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Recycling Wheelie Bins

The way co-mingled recycling (paper, plastic, tin and cardboard) is collected in Nelson is set to change in 2016 to a cleaner, safer wheelie bin system. We want to find out your preferred wheelie bin size. Simply vote online at nelson.govt.nz (search phrase = wheelie bin) or vote at the Customer Service Centre. The current recycling guide and calendar is also available online or at the Customer Service Centre.

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Search = wheelie bin

Public holiday collections

Recycling collections will occur as normal on Nelson Anniversary Day Monday 1 February and Waitangi Monday 8 February.

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Bringing back the buskers



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NBus keeps getting better

Unique partnership to boost Nelson's nature



From left: Conservation Minister Maggie Barry, Environment Minister Nick Smith and Mayor Rachel Reese celebrate the Nelson Nature partnership at the top of the Grampians.

Nelson City Council and the Department of Conservation (DOC) are teaming up to deliver the Council's multi-million dollar project Nelson Nature to improve Nelson's biodiversity.

Nelson Nature is a priority project for the Council, which targets \$6 million over ten years to protecting and restoring Nelson's world class natural environment.

DOC is joining the effort for the next three years, helping to project manage Nelson Nature by using its technical expertise to apply conservation best practice and aligning the agencies' work programmes to maximise outcomes.

Nelson Mayor Rachel Reese says, "By combining each organisation's strengths, this partnership will provide a strategic approach across land boundaries to make the most of Council's significant investment in the Nelson Nature programme.

"Working together, and alongside our local environmental groups, we can provide an integrated and coordinated approach to environmental management for the region.

"Thanks to Nelson's compact size geographically, and this unique partnership approach between the two agencies, Nelson Nature has the opportunity to be one of the most holistic, all-encompassing biodiversity projects carried out in New Zealand. We are thrilled to have the Department on board."

Conservation Minister Maggie Barry says Nelson Nature is an outstanding initiative that will protect and enhance the city's conservation values.

"DOC's partnership with Nelson City Council is a perfect match and we both bring complimentary skills to this visionary project. By working together and aligning our efforts with other local conservation groups, DOC can achieve much more to make Nelson's nature thrive."

Mayor Reese says Nelson Nature supports Nelson's reputation as a holiday hot spot and a centre for ecotourism, where residents and visitors can experience nature right on the city's door step.

This year, the work programme for Nelson Nature includes managing pest animals in the city's backdrop and inland hill country to allow native birds to thrive, boosting weed control in key areas to give Nelson's native forests a better chance of survival, and improving water quality across Nelson's waterways.

Nelson City Council and the Department of Conservation are keen to continue to work closely with local environmental groups, harnessing their skill, enthusiasm, and local knowledge to get this work done.

Bringing back the buskers

This week, an army of world-class local and international street performers is descending on Nelson for the Nelson Buskers Festival.

Returning to Nelson from 28-31 January 2016, the Festival 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.

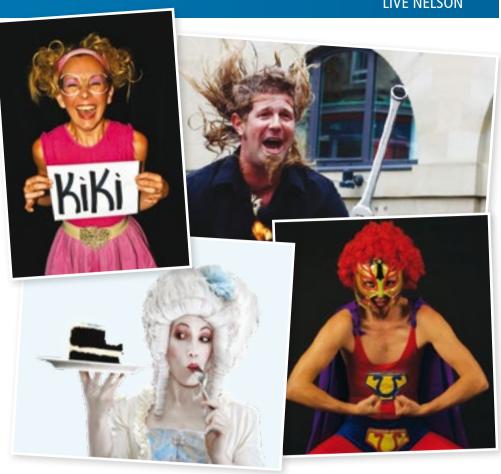
There are a few different ways to experience these street performers while they're here.

Buskers on Trafalgar brings jawdropping street performers into the city during the day on Thursday 28 and Friday 29 January from 11am-2.30pm and Saturday 30 January from 10.30am–2pm.

Buskers on the Church Steps provides a family night out where you can bring your cushions, picnic and low chairs and be thoroughly entertained on Saturday 30 and Sunday 31 January at 6pm.

Buskers in the Boathouse - For the More Adventurous! is an R18 cabaret show at The Boathouse guaranteed to surprise the crowds on Thursday 28 January (8pm) and Friday 29 January (8.30pm). Tickets for this event are \$30 pre-sale and \$38 door sale, plus TicketDirect service fees.

