



Waimarama Community Gardens free event

Head along to the Waimarama Community Gardens in the Brook Valley this Saturday for a free seminar on Seed Sowing and pricking out. Learn how to sow seeds and grow vegetable plants to save lots of money.

When: Saturday 19 September, 2pm
Tutor: Lorraine Long

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Nelson's Great Kererū Count



Councillor Brian McGurk visits the kererū at Natureland in the lead up to the Great Kererū Count.

As part of its multi-million dollar Nelson Nature programme of work to improve biodiversity, Nelson City Council is urging Nelsonians to get involved in the Great Kererū Count from 19–27 September.

The Great Kererū Count is the largest citizen science project in the country helping to gather information on the abundance and distribution of the native New Zealand wood pigeon – also known as the kererū, kuku or kukupa. By counting kererū in backyards, schools, parks or reserves – Nelsonians can help discover where these “gardeners of the skies” live, how many there are, and what they eat.

Kererū are the only bird large enough to eat and disperse the large fruit of native trees such as tawa, taraire, pūriri and mataī. These conspicuous birds are easy to spot and identify. They are classified as “not threatened” but are recognised by the Department of Conservation as being essential for forest regeneration.

The project is supported by WWF-New Zealand and Forest & Bird among other agencies.

Councillor Brian McGurk encourages people to get outdoors and record sightings of kererū over the nine days the count is being carried out.

“People can either do a timed observation or a one off sighting,” he says.

“This event finishes up on the first weekend of the school holidays so it’s a good way to keep the kids entertained, educated and enjoying nature all at once.”

Councillor McGurk says the data will be used to help measure the success of Nelson Nature, which is a 10-year Council project dedicated to protecting and restoring Nelson’s environment.

“Kererū are sensitive to changes to their habitat. We hope by helping to bring back Nelson’s precious biodiversity through Nelson Nature, we will see more

kererū in our backyards in years to come.”

Three simple things you can do to help kererū:

- Place something, such as a decal or a wind chime, in front of or on your windows to stop kererū flying into them.
- Plant native trees and plants they like to eat (kōwhai, cabbage tree, and mataī).
- Tell us when you see them during the Great Kererū Count.

Information about kererū sightings can be entered on the website greatkererucount.nz. All you need to tell us is where and when you saw kererū, and how many you saw.

If you’re having trouble entering the information online, please contact Council Officer Susan Moore-Lavo, susan.moore-lavo@ncc.govt.nz or 545 8742 and she will be happy to do it for you.

Win a native plant!

We have 80 native plants that kererū love to eat to give away. Simply tell us three plants kererū love to eat via email to susan.moore-lavo@ncc.govt.nz with ‘kererū competition’ in the subject line, or enter the competition in person at our Customer Service Centre from 19 September.

We will let you know where and when you can pick up your plant. Entries close at the end of the Great Kererū Count on 27 September.



Huangshi Mayor Dong Weimin, Nelson Mayor Rachel Reese and Former Nelson Mayor Kerry Marshall plant a tea tree at the Huangshi Chinese Gardens in Queens Gardens.

Nelson celebrates 20 year relationship with Sister City

Nelson Mayor Rachel Reese and Huangshi Mayor Dong Weimin have renewed and strengthened their Sister City agreement, at an official re-signing ceremony of the Memorandum of Understanding, as part of last week's inaugural China Week.

The ceremony marked the 20th anniversary of the Sister City relationship between the two cities; a milestone that Mayor Rachel Reese said was a great achievement for both cities.

"As Mayor of Nelson, I am very proud of our close and enduring connection with our Sister City, Huangshi. In re-signing our Memorandum of Understanding, we are further protecting and enhancing our bond between our cities for the next 20 years and beyond," she says.

Nelson's inaugural China Week was an idea originally put forward by the Chinese Consul-General Jin Zhijian in 2014. It not only celebrated the city's close ties to China, but also New Zealand's growing relationship with China, as it also coincided with Chinese Language Week.

