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## Second Hand Sunday this weekend!

If you love second hand stuff that's free, then make sure you visit households across the Nelson Tasman region that are participating in Second Hand Sunday on Sunday 13 December from 10am. It works just like a garage sale, except no money changes hands.

View a map and print a list of participating households via [nelson.govt.nz](http://nelson.govt.nz).

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Take your pick of  
summer fun!



Water safety a priority  
this summer



'An Eyebright Christmas  
at Melrose House'

# Lantern Celebration to light up festive season



The festive season is kicking off, so grab the kids and a torch, and head to the Botanical Reserve on Saturday 12 December for the annual Lantern Celebration.

The theme for this year is 'Journey to the Stars' with all kinds of creations, installations and music waiting to surprise and enchant walkers as they make their way up to the Centre of New Zealand.

Participants are encouraged to add a little star-inspired sparkle to their attire – think *Star Trek*, *Star Wars*, *Avatar*, *E.T.* and *NASA*. There will also be facepainters at the top to help you get into the galactic mood.

Festivals Team Leader Axel de Maupeou says the Lantern Celebration will run from 7–10pm and is a chance to enjoy the magic of summer in a beautiful Nelson spot.

"The Lantern Celebration really kicks off our Council Summer Events programme in style. There will be a host of entertainment for everyone to enjoy. People can watch the sun slowly set and the darkness rise before heading back down the hill. Just remember to bring a torch as the track will be dark by then."

Organisers are encouraging everyone to get creative and bring along homemade lanterns.

Lantern making workshops will be held on Saturday 5 and Saturday 12 December from 10am–12pm at the Community Art Works at 25 Paru Paru Road where, for just \$2, people can create their own star-inspired lantern to bring to the celebration.

Because of the fire risk, organisers ask people to use a battery or solar powered light for their lantern on the night. Warm clothing is advised and children under 13 must be supervised by an adult.

The Lantern Celebration is part of the Summer Events 2015/16 programme. Grab your copy at Council's Customer Service Centre, iSITE, libraries and retail outlets throughout Nelson and Tasman, or online at [nelsonsummer.nz](http://nelsonsummer.nz).

The Summer Events programme is brought to you by the Nelson City Council in partnership with Tasman District Council, as a celebration for locals and an added attraction for visitors.





# TAKE YOUR PICK OF SUMMER FUN!



## New Year's Eve Countdown

Nelson's New Year's Eve Countdown is a great place to dance your way into 2016!

Come along with family and friends to the Church steps at the top of Trafalgar Street and countdown to the New Year in style.

This year's line up includes Reggae band *Three Houses Down*, Nelson's dynamic house and beats duo *Kennedy and Serpico*, visual performances from Del Kennedy and Klaasz Breukel, and the *Twisty Twinz*, the amazing duo of acrobats from Christchurch and a local act.

There will also be surprise performances, great food stalls and local restaurants, along with fireworks to start 2016 off with a bang!

*Please note: public streets are alcohol free. There will be zero tolerance to alcohol and underage drinking at this event.*

**When:** Thursday 31 December, 8pm–12.30am

**Where:** Upper Trafalgar Street

**Cost:** Free event



## Summer Movies Al Fresco

Join us for a moonlit film at one of our open-air venues.

Come early to play giant board games, listen to fine music, share food with your friends and, as darkness falls, allow the flicker of the screen to transport you to another world.

Pack a picnic (BYO welcome), bring a rug or your couch, wear warm clothes or pyjamas and pocket a torch to light your way home.

Movies will not screen if it is raining.

Movies: *Great Expectations*, *Guys and Dolls*, *Le Corniaud*, *Rebecca of Sunnybrook Farm*, *Roman Holiday* and *The Three Musketeers*.

*For full schedule and venue information please visit [www.nelsonsummer.nz](http://www.nelsonsummer.nz)*

**When:** Starting 5 January 2016

**Cost:** \$2 adult, \$1 child



## Bringing back the buskers!

Nelson Buskers Festival returns to Nelson from 28–31 January 2016.

