

'Flash Memoir'
 Nelson Public Libraries present Lindsey Dawson, Auckland writer and editor (and founding editor of Next magazine), for a workshop on memoir writing. A lively and fun session which help you to write vivid pieces about key moments in your life. No charge.
When: Friday 4 September, 10.30-11.30
Where: Elma Turner Library Activity Room
 For more information ask at the library, email library@ncc.govt.nz or phone 03 546 0414.



Brook Recreation Reserve update

Consultation closed on the draft Brook Recreation Reserve Management Plan on Monday 17 August. A total of 46 submissions were received from a range of stakeholders and agencies.
 Feedback during the 8-week consultation was sought on the draft plan, which outlined how the reserve area that includes the Brook Camp could be used in the future, what needed protection on the site and how the setting could best serve Nelsonians and visitors to the region.
 Nine of the submitters spoke to their submission at a hearing which took place on Wednesday 2 September.
 The hearing panel will deliberate about the submissions at a public meeting on 22 September. Council is due to make its final decision based on the panel's recommendation at its meeting on 15 October.



Celebrating China Week Monday 7 to Sunday 13 September

China Week is almost here, bringing together an exciting array of activities, performances and business talks to celebrate and promote cross-cultural relationships and connectivity.

Join us in celebrating the launch of China Week at the top of Trafalgar Street at 6pm on Monday 7 September for an evening of Chinese song and dance, taniwha and fire performances, accompanied by complimentary Chinese tea and dumplings.
 Watch out for programme booklets around Nelson with all the China Week details, including performances, talks and activities.
 Daily cultural activities will take place between 1-2pm at the top of Trafalgar Street.
 Other events, such as talks about doing business with China at BNZ on Tuesday 8, and a run of Chinese movies at NMIT's 'Johnny Cash' room throughout the week, will help you immerse yourself and gain a deeper understanding and appreciation of Chinese culture.
 Be in to win one of 50 stunning children's Chinese traditional garments as well as home decor and

Chinese art kits. Simply attend as many events as you can throughout China Week and collect stickers on your programme along the way. Bring this with you to NMIT's Community Day on Saturday 12 between 11am-4pm and collect your prize whilst continuing to enjoy the many performances and activities during the day.
 On Thursday evening join us at NMIT's Rata Room for a 'Pen Cai' dining experience hosted by experienced Chinese Chef, Steven Chen.
 Throughout the week treat yourself to a Taste of China, visiting local Chinese restaurants New Asia and Nelson Oriental as well as Verdict Restaurant to sample some of the special dishes on the menu in celebration of China Week.
 The Hollow Tea Room is hosting a photographic exhibition on Customs in Chinese New Year as well as a

series of health talks from specialists Mark Soper "Good health through tea" and John Black "Basic principles of traditional Chinese medicine."
 And you won't want to miss Wednesday evening's offering at Saxton Table Tennis stadium, which will be a fun interactive demonstration with Nelsonian Bin Quan Hu and world-class player Zeng Sang and coach Lin Zhichao from our sister city, Huangshi. Come along to watch their amazing speed and have a go! If you can't make it on Wednesday there will be another chance to test your skills at the NMIT community day on Saturday 12 September.
 So we hope to see you out and about at the exhibitions at the Refinery Artspace and Salt Gallery and don't forget to collect as many stickers as you can for the NMIT community day to be in to win a Chinese gift!

Second Hand Sunday is nearly here!

Spring has arrived so it's a great time to clear out that junk you no longer need and someone else might just appreciate. Second Hand Sunday is happening all day in both Nelson and Tasman districts on 13 September starting at 10am.

If you want to get rid of stuff, just register online at Nelson City Council's website, [search phrase: Second Hand Sunday] before 9am on Thursday 10 September so your address can be downloaded by those wanting to take part. On the day, you simply put stuff you no longer want on your driveway or lawn and download the poster to attach to your letterbox so that people can easily find your address.
 "It was interesting to find out the range of creative things that people want particular items for that I wouldn't have thought about using myself," was a comment from a participant involved last time.
 If you want to be a fossicker, the list of addresses registered so far is available online and will be updated until Friday 11 September. Check the map online and download the list ready to tour around to seek out some great finds.



