



Find out about plants at Queens Gardens

20 new plant information signs have been installed around Queens Gardens. Information includes the name of the plant, origin and date planted. Head along to the gardens to find out more.

MAYOR'S BOUQUET



This month's recipients are Bryce and Helen Gilchrist for their help in hosting the Royal New Zealand Pipe Band Association's National Championships held in Nelson earlier this year.

As the Pipe Major of the Celtic Pipe Band based in Stoke, Bryce shows a huge passion for the pipe band scene, both in Nelson and nationally. Along with wife Helen, they have played an essential part in bringing this event to Nelson.

Their hard work involved organising over 2000 players and supporters. Across the weekend, two music events were held, to determine the national champion, along with the popular Street March, Drum Majors Championship, Mace Flourishing and a Marching Display.

It is pleasing to see such strong enthusiasm from Helen and Bryce, who not only helped to bring a great event to Nelson, but also show a strong passion for the city's pipe band.

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.

# Keeping our public places safe

From 2 June 2015, an additional alcohol ban in the inner city will apply from 9pm – 7am for the area bounded by Riverside Drive, Collingwood Street, Hardy Street and Tasman Street.



The extended alcohol ban is part of the Urban Environments Bylaw that Nelson City Council consulted on last year. Police statistics show a high number of alcohol-related call outs and incidents in this area.

Planning and Regulatory Committee Chair Brian McGurk says the aim of the alcohol ban is to discourage people drinking in these public places before entering or returning to bars and nightclubs.

In addition, a 24/7 ban now applies to Victory Reserve, some of the Victory shops, and to Wigzell Park, to help encourage family-friendly environments and ensure a consistent approach is taken with parks in the central Nelson area.

Councillor McGurk says ensuring the inner city and Nelson's parks are safe places for people to enjoy is vital to the social wellbeing of the community.

"The purpose of extending the alcohol ban is to enhance the safety of residents, protect the public from nuisance and minimise the potential for offensive behaviour in public places," he says.

New legislation means that an instant fine of \$250 applies for drinking in areas where alcohol is banned, which is enforced by the Police.

People will now be able to apply for a permit to hold a low risk event involving alcohol in areas where it is normally banned, for example, when enjoying a celebratory drink after a wedding in the Queens Gardens.

# Founders Book Fair set to impress this weekend



**When:** Saturday 30 May – Sunday 7 June, 10am – 4.30pm  
**Where:** Founders Park  
**Entry:** \$2 per person, \$5 for a nine day pass, children free

The 2015 Founders Annual Book Fair opens its doors at 10am this Saturday and promises to impress, with an extensive range of books along with collectibles, vinyl records and puzzles.

The Fair has been supported by the Nelson community since it began in 1988 with donations received throughout the year for the event.

Books have been sorted into over 80 categories including 15 separate categories of children's books.

Community Services Committee Chair Pete Rainey says there is something for everyone at this year's Book Fair.

"A dedicated team of volunteers has worked incredibly hard throughout the year carefully sorting the books as they come in. They have been amazed by the quantity and quality of the donations and are delighted that other people in the community will get the chance to enjoy them," says Councillor Rainey. With over ten thousand visitors

last year, the core group of volunteers will be joined by over 60 additional volunteers during the Book Fair, to cater for the thousands expected.

New to this year's Book Fair is a silent auction. Visitors will be able to bid on literary inspired art work donated by Lois Morgan and Lyn Hamilton including a table top made from old cloth book covers.

The Book Fair is a major fundraiser for Founders Heritage Park and last year the nine day fair raised over \$127,000. The funds assist with the continued improvement of the Park. One of the major projects funded by the Book Fair over the last year was the development of the new Beer & Hop Museum which was opened by the Mayor in November.

# Council moves forward with Nelson 2060 vision

Nelson City Council will focus on targeted sustainable information and educational initiatives throughout the year, rather than host a stand-alone Ecofest event in 2015.

