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Next phase for Stoke development

Council has made provisions for continued development of Stoke as part of its 10 Year Plan. Over the next few months, we will be asking for your feedback on urban design planning for the wider Stoke area and how best to make Nelson, and our fastest growing suburb, an even better place to live.

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Upgrade for Nelson Marina

Spectacular line up for 2015 Nelson Arts Festival



Celebrating the launch of the Festival line up are, from left: Festivals Team Leader Axel de Maupeou, Councillor Gaile Noonan, Programme Co-ordinator Charlie Unwin and Marketing Co-ordinator Amanda Raine.

A total of 65 shows including seven international acts have been secured for this year's Nelson Arts Festival, making it the biggest line up to date.

The 2015 Festival will see a smorgasbord of national and global talent descend on Nelson from Wednesday 14 October to Monday 26 October.

Highlights of this year's Festival include:

- The New Zealand debut of Australian company Casus Circus's new work *Finding the Silence*.
- International physical theatre show *Leo* (pictured) that has toured the globe from Berlin to London, and Moscow to Shanghai.
- Musical crowd pleasers SJD & The Black Quartet, Sam Manzanza & the Afrobeat Band, and Trinity Roots with their Irish friends.
- A strong comedic contingent including Penny Ashton, Michele A'Court, Arthur Meek and Barnie Duncan.
- American jazz legend David Friesen, winner at the acclaimed Monterey Jazz Festival.
- Energetic hip hop with World Championship silver medallists in *Out of the Box*.
- A raft of celebrated New Zealand writers including Charlotte Grimshaw, Patricia Grace, Gavin Bishop, filmmaker Geoff Murphy and Booker longlisted novelist Anna Smail.

The line up also includes almost a third of locally produced content including The Billboard Project where four local and two visiting artists will create works of art beside the Maitai River and electronic based music trio Neon performing at the Playhouse Cafe.

Councillor Gaile Noonan says the Council is thrilled to put on such a much-loved arts event for Nelsonians and visitors to the region that continues to grow and attract new audiences each year.

"We are really spoilt to have such a wonderful line up

of high calibre talent from far flung places of the globe and right here in Nelson to choose from," she says.

"The Festival brings our community together to celebrate creativity in all its forms like no other event, creating a real buzz in the city. I encourage everyone to take a look at the Festival website and start booking up their tickets so they don't miss out!" she says.

Festival team leader Axel de Maupeou says this year the Festival is spreading its wings into a range of venues around town.

"The Festival will continue to be based at Founders Heritage Park, dressed up in a green jungle theme, but we're also using a number of new venues for the first time like the Nelson Musical Theatre, The Freehouse Yurt and even local cafe River Kitchen.

"We will also be back at the Refinery Artspace, The Theatre Royal and The Boathouse, where the Festival appeared in its early days."

The famous Masked Parade is back better than ever three days into the Festival on Friday 16 October where you will see thousands of young and old parading through central Nelson in impressive mask creations themed around *The World of Books*. The parade is followed immediately after by the More FM Carnivale celebrations, a free event on Trafalgar and Hardy Streets the same night with street performances, food stalls and great bands.

The full festival programme is available at nelsonartsfestival.co.nz. You can also grab a hard copy from Nelson City Council's Customer Service Centre, Theatre Royal, libraries, retailers, cafes and key visitor outlets in the region.

Don't miss this year's Nelson Arts Festival

The Nelson Arts Festival is our annual celebration of creativity in all its forms, with some of the best theatre, dance, comedy, music, writers' talks, and community events the country can offer.

See the full line up and book your tickets at nelsonartsfestival.co.nz. The Early Bird discount is available until the end of the month. Below is a sample of some of the world class shows on offer!



