



Issue 426
18 May 2016

Bikers' Brunch on 28 May

Come along to the Bikers' Brunch on Saturday 28 May at the Annesbrook Church, Saxton Road from 9.30am – 12pm.

It's a chance to test out your riding skills – could you still pass your licence? You can sign up for a free 'Ride Forever' course (be quick as spaces are limited) and chat with other local motorcycle clubs, retailers and groups. There will also be the opportunity to go into the draw to win some motorcycle gear and every rider gets a free bacon buttie and a coffee.

Proudly supported by Nelson City Council.

More inside...

Second Hand Sunday Returns

2

Joint council approach to green waste favoured

3

Annual survey takes place this month

5

 Check out our website nelson.govt.nz

 Phone us on 03 546 0200

 Follow us on Twitter twitter.com/nelsoncitynz

 Have your say on Facebook facebook.com/nelsoncitycouncil

 Watch us on YouTube youtube.com/nelsoncouncil

To sign up for electronic Live Nelson go to:

 facebook.com/nelsoncitycouncil



Environment Week events at the library



Grab yourself a free ride on the new NBus Stoke Loop



Nelson runner achieving big things overseas

Progress on Nelson Plan ramps up



The review of Nelson's Resource Management Plans has moved to the next stage, with the draft Regional Policy Statement now available for public feedback.

The Regional Policy Statement (RPS) provides an overview of significant regional resource management issues and the ways in which management of the region's natural and physical resources can be integrated.

The RPS is a key document that guides the management and development of Nelson's built and natural resources by influencing the future decision making on the Nelson Plan. An RPS must state the significant resource management issues for the region and for Iwi authorities in the region. It also describes Council's responses to these issues by providing objectives, policies and methods of implementation – but not rules. The RPS shares synergies with the Long Term Plan and Nelson 2060 vision.

Feedback on the draft RPS is an important step in

the Whakamahere Whakatū Nelson Plan process, with further consultation and notification to follow in 2017.

Mayor Rachel Reese says although an RPS doesn't contain rules, it will have an impact on how Nelson grows.

"It sets the long term vision for how our natural resources are used and managed and influences decisions on matters like freshwater, biodiversity and our built environment," she says.

"The RPS can help us achieve our community's aspirations, by acknowledging that while effective resource management rules are important, Council and community initiatives and public investment also play an important role in achieving the best outcomes for Nelson."

Continued on page 3



Baskets hanging around

Nelson's much loved hanging baskets have hung around two months longer than usual this year, thanks to the unusually warm weather conditions.

The plants were continuing to thrive and look good so the decision was made to leave them in place for longer.

Make the most of them over the next few weeks as they will be taken down for the winter after Queen's Birthday weekend in early June.

The Book Fair is back

The annual Book Fair will be back again this Queen's Birthday weekend and with this popular event now being just a few weeks away, it's time to make some space on your shelves for new books.

Why not drop your unwanted books into Founders Heritage Park for others to enjoy?

The Book Fair accepts good quality books, magazines (2010 or newer), CDs, DVDs, vinyl records, puzzles and games. Please don't leave encyclopaedias, Readers Digest condensed books or VHS cassettes as these items cannot be sold.

Books can be dropped in to the Windmill at any time between 10am and 4.30pm. A trolley is available if you have heavy boxes.



Second Hand Sunday returns

Clear out some clutter or grab a treasure or two when Second Hand Sunday returns on 12 June 2016, starting at 10am.

More than 100 households took the opportunity to gift unwanted bits and pieces to others when the last event was held in March.

What is Second Hand Sunday?

People taking part in Second Hand Sunday leave unwanted items on their driveway for others to take away for free. Goods can include anything from old furniture, books, clothing or leftover bits and pieces from building projects. We ask people

not to put out food or dangerous goods such as faulty electrical equipment, chemicals or firearms.

It's easy to participate

To offer items, complete a registration form online by 9am on Thursday 9 June, at nelson.govt.nz (search phrase = Second Hand Sunday). You can also register at any Council service centre.

On the day, put your items out on your driveway or front lawn and attach the

downloadable poster (also available at the Council office) to your letterbox so people can easily identify your address. Please remove any uncollected items at the end of the day.

