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What's on at your Library this month

August is a busy month at Nelson Public Libraries. They are celebrating NZ books, National Poetry Day, Family History Month, starting Crafternoons for adults, and presenting a new series of computer classes. There is a programme of events lined up for the celebrations. Find out more at nelsonpubliclibraries.co.nz.



Family fun planting day at the beach

Everyone is invited to a community planting day at Tahunanui Beach on Saturday 15 August from 10.30am–3pm (wet weather day is Sunday 16 August at the same times).

It's a chance to help plant some native trees and shrubs suited for the coastal environment.

The area set for planting this year is opposite the hydroslide. All the plants and equipment will be provided and there will be a sausage sizzle and drinks available for all volunteers.

You don't need any previous planting experience, just turn up in suitable footwear and lend a hand.

Bring the family along for a great day at the beach and join in to help make Nelson an even better place.



This year's Masked Parade is themed around the World of Books.

Arts Festival programme unveiled

Tonight the programme of shows in this year's Nelson Arts Festival will be officially unveiled at a suitably arty event with sponsors and guests at The Theatre Royal.

From tomorrow (7 August), everyone can see what shows will be coming to Nelson when the programme goes live via the Festival website at nelsonartsfestival.co.nz and Early Bird tickets go on sale.

This year the Festival matures into a sophisticated 21 year-old, coming of age with a two-week line up of international and homegrown music, theatre, dance, comedy, readers and writers' talks, and

community events.

Of course, the famous Masked Parade is back better than ever, on Friday 16 October, when you will see thousands of young and old parading through central Nelson in impressive mask creations themed around *The World of Books*.

More than 3000 people have already enrolled so if you're keen to be involved, don't delay. Sign up via the Festival website. You

won't want to miss the Carnivale celebrations immediately after the parade either, with food stalls, live music and colourful entertainment on offer.

It's hard to believe the arts festival that started as a small collection of events to support the World of Wearable Arts is now all grown up!

To join the Festival mailing list, email festivalenquiries@ncc.govt.nz.

Nelson China Week is coming

Nelson City Council proudly presents Nelson's inaugural China Week from 7–13 September 2015.

Coinciding with Chinese Language Week, the event will bring together an exciting array of activities, performances and business talks to celebrate and promote cross-cultural relationships and connectivity.

Deputy Mayor Paul Matheson says China Week is about celebrating our close relationship with China.

"It was an idea put forward by Chinese Consul-General Jin Zhijian last year, with a view to encouraging further business and cultural understanding between Nelson and China and it's something that we are really looking forward to bringing to life later in the year.

"We are very proud of our ongoing relationship with our Sister Cities, Huangshi and Yangjiang, and this is also an opportunity to celebrate 20 years since the signing of our Sister City agreement with Huangshi."

A Chinese delegation, led by the Mayor of Huangshi, along with cultural performers, will visit during

China Week, to mark this important milestone. There will also be a re-signing of the Memorandum of Understanding between the two cities.

A broad range of events will be held throughout the week, including authentic Chinese cuisine, dance, music, art, and other cultural performances; located at various locations throughout the city including Trafalgar Street 1903 site, NMIT, Salt Gallery and Refinery art space.

Local Chinese community groups, students at the Confucius Institute and the NZ China Friendship Society will be hosting activities and workshops to encourage locals to learn, play, do and make Chinese inspired things.

"Initiatives like these, whether it be China Week or Sister City agreements, are about working together to ensure Nelson is an even better place to live," says Deputy Mayor Matheson.



Look out for the schedule of events coming soon and the full day community event hosted by NMIT on Saturday 12 September, at which the Qiao Yi Lion Dance Team from Christchurch will be performing a 'must see' traditional Chinese Lion Dance.

See you around town for China Week 7–13 September, 2015.



Council votes to strengthen and reopen Trafalgar Centre

Nelson City Council has voted unanimously to proceed with strengthening works to reopen the Trafalgar Centre at a projected cost of \$13 million.