Calypso Nights, Bernie Duncan



Finding the Silence, Casus Circus



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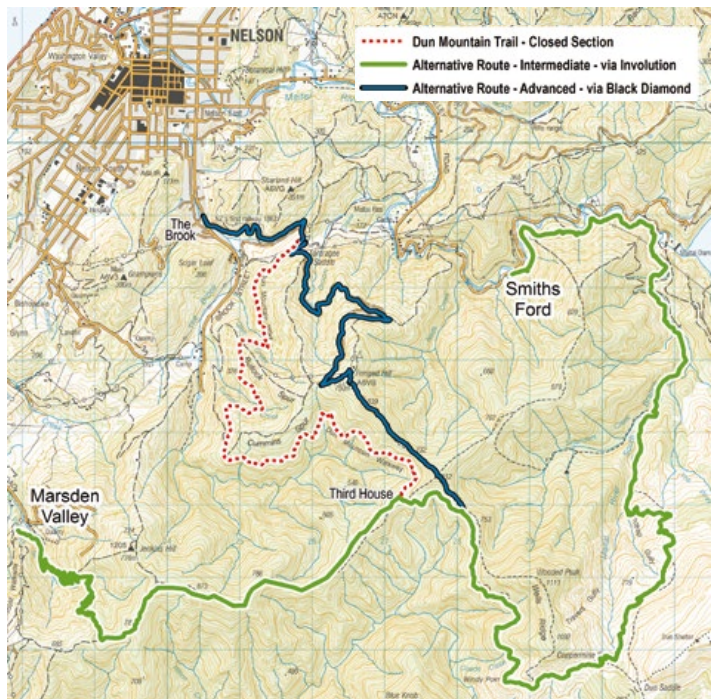
Hipstamatics



Squaring the Wheel, Photo: Stephen A'Court

Partial closure of Dun Mountain Trail

A section of the Dun Mountain Trail has been closed to allow logging operations to take place in the Brook Valley forestry block.



The section of the trail between the Tanragee Saddle and Third House will be closed for approximately four months.

Although logging will not take place at weekends, Council has decided to keep the route closed at all times because it poses an unacceptable Health & Safety risk to the public.

Alternative routes are being suggested to mountain bikers, walkers and runners for the duration of the closure.

The recommended option is to start at Marsden Valley and use Involution Trail (or Glider Road for a gentler climb) along Jenkins to Third House and over the Coppermine and South Branch from there.

The Black Diamond Ridge is also an option for expert riders.

This track is steep in places and difficult to bike as it is a grade 5 route, however it would be possible to walk your bike up the steep sections and then bike from Coppermine Saddle down to the Maitai.

Council's forestry contractor PF Olsen will be carrying out the work and the tracks were closed off on Monday 10 August.

Brook and Tasman Street residents have

been informed of the logging operation by a letter drop and Council has indicated that there will be 10 to 14 logging truck movements per day.

Logging trucks will be restricted from driving past Central School on Nile Street between the hours of 8.30–9.10am and 2.50–3.30pm to alleviate any concerns by local parents.

Although some of the trucks may have to use Tasman Street, Council has ensured this will have no impact on the ongoing roadworks in this area, as work is nearing completion.

Group manager Infrastructure, Alec Louverdis, says whilst it is unfortunate the residents of Tasman Street are being affected, it is business as usual.

"Please be assured that this is a normal logging operation and is no different to the other logging operations that have been conducted in the Brook Valley many times over the past years.

"However we wanted to be sure to alert local residents and Dun Mountain Trail users of this harvest operation, and trust disruption will be kept to a minimum," he says.

Nelson Tasman civil defence rated best in the country

The Nelson Tasman Civil Defence Emergency Management (CDEM) Group has achieved the highest score in the country as part of its capability assessment report undertaken by the Ministry of Civil Defence and Emergency Management.

A score of 82.1% has been awarded to the Group, higher than the target of 79% set by the Director in 2013, making them the top Group in New Zealand. Our region held its top position after also being rated best in the last round of reviews in 2009.

In its latest report, the Ministry had high praise for the Group, noting the result "set an example to other CDEM Groups".

"The result reflects a highly collaborative culture amongst all CDEM partners across the region.

"The strong scores across the capability assessment reflect the well-developed interagency relationships; well-connected subcommittee structure that drives CDEM delivery, and the ongoing commitment to reducing hazard risk across both councils.

"The smaller size of the Group and the two unitary councils' further enhance this connectedness and this provides a significant advantage in the ability to influence across the 4R's [reduction, readiness, response, recovery] with the approach taken in risk reduction

the most notable – CDEM is 'embedded in what we think, do and say – there is no gap".

Nelson Tasman CDEM Manager Roger Ball says the high score reflects an engaged and effective team.

"We are pleased to see this report and such an impressive score, which shows a highly capable team across both councils and in our partner agencies. Staff have sought to incorporate important lessons from our big floods and the Canterbury earthquakes."

The key agencies making up the CDEM Group are Nelson City Council, Tasman District Council, emergency services, Ministry of Social Development, the Nelson Marlborough District Health Board and an iwi representative.

The report made one recommendation for the Group to assess its position and develop an appropriate action plan that will enable its continuous improvement.

nelsontasmancivildefence.co.nz



Nelson Tasman Civil Defence Group training session underway.



Two months to go until National Earthquake Drill

Nelson Tasman Civil Defence and Emergency Management would like to invite you to take part in the national earthquake drill to drop, cover and hold at 9.15am on 15 October 2015.