An army of world-class local and international street performers will bring the city alive with action-packed, mind-blowing shows. Acts include performers from as far afield as Japan and Canada doing everything from ninja juggling and acrobatics to unicycling.

Buskers on Trafalgar brings jaw-dropping street performers into the city during the day, while Buskers on the Church Steps provides a family night out where you can bring your cushions, picnic and low chairs and be thoroughly entertained with beautiful busking. Buskers in the Boathouse – For the More Adventurous! is an R18 cabaret show at The Boathouse guaranteed to surprise the crowds.



## Opera in the Park

Keep Saturday 13 February free for the return of Opera in the Park. There will be performances from opera stars Anna Leese and Jared Holt, alongside kiwi icons Dave Dobbyn, Jackie Clarke and the Modern Māori Quartet.

**When:** 13 February 2016, 7.30–10pm, gates open at 5.30pm

**Where:** Trafalgar Park

**Cost:** Early bird adults \$15 (until 31 January), full price adults \$25, child (5–15) \$5, under 5 free (plus TicketDirect service fees)



## Beach Beat

Vibrant tunes bring Tahuna Beach alive in January.

End your day in the sun with some relaxing music from talented local performers. Bring along your fish and chips and enjoy a different act each evening. This is a family-friendly event with something for everyone.

Will not be held in bad weather.

**When:** Fri 8, 15, 22 January from 6pm

**Where:** The grass stage (just before Beach Café) Bisley Walk, Tahunanui Beach

**Cost:** Koha



## Nelson Mail Teddy Bears' Picnic

The Nelson Mail Teddy Bears' Picnic is on Sunday 10 January, so bring your teddies – young and old – and your picnic blanket to Isel Park for oodles of Teddy fun: pony and cart rides, teddy school, colourful costume characters, amusements, teddy school, 'unbearably' funny games, yummy food for teddy tummies and a teddy disco.

Should unseasonably bad weather be forecast on the day, the picnic will be relocated to the Stoke Memorial Hall.

**Where:** Isel Park, Stoke

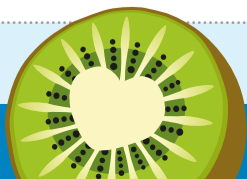
**When:** Sunday 10 January, 11am–1.30pm

**Cost:** Free event

*For more details on these events see [nelsonsummer.nz](http://nelsonsummer.nz) or grab a full copy of the Summer Events 2015/16 programme from Council's Customer Service Centre, iSITE, libraries and retail outlets throughout Nelson and Tasman. Summer Events 2015/16 is presented by Nelson City Council in partnership with Tasman District Council.*



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# Tickets on sale for Mayors' Christmas Dinner

For 35 years the Mayors of Tasman District and Nelson City have held a Christmas Dinner to bring a bit of cheer to senior citizens who may otherwise spend the day alone.

**Where:** Nelson College Hall, Nelson  
**When:** Friday 25 December, 11am–1.30pm  
**Tickets:** \$15. Please bring your ticket with you on the day



Thanks to a team of dedicated volunteers and the generous support of sponsors this year will be no different, with the doors opening from 11am on Christmas Day.

There will be live entertainment, drinks, sing-a-longs, a sumptuous traditional Christmas feast with all the trimmings and Santa will also take centre stage with some giveaways, entertainment, door prizes, and surprises!

Tickets are now on sale and available for \$15 from Nelson City Council and Tasman District Council Customer Service Centres, along with the Stoke Library, until 19 December.

If you wish to help on the day, or if transport is required, (within Nelson and Richmond only) people can phone Nelson City Councillor Brian McGurk on 027 444 0170.

Donations of cash or in kind, may be sent to the Mayor's office,

Nelson City Council, PO Box 645, Nelson 7045. Please indicate: "For Mayors' Christmas Dinner" on the envelope, and if a receipt is required.

Mayors Rachel Reese and Richard Kempthorne thank all those who have offered their time and goods to support this worthwhile event.



## Playtime at The Glen

Families with young children will soon be able to enjoy new playground equipment at the Glen Reserve.

Work is underway to refurbish the playground by removing old equipment and installing two new sets of swings, a slide and a climbing frame. The playground will also be landscaped. Work is expected to be completed and the playground open for use by Christmas.

