

Tsunami evacuation maps public meetings

Nelson Tasman Civil Defence and Emergency Management Group (CDEM) has now published comprehensive tsunami evacuation maps for the region. This is a reminder about public meetings being held this month for those interested in learning more about the tsunami risk and evacuation maps.

- Public meetings in Nelson**
- Wednesday 4 May, 6.30–8.30pm, Nelson North, Nelson North Country Club, Wakapuaka
 - Saturday 7 May, 1.30–3.30pm, Stoke/Richmond, Club Waimea, Queen Street, Richmond
 - Saturday 7 May, 10am–12pm, Nelson Central, Tahuna Function Centre

MAYOR'S BOUQUET



This month's bouquet recipient, Valerie Sirett, is recognised for her dedicated service to the Hospital Chaplaincy. Valerie has shown a selfless commitment to her role as a voluntary Chaplaincy Assistant in Nelson, and is now the longest serving volunteer.

Every week for 11 years, Valerie has offered support and encouragement to patients and their families, assisting and guiding them in challenging times. Along with this, Valerie has also dedicated time as a Parish Nurse volunteer at the Nelson Cathedral for eight years. It is a pleasure to be able to publicly acknowledge her contribution in the community, and I'm sure there are many families who will agree that Valerie's kind heartedness is to be admired.

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 Mayor's 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.



Stoke groups support new facility at Greenmeadows

Stoke's major sports and recreation groups are pleased to see the new multi-use facility at Greenmeadows progressing well.

Mayor Rachel Reese met with Stoke rugby, Nelson cricket, Stoke tennis and Stoke Seniors on site at Greenmeadows last week, where they discussed the future for the site. "These groups are major users for this new facility and we've enjoyed working alongside them to plan for this new multi-use facility at Greenmeadows," Mayor Reese says. Stoke Rugby Club Operations Manager, Kim Biggs, says the new building would offer an improved space for their club. "We're excited about the prospect of being a tenant in the new Stoke Community Centre and we will look to occupy an office space and to utilise

the function rooms." Stoke Seniors Secretary John Haynes says their members would be looking to use the facility at least four days a week. "I would take this opportunity to congratulate council staff and consultants for the thorough consultation process that it has followed, and the willingness to meet the wishes of particular user organisations." Nelson Cricket General Manager, David Leonard, says Nelson Cricket has been a major user of Greenmeadows as a hub for junior cricket,

tournaments and trainings, for many years. It intended to continue to use Greenmeadows and the new facility buildings at Greenmeadows for junior cricket matches, tournaments and training sessions. The new facility has recently gained resource consent, and construction is likely to begin later this year. "This facility is part of a long term vision for Stoke," says Mayor Reese. "Council is committed to supporting our fastest growing suburb and to providing good quality and functional civic spaces."

nelson.govt.nz Search = Greenmeadows

Taking action to care for Orphanage Stream

A group of Stoke neighbours, young and old, came together last month to learn more about how to care for their local stream.

Parent Raewyn Wilson had approached Council as she was interested in forming a group to help look after Orphanage Stream, which is enjoyed by her young family and their friends. Melanie McColghan from Tiakina te Taiao and two of Council's environmental officers answered questions on how to look after the stream, the impact of weather and stream flow, the pros and cons of weed growth in the stream, the 17 different varieties of fish that inhabit Orphanage Stream, and what they need to survive. Raewyn says it was lovely to see so many come out to enjoy the day. "It was a great chance to get to know our neighbours better and learn more about this wonderful resource, Orphanage Stream. We were so thankful to see such a range of ages as well." A number of people signalled they were interested in forming a group of 'guardians' to look after a stretch of the stream. Plans include painting fish on the nearby stormwater drains to remind people that only 'rain is for



drains', and a community planting day in early July, with plants and advice provided by Council, to create a better habitat for eels and native fish. As part of its environmental restoration programme Nelson Nature, Council is keen to encourage other neighbourhood groups in Nelson to care for a section of their local stream. This may involve ensuring no rubbish gets into the waterway, weeding out unwanted pest plants, monitoring for stream quality, observing aquatic and bird life, and planting where this is needed. If you would like to adopt and care for part of a stream and have ideas about how you would like to help, please contact Council's Environmental programmes officer, phone 546 0200 or email susan.moore-lavo@ncc.govt.nz.



