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Keep up to date with the latest news from Nelson City Council

Live Music Series at the Library

Sunday 1 October 2017, 2pm, Elma Turner Library

Avid Opera are back again to charm us with their favourite opera arias and more.

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The Long Game

Are you interested in becoming a 'Senior Entrepreneur'?

Perhaps you have questions about what ageing in Nelson might look like in the future? Over the next week we have a range of presenters in Nelson to start the conversation about ageing in Nelson – and how we can do it even better. Come along and let's start planning now for The Long Game.

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York Stream Stormwater upgrade



Get ride ready for summer



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Count those Kererū!

The Great Kererū Count, which runs from 22 September to 1 October, is NZ's biggest citizen science project. It was set up to give us a better understanding of the New Zealand pigeon — also known as kererū, kūkū or kukupa. You can be part of this national initiative to gather information on the abundance and distribution of these beautiful birds.

Why are kererū important?

Kererū play a key role in the survival of our forests as they are the only remaining New Zealand bird that is able to swallow and spread the seeds from our largest native trees such as tawa, taraire, pūriri and matai. Kererū can live for over 21 years and are essential for native bush regeneration. Their disappearance would be a disaster for our native forests.

How can you help?

The more people who participate in the Great Kererū Count, the better understanding we will have about how kererū are doing across the country.

To count kererū, go for a walk with a note book and listen and watch for the gardeners of the skies. Record your sightings – where, when and how many birds – then report back at greatkererucount.nz.

Scientists from Victoria University and Lincoln University will use the annual data from the Great Kererū Count to build a more accurate picture of kererū numbers, distribution and key kererū behaviours. This will help us understand how best to protect kererū.

Kererū facts and figures

- Kererū counted in 2016: 11,990
- Kererū can fly up to 70km in a single day
- A kererū weights between 400 and 650 grams.

For more information, resources and ideas on how to get involved, visit greatkererucount.nz.



There's still time to enter our native bird photo competition, which ends on 21 October. To enter go to nelson.govt.nz/greatkererucount.

greatkererucount.nz

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The Nelson Tasman Civil Defence Emergency Response Team, NZ-RT2 is seeking new recruits.

NZ-RT2 is a group of volunteers which provides the community with an emergency response capability under the umbrella of the Nelson Tasman Civil Defence Emergency Management Group. We are seeking both frontline and team support roles. All aspects of training required by the team is provided.

The team has previously been deployed to assist with local weather events, the Canterbury earthquakes and the more recent Kaikoura earthquake.

We are looking for people who:

- Want to make a real and positive difference to their community
- Are enthusiastic, committed with a can-do attitude
- Have a desire to learn new skills
- Smile when the going gets tough

If this is for you, email NZRT2-recruitment@ncc.govt.nz or call 03 543 7290 for more information.

NZ-RT2 recruitment

NZ-RT2 are now recruiting for new members.

Come along and find out how you can get involved at our open evenings on 20 September or 26 October at 6pm. There will then be a selection weekend which will run over a 24 hour period from 6pm Friday 17 November to 6pm Saturday 18 November. Get involved today! If you have any questions, email NZRT2-recruitment@ncc.govt.nz or phone 03 543 7290.



Can you help create beautiful baskets?

Would you like to be one of the team of volunteers helping us create a beautiful new bunch of hanging baskets for the summer?

Around 600 baskets need planting, ready to go up around the city in late November/early December.

The planting will be done at the NELMAC Nursery on Atawhai Drive. The session times available are as follows:

- **Monday 9 October**
10.30am–12pm and 1.30–3pm
- **Tuesday 10 October**
10.30am–12pm and 1.30–3pm
- **Wednesday 11 October**
8.30–10am and 1.30–3pm

Fifteen volunteers per session are needed. All you need to bring is your own gardening gloves and a good dose of enthusiasm. The 90 minute sessions will see you planting petunias, impatiens and geraniums, with nursery staff on hand to help and advise if needed.

In the past people have really enjoyed the planting process, and it's a good skill to learn, as you can then go home and create your own hanging baskets.

The baskets really bring the city to life over the summer months and are enjoyed by locals and visitors alike. We'd really love your help to get them up and running again this year.

If you would like to volunteer as a hanging basket planter, call Council Customer Services on 03 546 0200 to register.



Neale Park pump station upgrade

The construction tender has been awarded to Downer NZ Ltd and they are establishing on site (at the Guppy Park end of Neale Park) this week. This is a major upgrade project, with the target for completion being the end of November 2018.

Due to the tight working space available in the area, there will be some access and parking restrictions near the pump station site. For more details, see the site map on our website, nelson.govt.nz (search = Neale Park pump station).

