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Nelson Arts Festival dates confirmed

The dates are now locked and loaded for this year's Nelson Arts Festival! Clear your diaries from 14 – 26 October to soak up an outstanding line up of international and homegrown music, theatre, dance, comedy, readers and writers' talks, and community events. Tickets on sale from Friday 7 August.

Customer Service Centre closure

Nelson City Council Customer Service Centre will be closing early this Thursday 23 July. We will be closing at 4pm for a staff meeting. We apologise for any inconvenience this may cause.

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Cable Bay Road officially open



Cable Bay Road – which was devastated by severe flooding and landslips in 2011 – has been officially reopened by the Mayor and Councillors.

Supplies had to be brought into Cable Bay by helicopter and boat after 446mm of rain fell in just 48 hours just before Christmas 2011.

Council worked quickly to identify 29 sites along Cable Bay which needed to be fixed, and a \$3.1 million contract was awarded to Tonkin & Taylor and Donaldson Civil to carry out the work.

The 20 month contract was completed on time and on budget, with Donaldson Civil recently winning a supreme industry award for its work on the complicated project.

The work involved replacing 22 retaining wall sites, six culvert upgrades (four with concrete fords), 12 timber pole retaining walls (most with ground anchors), and six Gabion basket retaining walls.

The Mayor and Councillors were taken on a bus

tour to the various sites last week with a commentary on the work carried out by staff from Tonkin & Taylor, Donaldson Civil and Council.

A ribbon cutting ceremony was then held to mark the success of the project and to thank both the contractors and the local residents for their hard work and patience.

Chair of the Works and Infrastructure Committee, Eric Davy, says it's a fantastic way of celebrating the completion of a complex and significant project.

"The success of this project is testament to the hard work, dedication and patience of both the contractors and local residents who never gave up, firmly believing this road could not only be repaired but improved.

"The results we can see here today speak for themselves," he said.

Changes to rates due dates and water annual charges

Council is making some changes to the way it charges you for your water and rates. It is doing this to help simplify the process.

Rates due date changes

In response to feedback from the community, Council is changing the due dates of rates bills from 27 to 20 August, November, February and May (unless this date falls on a weekend or public holiday, when it will then be due the next business day). This change is in line with generally accepted business practice.*

We will be ensuring rates invoices get to customers at least 14 days in advance of the due date.

We appreciate these changes may cause hardship to some of our customers. Please talk to us if you have any problems paying your rates. We make a commitment that where there are agreed payment arrangements in place, there will not be a penalty applied.

Water annual charges

There are two ways Council charges you for your water usage. There is a fixed annual water connection charge, shown on your water invoice as a daily line charge, along with your metered water usage.

Previously, both the fixed connection charge and metered water usage were charged together on your water invoice.

For the 2015/16 year which began on 1 July 2015, the annual water connection charge has moved from your water invoice onto your rates invoice.* You will still receive a separate water invoice for your metered water usage.

This change will make your rates invoice look higher, as the water annual charge will increase your annual rates assessment by \$198

incl GST. However, your water invoice will be reduced by the same amount.

Although your water connection charge will have moved to your rates invoice for the 2015/16 year, there is still one outstanding instalment for your 2014/15 water connection. This will appear on your next water invoice. After this, all further water connection charges will be shown on your rates invoice.

**If you currently pay by direct debit, you will receive notification of any changes in July/August.*

For more information please contact Customer Services on 03 546 0200 or visit our offices at 110 Trafalgar Street. Please talk to us early if you see these changes affecting your ability to pay.



Reminder: Draft Brook Plan open for consultation

A friendly reminder that consultation is open on the draft Brook Recreation Reserve Management Plan, which outlines how the reserve that includes the Brook Camp could be used in the future.

The 100-page draft plan and summary also highlights what needs protection on the site and how the setting could best serve both Nelsonians and visitors to the region.

Consultation closes on Monday 17 August 2015 at 5pm.