Taking part in the drill is about taking responsibility and improving preparedness, because it could save your life.

The aim is to get at least 1.5 million people involved, which should also make ours the biggest (per capita) ShakeOut drill in the world. In the Nelson-Tasman region we are aiming for over 23,000.

Registering for New Zealand ShakeOut 2015

Signing up at shakeout.govt.nz will only take a couple of minutes. As well as being counted, you'll be kept up to date with how to get ready to drop, cover and hold at 9.15am on 15 October.

There are also a number of initiatives being run by Nelson Tasman Civil Defence over the next three months, to encourage everyone to get involved.

Prizes include vouchers for morning tea or lunch shouts, emergency starter kits, and more.

The best 'Drop, Cover, Hold' video/photo.

Upload your video to YouTube and send the link to Michelle Griffiths on michelle.griffiths@ncc.govt.nz (send photos to same address).

Colouring competition.

For children of all ages. The colouring competition pictures can be picked up and dropped off to the Nelson and Tasman Council Customer Service Centre, Founders, and all Libraries or find them online at shakeout.govt.nz/resources/

Emergency Training Scenario

For year 12 and 13 students. If any classrooms are interested in being led through an emergency training scenario at the Emergency Operation Centre in Richmond please get in touch with Michelle Griffiths, phone 03 543 7290 or 027 489 1498 or email michelle.griffiths@ncc.govt.nz.

shakeout.govt.nz

Council contractors win top national award

Council contractor Downer has won a national award for its maintenance of Nelson's roads.

The firm won its category at the National Civil Contractors NZ Awards for 'excellence in routine maintenance.'

It was judged on its contract for the maintenance of 262.5km sealed roads and 22.5km unsealed roads throughout the city.

It also includes fault identification and programming, contribution to forward work programming, completion

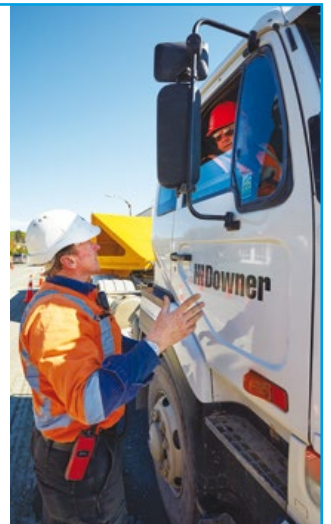
of pre-seal repairs, resurfacing, drainage and bridge maintenance, traffic management and road marking.

The primary requirements are to maintain a safe road network for all road users and to maintain the road network assets to the required levels of service.

The chair of Council's Works and Infrastructure Committee, Councillor Eric Davy, says it's another great win.

"To be recognised on a national level and to be judged by your peers is one of the highest levels of success.

"I congratulate both Downer and the council staff involved in working with them, and am delighted to see their hard work recognised in this way," he says.





Cabinet art on display on Wakefield Quay created by artist Julie Wilson.

Cabinet art is spreading in Nelson

Council is working with Chorus to extend a cabinet art programme in Nelson.

The project, which sees some of the more frequently 'tagged' cabinets dressed in art works, has been very successful in Nelson, and the call is now going out for new designs from local artists.

These cabinets become works of art in the street, often telling stories about the communities in which they are located, and help to discourage tagging.

Along with showcasing local talent, it is also a chance to celebrate our local history, as each cabinet will have a heritage theme.

Requests for designs will open from 20 August to 1 October 2015. The winning design for each cabinet will be chosen from entries received, and the artists to be commissioned

announced during the Nelson Arts Festival. It is envisaged that the work will be completed by December 2015.

Generally, there will be \$1000 allocated for each cabinet, which includes the design, painting and application of graffiti guard.

Information on the cabinets and a timeline for receipt of designs for consideration can be found on the council's website nelson.govt.nz (search = cabinet art).

All finished art will be included on the Chorus website and will be considered for the 2017 Chorus Cabinet Art calendar, copies of which are sent around the world.