## Mayor's Message



This year has included many milestones for Council, including adopting the Long Term Plan 2015–2025, and a credit rating rise from AA- to AA due to our financial prudence and forward-thinking approach.

On top of this, we have progressed development of the Trafalgar Centre and Rutherford Park with reopening planned for 2016.

Our Long Term Plan is built on strengthening partnerships and we have enjoyed working closely with the community to make Nelson an even better place. The Community Investment Fund, Project Maitai/Mahitahi, Nelson Nature, and the Developers Advisory Group are some of the positive partnership initiatives that have been progressed this year.

Now that summer is officially here, I'm looking forward to enjoying all the bounty of our beautiful region, at what might arguably be the best time of year here. It's a time when the city starts to buzz with visitors coming in, and locals getting out and enjoying the outdoors.

What better way to enjoy Nelson at this time of year than by filling your diary with events on offer throughout the region as part of this year's Summer Events 2015/16 programme.

There is an exciting line-up of family-friendly, community events and activities which showcase what we have to offer.

There is something for everyone, for the young and 'young at heart', kicked off with the annual Lantern Celebration which will see the Centre of New Zealand twinkle on Saturday 12 December.

After successfully hosting three ICC Cricket World Cup matches at Saxton Oval, I'm also looking forward to welcoming the Black Caps here for two One Day Internationals either side of the New Year, on 31 December and 2 January.

January takes us outdoors to watch Summer Movies Al Fresco, and of course summer in Nelson wouldn't quite be the same without the Nelson Buskers Festival, which will run from 28–31 January.

A highlight is the ever popular Opera in the Park on Saturday 13 February, with both contemporary and classical performers in the line-up. Mark this date in your calendars now! This year we bring you a new initiative – 'pay it forward'. This is your opportunity to gift a wonderful experience to a member of the Nelson community who otherwise would not have the means to experience this very special event. We encourage you to share the opera experience with others.

Thank you, the people of Nelson, for making this year such a positive one. Your enthusiasm for our region shines through – and that is really what makes us Sunny Nelson!

See you out there enjoying the summer fun.

## Nelson City Recycling Calendar 2016 and the Handy Recycling Guide

Wherever you are in the city, your 2016 Nelson City Recycling Calendar should arrive in your letterbox this week.

### Holiday season recycling and rubbish collection dates

Christmas Day – Friday 25 December      Pickup Saturday 26 December

New Year's Day – Friday 1 January      Pick up Saturday 2 January

Please remember to have your recyclables and refuse kerbside by 8am

Put this on your fridge!



Please note: this year the Recycling Calendar begins in January 2016 (previous calendars ran Feb–Jan). The calendar lets you know which weeks to put out household glass and which weeks to put out other recyclable material.

This year, along with your Recycling Calendar, Nelson City Council and Nelmac will also be delivering a handy RECYCLING GUIDE to every household. Make sure you read the card and keep it in a handy place to remind you of:

1. What can and can't be recycled in our city
2. How you should prepare your recycling
3. How to put your items out for collection in a way that makes them simple and safe for recycling runners to uplift.

Council and Nelmac appreciate your support in making sure that your household's recycling only contains suitable materials and is placed for collection in accordance with the guide. These measures are essential to keeping the Nelson City Kerbside Recycling scheme affordable for ratepayers and safe for all involved.





Mayor Rachel Reese with Mr and Mrs Shirley.

## Mayor's Bouquet

This month's bouquet recipient is Graham Shirley, for his lifetime service to volunteering.

As a member of the Rutherford Rotary Club which started the Nelson Santa Parade Trust 21 years ago, Graham has dedicated hundreds of hours every year to ensure the Parade runs smoothly, including many as Chair of the Trust.

As a former carpenter, his incredible behind the scenes work has included float building and repairs, along with building the Santa Building at Founders, which now houses Santa's workshop.

Graham's passion for the community has not gone unnoticed, and I am pleased to be able to publicly acknowledge his invaluable contribution that ensures thousands of Nelsonians enjoy Christmas cheer each year.

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](mailto: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.