Centre of New Zealand track repaired

Repairs to the main track on the Centre of New Zealand are now complete. Thanks to everyone for their patience while we worked on this. It's looking really good now and this is a great time of year to take a stroll up the hill and check it out.

School Trustee elections

Mayor Rachel Reese is encouraging community members to put their hand up for the upcoming School Trustee elections.

"Boards make important decisions for their schools. Their role is to bring parents, families, communities, whanaū, hapū, iwi and schools together to ensure that all students achieve their full potential. It is valuable, rewarding work and I encourage community members to put their names forward, or nominate someone who you think could make a difference," she says. Schools in Nelson will open nominations for the 2016 School Trustee elections from 6 May, closing at noon 20 May, with voting closing at noon on 3 June 2016.

Council to hear Annual Plan submissions

For the 2016/17 Annual Plan, Council received just over 600 submissions, and is holding hearings for submitters on 3 and 4 May, with Council deliberations on 11 and 12 May.

Council received submissions on a variety of topics, including parks and recreation – in particular mountain biking and mountain biking tracks; options for the planned upgrade of Elma Turner Library; the Haven Precinct; enhancing the CBD; and transport projects – including walking and cycling projects. The final Annual Plan will be adopted on 2 June 2016 and will come into effect on 1 July 2016.

nelson.govt.nz Search = Annual Plan 2016

Water meter readings

The current residential water meter reading round is continuing until the end of May.

The meter readers are currently in Stoke and will then move through the city centre, The Wood, Atawhai and ending at the Glen at the end of May. We ask that you please check and ensure that the area surrounding your meter box, and the box itself, is clear and easily accessible. The meter readers will be active from 8am–6pm, seven days a week, including public holidays. They will be identifiable by their hi-visibility vests which say 'Water Meter Reader' and 'DataCol'. If you don't think meter readers will be able to access your meter for any reason, please call 0800 870 008 so that suitable arrangements can be made to have the meter read. Some meters will also be checked to ensure they are still recording accurately. This involves filling a 10 litre bucket with water, and should the meter need to be replaced, the water will need to be turned off to do this. If you are home, we will advise you of this. If no one is home, a letter will be left in your letter box letting you know that Council contractors have been. All water used through the meter is charged at \$1.7843 per cubic metre, GST inclusive. The invoice/statements are posted out usually within two weeks of the meter being read. They will be due for payment on 15 June 2016.

Playtime at Neale Park

The new piece of equipment at the Neale Park playground, a Kompan Galaxy Canopus, has been really popular over the holidays. Make sure you take the kids along and check it out soon.



Computer classes at the Library

Elma Turner Library, 10–11.30am, Thursdays

- Basic internet..... 12 May
 - Basic internet..... 19 May
 - Social media..... 26 May
 - Tablets..... 2 June
 - ebooks..... 9 June
 - The Library at your fingertips..... 16 June
 - Spreadsheets..... 23 June
 - Travel online..... 30 June
 - Research databases..... 7 July
- Book at the front desk, email library@ncc.govt.nz or phone 545 8737.

Stoke Library, 8.15–9.15am

- Mousing for beginners Thursday 5 May
 - Basic internet 1..... Thursday 26 May
 - Basic internet 2..... Thursday 2 June
 - Word Thursday 9 June
 - Tablets..... Tuesday 14 June
 - Spreadsheets..... Friday 24 June
- Book at Stoke Library or email library@ncc.govt.nz.

Meetings

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

Hearings Panel – Other – Proposed Temporary Road Closure Applications – Ruma Mārama
 8.15am 5 May

Council meeting – ordinary
 9am 5 May

Works and Infrastructure Committee
 9am 10 May

Audit, Risk and Finance Subcommittee – Ruma Mārama
 To follow Works and Infrastructure Committee 10 May

Commercial Subcommittee – Ruma Mārama
 To follow Audit, Risk and Finance Subcommittee 10 May

Council meeting – to deliberate on submissions to the draft Annual Plan 2016/17
 9am 11 May (12 May if required)

Planning and Regulatory Committee – to hear submissions to the draft Fees and Charges for Resource Consent, Resource Management Act Planning documents and applications under Housing Accord and Special Housing Areas Act, Food Act 2014, and Fencing of Swimming Pool Act 1987 (if required)
 9am 19 May

Planning and Regulatory Committee – ordinary
 To follow hearing of submissions meeting 19 May

Other Meetings
 Nelson Youth Council
 1pm 13 May

For a full list of Council meetings go to:

nelson.govt.nz/meetings

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.

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