Existing murals can be seen at chorus.co.nz/cabinet-art.

chorus.co.nz/cabinet-art nelson.govt.nz Search = cabinet art

Get sorting for Second Hand Sunday on 13 September

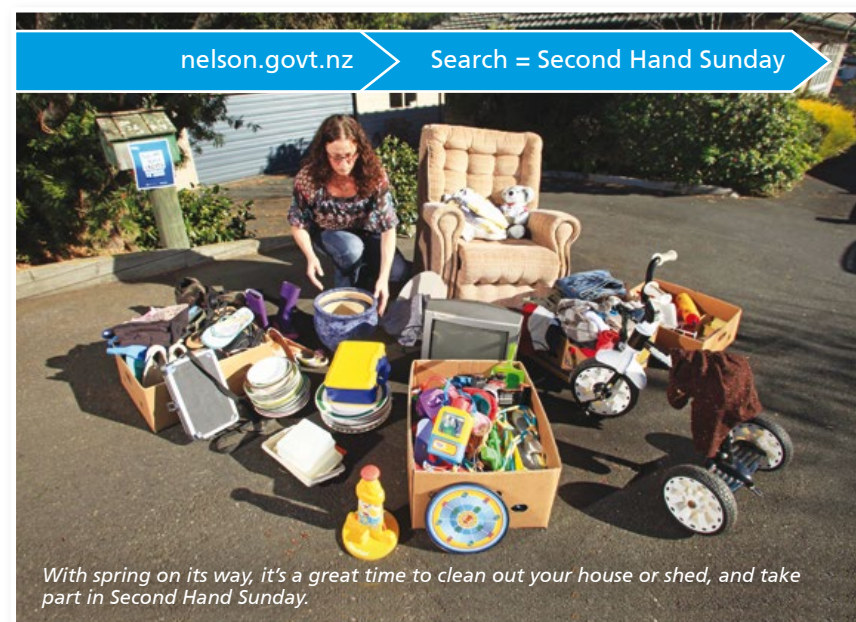
It's time for a spring clean and it's also an opportunity to offer to others the stuff you no longer need!

Nelson City and Tasman District Councils are running another Second Hand Sunday in both districts on Sunday 13 September, starting at 10am. "Yes, I will be doing this again" was the feedback from those who offered goods that were removed and those who fossicked last time. Freely given and freely taken away, the goods could be anything from old chairs, books, clothing or left over bits and pieces from building projects, but should not include food, dangerous goods like faulty electrical equipment, or chemicals.

All you have to do is have an idea of what you might put out, then complete the registration form on line at nelson.govt.nz

(search phrase = Second Hand Sunday). Your address will be published on the Council website as long as you register before 9am on Thursday 10 September. On the day, put your items out on the driveway or front lawn, not the footpath, and attach the downloadable poster to your letter box so people can easily identify your address. You can also register and obtain the poster from the Customer Service Centre. Responsible removal of any uncollected items is required at the end of the day.

For people who are keen to access this free stuff, the list of households involved can be downloaded from the Council website from Friday 11 September.



Council pledges to continue to use non-harmful product on city's playgrounds

Council has confirmed that a product containing coconut-oil derived fatty acids is the only product used to control weed growth within Council's playgrounds.

The coconut oil product "burns" weeds at the top but is not taken back into the root system of the plant, so unfortunately it is limited in its effectiveness.

Regular application is required to keep on top of weeds which repeatedly re-sprout from the base of the plant.

For these reasons, a limited amount of glyphosate (more commonly known as Roundup) is used on the city's neighbourhood park areas beyond the playground areas. The usual precautions associated with herbicide spraying are required to be observed during all applications. These include: avoiding spraying when children are likely to be around (all public and school holidays), ensuring all

concentration / mix rates are closely followed, only spraying in appropriate conditions, and using clearly marked warning signs until the product is dry.

Council works hard to ensure the public is always informed of which products are in use through the use of public notices and online platforms.

Council contractors are also required to record the use of all agrichemicals in spray diaries.

This information is submitted every six months to Environmental Inspections Ltd, who audits Council's work to ensure it complies with resource consent conditions.

Given the current renewed interest in

potential adverse health impacts from glyphosate, a report regarding herbicide use by our contractors on reserve land was presented to Council on 25 June this year and the following resolutions were passed:

- Council officers continue to monitor the use of glyphosate.
- To give regard to research.
- Take steps to mitigate any known adverse effects.
- Work to identify effective and safer alternatives.
- Increase publicity of the 'No spray register' through Live Nelson and other media including social media channels.



China Week coming up fast!

Plans are shaping up nicely for the inaugural Nelson China Week Festival which runs from 7–13 September.

Join us at the top of Trafalgar Street at the 1903 site stage for the Launch of China Week on Monday 7 September from 6–8pm.

Commencing with a Kapa Haka performance, you will be entertained by Chinese Harp music, a Taniwha display, fire performers, singing and dancing as well as Chinese dumpling and tea tasting, providing something for all the senses.