Along with the week-long celebrations, which

included business talks, seminars and special events throughout the city, Mayor Reese hosted the delegation at the Huangshi Chinese Gardens in Queens Gardens to plant a tea tree to mark the event. Former Mayor, Kerry Marshall was also in attendance, having officially opened the Chinese Gardens in 2007.

"Sister City relationships are extremely valuable and play a mutually beneficial role to both communities involved," says Mayor Reese. "I believe there is significant potential to grow joint trade and business ventures, as well as numerous opportunities for shared learning and development."

"I am particularly hopeful our relationship can bring mutual benefits in the areas of education, business, environmental protection and tourism," she says.

Off the page and onto the stage

Nelson Arts Festival (14 – 26 October)

A Booker long-lister, a bio of Maurice Gee and a memoir from the director of *Goodbye Pork Pie* – the line up for this year's Page & Blackmore Readers and Writers is eclectic, and already proving a hit with ticket buyers.

Programme coordinator Jacquetta Bell says there are a couple of sessions already sold out, and a positive response to all writers on the programme.

"We've got a new book called *Kahawai – The People's Fish* with Golden Bay author Gerard Hindmarsh, Stephanie Johnson with her insightful novel *The Writers' Festival*, a satirical (and recognisable) look at Auckland's 'in-crowd' from Charlotte Grimshaw and the first novel in ten years from Patricia Grace," she says. "The icing on the cake is having Anna Smaill, whose first novel, *The Chimes*, is on the Booker long-list."

The programme of 14 talks starts with a Saturday morning session for kids featuring Gavin Bishop's all-ages memoir *Teddy One-Eye*, alongside a free session for younger kids with teddy stories

and crafts led by library staff. Most of the writers' sessions are on weekend afternoons - articulate and entertaining speakers, good coffee, teas, wine and delicious counter food make for a great afternoon out.

Readers and Writers wraps up on Labour Day Monday with Poetry at Mahana, this year with a double bill, Marty Smith from Hawke's Bay and Bernadette Hall from Canterbury.

This is Jacquetta Bell's last year as the coordinator of Readers and Writers, and as part of her succession plan she has called on a wider range of chair-people, ranging from Radio NZ's Wallace Chapman who will interview Geoff Murphy, through to local publisher Robbie Burton on stage with satirist and broadcaster David Slack, whose recent book documents the history of the playground game, Bullrush.

Tickets available at the Theatre Royal, Saturday Market and online at nelsonartsfestival.co.nz



Work underway on Trafalgar Centre

Construction has started on the earthquake strengthening and upgrade works to the Trafalgar Centre.

Local firm Gibbons Construction Ltd has been contracted to undertake the physical works associated with the reopening of the Trafalgar Centre and the development of Rutherford Park.

Work began on 7 September.

This follows their engagement in the Early Contractor Involvement (ECI) process.

The Trafalgar Centre Reopening Project has been separated into five different work packages. These are:

- Compliance works and ground improvement
- Southern extension
- Main building, infrastructure/external works and maintenance items
- Northern building
- Rutherford Park

Each package will be subject to detailed design, scheduling and pricing.

The total confirmed budget for the Trafalgar Centre in the 2015/16 financial year (excluding Rutherford Park) is \$12.289 million.

The works on the main building and southern extension are scheduled to be completed at the end of March next year.

Mayor Rachel Reese says she is happy with the progress.

"It is pleasing to see that the work has begun. We all look forward to seeing this major project progress, so that our city can benefit from using this asset to bring large conferences and events into Nelson," she says.

Gibbons Chief Operating Officer Shane Trench says he is delighted to have been able to start work.

"The ECI process to date has been extremely thorough and paramount in establishing the optimum construction methodology for reopening the centre. Council is to be commended here for their approach. It is exciting to be getting the physical works underway and restoring this iconic Nelson building to full health," he says.





Council backs busy bees

Nelson City Council is buzzing with activity for Bee Aware Month.