Council has signalled its preference for a vision for the site that would allow for a recreation area, camping, education facilities and tourism ventures to be pursued in the future.

Feedback from the community and key stakeholders earlier in the year guided the development of the draft plan, which was

released for public comment last month.

It is available to view at the Council's Customer Service Centre and Libraries, along with submission forms. People can also see the draft plan via the council website, nelson.govt.nz, search phrase = brook plan, and provide feedback online.

A hearing panel will hear public submissions, and make recommendations to amend the draft plan, before a final version is adopted by Council.

nelson.govt.nz Search = brook plan

Second woodburner community meeting coming up

Nelson City Council is holding a second public meeting on Thursday 30 July to update the community on progress with its Air Plan Review.

The meeting will be held at the Trafalgar Pavillion from 5.30–7pm and everyone is welcome. This follows a meeting held in March to better understand the key issues from the community and how these could be addressed through the plan review.

The upcoming meeting will summarise feedback received so far, discuss the various options the review will consider, and check whether any suggestions have been missed.

The aim of the review is to find a fair and reasonable solution to keeping people warm in their homes while still meeting the National Environmental Standard for Air Quality (NESAQ) set by the Government.

Those interested are welcome to attend part or all of the meeting. Feedback forms will be circulated on the day.





Family History Month at Nelson Public Libraries

Elma Turner Library is offering a range of learning sessions, lunchtime talks and displays during August to celebrate Family History Month.

Start your 'Family History' journey with Judith Fitchett from NZ Society of Genealogists. August 4, 11, 18, 10–11.30am in the Learning Centre.

Decide to finally write down those family stories with history writer Joy Stephens. Joy will help you choose material, frame your story, think about your potential audience and write a story which will delight and interest your family and friends. August 7, 14, 10am in the Research Room.

Cindy Batt, Te Ātiawa, Waikato, Te Whanau-A-Apanui, Ngāti Porou will run two 'Introduction to Tracing Whakapapa' sessions to point you in the right direction for resources, whether it is for you or someone in your family. August 17, 20 10am–12pm in the Research Room.

There are also three lunchtime talks in

the Activities Room, starting with Sheila Alley, amateur family historian, bringing family history to life using stories, crafts and objects. August 12, 12pm. Researchers and authors, Hilary and John Mitchell, will tell us why Whakapapa is crucial to Maori and to understanding Maori culture. August 14, 12.30pm. Learn how you can help preserve our communities' heritage from Helen Pannett, Manager of the Research Library and Archive in the Nelson Provincial Museum, in her talk 'Capturing Our History: Stories in Our Communities' about the Museum's Oral History Collection. August 21, 1pm.