Also look out for three fantastic exhibitions during China Week:

- A 28 piece photographic collection 'Customs in New Year' which will be displayed at The Hollow Tea Room on Bridge St where you can also try some Chinese Teas throughout the week and hear about their health benefits from Mark Soper.
- The 'Nelson-Huangshi Schools Art Exchange' at the Refinery Artspace on Halifax St.
- Lisa Chandler's exhibition *Beijing*

comes to Nelson – *China Dream – from hùtòng to highrise*' at Salt Gallery on Vanguard St.

The community day at NMIT on Saturday 12th September from 11am–4pm will be a fun-filled day packed with a wide variety of activities – inspired music, yummy food and dumpling making demonstrations as well as a multitude of spectacular performances including a Traditional Lion Dance.

Look out for the programme of events (including various other activities) coming shortly, with special Chinese dishes featured at the restaurants around town, movies and documentaries to see, games to play, demonstrations to enjoy, Chinese cooking evening to attend, business talks with the EDA for advising how to get involved with China!

nelson.govt.nz/chinaweek



Helping to make Nelson a safer city

Over the last 18 months, Council has supported a large number of 'Safe City Initiatives' with the help of \$100,000 of funding from the Ministry of Justice. The work has been aimed at reducing crime and improving safety in Nelson. The following initiatives have been supported:

Crime Prevention through Environmental Design (CPTED) workshops

- A community workshop was run in Victory November 2014. As a result of the work the Keep Victory Safe Action Plan was developed.
- A workshop for industry professionals was delivered in March 2015.

Street Ambassador Service

- Street Ambassadors were based in the CBD 10pm – 4am from mid-November 2014 – mid March 2015.
- They provided an increased safety presence and liaised regularly with police, community patrol and other support services.
- Street Ambassadors assisted with enquiries from people on a range of issues, administered first aid and employed non aggressive diffusion tactics to disperse potential violent situations.

Nelson Tasman Alcohol Accord Research

- The regional Alcohol Accord has carried out a research project investigating alcohol related harm in the region. The final report was completed by the Accord's contracted researcher in June. The Accord will look to draft an Action Plan from the research in August to identify the key pieces of work that the Accord and interested parties/agencies will work toward achieving in future.

Keep Victory Safe Project

- A Community Assets Inventory was established with over 70 connections made.
- A series of community workshops was provided covering topics such as cyber bullying, and a community development practise called "SafeGrowth".
- A review and investigation into the need for CCTV camera in Victory Square. This was approved by Council last year with a CCTV camera erected in April 2015, thanks to funding from Canterbury Community Trust.
- Development and distribution of over 2700 fridge magnets listing emergency numbers and key support services.
- Installation of four community notice boards around the Victory community.
- Organisation of a local "treasure hunt" encouraging people to visit and interact with local organisations, businesses and individuals within the local area.
- Two surveys were conducted at the beginning and end of the project, which provided direction for project initiatives. In the second survey conducted in March 2015, there were 144 responses, with 36% feeling safer than a year ago in Victory Square, 30% feeling safer than a year ago in the shopping centre, 7% feeling safer than a year ago on the Railway Reserve.



A question was asked at the Treasure Hunt: What do you Love about Victory?

Speed restriction in place at entrance to Wakatu Estate

A temporary speed reduction has been put in place at the intersection of Elm Street (the entrance to Wakatu Estate) and Main Road Stoke.

It's the result of a crash reduction study which was carried out after an accident there in May this year.

The speed limit in this area – which was previously 80kph – has been temporarily reduced to 50kph.

Nelson Police is in support of the change and they will be rigorously enforcing this new speed restriction.

The chair of the Works and Infrastructure Committee, Councillor Eric Davy, says the decision has been taken to reduce crash severity and to make the intersection safer.

"We have undertaken a crash reduction strategy at this intersection and the results suggested this was the wisest course of action as an interim mitigation measure.

"Our priority is keeping people safe and by reducing the speed limit, we hope to be able to do so," he says.

Councillor Davy says operational on the ground road marking changes will be undertaken to make the intersection safer.



World Scrabble at the Library

Exercise your mind and learn how to play world scrabble. Marie Clinton will lead four scrabble sessions in September. Beginners and those who know how to play are welcome to join in. No charge, but bookings required.

When: Tuesdays 1, 8, 15, 22 September

Time: 1–3pm

Where: Elma Turner Library

Contact the library for bookings and information library@ncc.govt.nz or 03 546 0414.

Upgrade for Nelson Marina

A new ramp to the K Pontoon is now ready for use in the Nelson Marina.

K Pontoon is on the Vickerman St side of the Marina and its ramp down to the Pontoon has improved access for several berths.