The decision was based on the advice from the engineering firm, ARUP, which was commissioned by Council to carry out additional site-specific seismic testing on the stability of the ground and the building, supplementing the initial research conducted by Tonkin & Taylor.

Nelson Mayor Rachel Reese says she is pleased that Nelson ratepayers now have some surety on the future of the Trafalgar Centre.

"This has been an extremely challenging process, one which has given many of us on the council sleepless nights as we have wrestled with how best to solve this problem.

"However we have now found a cost-effective solution which allows us

to upgrade the Trafalgar Centre, and align it with the new Rutherford Park development which we are confident will be a real draw card for our city.

"We all know what a significant contribution the Trafalgar Centre brings to our cultural and economic life in the CBD through the events hosted there, and it's been a priority to return that to the people and businesses of Nelson.

"We look forward to being able to reopen the doors of the Trafalgar Centre next year, and know we will soon have a sports and entertainment venue of which our city can be very proud."

Project manager, Richard Kirby, says he is confident that Council's decision offers the smartest and most cost-effective solution.

"The cost of entirely demolishing and rebuilding would be \$25-30 million, whereas this option allows Council to create a fabulous entertainment and sports complex which we believe will perform adequately during moderate earthquake events," he says.

Council also voted to accept the recommendation to demolish the Northern Building (including the main entrance, kitchens, toilets and the Victory Room) and replace it with a more functional fit-for-purpose northern building.

The main building of the Trafalgar Centre and the Southern Extension should be open and ready for business by the end of March 2016, and the northern building by the end of June 2016.



Have a fun time with sport and socialising right here in Nelson

If you are over 30, enjoy socialising and sport, and like the idea of being involved in a great community sporting festival this Spring, then the NZCT South Island Masters Games might just be for you.

Anyone can take part. There is no qualification criteria, you don't have to belong to a club or be nominated, you just have to be old enough, and for most sports that's anyone 30 years or over. Competitors do not need to be regularly active as there are social and competitive grades for many sports. You are encouraged to come along and try something for the first time. Events like disc golf, mini golf, quiz night or Twilight 400 are the kind where the emphasis is on having fun and mixing with other people.

As well as the array of sports to get involved in, there are also three themed social functions that promise to

be a highlight.

Members of the public are invited to watch and cheer. Perhaps your partner is competing but you want to come along and be part of the action without competing. There is a special supporters package which gives you access to all the sports venues, a competitor pack with goodies, a handbook and most importantly an accreditation badge with access to the social functions.

More information about the South Island Masters Games can be found at simasters.co.nz or by ringing Belinda Crisp on 03 923 2310.

Stoke community and sports facility enters next phase

Nelson City Council has approved the concept designs for a new community and sports facility in Stoke.

Detailed design and securing of resource and building consents will now commence, with Council setting aside \$6.14million over two years for the full project design and build. The planned start date is March 2016.

Deputy Mayor Paul Matheson says he is pleased to see the facility progressing.

"Council has worked closely with the Stoke community over the past two years, listening to their feedback, to ensure we get this right. It's an important project that I'm happy to see moving forward."

"This facility at Greenmeadows is a significant step in supporting the development and growth of our city's fastest growing suburb," he says.

Council approved the concept design with an additional space that could be converted into a café in the future.