Councillor Mike Ward got the month off to a sweet start by heading out to Broadgreen Rose Gardens to sow a wildflower seed mixture, which was provided by the Bee Keepers Association.

This year's Bee Aware Month theme is 'Feed the Bees', and so far 30 councils throughout the country are dedicating a patch of land in their community to a bee-friendly garden.

The councils are planting their gardens with a bee-friendly wildflower seed mixture, to provide fodder for their local bees who work hard to keep Kiwis fed.

"Bees pollinate around one third of the food we eat, so it's important we plant enough food for them to ensure they can continue doing so," says National Beekeepers

Association chief executive, Daniel Paul.

Nelson City Council is putting up signs around its bee-friendly garden to encourage residents to learn more about the importance of bees and how to help them prosper.

Council has planted around 70,000 native plants in reserves around Nelson over the past 12 months, with around 50 per cent being flowering trees and shrubs.

"This year, we really wanted to make a splash throughout New Zealand," Mr Paul says.

"It's fantastic to have so many councils on board, putting their land to good use and helping us promote the good cause.

"Wildflowers brighten up a landscape and provide a vital food source, which is what this year's Bee Aware Month is all about."



Councillor Mike Ward at Broadgreen sowing wildflowers, supervised by Kate Krawczyk, Nelmac Horticultural Parks Team Leader.

New approach to building consent applications

A recent review of the building consent application process has highlighted potential efficiencies for an even better service for customers who require a building consent, says Council's Building Unit Manager Martin Brown.

The review found the key 'time eater' for consent fees is in determining whether customers have submitted the relevant information and, where gaps are found, sending customers a request for information (RFI) and reviewing further information that is then supplied.

The review also noted that with multiple requests for information (RFI's), the customer can end up incurring additional costs.

As a result, face to face meetings when submitting a building consent application or response to an RFI will become more common as the Council's building consents team works to further improve the process.

To reduce the time required for customers, Council is proposing to set up meetings for the following situations:

- Residential Building Consent Applications lodged by the end of 2015
- Responses to Requests for Information from 1 October 2015

Customers can book a lodgement appointment by phoning our Customer Service Centre on 03 546 0200 and an officer will go through the application or RFI response with them (for RFI responses where possible it will be the processing officer who raised the RFIs).

If the relevant information is there in full, including any issues that are easy to fix, the application or RFI response will be accepted on the spot there and then.

If all the relevant information cannot be supplied, customers will be advised what is needed and another time will be booked to resubmit the information.

SPOTLIGHT ON STOKE

The next phase

Designing our urban spaces

You are invited to attend an 'enquiry-by-design' workshop to share your ideas, and discuss and develop possible urban design and planning solutions for the wider Stoke area.

Date: Wednesday 23 September
Option 1: 12.30 - 2.30pm
Option 2: 5.30 - 7.30pm
Venue: St Barnabas Church, Stoke

This event is your opportunity to:

- Find out what we have learned from you so far and our future plans for wider Stoke.
- Hear directly from the consultants carrying out the urban design planning.
- Learn what Stoke residents want for their urban spaces.
- Ask questions, discuss, develop and draw possible urban design and planning solutions for Stoke with Councillors and our consultants.



Everyone is welcome. Please join us and play your part in the future development of Stoke.

This is an interactive public meeting which will include breaking into groups to help form a vision for urban design and planning in Stoke.

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Restoring the Nelson School of Music

When is a restoration more than 'just a revamp'? In the case of the Nelson School of Music's earthquake strengthening, the 'restoration' actually includes a significant rebuild and addition.

Nelson's internationally admired auditorium gets a more impressive entrance foyer, as well as improvements to the backstage area and public facilities. Then, around the corner in Collingwood Street, Rainey House comes down and is replaced by the brand new Rainey Wing, with a full-size orchestral rehearsal room that can double as a recital theatre, plus new studios, classrooms and a library.

The total project cost is \$6.4m, with Council pledging \$3m and a community fundraising target of \$1.4m. Fundraising committee chair Colleen Marshall said the support to date is very heartening, with a good awareness of the role the NSOM plays in Nelson's musical life, and its reputation as an arts destination, nationally and internationally.