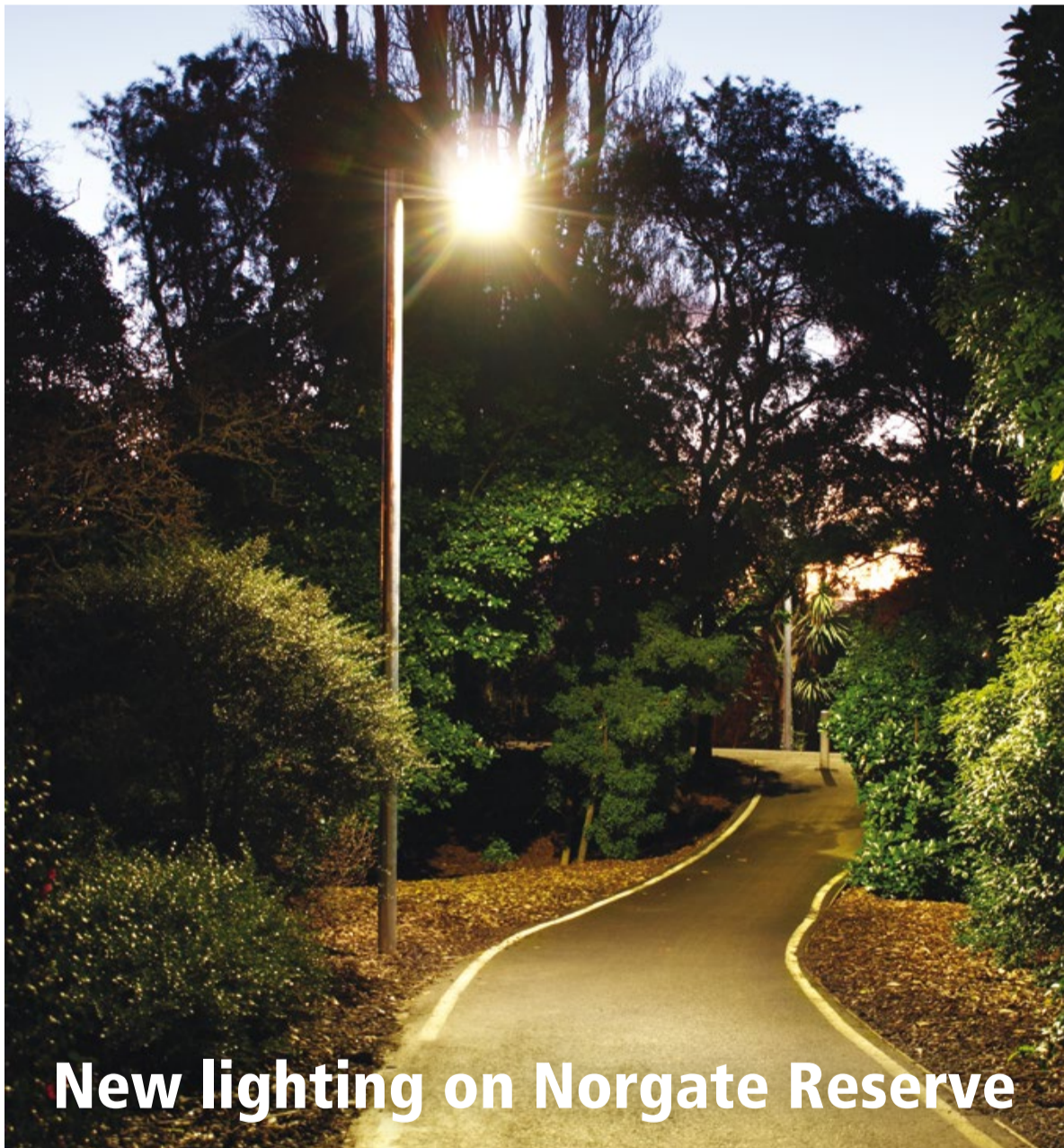
Community Corner will be staffed once a week by experienced family history consultants from the Family History Centre and Ancestors Attic, offering help and advice with your research, and Library staff will run a

session showing online and print resources the Library has on offer.

A children's table for creating family trees and writing family stories will be set up, and there will be something for young adults as well.

Stoke Library also welcomes queries about family research during Family History Month in August. On August 21 there will be a librarian available all day to answer queries about starting your family research or how to use Ancestry.com. Stoke Library will also have a display with lots of local information on how to get started on your research, and activities for young enthusiasts as well.

Bookings are essential for some sessions. For further information, or to make a booking, please ask at the Library or phone 546 0414.



New lighting on Norgate Reserve

Cyclists, dog walkers and pedestrians can now enjoy a safer and more visible journey through the Norgate Reserve, thanks to the introduction of new lighting.

The large Annesbrook roundabout has had a history of cycle crashes and the upgrade is part of Council's efforts to encourage cyclists to make better use of the underpasses and over-bridges which are in place to help keep them safe.

The Norgate Reserve and the nearby Arthur Cotton Bridge underpass on Waimea Road both provide excellent shortcuts for cyclists and pedestrians and this improved lighting has now made this even easier and safer.

It is part of an ongoing partnership between Council and the New Zealand Transport Agency to upgrade the street lighting throughout the city.