## Pre-Christmas cemetery mowing

Nelmac wishes to advise family and visitors tending lawn graves at Marsden Valley Cemetery and the ashes lawn at Wakapuaka Cemetery, that all flowers will be removed from graves on Tuesday 22 December to enable these areas to be mown prior to Christmas. Flowers can be placed on graves again from Thursday 24 December. Nelmac thanks families for their understanding in this matter.

# Council to review its rural property numbers

If you live in the rural area, you may already have a rural property number or RAPID number. The RAPID numbering system is a universal system used to allocate property numbers in the rural area, to ensure that emergency services can quickly identify and find a property in an emergency. RAPID numbers are also used for normal postal delivery.

A review of all rural property numbers will begin in January, as we realise some RAPID numbers are no longer correct due to a number of factors including road alignment and further subdivisions. We hope that this review will not only ensure correct rural property numbers, but will also encourage more rural property owners to adopt a RAPID number, as currently only 60% of properties have one.

When we've completed the review, we'll contact any property owner whose RAPID number is no longer correct. There will be no cost to owners who already have a formal RAPID number;

for those owners who don't have a number, we'll let you know what your RAPID number is, and you can choose whether or not to purchase the number plaque.

For information on the RAPID numbering system check out our website, [nelson.govt.nz](http://nelson.govt.nz) (search phrase = rapid numbers).

For any enquiries, phone the Customer Service Centre on 546 0200.

[nelson.govt.nz](http://nelson.govt.nz)

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# News from the Building Consents Authority

- From January 2016, the Building Consents Authority (BCA) will require 'fixed fee' residential building consent applications to be lodged at a residential lodgement meeting. Please note this excludes 'other simple residential building consents', for example, swimming pools, space heaters, solar, marquees and proprietary sheds.
- The statutory close down period for processing consents is 20 December until 10 January 2016. That means the clock stops in relation to the '20 working days' that consents must be processed within. The BCA will continue to process consents but please note these days are not classed as working days under the Building Act 2004.
- LIMs (Land Information Memorandums) have a similar statutory close down period from 25 December to 15 January 2016. Council will do its best to continue to respond to LIMs in a timely fashion over this period as capacity allows.
- Building inspections can be booked up until 11.30am on 24 December and again from Tuesday 5 January 2016.

### Works without building consent

What do you do if you have discovered 'unauthorised works' on your property and are trying to sell?

Across Nelson there are likely to be many properties which may never have received building consent for alterations or additions under the 1991 and 2004 Building Acts. The first time an owner may find this out is when they try to sell their property.

While the Building Act and Council do not require the property owner to do anything, in some cases lenders and insurance companies may not lend or insure in these instances.

The Building Act does have a mechanism to allow owners to seek some level of acceptance from the Council. This is commonly known as a Certificate of Acceptance (CoA), which require owners to obtain a report from a suitably qualified building professional. The report will

outline what work has been reviewed (in some cases this may include invasive testing) to see if it can be demonstrated the work undertaken was completed in accordance to the Building Code.

If the report can confirm works or parts of the works comply to Building Code, these elements are likely to be included in the Certificate of Acceptance, however where it cannot be defined, the works will be excluded until evidence of compliance can be shown.

Finally, the BCA has observed a couple of notable trends lately that should be avoided if possible.

**Hot water cylinders in roof spaces** – Inspectors have noticed that there seems to be a trend where hot water cylinders are suspended between roof trusses. The full cylinders can weigh in excess of 180kgs so are a reasonable load on a roof truss. Commonly these are shown on applications placed on load bearing walls but during site visits we note these sometimes have been suspended between roof trusses instead. Where this is the case, the roof truss manufacturer needs to provide acceptance in writing for this additional load.

**Lots of colour on submitted plans** – Colourful plans are not generally required for processing building consents. In fact, it can take longer to scan and sort into electronic format, which may end up costing you more to process. As such, please only submit colour plans if essential to the build.

Please ensure all information submitted is relevant, submitting unnecessary information (full brochures and technical literature) will slow down the processing of your consent.







# Water safety a priority this summer

Boaties playing it safe this summer will be in for some great rewards, but people showing reckless behaviour on the water could face hefty fines.