Right now you can support the fundraising campaign and give yourself very good odds of winning a Toss Woollaston watercolour, in the Great Musical Raffle.

The first prize is a very generous donation from the Toss Woollaston Trust, the 1987 watercolour 'The Bassoon Player', and the second prize is a mat by Nelson carpet artist Steve Whittington, also in the musical theme, with a red treble clef and the first few notes of Schubert's 'Musical Moments'.

See the art works and buy tickets at the Suter, and go to nsom.ac.nz for more information on how you can support the restoration of this important cultural asset.

The watercolour by Toss Woollaston could be yours, along with the warm feeling of helping to restore the Nelson School of Music.

nsom.ac.nz



Do you know what to do in an earthquake?

In just under a month, New Zealand will take part in Shakeout, our national earthquake drill, at 9.15am on 15 October 2015. With nearly 900,000 people signed up to take part, we're well over half way to our national target of 1.5 million.

In Nelson, we're also over half way to reaching our target of 23,000 with nearly 15,000 signed up! So get involved and sign up at shakeout.govt.nz.

The Nelson Tasman Emergency Management Team is running competitions to get everyone involved.

We've had a number of videos submitted for the best 'earthquake drill' video. They're all in the draw to win prizes including a morning tea shout. You can still enter by sending in your video to michelle.griffiths@ncc.govt.nz.

See some of the great videos at facebook.com/nelontasmanemergencymanagement.

Whether you're a child or adult, why not take part in our colouring competition? Find the templates at all libraries, or online at shakeout.govt.nz/resources

In 2012, 1.34 million Kiwis took part in the drill, many of them from businesses and workplaces. So get involved and drop, cover and hold at 9.15am on 15 October 2015.

facebook.com/nelontasmanemergencymanagement

shakeout.govt.nz/resources



The Nelson Quilters Guild showing off their 'Get Ready Get Thru' bags after a talk about getting ready for an emergency event.

Council helps Nelson Archery Club hit the target

The Sherwood Archery Club (Nelson) says its doubling of membership is thanks in part to Council's support and its high standards in maintaining the Club grounds.

The club's secretary, Murray Irvine, says despite the wet weather the grass has been kept to a good height.

"This makes it easier to find our arrows when we miss the target!

"Also the white shooting lines have been clearly marked, and even the long grass under the targets has been kept nice and tidy.

"The members often comment on the great facilities we have and I thought I'd pass on our thanks to you and your team for doing such a great job - it is really appreciated by the members and with the South Island Masters Games coming up it will really help to provide a great venue for our out of town entrants," he says.

In June 2013 the club had just 16 members and two target butts, but now thanks to generous sponsorship and Council support, it now has 120 members and eight butts at Saxton Oval.

It is proving popular with families and all the beginners' courses this year have been fully booked with a waiting list already in place for the next one.

Mr Irvine says this wouldn't have been possible without the support of The Canterbury Community Trust, Nelson Pine Industries, Network Tasman Charitable Trust, The Concrete Cutter and an enthusiastic committee.

He says the club is now busy gearing up for the 2015 South Island Masters Games.

Riverside Pool gets new hoist

A new hoist has been installed at the Riverside Pool to assist swimmers with disabilities in accessing the water.

The new Pelican Pool Access Hoist enables people to enter the pool with minimal manual lifting.

It can be used with a plastic seat and a floating sling is also available. It means people can be lifted straight into the waterproof wheelchair and into the changing rooms with minimal manual lifting from carers.

The new hoist replaces the existing twenty-year old hoist and ensures the pool complies with new disability legislation.





Update on the use of drones on Council land

Commercial and recreational users of drones are being allowed to operate on council-owned or operated land.

Anyone wishing to use a Remotely Piloted Aircraft System (RPAS) is required to register at Council.

A simple online form is also being provided for operators to register via the internet.