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Go By Bike Day

Go By Bike Day is part of a national event initiated by Bike Wise.

It is a one-day event on Wednesday 10 February where thousands of Kiwis ditch their cars and cycle to work or school.

A free breakfast is on offer, including Pic's Peanut Butter on toast with hot chocolates and coffee, for the first 100 cyclists at 1903 square (top of Trafalgar St) with giveaways, free bike checks, and entertainment from Plinkers from 7.30-9am.



Submissions open on Woodburner Plan Change

Submissions are now open for Nelson residents to have their say on Nelson City Council's proposed Woodburner Plan Change (Plan Change A3).

The plan change proposes to allow additional Ultra Low Emission Burners (ULEBs) on the basis there will be improvements to woodburner use, generating less smoke.

A limited number of ULEBs are proposed to be allowed in Airshed B2 (including Stoke, Wakatu and Enner Glynn) and Airshed C (including Port Hills, City Centre, The Brook, The Wood and Atawhai).

If there are further improvements to air quality over the next few years, the plan change proposes that burners could also become a permitted activity in Airshed A (including Bishopdale, Victory, Toi

Toi, between the colleges, and Washington Valley) and Airshed B1 (Tahunanui and Tahunanui Hills south of The Cliffs).

More information on the plan change is available on Council's website, nelson.govt.nz (search phrase = woodburner plan change). Letters will be sent to all Nelson households advising notification of the plan change.

The proposed plan change document, the accompanying reports and submission form are available at the Customer Service Centre, Nelson libraries and on Council's website.



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NELSON OPERA INTHE PARK SAT 13 FEBRUARY

7.30 - 10PM, GATES OPEN 5.30PM TRAFALGAR PARK

ANNA LEESE • JARED HOLT • DAVE DOBBYN • JACKIE CLARKE MODERN MĀORI QUARTET • ORCHESTRA WELLINGTON • JUBILATION CHOIR



MAYOR'S WELCOME

Welcome to one of the city's most popular events, Nelson Opera in the Park.

This much-loved summer event is a chance for visitors and locals to experience world-class musicians at Trafalgar Park, in the heart of Nelson.

With a relaxed atmosphere and affordable ticket prices, it's an opportunity to pack a picnic, bring a blanket and head down to the park with family and friends, to share in this flagship musical event.

Brought to you by Nelson City Council, this is the keystone event in the 2015/16 Summer Events programme

We welcome Orchestra Wellington once again, who will support the fantastic line-up of talented performers, with Musical Director Pete Rainey guiding the impressive programme once again.

A fantastic initiative this year, and one which highlights Nelson's strong community spirit, is the Pay It Forward tickets. These give opera goers a chance to gift a ticket or two to someone who may not otherwise have the means to attend. It will mean more people can enjoy a night out under the stars.

Thanks to Pomeroy's and Pic's Really Good

Peanut Butter for the fireworks display which will close the evening in spectacular fashion.

But first, for the music – sit back, relax and prepare to enjoy this special night.



Rachel Reese

Rachel Reese Mayor of Nelson

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PERFORMERS

Welcome to the highlight of the Nelson summer calendar: OPERA IN THE PARK

The line-up promises a wonderful night of music under the stars.



ANNA LEESE

Since her last appearance at Opera in the Park in 2010, soprano Anna Leese has been busy performing with leading opera companies and orchestras in Europe, North America, Australia and New Zealand. Anna holds a First Class Honours degree in Music from the University of Otago, is a graduate from London's RCM Benjamin Britten International Opera School and in 2011 represented New Zealand in the Cardiff Singer of the World competition. She has sung at the Royal Opera House Covent Garden, the Royal Albert Hall, Opera Köln, Flanders Opera, the Canadian Opera Company, and for New Zealand Opera.



JARED HOLT

Born and raised in Christchurch, baritone Jared Holt won the 2000 Mobil Song Quest before relocating to London where he studied at the Royal College of Music, subsequently joining the Jette Parker Young Artists Programme at the Royal Opera House, Covent Garden. Jared has sung principal roles for companies including the Royal Opera House, Glyndebourne Festival, Teatro Giuseppe Verdi Trieste, Opera Australia and Opera New Zealand, together with concert performances with the BBC Proms, the BBC Symphony, and the New Zealand Symphony



DAVE DOBBYN ONZM

Dave Dobbyn ONZM needs little introduction. His musical career – with Th'Dudes, DD Smash and then solo - spans more than 30 years. He has written the soundtrack to kiwi lives, with a string of iconic New Zealand songs including Be Mine Tonight, Loyal and Slice of Heaven. Dobbyn holds the most Silver Scroll Awards for songwriting and in 2001, he was given a lifetime achievement award by the New Zealand recording industry.



