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**NELSON CITY COUNCIL** 

Making Nelson an even better place

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#### **Resealing our roads**

With the warm, dry weather kicking in, Council's summer resealing season wil soon get underway, as ground conditions are perfect for this work. The reseals programme includes footpaths and roadways around Nelson, and may cause minor short term disruptions to your journey or street. Council asks residents to be patient and drive safely around road works, as this helps contractors finish work on time and to a high standard. Thank you for your patience.

### **Council to advise new** rateable values this month

**Nelson City Council ratepayers** will receive their new rateable valuation this month, following recent revaluations of the city's rateable properties.

Rateable valuations are primarily undertaken to allow the Council to determine a property's rates, which in Nelson are calculated on the land value

Rates generate around half of Council's income and are used to provide residents with a wide range of essential services and facilities.

Once the Council has posted the new valuation notices to property owners on 19 November, they have until 15 January 2016 before the official objection period

Council's Corporate Services Group Manager Nikki Harrison says the revaluations are undertaken every three years by Quotable Value, on behalf of

"Quotable Value's assessment of the city's rateable properties reflects the value of a property, excluding chattels.

"A process which is used all over the world, called 'mass-appraisal' is used to calculate the values, which takes into consideration a property's individual attributes, as well as local sales," Ms Harrison says.

The Office of the Valuer General then independently audits the process.

The new rateable values will be used for rating purposes from 1 July 2016.



# **Broadgreen in full bloom for Rose Day**

The 47th annual Rose Day will be held this Sunday 15 November from 11am-3pm at Broadgreen Historic House on Nayland Road.

This popular event is timed to display the heritage home's beautiful Samuels Rose Garden, at its very best.

The rose garden is the largest in Nelson, with around 3,000 plants, including more than 500 varieties. It was named after the late Mr S J Samuels, a dedicated rose

Rose Day is a free community celebration with live music and entertainment for all ages, including craft stalls, pony rides, and displays by Stoke Fire Service, Nelson Rose Society, and much more.

Bring the family and soak up the atmosphere.

- 12pm La Vida String Quartet
- 1pm Nelson Morris Dancers
- 2pm Nelson City Brass Band

#### Children's Entertainment

- Flossie Balloons creative balloons.
- Roger Sanders Stories: 11am, 12.30pm, and 2pm.
- Gareth Unicycling and juggling.
- Groovy Hooves pony rides.

#### **Entertainment and Displays**

- Nelson Rose Society talk to the experts about roses and ask any questions you have about your own garden.
- Stoke Fire Service meet the crew, see the fire appliances.
- The Rose Walk pick up a leaflet from the Nelson City Council stand to find out more about the special roses in this fragrant garden.

Thanks to: Broadgreen Society, Nelson Army Cadets, Nelson Rose Society, Stoke Fire Service, St John Ambulance.

### Important recycling reminder

Kerbside recycling rules are designed to minimise contamination, keep runners safe and keep the cost of recycling down.

In the last five years the level of non-recyclable items collected from Nelson kerbsides has tripled to a staggering 240 tonnes. Non-recyclables are a risk to collectors, they increase collection time and – because they must be manually sorted and disposed of - are an ongoing cost to the kerbside recycling scheme.

#### Recycling runners are only required to collect:

- Household plastics, tins, bottles and jars that are sitting loose in official blue bins or similar containers - not in plastic bags as these make it hard for runners to assess the material as being recyclable or not.
- Household paper and cardboard placed in untied, top-folded plastic bags and larger cardboard that has been folded to bin size and secured (tied plastic bags have to be opened by hand and hold up the automated system).



## Latest community investment funding round announced

The latest community investment funding round has been completed, with over \$140,000 to be distributed across the community.

Nelson City Council's Community Investment Fund, previously known as the Community Assistance Fund, has been allocated by a new panel of community members, established following a review of the Community Assistance Policy.

The funding panel is made up of four community representatives and one Council staff member, and will distribute \$300,000 annually, with up to \$50,000 for small scale projects, to organisations with a focus on social development activities that support the well-being of the wider Nelson community.

"We have listened to the community and have narrowed the focus of this fund. Where previously the criteria included support for sports, arts and events, now there is a sole focus on supporting social development activities." says Council's **Group Manager Community Services and** Chair of the Panel, Chris Ward.

