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Summer events for everyone

Keep an eye out for the Summer Events 2015/16 programme, landing in letterboxes next week. This year's programme is jam packed with suitably summery events across the Nelson Tasman region, for locals and visitors to enjoy.



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Let us know how to grow – Nelson Plan



There's only four days left to give feedback on managing the region's natural and built environment, as part of the review of Nelson's Resource Management Plans.

Community feedback to be incorporated into the draft Whakamahere Whakatū Nelson Plan closes on Monday 30 November.

Nelson Mayor Rachel Reese says the Plan is an important document that acts as an instruction manual for managing how Nelson grows and develops in the future, while protecting the region's natural environment.

"Through this review, we want to know how, together, we can make the most of what our city is blessed with, so we can continue to attract people here and make it easy for them to stay," she says.

"We want to know from the public what they value most about Nelson, and what they would like to see changed."

Council is collecting feedback via its website nelson.govt.nz/nelson-plan and through an information summary and feedback form that was delivered to

households on 11 November. People can also give direct feedback via email to nelsonplan@ncc.govt.nz or to a planner by phoning 03 546 0200.

The final Whakamahere Whakatū Nelson Plan will encompass all of Nelson's Resource Management Plans, which include the Regional Policy Statement, Nelson Air Quality Plan and Nelson Resource Management Plan (which incorporates the district plan, regional plan and regional coastal plan) into one integrated document.

The estimated timeline for developing the final Plan involves confirming the Regional Policy Statement with Council and the community in March / April 2016, drafting the Whakamahere Whakatū Nelson Plan in 2016, with consultation and notification to follow in early 2017.



Trafalgar Centre update

Demolition of the northern building completed this month.

The Trafalgar Centre is the largest indoor multi-purpose events centre in the top of the South Island, capable of seating 2500 people. The main building, built in the early 1970s as a sports stadium, has hosted major cultural and entertainment events, trade shows and exhibitions.

In 2005, Council commissioned a redesign of the Trafalgar Centre to meet the changing needs of the community. The proposed work was broken into stages, with the redevelopment of the southern end and main hall completed in 2009, and the west changing rooms in 2011.

Work to complete the extensive redevelopment of the northern end was budgeted for in the 2012 Long Term Plan. However, the centre was closed in December 2013 when engineering reports identified it as an earthquake prone building that could pose a risk to public safety.

Initial estimates put the cost of earthquake remediation to the required 67 per cent of building standards at \$24.5 million, a sum that led Council to find a more cost effective solution.

In 2015, after thorough investigation, cost analysis and debate about the options, Council accepted an estimate of just under \$13 million to reopen the Trafalgar Centre. This estimate, which incorporated \$1.9 million of contingency funds, included construction of a new northern building. The estimated costs can be broken down as:

- Main building \$4.112 million
- Southern extension \$1.491 million
- Northern building (complete rebuild) \$4.155 million
- Ground improvement \$1.789 million
- Infrastructure/external works \$831,000
- Maintenance works \$483,000
- Development Impact Levy and consent fees \$95,000
- Total \$12.956 million.

At this time, the cost of building a total replacement facility was estimated at \$25–30 million. Council resolved that work be undertaken as soon as possible to facilitate reopening the Centre in the first half of 2016.

Moving forward with this proposal completes the upgrade started in 2005 – to redevelop the outdated northern end of the building.

Reconfiguring the public entrance to the

building and improving access for all users will make the building more functional and usable as a public facility.

Since 2011, just under \$1.5 million has been spent on the Trafalgar Centre, including the closure process and work to start the reopening process:

- Initial design work for the northern end. This design work is no longer relevant \$404,294
- Consultancy fees. This included structural assessments, geotechnical assessments, structural design, architects and peer reviewing of work \$963,526
- Legal cost to understand health and safety implications of public access to an earthquake prone building \$22,386
- Trafalgar Centre closure mitigation (fencing, portable toilets and other expenses required to secure the building and support the work that is now being undertaken) \$37,942

In addition to this, \$257,000 was spent to upgrade Saxton Stadium to convert it into a multi-use venue so events were still able to occur in Nelson while the investigation into the centre was occurring. Operational costs of \$166,000 (for building consents, fire reports, seating and portable toilets) were also incurred during this transition.