MODERN MĀORI QUARTET

Runaway hit of the 2014 Nelson Arts Festival, the Modern Māori Quartet returns with their fresh take on classic Māori showbands. They are a good looking, suave and multi-talented Māori foursome who love crooning their spin on modern and classic numbers. So suit 'em up in their number ones, shine their shoes, hand them a guitar or two and they'll have you melting like golden syrup on a piece of fresh hot fried bread with their signature brand of Māori entertainment.



JACKIE CLARKE

Jackie's versatile vocal chords have mastered opera at the Mercury, Cole Porter at Downstage and country'n'western. As well as crooning at Christmas in the Park, she has toured and recorded with Annie Crummer, Putty, The Netherworld Dancing Toys, Paul McCartney, Ray Charles, the New Zealand Symphony Orchestra and the New Zealand Brass Quintet.



PETE RAINEY **MUSICAL DIRECTOR**

Pete has been musical director of Opera in the Park since its inception 17 years ago. He has conducted the Nelson Civic Choir, The Nelson Male Voice Choir and was the founding director of the National Male Choir of New Zealand. Pete is co-director of the nationwide high school music competition Smokefree Rockquest and plays violin in the gypsy swing band Django Schmango. He is a Nelson City Councillor and is the Chair of the Community Services Committee.



MARC TADDEI **CONDUCTOR ORCHESTRA** WELLINGTON

Music Director Marc Taddei has made a significant contribution to the New Zealand music scene. Marc is a frequent guest conductor throughout Australasia, and returns each year to the United States. He is renowned for his innovative programming and infectious enthusiasm. Marc also works with Opera New Zealand and the Royal New Zealand Ballet. He is a graduate of the Julliard School in



ORCHESTRA WELLINGTON

Orchestra Wellington has established a strong reputation and following, performing to around 100,000 people each year. Its programme includes an annual series of concerts, as well as an outdoor event, family and popular concerts. The orchestra also provides essential orchestral services in Wellington to local and national arts organisations and visiting international artists.



JUBILATION CHOIR (Pre-show)

Jubilation is a unique beast – an a cappella gospel choir with a rock and roll heart. Jubilation sing soul, blues and country-infused gospel from the songbooks of Nina Simone, Tom Waits, Curtis Mayfield, Don McGlashan, Isaac Hayes, Blind Willie Johnson and Emmylou Harris.

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Copies of this programme will be for sale on the night with the proceeds going towards Nelson School of Music's 'Take Your Seat' campaign. For more information head to www.takeyourseat.nz

PROGRAMME

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- JARED HOLT
- ANNA LEESE
- JACKIE CLARKE
- MODERN MÄORI QUARTET
- JUBILATION CHOIR
- DAVE DOBBYN onzm

OVERTURE FROM BÉATRICE ET BÉNÉDICT [BERLIOZ]

ORCHESTRA WELLINGTON

The comic opera Béatrice et Bénédict, composed between 1860 and 1862, was Berlioz's last major work. This overture is one of Berlioz's most delicate and subtle orchestral pieces, and its allusiveness constantly teases the listener.

YELETSKY'S ARIA FROM PIQUE DAME [TCHAIKOVSKY]

JARED HOLT

First performed in 1890, Tchaikovsky's Pique Dame (The Queen of Spades) revolves around the obsessive desire to become rich through gambling. Ever since its world premiere, Piaue Dame has been a great audience favourite. Yeletsky's Aria might just be the one moment of

DEH VIENI NON TARDAR FROM LE NOZZE DI FIGARO (THE MARRIAGE **OF FIGARO)** [MOZART]

ANNA LEESE

Composed in 1786, The Marriage of Figaro is a comic opera which is now regarded as a cornerstone of the standard operatic repertoire. Its bubbling overture, its brilliantly crafted arias and its lively and intricate ensemble scenes win the hearts of nearly all who witness it.

NIGHTS IN WHITE SATIN (P. DODD ARR.) [HAYWARD]

JACKIE CLARKE

We welcome Jackie Clarke to the stage with this special arrangement of The Moody Blues' Nights in White Satin. Band member Justin Hayward wrote and composed the song at age 19 as a tale of a yearning love from afar.

