



## Matariki at the Library

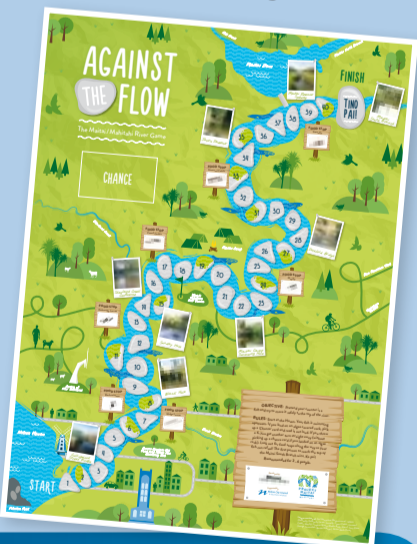
Don't forget to head along to the Library and celebrate Matariki – the Māori New Year. There are displays exploring Matariki and the relevance of the constellation, from the past to the present. A seed, seedling, plant and produce exchange is on until 30 June. Soldiers Roads Portraits – where you can experience colonial Māori dress – are being held tomorrow, 16 and Friday 17, 9.30am–4pm and Saturday 18, 10am–4pm. Master chef extraordinaire Wayne Deuxberry will cook wild food – from the land and the sea on Wednesday 22 from 12pm.

Look out for more Matariki events around the city. Head to [nelsonpubliclibraries.co.nz](http://nelsonpubliclibraries.co.nz) for more details.

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How we're making Nelson an even better place



Developing the arts in Bougainville



Celebrate New Zealand crime fiction at the Library

# Council confirms commitment to inner city living



Council has approved the next stage in the Bett Carpark redevelopment, which will see negotiations begin with Scott Syndicate Development Company, for the sale and purchase of the site.

The Council-owned land, on the corner of Nile St East and Trafalgar Square is currently leased for private carparking.

In March this year, the council signalled its desire to redevelop this site for inner city living. Design controls were established and "Requests for Expressions of Interest" in the sale and development of Bett Carpark were called for.

Mayor Rachel Reese says the brief has been met exceptionally well.

"Council's aim is to leverage a high quality residential development within the inner city, to ensure we are enhancing the vitality of the city and promoting inner city living.

"In releasing the concept designs, I hope that the community is able to appreciate the care we have taken in offering this site for redevelopment.

"In calling for proposals we wished to set the standard for well thought out residential development that encourages more people to view inner city living as a real and desirable option," she says.

The proposal by Scott Syndicate Development Company consists of 15 high amenity residential apartments with an extensive mix of dwelling types.

Graeme McIndoe, Chair of Council's Urban Designs Panel, says the developer has delivered an exceptional design and has taken into consideration the existing area.

"This design shows an exemplary response to neighbours and provides a very high level of quality."

Justin Candish from Scott Syndicate Development Company says they are excited to be working on this project.

"The local development syndicate together with Scott Construction and Arthouse Architects are excited to have been selected to develop the Bett Carpark site. It is a bold initiative which fits with Council's vision of urban

intensification to help revitalise Nelson City.

"The design provides quality of space, light and views, grassed communal outdoor space and pays specific consideration to the existing surrounding buildings, particularly the adjacent neighbours.

"We are committed to delivering an enduring, high quality project for Nelson," he says.

Mayor Reese acknowledges the hard work of all respondents to Council's "Request for Expressions of Interest".

"I'd like to thank all the respondents for the work which went into preparing a proposal for this important site.

"It's great to see us moving forward and continuing momentum as the premier urban centre in the Top of the South."

Note: Council approved Bett Carpark to become a Special Housing Area on 17 December 2015 and recommended the site to the Minister of Building and Housing. Cabinet made an Order in Council to formalise this site as a Special Housing Area under the Housing Accord and Special Housing Area Act 2013, along with nine others in Nelson, on 15th February 2016. One further site received an Order in Council from Cabinet on 16th May 2016 bringing the total gazetted SHAs in Nelson to ten.





# Council adopts Annual Plan for 2016/17

Nelson City Council has adopted its Annual Plan for the 2016/17 financial year. The Plan covers Council's work programme for the upcoming year and will come into force on 1 July 2016.

