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Flying a drone over Council land?

Commercial and recreational users of Remotely Piloted Aircraft Systems (RPAS or 'drones') need to apply for an appropriate consent before flying over Council-owned or operated land.

Drones are becoming an increasingly common sight in our skies, but they are aircraft and, as such, present a number of safety risks, particularly close to controlled airspace and over densely-populated areas. Drone pilots need to comply with Civil Aviation Authority regulations which can be found at caa.govt.nz/rpas.

Consent application forms are available on Council's website.

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Founders Heritage Park has been part of the Nelson landscape for 30 years.

Founders Heritage Park has been part of Nelson's cultural heritage for 30 years, so it's celebrating with a garden party this Sunday, 28 February, from 12 – 4pm.

Founders Heritage Park was established following a generous donation by the Newman family (of Newman Brothers Coachlines) to create a home for a transport museum. The park officially opened in 1986 following a community effort from volunteers, businesses and Labour Department workers.

During the early years, many historic buildings were relocated to the park while others were replicated. In 1995, management of the park was passed to Council.

Today, Founders Heritage Park encompasses five hectares of heritage village, and is home to a brewery and cafe as well as craft, design and artists' studios. It also hosts a regular schedule of well known events including Founders Book Fair, MarchFest, Evolve Festival and many others.

To celebrate the park's birthday, you're invited to come along on Sunday for live music from the Hardy Street Brass Council and Nelson's Jazz Club Big Band, lawn games and a story time tent.

Bring the family and picnic, visit Founders Café and Brewery or enjoy fresh local produce from the

Wangapeka Dairy stall. Top it off with real fruit ice creams and free birthday cake. If the weather is wet, the event will move in to the Energy Centre.

Organisers are also keen to commemorate Founders' place in our community over the last thirty years by asking people to share their memories of the park.

Did you help with the establishment of the park? Maybe you got married there or volunteered at one of the many book fairs or events. During the month of March, Founders is collecting these memories, so bring your photos into the windmill, post them on the Founders Facebook page, or come to the birthday bash and record your story for the archives!

What: Founders Heritage Park 30th Birthday Garden Party
When: Sunday 28 February. 12–4pm
Cost: Entry \$2, children under 16 free.

founderspark.co.nz

Searching for the Back Beach beetle



Ian Millar is passionate about insects, so passionate in fact he has spent seven nights straight on his hands and knees on the hunt for the elusive Back Beach beetle. This nocturnal creature, which is only 4mm in length, isn't found anywhere else except the Tahunanui Back Beach.

Ian says, "It's amazing how much life there is when you're looking there at night. The fact is, this is the only site in the world where this beetle is found. It seems to be very particular about its habitat – it needs sparse glasswort in a sandy substrate to survive."

It isn't the kind of work that would suit everyone, but for the former Department of Conservation entomologist the research is fascinating. He has been contracted by Nelson City Council to carry out a survey on the Back Beach beetle – to find out how many are left and what parts of the beach they inhabit, as part of the Nelson Nature environmental restoration programme.

Ian has counted a couple of thousand of these "marine critters" in three areas of the Back Beach.

Councillor Brian McGurk, Chair of the Planning and Regulatory Committee, is keen for people to be aware of the ecologically sensitive nature of the Tahunanui Back Beach, which is a unique environment in the region.

"The Nelson region is a centre of biodiversity in New Zealand. We're lucky to have such ecologically diverse areas right in our backyard. As part of Council's review of the city's resource management plan, we'll be looking at ways we can better protect our significant natural areas including the Tahunanui Back Beach.

"People need to be aware that everyday activities, like searching for metal, can impact on our natural environment.

Ian adds, "Sometimes places that seem quite ordinary can actually have quite special values."



Councillor Brian McGurk and entomologist Ian Millar inspect holes in the ecologically sensitive area of Tahunanui Back Beach thought to have been caused by people using metal detectors. Insert: Back Beach beetle. Photographer: B. Rhode (Landcare Research).



Last year's Masked Parade saw Nayland Primary School win for their Lorax costumes and masks themed around *The World of Books*.

Enter the 2016 Masked Parade theme competition

Nelson Arts Festival organisers are calling for the public to submit inspiring and creative ideas for the theme of this year's Masked Parade.

The winning entrant will see their theme come to life when thousands of people take part in the much-loved parade on Friday 21 October. The winning group will also be given the chance to lead the parade and carry the 2016 Nelson Masked Parade banner.