LARGO AL FACTOTUM FROM BARBIERE DI SIVIGLIA (THE BARBER OF SEVILLE) [ROSSINI]

JARED HOLT

Rossini's The Barber of Seville has proven to be one of the greatest masterpieces of comedy within music, and has been described as the opera buffa of all "opere buffe". While it didn't start well, with the audience hissing and jeering at the premiere in 1816, along with several on-stage accidents, it endured, and after two hundred years, it remains a popular opera.

O MIO BABBINO BARO FROM GIANNI **SCHICCHI** [PUCCINI]

ANNA LEESE

Gianni Schicchi is a comic opera in one act by Giacomo Puccini to an Italian libretto by Giovacchino Forzano, composed in 1917 – 18. The aria O Mio Babbino Baro (Oh My Beloved Father) is one of Puccini's best known, and one of the most

PAPAGENA DUET FROM DIE **ZAUBERFLÖTE (THE MAGIC FLUTE)** [MOZART]

JARED HOLT & ANNA LEESE

The Magic Flute is a singspiel in two acts, with a German libretto by Austrian actor and theatrical producer Emanuel Schikaneder. The opera, Mozart's last, premiered at the rustic Theater auf der Wieden near Vienna in September 1791, not long before Mozart's death. Successful from the beginning, The Magic Flute continues to make frequent appearances on the world's opera

GOD ONLY KNOWS (P. DODD ARR.) [WILSON]

JACKIE CLARKE

Jackie Clarke returns to the stage to perform this beautiful song by Brian Wilson of the Beach Boys. Described by Wilson as "one of the best I've ever written", God Only Knows became a favourite song of Paul McCartney. Fifty years on, an all-star version was recently unveiled featuring the likes of Stevie Wonder, Pharrell Williams, Chris Martin and our very own Lorde.

MODERN MÄORI QUARTET

It is our pleasure to be able to welcome Modern Māori Quartet to the Opera in the Park stage. The suave foursome, comprising of Toi Whakaari graduates, Maaka Pohatu, Jayden Daniels, James Tito and Francis Kora, offer a fresh take on classic Māori showbands, filling their shows with waiata, humour and charm.

Tonight, they will perform:

- Haere Mai
- Float on
- Pungawerewere
- Ten Guitars
- · Don't Stop 'Til You Get Enough

INTERVAL

NIGHT ON BARE MOUNTAIN [MUSSORGSKY]

ORCHESTRA WELLINGTON

Best known for its use in the penultimate scene of Walt Disney's Fantasia, Mussorgsky's Night on Bare Mountain was never performed during his lifetime. In 1886, five years after Mussorgsky's death, Rimsky-Korsakov published an arrangement of the work, described as a "fantasy for orchestra". It is through Rimsky-Korsakov's version that Night on Bare Mountain achieved lasting fame.

LES FILLES DE CADIX (THE MAIDS OF CADIZ) [DELIBES]

ANNA LEESE

Anna Leese returns to the stage to perform this beautiful melody by French opera and ballet composer Léo Delibes (1836 – 1891). Delibes' most notable works include ballets Coppélia (1870) and Sylvia (1876) as well as the operas Le roi l'a dit (1873) and Lakmé (1883).

BEI MANNERN FROM DIE ZAUBERFLÖTE (THE MAGIC FLUTE) [MOZART]

JARED HOLT & ANNA LEESE

We return to Mozart's final opera, a singspiel in two acts. This beautiful duet between two lovers is about pondering the idea of love, the beauty of it and the desire to live through love alone.

JUBILATION CHOIR

Jubilation Choir returns to the stage to perform Shackles and People Get Ready with two new arrangements by Auckland composer Penny Dodd. Usually performing unaccompanied, it is very special to have this impressive a capella group combining with Orchestra Wellington for the very first time.

DAVE DOBBYN ONZM

We are pleased to welcome Dave Dobbyn who returns to the Opera in the Park stage after ten years. This kiwi icon needs little introduction; he holds the most Silver Scroll Awards for song-writing and in 2001, was given a lifetime achievement award by the New Zealand recording industry. Tonight, we have the privelege of hearing Dobbyn's latest pieces for the very first time.

