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Rating Information Database

Nelson City Council advises that the Council's Rating Information Database is now 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 the Council's website, nelson.govt.nz, search = rates. Enter the property street address to view the current years rating information. Then click on *Next Rating Year 2017/2018* to view the properties rating charges and information for the 2017/18 rating year.

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



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New York Times Bestseller

Over six million books in 20 different languages sold worldwide. New York Times Bestseller List 28 times.

THE WORLDS OF Nalini Singh



SAT 10 JUNE, 2PM

Elma Turner Library | \$2 entry

Limited seats available!

BOOK AT ANY OF OUR LIBRARIES

An afternoon with a New York Times bestseller

Nalini Singh will be speaking at the Elma Turner Library at 2pm on Saturday 10 June. Come along and hear all about being an international writing sensation.

Nalini is a New York Times bestselling author, and her two paranormal romance series, *Guild Hunter* and *Psy/Changeling*, have a huge fan following.

As well as the successful written worlds she has created, Nalini also interacts with her vibrant online

fan base daily via social media.

Join us in exploring her writing, her worlds, and her success.

Chair of Community Services Committee, Councillor Gaile Noonan, says it's fabulous to see an author of this calibre in Nelson. "It's a real coup that our library

team has managed to book Nalini to come to Nelson. It will be a great event."

Spaces are limited and tickets can be purchased for \$2 from the Elma Turner Library. Enquiries to library@ncc.govt.nz.



The countdown is on to the annual Book Fair

The wait for the 2017 Founders Annual Book Fair is nearly over for Nelson's book lovers. The Book Fair opens its doors at 10am on Saturday 3 June – Queen's Birthday Weekend – and promises to impress.

The first Book Fair was held in 1988, when a team of two people, assisted by their family and friends, sorted 60,000 books donated by the Nelson community and sold them during a one day sale to raise funds for Founders Heritage Park.

Since those early days, the Book Fair has grown into a nine day event which raises around \$150,000 for development projects in the Park.

There is now a group of 16 regular volunteers who spend two mornings every week sorting around half a million books into over 80 specialist categories, making it easier than ever for readers to find the books they are looking for.

With over 10,000 visitors to the event last year, the core group of volunteers will also be joined by over 60 additional volunteers during the Book Fair, to cater for the thousands expected again this year.

There will be great selections of foreign language, craft and, following requests from customers, Readers Digest specialist books have been separated out into their own category.

Recent research shows that millennials are reading more than older generations and this shows through at the Book Fair, with the children's and young adults section always popular. School groups can

also book in during the week to receive a tour of the fair and book sorting process.

Whilst books are the backbone of the Book Fair, there is much more on sale than just books. Visitors can buy magazines, jigsaws, board games, DVDs, CDs and a section of weird and wonderful items that are donated amongst the books.

The resurgence of vinyl records is proving a popular element of the Fair too. Dave Dixon-Didier sorts the record donations through the year. As he says, "No one remembers their first download, but they remember the first record they bought." These vinyl records bring back many happy memories for people and his passion is to keep them in circulation. Records sell for between \$1 and \$5.

The book sorters also find particular pleasure in rehoming books that come into the Book Fair that should really be somewhere else. For example, recently a bible celebrating the centenary of Christchurch Cathedral was received and Christchurch Cathedral was delighted when the bible was donated to them by the team.

This year's Fair runs Saturday 3 June to Sunday 11 June, 10am–4.30pm.

Entry \$2 per person, \$5 for a nine day pass, children free.

Oldham Creek Bridge replacement

The Oldham Creek Bridge on Atawhai Crescent (between Dodson Valley Road and Rainbow Drive) is being replaced with a new two lane bridge, including a footpath on the downstream side.

A section of Atawhai Crescent will be closed while construction is underway. This will start from mid-May until the end of June.

Road and footpath detours will be in place, so please follow the relevant signage.

The new bridge will be wider to give greater water flow capacity during flood events. It will also be able to carry heavy traffic loads without restriction. The existing footbridge on the upstream side will be retained.

Nelson buildings win at regional architect awards

Recently, a major Council partnership project won big at the Nelson Marlborough Architect Awards.

The Suter Art Gallery, which underwent a two year, \$12 million earthquake strengthening and upgrade, took out the Heritage Architecture and Public Architecture awards.

The jury described the work of the architects, Warren and Mahoney and Jerram Tocker Barron, who worked on the project in a joint venture, as a "triumph" and praised the way the two heritage buildings were retained in the new layout.