Following the early contractor involvement process (ECI), Gibbons Construction Ltd was

appointed and physical work began in September 2015.

The first stage of work was to remove internal cladding and doors to allow structural work to take place.

The footbridge over Saltwater Creek was closed to allow for the relocation of underground services. Ground improvement works in the south west corner and the compliance work within the facility started in late October.

The demolition of the northern building was completed in early November, with work on the structural components of the main building and southern extension scheduled to start at the same time.

On 19 November, Council approved a further \$700,000 of unbudgeted expenditure for the redevelopment of Rutherford Park, to include a new and improved parking layout with bus, pedestrian and disabled access.

The concept design moves the parking area to the south side of the main building, leaving more room to the north west of the site for amenity open space. It connects the Trafalgar Centre and Rutherford Park to the city centre via the Maitai Walkway and the Maitai River footbridge.

The work will be completed in a series of stages, with the final stage (the northern building) expected to be opened in July 2016.



Mayor Rachel Reese and Councillor Brian McGurk look over Trafalgar Centre with Shane Trench, Chief Operating Officer, Gibbons Holdings.





Suter Gallery update

Bishop Suter Memorial Art Gallery – Te Aratoi o Whakatū is the Nelson Tasman region's public art gallery and art complex. Open since May 1899, it is now the oldest gallery in continuous use in the country.

In January 2015 work began on a redevelopment of the Gallery that would recognise the heritage of the existing building, and develop an arts collection, theatre and exhibition facility that will serve Nelson well in to the future.

The Suter Redevelopment Programme includes:

- Strengthening and restoring the original heritage gallery
- Refurbishing the theatre and installing new seats
- Developing larger exhibition spaces
- Installing 21st century temperature and lighting controls, and a climate-controlled storage facility
- A new foyer and reception area
- An education room for children and adults
- A new cafe overlooking the Queen's Gardens.

After the 2014 AGM of the Bishop Suter Memorial Art Gallery Trust and the Suter 2000 Appeal Trust, board members were treated to a guided walk through the site to see progress so far.

The single level concrete floor in the entrance lobby and gallery is in place, with a ramp to the lower level for the cafe.

Framework for the new collections and archive rooms, the upstairs administration area, the education room and the two new galleries is

in place. The original gallery building is being restored with new insulation and earthquake strengthening work being installed under the original match lining. The historic floor is being re-piled by lifting it in one piece using tackles hung off the existing roof trusses. The original windows at the front entrance to the gallery have been uncovered and will be visible in the foyer. Work is on track to complete the main building by May 2016.

Craig Potton, Chair of the Bishop Suter Memorial Art Gallery Trust, says the redeveloped gallery will lift Nelson's status as an art destination.

"I am thrilled to see the progress being made with the building, and also thrilled that we are now attracting some great art. Having pieces like the Bill Hammond in our collection is such a boost to our local artists."

Nelson Mayor Rachel Reese says that the Suter Gallery holds a special place in the hearts and minds of Nelson's art lovers.

"It's very exciting to see the progress of this work, especially the way that the original gallery is being restored as an integral part of the new gallery development. This development will ensure the conservation of our arts culture and heritage for generations to come."



Mayor's Bouquet

This month's bouquet recipient is our Deputy Harbourmaster, Josh Hanrahan, whose important work is helping to ensure more people are safe out on the water.

Josh's passion and enthusiasm for water safety has made him one of the best advocates for this significant issue, and a great ambassador for the region.

He has been proactive in getting the water safety message out to children – developing an education programme aimed at schools and community events – so they can educate their parents as well.

It is a pleasure to be able to recognise Josh's invaluable contribution, going over and above to help make Nelson an even better place.