Applicants will need to provide the following information, which will allow them permission to operate until 31 March 2016:

- What properties (e.g. what park will they use) and require permission for.
- Description of the RPAS and the weight.

Operating a RPAS needs to be managed, to ensure its operation does not adversely affect other users of council land or their enjoyment of an open space, such as interfering with other sporting activities.

The following link provides some quick reference general guides to flying rules:

caa.govt.nz/rpas

You can find more information on our website: nelson.govt.nz (search = drones).

caa.govt.nz/rpas

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Search = drones



Introducing Pat Jones

Pat Jones, a life Member of the Nelson Miyazu Association and a member of the Sister Cities New Zealand board from 1992 to 1996, was recently presented with a City of Nelson Crest along with a certificate of appreciation to recognise her contribution to Sister City relationships since 1990. The crest is a very special recognition of a high level of service to the City.

During her time on the SCNZ board Pat served as a director and then as the secretary.

As part of a special project Pat visited every council in the country with a formal Sister City agreement collecting information to compile a directory.

Pat was one of four SCNZ board members invited to visit China in 1995 as guests of the China Peoples Association for Friendship with Foreign Countries.

Her main focus has been on Japan and the first visit to the City of Miyazu happened in 1990. Later that year she organised the first Festival of Japan. Other visits to Japan followed from 1991 and in 2007 for a final sayonara visit.

Pat floated the idea of the establishment of Miyazu Gardens within Miyazu Park and this was supported by both councils with people from Miyazu coming to Nelson to help guide the planning and planting.

In 1991 Pat was asked to visit Glenorchy in

Hobart, Tasmania to assess the status of the sister city relationship signed in the 1980's and on return recommended that the agreement be annulled by both councils.

Pat was instrumental in establishing and formalising a new sister city relationship in 2000 with Eureka in California, although the activity between Nelson and Eureka has fallen away over recent years.

During her time as the Nelson City Council Sister City Coordinator Pat has worked closely with four Mayors and several councils encouraging and promoting the links between the cities with whom Nelson City Council has agreements.

Pat says she has made many friends through sister cities and many of these friendships are ongoing.

By Gail Collingwood

This article was first published in Sister Cities New Zealand August 2015 newsletter.



Photo credit: Hiromi Morris.

Water meter readings about to begin

The residential water meter reading round starts on 1 October 2015, and will continue for about two months. Please check and ensure that the area surrounding, and the meter box itself, are clear and easily accessible for the meter readers to locate and read. Please move any pot plants that are sitting on the boxes.

The meter readers are allowed to read the meters between 8am and 6pm seven days a week, including Sundays and public holidays. They will be identifiable by their hi-visibility vests with 'WATER METER READER' and "DataCol" on the back.

The city is divided up into areas, with the meter readers starting at Tahunanui, moving to Stoke, through the town, The Wood, Atawhai and ending at the Glen at the end of November.

As part of the ongoing maintenance of the meters, some meters will be checked to see if they are still recording accurately. If your meter

is being checked, the meter reader will let you know, if you are at home at the time. If no one is at home, a letter will be left in your letterbox letting you know that Council contractors have been. The test requires the meter reader to fill a 10 litre bucket with water. If the meter needs to be replaced, the water will be turned off to do this. The whole check usually takes about 10 minutes. The meter readers will still be carrying out these checks in December.

If your meter is not easily accessible for the readers, e.g. behind a locked fence or if you have dogs, please call 0800 870 008 so that

suitable arrangements can be made to have the meter read. Please be aware that if you don't make a suitable arrangement or repeated visits are needed to obtain a meter reading, you could be charged a Special Water Meter reading fee of \$28.

All water used through the meter is charged at \$2.052 (incl. GST) per cubic metre.

The invoice/statements are posted out usually within two weeks of the meter being read. They will be due for payment on 15 December 2015. If your account has a balance of less than \$10 or a credit of less than \$10 no invoice will be sent.

FROM THE COUNCIL TABLE

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

Mayor's Message



In April, I led a delegation to our Sister City, Huangshi. It was an important visit for expanding our business and cultural relationship. It gave me the opportunity to experience first-hand, the city's cultural institutions and world leading businesses.