The work site will be fenced off, so please take note of any

signage in place as construction progresses.

This upgrade has been planned for some time. It will have significant benefits including increased pumping capacity for future growth, treatment of odour, and resilience to potential wastewater overflows.

Water meter readings start soon

The residential water meter reading round is due to start on 1 October, and will continue for about two months.

Please ensure that the area surrounding your meter box, and the box itself, is clear and easily accessible, with no pot plants, or other items, sitting on the boxes.

The meter readers will be active from 7am–6pm, seven days a week, including public holidays. They will be identifiable by their hi-visibility vests which say 'Water Meter Reader' and 'Hirestage'.

If you don't think meter

readers will be able to access your meter, please call 021 026 66708 so that we can make alternative arrangements.

All water used through the meter is charged at \$1.964 per cubic metre, GST inclusive, down from \$2.0360 per cubic metre charged in the last financial year.

The invoice/statements are posted out usually within two weeks of the meter being read. They will be due for payment on 20 December 2017.



Get ride ready for summer!

It's around this time of year that most motorcyclists take out their bike from winter storage, wipe off the dust, rev the throttle and check the tyres, ready for the summer riding season. This year, ACC, in partnership with NZTA and Nelson City and Tasman District council, want to help riders to get ready for the riding season. There are two free options available.

Free Ride Forever training course

Ride Forever has courses available for all skill levels, from beginner through to elite. Expert training like this has a value of around \$300, but with subsidies from all the organisations involved, it is 100% free for all riders until 18 December 2017 or until spaces run out. Sign up now so you don't miss out.

Go to rideforever.co.nz/coaching and enter promo code Spring17 to book your free course! Full details at rideforever.co.nz or ridetolive.co.nz.

Free 10-point safety check

Book in your motorcycle in for a free 10-point safety check at your friendly local retailer. In Nelson, you can choose from:

- Nelson Motorcycle Centre: 03 548 3786, or pop in Monday–Friday, 8.30am–4.30pm
- FILCO Farm & Sport: 03 547 2420
- AB's Motorcycles: 03 546 4991

rideforever.co.nz/coaching

ridetolive.co.nz

Pay it forward with Secondhand Sunday

Secondhand Sunday is happening again on Sunday 8 October, and registrations are open now! Register before 9am on Friday 6 October to be included in the participant list.

Secondhand Sunday is the best way to re-home unwanted items. You'll be saving yourself a trip to the recycling centre or dump, reducing the load on our waste and recycling systems and encouraging re-use rather than dumping of unwanted items. And the bonus – you're also helping out someone else who can use those things you no longer want.

So how does it work?

Before the day

- Register your address at nelson.govt.nz/secondhandsunday
- Sort and prepare your items
- Don't include food or dangerous goods, like faulty electrical equipment, chemicals, or firearms

- Print the letterbox poster to show on the day (available on the website).

On the day

- Put your items out on your driveway (not on the footpath) before 10am
- The event will take place come rain or shine
- It is up to the householder to put items out or not
- Treasure hunters: please respect the 10am start time
- Bring in any remaining items at the end of the day.

nelson.govt.nz/secondhandsunday



Road closure for York Stream Stormwater upgrade

Work is progressing well on this important stormwater upgrade.

A full road closure is now in place on a short section of Kawai Street and Boundary Road. The road closure started this week and is planned to last for six weeks.

The closure is required to allow the contractor to safely lay the new 1800mm diameter stormwater pipe under the existing high voltage power cables and the many other services that run through that section of road.

Brook Area traffic calming update

Following the recent installation of the traffic calming measures on Brook Street, Council completed a review into their safety and effectiveness. As a result of this, and bearing in mind the feedback from road users, some alterations will be made.

Over the next few weeks, contractors will be onsite to replace the right hand side concrete islands at three of the four locations with a white painted island, which is able to be driven over.

Our investigations have shown that the narrowings have not altered vehicles' speeds as desired, and as such an undesirable difference in speed between cyclists and vehicles has resulted.

The alterations will provide an escape route when vehicles and cyclists meet at the island locations, while still providing a visual narrowing with the aim of making road users more aware of each other.

Sharrow markings will be removed and these will no longer be used on Brook Street or Westbrook Terrace.

These changes have been discussed with local cycling advocates, who have previously shared their feedback with Council on the issue.

Council trialled this approach in an attempt to lower speeds and make the environment safer for the high volume of cyclists using the Brook Valley. What we have learned from this trial will be used to better define traffic solutions for other parts of Council's road network in the future.

The message is still clear – everyone needs to share with care so please be aware of those around you on the road, be patient, be careful and let's all get home safely.