Nelson Mayor and Councillors inspect the Suter redevelopment with Bishop Suter Memorial Art Gallery Trust and Suter 2000 Appeal Trust board members.



If you know someone you consider worthy of a Mayor's Bouquet, just follow these easy steps:

- Submit the nominated recipient's name and contact details, along with 150 words on why they deserve recognition – usually for going the extra mile to perform services to our community unpaid and unsung.
- Send via post to Mayoral Bouquet, Nelson City Council, PO Box 645, Nelson 7040 or email to mayorsbouquet@ncc.govt.nz. Remember to include your name and contact details.

The Mayor's Bouquet is brought to you in association with Woodlea Florist, Bridge Street, Nelson.



Family fun for lights on at Melrose House

To kick off the magical festive season, Melrose House will have its lights switched on by Mayor Rachel Reese tomorrow, Friday 27 November.

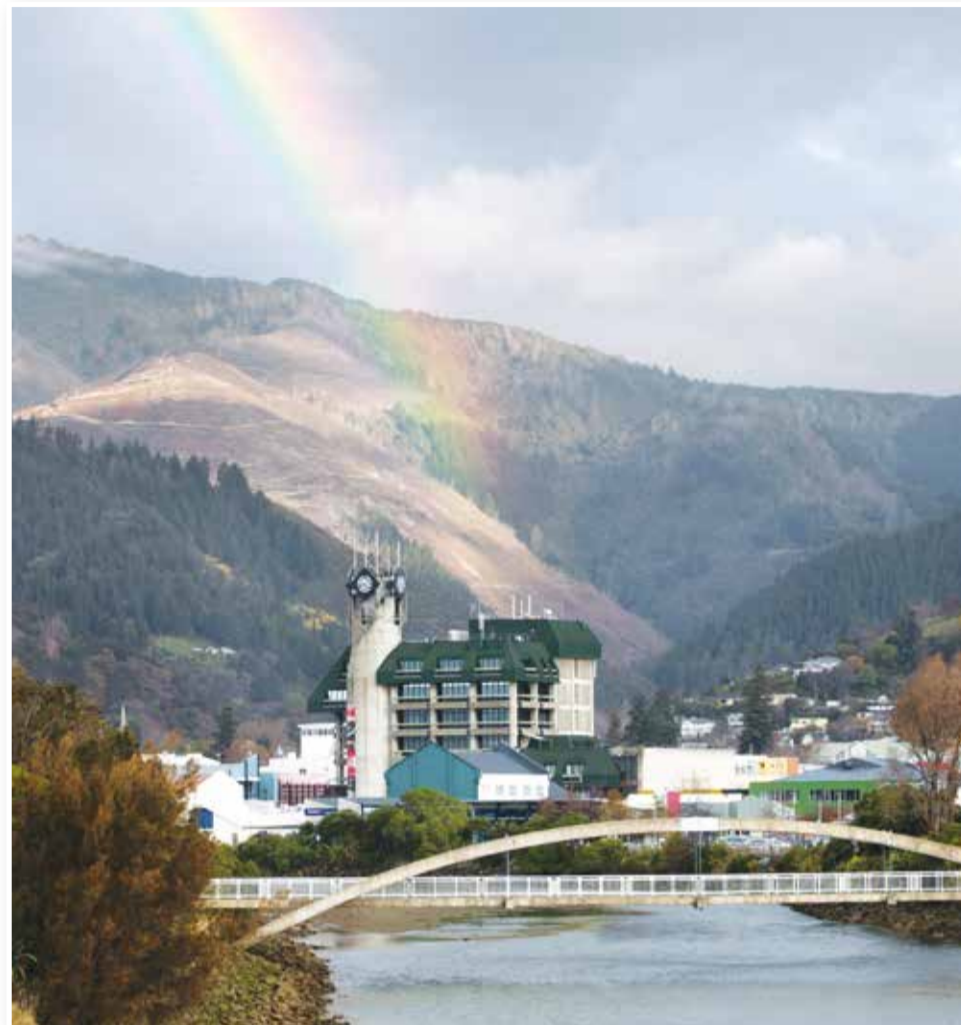
Bring your family, invite your friends and enjoy a picnic evening in the peaceful Melrose House heritage gardens, and as the sun sets, watch one of the last surviving 'grand' homes of Nelson light up for the Christmas season. Donations received will go towards the Melrose House bathroom renovation. The lights will be on each night until 1 January 2016.