He will perform:

- Loyal
- Guilty
- Angelina Slice of Heaven
- Welcome Home

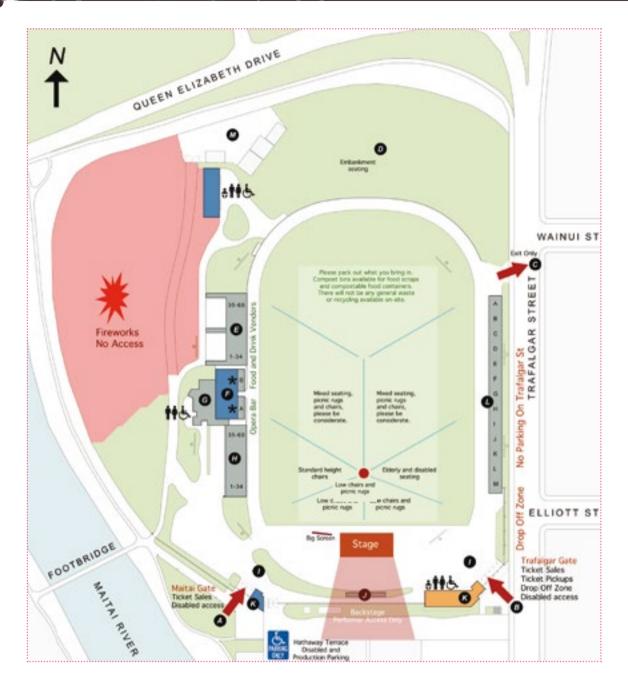
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KEY DETAILS



- Maitai Gate
- Trafalgar Gate
- Wainui Gate
- Embankment
- Port Stand

- Media Facility

- City Stand
- Information Directories
- Scoreboard
- Security & Ticketing
- East Stand
- Groundskeeper
- Toilets (Accessible & Babychange Facilities)
 - * Pavilion Entry Doors

FOR EVERYONE'S **ENJOYMENT...**

GET IN EARLY

Gates open at 5.30pm. Please ensure that you are seated by 7.15pm for the 7.30pm show.

SEATING

For picnickers there are areas for LOW chairs and rugs, separate from HIGHER outdoor chairs. Please follow the instructions of our ushers and comply with this arrangement, so that everyone can enjoy the show.

REFRESHMENTS

You can bring your own picnic and wine. Sorry, no other glass bottles are permitted. The Nelmac Water Tanker will be available so make sure you bring your own water bottle (no glass please). There are food stalls, and a bar at the event. Please take all rubbish away with you or use our compost

bins carefully. Be prepared for a two and a half hour show, including intermission.



PACK IT IN PACK IT OUT

We are working towards Zero Waste and encourage you to bring your own crockery so you don't create rubbish. Compost bins on-site. Help to save our beautiful planet.

SMOKING

This is a non-smoking event.

BUT MOST OF ALL... ENJOY THE SHOW!



12-24 OCTOBER 2016

Two weeks of top national and international entertainment: theatre, music, dance, visual arts and writers' talks.





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LIVE NELSON

COMMUNITY (21)

Keeping industry waste out of rivers



Council is working hard to improve the water quality of Nelson's rivers and streams. One key issue being addressed is the impact of industry waste contaminating our waterways.

Council is keen to work with the industry sector to help them have good systems in place. Environmental Inspections Ltd are visiting industrial and commercial properties on Council's behalf to check compliance with rules relating to discharge of stormwater and storage of hazardous substances. They are also checking that pollution prevention plans are in place to ensure any spills are contained and cleaned up.

For the coming year, the focus of these visits will be on sites adjacent to Saltwater Creek and on completing work already started in the Tahunanui area.

A helpful brochure for businesses has also been produced with information about managing stormwater from industrial sites. The 'Managing Stormwater' booklet can be found via Council's website, nelson.govt.nz (search phrase = managing stormwater) and in Council's Customer Service Centre.

This initiative is part of Council's Nelson Nature project, which targets \$6 million over ten years towards protecting and restoring Nelson's natural environment.

One of Nelson's unique features is the network of streams which connect the mountains to the sea, providing habitat for some special and

endangered species of native fish such as the Giant Kokopu.

As these streams make their journey through our city and suburbs and into Tasman Bay, they have become contaminated through discharges into the stormwater system.

Remember that the only thing that should ever go down our drains is rain!



Arrow Street road closure

From 2 February 2016, for a period of up to 12 weeks, Arrow Street will be temporarily closed to through traffic between Washington Road and Quebec Road.