There had not been a ramp in that location since the 1990s, when the old ramp was removed at the same time as a barge that it connected to, which was used to store dinghies

The area is near where the 94 foot schooner 'Talisman' spent more than 30 years moored.

Talisman was built in 1897 and after having worked in Auckland for several decades, she



migrated to Nelson in 1939 to be utilised under Golden Bay Shipping Limited.

From 1951, Inter-Island Trading Co owned her while she transported produce around the Bay and across Cook Strait.

The end for Talisman came in 1981 when someone mistakenly turned off the bilge pumps and she sank to her demise.

Talisman's name-plate has been mounted at K Pontoon to commemorate her excellent services to the Nelson/Tasman region.

Adult Learners' Week at Nelson Public Libraries, 7–13 September



Adult Learners' Week /
He Tangata Mātauranga

Adult Learners' Week/He Tangata Mātauranga, celebrates all adult learning whether it's upskilling for a better job, preparing for further study, improving life skills or simply having fun.

The libraries are presenting a smorgasbord of activities during the week, to tempt people into trying something new. As an added incentive, everyone attending an activity goes into our prize draw. The more activities you attend, the more chances you have to win.

At Elma Turner Library there will be a display of learning opportunities in Nelson, plus Community Corner sessions with SeniorNet, Nelson School of Music, U3A and Waimea Community College. Activities at the library include:

- Tai Chi with the instructors from the Nelson Branch of the Taoist Tai Chi Society of NZ
- Bike Maintenance with the Get Moving team
- Power Tools with Mitre 10 Mega
- Fun with Cake Decorating
- Spinning and knitting with Nelson's Creative Fibre
- Romance writing with LaVerne Clark – deepen your senses
- Morris Dancing with the Nelson Morris Dancers
- Sushi making with Ryoko Takahashi

- Te reo taster with Cindy Batt
- Minecraft for parents
- Polymer clay crafts
- Card making
- World scrabble

Flanking the week, Lindsey Dawson, founding editor of Next magazine, will run a session on memoir writing on 4 September and we present a Law for Lunch series with Nelson Bays Community Law starting 16 September.

At Stoke learn about KiwiSaver with the Barbican Training Centre, and improve your craft skills with sessions on parchment bookmarks, tatting and card making.

Booking may be required for some sessions, but all are free. Programme details are available on the Library website and ItsOn – or pick up a brochure at your library

The week will be launched by Councillor Gaile Noonan at Elma Turner Library, Monday 7 September, 11.30am.

For more information contact Nicola Harwood, 03 546 0414 or email nicola.harwood@ncc.govt.nz.

Lighting up Bridge Street after dark

Walking down Bridge Street after dark will soon be a lot lighter thanks to some recently installed street lights.

Council has installed an extra five LED lamps under the verandas in the entertainment precinct in Bridge Street in the CBD.

This has boosted the white light along the footpaths in this area providing extra security for patrons and business owners.



Rates due date reminder

Just a quick note reminding ratepayers that the latest rates instalment is now due.

Last date for payment without penalty is 20 August.

If you have any queries please talk to us by contacting the Customer Services Centre on 03 5460200 or enquiry@ncc.govt.nz or come in and see us at Council offices at 110 Trafalgar Street.

FROM THE COUNCIL TABLE

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

Councillor's Comment – Paul Matheson



Deputy Mayor Paul Matheson

Last month, I was pleased to see Council approve the concept designs for the new Greenmeadows facility in Stoke.

While it is only one piece of a bigger puzzle, which includes a number of projects over the next ten years, it is an encouraging step in the right direction in Council's efforts to support our fastest growing suburb.

This is a community project; we have worked very closely with Stoke residents to ensure we get this right. We asked you what you wanted from a new facility and had an amazing response, with a record number (over 850 submissions) providing us with feedback to our survey. We were told Greenmeadows community centre needed to be a multi-use, flexible facility for sport and community. There was also enthusiasm and support for what we are trying to achieve.

For me, the most important part of this project is to ensure this building is physically and visually connected to Stoke's residential and commercial communities. From the new complex you should be able to see the vista of the hills in one direction, but also turn around and see Stoke.

The decision Council has made is to allocate a budget of \$5.96 million over the next two financial years, with the planned construction start date of March 2016.

With a partial second floor, the concept designs include a main hall, function and "breakout" rooms, changing rooms, kitchens and offices, and storage space for rugby, cricket and tennis clubs.