What: Lights on at Melrose House, picnic for family and friends
When: Friday 27 November, picnic from 7pm, lights on at 8.30pm
Cost: Donations welcomed and appreciated



Nelson City Council nominated for IBM Kenexa Best Workplaces Award

Earlier this year, Nelson City Council staff took part in the IBM Kenexa Best Workplaces survey. The IBM Kenexa Best Workplaces survey is New Zealand's largest annual workplace climate-employee engagement survey.



The Nelson City Council undertakes this survey each year, to help provide a snapshot of the organisation at a point in time. This information is used to identify areas in which the organisation is doing well, and to find areas for potential improvement.

In 2015 75% of staff responded to the survey. The results were then compared against previous results, as well as the Local Government Benchmark. The 2015 results showed that there has been a marked improvement from 2014, with a significant (greater than 5%) positive increase in 75% of the questions answered.

These results led to the Nelson City Council being nominated as a finalist in the "Most Improved" category, for organisations of 150–399 people. Council came second in this category, with NZ King Salmon, another significant Nelson enterprise, the winner.

"It's great to see an improvement after a period of considerable change" said Chief Executive Clare Hadley.

"This is demanding work to do. Although these surveys are only

ever a snapshot at a point in time, the improvements reflect the work we have been doing. Every day, every week, every month, we have been working with staff, to ensure they appreciate how their efforts contribute to Council's vision, and endeavouring to make this a more enjoyable place in which to work.

"This result represents the hard work all our talented staff have put in to making Nelson an even better place for us all to live.

"Recognising the time and effort required to achieve these results, I'd like to congratulate the winner of the Most Improved category for organisations of 150–399 people, NZ King Salmon."

NZ King Salmon CEO Grant Rosewarne said, "It is tremendous to see two significant local organisations doing so well. At NZ King Salmon we have put a huge effort into creating alignment behind our company purpose and values with stronger, more personal communication. Ultimately, we want our team members to be successful, in every area of their lives, because this will make NZ King Salmon successful."

Keep Nelson free from fires this summer

Tragic fires seen in Australia and New Zealand over past summers have highlighted the importance of protecting our city from fire. Embers spread by wind is the major culprit of fires.

Here's our list of do's and don'ts for this summer:

- **Keep our reserves and beaches fire free:**
 - Don't light open fires on the beach – dune vegetation is highly flammable
 - Report any fires on our beaches or in reserves by calling 111
 - Be aware that security services will be patrolling the city beaches over summer.
- **Keep your home clear of fire hazards:**
 - Ensure roof gutters are free of leaves and dry material
 - Keep a 1–1.5m break around the outside of your house free of flammable material
 - Plant low flammability plant species around the outside of your house
 - Clear branches two to three metres off the ground within 20m of the house
 - Ensure embers can't be blown under your house
 - Don't store firewood or timber under or near your house during summer

- Put a fire break between wooden fencing and your house
- Keep decking corners, deck furniture and timber steps clear of dry debris that could trap embers.
- **Have an evacuation plan and a safe area.** This should be known by everyone on your property. If there is a wildfire in your area, play it safe and make the decision to go early – but do let police know where you have gone.
- **All outdoor fires must have a fire permit.** If you start a fire in a rural area, either by mistake or on purpose, you are liable for the cost of any damage done by the fire and the cost of putting it out.