The closure will be in effect 24 hours a day, seven days a week, to allow for stage 2 of stormwater upgrade work.

Vehicular access to properties in Arrow

Street will be restricted to residents only. Resident access will be controlled by the contractor under a traffic management plan.

Traffic from surrounding streets should use Abraham Heights, Quebec Road and Princes Drive as alternative access routes to and from Washington Road and the central city. The NBus will detour down Abraham Heights.

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NBus keeps getting better

New public holiday services

A new public holiday service means routes 1 and 2 (Nelson – Stoke – Richmond) will run on every public holiday in 2016 except Christmas Day and Good Friday, so there will be a Saturday service between Nelson and Richmond on Anniversary Day (1 February) and Waitangi Day (8 February).

New timetable app

A new NBus timetable app means you can find out which of the seven routes is closest to your current location, and check the timetable for the next bus due. It also features a handy fare calculator, route map and information about the services available. The IOS app is available from Itunes (search NBus Timetable) or for android from nbus.co.nz.

New accessible bus for Stoke Loop

From mid-February this year, the Hail and Ride Stoke Loop route will be serviced by a new wheelchair friendly kneeling bus, meaning better accessibility for people with impaired mobility. The Stoke Loop runs in a figure 8 from the Tennis Courts on Main Road Stoke, to Enner Glyn, Nayland Road, Saxton Road and the Ridgeway.

The Stoke Loop connects with routes 1 and 2, which run between Nelson and Richmond, making it easy to get to the shops, Tahunanui Beach, Nayland Pool, and to work and school. It is a hail and ride bus, so you can wave down the bus anywhere as long as it is safe and legal for it to stop.

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MEETINGS

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

Hearing for exemptions to Fencing of Swimming Pools Act

4 Feb

Hearings Panel – Other – Proposed Temporary Road Closure Applications

To follow Hearing for exemptions to Fencing of Swimming Pools Act 4 Feb

Council meeting

9am

18 Feb

18 Feb

Planning and Regulatory Committee

To follow Council meeting

Audit, Risk and Finance Subcommittee – Ruma Mārama

to follow Planning and Regulatory Committee

18 Feb

22 Feb

Chief Executive Employment Committee – Ruma Ana

Works and Infrastructure Committee

am 25 Feb

Changes to meetings

Commercial Subcommittee – previously scheduled to follow Audit, Risk and Finance Subcommittee on 18 February Cancelled due to rescheduling of issues currently before the Subcommittee

Other Meetings

Nelson Youth Council

1pm

9 Feb

Notes:

- Unless otherwise shown, the meetings will be held in the Council Chamber, Civic House, Trafalgar Street, Nelson.
- 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.
- 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.
- Agendas and minutes for Council meetings can be viewed on Council's website nelson.govt.nz.



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International Kai Festival celebrates Waitangi Day Holiday

The eighth annual International Kai Festival is on again this Waitangi Day Holiday, Monday 8 February 2016, with Founders Heritage Park and Whakatū Marae working closely to present a range of traditional and international foods to sample.

Whakatū Marae will also host a Pōwhiri, a traditional welcome for visitors to the Marae, at 10.30am.

There will be a huge variety of international foods on offer made by families living in the Nelson community.

Small portions of food are

priced at \$3 or \$6 to encourage visitors to try a wide range of each.

Live music and Kapa Haka performances will be held at both Whakatū Marae and Founders Park, alongside stalls selling traditional arts and crafts.

Entry is by gold coin donation.

Paru Paru Road closure

As part of the Trafalgar Centre Reopening and Rutherford Park development projects, the work site containment fence around the centre is to be expanded.

This will result in restricted pedestrian and vehicle access along Paru Paru Road and around the Trafalgar Centre until about early April.

The work site containment fence will move to the edge of the Maitai Walkway, with no vehicle access beyond the old Community Art Works building.

The footbridge across Saltwater Creek between the Trafalgar Centre and Haven Road will remain closed in the immediate future.

The footbridge at the northern end of the Maitai Walkway, to Queen Elizabeth Drive, will remain open.

From the end of January, access to the old tennis court area will also be restricted as the Rutherford Park development work continues.

Information on car parking can be found at nelson.govt.nz (search phrase = public carparks).