State Highway road closure – new dates

State highway traffic along Atawhai Drive is being diverted onto Atawhai Crescent on two occasions overnight to allow for continued upgrade works at Corder Park wastewater pump station.

The detour will be in place on the nights of Wednesday 22 July and Monday 3 August from 7pm to 6am.

These dates are different from those published in the last Live Nelson.

A temporary speed reduction of 30kph will be in place in the area.

Further information is available on our website:

nelson.govt.nz

Search = Corder Park detour





Native fish at Pipers Park

Pipers Park Reserve is an important refuge for a significant population of banded kokopu fish which were first discovered in the creek by the entrance to the reserve in 2013, when fish salvage was undertaken prior to stormwater maintenance work.

The juvenile fish have managed to navigate upstream from the sea through approximately 2km of stormwater pipe to reach the reserve.

Last year, surveys were undertaken, showing that up to 30 fish were restricted to a few pools that had poor connectivity with the up and downstream reaches due to scouring and erosion of the bed, causing steep falls in bed levels.

Council Environmental Programmes team has been working with Nelmac rangers to improve fish passage and habitat within the reserve. This includes creating fish ladders and pools using natural materials, including punga logs and boulders.

The riparian margin (includes the stream bank and land within 5m) is being planted with native flaxes, grasses and sedges, with shrubs and trees planted to overhang and shade the stream, with the help of Nelson schools.

The restoration work will be staged, with weed removal and preparation of the stream edge for planting being the main focus for the winter.

The stream and riparian margin will require annual maintenance to manage weeds and maintain fish passage as required, following flood events. The fish population will be monitored annually during summer by spotlight and electrofishing survey, the results contributing to the Nelson Nature programme.

What are banded kokopu?

Whitebait are the juvenile of five species of fish: giant kokopu, banded kokopu, shortjaw kokopu, inanga, and koaro. They are part of a group called galaxiids.

The banded kokopu *Galaxias fasciatus* is endemic to New Zealand, but is not listed as threatened.

Adult banded kokopu usually live in the pools of very small tributaries where there is virtually a complete overhead canopy of vegetation. Our galaxiids are generally nocturnal and very good at hiding. They love bushy streams, where they find both shelter and food, with a rain of insects falling from the overhanging plants.

This vegetation does not have to be native bush, however, and banded kokopu happily live in urban streams and streams under exotic pine plantations so long as overhead shade is present. They only occur in pools where there is instream cover such as an undercut bank, large rocks or wood debris. They depend on terrestrial insects for a large proportion of their diet and can detect the small ripples made by moths and flies that become stuck on the water surface of the pool.

Although the juveniles are good climbers, banded kokopu do not penetrate very far inland and are primarily a coastal species.

We are losing more and more whitebait each year. The Department of Conservation lists a number of things that people can do to help prevent the decline:

- Follow the whitebait fishing regulations.
- Keep your catch small and only take what you need.
- Release species that are not whitebait.
- Whitebait that climb are rare, put them back.
- Keep streams free from pest plants and fish.
- Report any dams or overhanging culverts to your local Department of Conservation or regional council office.
- Get involved in a community project to fence and plant local streams.

Call for nominations for Community Investment Funding Panel

Nelson City Council is currently seeking nominations for two Community Representatives for its Community Investment Funding Panel.

As outlined in the Terms of Reference, these positions are voluntary and the people appointed will act as individuals (not as representatives of any community organisation).

The positions are likely to involve attending four meetings a year, for a total of approximately 16 volunteer hours a year.

Further details are outlined in the Terms of Reference document at nelson.govt.nz/services/community/funding/community-assistance-funding/ where nomination forms can be downloaded, or contact Nicola Mercer at nicola.mercer@ncc.govt.nz or 546 0217.

nelson.govt.nz

Search = community assistance funding



Recycling reminder

Whether it's the cold mornings or something else – some Nelson households are missing out on kerbside recycling by leaving it too late to place their recycling on the curb.