Council match-funded \$6 million for the project, with the gallery now home to a modern, clean space that encompasses the original brickwork and lofty wooden roof of the main gallery room, which opened in 1899.

The new gallery has three exhibition spaces, a sculpture walk, an education centre and a contemplation gallery; it is currently free entry.

The Bullets & Balls building at Saxton Field (home of Nelson Cricket and the Nelson Rifle Association Practice Facility) was another Council partnership project that received an award for Public Architecture.



Photo © Ishna Jacobs



Seymour Avenue residents enjoying the unveiling of their new heritage display board.

Neighbours celebrate Seymour Avenue's past

Recently, Seymour Avenue residents held an event to unveil its new heritage display board.

The Seymour Avenue neighbourhood group worked in partnership with Council to create the new heritage signage, which shares the story of the heritage precinct.

Around 40 people turned out, including a number of past residents, some having lived in the street over 50 years ago.

They enjoyed a barbecue, which was supported by Council's Neighbourhood Grants Pilot Scheme.

Current Seymour Avenue resident, Carolyn Sygrove, says the event was a great success.

"It was an enjoyable occasion for everyone young and old. All I have spoken to agree that the display board is an extremely attractive and valuable addition to the street and I often see people reading it

when I pass by.

"Thank you to Council, on behalf of the residents and organisers, for helping to make this event a very happy and memorable occasion."

Councillor Stuart Walker attended the unveiling and says it was a poignant one.

"Heritage Precincts like this help define our city's character, they give us a sense of belonging and link us to our past.

"To have such a well preserved, early 20th century residential area is very special and I see neighbourhood groups like the one in Seymour Avenue – who are helping to preserve our heritage – as the backbone of our community."

Photos captured by current Seymour Avenue resident, Jonathan Chambers.

Tackling loneliness and isolation for older residents

Many older people in our community can go for days without seeing or speaking to anyone else, or are unable to get out of their homes to socialise and feel connected.

That's an issue that local charity Age Concern Nelson Tasman wants to tackle, and judging by the response from the local community recently, they're not alone.

Over 100 people of all ages and from around the greater Nelson region attended a public workshop looking at ways to help better connect our older people. The week before, around 60 representatives from a wide range of local agencies and organisations, attended a similar workshop.

Both events held group conversations looking at the barriers to participation and how the general community might start looking at solutions.

Age Concern Nelson Tasman Manager, Sue Tilby, says the response was amazing.

"We were expecting maybe 40 people to the public workshop and were delighted that so many more showed up. We see it as real evidence of recognition that, as a community, we need to work together to find solutions supporting older people to live well in their neighbourhoods."

She thanked Council for its support in running the workshops, and says the conversations held are just the beginning of a journey that could see the city as being a leader across the country in how we tackle loneliness.

"We are now working forward with gathering all the wonderful ideas and suggestions that came up at the workshops and looking at how we can implement low-cost and no-cost solutions to social isolation and loneliness."

Chair of Council's Community Services Committee, Councillor Gaile Noonan, says it's pleasing to see these initiatives tackling important issues.

"No one should feel isolated or lonely – and it's great to be able to run these workshops and better understand how we can connect older people."

If you want to become involved, get in touch with Age Concern on 03 544 7624 or email support@ageconcernnt.org.nz.



Over 100 people from around the region attended a public workshop to address loneliness and isolation for older residents.



Photo © Dom Channon

Tourism spend in Nelson up on last year

Tourism spending in the Nelson region is up on last year's figures, according to the latest Monthly Regional Tourism Estimates released by the Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment (MBIE).

Figures show a estimated \$343 million for the year to March 2017, which is up 10 per cent compared

with the year to March 2016.

International visitors spent \$119 million, up nine percent compared with the year to March 2016, with domestic tourists spending \$224 million, up 10 per cent.

As for monthly expenditure, tourism spend in Nelson for the month of March 2017 is also up four per cent compared with the month of March 2016.

MBIE developed the Monthly Regional Tourism Estimates in consultation with tourism industry representatives to create a better measurement of the value of tourism in the regions.

Register your dog online and win!

It will soon be time to renew your dog registration.



This year, Council is making it much easier to renew or update your dog registration details, through our new Dogs Online portal – and you could be in to win some free dog biscuits.

Like any good dog owner, you'd probably prefer to be out with your dog than filling in forms and posting them. From 1 June 2017, you will be able to register, pay and manage your dog registration online – and then take the dog for a walk! And if you register your dog using Dogs Online before 30 June, you'll go in the draw to win a bag of dog biscuits.