If you would like advice on protecting your property from fire this summer call Rural Fire Network on 03 544 2441 or visit ruralfirenetwork.co.nz.

ruralfirenetwork.co.nz





Freedom camping in the right places

With summer just around the corner, we can expect to see more campervans and freedom campers in the city centre.

Nelson City Council's policy aims to recognise the importance of allowing freedom camping in the right places. Freedom campers, although not paying for accommodation, do spend money in our region. At the same time we need to minimise potential environmental and health effects of freedom camping in our city. We ask freedom campers to treat our environment with care and respect.

Council's brochure, Freedom Camping in Nelson City, shows the areas within the city where freedom camping is permitted. Freedom camping in campervans and vehicles in residential areas or in parks and reserves is not permitted.

If you are in a non self-contained (no toilet and washing facilities on board) vehicle you must camp within 50m of public toilets, within the areas specified in Council's freedom camping brochure, and adhere to all parking signage. Camping in tents is only permitted within licensed campgrounds.

Council's freedom camping brochure is available online or through the Customer Service Centre.

nelson.govt.nz

Search = freedom camping



Street Ambassadors back on the beat this summer

Anyone venturing out after dark in the Nelson CBD will notice our Street Ambassadors, who started back on the beat on Saturday 14 November, acting as guardians for our city.

The team, in their distinctive high-visibility vests, will be on duty Saturday nights from 14 November–11 December; Friday and Saturday nights over the busy holiday period until 20 February; and then Saturday nights until 27 March.

Their usual shift is 10pm–3.30am, excluding New Years Eve and some of the surrounding nights, where the service will operate until 4am.

Nelson City Council has been involved in delivering this service since 2004.

The Street Ambassadors work in pairs throughout the weekend nights, delivering safety messages, offering advice and assistance when needed and intervening with the aim to stop trouble before it starts.

Street Ambassador Team Leaders are qualified to administer first aid and the teams keep in touch via cell phones and radios with Police, hospitality

doormen, Maori Wardens and Nelson Community Patrol volunteers, who monitor the closed circuit television cameras on the weekend nights.

Purpose and benefit of Street Ambassadors

- People feel safer in the CBD at nights
- Incidence of serious assaults is reduced
- Young people are made more aware of safety issues in the CBD and how to protect themselves
- Increased public awareness about the service and its aims
- Relevant information is gathered as to trends and issues within the CBD that Council may be able to address.

The Street Ambassador service is funded by Nelson City Council. Youth and Community Works Limited is responsible for selecting, training, managing and supervising the ambassadors.

New NBus route for Stoke residents



The NBus is getting even better with the addition of a new Hail and Ride Stoke route that launches on Monday 7 December.

Passengers who try the new NBus route on launch day can join the party with The Hits radio and enjoy free giveaways, including bus passes, movie passes and lots more fun.

The new route connects with the main bus link in to Nelson and takes in The Ridgeway, Suffolk Road, Saxton Road and Nayland Road, connecting with Main Road Stoke on Saxton Road and in Stoke town centre.

The Stoke route follows a continuous figure eight route, and connects with the arterial route from Richmond to Nelson with transfer points at the main intersections with Main Road Stoke and on Whakatū Drive. The new route (route 7 on the NBus map) is a separate fare zone from the existing arterial and collector routes.

"The new NBus route will make a real difference to the Stoke Community, especially the elderly and those with young children who want to get in to Nelson," says Infrastructure Committee Chair Eric Davy. "People can save time and money, and get to school or work, much more easily using the new service."

Check out nbus.co.nz for fare and timetable information.

nbus.co.nz

Community Youth Volunteer Awards

Nelson City Council annually sponsors the Community Youth Volunteer Award at each Nelson high school. The award is presented at prize giving and acknowledges the voluntary contribution a student has made to the community within the last 12 months, as identified by each school, and judged by a panel. The award consists of a \$50 voucher, a certificate from the Mayor and a trophy.