Now, we are entering an important phase which will include detailed design and the obtaining of resource and building consents and I look forward to seeing the progress in Stoke.

nel.so/n/cac



MEETINGS

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

Joint Shareholders Committee
9.30am 2 Sep

Civil Defence Emergency Management Group to follow Joint Shareholders Committee 2 Sep

Brook Recreation Reserve Management Plan Panel – to hear submissions (if required)
1pm 2 Sep

Council meeting
9am 3 Sep

Works and Infrastructure Committee
9am 10 Sep

Audit, Risk and Finance Subcommittee – Ruma Mārama
1pm 10 Sep

Commercial Subcommittee – Ruma Mārama to follow Audit, Risk and Finance Subcommittee 10 Sep

Chief Executive Employment Committee – Ruma Ana
12 noon 14 Sep

Council meeting to hear submissions to the Proposed Representation Arrangements 2016 (if required)
9am 15 Sep

Planning and Regulatory Committee
9am 17 Sep

Nelson Regional Sewerage Business Unit Board – Ruma Mārama
1pm 18 Sep

Hearing for exemptions to Fencing of Swimming Pools Act
9am 21 Sep

Brook Recreation Reserve Management Plan Panel – deliberations
9am 22 Sep

Community Services Committee
9am 24 Sep

Other Meetings

Nelson Youth Council
1pm 18 Sep

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.

Reducing smoky chimneys

With cold days of winter continuing the Council is helping people reduce smoke from woodburners.

Many people are unaware of how much smoke their burners produce so if you notice a particularly smoky chimney you can report it (confidentially) by phoning 546 0200 any time, day or night.

A council officer will follow up with the resident how the burner is being operated and what fuel is being used. The aim is to support

residents to burn more cleanly so our air continues to improve. They will also be given a pamphlet with helpful tips to burn smoke free.

If you would like to learn how to burn smoke free, visit nelson.govt.nz (search phrase = burn smoke free) for some useful pointers plus a video showing how to set and build a brightly burning fire.



Feedback sought on city sportsgrounds

Nelson City Council is seeking your feedback on the future of the city's sportsgrounds.

It is developing a Reserve Management Plan for nine of its sportsgrounds: Botanics Sportfield, Guppy Park, Neale Park, Waahi Takaaro Golf



Course, Maitai Cricket Ground, Marsden Recreation Reserve, Ngawhatu Sports Ground, Victory Square, and Greenmeadows.

A Reserve Management Plan sets out a consistent set of policies for how the grounds will be managed to ensure the community, and our visitors, can continue to

make the best use of them.

Plans are already in place for the sportsgrounds of Saxton Field, Tahunanui, and Rutherford and Trafalgar Parks and these can be accessed on Council's website.

Reserves play an important role in the health and wellbeing of the community and support a range of different activities.

The community is invited to submit its views on the current and future use of the parks.

This feedback will be considered in preparing the draft Reserve Management Plan which will then be formally consulted on later this year.

The community, including key stakeholders, will then be given a further opportunity to submit on the draft Plan.

If you would like to provide us with your feedback on the types of matters that we should be considering, then please email susan.moore-lavo@ncc.govt.nz by 4 September 2015.



Learn how to compost at Waimarama Community Garden

What: Free seminar on Bokashi composting

When: Wednesday 26 August 10am

Where: Waimarama Community Garden, 319 Brook Street

Tutor: Lorraine Long

A demonstration will be given on the use of a Bokashi bucket to treat your kitchen scraps (including fish and meat scraps).

This method is easy to use with no smell. Your garden soil will improve the food value of your vegetables as well as increasing the yield of any plants you grow.

Everyone is welcome.

For more information email waimaramacommunitygardens@gmail.com.

Vote for your favourite New Zealand fiction book of 2015

Voting has opened to find the winning book for the Nelson Public Libraries' Award for NZ Fiction 2015.

Home-grown authors are popular with Nelson readers, and with the New Zealand Book Awards skipping a year (the next shortlist is due in March 2016), Nelson Public Libraries have decided to celebrate New Zealand fiction locally.

"It's an opportunity for everyone to really celebrate our kiwi authors here in Nelson," says Nelson Libraries Manager, Ian Littleworth.

"We decided we definitely had to showcase some of the great books so far this year, and we think this is a great way to do that."

Six titles have been shortlisted, with all books published this year:

- *Chappy* by Patricia Grace
- *Starlight Peninsula* by Charlotte Grimshaw
- *The Writers' Festival* by Stephanie Johnson
- *James Cook's Lost World* by Graeme Lay
- *The Hiding Places* by Catherine Robertson
- *The Chimes* by Anna Smaill

Many of these authors will also be in town for the Page and Blackmore Readers and Writers, part of the Nelson Arts Festival (October 14–26), including Patricia Grace, Charlotte Grimshaw, Stephanie Johnson and Anna Smaill.