For treasure-hunters, the final list of addresses for those offering free stuff will be available on the Council website by midday Friday 10 June.

nelson.govt.nz

Search = Second Hand Sunday

**SECOND
-Hand
SUNDAY**

**SUNDAY
12 JUNE
From 10am**



Second Hand Sunday is back on Sunday 12 June.



Progress on Nelson Plan ramps up Continued from page 1

In November last year, Council received nearly 300 responses from the public during the first round of consultation on the Whakamahere Whakatū Nelson Plan.

This first round of feedback helped guide Council officers in developing and structuring the draft RPS, which was developed in partnership with iwi.

Council officers are now engaging with a range of key stakeholder groups for their thoughts on the document, from iwi and architects, to planners, engineers and developers.

Mayor Reese says the RPS is important because once established, other Nelson Plan provisions developed by the Council (e.g. the district plan components which do include rules) must give effect to it.

The draft RPS contains 12 chapters on the following topics: Issues of Significance to Iwi, Air Quality, Freshwater, Historic Heritage, Natural Hazards, Social & Economic Wellbeing, Character and Amenity, Infrastructure and Energy, Biodiversity, Landscape, Coastal and Marine Environment, and Land. People are welcome to comment on one or more areas of interest. Council is particularly keen to find out whether all the significant resource management issues facing the region have been identified and whether the responses to those issues are appropriate.

What is the Nelson Plan?

- The Whakamahere Whakatū Nelson Plan is a framework for the sustainable management of Nelson's natural and built environment.
- It is a bit like an instruction manual for

managing how Nelson grows and develops in the future, and for protecting our natural environment.

- We are at the early stages of reviewing this important document and want to hear from you about what works, and what could be improved.
- 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 Nelson Plan is different to Council's Long Term Plan, which decides how Council's budget will be spent for the next ten years.

Share your thoughts

The public is encouraged to share their thoughts on the draft RPS until **4pm on Friday 24 June**.

To view the draft RPS and provide feedback, visit nelsonplan.co.nz.

Hard copies are available to view at Council's customer service centre and Nelson Libraries.

Feedback can be made by email or post:



nelsonplan@ncc.govt.nz



Nelson Plan Draft RPS feedback, Nelson City Council, PO Box 645, Nelson 7040

nelsonplan.co.nz

Joint council approach to green waste favoured

The Works and Infrastructure Committee has recommended to Council that it works jointly with Tasman District Council to find an appropriate way to deal with green waste.

If the recommendation is adopted, Council will partner with Tasman District Council to call for public tenders for dealing with green waste next month.

Green waste will continue to be accepted at the Pascoe Street Transfer Station in the meantime and also after the disposal solution is found. This means there will be no change to the level of service offered to residents.

Works and Infrastructure Committee Chair, Councillor Eric Davy says, "The commercial alternatives have changed with Miller's withdrawal of green waste services. We want to ensure residents have access to a service they clearly value.

"We acknowledge that having a centrally located option for Nelson residents to dispose of green waste

is important so we're keen to see what options may be available through the joint tender process," he says.

The choice to partner with Tasman District Council also aligns well with the Joint Waste Management and Minimisation Plan, adopted by both councils in 2012.

However, if there is not a satisfactory outcome from the joint tender process, council officers will aim to negotiate an individual contract with a commercial operator to accept its green waste in order to offer a longer term solution.

The results of either the joint or individual tendering process will be reported back to the Works and Infrastructure Committee for a final decision.





Members chosen for Arts Festival Transition Group

Nelson City Council's Community Services Committee has selected five members for the Nelson Arts Festival Transition Group, which is charged with providing recommendations and a plan for establishing a Festival governance structure independent of Council.

The transition group members are: Ian Bowell, Sari Hodgson, Tim Leyland, Sarah-Jane Weir and Sarah Yarrow. Community Services Committee Chair, Councillor Pete Rainey, says the Group brings a broad range of skills and experience to the task of advising on the best governance structure for the Festival from 2017. "Between them, the group members offer a wealth of knowledge across governance, the arts sector, financial management and strategic direction, as well as plenty of involvement working in the community. Councillor Rainey says a structure for the

Festival separate to the Council has been a long term goal for both Council and the community for many years. "I'm very excited by the calibre of people we've got on board and the potential that this offers up for the future of the Festival," he says. The transition group has been established in time to carry out a shadowing role for the 2016 festival and develop a transition plan for the new festival body once the structure has been confirmed. The Group will meet monthly with the Chairperson reporting recommendations to Council's Community Services Committee.