Previous themes have included: Bouncy, Bold and Gold; Tallest Maritime Adventures; Boldly Going Skyward; Sparkling Sustainable Future; The Playful Pacific; Myths and Legends; Adventurous Journeys; Earth, Wind and Fire. Last year's winning theme was 'The World of Books' submitted by Debbie Williams, of the Boathouse Choir.

Entries must be received by 9am Tuesday 29 March. The chosen theme will be announced by Friday 1 April.

Ideas can be submitted at nelsonartsfestival.co.nz, by email to: festivalenquiries@ncc.govt.nz, by mail to: Masked Parade Theme Competition, Nelson Arts Festival, PO Box 645, Nelson 7040, or via the 'Nelson Masked Parade and Carnivale' Facebook page.

The Nelson Arts Festival is produced by Nelson City Council as a celebration for locals and an added attraction for visitors.

nelsonartsfestival.co.nz

Managing weedy streams

Have you noticed more weeds in local streams lately? That's because our long dry summer has meant fewer bouts of heavy rain to wash them away.

Council must strike a balance between keeping a stream clear of vegetation to allow for heavy rain and creating a natural environment with tall grasses and overhanging annual plants that provide natural habitat for wildlife. Trees and plants create shade along streams which keeps the water temperature down (in which native fish can thrive), and prevents weed and algal growth.

Allowing these stream beds to self manage is the

only realistic option as spraying across the stream itself is not permitted, and hand weeding is labour intensive with benefits short-lived. From time to time, especially during dry periods when natural flushing does not often occur, contractors are employed to remove weeds from the most congested stream areas in Nelson.

Council will continue to work on improving the way we manage our streams. If you have any concerns about weeds in streams, please contact Council, phone 546 0200.



Orchard Stream, Stoke.



Second Hand Sunday returns

Clear out some clutter or grab a treasure or two when Second Hand Sunday returns, on 13 March 2016, from 10am.

More than 130 households took the opportunity to gift unwanted bits and pieces to others when the last event was held in December, and 90% said they would do it again.

What is Second Hand Sunday?

People taking part in Second Hand Sunday leave unwanted items on their driveway for others to take away for free. Goods can include anything from old furniture, books, clothing or leftover bits and pieces from building projects. We ask people

not to put out food or dangerous goods such as faulty electrical equipment, chemicals or firearms.

How do I participate?

To offer items, complete a registration form online by 9am on Thursday 10 March, at nelson.govt.nz (search phrase = Second Hand Sunday). You can also register at any Council service centre.

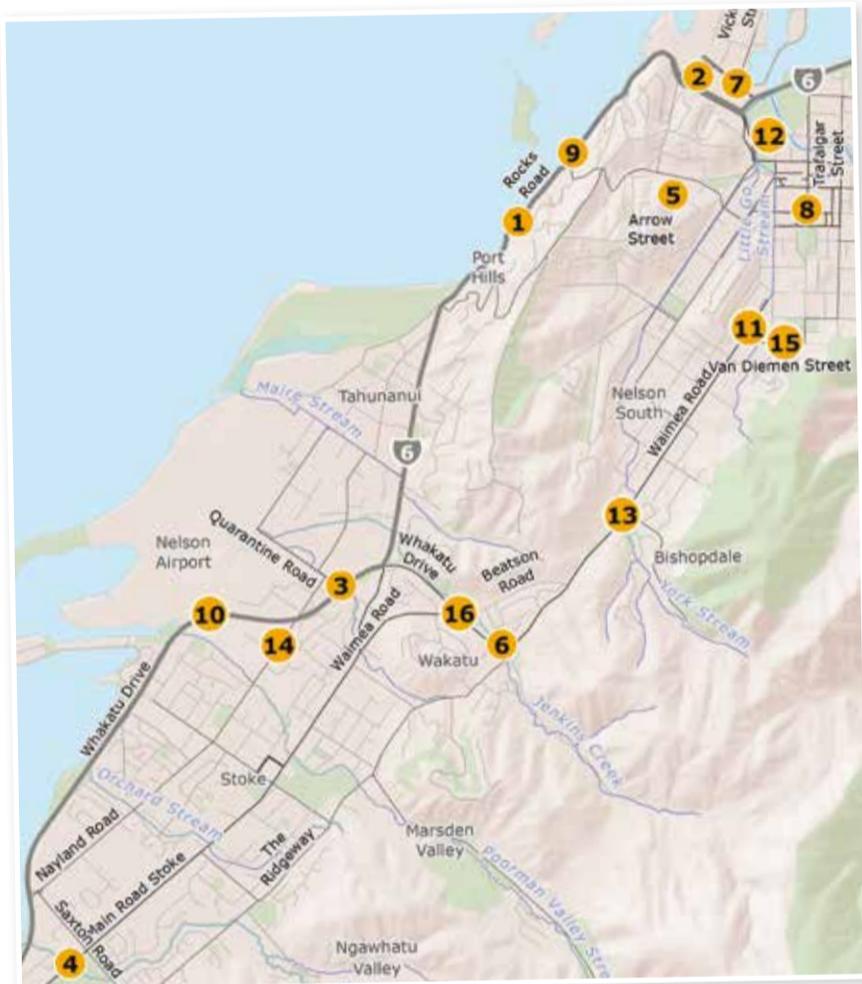
On the day, put your items out on your driveway or front lawn and attach the downloadable poster (also available at Council