That's the message from the Nelson Harbourmaster as the boating season gets well and truly underway. From 25 December, people flouting the rules in Nelson City Council's Navigation Safety Bylaw could face infringement fines of up to \$1000.

Harbourmaster Dave Duncan says, "We're about education rather than infringements, and we're seeing a lot of intelligence out there. It's the repeat offenders and people behaving dangerously on the water who could be fined."

He adds: "It's simple really. People owning a boat need to know what the rules are."

Incentives offered by the harbourmaster's team for boat owners who display good water safety, boat safety and skipper responsibility, include discount fuel vouchers from Nelson Petroleum Distributors.

Random safety equipment checks of boaties at the ramp or on the water will be carried out by the harbourmaster's team. Those with the right gear will receive a voucher. The safety equipment checklist is found via the Maritime NZ website and includes: life jackets, an anchor, knife, spare fuel, weather check, trip report, spare rope, a spare bung, two forms of water-proof communications, a first aid kit and a bailer.

People on kayaks, waka or paddleboards with appropriate Personal Floatation Devices (PFDs) could also be in to win a Raglan Roasters coffee voucher, donated by Kite Surf Nelson.

Dave Duncan says, "We want people to be safe on our waters. Remember the skipper is responsible, so be a responsible skipper. If in doubt, don't go out."

Find out the rules and possible fines via the Council website, [nelson.govt.nz](http://nelson.govt.nz) (search phrase = navigation safety bylaw).

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Local boatie Dave Campbell (middle) is rewarded with a discount fuel voucher by Deputy Harbourmaster Josh Hanrahan (left) and Enforcement Officer Ryan Wrigley (right).

## Youth Council update

To say that Youth Council had a busy year throughout 2015 would be an understatement.

Our first hurdle of the year was completing the previous Youth Council's submission to the Nelson City Council Long Term Plan. With only four returning Councillors from 2014, completing this submission required a show of great teamwork and leadership.

From what could only be described as a "baptism of fire", we went from strength to strength throughout the year. From running quiz nights, to organising photography competitions, to designing billboards, and attending a seemingly infinite number of Council committee meetings, we have had a highly eventful year. Youth Councillors also travelled throughout the country to meet with other Youth Councils, to reinforce

and establish new youth networks between the regions.

It has been a highly rewarding year for all councillors involved, and we definitely owe a huge thank you to our unofficial "Council Mum", Rachael Large, for all the behind the scenes work she's done for us. We'd also like to acknowledge Nelson City Councillors, Matt Lawrey and Pete Rainey, who have also been a huge help to us, by bringing a Council perspective to the table and giving us a helping hand along the way.

From all of us here at Youth Council, thanks to the Nelson City Council for giving us the opportunity to have a say in our city, and also thank you to the wider community for their continued support.

By Fynn Jankiewicz-McClintock

## Isel House open for summer

Isel House, which celebrates the history of Stoke, will be opening for the summer on Tuesday 8 December.

Over the past 16 years, the stories of this historic building, and the people who lived there, have been preserved by a small group of dedicated volunteers as part of the former Isel House Trust.

With the disestablishment of the Trust earlier in the year, Council has been calling for volunteers to help ensure the doors remain open.

Council found great support in the Stoke community, eager to get the doors open and welcome visitors into this much loved house. As a result, both new and existing volunteers have ensured Isel will be

open for the summer, from Tuesday 8 December, from 11am–4pm every Tuesday–Sunday.

Many of the items inside the house that had been accumulated by the Trust over the years, have been offered to the Nelson Provincial Museum collection. The museum has kindly agreed to let these items remain on display in the house to be enjoyed by visitors.

Council would like to thank both past and present volunteers for their ongoing support for this historic home.







# What's on at your local library



Find out what's on offer at our libraries over December and January.

**MAKE GAMES AND LEARN TO CODE!**

**Want to create an online game?**

Here's your chance to make the next Flappy Bird by learning game strategy, coding and heaps more at these free workshops run by Gamefroot!

