

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

## Nelson Arts Festival, 11–27 October 2017

The 2017 Nelson Arts Festival is nearly here with Early Bird tickets on sale from this Thursday! But shhh... it's all under wraps until Thursday when you can head to [nelsonartsfestival.co.nz](http://nelsonartsfestival.co.nz) to find out what this year's line-up is. Of course, there's the Page & Blackmore Readers and Writers programme, along with great free music and community events, and the final fabulous flourish this year will be the Masked Parade & Carnivale on 27 October. Early Bird tickets on sale this Thursday 27 July – 31 August.

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



## Ethnic diversity and ageing in Nelson

Nelson Multicultural Council has released a new report to help the city better understand the challenges and opportunities faced by ageing Nelson residents who were born overseas.

The project, "Ethnic Diversity and Ageing in Nelson", was undertaken on behalf of Nelson City Council, and gathered ten stories of residents from a diverse ethnic background. It highlights both the positive aspects, along with future challenges for individuals and the community from a diverse ethnicity, as the percentage of Nelson people over 60 increases.

Key observations from the report include:

- Nelson offering a great lifestyle;
- A good health system;
- Feeling safe in Nelson;
- Older migrants are volunteering as a way of connecting and giving back;
- Looking for smaller, newer houses in a city with a perceived high cost of living;
- The strong role of young people and intergenerational connection when ageing from a diverse ethnicity in Nelson;

- There is an opportunity to provide and promote more connection between older migrants and long term residents of Nelson.

Nelson Multicultural Council aims to use its findings to guide future work in the wider Nelson community to support this age group.

Nelson Multicultural Council spokesperson, Jenni Bancroft, says the report has been a valuable exercise that will help shape their future approach.

"We hope that we can work with other community groups and agencies to use the findings to assist with planning and service delivery for the future."

Chair of Community Services Committee, Councillor Gaile Noonan, says highlighting the challenges and opportunities people face in Nelson is important.

"It's about ensuring we are aware of what works and what we can do better. The Nelson Multicultural Council has done a fantastic job of showcasing ten stories of people in Nelson to help us support this group."

### Don't forget the dog!

Thanks to everyone who has already registered their dog for the year.

Please be aware that if you don't get this done by 1 August, a late payment penalty of 50% of the registration fee will apply. You should also know that any dog

that remains unregistered after 1 August can be impounded and incur a further \$300 infringement fee on top of the registration fee, plus penalty.

It's never been easier to register your dog as you can do it all with Dogs Online at [my.nelson.govt.nz](http://my.nelson.govt.nz). It's quick and easy to get set up, you just need your dog owner number from the registration form and your date of birth.

So don't get caught paying more than you need to or risk your dog being impounded. Please register your dog by 1 August.



## Sharing and caring

It's a good time to remind cyclists and motorists what a "sharrow" road marking is.

The sharrows, which are a bike symbol with arrows in front, indicate that cyclists can position themselves safely in lanes where it is too narrow for a motor vehicle and a bicycle to comfortably travel side by side. This applies to the entire length of road where the sharrows are painted.

**Please note:** The sharrow markings are not intended to show exactly where on the road you should ride.

The markings are there to remind drivers they should expect to see people on bikes riding further out in the traffic lane.

**Motorists:** Be patient as cyclists are entitled to their place in the lane. Do not attempt to overtake them on narrow sections or around parked vehicles. Slow down and wait until you can pass safely.

**Cyclists:** You can occupy the traffic lane along narrow sections and around parked vehicles. Only move over to allow vehicles to pass when you have room to do so safely.



## Wind put to use at Bell Island

The Nelson Regional Sewerage Business Unit (NRSBU) is trialling the use of wind powered mixers in one of its treatment ponds at Bell Island.

Being wind powered, the mixers will offer a considerable saving in operating costs. While not yet widely used in our part of the world, two other facilities in Australia have installed this technology and have seen improvements in the efficiency of the treatment ponds alongside the energy savings.