service centres) to your letterbox so people can easily identify your address. Please remove any uncollected items at the end of the day.

For treasure-hunters, the final list of addresses for those offering free stuff will be available on the Council website on Friday 11 March.

nelson.govt.nz

Search = Second Hand Sunday



Expect delays during upcoming road works

Nelson City Council has a busy schedule of infrastructure projects for the next few months, once the main tourist season is finished.

Planning for some of these projects has involved collaboration with New Zealand Transport Agency (NZTA) to schedule operations in such a way as to minimise disruption to traffic and, as much as possible, maintain an intact arterial route for traffic travelling in and out of Nelson.

In particular, NZTA has ongoing cliff stabilisation work on Rocks Road/SH6. This work is expected to be complete by the end of February, so that traffic can flow freely along this route. NZTA has also just started a major upgrade at the Quarantine Road/SH 6 roundabout, which is expected to take about five months.

Council has two stormwater upgrades scheduled for Waimea Road; York Stream at Bishopdale and Little Go Stream near

Hampden Street. Work on both projects is due to start in early March, with the expectation that, with the Rocks Road work complete, through traffic will have another arterial route available.

The Nayland Road water main is also due to be upgraded in April with work expected to take five weeks. The Arrow Street upgrade, which started in early February, will see Arrow Street closed to through traffic for three months.

Council and NZTA suggest you allow extra time for your journey and plan ahead where possible. We appreciate your patience.

The table and map below shows current and upcoming projects and their locations.

#	Project name	Authority	Road Location	Planned Start Date	Expected Duration
1	SH6 Rocks Road cliffs upgrade	NZTA	Rocks Road	Started 2015	To end of February 2016
2	Fuel line upgrade	Private	Hay Street – one way in place	February 2016	3 weeks
3	Quarantine Road roundabout upgrade	NZTA	Whakatu Drive / Quarantine Rd	February 2016	19 weeks
4	Orphanage Stream stormwater upgrade – Main Road Stoke	NCC	Main Road Stoke and Saxton Road East (site traffic entrance and exit)	February 2016	16 weeks
5	Arrow Street stormwater upgrade	NCC	Arrow Street	February 2016	12 weeks
6	Resurfacing	NCC	Waimea Road	March 2016	1 week
7	Resurfacing	NCC	Wildman Ave / Vickerman Street roundabout	March 2016	1 week
8	Courtesy crossing replacement	NCC	Trafalgar Street	March 2016	1 week
9	Road maintenance on SH6 (work carried out at night)	NZTA	From Annesbrook Drive to Haven Road	March 2016	2 weeks
10	Whakatu Drive wire rope barrier installation (work done outside of peak traffic periods)	NZTA	SH6 between Songer Street to Nayland Road overbridge	March 2016	4 weeks
11	Hampden Street Little Go Stream stormwater upgrade	NCC	Waimea Road	March 2016	36 weeks
12	Rutherford Park upgrade	NCC	Paru Paru Road (from Countdown)	March 2016	8 weeks
13	York Stream stormwater upgrade	NCC	Waimea Road	March 2016	12 weeks
14	Nayland Road watermain upgrade	NCC	Nayland Road	April 2016	5 weeks
15	Resurfacing	NCC	Van Diemen Street	April 2016	1 week
16	Beatson Road sewer upgrade Stage 2 (minimal traffic impact)	NCC	Whakatu Drive / Beatson Road	April 2016	10 weeks

Dates and times are estimates only and may change due to weather or unforeseen circumstances.