Sophie Ross, Nelson College for Girls

Nelson College for Girls Deputy Head Girl, Sophie Ross, not only fills her own time with volunteering activities, but is also active in encouraging others to get involved in youth volunteering, establishing and running Volunteer NCG this year. This group has now grown to over 185 students and has seen students helping out across a wide variety of events and groups. Sophie's involvement in promoting volunteering is not only local, but at a national level, networking with youth around the country to assist them in kickstarting a similar group at their respective schools. Her enthusiasm and dedication to volunteering is to be applauded.



Rhys Griffith, Nelson College

Over the last ten years Nelson College student, Rhys Griffith, has been involved with St John, participating in annual street appeals, Nelson St John Duck races and various St John First Aid events. More recently, Rhys has been working alongside Nelson Paramedics during local events, attending community days and rugby games. As a Cadet Corporal with the St John Stoke Youth division, his enthusiasm has seen him help out with the training of younger cadets, teaching them important skills including First Aid, drills and communication. As well as his commitment to St John, Rhys has been an active member of the Nelson Youth Council in 2015. The large amount of time and energy Rhys has dedicated to St John and Council has impressed everyone.



Ruby-Ann Burgess, Nayland College

Nayland College student, Ruby-Ann Burgess, is an active volunteer who, over the last three years, has given up her time each week to assist with after-school children's programmes, running games and activities for children from difficult backgrounds. Ruby-Ann is also a leader for a children's holiday programme, giving up her school holidays to assist with the programme, which has over 50 children. She is also involved in the Junior Youth Band Development, where she organises and trains younger singers, in addition to helping out with youth groups each week. Ruby-Ann's clear commitment to volunteering is inspiring.

Tahuna Rocks

What: Outdoor Youth Concerts
When: Friday 4 December 5–9pm and Saturday 30 January 5–9pm
Where: Tahunanui Youth Park, Bisley Walk, Tahunanui Beach
Cost: Free

As part of Nelson City Council's support for youth events, the Summer Events 2015/16 programme includes an epic line-up of youth bands, artists and performers, assembling for two block-busting Tahunanui Beach outdoor concerts.

There will be everything from acoustic sets to pop, rock and punk bands, plus house DJs. Not to mention the 'have a go' activities, along with some sweet prizes up for grabs.

In the event of bad weather, both events will be rescheduled to the following day – Saturday 5 December and Sunday 31 January respectively.

Tahuna Rocks are free events aimed at 15–18 year olds, and are strictly alcohol and drug free. Event staff will be on hand to ensure a happy and healthy event for all.

itson.co.nz

Seismic strengthening survey update

A survey of seismic strengthening in the CBD (as well as a range of heritage buildings) received 87 responses (response rate of 31%).

The survey gauged owner awareness and economic implications of strengthening requirements as well as obtaining general feedback from owners. The results will be used to inform the development of the Whakamahere Whakatū Nelson Plan.

Survey results are summarised online at nelson.govt.nz (search phrase = seismic strengthening survey).

Contact: Paul Harrington on 03 546 0388.

nelson.govt.nz

Search = seismic strengthening survey

Toxic algae in the Maitai

Toxic blue green algae (cyanobacteria) is on the increase in the Maitai. Owners of dogs should be aware of what toxic algae looks like and avoid their dog coming in to contact with it.

Toxic algae is now present in the lower Maitai and all other streams across Nelson. Monitoring over the last month by Cawthron students shows that it is at moderate levels in the Maitai River at Avon Terrace, with lower levels of cover up to the Maitai camp.

The low rainfall and corresponding low flows means that the toxic algae is starting to grow in all the riffle (shallow-faster flow) areas of the river.

At present, the cyanobacteria mats are mainly thin films over larger boulders and cobbles. Over the coming weeks the films may develop into thick mats, which are more prone to detaching or being washed to the river edge

where dogs and other animals may ingest them. Cyanobacteria mats that contain toxins can be very harmful if ingested by dogs and small livestock.