Once you have received your dog registration notification from Council, you'll find it easy to get set up with an account at my.nelson.govt.nz. Then, when it comes to registration

time every year, we will have all your details, so it will be a simple job to register your dog. You can also check that all of your details are up-to-date and make any changes you need to – like removing a dog you no longer own.

To access Dogs Online, you will need to create a profile and then log in with your dog owner number, which you will find on the registration form when it is sent out at the beginning of June, and your date of birth.

If you need any help with logging in, contact Council's Customer Service Centre and we can help. We hope these changes will make registering your dog a lot easier.

Just remember, however you do it, all dogs over three months of age need to be registered by 1 July.

Take extra care on winter roads

Over winter, we all need to take extra care and make sure we are driving to suit the conditions.

It's a good idea to make sure you have good visibility from the start. Take the time to de-mist and de-ice your windscreen, windows and mirrors before you hit the road. It's important you can see all other road users around your vehicle and you're not just peering out of a small hole in the ice.

Council has a limited supply of ice scrapers to give away from the Customer Service Centre on Trafalgar Street. Be in quick to collect one before they disappear.

Gritted roads

Gritting the road may only give you up to 15 per cent more grip on an icy road so keep the following points in mind.

- Slow down.
- Allow more time for your journey.

- Increase your following distance as stopping distances can increase by up to ten times.
- Watch out for ice in shady areas and on bridges.
- Check your tyre pressure.

See and be seen

Visibility is a major issue in winter so here are some ways to see and be seen.

- Drive with lights on dip in rain, snow or fog.
- Use your vehicle's demister or air conditioning to keep windows clear.
- Watch out for sun strike in the winter sunlight.
- Keep your windscreen cleaner reservoir topped up.



- Cover your windscreen on frosty nights or use an ice scraper or cold water to totally clear your screen of ice before driving.

Above all, remember the speed limit isn't a target. The safest way to get where you need to go this winter is to slow down and drive to the conditions.



Looking after the nuts and bolts

Here are a few top tips that will not only help you, but also help us to take care of our essential utilities like a clean healthy water supply, an efficient wastewater and sewerage system and effective stormwater handling.

These simple tips can help reduce costs, save you some inconvenience, and be better for our environment.

- Don't put hot fat from cooking down your drains – it will congeal and cause a blockage somewhere along the sewer line. Instead, collect it in an old plastic container and put it out with your rubbish when it has set.
- Flush your taps after the water has been off – occasionally if you have plumbing work done around the house or Council is working in your area, the water supply will need to be turned off. Once it comes back on, it's good to flush the system by turning your taps on full for a few seconds to get any trapped air out of the pipes.
- Check your water meter. If there is a water leak on your property it is your responsibility to fix it and you will most likely be charged for that wasted water on your next water rates bill. It's easy to check, just turn off all the taps in the house, make sure the washing machine and dishwasher aren't going and go and have a look

at your water meter. If the numbers are still moving around, the chances are you have a leak somewhere. Visit the Council website nelson.govt.nz or give us a call on 03 546 0200 if you want to know more.

- Folk who live in a shared drive or a right of way may not be aware that they generally have the responsibility for looking after the water pipes up to the road, where they then become Council's responsibility. So if you have a leaky water pipe in the drive, you need to get together with the neighbours to solve the issue. If there's any questions or confusion about who is looking after what, give us call on 546 0200 and we can check the plans and advise further.
- Be careful with your garden waste. Dumping garden waste into streams or ditches is not only an offence, it is a sure way to block intake drains and lead to stormwater flooding in the event of heavy rain so take care that hedge or garden trimmings don't end up causing damage to our environment.



Please don't dump your garden waste into streams and ditches.



Nelson green gecko

The Nelson green gecko is unique to our region, and is found in open scrub land, such as manuka and kanuka forests.

It is hardly ever seen, but may be heard as it has an unusually loud barking noise, in fact, the loudest of all the world's geckos.

Nelson green gecko are born live and usually as twins, with sticky feet allowing them to move almost anywhere. They are active during the day, seeking insects to feed on, but are susceptible to a range of introduced predators such as rats and stoats.

You can help the geckos and skinks by providing habitat in your garden by heaping rocks or providing divaricating shrubs such as Muehlenbeckia species to provide safe cover and to attract insects for food.

If you see a Nelson green gecko, take note of what you saw, or take a photo, and let us know! Email susan.moore-lavo@ncc.govt.nz.