Maitai Track improvements

An upper section of the Maitai Track is being widened as part of Project Maitai/Mahitahi.

Almost 600 metres of the track from the swing gate at Almond Tree Flats up to the small footbridge over stream into the Golf Course will be widened to reduce the need for stock and vehicles to enter the Maitai River. They will now be able to use the bridge at Groom Creek instead.

It will also provide more room for walkers and cyclists to pass each other through this previously narrow section.

The great news is that no long-term track closures are needed to carry out the work. There may be short delays, likely to be only up to 5 minutes, while some work is being done. The contractors working on the track will provide access when people come along so please listen to any instructions given and take care around the work site.

The expected finish date is Friday 3 June, weather permitting.



10 TIPS FOR USING YOUR WOOD BURNER MORE EFFICIENTLY

- 1** Check if it's OK to use. Does it have a Council building permit or consent? Was it installed before 2000? Burners installed before 2000 in some parts of Nelson cannot be used or replaced with another wood burner.
- 2** Use Good Wood. This means dry wood with less than 25% moisture, left long enough after cutting to dry out before using it.
- 3** Check for Council's list of Good Wood suppliers nelson.govt.nz (search phrase = Good Wood).
- 4** Use the right wood at the right time. Lighter wood like Pine or Douglas Fir is good for kindling. Dense wood like Gum will burn longer and give more heat once the fire is burning well.
- 5** Store your wood properly – split and stack in a criss-cross pattern for good ventilation and keep in a covered, dry place.
- 6** Burning things like wet wood, plastic, rubbish or treated wood, is banned. It can create toxic fumes and damage your burner.
- 7** **STEP ONE** for a good fire: When preparing to light your fire leave a bed of ash, put scrunched newspaper in the bottom, add small bits of kindling, add larger pieces of dry wood as fire catches hold.
- 8** **STEP TWO** for a good fire: Light newspaper in several places. Have air control fully open to keep fire burning brightly, unless reloading you should keep the door closed.
- 9** **STEP THREE** for a good fire: Never use the door to force wood into burner – it could break the glass.
- 10** **STEP FOUR** for a good fire: Look after your burner – follow the manufacturer's operation and safety instructions. Clean your flu every autumn and replace any damaged parts.

For information on using your wood burner, contact richard.frizzell@ncc.govt.nz, or visit nelson.govt.nz (search phrase = burn smoke free)





29 MAY - 5 JUNE

ENVIRONMENT WEEK

at the Library

Nelson Public Libraries are celebrating the Nelson environment, and the organisations which care for and protect it, in the week leading up to World Environment Day, June 5. At Elma Turner Library, we have talks every week day at 12pm, interactive displays, eco-house visits, workshops, activities, community corner sessions, a quiz (win a tree!) and more.

All are welcome, and all activities are free.

 Nelson Public Libraries
Nelson City Council

[See calendar of events >](#)



Sunday 29 May

- **1-4pm:** Eco House tour in Atawhai Drive, every half hour. Bookings essential.

Monday 30 May

- **10am-1pm:** Forest and Bird at our Community Corner.
- **12-1pm:** Debs Martin talks on Forest & Bird's Pelorus Bat recovery project.
- **1-2pm:** Richard Popenhagen, Nelson City Council Eco Building Design Adviser at the Community Corner.
- **1.30-2.30pm:** Suzie Wood of the Cawthron Institute talks on "The Maitai: our River."

Tuesday 31 May

- **9.30-10.30am:** Visit an eco house in the Braemar Eco Village. Bookings essential.
- **10.30am:** visit the Nelson Environment Centre (next door to the Eco Village).
- **12-1pm:** Richard Popenhagen Nelson City Council Eco Building Design Adviser on "Top Tips to keep your home warm, healthy and comfortable."
- **1-3pm:** Friends of Nelson Haven at the Community Corner.
- **4-5pm:** Learn how to build your own compost bin. Murray from Mitre

10 Mega will show you how – and provide other DIY garden project tips.

Wednesday 1 June

- **10.30-11am:** Small Time for 0-2's: environment themed stories and craft.
- **11am-1pm:** Project Maitai/Mahitahi: come to our Community Corner to find out about what's happening to improve the health of the Maitai/Mahitahi River.
- **12-1pm:** Richard Frizzell, Nelson City Council Environmental Programmes Adviser talks on: "Getting the best from your burner." Top tips to operate and maintain burners so they run cleanly and efficiently.
- **1-2pm:** Zero waste food kitchen. Sarah from the Nelson Environment Centre demonstrates making soup from what many would consider scraps! Taste the results.

