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Kaikoura earthquake Mayor's message

Mayor Rachel Reese would like to thank all those involved in the response following the Kaikoura earthquake.

It has been heart-warming to see so many people throughout the region put their hand up to help our close neighbours in Marlborough and North Canterbury.

There has been such a great response from the community, from Civil Defence staff and volunteers and Council staff. I've seen first-hand the willingness of others to help those who have been affected by this earthquake.

There is still a lot of work to be done in the recovery phase for Kaikoura and the surrounding areas and my thoughts are with those who are a part of this phase.

Events like these are a reminder that natural disasters can happen at any time, and Civil Defence advice is to make sure you have a plan so you and your family can get through in an emergency.

A good place to start is at happens.nz/assets/make-a-plan.

Again, thank you to everyone who has gone out of their way to help support our neighbouring communities. It is your generosity and kind-spirited approach that makes me proud to call Nelson home.

happens.nz/assets/make-a-plan

GIS planning maps available online

The operative Nelson Resource Management Plan and Air Quality Plan GIS map layers are now publically available on Council's website, nelson.govt.nz/NRMP-emaps.

nelson.govt.nz/NRMP-emaps



Feedback sought on Brook Recreation Reserve reclassification

Council is seeking feedback from the public on the proposal to change the classification of land within the area commonly referred to as the "Brook Recreation Reserve" from Recreation Reserve to Local Purpose Reserve (Recreation).

This proposal has come about as a result of the consultation on the draft Brook Recreation Reserve Management Plan. The proposed change to reserve classification doesn't alter the vision or any of the objectives or policies laid out in the draft Management Plan that has been adopted in principle by Council (and is available on the website, nelson.govt.nz). It seeks to make sure the classification is the most appropriate for the various land uses that have been identified as part of the consultation process.

A change from Recreation Reserve to Local Purpose Reserve (Recreation) will offer more flexibility in what activities can take place within the reserve.

In Recreation Reserves, leases may only be granted for activities which are necessary for the use and enjoyment of that reserve. This may be interpreted as preventing leases for activities in the Reserve that support activities on other land, such as the adjacent Brook Waimarama Sanctuary or any tourism operation relying on its clients using other land areas.

The Local Purpose Reserve (Recreation) status would allow for leases which are not wholly reliant on activities within the reserve. Any lease would however have to comply with any approved management plan for the reserve.

Another difference is that local purpose reserves

are not required to have a management plan in place. However, Council believes it is good practice to have management plans for our reserves and proposes to approve the plan it previously consulted on and has already adopted in principle for this area.

In either case, Council would not need to publicly notify a proposed lease as long as the activity was contemplated in the approved Management Plan.

However, any proposed activities, for example including new structures, would still be required to meet the requirements of all relevant legislation, such as the Resource Management Act.

If you want to find out more, visit the Council website, nelson.govt.nz (search = Brook reclassification).

Feedback is invited until Thursday 22 December and can be emailed to submissions@ncc.govt.nz or made via the website, nelson.govt.nz. Submissions in writing should be sent to: Brook Recreation Reserve Feedback, Nelson City Council, PO Box 645, Nelson 7040.

Following this further feedback process, Council will then make its final decision on whether to reclassify the land or not. It will then also consider whether to finally approve the draft Management Plan or not.

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NATURE'S HERO



Welcome to the first of our monthly Nature's Hero awards – a series recognising and rewarding people who go the extra mile to do their bit for Nelson's nature.

In the few years since Denis Blomquist moved to Nelson, he has dedicated his untiring efforts to many conservation activities including planting, weeding, trapping, track building, and rubbish collection.

Recently, Denis started another project at the Haven Holes, to create a habitat for ground dwelling coastal birds. Denis also regularly collects rubbish on the site.

Through his involvement with Friends of the Maitai, Denis is often found planting, weeding, and trapping among the native trees at Groom Creek.

Denis believes that with a few people working together, great

progress can be made.

"The wonderful thing about this work," says Denis, "is that you can plant a tree and in a year or two see it grow and provide habitat for wildlife."

Both Nelson Nature and Project Maitai would like to congratulate Denis on being our Nature's Hero for November. His commitment helps make Nelson an even better place.

To nominate someone for a Nature's Hero award, email susan.moore-lavo@ncc.govt.nz with their name, contact details and the reason why you think they deserve to be a Nature's Hero.

Don't forget to sign up for 'rates by email'

You still have the chance to win travel with rates by email. Just choose to receive your rates and water accounts by email now and go in to win a \$350 travel voucher.

Sign up to pay by direct debit at the same time and the total prize increases to a \$500 travel voucher!

Remember you need to do it by 2 December to make sure you are in to win.

If you already get your rates notice via email then you are already in to win the \$350 voucher. Complete a direct debit form now

and that prize goes up to \$500. It's easy to do – get it all started online at Council's website, nelson.govt.nz/rates-by-email.