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Search = public carparks

Rounding balance to pay

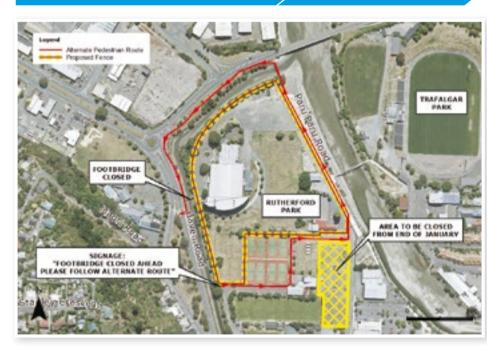
Nelson City Council rounds the 'balance to pay' on all rates and water accounts to 10 cents, whether paying by cash or by other methods.

This is called the Swedish Rounding System, and was adopted by Council (along with many companies) due to the discontinuation of 1c, 2c and 5c pieces.

Under this system, prices ending in 1 to 5 cents will be rounded down, and prices ending in 6 to 9 cents will be rounded up.

For example, an account of \$115.14 will be rounded to \$115.10, and an account of \$115.16 will be rounded to \$115.20.

Ratepayers making payments by electronic means can choose to pay the unrounded amount if they wish to do so.



What's on — at a Council venue near you





Founders Heritage Park

Summer Guided Tours: Until 31 January, leaving the windmill at 11am

Founders Summer Reads Book Fair: Until 30 January, 10am–4.30pm

Jazz on the Village Green: *Kool Tones*, 31 January, 1.30–4pm

International Kai Festival: 8 February, 10.30am–3.30pm

Trafalgar Park

Opera in the Park: 13 February, gates open at 5.30pm

Mike Pero Battle of Trafalgar: Vodafone Warriors vs St George, pre-season match, 20 February, gates open 2pm, curtain raiser at 3pm, main event at 5pm

Sol3 Mio – On Another Note Tour: 27 February, 8pm

The Botantical Reserve

Outdoor Summer Sunday Yoga, 31 Jan, 3.30–4.30pm

Saxton Sports Complex

Fitness in the Park: Pregnancy & Post Natal Exercise, 13 February, 10.30am

Trafalgar Street

Nelson Buskers Festival:

- 28-29 January, 11.30am-2.30pm
- 30 January, 10.30am-2.30pm

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

Go by Bike Day: 1903 Square, 10 February, 7–9am

Tahunanui Beach

Yoga on the Beach: Saturdays 8am–9.10am, Wednesdays 7.30am–8.40am, until 9 April Tahuna Rocks: Tahunanui Reserve Youth Park, 30 January, 5–9pm

Tahunanui Sportsfield

Burger King 3X3 Quest Tour: 13 February, 10am-5pm

Fitness in the Park: Franks Brothers Cross Fit, 20 February, 9.30am

Big Play Out: Free activities for children with Playcentre, 20 February, 11am–2pm

Nelson Public Libraries

Elma Turner Library

Small Time at the Children's Library: Stories and songs for under 2yr olds, Wednesdays from 17 February, 10.30am

Story Time at the Children's Library: Stories and songs for over 2yr olds, Thursdays from 14 February, 2pm, during term time only

Circle Weaving: For children aged 9 and up, 29 January, 10.30am–12.30pm

Learn Te Reo at the Library: 10 classes, Wednesdays from 10 Feb-13 April, 12.30-1.30pm Tai Chi at the Library: Free taster 11 February followed by 6 classes, Thursdays 11 Feb-24 March, 12-1pm

Stoke Library

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

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 1 February

Women of the Empire Floor Talk: 1 February, 4pm

Suter Art Gallery

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

CHECK OUT

Nelson Opera in the Park, 13 February, 7.30–10pm, gates open at 5.30pm

Nelson Opera in the Park is back with some of New Zealand's best opera singers alongside a stellar line-up of contemporary performers; Anna Leese, Jared Holt, Dave Dobbyn, Jackie Clarke, Modern Māori Quartet and The Jubilation Choir pre-show. Bring a picnic and soak up the atmosphere for this wonderful night of music in the open air. With affordable ticket prices, this is a world-class event that everyone can enjoy.

Prices: Early bird adult \$15 (until 31 Jan), full price adult \$25, child (5–15) \$5 (plus TicketDirect service fees), child under 5 free. Tickets at www.ticketdirect.co.nz, Theatre Royal Nelson, iSITE Nelson, ph 03 548 3840 or 0800 224 224.