Thursday 2 June

- **11am-12pm:** Landcare Trust at the Community Corner.
- **12-1pm:** Rick Field from the Brook Sanctuary presents: "Get behind the Fence - restoring an ecosystem and returning the birds."

- **1-2pm:** Come and chat about Council's Environmental Programmes, Nelson Nature and Project Maitai/Mahitahi.
- **2-3pm:** Story time at the Library for 2-4's. Worm stories and a worm farm from the Nelson Environment Centre.

Friday 3 June

- **12-1pm:** Peter Gaze, ornithologist presents: "The restoration of birdlife in Abel Tasman National Park." How Project Janszoon is working with the Department of Conservation and community groups to restore the natural values of the park.
- **1-2pm:** Richard Frizzell, Nelson City Council Environmental Programmes Adviser, at the Community Corner.
- **2-3pm:** Workshop and talk: Milking our environment: The true cost of eating meat and dairy, with Jodie Williams from SAFE (Save animals from exploitation).

Sunday 5 June

- **2pm:** Andrew Irving, architect, from Irving Jack Architects on sustainable building design. Nelson Institute talk, gold coin donation.

For information or to book: nelsonpubliclibraries.co.nz
library@ncc.govt.nz • 03 546 8100

 Nelson Public Libraries
Nelson City Council

Book night at the Library



Take part in Book Night at Elma Turner Library.

The first ever Book Night is a Book Discussion Scheme (BDS) event designed to motivate hundreds of readers throughout New Zealand to spend part of their evening reading. Wherever you are and whoever you are with, read for 15 minutes or more.

Join us to do this at the Library. You can register your participation on the spot and be in to win some of the fabulous prizes the BDS has on offer. We provide the books and reading advice (and comics, magazines, newspapers etc), mulled juice and nibbles, music, warmth, comfy chairs and good company.

Where: Elma Turner Library
When: Tuesday 24 May 24, 6–7pm

Water pipeline duplicate update

Work on the Water Treatment Plant to Brook Street section of the duplicate water pipeline is beginning on site this week.

Initial work involves excavation on services which cross the pipe alignment to confirm location and depth. This will ensure there are no unexpected clashes when pipe laying starts.

Equipment and pipe is being brought to the site and stored at various locations along Brook Street. The majority of storage will however occur within Andrews Farm near

the Riding for the Disabled. Pipe laying will start later in June and some detours will then be put in place. Keep an eye out for updates and signage closer to the time. Council and its contractor Fulton Hogan will work closely to ensure disruption and delays are kept to a minimum.

Annual survey begins

Council's annual survey of residents takes place this month.

The survey will be seeking feedback on a range of Council services and facilities. The results will help us track our performance and get feedback on areas for improvement.

The phone interviews will be conducted by Versus Research, an independent market

research company. They will be calling 400 households to get a representative cross-section of Nelson residents.

Each survey will take between five and ten minutes and results are anonymous. We appreciate the time taken for those residents who are involved.

Loop Stoke for free on NBus

Cut out this voucher to take a free ride on the NBus Stoke Loop any time until the end of June.

The service runs regularly from Monday to Saturday, travelling out to Saxton Field, along Nayland Road, then through to Enner Glynn and back to Stoke via Quarantine and Nayland Roads again.

Why not give it a try for free right now, you might be impressed?

Darren (pictured) is a new bus user who finds the Stoke Loop a convenient way to get directly from his door to the Stoke shops, especially when he doesn't fancy riding his bike.

Because the Stoke Loop is a "hail and ride" service you can catch it from anywhere on the route where it is safe for the bus to stop, just signal the driver. There's no need to go to a formal bus stop and if you're lucky, like Darren, the bus could stop right outside your house.