Council confirms direction of freedom camping site assessment

Council continues to progress the development of a draft Freedom Camping Bylaw for our city. At a recent meeting, Council confirmed the site assessment that will form the basis for bylaw consultation with the community.

The site assessment identifies Council owned land throughout the city, which has the potential to be used for freedom camping. It assesses each site against specific criteria, as laid out in the Freedom Camping Act 2011. It then recommends the nature of Freedom Camping to be proposed in these areas.

Mayor Rachel Reese says, "Under the Freedom Camping Act we are able to impose restrictions through a bylaw to protect an area, protect the health and safety of people who may visit the area, and to protect access to the area.

"This site assessment has taken a thorough look at Nelson, and has made a series of recommendations. As a Council we were comfortable with the findings. The next step will be to share them publicly and then get everyone's feedback through the upcoming consultation process," Mayor Reese says.

The key aspects of the site assessment are that non-self-contained camping must be within an official campground, and that self-contained camping is to be permitted in the following locations. Note – vehicle limits are to apply to areas (as indicated below).

- Nelson North Wastewater Treatment Plant car park (2)

- Kinzett Terrace car park (4)
- Maitai Cricket Ground (2)
- Wakapuaka Reserve (3)
- Centennial Park (4)
- Paddy's Knob (4)
- QEII Reserve (all available spaces)
- Wakatu Square (20)
- Montgomery Square (20)
- Buxton Square (20)
- Main Road Stoke Carpark (Isel) (3)

The draft Nelson City Freedom Camping Bylaw, including the site assessment, will be brought to Council for adoption before being released for public consultation. Council hopes to have the bylaw in place in time for the summer season.



What's on at the Library?



Book Night

Join us on Tuesday 23 May at 6pm at the Elma Turner Library for another 'read-in' as part of this year's Book Discussion Scheme's Book Night. Bring along your favourite book, the book you are currently reading, or select one of ours – and read with us. We will have computers available for you to register your participation on the night. See you there!

Murder in the Library

Nelson Public Libraries will be hosting another Murder in the Library panel on 1 June at 6.15pm.

The panel is organised in conjunction with The Ngaio Marsh Awards and the New Zealand Book Council.

As crime writing has evolved from puzzle-like mysteries to novels delving deeply into people and places, it has continued to be the world's most popular form of storytelling.

But just what makes the genre so fascinating?

This year, Auckland writer Fiona Sussman and Ruby Bay author David Briggs will be joined by Havelock-based crime writer, Alan Carter, to discuss how they craft great stories and blend page-turning crime plots with fascinating characters and real-life themes.

Fiona's latest novel *The Last Time We Spoke* and David's *The Direction of Our Fear* are both in the running for the 2017 Ngaio Marsh Awards. The release of Alan's latest novel, *The Marlborough Man*, also coincides with our Murder in the Library evening.

Cross-examining the authors and 'keeping the peace' will be local author and historian Karen Stade.

Admission is free, so come along to the Elma Turner Library on Thursday 1 June, 6pm for a 6.15pm start.

Also check page 8 for regular events at the Library.

Computer classes at the Library

ALL CLASSES ARE FREE OF CHARGE

Elma Turner Library, 9.30 – 11am

Basic Internet.....Thu 11 May
 Social MediaThu 18 May
 Newspapers online & PressReader ... Thu 25 May
 Research toolsThu 1 Jun
 eBooks – bring your own device..... Thu 8 Jun
 Library @ your fingertips.....Thu 15 Jun
 Go beyond the internet basics Thu 22 Jun
 Tablets.....Thu 29 Jun
 Demystifying cloud storage..... Thu 6 Jul

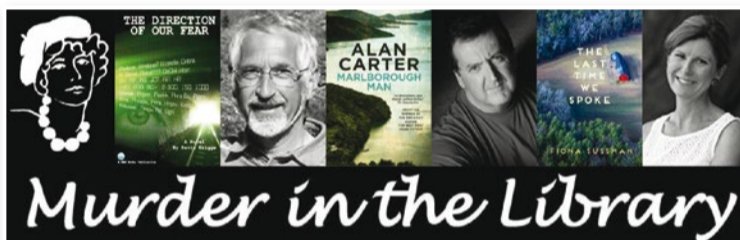
Stoke Library, 8.15 – 9.15am

Introduction to tablets.....Thu 1 Jun
 Basic internet 1Thu 8 Jun
 Basic internet 2Thu 15 Jun
 Newspapers online & PressReaderThu 22 Jun
 Go beyond the internet basics.....Thu 6 Jun

Classes must be booked by phoning 03 546 0414, emailing library@ncc.govt.nz or visiting any of the Libraries.