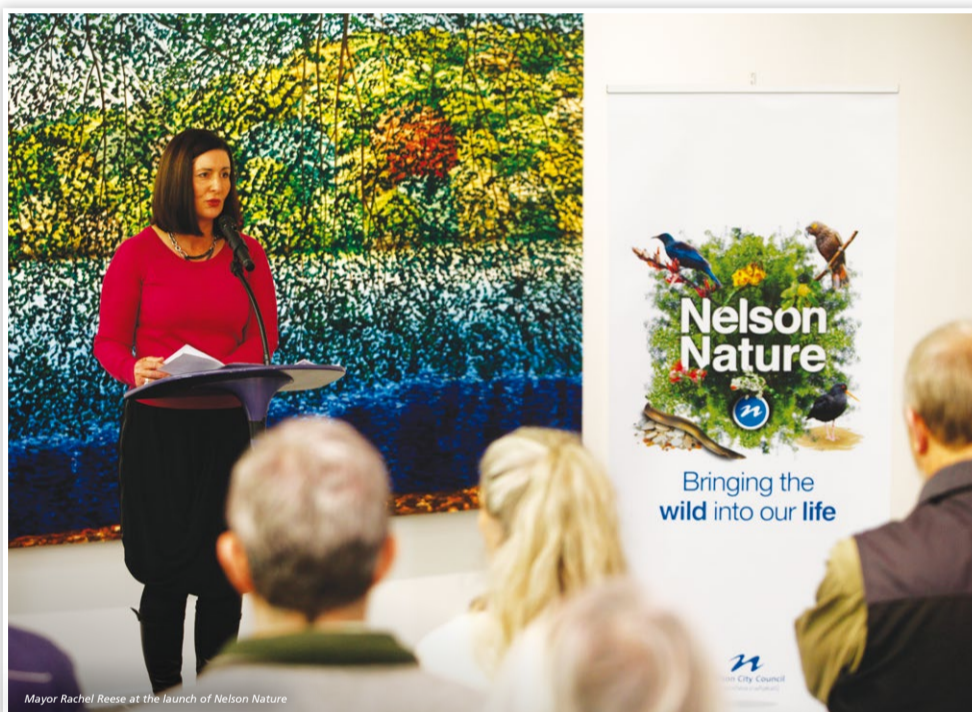
"We need to discuss this further with the community, ask them what they want and whether they see a café working in that space," Deputy Mayor Matheson says.

Council has made further provisions for continued development of Stoke as part of its 10 Year Plan.

Additional projects include further discussions with the community on the future of Stoke Hall; consultation, planning and physical works for a youth park; an extension to the Library and further improvements to parking and transport issues.



Concept designs by Jerram Tocker Barron Architects have been signed off by Council.



Nelson Nature project gets lift off

A \$6 million 10-year project dedicated to protecting and restoring Nelson's environment was officially launched at the Suter Gallery last month.

Nelson City Council's Nelson Nature programme of work invests \$500,000 a year, increasing to \$650,000 by year five plus inflation, in the region's biodiversity. Nelson Mayor Rachel Reese told guests including members of the Nelson Biodiversity Forum that Nelson Nature would be one of the most holistic, all encompassing biodiversity projects carried out in New Zealand.

"Thanks to our compact size geographically, we have an opportunity here to make a significant difference to Nelson's biodiversity.

"Through Nelson Nature, we want our city to become a national leader in environmental restoration, renowned for its native flora and fauna – with obvious economic spin offs for tourism," she said. "This is about introducing a much more extensive and targeted approach to care for the region's natural resources."

Department of Conservation Projects Manager, Martin Rodd, says Council's

decision to fund Nelson Nature is "outstanding".

"Council has worked extensively through its biodiversity forum to develop a strategic, well-targeted biodiversity strategy and Nelson Nature will see the results of this great work delivered on the ground.

"Conservation is an enormous undertaking and only through working together can we really achieve success. Nelson is fortunate to have so many informed and motivated people already working in conservation and I think council has aligned Nelson Nature well to build upon the already impressive work underway."

Activities in the Nelson Nature programme include increased pest animal and weed control, more riverside fencing and planting, encouraging landowners to retire and re-vegetate unproductive land and planting native species to provide natural habitat for wildlife.

Love Food, Hate Waste: Roots-to-stalk and nose-to-tail cooking

New research shows that New Zealanders waste a staggering \$872 million each year of food that is perfectly edible, which equates to \$563 per family.

To turn this waste around, the Love Food, Hate Waste campaign encourages families to do one thing differently to cut down the food they throw in the bin and save money.