To find out more and register, see [publiclibraries.org.nz](http://publiclibraries.org.nz). Join us at the community show-off event on Friday 29 January from 5.30–7pm, RSVP at [publiclibraries.org.nz](http://publiclibraries.org.nz).

**Adults**  
Tuesday 26 January, 9.30am–3.30pm, Elma Turner Library

**Ages 10–14**  
Wednesday 27 January, 9.30am–3.30pm, Elma Turner Library

**Ages 10–14**  
Thursday 28 January, 9.30am–3.30pm, Elma Turner Library

**Ages 15–18**  
Friday 29 January, 9.30am–3.30pm, Elma Turner Library

## Events at Elma Turner Library

- **Friends of the Library Booksale**  
Note: There are no Saturday booksales in December and January. Instead there will be a sales trolley in the Library, replenished daily.
- **STEM Writers' Group**  
Tuesday 8 December and Tuesday 12 January (monthly, on the second Tuesday), 2–4pm. Contact [alyson.baker@ncc.govt.nz](mailto:alyson.baker@ncc.govt.nz)
- **Live music**  
Between Thursday 17 and Thursday 24 December, there will be live music in front of the 'red wall'. Ask staff for times.

## Dog Days 4 Summer Reading Challenges

Hooray! It's time for our great summer reading challenge again! This programme is designed to keep children reading and using the library over summer when their reading levels can drop.

It is open to anyone aged 0–18 years and runs from Monday 14 December–Friday 5 February.

There's no big enrolment process, just come in to the Children's Library, Stoke Library or Nightingale Library and choose a bookmark to read for 15, 30 or 60 minutes a day.

Then pop into one of these libraries a couple of times over the holidays and tell us about what you have been reading and receive a prize.



## Library holiday closures

All libraries will be closed from Friday 25–Monday 28 December 2015 and Friday 1–Monday 4 January 2016. On all other days your local library will be open as usual.

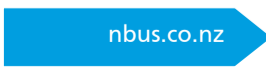
# New Stoke NBUS route timetable

## ROUTE 7: STOKE LOOP MONDAY TO FRIDAY

This service is Hail and Ride between transfer stops. A reduced service runs on Saturday. See [NBus.co.nz](http://NBus.co.nz) for Saturday timetable and information about connecting services.

Stoke - Saxtons - Echodale - Stoke		AM	AM	AM	AM	AM	AM	AM	AM	AM	AM	PM	PM	PM	PM	PM	PM	PM	PM	PM	
<b>Depart</b>	<b>Stoke</b> Tennis Courts	6.55	7.25	7.55	8.25	8.55	9.25	9.55	10.55	11.25	11.55	12.25	12.55	1.55	2.55	3.25	3.55	4.25	4.55	5.25	5.55
	<b>Saxtons Lodge</b> (Opposite)	7.02	7.32	8.02	8.32	9.02	9.32	10.02	11.02	11.32	12.02	12.32	1.02	2.02	3.02	3.32	4.02	4.32	5.02	5.32	6.02
	<b>Echodale PI</b> Nayland Rd	7.04	7.34	8.04	8.34	9.04	9.34	10.04	11.04	11.34	12.04	12.34	1.04	2.04	3.04	3.34	4.04	4.34	5.04	5.34	6.04
<b>Arrive</b>	<b>Stoke</b> Tennis Courts	7.09	7.39	8.09	8.39	9.09	9.39	10.09	11.09	11.39	12.09	12.39	1.09	2.09	3.09	3.39	4.09	4.39	5.09	5.39	6.09
Stoke - Enner Glynn - Quarantine - Stoke		AM	AM	AM	AM	AM	AM	AM	AM	AM	PM	PM	PM	PM	PM	PM	PM	PM	PM	PM	PM
<b>Depart</b>	<b>Stoke</b> Tennis Courts	7.10	7.40	8.10	8.40	9.10	9.40	10.10	11.10	11.40	12.10	12.40	1.10	2.10	3.10	3.40	4.10	4.40	5.10	5.40	6.10
	<b>Enner Glynn</b> School	7.14	7.44	8.14	8.44	9.14	9.44	10.14	11.14	11.44	12.14	12.44	1.14	2.14	3.14	3.44	4.14	4.44	5.14	5.44	6.14
	<b>Quarantine Rd</b> Nayland Rd	7.19	7.49	8.19	8.49	9.19	9.49	10.19	11.19	11.49	12.19	12.49	1.19	2.19	3.19	3.49	4.19	4.49	5.19	5.49	6.19
<b>Arrive</b>	<b>Stoke</b> Tennis Courts	7.24	7.54	8.24	8.54	9.24	9.54	10.24	11.24	11.54	12.24	12.54	1.24	2.24	3.24	3.54	4.24	4.54	5.24	5.54	6.24