The Stoke Loop also connects well with the Nelson and Richmond routes so give it a try today.

Get all the timetable details at nbus.co.nz or collect a timetable from the depot in Bridge Street, the Council office or your nearest library.



nbus.co.nz

NBus user, Darren, making the most of the new Stoke Loop.

One Free Ride
on the Stoke Loop

Valid until 30 June 2016
Sit back and enjoy the ride

NBus... surprisingly awesome!

NBUS MOVING NELSON FORWARD

Nelson City Council
te kaunihera o Whakatū



Trafalgar Centre project update

Good progress is being made on the strengthening and redevelopment of the Trafalgar Centre.

Work has been carrying on within the main stadium and southern extension. The Mainland Tactix game last weekend was well attended and some of the toilets within the stadium have now been reinstated for patrons.

The image below gives an indication of how the Northern building will look once it is completed later this year.

Outside the Centre, as part of the complementary Rutherford Park development project, the small southern carpark opposite the Squash Courts is under construction.

Most of the old Northern carpark has been removed and the next stage is to finish that and remove what was previously the entry road

alongside the Maitai Walkway. Once this section of the project starts, people will not be able to park along Paru Paru Road, beyond the new entry to the Trafalgar Centre.

You can find out more about alternative parking options on the Council website, nelson.govt.nz, including free all day parking in Wakatu Square for anyone registering their carpool with Council.

All the work on the improved stormwater has now been finished and the new streetlights are in place.

Remember you can keep an eye on progress via the time lapse cameras on our website, nelson.govt.nz, search phrase = Trafalgar Centre reopening.



Image: Irving Smith Architect

nelson.govt.nz

Search = Trafalgar Centre reopening

Rating Information Database

Council advises that its Rating Information Database is available for inspection (without fee) at the Customer Service Centre, Civic House, 110 Trafalgar Street, Nelson during ordinary office hours (Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday 8.30am – 5pm and Thursday 9am – 5pm).

The Rating Information Database can also be accessed via Council's website, nelson.govt.nz. Click on "Look up rates online" under Quick Links and then enter the property street address to view the current years rating information. Click on (Next Rating Year 2016/2017) to view the properties rating charges and information for the 2016/17 rating year.

The Rating Information Database contains a record of all information required for the setting and assessing of rates and informing ratepayers.

Rates invoice reminder

The latest rates invoices have now been sent out to all ratepayers. This is a reminder that payment is due by 20 May 2016.

nelson.govt.nz

Quick Link = Look up rates online

Water meter charge correction

In the last issue of Live Nelson, Council's water charge, per cubic meter, was incorrect.

We apologise for any confusion this has caused. All water used through the meter is charged at \$2.052 per cubic metre, GST inclusive.

The invoice/statements are posted out usually within two weeks of the meter being read.



Mayor's Message

Nelson has hosted a string of successful, large scale conferences here recently, including the Sister Cities New Zealand annual conference and the Rotary District conference for clubs in the lower half of the North Island and upper South Island, including Christchurch.

The positive feedback I have received from those visiting, about our beautiful city and about what great hosts we are here in Nelson is fantastic to hear.

As Mayor, I am very proud of who we are and where we are headed as a city – it is an exciting time to call yourself a Nelsonian. The arrival of new airlines last year has buoyed our visitor market and we are now firmly one of the busiest regional airports in New Zealand, with six airlines operating from Nelson Airport, with up to 282 flights a week. This allows a range of options for visitors to travel in and out of Nelson and encourages more visitors to our region. Thanks to the commitment of all our airlines, flying to Nelson for a conference, a business meeting, or a relaxing weekend is an increasingly realistic activity all year round.

I am always looking for opportunities to encourage people to live, work and play in the top of the South and the completion of

the Trafalgar Centre later this year will allow an even wider market for visitors – offering a world class, multi-functional venue, capable of hosting an array of national and international events, from sporting to cultural to corporate.

It really is an exciting time and I will be continuing to push for further momentum throughout our city. This includes projects like the revitalisation of the Haven Precinct, which will create better connections between our city and what I believe to be one of our best assets – our waterfront. Just as important, I want to see our region grow a thriving shoulder and winter tourism season. The Great Taste Trail and mountain biking open up that opportunity – after all we have amazing trails and the sunniest winters in the country. And it's not just about visitors. I want to ensure we are making Nelson an even better place to live, work, play and stay.