Neighbours invited to get together

Nelson residents are being encouraged to be extra neighbourly during Neighbours' Day Aotearoa in March.

Neighbourhood Support Nelson is inviting neighbours to get together during the national celebration on March 19 and 20, and offering a range of vouchers as an incentive.

Neighbourhood Support Nelson co-ordinator Karen Clark said bakery, meat pack and pizza vouchers were being offered for neighbourhoods planning social events such as BBQs.

The organisation was also offering equipment hire vouchers for neighbourhoods planning street clean-ups or working bees, with the vouchers able to be used to hire a trailer, a weed-eater or water-blaster.

"Neighbours' Day Aotearoa offers the ideal opportunity to band together with neighbours to make your neighbourhood a nicer place. You can enhance your neighbourhood environment and get to know

each other at the same time," she said.

"If you can't come up with a neighbourhood project, then just invite a few neighbours over for a cuppa. The best way to get to know your neighbours is to chat with them face to face."

This year's vouchers will be funded through grants from the Nelson City Council and Network Tasman Trust, and sponsorship from Pestell's Rai Bacon Company, Stoke Bakery, Pizza Hut and Hirepool.

To apply for a voucher fill out an application form at nswilson.org/about/news Applications close on 26 February. For more information contact Karen Clark on 546 4902 or email nswilson@extra.co.nz.

nswilson.org/about/news



Front row: Previous winners Light Nelson Trustees John-Paul Pochin and Brian Riley. Back Row: Trustpower Community Relations Manager Graeme Purches, Nelson Mayor Rachel Reese and Tasman Mayor Richard Kempthorne.

Trustpower Community Awards nominations open soon

Volunteers are at the heart of our community – dedicating hours of time and energy every year to making Nelson a better place to live.

Each year, Trustpower sets out to celebrate and reward volunteers through their Community Awards programme.

The Awards are about celebrating volunteers and the tremendous amount of work they do in our communities. Through the Trustpower Community Awards, volunteers are given well deserved recognition.

Trustpower's Community Awards programme has been running in Nelson since 2000, with the Tasman district joining the scheme in 2006. Since its inception, around \$100,000 has been injected into the community through the Trustpower Community Awards. This year more than \$5000 in prize money is up for grabs.

Anyone can nominate a voluntary group or organisation for the Trustpower Nelson Tasman Community Awards – groups can even nominate themselves.

The Trustpower Community Awards cover five categories:

- Heritage and Environment – Improve and revitalise the local environment, culture or heritage.
- Health and Wellbeing – Provide services that enhance the social wellbeing of people.
- Arts and Culture – Enhance and increase participation in arts and creative leisure activities or improve the community culture.
- Sport and Leisure – Increase participation and enjoyment in physical sport, leisure activities and recreational pursuits.
- Education and Child/Youth Development – Improve and enhance the education of the community, or the educational or social development of children and youth.

Nominations open 29 February and close 29 April 2016.

For more information head to trustpower.co.nz/communityawards.

trustpower.co.nz/communityawards

Positive Ageing

You're invited to come along to the Nelson Tasman Positive Ageing Forum meetings.

Hear about what's happening locally to help make ageing a positive experience. The next meeting is Monday 29 February at 1pm, Constance Barnicoat Room, Richmond Library. If you wish to be added to the contacts list, email mike.tasman-jones@tasman.govt.nz.





Call for expressions of interest for Community Investment Funding

Nelson City Council has been providing assistance to community organisations under the Community Assistance Policy for many years.

In 2015, the policy was reviewed and key changes were made to the allocation of funding to community organisations. In particular, the objective of the fund now has a focus on supporting social development outcomes and will no longer include funding for arts, recreation and events.

Another key change was the name of the fund - now known as the Community Investment Fund to better reflect its purpose. The allocation process was improved by establishing a Community Investment Funding Panel, comprising of four community members and one council officer, to decide on the allocation of funds.

Expressions of Interest (EOI) for the Community Investment Fund 'agreements' (for amounts over \$2,500) will be open from 1 March to 1 April 2016. Applicants are invited to submit a one page application via Council's website. Successful EOI applicants will then be asked to submit a full application in May.

The intention of starting the process early is to ensure that funding can be distributed early in the new financial year.