To help with this, local Streat Kitchen chef Michael McMeeken is featuring in a series of video clips on using every part of a food item. This is commonly known as "roots to stalk" and "nose to tail" cooking.

Michael, who is passionate about reducing food waste, demonstrates how to make simple, tasty dishes from leftovers.

"It's great to be involved in something like this that aims to make a difference. It's about showing people that making the best use of their everyday ingredients is actually really simple to do," he says.

In the videos, Michael ensures

nothing goes to waste in the kitchen by making creamy sauce from cauliflower stalks, soup from a chicken carcass and much more.

And he'll be serving up a free cup of tasty soup made from cauliflower leaves and stalks to families attending sports at Neale Park at 10.30am until noon on Saturday 22 August. Also on the menu will be handy tips for reducing food waste at home.

The Love Food Hate Waste campaign is funded locally by Nelson City and Tasman District Councils, and developed by Nelson Environment Centre.

The clips can be found on the Nelson City Council website: nelson.govt.nz/recipes

Visit the Love Food Hate Waste Facebook page: Love Food Hate Waste New Zealand.

facebook.com/lovefoodhatewastenz nelson.govt.nz/recipes

Michael McMeeken's Streat Kitchen food cart will be at Neale Park later this month offering free cauliflower stalk soup to spread the message about 'loving your food'.



Learn how to burn smoke free

Nelson City Council is currently working closely with the community to find out how we can provide more choice on home heating options while still meeting the national standards for air quality.

About 85 people attended a woodburner meeting last week to discuss Council's review of the Nelson Air Quality Plan including ways we can improve Nelson's air to allow for more home heating choice.

Air monitoring research shows that smoky chimneys contribute to winter air pollution in Nelson.

Check out the video on Council's website nelson.govt.nz (search phrase = burn smoke free) to learn how to set and build a brightly burning fire. And follow the tips below!

Tips for using your wood burner more efficiently

1. When preparing to light your fire leave a bed of ash, put crunched newspaper in the bottom, add

small bits of kindling, then add larger pieces of dry wood as fire catches hold.

2. Light newspaper in several places. Have air control fully open to keep your fire burning brightly, unless reloading you should keep the door closed.
3. Never use the door to force wood into burner – it could break the glass.
4. Look after your burner – follow the manufacturer's operation and safety instructions. Clean your flue every autumn and replace any damaged parts.
5. Please note that burning things like wet wood, plastic, rubbish or treated wood, is banned. It will create toxic fumes and can damage your burner.

Pretty tree an invasive pest

Nelson City Council is aware of a new pest in town. The Taiwan cherry tree is an attractive yet extremely invasive plant that spreads easily, overtaking native vegetation.

From just a few trees planted around Nelson about 30 years ago, this plant has been multiplying and spreading, especially in the Malvern Hills area between Atawhai Drive and Marybank. Council officers are concerned the Taiwan cherry could become the next Old man's beard in Nelson if not dealt with quickly and effectively.

Keeping Taiwan cherry out of our native forests and special places such as the Brook Waimarama Sanctuary is a must. Taiwan Cherry is notable for its brightly coloured early flowering blooms and will be very noticeable this month and early next.

Birds transport this weedy tree's fruit, and once Taiwan cherry gets into the bush, it's hard to control. It has the ability to sprout in low light conditions and can grow quickly through the canopy. Once established, Taiwan Cherries crowd out native trees and dominate the landscape, pushing out the range of native plants that would otherwise supply food for birds all year round.

Council recommends removing this pest tree from your garden, and for larger trees a contractor can be provided free of charge to complete the job. Good alternative trees can be sourced from your garden centre. Ask for tried and tested, non-weedy alternatives such as fruit trees, or how about a kowhai, a rata, or cabbage tree to keep the birds coming all year long.

For more information, visit nelson.govt.nz (search phrase = Taiwan Cherry) or to discuss tree removal, contact Lynne Hall, Environmental Programmes Officer, phone 546 0308 or email lynne.hall@ncc.govt.nz.

nelson.govt.nz Search = Taiwan Cherry



The Taiwan cherry tree has already spread in some areas of Nelson pushing out native vegetation.