Freedom Camping Bylaw in place for summer

Council has made some changes to the draft Nelson City Freedom Camping Bylaw before adopting it. It will come into effect from 1 December 2017, in time for the peak summer season.

The changes made were as a result of the 226 submissions, (including two petitions), Council received on the draft bylaw. They include:

- Freedom camping will now be prohibited at Centennial Park and Paddy's Knob (previously included as restricted camping areas).
- The number of certified self-contained (CSC) vehicles in Buxton Carpark has increased by three (to 23) and in Montgomery Carpark by five (to 25) to make up for the loss of places at Paddy's Knob and Centennial Park.
- Identified Department of Conservation (DoC) and NZTA reserves are removed from the bylaw as they are not administered by Council.
- "Night" is defined as 10pm to 7am.
- In areas where freedom camping is permitted, the vehicles and their associated possessions must remain within one single car parking space (where defined) or within one metre of the vehicle if a parking space isn't defined.

Mayor Rachel Reese says "It is a great achievement to have adopted the bylaw now in order to have it in place for the summer camping season.

"We really appreciate what a wonderful place Nelson is and we want to welcome all visitors here.

However, we do ask that everyone respects our city. This bylaw provides the tools we need to manage the summer influx of freedom campers and the effect they can have on our environment, other visitors and on those living and working here."

The Nelson City Freedom Camping Bylaw prohibits camping in non-self-contained vehicles anywhere within the city, apart from in official campgrounds or at other private accommodation providers. This style of camping has been the greatest source of complaints and concerns in previous summers.

For self-contained vehicles, restrictions have been imposed on the numbers of vehicles and the areas where they can park.

Council had already included \$100,000 in this year's budget to be used for enforcing the Nelson City Freedom Camping Bylaw, which will now be available as it has been adopted.



MEETINGS

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

Council meeting	21 September
9am	21 September
Works and Infrastructure Committee	
9am	28 September
Audit, Risk and Finance Subcommittee	
1pm	28 September
Commercial Subcommittee to follow Audit, Risk and Finance Subcommittee	28 September
Civil Defence Emergency Management Group – to deliberate on submissions to draft Plan	
2pm	2 October
Planning and Regulatory Committee	
9am	3 October
Chief Executive Employment Committee – Ruma Ana	
2pm	3 October
Community Investment Funding Panel – Chamber of Commerce, 63 Trafalgar Street	
9.30am	4 October
Sports and Recreation Committee	
9am	5 October
Resource Management Act Hearing – RM 145254 – Raines Dam	
9am	16 October
Saxton Field Committee – Netball Pavilion, Saxton Field	
2pm	16 October
Community Services Committee	
9am	19 October
Council meeting	
1.30pm	19 October
Governance Committee	
10am	26 October
Chief Executive Employment Committee – Ruma Ana	
10am	27 October

Other Meetings

Nelson Youth Council	25 September
1pm	25 September
Nelson Youth Council	
1pm	24 October

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.

nelson.govt.nz/meetings



SCHOOL HOLIDAY FUN

at our Heritage Facilities



BROADGREEN HISTORIC HOUSE

Textile Kids – Stitch a Bookmark
10.30am – 12pm, Tuesday 3 October, in the Le Cren Room

Come along, learn embroidery and stitch a beautiful bookmark. Free for children aged 8 and over, to be accompanied by a parent or caregiver. Bookings required. Email broadgreen@ncc.govt.nz or call 03 547 0403.

Spring into History at Broadgreen

10.30am – 12pm, Thursday 5 October

A morning of outdoor pioneer activities and challenges. Make cob bricks, pump the water and carry the yokes, sketch the house and plant some cottage

herbs. Free for children aged 5 and over, to be accompanied by a parent or caregiver. Bookings required. Email broadgreen@ncc.govt.nz or call 03 547 0403.

Textile Kids – Weaving

10.30am – 12pm, Thursday 12 October, in the Le Cren Room

Learn how to create a paper cup weaving or vibrant circle weaving. Free for children aged 5 and over, to be accompanied by a parent or caregiver. Bookings required. Email broadgreen@ncc.govt.nz or call 03 547 0403.

The Box Room

An interactive activities space for children to dress up in old fashioned clothes, play, and learn about early NZ history.

Broadgreen House is open daily, all year round (except Christmas Day and Good Friday). 10.30am – 4.30pm (Oct to May), 11am – 3pm (Jun to Sept). Free to locals!

FOUNDERS HERITAGE PARK

Wild about Wind

10am – 4.30pm, Saturday 30 September – Sunday 15 October

Come to Founders to blow the cobwebs away these holidays with wind inspired activities. Free school holiday activity Remember – entry to Founders Heritage Park is free for locals from Nelson and Tasman.