In the long term, the mixers have the potential to reduce the overall level of sludge in the ponds, reducing the need for desludging them. This is a process that usually needs to be carried out every 20–25 years when using conventional management methods.

Currently, the system is only installed in one treatment pond, which will allow staff to easily measure its effectiveness in comparison to the other ponds.

If the new technology works as expected, the potential benefits could include:

- Extending the useful life of the treatment pond;
- Avoiding undertaking an environmental analysis and obtaining consents for sludge disposal;
- Improving the quality of the effluent discharged from the WWTP;
- Significant cost savings by deferring conventional sludge removal.

Gurney Environmental, the company that has provided the new equipment, has done so at a 50% investment, until its effectiveness is demonstrated. If the NRSBU does achieve the expected improvements, it is obliged to pay the company in full for the equipment and may consider installing it throughout the treatment plant.



## Computer classes at the Library

Elma Turner Library, 9.30 – 11.00am

Computer basics .....	Thu 3 Aug
Basic Internet .....	Thu 10 Aug
Social Media .....	Thu 17 Aug
Research tools .....	Thu 24 Aug
e-books .....	Thu 31 Aug
Free Adult learning courses (MOOCs).....	Thu 7 Sep
Tablets.....	Thu 14 Sep
Newspapers online.....	Thu 21 Sep
Go beyond the internet basics .....	Thu 28 Sep

To book, ask at Nelson Library, phone 03 546 0414 or 03 545 8737, or email [library@ncc.govt.nz](mailto:library@ncc.govt.nz).

Stoke Library, 8.15 – 9.15am

e-books .....	Thu 10 Aug
Basic Internet 1.....	Thu 17 Aug
Basic Internet 2.....	Thu 24 Aug
Gmail 1 (setting up) .....	Thu 7 Sep
Gmail 2.....	Thu 14 Sep
Intro to Tablets.....	Thu 21 Sep

To book, ask at Stoke Library or email [library@ncc.govt.nz](mailto:library@ncc.govt.nz).

[nelsonpubliclibraries.co.nz/library/computer-classes/](http://nelsonpubliclibraries.co.nz/library/computer-classes/)

## Live Music Series at Elma Turner Library

Sunday 6 August 2 – 2.30pm

**Ruby Ba Than** is a local singer, songwriter and artist. A powerful performer, she possesses the beguiling ability to speak to the soul with her bluesy expressive voice and poise. She has a quietly thrilling approach to contemporary songs, stripping them bare down to sparse guitar and vocals to reveal depth and insight into the uncertain world of love, loss and life.

## MEETINGS

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

Planning and Regulatory Committee	9am	27 July
Governance Committee	1pm	27 July
Nelson Tasman Civil Defence Emergency Management Group	9am	1 August
Regional Pest Management Joint Committee – Tasman District Council Chamber, 189 Queen Street, Richmond	9.30am	2 August
Council meeting – to hear submissions to draft Freedom Camping Bylaw	9am	9 August
Council meeting	9am	10 August
Council meeting – to deliberate on submissions to draft City Amenity Bylaw	9am	15 August
Planning and Regulatory Committee	9am	17 August
Commercial Subcommittee	9am	18 August
Sports and Recreation Committee	9am	22 August
Joint Shareholders Committee	1.30pm	22 August
Council meeting – to deliberate on submissions to draft Freedom Camping Bylaw	9am	23 August
Works and Infrastructure Committee	9am	24 August
Resource Management Act Hearing – RM 165175 – Gaire Thompson, 1 Boulder Bank Drive	9am	25 August
Saxton Field Committee – Netball Pavilion, Saxton Field	9.30am	30 August
Community Services Committee	9am	31 August
Nelson Youth Council	1pm	14 August

### Other Meetings

For a full list of Council meetings go to:

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

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at a Council venue near you?

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

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