2015/16 rates assessment corrections

Nelson City Council is now issuing its rates assessments for the 2015/16 year.

Unfortunately, due to a printing error by our mailhouse provider, ratepayers who received their rates assessments by mail will have received the incorrect assessment. The printing error has occurred due to an extra column being added to the invoice, which has affected the total balance due for ratepayers.

Ratepayers who have received their

assessments by mail are requested to disregard the incorrect assessment.

The correct rates assessments have now been re-printed and sent out from the Christchurch mailhouse.

Council apologises for the confusion this has caused these customers. We are ensuring that all correct rates invoices are received at least 14 days in advance of the due date.

Direct debit payments have not been affected and ratepayers who received their rates assessments by email will have received their correct assessment.

Customers can talk to us if they have any questions by contacting our Customer Service Centre on 03 546 0200 or visit our offices at 110 Trafalgar Street.

There have been an encouraging number of ratepayers choosing to receive their rates invoices by email and/or pay by direct debit. If a customer would like to change to a more environmentally friendly method, they can contact the Customer Service Centre on enquiry@ncc.govt.nz with their customer account number.



Community gets involved with future of Nelson's walking and cycling routes

A series of workshops has been held to help develop the future for Nelson's tracks, trails, on-road cycle lanes and paths.

Council hosted two workshops last month involving members from various community groups involved in walking, tramping, cycling, aged care, dog walking, disability support and mountain biking.

Twenty people attended each workshop and each group listened to the views and wishes of the other organisations.

They then tested a series of pre-prepared outcomes which Councillors had previously developed looking at both Active Travel and Active Lifestyle (in other words people who use the tracks, trails, on-road cycle lanes and paths for travel, social or recreation purposes).

The president of the Nelson Mountain Bike Club, Paul Jennings, says the meetings were a real success. "I really appreciated the opportunity to sit down with

representatives from the other user groups, listen to their points of view, and have a general discussion that wasn't just based around conflict and defending a position.

"There is a lot more common ground than we often perceive," he says.

Council staff will now use the feedback from the workshops to help develop and refine its draft policy on Shared Pathways which will go before Council in September.

In addition, the guidelines around Shared Pathways will be updated to reflect this feedback, but in the meantime users are being reminded to be courteous and considerate of other users, following some simple recommendations:

- Keep to the left of the path whether you are walking, running, cycling, scooting or skating.

- When passing others let them know you're there, give them a wide berth, ensure you have enough space to complete the pass and return to the left.
- Cyclists and electric mobility scooter drivers should keep their speed slow in the shared spaces and alert pedestrians as they approach.

For those who wish a quiet, undisturbed walk, Council has set aside a few routes which are dedicated to walkers only:

- The Centre of New Zealand (the main trail up from The Botanics)
- The Kahikatea Walk in the Grampians
- The zig-zag track at the top of Collingwood Street
- Miyazu Gardens

Broadgreen house winter hours

Broadgreen House has re-opened for normal winter hours (11am–3pm, 7 days a week) after strengthening work was completed on the cellar.

In December 2011, the cellar was badly affected by flooding, and some of the foundations were undermined. After the event, a sump was installed and shoring up work was completed to secure the cellar.

This additional remedial work has ensured that if such an event happens again, the house should not suffer any further damage.



Meetings

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

Community Services Committee
9am 13 Aug

Governance Committee
9am 20 Aug

Changes to Meetings

Joint Shareholders Committee – previously advertised as 1.30pm 14 Aug
9.30am 2 Sep

Civil Defence Emergency Management Group – previously advertised as 14 Aug to follow Joint Shareholders Committee 2 Sep

Other Meetings

Nelson Youth Council
1pm 11 August

For a full list of Council meetings go to:

nelson.govt.nz/meetings

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.

What's on



At a Council venue near you?

For a full list of Nelson events go to:

itson.co.nz

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