Online voting for your favourite book is open now, until Monday 12 October with voting also available at all Nelson Public Libraries from Tuesday 1 September–Monday 12 October.

The winner will be announced at an evening event at the Elma Turner Library on Wednesday 21 October.

All voters will go in the draw to win a copy of the winning book, with any entries that include a short review also going in the draw to win a book voucher.

More information can be found at:

nelsonpubliclibraries.co.nz



What's on – at a Council venue near you



Founders Heritage Park

Skate School for 11–18 year olds with The Truck: 22, 29 August, 5, 12 September, 12–4pm

Saxton Field Sports Complex

Wily Weka Challenge with Nelson Orienteering Club: 6 September

Nelson Public Libraries

Elma Turner Library

BookChat, second Tuesday of each month: 10.30am

BookChat via Twitter, last Tuesday of the month: 9pm

Small Time, stories and songs for 0–2yr olds: Weekly on Wednesdays, term time only, 10.30–11.30am

StoryTime, for 2–4yr olds and their parents: Weekly on Thursdays, term time only, 2pm

Crafternoons for Adults: Drop in Papercraft session, 25 August, 1–2pm,

Polymer Clay Workshops: 2, 9 September 1–3pm (bookings required)

Law for Lunch at the Library: 16, 23, 30 September, 12.30–1.30pm

National Poetry Day:

- Poetry Board, 24–28 August
- Set Free Your Inner Poet: Make a poem on our Red Wall, until 28 Aug
- Poetry in Motion evening: 27 August, 6.15pm
- Poems for Pikelets: For young adults to share their poems, 28 August, 4–5pm
- Open Mic Session: 28 August, 12.30–1.30pm

Family History Month at Elma Turner Library:

- Family History Drop in sessions: Get advice from Family History Centre and Ancestors Attic volunteers, 14, 19, 28 August, 10am–12pm
- Introduction to Tracing Whakapapa with Cindy Batt: 20 Aug, 10am–12pm
- Capturing our Histories: An introduction to Nelson Provincial Museum's Oral history collection, 21 August, 1–2pm
- What's your Story? Lindsey Dawson can help you write down key moments in your life with Flash Memoir: 4 Sept, 10.30–11.30am

Adult Learners' Week at the Elma Turner Library

(Search itson.co.nz for details of all the events and activities during this week).

- Cake Decorating with Muse Cakes: 7 September, 10.30–11.30am
- Maori language – Te Reo Taster: 7 September, 12–1pm
- Spinning and Knitting Demonstration: 8 September, 10am–1pm
- Minecraft for Parents: 8 September, 10am–1pm
- Tai Chi Taster: 8 September, 1–2pm and 13 September 1.30–2.30pm
- World Scrabble: 1, 8, 15, 22 September, 1–3pm
- Bike Maintenance Workshops: 10 September, 10am–1pm
- Morris Dancing: 10 September, 1.30–2.30pm
- Card Making: 10 September, 3–4pm
- Romance Writing with LaVerne Clark: 11 September, 9.30–11am
- Mitre 10 Mega Power Tools: 11 September, 1–2pm
- Sushi Making: 12 September 12–1pm

Stoke Library

BookChat: Third Wednesday of each month, 5pm

StoryTime, for 2–4 yr olds and their parents: Weekly on Wednesdays, term time only, 10.30am

Small Time, stories and songs for 0–2yr olds: Weekly on Tuesdays, term time only, 10.30–11.30am

Family History Month: Librarian available all day to answer queries regarding Ancestry.com, 21 August.

Adult Learners' Week at the Stoke Library

- Make the most of Kiwisaver: 7 September, 2–3pm (bookings required)
- Crafting Cards with Gina: 11 September, 11am–12pm
- Making Parchment Bookmarks with Ngaire Sharpe: 12 September, 11am–12pm

Museums and Galleries

Nelson Provincial Museum

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

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

Gallipolli – In Search of a Family Story: Until 23 August

Dinosaur Footprints – A Story of Discovery: Until 13 September

Suter Art Gallery

'Wood for the Trees' Art Exhibition, until 30 October

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'Dinosaur Footprints: A Story of Discovery' at the Nelson Provincial Museum until 13 September

An exhibition on the discovery of Dinosaur footprints in Northwest Nelson. See first-hand the footprints of the giants that walked our land! 'Dinosaur Footprints: a Story of Discovery' features three footprints discovered in Late Cretaceous coastal sandstone rocks in northwest Nelson. They are the first dinosaur footprints ever found in New Zealand, and the first evidence of dinosaurs found in South Island.