Mayor Rachel Reese says through refining budgets and prioritisation of projects, Council has achieved a reduction in the rates rise proposed in the Long Term Plan.

"Of course, further reductions could have been achieved through cuts in services and delaying or removing infrastructure projects, but we are committed to addressing necessary investment in core infrastructure.

"These projects, including the Neale Park pump station renewal, Maitai pipeline duplication and the Railway Reserve stormwater improvements, while expensive, are essential for city development and protection of private and public assets."

Within the Plan, Council also confirmed a business-case approach for all capital projects to ensure better efficiencies.

"This will enable Council to make better informed decisions on value for money and achievement of outcomes," says Mayor Reese

"On top of this, over the last year, I have been particularly focused on reviewing Council's property assets to ensure they are delivering benefits to our city. We cannot afford underperforming assets.

"Rutherford Park is coming to life with the Trafalgar Centre development and carparking and greenspaces along the Maitai. We will also be progressing the review of the marina precinct to see how we can better use this important area.

"Council is also focused on activating the vacant space in Civic House and the State Advances Building to revitalise the bottom end of Trafalgar Street," she says.

Council will continue linking the city to the sea, with the preliminary stages of the Haven Precinct set for the upcoming year.

"The Haven Precinct will move to the development plan stage. It is time to unlock the potential of the Haven Precinct and make the

most of Nelson's natural and recreational assets by creating walking and cycling connections, quality public spaces and opportunities for private investment. This is a priority for Council."

"We have also confirmed the library's riverside location and work will begin in the upcoming year on concept designs for the library redevelopment – which will further develop our links," says Mayor Reese.

The Plan highlights Council's commitment to Stoke, with the build beginning on the Greenmeadows sports and community facility, as well as progressing the Stoke urban design strategy.

"We are ensuring our community is catered for, across the city.

"Along with urban design work, we are also focusing on our outdoor recreation potential, which in part, is thanks to a large amount of feedback from the mountain biking community," says Mayor Reese.

Council's 2016/17 work programme now contains a total of \$178,000 for mountain biking projects, including a new grade 2 track in Marsden Valley; a new track and toilet facilities on Fringed Hill and the reinstatement of Codgers Track.

There is also funding to extend the scope of Council's Off Road Tracks and Trails Strategy to cover the wider issue of the future economic potential from developing mountain biking as a visitor attraction.

"Of course, there are many other areas we are working in partnership with the community, to ensure we continue this momentum and continue to ensure a strong economy.

"This Annual Plan is about continuing to build a strong platform for success, which has been created by last year's Long Term Plan, and ensuring we are working towards an even better Nelson," says Mayor Reese.

## At a glance:

**Rates** – Rate increase of 2.8% compared with the Long Term Plan figure of 3.4%.

**Debt** – Debt level of \$131 million compared with the Long Term Plan figure of \$133 million.

## How your rates dollar is spent

**Makeup of average annual rates bill (\$2,863 including GST):**

- Parks and Active Recreation: \$483
- Water Supply: \$521
- Social: \$432
- Transport: \$393
- Wastewater: \$390
- Environment: \$286
- Stormwater and flood protection: \$271
- Economic: \$65
- Corporate: \$20





# How we're making Nelson an even better place

The commissioning of the Corder Park sewer pump system upgrade this month, will signal the end of one of Council's major infrastructure projects. Constructed over several years, at a cost \$4.7 million, it will play a vital role in helping to ensure the future security of Nelson's sewage management system.

Works and Infrastructure Committee Chair Eric Davy says, "I would like to take this opportunity to thank the community for their patience with the inconvenience that was caused at times during construction. I would also like to acknowledge the contractors for their efforts to keep that disruption to a minimum."

This is a timely reminder of all the work that has been done, is currently underway and is due to start, all aimed at making Nelson an even better place. In some cases, this work happens underground and largely out of sight so it's good to reflect on how much is happening.

## Projects recently completely

- Remedial work following Dec 2011 and Apr 2013 storm events, including major reconstruction at Cable Bay.
- Sewer upgrades at Arapiki Street and Ngawhatu to improve capacity and prevent overflows.
- Maitai Walkway from Akersten Street to Trafalgar Street – a great step towards improving connections from the city to the sea.
- Traffic signals at Waimea/Motueka Street.
- 40kmph school speed signs around the city.
- Corder Park pump station upgrade.
- Nayland Road water main renewal.