Further information is available from Council's Customer Service Centre, nelson.govt.nz (search phrase = toxic algae) and your local vets. If your animal becomes sick after ingesting algae from the river, consult your vet as soon as possible.

Further updates will be available via the Council website and through other media channels if the alert status increases.

nelson.govt.nz

Search = toxic algae



Safe parking for everyone

Summer is nearly here and the warmer drier weather means more people walking around our city and suburban streets.

We all love to get out and walk to school, the playground, to the shops or just to visit a friend, so it's a good time to remind drivers not to park on the footpaths or too close to driveways as this can make our streets much less safe for pedestrians.

Parking on the footpath can force walkers on to the road. Parents with strollers or small children, the elderly, disabled or sight impaired are particularly affected as they then have to navigate kerbs and traffic on the road.

Cars parked too close to driveways block visibility, making it harder for drivers to get out of their driveways and to see pedestrians and other road users.

Parking within one metre of a driveway or on the footpath can attract a fine of \$40. Council parking wardens will be keeping an eye on wrongly parked vehicles over the summer, so park safely, walk safely and enjoy the warmer weather.

Second Hand Sunday coming up

As the end of the year approaches, it's a great time to clear out the clutter in your house and get rid of items you no longer want for free by taking part in Second Hand Sunday.

Nelson City and Tasman District Councils are running Second Hand Sunday again on Sunday 13 December from 10am, as a practical way for people to pass on items that would otherwise end up going to landfill. It works just like a garage sale, except no money changes hands. Items that can be given away include everything from old books and furniture to unwanted building materials. Things like food or dangerous goods such as faulty electrical equipment or chemicals should not be included.

How it works

To register, go online at nelson.govt.nz or tasman.govt.nz (search phrase = Second Hand Sunday). On the day, participants are encouraged to put items on their driveway by 10am (or their front yard if they don't have a driveway, please keep footpaths clear). If there's anything left at the end, they are asked to bring it back inside as it is still their responsibility. Registrations are open until Thursday 10 December at 9am. You can also download and print out a letter box

poster to put up on the day so everyone knows you're taking part.

People who are keen to get free stuff can download the list of households involved via either Council website.



nelson.govt.nz

tasman.govt.nz

Search = Second Hand Sunday

MEETINGS

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

Community Services Committee	3 Dec
9am	
Nelson Regional Sewerage Business Unit Board – Ruma Mārama	11 Dec
1pm	
Council meeting	17 Dec
9am	

Changes to meetings

Governance Committee – previously advertised as 1pm, 3 Dec
Cancelled due to insufficient business

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.

Buy Good Wood for winter now!

Nelson City Council sponsors a Good Wood scheme to encourage people to buy and burn Good Wood. Good Wood is wood that is dry (less than 25% moisture content) and seasoned ready to use.

Your Good Wood merchant will:

- Supply dry seasoned firewood for immediate use, when available.
- Let you know if unseasoned or wet wood is all that is available so you can store for use later.
- Have a moisture meter available if you want to check your firewood moisture content.
- Never supply treated timber.

Do your bit:

- Stock up now in case supplies of dry wood run short over winter.
- Store your wood properly at home – well ventilated and under cover if possible.
- Order more wood when you've used about half your stack – so you'll always have Good Wood on hand.
- Before winter, you should also check the state of your burner to ensure anything broken is fixed (for instance, cracks in the glass are repaired or a damaged door seal is replaced).
- Make sure your flue is clean by a certified chimney sweep.

For a better fire and a warmer home search the full list of Good Wood merchants at nelson.govt.nz (search phrase = good wood).



nelson.govt.nz Search = good wood



New life for display at Founders

Founders Heritage Park is bringing the golden age of coach travel alive with the redevelopment of the Newman's coach display located in the Livery Stables.

This historic coach display was one of the earliest displays presented to the Nelson community in acknowledgment of Sir Jack's Newman's involvement in developing Founders Park in the late 1970s.