Recycling crates need to be outside by 8am to ensure collection. All Nelmac Beta-Bins trucks now use GPS tracking to maximise the smartest routes for each recycling run. This has meant that some runs now occur earlier or later in the day than previously and the system also shows exactly when each truck goes through a particular area.

So just remember The Recycler's Rule and you'll never have a problem. "Have your crate at the gate by 8 – or it may be too late!"



Catherine Moisan, Section Head of the Natural Toxins laboratories, talking to members of the public about toxic freshwater algae at the Cawthron Institute Open Day last year.

Cawthron Annual Open Day

Fascinating and important research happening at New Zealand's largest independent science organisation will be on show as part of Cawthron Institute's fifth annual open day on Sunday 26 July.

Event Details

What: Cawthron Institute Open Day
When: 10am–3pm, Sunday 26 July
Where: 98 Halifax Street East, Nelson

This is an opportunity to meet world-leading scientists and hear about cutting-edge science on your doorstep.

Scientists from Cawthron's freshwater, ecotoxicology, coastal science, aquaculture and food technology teams will be on hand to share and explain their work. There will also be a range of displays including hi-tech buoys, examples of natural toxins, didymo (also known as rock snot), and cyanobacteria or blue-green algae.

The location, 98 Halifax Street East, is of historical importance to Cawthron as it has been home to research for the institute since its

establishment 94 years ago. On the very site of the latest EnviroTech laboratories, tobacco research was being undertaken in the 1920's.

"Right now it's an exciting time at Cawthron and we're looking forward to sharing our research with the community," Cawthron Institute Chief Executive, Professor Charles Eason, says.

"These open days are a fantastic way to connect with our community and allow people to see some of the world-leading science happening in their own backyard."

For further information visit the Friends of Cawthron on Facebook or cawthron.org.nz.

To make a reservation for a lab tour or any other enquiry contact Cherie Johansson, Community Development Manager, Cawthron Institute, 03 548 2319.

New information panels unveiled in Stoke

Stoke is now home to four new information boards, celebrating the history of our fastest growing suburb.

The four panels which can be seen throughout Stoke, have been created with support from the community, and provide historical information on the development of the area, from the resourcefulness of early settlers through to popular pastimes for residents.

Thank you to members of the community who have been very generous in sharing memories and photographs with Council.



Bollards installed to protect Maitai Valley picnic areas

A series of bollards have been installed along two of the pull-off picnic areas on the Maitai Valley Road.

A bollard and chain barrier was deemed to be necessary as regrettably, during the wetter periods of the year, 4WD vehicles have converted them to muddy quagmires for "mud plugging".

The resulting muddy ground is not able to be driven over by a two wheel drive vehicle and leaves the picnic areas badly rutted out when the ground firms up over summer.

The cost to repair these areas each year has been substantial, so Council hopes these bollards will prevent further misuse of them by 4WD vehicles.

Turf areas in all reserves are vulnerable to vehicle damage during these colder, wetter months of winter.

Many reserves have formed roads and parking areas and Council asks that these be used for access rather than driving over the grass.

THE RISE AND FALL OF STOKE ORCHARDING

Fruitful Times

ROBINSON'S ORCHARD

ROCHDALE CIDER

THE STEPHENS' ORCHARD

Stoke Orchards

"In the early 1900s, there were 137 orchards in the Tahuna-Richmond area. In those days a living could be made from a 5-10 acre block selling produce mainly to the local market."

Nelson City Council

Heritage lighting for Nile Street



A major upgrade has been carried out on the streetlights on Nile Street thanks to the generosity of two community Trusts.

Between Trafalgar Square East and Collingwood Street, the streetlights are now comprised of black heritage style poles with modern LED bulbs.