## Projects now underway

- The Suter Redevelopment – scheduled for completion in October this year.

- Trafalgar Centre strengthening and upgrade – due to be fully reopened later in the year.
- Final stage of the St Vincent Street cycleway, from Gloucester Street to Haven Road.
- Saxton Creek stormwater upgrade – gravel trap completed and Stage 1 improvements are well underway.
- Todd Bush Road improvements and footpath construction.
- Maitai Pipeline duplication – the final stage from the Water Treatment Plant to the City is now underway.
- York Stream stormwater upgrade.
- Hampden Street East Little Go Stream stormwater upgrade.
- Orphanage Stream Detention Pond.
- Arrow Street stormwater upgrade.
- Earthquake strengthening at various Council owned buildings.

## Future projects

- Days Track reinstatement.
- Fiddle Lane improvements.
- Stoke Community and Sports Facility including Greenmeadows stormwater upgrade.
- Neale Park sewer pump station upgrade.

Work on infrastructure is seldom pretty and often not high profile but it provides the foundation for a great city. Council's continued investment in our infrastructure is all about making Nelson an even better place to live.



# Have your say on the future of Almond Tree Flat Ford

Following modifications to the Waahi Taakaro Golf Course ford, Almond Tree Flat ford is now the last remaining fish barrier on the Maitai River.



Almond Tree Flat ford is a barrier to fish migration

Migratory fish need a healthy river and clear passage up and down stream to maintain their spawning patterns.

The river is home to a range of native fish including inanga, smelt, yellow eyed mullet, longfin eels, koura, torrent fish, kōaro and giant, common and redfin bullies.

The removal of Almond Tree Flat ford would improve fish passage, reduce the cost of ford maintenance and the incidence of flooding near the ford, and improve the health of the Maitai River.

However, if the ford was removed, there would no longer be pedestrian access across the river at that location.

Council needs more information about how the ford is used before making any decisions, and is looking for feedback from the public via an online survey which is running for two weeks. Following the survey, Council officers will make a recommendation to Council on the future of the ford.

To have your say, visit [nelson.govt.nz](http://nelson.govt.nz) (search phrase = Project Maitai) for a link to the survey. If you'd like to speak to someone about the ford before you take the survey, contact [mike.booker@ncc.govt.nz](mailto:mike.booker@ncc.govt.nz) or phone 03 546 0213.

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

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# Nelson needs you!

If you'd like to help Nelson Nature bring the wild into your life, join a pest trapping or weed busting group and help your neighbourhood become pest free.



Nelson's volunteer groups do a fantastic job of controlling weeds – including environmental weeds like Old Man's Beard and Banana Passionfruit.

There are existing groups from North Nelson (Paremata Flats Restoration Group) to Stoke (Marsden Valley Trapping Group) who would love to harness your energy and enthusiasm. Or you could start your own group – contact Environmental Programmes Adviser Susan Moore-Lavo on 03 545 8742 or email [susan.moore-lavo@ncc.govt.nz](mailto:susan.moore-lavo@ncc.govt.nz) for more information.

## About Nelson Nature:

Council's Nelson Nature programme provides an extensive and targeted approach to restore our region's natural environment, ensuring our indigenous vegetation and wildlife survives and thrives. Working in partnership with the Department of Conservation (DOC), private landowners, and the many local heroes who already work tirelessly and passionately carrying out weed control and trapping pests, Nelson Nature aims to bring the wild back into our lives.

# JOIN A VOLUNTEER GROUP TODAY!

Active groups in your area:

- The Boulder Bank Trapping Group**  
[Isolly@doc.govt.nz](mailto:Isolly@doc.govt.nz)
- Birdlife on the Grampians**  
[birdlifeongrampians.org.nz](http://birdlifeongrampians.org.nz)
- Marsden Valley Trapping Group**  
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- Nelson Tasman Weedbusters**  
[totara@ts.co.nz](mailto:totara@ts.co.nz)
- Brook Waimarama Sanctuary Trust**  
[www.brooksanctuary.org](http://www.brooksanctuary.org)

Keen to help bring the wild back into our life?