Last week, I had the pleasure of hosting visitors from Huangshi here in Nelson, including the Mayor Dong Weimin. It was a special occasion in which we re-signed the Memorandum of Understanding between Nelson and Huangshi, to mark the 20 year relationship between our two cities.

Two decades of friendship is a significant milestone, and as Nelson Mayor, I am particularly proud of our city's long standing links to China, through our Sister Cities, Huangshi and Yangjiang. Since signing our sister city agreement in 1995, there have been over 20 educational, medical, cultural, business, sporting, and municipal exchanges between our cities.

Of course, one of the exciting aspects of the visit included celebrating Nelson's inaugural China Week, along with New Zealand Chinese Language Week. Events like these encourage stronger connections and enduring friendship, and in re-signing our Memorandum of Understanding, we have further protected and enhanced our bond between cities for the next 20 years and beyond.

Sister City relationships are extremely valuable and play a mutually beneficial role to both communities involved. I believe there is significant potential to grow joint trade and business ventures, as well as numerous opportunities for shared learning and development. I am particularly hopeful our relationship can bring mutual benefits in the areas of education, business, environmental protection and tourism. The opportunities for growth and partnership between Nelson and cities such as Huangshi are endless and it is this relationship which enables us to pursue these possibilities together.

The relationship between Nelson and Huangshi is unique. Strong connections are built on trust, respect, and an understanding of each other, and this is what makes our relationship so strong. As an ancient Chinese proverb says, "Each generation will reap what the former generation has sown." It is important to build a solid foundation now that will ensure an enduring and successful relationship between our two cities, and indeed between our two countries, in the future.

Councillor's Comment – Ruth Copeland

It's been a heart-wrenching few weeks on the global stage as the reality of the current refugee humanitarian crisis starts to hit home. The world has become aware of the horrific circumstances of the Syrian refugees as graphic images and video clips stream through the Internet and social media.

At the same time, we see an unprecedented outpouring of selfless compassion and practical assistance from so many.

Right here in Nelson, we have a very special multicultural mix and most have come here as refugees. Within our community there are so many people dedicated to supporting these newcomers in a myriad of ways. I would like to give a special mention here to some of the organisations and the

hundreds of volunteers who make this possible.

Red Cross Refugee Services, the Nelson Multicultural Council, the Salvation Army, Nelson Woman Centre, Volunteer Nelson, All Saints Church, Victory Community Centre and School, to name a few.

I am so proud of this little city and the warm welcome we extend to those refugees that come here. We may be asked to expand that welcome a little more in the very near future.



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Youth Councillors Daniel Leaper and Rhys Griffith in front of the Tahuna Mural.

From the Youth Council

The busiest part of the year is over, but Youth Council is still actively involved in a number of projects and events.

Recently, we held two highly successful photography workshops for youth as a part of our heritage week competition. We have also had great feedback on a second postcard mural that has been installed at the Tahunanui playgrounds. Additionally, Youth Councillors have been connecting with our fellow youth leaders from across New Zealand. On 17 July we took a roadtrip to Blenheim to attend the Top of the South Forum. We gave an overview of what we'd been up to, and then had a workshop on communication and presentation skills. Three lucky

Youth Councillors also had the opportunity to fly to the capital for the day, meeting with our Wellington counterparts. This was a great experience and very valuable for us to see how another youth council operates.

As the year draws to a close, the search for next year's youth councillors has begun. Applications are now open, so sign up if you are keen to join us in 2016!

If you're keen just complete an application form or contact Rachael on rachael.large@ncc.govt.nz or 545 8746 for more information.

By Sam McIlroy and Brontë Shaw.



Huangshi Mayor Dong Weimin and Nelson Mayor Rachel Reese re-sign the Memorandum of Understanding between Nelson and Huangshi.