Although funding for the streetlight improvements (the upgrade to LEDs and more poles) was subsidised by NZTA, the Beautiful Nelson Trust and the City of Nelson Civic Trust viewed the upgrade as an opportunity to make further enhancements to the streetscape. They felt it was also a chance to acknowledge the late Elizabeth Stewart, a founder of Beautiful Nelson Trust, and her contributions to the city.

The Trusts and Council staff agreed that the use of heritage lighting poles would suit the look of the area with Historic Place Trust listed buildings, Bishops School, Marsden House and the Nelson School of Music and other

period buildings in the vicinity.

In order to facilitate this work, the Trusts stepped in to pay for the difference between the standard poles and the heritage ones.

Beautiful Nelson Trust generously donated \$11,000 towards the project and the balance of \$7000 was kindly contributed by The City of Nelson Civic Trust.

Council would like to thank both Trusts for their willingness to assist in the improvement of the lighting in this area and hopes everyone enjoys the new look.

Other sites with new streetlights are Nile Street between Collingwood Street and Maitai Road, the Annesbrook Roundabout bicycle and pedestrian bypass, and Arthur Cotton Bridge underpass on Waimea Road by The Ridgeway.

CBD seating upgrade

Some of the seating in the CBD is receiving a spruce-up over the coming weeks.

The existing seats are being removed from site, with leg alteration work carried out and new arm rests fitted.

The frames are being powder-coated and any damaged slats replaced.

Council hopes these improvements will make the seating more attractive and comfortable for people frequenting the CBD.

As part of this ongoing maintenance some of the paving blocks are also being repaired to avoid any potential tripping hazards.



Nelson pool changes

Opening Hours

Swimmers in Nelson will soon have an extra half hour to hit Riverside Pool for their morning exercise at the weekend.

After consulting the pool's users in a survey last year, which indicated a demand for earlier opening hours, and careful monitoring of pool usage by two prominent Nelson clubs, the Riverside Swimming Pool will now open to the public at an earlier time of 8.30am on Saturdays.

This is to keep in alignment with Sunday mornings and provide slightly more accessibility to the public swimmers.

The clubs who currently use the pool prior to the public opening can continue to book out the whole pool with a new time of 7-8.30am.

After this time, if club swimmers wish to carry on swimming, three lanes will be

made available to them until 9am, leaving the other three lanes for public use.

The change will take place from Saturday, 1 August 2015.

Admission Fees

Increases in operating running costs have resulted in some slight increases to entry fees at Riverside and Nayland pools. The last admission fees increase was two years ago.

- Adult entry increases from \$4.80 to \$5.00
- Child admission from \$3.00 to \$3.30 (There are no changes to preschool or school visit fees.)
- Seniors or community service card holders from \$4.00 to \$4.20.

Changes will be effective as of Monday, 3 August 2015.





Nelson's environment scores are in

Council's environmental monitoring scorecards for 2014/15 show varying levels of progress, with some good improvements in the water quality of the Maitai River and progress with Nelson's air quality.

River and Stream Health

Overall, the 2014 annual water quality results for each site reflected their long term trend with an improvement across Nelson sites.

There were seven sites classed as Degraded or Very Degraded in 2014, compared to 12 sites in 2013. This decrease in Degraded sites is partly explained by 2013 being a 'wetter' year than 2014, with more rain (and run-off from land) in summer and autumn.

Nelson waterways were impacted by two high intensity rainfalls in December 2011 and April 2013, resulting in flooding and sedimentation of river channels. Recovery works to infrastructure and private property have temporarily disturbed stream channels and banks, which are recovering naturally.

Recreational Bathing Water Quality

Bathing water quality in Nelson is generally very good. However, high bacteria levels can occur occasionally from various sources such as wild birds, animals, sewerage and farm livestock. An increase in bacteria often occurs after periods of rainfall, when river flow increases from land run-off and stormwater. The 2014/15 sampling season included sampling on wet weather days to align with national monitoring protocols.

Five of the ten recreation bathing monitoring sites had at least one red alert bacteria exceedance for the 2014/15 summer. Most exceedances were explained by wet-weather effects, due to sampling when bathing sites were contaminated by storm water run-off.