Community Investment 'grant' applications (for amounts under \$2,500) will open in August.

The full funding timeline can be found on the 2016/17 Community Investment Fund Guidelines, available at nelson.govt.nz.

For the 2016/17 year, \$50,000 is available for 'grants' and \$156,310 for 'agreements', with \$93,690 already allocated to existing agreements. The total allocated for the Community Investment Fund is \$300,000.

If you wish to submit an EOI you can find further information on the process and criteria at nelson.govt.nz search = community investment fund.

nelson.govt.nz

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Tahunanui gets pedestrian refuge

Calls for a pedestrian refuge in Tahunanui on SH6 will be answered in March, when Council contractors erect a pedestrian refuge just north of the SH6 – Muritai Street intersection.

The refuge is a response to many requests from local residents and businesses to improve pedestrian safety along this stretch of road. Research highlighted that pedestrians will try and cross in the vicinity of this location rather than walk to the traffic lights.

Council hopes to improve the safety of pedestrians who regularly cross the road there and of drivers who may have to brake suddenly to avoid people crossing the road close to a very busy intersection.



Councillors Paul Matheson and Gaile Noonan with Madison Vass, Tahunanui Community Centre Manager Judy Robinson, Riley Jones, Corban Sutherland, Tahunanui Primary School teacher Heidi Newland and Arjay Harper, in the Burrell Park Community Garden.

Burrell Park growing a feast

The Tahunanui community is growing – in more ways than one. Burrell Park, on Muritai Street, is now larger and more productive thanks to a collaborative effort between Council, the Tahunanui Community Centre and Tahunanui Primary School.

Council was able to purchase the house and section at 65 Muritai Street from the estate of its owner, Agnes Goodwin, to add to the land area at Burrell Park. The house was removed and Council contractors have landscaped the property to amalgamate it with the existing park area. Agnes's original vegetable garden was then replanted by volunteers from the community centre and the school.

The garden is now bursting with summer vegetables, including corn, tomatoes, lettuces, cabbages, peas and beans,

peppers and courgettes. The garden volunteers harvest the produce once a week, and it's then distributed by the community centre through its food box system.

Councillor Paul Matheson said that work to increase the size of Burrell Park has paid dividends for the whole community. "We now have an enhanced open space between the Community Centre and the School – two key community facilities – plus a highly productive volunteer run community garden. It's a very rewarding outcome."

Stoke goes loopy for NBus

From school to sports to the pool, it's all so easy on the NBus Stoke loop.

This new route, which started in December, offers great connections around Stoke. It travels in a continuous figure eight every hour on weekdays and Saturdays. It heads north from Stoke along the Ridgeway to Enner Glynn, then back to Stoke via Nayland Road and Putaitai St before heading south along Suffolk Road to Saxton Road, across to Nayland Road and back to Stoke.

The NBus loop service makes it easy for students to get from school or home, to take part in sports at Saxton Field, or take a dip at Nayland Pool.

There is now a kneeling bus on this route so it is much easier for anyone with limited mobility to get on and off. The driver can also lower a ramp for wheelchair access.

The Stoke loop is "hail and ride" too so there is no need to wait at a formal bus stop. Just signal the driver and the bus will stop

anywhere on the route it is safe to do so.

Don't forget to download the updated NBus app for iPhones from iTunes if you want the latest timetable info on the go or you can check it all out on nbus.co.nz.



Ready, set, get fit!

Fitness in the Park is a fun, free and exciting programme that offers a wide variety of exercise and fitness classes at your local park each week!

This is your opportunity to get out and enjoy summer, and get fit at the same time. Registration opens seven days prior to each class.

Class schedule

- **Migym Box Fit**
Botanics Sportsground, 27 February, 10am
- **Boot Camp Nelson**
Tahunanui Beach, 5 March, 8.15am
- **Running Technique with Nigel Burgess**
Botanics Sportsground, 12 March, 8.15am
- **Migym Body Balance**
Botanics Sportsground, 19 March, 9am
- **Power Yoga**
Botanics Sportsground, 9 April, 9am

For more information or to register, go to sporttasman.org.nz/fitnessinthepark or contact Wendy Bettjeman, phone 546 3309 or email wendy.bet@sporttasman.org.nz.

sporttasman.org.nz/fitnessinthepark

Celebrating our youth

This month, the talents of local performer Jake Robinson are being acknowledged, after he gained one of 22 places at the London School of Musical Theatre.