Get in touch with one of these great volunteer groups today.



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For more information, visit [nelsonnature.nz](http://nelsonnature.nz)



## You may qualify for a rates rebate

Did you know you may qualify for a refund of a portion of your rates?

Nelson City Council, on behalf of the Department of Internal Affairs, administers this rates rebate scheme. The rebate will be calculated based on your income, rates and the number of dependants living with you. The income eligibility for a rebate is \$24,440. However, if your income exceeds this amount, you could still be entitled to a rebate, depending on the total cost of your rates and the number of dependants.

You can apply for a rates rebate if the following is applicable to you:

- You pay the rates on the address that you live at, and
- You were living at that address at 1 July 2015, and
- Your name is on the rate account.

Please phone our customer service team on 03 546 0200 or email [rates.rebates@ncc.govt.nz](mailto:rates.rebates@ncc.govt.nz) to arrange an appointment this month. You can also make an appointment online at [nelson.govt.nz](http://nelson.govt.nz) (search = rates rebates). Our last day of appointments is 30 June 2016. Rates rebates are granted under the Rates Rebate Act 1973 and you must provide income and accommodation information so your rebate can be calculated.

The maximum rebate payable for the 2016/2017 rating year is \$610.

[nelson.govt.nz](http://nelson.govt.nz) Search = rates rebates

## A sanctuary in your community: Become a weed-free street

Nelson Nature wants to work with your community to help it become weed-free.

To support this, we are offering vouchers for the free disposal of environmental weeds between now and 30 June 2016. Environmental weeds covered by this voucher are:

- Old Man's Beard – *Clematis vitalba*
- Banana Passionfruit – *Passiflora* sp.
- Wandering Willy – *Tradescantia*
- Ivy – *Hedera helix*
- Climbing Asparagus – *Asparagus scandens*

Register your interest in becoming a weed-free street by telling us what environmental weeds you are aiming to get rid of, and who will be participating.

This might be a project in your own back yard, or it could involve a number of households joining together to tackle their road reserves and street frontages.

We will send you a numbered voucher for the disposal of one trailer of environmental weeds per household. The voucher can be redeemed before 30 June at the Pascoe Street Transfer Station.

If you send us a before and after photo of your street or garden weed-bust, the best clean-up will receive local eco-sourced native plants to regenerate the area.

To register for your voucher, contact Environmental Programmes Adviser Susan Moore-Lavo by email at [susan.moore-lavo@ncc.govt.nz](mailto:susan.moore-lavo@ncc.govt.nz), or by phone 03 545 8742. Limited vouchers are available so don't miss out.

[nelsonnature.nz](http://nelsonnature.nz)

# Acclaimed author to talk on refugee crisis

Firooz Eftekhari Zadeh, an American Kiwi born in Iran, is a retired academic and educator.

He has written several books and is a well-regarded public speaker on all aspects of the Middle East. His talk, on World Refugee Day, 2016 will explore some of the issues surrounding the current refugee crisis in Syria.

Elma Turner Library will also have a quiz and small display, including a short Red Cross film showing, leading up to World Refugee Day.

**Where:** Elma Turner Library  
**When:** Monday 20 June 12.30 – 1.30pm  
**Bookings essential:** Phone 03 546 8100 or email library@ncc.govt.nz.

# Developing the Arts in Bougainville

Sunday 26 June 2016, 2pm

Annabel Norman talks about her work as an arts adviser for Volunteer Service Abroad (VSA) in Bougainville, Papua New Guinea, travelling and running workshops to encourage young people to return to art practices.

Annabel has had two assignments with VSA over the last four years, since she finished her work as the Artistic Director for the Nelson Arts Festival. Her first, in 2012, was a six month stint in the Solomon Islands and her latest was in Bougainville PNG from January 2014 to September 2015. The talk covers her assignment in Bougainville PNG, where she assisted with the development of the Bougainville Arts Federation.



Moses Tukuau and Annabel Norman

# Changes to Building Unit Fees and Charges

Council's Building Units Fees and Charges will change from 1 July 2016 until further notice. The changes arise to ensure the Building Unit continues to recover reasonable fees for the 'user pays' cost for the service undertaken.