Nelson's marine recreation sites at Tahunanui Beach and Cable Bay have retained Good recreation grades, with Nelson Haven (Atawhai) and Monaco (Wharf) receiving Fair grades.

The Maitai River bathing holes continued to show improved bacteria counts with fewer exceedances over the last three years. A health warning remains in place for the lower Maitai below Collingwood Street Bridge and for the Wakapuaka River at Paremata Flats Reserve warning people not swim at these sites.

Council has introduced a range of initiatives through Project Maitai / Mahitahi to improve the water quality of the Maitai River. The Council is also working with landowners to fence off livestock from accessing waterways.



Air Quality

During 2014, Nelson exceeded the National Environment Standard (NES) for Air Quality on three occasions, twice in Airshed A (Victory) and once in Airshed B (Tahunanui). Monitoring in Airshed C (the Brook area) did not show any NES breaches.

Nelson's worst air quality usually occurs during June and July when cold and still conditions are common. Average wind speed during these months last year was above the eight year average. More wind tends to blow smoke away and stop it from concentrating. Temperatures during June were also warmer than average. It is likely the unusual weather conditions in 2014 helped to contribute to lower smoke concentrations than normal.

Given the significant improvements in Nelson's air quality in the last decade and concern that people are living in cold homes, Council is undertaking a review of the Air Plan. A key focus for the review is to consider whether there are opportunities to allow a wider range of home heating options.

Council also contributed funding to the Nelson Tasman Healthy Homes Scheme, which installs insulation into homes for those most in need, and carried out its Warm and Healthy Homes education programme.

For the scorecards' full results, visit the Environmental Monitoring section of Council's website:

nelson.govt.nz



MEETINGS

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

Commercial Subcommittee – Ruma Mārama	2pm	4 Aug
Planning and Regulatory Committee	9am	6 Aug
Community Services Committee	9am	13 Aug
Joint Shareholders Committee	1.30pm	14 Aug
Civil Defence Emergency Management Group to follow Joint Shareholders Committee		14 Aug
Governance Committee	9am	20 Aug
Other Meetings		
Nelson Youth Council	1pm	11 Aug

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.

Crafternoons for adults at the Library

We have Crafternoons for children, now we have them for adults too. Join Karen Woodhall for one, or a series of, hands-on sessions, where you can learn or practice a range of craft skills working with paper and clay.

Drop-in papercraft sessions will be held in front of the red wall at Elma Turner Library on Tuesdays, 1–2.30pm in August (4, 11, 18 and 25). These sessions are free, and no booking is required. Each session will cover a different paper craft.

These will be followed by two polymer clay workshops in the Activity Room – on Wednesdays 2 and 9 September, 1–3pm. The workshops are also free, but bookings are required. It is recommended that you attend both sessions, but it is not essential.

For further information, or to make a booking, please ask at the Library or phone 546 0414.

Road safety – when the weather turns bad

No matter how good a driver you are, winter presents its own set of driving hazards.

It's important that you know how to spot them and react to them. This may mean it takes a few minutes longer to get prepared for a trip, or to get to your destination, but the safety of you, your family and other road users is far more important. Bad weather has been a contributing factor in a number of fatal crashes every year. The good news is that with a bit of knowledge you can greatly reduce your chances of being caught out. There is loads of great information on aa.co.nz and here are some tips to get you started:

Stay out of trouble

- Slow down and take your time – it only takes a split-second to lose control in wet or icy conditions.
- Avoid sudden movements. Accelerate smoothly and brake gently.
- When travelling uphill, use a higher gear than normal. When going downhill use a lower gear.

Plan your journey

- When conditions are bad, postpone your trip if possible.
- Check road conditions (call 0800 44 44 49 for state highways, visit highwayinfo.govt.nz, or listen to local radio stations).

- Carry warm clothes in case you get stuck or break down. On a long trip, take food and something to drink.