Earlier this month, the Planning and Regulatory Committee agreed to re-allocate the Ecofest budget of \$30,000 and staff time towards environmental activities and promotion within the community.

Planning and Regulatory Committee Chair Brian McGurk says the idea is to take Ecofest into the community rather than expecting the community to come to Ecofest.

"We want to encourage effective environmental stewardship and sustainable behaviour change by moving to new activities that can have

measurably better outcomes for Nelson residents and the local environment.

"This decision is much more in line with what Nelson 2060 is all about. It's about mainstreaming what it means to be green and getting people to take small steps every day," says Councillor McGurk.

Nelson 2060 is Nelson's sustainability strategy. It comes from the community and focuses on developing a healthy, prosperous and happy Nelson over the next fifty years.

To find out more, visit [nelson.govt.nz](http://nelson.govt.nz), search = Nelson 2060.

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# Enrolments for 2015 Nelson Arts Festival Masked Parade now open

This year's parade is being held on Friday 16 October, themed around The World of Books! Festival organisers are looking forward to seeing thousands of fabulous masked creations inspired by the wonderful world of books parading through the streets of Nelson.

There are three categories: individuals, school groups and non-school groups. Be in to win prizes for each category and the overall Kim Merry Supreme Award.

How to enrol:

Go to [nelsonartsfestival.co.nz](http://nelsonartsfestival.co.nz) or email your information to [festivallenquiries@ncc.govt.nz](mailto:festivallenquiries@ncc.govt.nz)

- Contact person
- Group name, if applicable
- Category: School group, non-school group, individual
- Number of people in group
- Email and phone number

[nelsonartsfestival.co.nz](http://nelsonartsfestival.co.nz)



Tasman School – Winners of School Category & Kim Merry Supreme Award in 2014.

# New seats ready for match at Trafalgar Park



The stage is all set for tomorrow's Super 15 encounter between the Crusaders and the Hurricanes at Trafalgar Park.

An additional 6000 seats have been erected, after the Council purchased the temporary seats at the end of the ICC Cricket World Cup.

It is the first event to benefit from the secured seating. The lack of seating has previously been identified as an issue for attracting major events to Trafalgar Park, Saxton Oval and other Council grounds.

This addition of temporary seating will significantly increase capacity at the venues and improve the audience and spectator experience.

Mayor Rachel Reese emphasised the importance of increasing capacity at our venues. "Council is focussed on delivering maximum benefit from our existing facilities. We want to sweat these assets hard to deliver maximum return to the city. This purchase enables us to compete with financial and capacity certainty for larger events."

# Meetings

For a full list of Council meetings go to:

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

# What's on

At a Council venue near you?

For a full list of Nelson events go to:

[itson.co.nz](http://itson.co.nz)

To sign up for Live Nelson by email go to:

[facebook.com/nelsoncitycouncil](https://www.facebook.com/nelsoncitycouncil)

# Improvements to shared path at Beatson Road

Construction is now underway on a new shared path and upgrades to the sewer main within the Beatson Road area. The main purpose of this project is to better integrate the cycle network and improve the safety of pedestrians and cyclists.

The area which will have greatest impact during construction will be the works on the Beatson Road Roundabout.

There will be some disturbance to traffic flow at the roundabout and access into Beatson Road from the roundabout will be restricted for the next 14 weeks.

The north eastern footpath on Whakatu Drive and at the roundabout is now closed until the end of June 2015, though this

date is weather dependent. The map shows how pedestrians will navigate around the roundabout during this period. Pedestrian monitors will be available to escort pedestrians and pupils travelling to and from school across Waimea Road between the hours of 7.30–9am and 3–4.30pm weekdays.

The intention for cyclists is to use the road, but if the cyclist is unsure or not confident to cycle on the road, they are advised to dismount their bicycles and use the pedestrian routes as highlighted in the map.

Council thanks you for your patience and understanding during the work.