Go to nelsonpubliclibraries.co.nz/library/computer-classes for more information.

nelsonpubliclibraries.co.nz/library/computer-classes



Greenmeadows Community Centre update

Works are progressing well on site with concrete floors underway with the remaining work on the floor expected to be complete by the end of the month.

The blockwork to the changing rooms is also nearing completion. This work is in readiness for the first floor structure which is planned to start before the end of the month.

The focus of work is now moving above the ground and with the exterior concrete fins starting to be put in place and steel work arriving in June, the Centre will really start to take shape.

Stormwater upgrade

The beginning of May has seen the majority of the stormwater pipes laid, connecting Songer Street with Main Road Stoke.

Fulton Hogan is now onsite to reinstate grass, footpaths, install manhole lids and carry out checks of the completed pipework.

The completion of this work allows construction of the Greenmeadows Community Centre to progress unimpeded, now that the pipeline under its foundations has been diverted.



Stormwater upgrade nearing completion.

Youth Council update

The Nelson Youth Council recently submitted to the draft Annual Plan.

Our submission focuses on areas which will impact on youth, including the development of a Youth Strategy for use by Council. We are advocating strongly for several environmental issues, including a change to more sustainable parking tickets, increase in bins with recyclable compartments, and an over-arching environmental consideration in the Annual Plan.

We are also helping to plan an exciting Youth Speak event with Sport Tasman, to be held during Youth Week. This will allow year 9 and 10s to provide feedback on social and competitive sport, as well as having inspirational speakers come and engage with youth about their own experiences. We are working closely with Sport Tasman to ensure that the event is planned to maximise the benefits to the youth that are attending.

Alongside our other projects, the Nelson Youth Council is sponsoring an award for Crowd Engagement to improve crowd experience at Rockquest here in Nelson. The prize, a \$200 Rockshop voucher, will hopefully help the winning act to further pursue their passion. The Nelson Youth Council is going to be very busy in the next few months so keep an eye out!

By Emily Rais and Emma Edwards



Sportsgrounds updates

During the winter months, we sometimes have to close the sportsgrounds and golf course during and after significant rain.

This is to protect the playing surfaces so they will last all season.

If it has been raining and you are wondering if the sportsgrounds are open, there are several ways you can check:

- Phone 546 2068.
- Contact your sports club/team directly.
- Check out the Council Facebook page – facebook.com/nelsoncitycouncil.
- Visit the website – nelson.govt.nz and check out the "Closures" button on the quick links.

Coming into the winter sports season, now is also a good time to remind you that all Nelson sports fields are smoke-free. Keep our young lungs healthy.

Young lungs at play.

All Nelson sports fields are smoke-free.

SPORT TASMAN Nelson City Council
te kaunihera o whakatū

Remember to flush your taps

Some plumbing fittings have the potential to allow minute traces of metals to accumulate in water which has been standing in the fittings for several hours.

Although the health risk is small, the Ministry of Health recommends that you flush a mugful of water from your drinking water tap each morning, before use, to remove any metals that may have dissolved from the plumbing fittings.

We recommend this simple precaution for all households, including those on public and private water supplies.

Hazards feedback

Over 300 people attended Council's hazards drop in sessions in early May, to find out more about hazards mapping information.

Council is seeking feedback from people about the information, which includes the latest data about earthquake, liquefaction and flood hazard areas.

There is still time to get your feedback in to Council – the feedback period closes at 5pm on Wednesday 31 May 2017. For those in our northern rural areas, Council will be in contact regarding feedback dates.

The type of feedback Council is particularly looking for is any information that may inform the hazards information at a site-specific level. This could include:

- Recent earthworks that have raised the level of all or part of your property.
- Any remediation work to address liquefaction risk such as ground remediation, for example a raft of hardfill or pile foundations of an appropriate depth.
- Any geotechnical reports that Council may not be aware of.
- Any other information that you think is relevant.

We are also keen to address any mapping inaccuracies that you may have noticed in relation to your property.

You can view the natural hazards map, and give your feedback, on Council's website.



MEETINGS

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

Works and Infrastructure Committee	
9am	18 May
Audit, Risk and Finance Subcommittee	
1pm	18 May
Council meeting – to deliberate on submissions to draft Annual Plan (second day if required)	
9am	23 & 24 May
Planning and Regulatory Committee	
9am	25 May
Sports and Recreation Committee	
9am	30 May

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

Are you ready?