Please note: The competition is open to Nelson City Council ratepayers only. Councillors and Council staff are not eligible to enter. The winner will be drawn on 20 December and notified by email. The prize cannot be exchanged for cash.

nelson.govt.nz/rates-by-email

Emano East Reserve revocation

Council proposes to ask the Minister of Conservation to remove the reserve status of the Emano East Reserve.

The steep contour of the property limits its ability to be used as a park and there are already a number of alternatives located nearby.

The property consists of 7,664m² with steep contours, rising from the Emano Street frontage.

You have until 9 December to let us know if you have any objections to the proposal. More information and a feedback form is available from the Council office or online at nelson.govt.nz (search = Emano East).



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Have your say on Nelson's environment

What do you think about Nelson's environment?

We are running a survey to find out how people feel about our environment, what needs to improve, and how we can help people to get involved. The survey will be available online from Thursday 1 December to Thursday 8 December, at surveymonkey.com/r/Nelson_environment_survey, or through Council's website. By taking part you will go in the draw to win one of five \$50 grocery vouchers from Fresh Choice Nelson.



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Maitai Forks Bridge replacement

The bridge at Maitai Forks that gives access to the Maitai Dam is to be replaced. Access will be closed from 1 to 22 December while the old bridge is removed and the new bridge is put in place.

The road has been the alternative route for mountain bikers while the pipeline section of the Dun Mountain Trail remains closed due to slips. They will need to plan a different route for the three weeks of the closure. Those who want to use the Maitai Dam car park as a base for walks or picnics will also need to make other arrangements.

The bridge is being constructed off site to make the replacement process as speedy as possible. This is not related to recent earthquake activity but is a planned upgrade to improve safe access for all vehicles, including logging trucks. Areas of Council owned forest are due to be harvested in the January/February and the new bridge will improve access for this work.

Only rain goes down the drain.

Nelson City Council is collaborating with Countdown supermarkets to hold a "Drain Art Event" to remind people that fish and marine life are affected by anything other than rain going down the drain.

From 9am–12pm on Wednesday 7 December, Nelson school children will create art murals around the stormwater drains at each of the three Countdown supermarket carparks – St. Vincent Street and Halifax Street in Nelson and Main Road, Stoke.

All three supermarket sites are on or near waterways, and Countdown staff will be on hand to reward students with prizes, and hand out refreshments and

sunscreen. The event is also kindly supported by Resene Paints.

So next time you are at one of the Countdown supermarkets, take time to admire the work the children have done, and remember that "Drains are for Rain" – anything else that goes down the drain will pollute our waterways.

Check out our new Stormwater animation, courtesy of NMIT digital student Elaine Ang, at nelson.govt.nz/nelsonnature/animations.

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Second Hand Sunday is here again

The next Second Hand Sunday on 11 December from 10am is an opportunity to de-clutter and freshen up your home before Christmas. It's a great way of minimising waste in our city and giving pre-loved items a new home.

To take part, simply register online, print off a poster (or pick one up from Council's service centres) and put it on your mailbox on the day.

Treasure hunters – this is a great chance to pick up free recycled goods that need a new home. The list of participants will be available for download from 12pm Thursday 8 December, so pick up a list and head out

for a treasure hunt – you'll be amazed at what you might pick up.

The event will take place come rain or shine. It is up to the householder to put items out or not. Please respect the 10am start time.

Home owners are responsible for anything that isn't taken on the day. Nelson Environment Centre has ideas on how to recycle leftover items.



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Contribution to community earns national awards

Two Nelsonians, Peter Crins and Jane Bealing, have been presented with national awards from Neighbourhood Support New Zealand for their outstanding contribution to the community.

Jane is the co-ordinator of a Neighbourhood Support group in The Wood. She received a gold innovation award for galvanising her neighbourhood to develop a plan for dealing with natural disasters.

Jane and her husband John got neighbours together to discuss ways they could prepare for disasters such as earthquakes. They drew up a list of skills and resources in the neighbourhood that would be useful in a disaster, such as ladders, chainsaws, and people with nursing or first aid skills.

Jane also obtained a map of properties in the neighbourhood from Council, and marked where household amenities such as power and water mains were located. This meant people could turn off neighbours' water or power in the event of an emergency such as an earthquake.

Peter, a senior constable with Nelson Bays police, received a gold police officer award for services above and beyond the call of duty.

Peter was instrumental in setting up Neighbourhood Support Nelson 10 years ago and has been actively involved in the organisation ever since. He has served on the committee for 10 years, including five years as chairman.

Peter has also provided a lot of practical advice and support to Neighbourhood Support groups on security and safety issues,

and has ensured that groups have been kept informed by the police on crime trends and crime prevention strategies.

This is the first time Neighbourhood Support New Zealand has given out national awards, with only six awards given across the country.

Council's commitment to Nelson's neighbourhoods

Nelson City Council has had a long relationship with Neighbourhood Support, which is something Council's Chair of Community Services Committee, Gaile Noonan, is committed to continuing.