## Commercial building consent fees

Under the new fee structure, a fixed fee will apply only to consents under \$20,001 estimated value. Consents over this threshold will attract a fixed deposit with time-related charge. An estimated total time charge will be provided when the consent application is issued.

## Simple residential and all marquees building consent fees

The main fee changes are:

- Space heaters, (freestanding all fuels and pellet fires) will increase from \$200 to \$250.
- Space heaters, (inbuilt – all fuels) will increase from \$250 to \$300.

The above fees have not increased since 2010.

These changes take into consideration a subsidy for affordability in place for all simple building consent applications.

From 1 July, consents for solar hot water heaters will attract a fee of \$200 – where previously they were free. This new fee reflects the fact that there is no longer a subsidy available through the Solar Saver scheme.

## Commercial marquees (marquees used for commercial purposes/events):

Ideally all commercial marquees should be submitted as early as possible for commercial events.

- The base fee for commercial marquees remains at \$300, where submitted a minimum of 20 working days before the proposed construction date of the marquee.
- If a commercial marquee consent is submitted to Council 18 to 6 working days prior to build date, these will trigger a 'priority service' fee of \$450.
- If submitted within five working days or less prior to build date, this will trigger an 'express service' fee of \$900.

Priority and express fees reflect the additional time and cost in prioritising, managing and undertaking the service for processing and inspections on these shorter time frame projects.

## Residential marquees

The fee for this service remains at \$200. There are no 'priority' and 'express' services available for residential marquees so applications should be made at least 20 working days before construction. Where special or compassionate circumstances lead to an urgent need for a marquee, please contact the building unit as we are happy to discuss prioritisation of the consent in these cases.

## Project Information Memorandum (PIM)

PIMs will attract a fixed fee of \$285, whether submitted alone or with a building consent.

## The GO Shift initiative

Nelson City Council and Tasman District Council welcome and support the GO Shift initiative. This initiative has 'simpler, faster building consents' as its tag line, and aims to make building consent process simpler and faster for customers. GO Shift has created standard, simple application forms that will be adopted by all member councils over the next three months. Initially, the forms will be submitted in hard copy but work is underway to have an online portal available early in 2017. Further GO Shift developments will streamline the application process, processing of consents, building inspections and quality assurance systems. We will keep you informed on progress around this initiative via council's website.

## Swimming pool fencing compliance

The initial round of swimming pool fencing inspections has been completed. Over 1000 pools were visited, assessed and either made compliant or owners have received, via a hearing process, an

exemption from the Fencing of Swimming Pools Act 1987.

## Residential Tenancies Amendment Bill

Proposed changes to the Residential Tenancies Act requiring rental properties to have insulation have been widely reported in the media. Council has no jurisdiction around this legislation, but it should be noted that:

- Work to insulate the walls of a property requires a building consent.
- Sub-floor and ceiling space insulation is deemed to be exempt work (Ministry of Business and Innovation Guidance 2014) and does not require a building consent.





## Nelson Regional Development Agency announces new CEO

The newly-formed Nelson Regional Development Agency (NRDA) has announced the appointment of Mark Rawson as the new CEO, commencing in mid-July.

Mr Rawson is currently Chief Executive of Destination Rotorua, a business unit of Rotorua Lakes Council which is governed by a private sector board. The organisation's primary functions are to market the destination and deliver in-market visitor services, with a particular focus on a public-private partnership approach to service delivery.

In welcoming Mark to the region and the new position, Chairman John Palmer says the Board were very pleased to have been able to attract such a high calibre person to the role.

"Mark has shown in his time in Rotorua that he has all of the things we were looking for in a CEO, as we merge the two agencies of the EDA and Nelson Tasman Tourism.

"He has proven experience in merging similar organisations as well as getting focus and growth in key areas of economic development and tourism," Mr Palmer says.

Mr Rawson says he is very excited about the NRDA opportunity and looking forward to working with the Board, staff, councils and the business community in contributing to the future of the Nelson and Tasman region.

"I am very motivated by the natural attributes of the region's economic base and the potential to be the best place in regional New Zealand to live, work, invest and visit.