MEETINGS

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

Chief Executive Employment Committee – Ruma Ana
1pm 23 May

Community Services Committee
9am 26 May

Council meeting
9am 2 Jun

Planning and Regulatory Committee – to deliberate on 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
At conclusion of Council meeting 2 Jun

Governance Committee
At conclusion of Planning and Regulatory Committee 2 Jun

Council meeting
9am 16 Jun

Chief Executive Employment Committee – Ruma Ana
1pm 20 Jun

Works and Infrastructure Committee
9am 23 Jun

Audit, Risk and Finance Subcommittee
1pm 23 Jun

Commercial Subcommittee
At conclusion of Audit, Risk and Finance Subcommittee 23 Jun

Nelson Regional Sewerage Business Unit – Ruma Mārama
1pm 24 Jun

Hearing for exemptions to Fencing of Swimming Pools Act Applications
9am 27 Jun

Community Investment Funding Panel – 39 Halifax Street, Nelson
12pm 29 Jun

Planning and Regulatory Committee
9am 30 Jun

Other Meetings

Nelson Youth Council
1pm 9 Jun

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.

Youth Council update

By Jenna Stallard and Sam McIlroy

On 13 April, we launched our Heritage Week 2016 photography exhibition.

Winners of our 2015 Photography Competition had their photos professionally mounted and curated in an exhibition at the Refinery Artspace. The launch was attended by approximately 60 people, including Councillors and Mayor Rachel Reese, who gave a speech. The exhibition was a great success, and we would like to thank everyone involved for their help with this event. Most of the photographs for sale have now been sold!

We wrote a submission to Council's Annual Plan, and spoke to it at the hearing on 4 May. This was a great experience, especially for the new youth council members. We write submissions to give the

perspective and voice of Nelson youth on issues that affect them.

Recently, four youth councillors attended the #Activate conference in Christchurch, where they learnt about how other youth councils in the South Island operate, and how to use traditional and social media effectively; useful skills for youth councillors.

Tune in to our Facebook page; 'Nelson Youth Council', to stay up to date with everything that we do.

facebook.com/nelsonyouthcouncil



Launch event for the Heritage Week 2016 photography exhibition, 'Picturing the Prow'. Photo credit: Sam McIlroy.

Nelson runner achieving big things overseas

Mayor Rachel Reese highlights the recent success of Nelson runner Craig Lautenslager.

Recently, Craig Lautenslager ran a personal best time to clock New Zealand's fastest 10,000 metre time this year. Finishing in 29 min 18.13 sec, the Nelson runner cruised past another Kiwi, Matt Baxter, to win the prestigious Penn Relays in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

The 23 year old is currently based at the University of Texas at Arlington, where he is studying computer science, having received a full sports scholarship there. Now in his final season, he was the ninth Nelson athlete coached by his father, Greg – who is director of the National Academy of Distance Running – to have received a full scholarship to a United States university. Greg now

has 14 athletes who have succeeded in receiving athletics scholarships.

"It is great to see these young athletes, like Craig, building on the world class coaching they have received in Nelson. Craig is clearly an exceptional athlete who is making the most of his sporting talent by taking up this international opportunity," Mayor Reese says.

"He's a great ambassador for Nelson sport and the National Academy of Distance Running based here and run by his father, Greg, who was himself a standout distance runner at Texas Tech. It's fantastic to see young Nelsonians living their dreams and receiving the highest recognition in their field."



Fishing platform closure

The popular Connolly's Quay Fishing Platform will be closed for two weeks from 30 May for repairs and maintenance.

The platform will be reopened for the weekend in between, Queens Birthday weekend (4 – 6 June) for people to use.

Please respect any signage in place and stay off the platform while work is in progress for your own safety.

The plan is to have the work completed and the platform reopened on 10 June, subject to any unforeseen delays.



Water updates online

You can now keep in touch with any issues or interruptions to the water supply with by visiting nelson.govt.nz and searching on "water supply updates".

As well as updates on any planned or emergency water shutdowns, this page offers you the chance to report any problems with your water and gives advice on what to do if your water is discoloured.