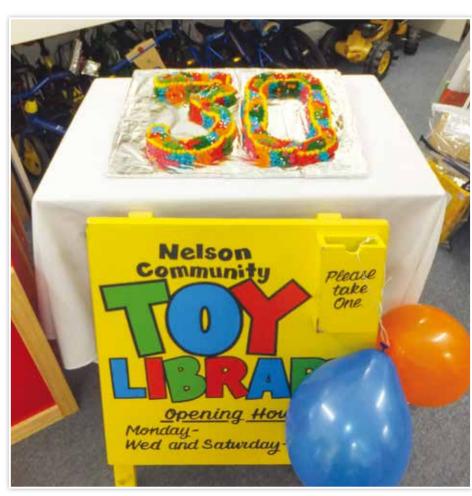
In this latest funding round, 12 agreements and 25 grants, totalling \$142,770, have been allocated to a wide range of not-for-profit organisations delivering social development services in Nelson.

The total amount applied for was \$190,774, from a funds pool of \$149,070. \$96,220 was awarded to project agreements and \$46,550 in grants for smaller projects. This amount is on top of \$150,930, which has already been allocated for this year, from previous funding rounds.

Mayor Rachel Reese says the decision to create the new panel shows Council's commitment to working closely with the community.

"The public told us they wanted to see continued support for community groups through the community assistance fund. They wanted us to focus on social development. We listened.

"This new panel creates closer collaboration between staff, Councillors and the community, and will ensure we are supporting the community in the best way possible," she says.



Nelson Community Toy Library, which celebrated 30 years this year, received funding as part of the latest

# Call for volunteers for Nelson's heritage houses

**Gingerbread decorations** 

Christmas origami papercrafts

Christmas card making workshops

Wednesdays: 9, 16 December, 1.30-2.30pm.

Nelson City Council is calling for volunteers to help run its heritage houses in Stoke.

Isel House and Broadgreen Historic House need front of house volunteers to assist in ensuring the doors are kept open for the local community and visitors to enjoy.

Responsibilities include greeting visitors, taking entry fees and shop sales, and providing basic information about the

Isel House has been cared for and manned by a small group of volunteers during the past 16 years, preserving the stories of this historic building and the people who lived

"Council would like to take this opportunity to thank these past and current volunteers, in particular Al and Sally Papps, who have worked tirelessly to restore the interior of the house and have it open to the public during the summer months," says Manager Heritage Facilities, Ian Littleworth.

"Past volunteers are very keen to see Isel House open again this summer, as it has been in previous summers, and we are looking for more volunteers who are interested in front of house roles. Historic properties around the country rely on groups of volunteers to keep the doors open and allow visitors access.

"The heritage houses in Stoke are no different and without volunteers to welcome visitors it would not be possible for them to be open to the public," he says.

Get ready for Christmas

Get creative at Elma Turner

prepare for Christmas while

Library. We can help you

you stock up with your

at the Library

holiday reading.

Mr Littleworth says anyone who enjoys meeting people, has a free morning or afternoon each week and is interested in finding out more about volunteering at Isel or Broadgreen, should get in touch by contacting Maria Anderson, at Founders Heritage Park, 03 548 2649 or email maria.anderson@ncc.govt.nz.



# Meetings

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

Hearings Panel – Other – Proposed Temporary Road Closure Applications

#### Changes to Meetings

Commercial Subcommittee -Ruma Mārama – Previously advertised to take place on 12 November following the Audit, Risk and Finance

Has been cancelled due to insufficient

Council meeting - previously advertised to commence at 1.30pm

For a full list of Council meetings go to:

nelson.govt.nz/meetings

- 1: Unless otherwise shown, the meetings will be held in the Council Chamber, Civic House, Trafalgar
- 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?



For a full list of Nelson events go to:















Bring a block of orange Dukit – all other materials supplied. Bookings

All welcome. Tuesdays: 8, 15 December, 1.30-2.30pm.

For bookings and information about where to purchase the

Dukit, contact the library: library@ncc.govt.nz or 03 546 8100.

required. Thursdays: 19 November and 3, 10, 17 December, 12-1.30pm.