"Along with the Board, I am looking forward to listening to the key stakeholders to understand their expectations of where they see that the NRDA can add value to their future aspirations.

"I will also enjoy working with the team and key stakeholders in a partnership type approach to build a focussed organisation, putting its time and effort into the areas where we can have the most influence on outcomes that will ultimately stimulate private sector investment in the region," Mr Rawson says.

## Found Directory

Did you know that you can browse over 1600 listings for community groups and organisations throughout the Top of the South? Just head to [found.org.nz](http://found.org.nz).

Supported by Nelson City Council, the Found Directory includes event listings by region or interest and a free profile page for every member organisation.

So whether you're a club or society, or an individual looking for a community group or organisation, Found Directory could be a good place to start.

[found.org.nz](http://found.org.nz)



**Come and celebrate New Zealand crime fiction at the Elma Turner Library.**

For the week of 11–17 July, Elma Turner Library will be showcasing New Zealand crime fiction with author talks and events around the theme of crime.

### Events details:

- **25 June –12 July:** In the lead up to *CSI: Elma Turner*, the public can try and solve The Case of the Jinxed Journal murder mystery with clues appearing in the Library and via social media from June 25. Entries to be in by 12 July – all correct entries go in the draw for a book voucher. (Winner announced at Murder in the Library event).
- **Mon 11 July, 1pm:** Come and meet Senior Constable Mick Moorhouse and his Police Dogs, Wes and Tala.
- **Tue 12 July, 1pm:** Alan Carter talks about being The Accidental Crime Writer.

- **Wed 13 July, 1pm:** Hear how Neil Kitchen, a Detective at the Nelson Criminal Investigation Branch, goes about solving crime.
- **Thu 14 July, 6.15pm:** Murder in the Library – the Ngaio Marsh Awards in association with the New Zealand Book Council will host three talented New Zealand crime writers, including Auckland author Ben Sanders, in the running for the 2016 Ngaio Marsh Award, and local authors Alan Carter and Mike Ponder. They will be discussing crafting great characters and how they blend page-turning plotlines with real-life themes.

- **Fri 15 July, 1pm:** Tips to Protect Yourself Against Crime with Karen Clark from Neighbourhood Support.
- **Sunday 17 July 2pm:** The Mad, the Bad and the Bawdy – Real Crime in Nelson with Jessie Bray Sharpin.

### Children's events:

- **Mon 11, Fri 15, Wed 20, Fri 22 July, 3–4pm:** Mystery Ink Science – forensic sessions for kids – \$5 per child, book early, limited spaces.
- **Thu 14 July, 11am:** Excerpts from *Thumbelina* performed by Live Arts Nelson. Hunt for the flowers and win a family pass.



Don't forget to vote in our Best of the Ngaio; choose your favourite author from the Ngaio Marsh Award for Best Crime Novel 2010–2015. Online voting is on the Libraries' website; offline voting from 4 July at the Library. All entries go in the draw for a book voucher. Voting closes on 12 July. Winner announced at the Murder in the Library event.

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

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Nelson City Council

## Council supports increasing voter turnout

Council has confirmed its participation in the Local Government New Zealand (LGNZ) Vote2016 campaign to increase nationwide voter participation in the October local elections to more than 50 per cent.

Local election turnout has been declining since the 1980s and only 42 per cent of New Zealanders voted in the 2013 elections, down from 49 per cent in 2010. In Nelson, 51 per cent of voters cast their ballot in 2013.

Nelson Mayor Rachel Reese says while Nelson had a higher election turnout than the average, she'd like to see us do better.

"It means we have half of voters choosing not to exercise their democratic right to vote.

It's important to engage our community to ensure that we are working together and Vote2016 is a great way to try and increase awareness and engagement in local elections."

LGNZ's Vote2016 campaign will work with participating local councils, national businesses and community organisations to showcase the value local government provides to communities across the country.

[vote2016.co.nz](http://vote2016.co.nz)

# Youth Council update

By Alana James and Ben Rumsey

With the Annual Plan being adopted this month, we thought you may want to hear some of the Youth Council's feedback to Council.

Our submission to the 2016–2017 annual plan was supported by a survey of over 600 youth, to get an understanding of other youth opinions in our region. Some of the results that we received were relatively unexpected and interesting for us to read.