Emergency supplies

In an emergency, you could be stuck at home for three days or more. You probably have most of these things already, and you don't have to have them all in one place, but you might have to find them in a hurry and/or in the dark. Make a plan to work out what you will need to get your family through.

Basic supplies to have at home

- Water for three days or more – make sure you have nine litres of water for every person. (Save large fizzy and juice bottles, give them a good clean and fill them with water from the tap, replace every 6 months)
- Long lasting food that doesn't need cooking (unless you have a camping stove or BBQ), and food for babies and pets
- Toilet paper and large plastic buckets for an emergency toilet
- Dust masks and work gloves

REMEMBER...

**NEVER HAPPENS?
HAPPENS**

MAKE A PLAN



Basic supplies to have in a bag in case you have to evacuate

- Torches and batteries
- Radio – wind up or with batteries
- Hand cleaner
- Cash
- Copies of important documents (online or paper)
- Walking shoes, warm clothes, raincoat and a hat
- First aid kit and prescription medicine
- Water and snack food (remember babies and pets too)

Winter is coming

With winter on its way, it's time to check you've got your warmer gear in your bag, in case you have to evacuate.

Talking to kids about emergencies

If you have kids, make sure they're involved in the planning too. Talk to them in an honest, but not scary, way about what might happen in an emergency, what you can all do to keep safe, and what the family plan is in the event that you can't get home. The more involved they are, the less scared they will be if an emergency does happen.

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Helpful tips on lighting your fire

- Leave a thin bed of ash in the bottom of the firebox
- Use lots of well scrunched up newspaper as a base
- Place a good number of small pieces of dry, split kindling on top of the paper
- Wait until the kindling is burning well before adding more wood
- Don't damp the fire down until it is burning well
- Go outside and check your chimney – you should see a heat haze but no smoke

WHAT'S ON... at a Council venue near you



Founders Heritage Park

Founders Book Fair: 3–11 June, 10am–4.30pm

Trafalgar Centre

Dr Hook starring Dennis Locorriere: 18 May, 7.30pm

Nelson Giants VS Hawkes Bay: 19 May, 7pm

Nelson Giants VS Wellington Saints: 26 May, 7pm

Nelson Giants VS Waitakere Super City Rangers: 4 June, 3pm

Nelson Giants VS Wellington Saints: 10 June, 7pm

Urzila Carlson: 3 June, 7.30pm

Isel House and Park

Isel Night market: Until 26 October, 4.30pm–8pm

Saxton Oval Pavilion

Women's Street Smart Self Defence Workshop: 10–11 June, 10am–4.30pm

Nelson Public Libraries

Elma Turner Library

STEMWriters – a local writers group: Second Tuesday of each month, 2pm

BookChat: Third Wednesday of each month, 5.30pm

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, Wednesdays, 10.30am, during term time only

Library knitters: Every Thursday from 10am

And This is My Picture: Until 21 May

Book Night: 6pm, 23 May

New Zealand Music Month:

- Eva McComb: 17 May, 12.30–1pm

- Anna Heinz & Peter Gale: 20 May, 12.30–1pm

- Uklectics: 25 May, 12.30pm–1pm
- Hot Club Nelson: 27 May, 12.30–1pm

Murder in the Library: 1 June, 6pm

Lizzie Peacock as part of the Live Music series: 4 June, 2pm

The Worlds of Nalini Singh: 10 June, 2pm

Nightingale Library Memorial

Nellie Knitters: Every Monday from 1.30pm

Stoke Library

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Museums and Galleries

Nelson Provincial Museum

Open weekdays, 10–5pm; weekends and public holidays, 10–4.30pm

Da Vinci Robots & Machines: Until 13 August

The Suter Art Gallery & Theatre

Andrew Drummond – Workings and re-Workings: Until 30 July

Young and Inspired – Living My Dream: 2 June, 7.30pm–10pm

This War Is Not Inevitable: 4 June, 3pm

Refinery ArtSpace

Open weekdays 10am–5pm, Saturdays 11am–2pm

TLC: Until 27 May

Us: Until 3 June

CHECK OUT...

Isel Twilight market may have finished but now we have Isel Night market! Every Thursday, 4.30–8pm

Isel Twilight market has been so successful this summer that its continuing into Nelson's cooler months as a vibrant hot food market. Don't hibernate on a Thursday evening, come down to Isel Park and check out the delicious street food, amazing lighting displays and lively market atmosphere. Enjoy a mid-week night out and sample delicious cuisines from around the world! Something for the whole family.