachel Reese has welcomed the appointments. "We've pledged to do all we can to find workable, affordable solutions to reopen both these highly valued community facilities. Opus is aware of the need for urgency and has committed to delivering to a tight timeframe".

Nelson School of Music Board Temporary Chair Roger Taylor says, "The decision to move forward on the work represents a new start for the School which will be complemented by a strengthening in the School's governance structure and a reconnecting with the music and wider communities."

Mayor Reese says "We understand what an important role both venues play in the artistic, sporting and recreational lives of many people in our community. The Council and Nelson School of Music

are looking forward to working with the two experienced project managers from Opus' Nelson office on these projects."

Timelines

Nelson School of Music Auditorium

- Concept plans due 20 January 2015
- Detailed drawings due September 2015
- Aim to complete construction and reopen no later than December 2016

Trafalgar Centre

- Concept plans due 1 December 2014
- Detailed drawings due June 2015
- Aim to complete construction and reopen no later than February 2016



Give your feedback on community engagement

Nelson City Council is seeking community feedback on a new draft Significance and Engagement Policy, which must be adopted by 1 December 2014 to comply with recent amendments to the Local Government Act 2002.

This new policy extends and replaces Council's existing Significance Policy and sets out the relationship between the degree of significance that a matter has, and the level and type of community engagement that is likely to take place.

Changes to how consultation is undertaken are intended to make processes more flexible, and to allow different forms and types of engagement to take place depending on the issue concerned and who will be affected by a decision.

More information and a copy of the draft Significance and Engagement Policy is available on the Nelson City Council website nelson.govt.nz, search phrase = open consultations, or a hard copy is available at any Nelson Public Library or the Nelson City Council Customer Service Centre, Ground Floor, 110 Trafalgar Street, Nelson.

Feedback can be provided online at nelson.govt.nz, delivered to the Customer Service Centre or any Nelson Public Library or posted to: Freepost 76919, Significance and Engagement Policy, Nelson City Council, PO Box 645, Nelson 7040.

The feedback period is now open and closes at 4pm on Friday 17 October 2014.

nelson.govt.nz

Search = open consultations



Meetings

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

Council meeting – to continue deliberations on submissions to the draft Regional Landfill
9am 2 October

Resource Management Act Procedures Committee to be held in Ruma Mārama
9am 3 October

Regional Transport Committee
1pm 3 October

Joint Shareholders Committee to be held at Tasman District Council
1.30pm 7 October

Civil Defence Emergency Management Group
Following Joint Shareholders Committee 7 October

Council meeting
9am 9 October

Works and Infrastructure Committee
9am 16 October

Planning and Regulatory Committee to be held at Victory Community Centre
9am 23 October

Council Meeting
9am 30 October

Community Services Committee
To follow Council Meeting 30 October

Other meetings

Nelson Youth Council
1pm 23 October

Notes:

- 1: Unless otherwise shown, the meetings will be held in the Council Chamber, Civic House, Trafalgar Street, Nelson.
- 2: A public forum is held during the initial period of the Committee/ Council meeting. Anyone wishing to speak at this public forum is asked to give prior advice to an Administration Adviser on 546 0200.
- 3: Agendas will be available for perusal at the Customer Service Centre in Civic House, or at Nelson Public Libraries, two days prior to the meeting.
- 4: Agendas and minutes for Council meetings can be viewed on Council's website nelson.govt.nz.



New course to combat invasive ants

Argentine and Darwin's ants are continuing to spread in Nelson, Stoke, Richmond and Brightwater, despite the concerted effort of many residents to control them.

A new course designed to help people combat these invasive ants is being run by two local experts. Richard Toft (pictured) is an entomologist who has researched various methods of controlling ants and Peter Visser is the Technical Manager for Key Industries who has led the work in developing new products for controlling these ants. Both have seen at first-hand the devastating impact these ants can have and have volunteered their time as presenters at the Nayland College Community Education course.

Geoff Gudsell, who has been dealing with ants on his Stoke property over the last two years, has been instrumental in setting up the course, which he says is a great way of getting relevant information out to concerned residents.

Course attendees will gain a better understanding of the ants and of how each of the control products work. Students will be provided with practical DIY strategies to prevent invasion, manage their own ant problem and reduce the risk of ants spreading throughout their neighbourhood. Hand-out information will be provided for easy future reference.

As a result of the presenters' voluntary contribution to the course, the course fees will only be \$10 to cover administration costs. The first course is limited to 50 people, but a second course will be held in November if there is sufficient demand.

For more information or to enrol visit the Nayland Community Education website or contact Kathryn: comed@nayland.school.nz or 547 9769 (option 2 or ext 854).

Course Details:

Date: Saturday 18 October

Time: 9.30am – 12pm

Venue: Nayland College, Stoke

Enrolment now open



communityeducation.nayland.school.nz

Industry Training graduates to celebrate success

Nelson received a welcome addition of newly qualified graduates at the Nelson Regional Industry Training Organisation graduation ceremony held at Annesbrook Church and Community Centre in Stoke last month. Over 50 students from a wide range of industry sectors were recognised for their success in achieving national certification in their chosen field.