From Monday 7 December, a new BUS ONLY lane will be marked for buses to turn right out of Putaitai Street in Stoke. Cars and cyclists will not be permitted to use this lane or turn right out of Putaitai Street. This change is part of the new Stoke Loop bus route.







# Councillor's Comment – Gaile Noonan

You've heard it said, "The best part about going away...is coming home". I recently returned from a whirlwind trip for a family occasion. It's an interesting thing, but since becoming a councillor I have another lens when I'm out and about (and away on holiday) – I see all sorts of things that other cities do. More often than not I take

photos of these good ideas and share them. Examples of these ideas can be public rubbish bins, community seats or flags that advertise something going on. I have some examples below.

We really enjoy hearing your good ideas and are looking for things that will enhance our city.



## MEETINGS

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

Nelson Regional Sewerage Business Unit Board – Ruma Mārama	11 Dec
1pm	
Hearings Panel – Other – Proposed Temporary Road Closure Applications	17 Dec
8.15am	
Council meeting	17 Dec
9am	

The meetings schedule for 2016 can be found on the Council's website.

**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](http://nelson.govt.nz).

## New Projects page for infrastructure information

Want to find out what infrastructure projects are going on in your city? Nelson City Council's new Projects web page gives regularly updated information about some of the developments Council is working on.

The page features information about current high profile developments such as the Trafalgar Centre reopening and Rutherford Park redevelopment, the Suter Gallery upgrade and Saxton Creek stormwater remediation.

It also gives prior information about projects that are still at the planning stage, but are likely

to be underway in the next six months. This includes the planned stormwater upgrades for Little Go Stream and York Stream, both of which are in the Waimea Road area and due to start construction after 1 March 2016.

In addition, a road works page details current and upcoming short term road works activities that

are likely to affect traffic flows around the city. These pages are updated regularly as projects develop, so visit [nelson.govt.nz/projects/](http://nelson.govt.nz/projects/) to find out what is going on in your city.

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**FOUNDERS HERITAGE PARK**  
NELSON NZ

**JAZZ ON THE VILLAGE GREEN**  
Most Sundays from 10 January - 13 March  
\$2 entry, 1.30pm to 4pm - check [www.itson.co.nz](http://www.itson.co.nz) for details

**SUMMER READS BOOK FAIR**  
14 December - 31 January  
10am - 4.30pm.  
In the windmill - Free.  
Fiction for the beach, bach or boat.

**SUMMER GUIDED TOURS**  
Every day through January  
Leaving from the windmill at 11am, \$5 per person.  
Find out more about Nelson's history and the interesting stories told in the displays at Founders.

**4 - 8 & 11 - 15 January.** Energy Centre, \$10 for six rides. Inflatable fun and kids rides.

**Founders Heritage Park**  
Nelson City Council

Open 10am - 4.30pm every day (Except Good Friday and Christmas Day)  
Admission: \$7 Adults, under 12 free, \$15 family, locals free with ID  
87 Atawhai Drive, Nelson • 03 548 2649 • [www.founderspark.co.nz](http://www.founderspark.co.nz)



## Dun Mountain Trail update

The forestry harvest in the Brook Valley, which required closure of a section of the Dun Mountain Trail, is expected to be complete mid December, subject to weather conditions.

The Dun Mountain Trail is scheduled to reopen on 23 December, with a detour around a short section of the trail which requires some repair work before it can be opened to the public. This section of trail is expected to be open by April 2016.