"Neighbourhood Support plays an important role in creating safer, friendlier and more connected Nelson neighbourhoods and I'm pleased to see two Nelsonians recognised for their invaluable efforts and offering practical solutions in this space."

Council has provided \$10,400 to neighbourhood support over the 2015/16 and 2016/17 community investment fund rounds.

This support has enabled the organisation to grow its number of groups to one of the largest per capita of any city in the country.

Council continues to work with Neighbourhood Support and other organisations that are interested in neighbourliness, resilience and safety across the city.



Community Youth Volunteer Awards

Nelson City Council annually sponsors the Community Youth Volunteer Award at local high schools. The award is presented at prize giving and is to acknowledge the voluntary contribution a student has made to the community within the last 12 months, as identified by each school, and judged by a panel. The award consists of a \$50 voucher, a certificate from the Mayor and a trophy.

Sui Sung Cen Hrang, Nelson College for Girls

Sui Sung, has supported many refugees, through Nelson College for Girls, as well as welcoming new refugees and organising cultural festivals.

She regularly volunteers as an interpreter for teachers at her school, as well as at Victory Primary and at the Victory Community Centre assisting with interpreting for Community Bays Law. Four times a week, Sui Sung volunteers at Victory Primary where she is a teacher aide and a buddy.

Sui Sung often gives up her Saturday to be a tutor for the Chin community. She is a member of the Refugee youth group where she is the Trip Leader and provides a youth voice. She has been involved in extensive additional community volunteer work, such as fundraising, sports events, cultural events and concerts.



Sui Sung Cen Hrang



Keegan Phipps



Fynn Sawyer

Keegan Phipps, Nelson College

Keegan served as the Nelson Youth MP in 2016, as well as being a dedicated and active member of the Nelson Youth Council.

He was also a member of the NMDHB Youth Wellness group, volunteering his time to help improve health services provided to young people in the region. On top of this, over the last three years, Keegan has volunteered at Nelson Central School and Nelson College as a mentor, classroom assistant and tutor.

This commitment and dedication resulted in Keegan receiving the Nelson Tasman Youth Community Spirit Award. Keegan is a great voice for youth development, youth mentoring and youth issues.

Fynn Sawyer, Nayland College

Fynn volunteers at Bridge Valley Adventure Centre in the holidays where he leads a cabin for a week.

He also mentors year 11 students, as a leader of a hub at Unite Church.

This year, he completed the 'Youth Emergency Services' Programme, where he volunteered for the Nelson Rescue Helicopter.

He is a valuable member of the Friends of the Maitai and attends regular plant care Fridays.

On top of this, he is a member of the Nelson Green Party, where he assists with promotion, as well as being a dedicated member of the Nelson Youth Council.

Fighting accidental discharges

Recently, a resource consent application was made by the Nelson Regional Sewerage Business Unit (NRSBU) regarding the discharge of untreated wastewater onto land or into the marine and fresh water environment.

This consent, a requirement under the Nelson Resource Management Plan, is for accidental discharge, and not intentional discharge of wastewater. Approval has not been sought to deliberately discharge wastewater to our marine and fresh water environments.

Accidents do happen and whilst Nelson's sewerage reticulation system is designed to provide a reliable level of service to customers, there will always be incidents or circumstances where the sewerage system could and does become inundated resulting in a spill.

These spills have, in the past, been as a direct result of circumstances beyond the control of Council, including pump blockages (people flushing things down the sewers that they shouldn't), stormwater infiltration due to high/ extreme rainfall events and power outages which affect the ability to pump sewage.

The resource consent applied for is more than just an application for accidental discharge – it requires detailed strategies for what is planned to prevent discharges.

A similar resource consent was applied for by Nelson City Council and granted in 2012. A feature of the consent is the requirement for Council to reduce overflows from pump stations over the next 20 years.

With respect to the NRSBU pump stations at Saxton Road, Songer Street and the Airport, all are supported by automated power generators that kick in when there



Dye testing at the Collingwood Street stormwater outlet

is a power failure to ensure uninterrupted service at the pump stations. There continues to be regional investment to improve our sewerage systems, and the NRSBU continues to work to manage these in order to protect the environment and provide the level of service required by the community.

No one wants accidental overflows, and this consent shows how the NRSBU plans to minimise the impact of any unforeseen circumstances.

Work by Nelson City Council towards reducing accidental overflows

When it rains in Nelson (especially in heavy rain) stormwater can find its way into the sewer system. If the flows are high enough, the pumping stations can't cope and sewage overflows can result. A dye testing process is now starting in the CBD to find out where stormwater is entering the sewer system. Over the next few months you will see patches of brightly coloured dye in the Maitai River. The dye used is completely harmless, non-toxic to humans, animals and aquatic life. Council officers will be monitoring the results of the dye testing to help inform future management of both stormwater and wastewater systems. When you see dye in the river it indicates the stormwater connections are operating as they should and there is no cause for concern.

MEETINGS

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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