SCHOOL HOLIDAY FUN

...ON OFFER IN NELSON



ACTIVITIES AT THE LIBRARIES

When	What	Where	Age	Cost	Need to book?
Monday 28 Sept, 10am–4pm	Create a collage	Children's Library at Elma Turner Library	Any	Free	No
Tuesday 29 Sept, 10am–4pm	Lego Mindstorm Robotics	Elma Turner Library	8–12	\$20	Yes
Tuesday 29 Sept, 11am	Simply stories with Bridget	Stoke Library	3–8	Free	No
Wednesday 30 Sept, 11am	Simply stories with Nettie	Elma Turner Library	3–8	Free	No
Thursday 1 October, 11am	Simply stories with Piri	Elma Turner Library	3–8	Free	No
Thursday 1 October, 2–3.30 pm	Tinga-tinga art with Jane	Elma Turner Library	6–10	Free	Yes
Friday 2 October, 3.30–5pm	Coding with Scratch	Learning Centre in Elma Turner Library	7–12	Free	Yes
Friday 2 October, 4.30–5.30pm	Art with Clare	Elma Turner Library	10–12	Free	Yes
Monday 5 October, 11am	Simply stories with Jane	Children's Library at Elma Turner Library	3–8	Free	No
Tuesday 6 October, 10am–4pm	Cardboard box creations	Children's Library at Elma Turner Library	Any	Free	No
Wednesday 7 Oct, 3–4pm	Coding with Scratch	Learning Centre in Elma Turner Library	7–12	Free	Yes
Wednesday 7 Oct, 2–3pm	Horror makeup with Alaina	Stoke Library	8+	Free	Yes
Thursday 8 October, 11am	Simply stories with Viv	Children's Library at Elma Turner Library	3–8	Free	No
Thursday 8 October, 2–3pm	Paper craft with Karen	Elma Turner Library	8–12	Free	Yes
Friday 9 October, 10am–12pm	Photography with Ryu	Elma Turner Library	13–18	\$10	Yes
Friday 9 October, 2–3pm	Card making with Gina	Stoke Library	8–12	Free	Yes
Friday 9 October, 2–2.30pm, 2.30–3pm, 3–3.30pm or 3.30–4pm	Minecraft challenge	Learning Centre in Elma Turner Library	7–12	Free	Yes

TO BOOK: Email library@ncc.govt.nz, ring Viv Rounce on 539 5507 or pop into the Children's Library. We need your child's name, age and contact phone number. The cardboard box creations, simply stories and create a collage sessions all require parental attendance. Spaces are limited, so get in quick! For more information, visit nelsonpubliclibraries.co.nz.

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ACTIVITIES AT FOUNDERS PARK

Nelson's Lost Railway

To celebrate the 60th anniversary of Ruth Page's valiant efforts to keep Nelson's railway open, Founders Heritage Park is running Nelson's Lost Railway holiday activities free to locals.

Today very little remains of the railway line which once ran from Nelson to Gowanbridge. It had taken 80 years to get the 109km of tracks from Nelson to Gowanbridge but the railway proved to be too costly to run and in 1954 the decision was made to close it.

After much public pressure the railway was granted a year-long reprieve but it failed to reach the freight targets set and closure was again imminent. On 20 September 1955 Ruth Page led a group of women in a week-long sit-in on the line at Kiwi Station. The protest was unsuccessful,

and led to the arrest of nine of the women. On 21 December 1955 demolition crews at Glenhope began dismantling the railway.

Running every day through the school holidays children will be able to take part in train inspired activities. Join the treasure hunt round the park to find Nelson Railways lost Railway Stations, enter the colouring competition, help to build a model of our railway and play the Nelson Railway Board Game. Activities are self driven, free of charge and run 10am – 4.30pm.

Steam Up

Friday 2 & Saturday 3 October
Friday 9 & Saturday 10 October
1 – 4pm

Nelson Railway Society is showcasing small scale working engines in the Motor Garage at Founders Heritage Park on Friday and Saturday afternoons during the school holiday.