## For the First Time Ever – 'An Eyebright Christmas at Melrose Historic House'

Treat yourself to a very special Christmas this year at Melrose Historic House. This Nelson treasure really shines during the holidays, and this year will be even more special with the Eyebright Christmas Shop opening for the first time at Melrose, to help raise funds for the House.

"Eyebright in the City" offers a Christmas wonderland where people can get into the spirit and find that unique Christmas decoration, gift or stocking stuffer. Take in the stunning Christmas tree in the foyer and then follow the beautiful banister garlands to find the shop.

With funds raised going towards the remodelling of Melrose House's entire restroom area, the Eyebright Christmas Shop is a great chance to enjoy Christmas in a unique way.

The shop is open Tuesday to Saturday, 10am–4pm until 23 December.

## Customer Service Centre holiday closure

Council's Customer Service Centre will be closed from 3pm, Thursday 24 December 2015 and will re-open at 8.30am Tuesday 5 January 2016. From all of us here at Council, we wish you a safe and happy Christmas and New Year.

## What's on – at a Council venue near you



### Founders Heritage Park

Evolve Festival 2016: 22 January, from 7pm and 24 January, from 6pm

### Ise! Park

Summer Movies Al Fresco: 7, 10, 15, 22 January, 9pm

Nelson Mail Teddy Bears' Picnic: 10 January, 11am–1.30pm

### Fairfield Park

Summer Movies Al Fresco: 6, 9, 16, 20, 23 January, 9pm

Jazz in the Park: 1 January, 3–8pm

### Branford Park

NBS Nelson Striders Half Marathon and 10km: 17 January, 8am

### Melrose House

'An Eyebright Christmas at Melrose House': Tuesdays and Saturdays from 1–24 December, 10am–4pm

### Neale Park

Nelson Summer Kite Festival: 24 January, 12–5pm

### Saxton Oval

NZ Blackcaps v Sri Lanka One Day International Double Header: 31 December and 2 January, 11am start

### Trafalgar Street

Jingle Bells Jog and Santa Walk: 13 December, 9.30am

New Years Eve Countdown: 31 Dec, 8pm–12.30am

### Nelson Buskers Festival

- Buskers on Trafalgar: 28–30 January, 11.30am–3pm
- Buskers on the Church Steps: 30–31 January, 6pm

Trafalgar Street Market Day, 30 January, 9am–3pm

### Vickerman Street, Port Nelson

Port Nelson Street Races: 2 January, 10am–4pm

### Tahunanui Beach

Yoga on the beach: Saturdays 8–9.10am, Wednesdays 7.30–8.40am, until 9 April

Tahunanui Reserve Youth Park, 30 January, 5–9pm

Beach Beat: Grass stage by Beach Café, 8, 15, 22 January, 6pm

### Stoke Memorial Hall

Light Up Nelson Launch Party, 11 Dec, 7.30–8.30pm

Nelson Classic and Vintage Motorcycle Show, 2–3 January, 9am–5pm Saturday, 9am–4pm Sunday

## Nelson Public Libraries

### Elma Turner Library

Christmas Crafts: 10, 15, 17 December, 1.30–2.30pm

Save Santa's Sleigh: 21 December, 2–4yr olds 10–11am, 4–7yr olds 11.15am–12.15pm

Unlocking Curious Minds – Code Red: 25–29 January, all day

### Stoke Library

BookChat: third Wednesday of each month, until 16 December, 5pm

### Nightingale Library Memorial

Jingle Baby: 22 December, 9.30–10.15am

## 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

Women of Empire 1914–1918: Until 31 Jan

Mirror Magic: Until 17 Jan

### Suter Art Gallery

Te Aratoi O Whakatu – Kowhaiwhai: Until 14 February, 9.30am–4.30pm

Suter Art Society Christmas Show – Cash and Carry: 5 December–14 February

# CHECK OUT

**The NZ Blackcaps v Sri Lanka, One Day International Double Header**, Thursday 31 December 2015 and Saturday 2 January 2016, starts 11am, Saxton Oval. Come and relax at this beautiful venue and watch two of the world's most exciting one day cricket teams playing 50 over matches. Many world class players will be in action including Brendon McCullum, Ross Taylor, Kane Williamson and Cory Anderson.