In this survey, we asked what Nelson youth felt about the Nelson Library shift; a surprising 81% felt that it should not move. This was helpful to our submission, as we could provide council with an understanding of how the wider youth community felt about the shift and potentially help with final decisions.

We also asked about the NBus timetable and whether youth feel that weekend buses should run more frequently and to 7pm rather than the current 4.30pm finish time. 82% felt that this would definitely benefit youth of Nelson as lots of youth use the buses in the weekends to get to and from town without relying on their parents.

Nelson Youth Council are a voice of Nelson youth, and as you spoke, we heard.

Continue to check up on our Facebook page; 'Nelson Youth Council', for further updates on our activities!

## Learn to knit at the Library

The Nelson Public Libraries is launching a new programme called Library Knitters.

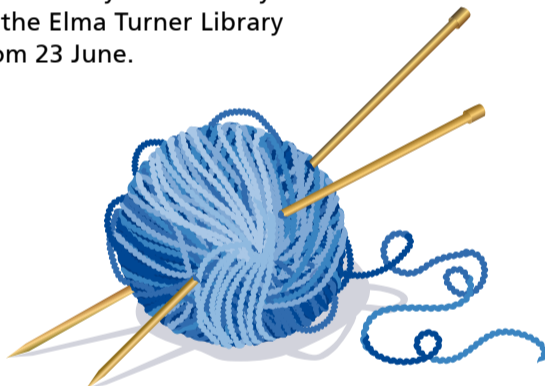
This group will meet every Thursday from 10 am to knit or crochet for charities. Our first charity is Nelson Plunket and we will be creating peggy square blankets.

Come along for a cup of tea or coffee and some good company and help create some warmth in Nelson by making blankets for babies and toddlers in need. Experience at knitting not needed, just a willingness to give it a go.

There will be some wool and needles available to use, or else feel free to bring

your own. We ask that 100% wool be used for the blankets.

This programme will be launched at the Elma Turner Library on World Knit in Public Day – Saturday 18 June from 10am–12pm, then weekly on Thursdays at the Elma Turner Library from 23 June.



## Youth bands set to rock

The region's finest rock, pop and electronica youth bands are set to return to the stage this month, offering more guitar shredding, bass thumping, drum pumping live music.

Supported by Nelson City Council, Rock the South is a free youth event which is set to 'rock the roof off' the Old St John Hall on Saturday 25 June between 8 and 11pm.

"This is an excellent excuse to come out of that winter hibernation and use live music to re-energise," says event organizer Paul McConachie.

"We have assembled an epic lineup of youth bands which highlights the depth of talent we have across our region."

Fresh from Smokefreerockquest success is Outlet, a Nelson Boys College Trio who picked up third placing in the recent Nelson Finals.

They are joined on stage by fellow Smokefreerockquest finalists SlouchCouch

(Nayland College), Acoustic Knot, RELM (both Waimea College), and The Padd Brittz (Mouteka High School).

The Jazzy Boyz (Nelson Boys College) and Atom Flight (Marlborough Boys College) complete the stellar lineup.

Chair of Council's Community Services Committee Pete Rainey says this youth event showcases some very talented young artists.

"Nelson youth are such a talented bunch and it will be great to see them up on stage sharing their music with their peers."

The event is strictly alcohol and other drug free. Security and youth workers will be on hand to ensure a happy and safe time for all.



## MEETINGS

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

Chief Executive Employment Committee – Ruma Ana	1pm	20 June
Works and Infrastructure Committee	9am	23 June
Audit, Risk and Finance Subcommittee	1pm	23 June
Commercial Subcommittee at conclusion of Audit, Risk and Finance Subcommittee		23 June
Nelson Regional Sewerage Business Unit – Ruma Mārama	1pm	24 June
Hearing for exemptions to Fencing of Swimming Pools Act Applications	9am	27 June
Regional Pest Management Joint Committee – Tasman District Council Chamber, 189 Queen Street, Richmond	9.30am	29 June
Community Investment Funding Panel – Library Activity Room, Elma Turner Library	12pm	29 June
Planning and Regulatory Committee	9am	30 June

### 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).