Jake has also been selected as one of 24 students to represent New Zealand as a member of Shakespeare Globe Centre New Zealand (SGCNZ) – Young Shakespeare Company.

The 18 year old will undertake workshops and perform at the Globe Theatre in London in July before starting Drama school in September.

Jake, who completed his studies at Garin College last year, has performed in over 20 local productions, gained an Associate of Trinity College London (Distinction) in Musical Theatre and was the Supreme winner at the SGCNZ / Morrison Music Trust music competition for his arrangement of Sonnet 130 as a pop / rock song.

Jake's talents are impressive and we look forward to seeing him pursue a career in the performing arts.

If you would like to help Jake achieve his dream his Give A Little page is givealittle.co.nz/cause/jakeglobe.

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Keeping children safe around inflatable pools

Building unit manager Martin Brown holds up the type of inflatable pool that has become a concern this summer.

Large pop up pools have become popular this summer as people take advantage of their availability and affordability to cool down at home. However, Nelson City Council is concerned some people are unaware that these types of pools can be dangerous.

Council's building unit manager Martin Brown says, "We've become aware of a number of instances where pop up pools are in open, unfenced sections, which are easily accessed by small children.

"It's important people realise these are not paddling pools. There is a very real risk of a young child drowning if these pools are not properly fenced, particularly as they often come with filters and are intended to be left up all summer."

Council has responsibilities under the Fencing

of Swimming Pools Act 1987 and so do members of the public when purchasing one of these pools. Any unfenced pool with sides less than 1.2 metres and capable of having a depth greater than 400mm will not meet the requirements of the legislation.

For further information about your responsibilities, visit nelson.govt.nz (search phrase = swimming pool consents) where you will find a Pool Fencing Guide, or you can call the pool compliance officer on 03 546 0200.

nelson.govt.nz

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Computer classes at the Library

Elma Turner Library, 10–12pm

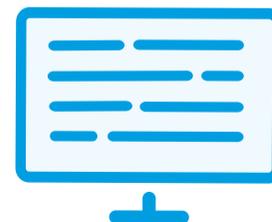
Mousing for beginners	Wed 24 Feb
MS Word for beginners	Wed 2 Mar
Basic Internet skills	Thu 3 Mar
Library online	Thu 10 Mar
Library Apps.....	Wed 16 Mar
Research databases	Thu 17 Mar
Basic Internet skills	Thu 24 Mar
Tablets.....	Thu 31 Mar
Newspapers online.....	Wed 6 Apr
ebooks.....	Thu 7 Apr
Spreadsheets.....	Wed 13 Apr
Social Media	Thu 14 Apr
Minecraft game for grownups... ..	Wed 20 Apr

Book at the front desk or email library@ncc.govt.nz or phone 546 0414.

Stoke Library, 8.15–9.15am

Basic Internet 1.....	Thu 25 Feb
Basic Internet 2.....	Thu 3 Mar
Email for beginners (Gmail).....	Fri 4 Mar
eBooks.....	Thu 10 Mar
Library online	Fri 15 Apr

Book at Stoke Library or email library@ncc.govt.nz.
See nelsonpubliclibraries.co.nz/library/my-library/computer-classes/ for more information.



ALL CLASSES ARE FREE OF CHARGE

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FROM THE COUNCIL TABLE

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



MEETINGS

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

Community Services Committee	1 Mar
9am	
Council meeting	3 Mar
9am	
Governance Committee	10 Mar
9am	
Hearings Panel – Other – Proposed Temporary Road Closure Applications	
To follow Governance Committee	10 Mar
Nelson Regional Sewerage Business Unit – Ruma Mārama	11 Mar
1pm	
Council meeting	24 Mar
9am	
Joint Committee of Tasman District and Nelson City Councils	29 Mar
9.30am	
Works and Infrastructure Committee	31 Mar
9am	
Audit, Risk and Finance Subcommittee – Ruma Mārama	
To follow Works and Infrastructure Committee	31 Mar
Commercial Subcommittee – Ruma Mārama	
To follow Audit, Risk and Finance Subcommittee	31 Mar
Other Meetings	
Nelson Youth Council	2 Mar
1pm	
Nelson Youth Council	22 Mar
1pm	

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.



Mayor's Message

What a summer it has been – one of those Kiwi summers that leave golden memories, and this year was even more special with the 17th Opera in the Park.