These "Steam Up" afternoons will be hosted by volunteers who will show off a range of running stationary model engines, model steam locomotives, traction engines and a 20-foot steam launch.

You will also get a chance to see Nelson Railway Society's WF 403 steam locomotive which is currently being restored and is hoped to be running on their tracks next year.

This is sure to be a hit with engine enthusiasts young and old, donations to the Railway society at the door.





Cycling from Holland to Norway

Come and hear Caroline Crick, Nelson writer and photographer, talk about her epic 3000km fundraising bike ride from Holland to Norway.

When: Wednesday 16 September 2015, 6pm

Where: Elma Turner Library Activities Room

Please come a little early as the main library doors close at 6pm.

You are invited to stay for a cuppa afterwards. A koha will contribute to the fundraising

For enquiries, contact 027 545 8534.

Law for Lunch at Elma Turner Library

Peter Riley of Nelson Bays Community Law Service presents three workshops on making a will, powers of attorney, property transfer, your rights on divorce and separation – and more.

Wednesdays, 12.30–1.30pm in the Activity Room:

- Wednesday 16 September – Powers of Attorney
- Wednesday 23 September – Wills and Estates
- Wednesday 30 September – Relationship Property Law & You

All welcome. No charge.

Selling cars on the side of the road a no go

It has been brought to our attention that there has been an increase in the number of cars parked on the side of the road with for sale signs on them.

This is a friendly reminder that there is a bylaw in place that makes it an offence to park a vehicle on the side of the road for the purpose of selling it. The main reason for this is to avoid traffic hazards and congestion on the side of roads (we don't want any accidents occurring).

We appreciate your cooperation.

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

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

Hearings Panel – Other – Proposed Temporary Road Closure at conclusion of Exemptions to Fencing of Swimming Pools Act Hearing
21 Sep

Brook Recreation Reserve Management Plan Panel – deliberations
1pm 22 Sep

Community Services Committee
9am 24 Sep

Council meeting
9am 1 Oct

Governance Committee at conclusion of Council meeting
1 Oct

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.

What's on – at a Council venue near you



Founders Heritage Park

Skate School for 11–18 Year Olds with The Truck: 19, 26 September, 12–4pm

FabTive: A performing arts holiday programme carnival style, 28–30 September, 9am–1pm

Saxton Field Sports Complex

South Island Masters Games: 26 September–4 October

Nelson Wedding Show: 4 October, 10am–4pm

Inclusive Sports Trust Fair: By the netball courts, 4 October, 10am–4pm

Nelson Home and Garden Show: 9–11 October, 10am–5pm

Miyazu Japanese Gardens

Cherry Blossom Festival 2015: 20 September, 11.30am–2.30pm

Isel Park

Isel in Bloom: Annual family event in the beautiful Isel Park, 11 October, 11am–3pm

Nelson i-Site

10th birthday Family Scavenger Hunt: 26 September, 11am–3pm

Maitai Riverbank

The Billboard Project – Aromahana: The banks of the Maitai River (beside Millers Acre carpark) set the scene for the creation of large scale works of art, as part of the Arts Festival, 14–25 October, 10am–4pm

Trafalgar Street

The Word on the Street, poetry in the air! Upper Trafalgar Street, as part of the Arts Festival 14–26 October

Stoke Memorial Hall

Monster Trash n Treasure: Soroptimist International fundraiser for community groups, 3 October, 9am–1pm

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

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

World Scrabble, 22 September, 1–3pm

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

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

Nelson Suter Art Society 'Reassurance', until 10 October
'Wood for the Trees' Art Exhibition, until 30 October

CHECK OUT

Cherry Blossom Festival, Miyazu Japanese Gardens, 20 September, 11.30am–2.30pm

Come and enjoy a programme of music, food & entertainment under the cherry blossom trees to celebrate the Japanese culture and the 39-year anniversary of the Sister City connection between Nelson & Miyazu. Kendo and Aikido demonstrations, big brush calligraphy, Raijin Taiko Drummers and more! Check out the programme on itson.co.nz.