The graduation was staged under the Mayor's Taskforce for Jobs, and was supported by the Industry Training Federation, the Nelson Regional Economic Development Agency and Nelson City and Tasman District Councils.

Mayor Rachel Reece welcomed the new graduates as they prepare for the next step in their careers.

"The graduation ceremony is not only a wonderful opportunity to celebrate individual achievement, it is a very real demonstration that the region's industry sectors are making great progress addressing workplace skill requirements."

Graduates were welcomed into a variety of industry sectors including building and construction, community support, engineering, manufacturing, hairdressing, infrastructure, motoring, primary industry, retail services and technical skills. Most graduates have juggled work, study and family commitments to achieve their qualifications.

Correction – Stoke Book Chat

In the last issue there was a date error in the Stoke BookChat Group article. The Stoke group meets at 5pm every *third Wednesday*, not every second Wednesday as per the previous issue. It is a relaxed discussion and all are most welcome. Come along and have a coffee and a chat about books you have recently read – or just come along to hear what titles others have enjoyed.

For more information contact alyson.baker@ncc.govt.nz, or just turn up. The next session is at 5pm on Wednesday 15 October at Stoke Library.

'Middle East Puzzle' talk: Back by popular demand

The lunchtime library talk delivered by Firooz Eftekhar Zadeh last month was a 'sell out' with about 20 people turned away. Firooz will repeat the talk on the puzzle of the Middle East, life in Iran and present conditions in Iraq, adding in more time for in-depth exploration of the content and questions. Come along to hear him on Wednesday 15 October, 1–2.30pm in the Elma Turner Library Activity Room. For further information please contact nicola.harwood@ncc.govt.nz.

What's on – at a Council venue near you



Isel House and Park

Isel in Bloom, 12 October: 11am–3pm

Tahunanui Beach

Surf Life Club Open Day: 12 October, 11am–12pm

Maitai River

St John Nelson Duck Race: Maitai River between Collingwood and Bridge St, 12 October, 1pm

Saxton Field Sports Complex

Nelson Home and Garden Show 2014: 10–12 October, 10am–5pm

Stoke Memorial Hall

Monster Trash 'n' Treasure Fundraiser: Soroptimist International of Nelson, 11 October, 9am–1pm

Nelson Public Libraries

Elma Turner Library

Book Sale: 4 October, 10am–12.30pm

BookChat: Second Tuesday of each month, 10.30am

BookChat Online via Twitter: #rwpchat, last Tuesday of each month, 9pm

Small Time at the Library: Stories, songs and rhyme incorporating movement for 0–2yr olds, Wednesdays, 10.30–11.30am (term time only)

Story Time at the Library: Stories for 2–4yr olds and their parents, Thursdays 2pm (term time only)

The Puzzle of the Middle East: Life in Iran and present conditions in Iraq with Firooz Eftekhar Zadeh, 15 October, 1–2.30pm

Free Computer Classes: (registrations essential)

- Social networking: 2 October, 5.30pm

Community Corner

- International Day of Older Persons: 1 October, all day, information about services and activities for older people
- Nelson Public Libraries' Home Delivery Service: 1 October, 11am–12pm, 2–3pm
- Hearing Association Nelson: 1 October, 3.30–4.30pm

- Neighbourhood Support: 2 October and 9 October, 10am–12pm

- Justices of the Peace: 4 October and 11 October, 10am–12pm

- Mental Health Awareness Week: 6–10 October and Sunday 12 October, information about services and support available all week

Stoke Library

BookChat: Third Wednesday of each month, 5pm

BookChat Online via Twitter: #rwpchat, last Tuesday of each month, 9pm

StoryTime: For 2–4yr olds and their parents, Wednesdays, 10.30am (term time only)

Small Time at the Stoke Library: Stories, songs and rhyme incorporating movement for 0–2yr olds, Tuesdays, 10.30am (term time only)

Museums and Galleries

Nelson Provincial Museum

Weekdays 10am–5pm, weekends and public holidays 10am–4.30pm

WW1-Their Stories – Our History, centennial commemoration: until April 2015

Suter Art Gallery

7 days, 10.30am–4.30pm

The Last Picture Show: ongoing

The Roots: During the Nelson Arts Festival, 10–26 October

Suspicious Minds: until 2 November

Nelson Suter Art Society (McKee Gallery)

Traces of Contour: Cathy Jones, Lee Ann Dixon, Lynette Cain, Carol Hargadon, Deborah Hunter, until 5 October

Suter Theatre

Nelson Film Society presents: Which Way is the Frontline from Here?: 6pm

Holy Motors: 6pm

Off Broadway Performing Arts School presents:

Next to Normal: 8 and 10 October, 7.30pm; 11 October, 2pm and 7.30pm; 12 October, 2pm

CHECK OUT

• Isel in Bloom

The good, honest fun of a true family day out is on offer again with Isel in Bloom. Held at historic Isel House, which is beautifully set in four hectares of gardens and woodland park, Isel in Bloom celebrates spring and marks the reopening of the house and gardens after a winter hibernation. You can enjoy interesting arts, crafts and food stalls. There is a fantastic range of entertainment aplenty for all ages, including storytelling, music and face painting for the younger ones. Entry to the event is free.