As I looked around the crowd on the night, I was heartened to see such a broad cross section of Nelsonians enjoying a wonderful summer event – families, retired people, children and youth.

It's the young people I am particularly keen to encourage – to visit, learn and live in Nelson and keep our city full of life. Dave Dobbyn said on the night how much he loved playing here – that Nelson is a place that makes the arts and artists feel at home.

So what better natural environment could there be for developing young artists?

This is, in my opinion, illustrated beautifully by the annual Adam Summer School, which sees the New Zealand String Quartet arrive with up to 30 of New Zealand's most promising young chamber musicians for an intensive week of tuition and workshop.

I went to this year's Finale concert at Old St John's on 14 February, and saw these talented young people take the stage with their stunning performances of pieces by

Brahms, Mozart, Schubert and many others. It's rewarding to know that they are nurtured through this formative experience in our city.

18-year old Nelson Cellist Lavinnia Rae has been lucky enough to experience the Adam Summer School. She says that the experience "opens a door to seeing what being a professional chamber musician would be like".

"I most enjoy getting to work intensively alongside the New Zealand String Quartet. I've learnt many valuable things on musicianship, working together as a chamber group and how to efficiently practice parts over my four years attending."

This is just one example of how Nelson nurtures creativity in the young. There's also youth involvement in our arts festival, through our schools, NMIT and community youth projects. Summer may be heading to an end but I know that for many young people, time spent in Nelson is a springboard to a creative life. Long may it continue.

Youth Council kicks off for 2016

By Taylah Shuker and Keegan Phipps

Happy New Year from the Nelson Youth Council! This year kicked off with our first meeting on 9 February. We then met to discuss our Heritage Week Project for 2016.

We see heritage as an important part of our community, so we have organised an exhibition to display some of the work of student photographers, with all of the photos inspired by 'The Prow' website.

This event will be held at the Refinery Art Space from 14–28 April, as part of Heritage Week. With this project being well underway, Youth Councillors look forward to submitting to the Annual Plan, attending Council/ Committee meetings and taking action on the tough issue of youth employment.

For more information on what the Nelson Youth Council is doing for young people within our community, be sure to like our Facebook page!

Sun shines for Opera in the Park

Nelson Opera in the Park attracted one of its larger crowds to date on 13 February, with 7500 people making the most of a night of world class music in the open air.

Mayor Rachel Reese said the large crowd confirmed the event as one of Nelson's most popular, with accommodation in the city centre booked out over the weekend. "It was a fantastic night out that not only attracted thousands of residents but also many visitors from out of town. The international artists played to an international crowd," she said.

"As Mayor of Nelson I am delighted to see the continued success of Opera in the Park as a Council event."

Musical Director Pete Rainey said the night was one of the best yet.

"We could not have asked for more. A fantastic crowd, a world-class line up and stunning weather. It truly was a spectacular evening."

Nelson School of Music's Take a

Seat fundraising got off to a great start, with pledges from event goers for 50 seats received towards the \$6.4 million restrengthening project.

"Having committed \$3 million towards the restrengthening work, Council was pleased to be able to support this further fundraising campaign as part of Opera in the Park," Mayor Reese said.



Mayor Rachel Reese presents a donation from the Mayoral Fund to Alison McAlpine, Chair of the Nelson Cancer Society Board of Trustees.

Relay For Life

Relay for Life is happening again this year, on Saturday 5 March at Saxton Field, Stoke.

Team registrations are still open – visit relayforlife.org.nz or head to the Cancer Society Rooms at 102 Hardy Street to register.

Relay for Life is a vital fundraiser for the Cancer Society – an inspiring community event that gives everyone a chance to celebrate cancer survivors and carers. This year Mayor Rachel Reese gave a donation to the cause from the Mayoral Fund.

"Relay For Life supports cancer sufferers and their families across the whole Nelson community," says Mayor Reese. "It's a fantastic event full of hope and courage. Congratulations to the teams who have entered and every encouragement to new teams to complete their registration now – it's not too late. I look forward to walking my laps and joining in the spirit of this important fundraiser for Cancer Society Nelson."

Drinking water public notice

Some plumbing fittings have the potential to allow minute traces of metals to accumulate in water standing in the fittings for several hours.

Although the health risk is small, the Ministry of Health recommends that you flush a mugful of water from your drinking water tap each morning, before use, to remove any metals that may have dissolved from the plumbing fittings.