The display was closed for redevelopment over the winter months, with curator Sally Papps working with the Newman's Milestone Association – a group of ex-Newman's Coaches employees – to breathe new life into the display.

The work is now complete with the display now open again to the public.

"This is an important part of Nelson's history – one with significant input into the development of New Zealand's tourism industry and international visitor market. This story, coupled with humorous and thrilling anecdotes from staff and patrons, makes for a rich and entertaining display," says Mayor Rachel Reese.

It charts the story of Newman's Coaches, from the first horse drawn mail run in 1879, through its growth into a company with a nationwide fleet

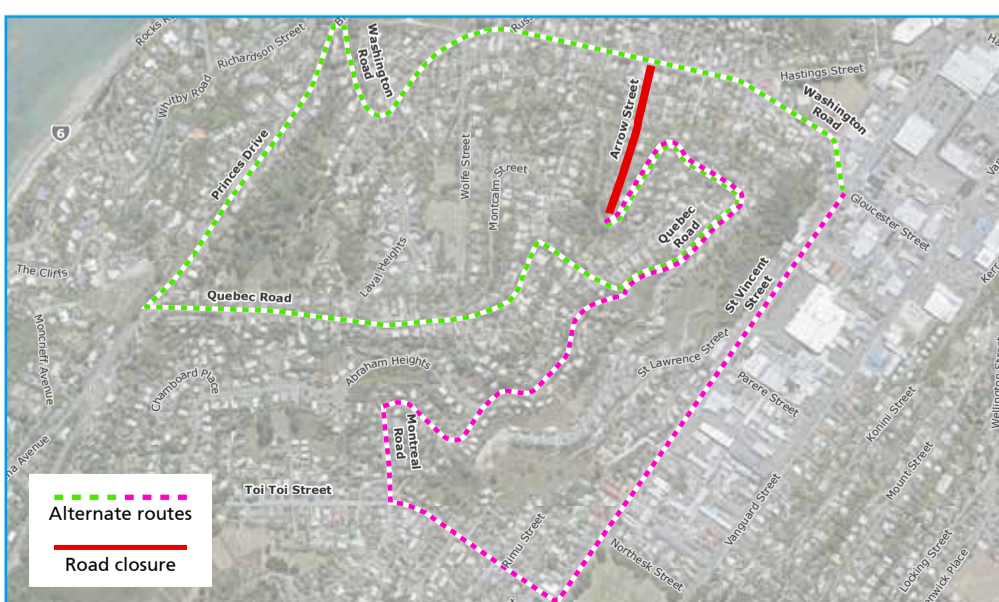
of buses, which remained in the Newman family until 1979.

It also tells of the Newman brothers, Tom and Harry, who were instrumental in opening up transport routes across the top of the South Island, and developing New Zealand's tourism industry.

The revamped display gives better viewing of the stage coach and 1923 Cadillac and, for the first time, visitors will be able to go inside the 1969 Leyland Comet. There are also new interactive exhibits including early film footage and a bus driving experience.

The redevelopment of the display was made possible by the funds raised at last year's Founders Book Fair, grants from the Rata Foundation, Pub Charity and Nelson City Council.

"We are lucky to have such rare and interesting coaches on display at Founders and it is great that we have been able to improve the way we tell such an important local story," says Mayor Reese.



Arrow Street closure

Nelson City Council contractors are scheduled to start construction of Stage 2 of the Arrow Street stormwater upgrade and associated works, from 1 February 2016, for a period of up to 12 weeks. (Stage 1 of the Arrow Street works was completed in June 2015.)

Because the nature of the work involves significant excavation, Arrow Street will be temporarily closed to through traffic 24 hours a day, seven days a week, for the construction period.

The section of Arrow Street affected by this temporary road closure is located between Washington Road and Quebec Road.

Vehicular access to properties in Arrow Street will be restricted to residents only, other traffic will be diverted via Abraham Heights, Quebec Road and Princes Drive as alternative access routes to and from Washington Road and the central city.

Please see the detour route plan pictured left.