There are guidelines on what to try if discoloured water has affected your washing and we'll also be posting results from the continual water quality tests we carry out to ensure Nelson's water is always safe to drink.

If you want to know what is happening with water then check out the Water Supply Updates page at nelson.govt.nz.

nelson.govt.nz

Search = water supply updates

What's on – at a Council venue near you



Founders Heritage Park

Founders Book Fair: 4–12 June, 10am–4.30pm

Saxton Sports Complex

Pickleball and Badminton at Saxton Stadium: 19 and 26 May, 9.30–10.30am

Sport Tasman Give it a Go programme:

- Table Tennis, 25 May, 10am
- Badminton, 15 June, 10am

Junior Dodgeball: 20, 27 May, 3, 10 June, 3.30–4.30pm

Social Walk and Buggy Walk: 23 and 30 May, 11am

Nelson Public Libraries

Elma Turner Library

BookChat: Second Tuesday of each month, 10.30am until 13 Dec

STEMwriters: Second Tuesday of each month, 2pm

Crafternoons for Adults: Polymer Clay polka dots and stripes, 18 May, 1–2pm

Law for Lunch:

- Setting Up a Trust, 19 May, 12–1pm
- Buying online and returning damaged goods, 26 May, 12–1pm

Book Night: 24 May, 6–7pm

NZ Music Month:

- Hot Club Nelson: 18 May, 12.30–1.15pm
- Lina Li, Chinese zither: 20 May, 12.30–1pm
- Annabelle Laing and Tersha Coppell: Flute duo, 21 May, 12.30–1pm
- Cindy Batt: Māori instruments, 24 May, 12.30–1pm

Environment Week:

- Eco-house tour in Atawhai: 29 May, choose a half hour slot between 1–4pm on the online booking sheet
- Talk on Pelorus Bats Recovery Project: With Debs Martin, 30 May, 12–1pm
- Talk on 'the Maitai, Our River': With Suzie Wood of the Cawthron Institute, 30 May, 1.30–2.30pm
- Eco-house and Nelson Environment Centre Tour: 31 May, 9.30–11.30am

- Tips to Keep your Home Warm, Healthy and Comfortable: With Richard Popenhagen: 31 May, 12–1pm
- Make a Compost Bin: Demo with Murray from Mitre 10, 31 May, 4–5pm
- Getting the Best from your Burner: With Richard Frizzell, 1 June, 12–1pm
- Zero Waste Food Kitchen: Nelson Environment Centre demonstrating Soup, 1 June, 1–2pm
- Nelson Nature and Project Maitai/ Mahitahi: 1 June 11am–1pm, 2 June 1–2pm
- Get behind the Fence: With Rick Field, 2 June, 12–1pm
- The Restoration of Birdlife in the Abel Tasman National Park: With Peter Gaze, 3 June, 12–1pm
- Milking our Environment: The true cost of eating meat and dairy, with Jodie Williams from SAFE, 3 June, 2–3pm
- Talk by Andrew Jack of Irving Jack Architects: 5 June, 2–3pm

Stoke Library

BookChat: Third Wednesday of each

month, 5pm, until 16 Dec

Small Time – stories and songs for under 2yr olds: Tuesdays, 10.30am, during term time only

Story Time – stories and songs for over 2yr olds: Wednesday, 10.30am, during term time only

NZ Music Month: Trevor Menzies, guitarist, 19 May, 1.00–1.30pm

Museums and Galleries

Nelson Provincial Museum

Weekdays, 10–5pm; weekends and public holidays, 10–4.30pm

Nelson Mail 150 Years 1866–2016: Until 12 June

Vital Statistics: Until 30 June

Victory Medal: Until 12 June

The Suter on Halifax Street

Gallery open 9.30am–4.30pm, 7 days

The Suter Te Aratoi O Whakatū – Euan MacLeod – Painter: Until 30 April

CHECK OUT

Environment Week at the Library, 9 May–5 June

Nelson Public Libraries are celebrating the Nelson environment and organisations which care for or protect it, in the week leading up to World Environment Day, June 5th. At Elma Turner library there are talks every week day, displays, eco-house visits, workshops and more including a quiz to win a tree! All welcome and all activities are free. See www.ItsOn.co.nz or the library website for details of the individual activities.