We recommend this simple precaution for all households, including those on public and private water supplies.

What's on – at a Council venue near you



Trafalgar Street

Big Bang Nelson Tasman: Regional celebration of drumming at 1903 Square, 5 March, 10am–3pm

Collingwood Street

Mike Pero Trolley Derby: 12 March, 10am–4pm

Victory Square

Race Unity Day 2016: 20 March, 11am–4pm

Founders Heritage Park

30th Birthday Garden Party: 28 February, 12–4pm

Jazz on the Village Green: Nelson Jazz Club band WINK, 6 March, 1.30–4pm

Marchfest 2016: 19 March, 12–9.30pm

Trafalgar Park

Sol3 Mio – On Another Note Tour: 27 February, 8pm

The Botanical Reserve

Sport Tasman Fitness in the Park

- Migym Box Fit, 27 February, 10am
- Running Technique with Nigel Burgess, 12 March, 8.15am
- Migym Body Balance, 19 March, 9am

Boulder Bank

Knapps Lawyers Boulder Bank Walk: 13 March, first bus 8.15am

Isel Park

Sport Tasman Give it a Go: Disc Golf, 9 March, 10am

Saxton Sports Complex

Pickleball at Saxton Stadium, 25 February, 3, 10, 17 Mar, 9.30–10.30am

Sport Tasman Give it a Go Programme:

- Badminton at Saxton Stadium, 16 March, 10am
- Tai Chi at Saxton Stadium, 23 March, 10am
- Petanque at Saxton Field, 30 March, 10am

Riverside Pool

Sport Tasman Give it a Go: Aqua Aerobics, 24 February, 10.30am

Tahunanui Beach and Sportsground

Yoga on the Beach: Saturdays 8–9.10am, Wednesdays 7.30–8.40am, until 9 April

Sport Tasman Fitness in the Park: Boot Camp Nelson, Tahunanui Beach, 5 March, 8.15am

Weetbix Tryathlon: Tahunanui Sportsground, 6 March, 8.30am

Stoke Memorial Hall

Meccano Exhibition: 25–27 March, 10am–4pm

Nelson Model Railway Exhibition: 19–20 March, 10am–5pm

Nelson Public Libraries

Elma Turner Library

Nelson BookChat, second Tuesday of each month, 10.30am

STEMWriters, (writers' group) second Tuesday of each month, 2pm

Contact alyson.baker@ncc.govt.nz

Small Time at the Children's Library: Stories and songs for under 2yr olds, Wednesdays, 10.30am, during term time only

Story Time at the Children's Library: Stories and songs for over 2yr olds, Thursdays, 2pm, during term time only

Computer classes at the Library (book at the desk), 10am–noon, see list of classes on page 6

Device Advice: Every Tuesday, 10–11am and Thursday, 2–3pm

Nelson Institute and Friends of the Library Talk: Norwegian photographer Peter Lukas, 28 February, 2pm

Stoke Library

BookChat, third Wednesday of each month, 5.30pm

Small Time, stories and songs for under 2yr olds, Tuesdays, 10.30am, during term time only

Story Time, stories and songs for over 2yr olds, Wednesday, 10.30am, during term time only

Computer classes at the Stoke Library (book at the library), 8.15–9.15am, see list of classes on page 6

Device Advice: Every Friday 11am–noon

Museums and Galleries

Nelson Provincial Museum

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

1915 – The End of Innocence, WW1 – Their stories, our History: Until April 2016

Suter Art Gallery

Te Aratoi O Whakatū – Euan MacLeod – Painter, daily 9.30am–4.30pm until 1 May

Refinery ArtSpace

Weekdays, 10am–5pm; weekends, 11am–4pm

Terra Firma – ceramic art, until 5 March

Changing Threads National contemporary Fibre Arts Awards, 11 March–2 April

CHECK OUT

Marchfest 2016, 19 March, 12–9.30pm, Founders Heritage Park

Nelson's beer flavoured festival – a celebration of music, food, fun and of course, proper beer. The ninth MarchFest promises to be another great day out for local beer lovers, eclectic music lovers, beer geeks, home brewers and of course the kids! Great live music is always a big feature of Marchfest. Headlining and set to draw the crowds will be the hugely popular New Zealand band, Tahuna Breaks. Event goers will also enjoy the blues and 60s funk style sounds of The Nudge. Popular local bands, The Gypsy Pickers, Humankindness, and The Vanguard complete the line-up.