Generous Donation for Queen's Gardens

Nelson City Council would like to say a special thank you to a much-loved Danish couple who've donated \$20,000 towards future planting at Queen's Gardens.
 Grethe Hansen and Max Muller spent many summers in New Zealand, specifically in Nelson, and always loved their time in our city.
 Max owned a house overlooking the river in Avon Terrace, so Queen's

Gardens and the Suter Gallery were in close proximity and regularly frequented by them.
 Sadly their annual holidays in Nelson were unfortunately curtailed by poor health.
 However they wanted to make a donation to assist the ongoing beautification of one of their favourite spots in Nelson.

Round up of free events at Nelson Arts Festival

The flagpole banners are up, the programme is out and the countdown is on until the 21st Nelson Arts Festival lands here next month for two weeks from Wednesday 14 October.



The Festival's Technical Director Antony Hodgson gets to work hanging colourful street banners around the town to celebrate Arts Festival season.

Adult Learners Week at Nelson Public Libraries 7-13 September

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 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.
 For more information check out the website: itson.co.nz/2015/11060-adult-learners-week.

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 the library or online.
 The week will be launched by Councillor Gaile Noonan at Elma Turner Library, Monday 7 September, 11.30am.
 Contact: nicola.harwood@ncc.govt.nz or 03 546 0414.
itson.co.nz Search = adult learners' week

Council picks up national transport award

Nelson City Council has been given national recognition for its efforts in improving safety around getting to and from school.

The team has won the prestigious Trafanz transportation sustainability leadership award for New Zealand for its school package.
 The New Zealand Local Authority Traffic Institute, or TRAFANZ, represents local authority views on road safety and traffic management in New Zealand.
 The Trafanz awards were developed to recognise those organisations, individuals or communities that have made an outstanding contribution and have demonstrated leadership in transportation safety and sustainability in New Zealand.
 The winner had to demonstrate the dedication of the community to strive to achieve best outcomes in transportation and continue to develop a safe, efficient and sustainable transport system through engineering,

education and enforcement or a combination of these.
 Council's entry included evidence of these outcomes through the work done at school frontages and through its latest walking and cycling count data.
 It comes just days after council contractor Downer picked up a national award for its maintenance of Nelson's roads.
 Chair of the Works and Infrastructure Committee, Councillor Eric Davy, says to get two national awards in one week is a real coup for Council.
 "To be recognised in this manner on a national level is testament to the hard work and efforts of our staff.
 "It shows how committed we are to making Nelson a safer and even better place to live," he says.



Among the 65 plus shows on the Festival line up is a great selection of free events to enjoy. Make sure you mark these in the diary!
 • 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 More FM Carnivale celebrations immediately follow the Masked Parade on Trafalgar and Hardy Streets with street performances, food stalls and great bands.
 • Head along to the Festival hub at Founders Heritage Park and enjoy some of Nelson's fantastic musical talent in the free Pic's Granary Gigs held in the Festival Granary Cafe before and after ticketed shows. See the full line up for these gigs at nelsonartsfestival.co.nz.
 • *The Word on the Street* involves a group of NMIT students, tutors and local secondary students creating an interactive art installation with words based on the Masked Parade's theme *The World of Books* up the main street and by the library - the details of which will only be revealed after the start of the Festival.
 • *The Billboard Project* will see six well-known artists creating large-scale works of art themed around *aromahana* or spring on the banks of the Maitai River throughout the Festival. These artists will also have works in an exhibition at Red Gallery and all the works (including those created by the river) will be available for purchase at the end of the Festival.
 • Head along in your lunch break to Stage One at the top end of Trafalgar Street between 19-23 October to witness primary and secondary students performing to the public. After months of rehearsals, talented young Nelsonians will perform everything from kapa haka and jazz, to rock and dance.

Meetings

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

Works and Infrastructure Committee	9am	10 September
Audit, Risk and Finance Subcommittee - Ruma Mārama	1pm	10 September
Commercial Subcommittee - Ruma Mārama	to follow Audit, Risk and Finance Subcommittee	10 September
Chief Executive Employment Committee - Ruma Ana	12 noon	14 September
Council meeting to hear submissions to the Proposed Representation Arrangements 2016 (if required)	9am	15 September
Planning and Regulatory Committee	9am	17 September
Nelson Regional Sewerage Business Unit Board - Ruma Mārama	1pm	18 September
Nelson Youth Council	1pm	18 September

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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