See and be seen

- Clear windows before driving. De-ice and wipe windows.
- In fog, rain or snow, turn your lights on.
- Switch headlights on earlier in the day.

Watch for danger spots

- Ice lingers in shaded areas such as high banks, tall trees and road cuttings.
- Bridges can stay slippery longer than other road surfaces.
- Expect a dawn frost. If it is not frosty at 6am, it could be an hour later.
- Slow down in glare from low winter sun.



Free computer classes at Nelson Public Libraries



The Libraries' programme of computer classes are starting again.

Classes will run in all three of the Libraries, and provide basic level tuition on a range of applications. They are open to all, and free, but bookings are essential.

To book, drop into your local library, phone us on 03 546 0414 or email library@ncc.govt.nz

What we offer:

Elma Turner Library, Nelson, 10am–12pm

Mousing for beginners	Thursday 29 July
Email basics.....	Wednesday 5 August
Basic internet.....	Thursday 6 August
Explore the library online	Wednesday 12 August
Newspapers online.....	Thursday 13 August
Basic internet.....	Wednesday 19 August
YouTube	Thursday 20 August
Newspapers online.....	Wednesday 26 August
Social Media	Thursday 27 August
Digital photos.....	Wednesday 2 September
Research online	Thursday 3 September
EBooks.....	Wednesday 9 September
Introduction to tablets	Thursday 10 September
Spreadsheets.....	Wednesday 16 September
Trade Me.....	Thursday 17 September
Real Me	Wednesday 23 September
Skype.....	Thursday 24 September

Stoke Library, Fridays, 8.45–9.45am

Basic internet.....	Friday 7 August
Microsoft Word, Part 1	Friday 21 August
Introduction to tablets.....	Friday 28 August
Basic Excel.....	Friday 4 September
Microsoft Word, Part 2	Friday 18 September
Introduction to Social Media.....	Friday 25 September

Tahunanui Library, Thursdays, 2–4pm

Microsoft Word	Thursday 20 August
Employment	Thursday 27 August

Elma Turner also offers Device Advice sessions. Bring your device along and we can see if we can help with your basic questions – getting started, making the most out of the device, accessing eBooks and more. Tuesdays 10–11am and Thursdays 2–3pm.

Seismic strengthening survey

A reminder to owners of inner city buildings (as well as higher priority heritage buildings) that you have until Friday 31 July (extended) to give us your feedback on seismic strengthening issues. This information will help Council understand the impact and scope of seismic strengthening requirements and ways that Council could support building owners. The above property owners were mailed the survey in June. Contact Council Planning Adviser, Paul Harrington on 03 546 0388.

Survey closes: Friday, 31 July 2015 (extended).

What's on – at a Council venue near you



Founders Park

Skate School for 11–18 Year Olds: Free for eight Saturdays (August 1, 8, 22, 29, September 5, 12, 19, 26), 12–4pm

Trafalgar Park

NBS Makos Family Funday: July 26, 9–11.30am

Nelson Public Libraries

Elma Turner Library

Crafternoons for Adults: Tuesdays 1.30–2.30pm drop in BookChat: Second Tuesday of each month, 10.30am

Stoke Library

BookChat: Third Wednesday of each month, 5pm

Museums and Galleries

Nelson Provincial Museum: Weekdays, 10am–5pm; Weekends and public holidays, 10am–4.30pm
Gallipoli – In Search of a Family Story: Until 23 August
Dinosaur Footprints – A Story of Discovery: Until 13 September

CHECK OUT

NBS Makos Family Funday

Bring the kids and family to 'Meet the Makos' on July 26 from 9–11.30am. Get autographs and photos and enjoy NBS activities including face painting and a bounce castle. Take part in a fun run, walk, skate or scoot with the players, or the Kiddies Kilometre. There's a free McDonald's cheeseburger voucher for every child who runs. Enjoy the fun and games at the Park with the players. Find out more at itson.co.nz.