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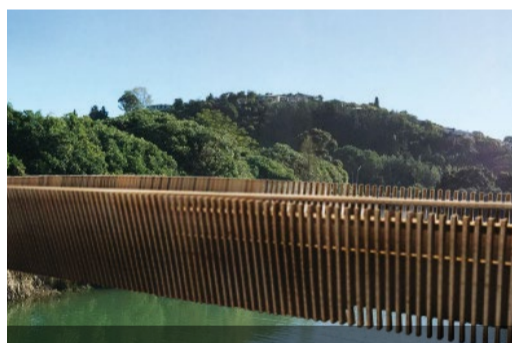
Keep up to date with the latest news from Nelson City Council

## Live Music Series at the Library

2pm, Sunday 3 September,  
Elma Turner Library

Mosaic World Music Choir is Nelson's oldest world music choir. Mosaic has been bringing a cappella pleasure to audiences for 20 years with their high energy and vibrancy. This 50-strong choir is directed by Shannel Courtney and has been described as one of Nelson hidden treasures. Their repertoire covers most the continents of the world, including songs from the Pacific, with a special focus on African music with its uplifting harmonies and rhythms. The inspiration that drives Mosaic is the sense of community that singing fosters and the privilege of experiencing the diversity of musical cultures through song.

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



Saltwater Creek footbridge



Volunteers stepping up



Parking near a school

## Feedback sought on Upper Trafalgar Street temporary closure

Council is seeking feedback regarding the potential closure of the upper end of Trafalgar Street for four months over the summer period.

Council proposes to close the section of Trafalgar Street between Selwyn Place and Hardy Street (Upper Trafalgar Street) to traffic.

If feedback is favourable then the first trial would occur between 1 December 2017 and 31 March 2018.

Businesses in the area have expressed support for the concept, so Council is now seeking wider feedback to understand if such a closure is wanted.

Further information about the temporary closure is available online at [nelson.govt.nz](http://nelson.govt.nz), at all Nelson Public Libraries, and from Civic House, 110 Trafalgar Street, Nelson.

The proposal is open for feedback until 4pm on 31 August 2017.

### Submissions can be made:

- Online at [nelson.govt.nz](http://nelson.govt.nz)
  - By email to [submissions@ncc.govt.nz](mailto:submissions@ncc.govt.nz)
  - By dropping your submission to Civic House, Customer Service Centre
  - By posting your submission to PO Box 645, Nelson 7040
- Once feedback has been gathered, a report will be brought back to Council to determine whether to proceed with the closure.

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

## Lifesaver at Saxton Oval

Top of the South Athletics Charitable Trust recently purchased an automated external defibrillator (AED), and this is now available to the public at all times during daylight hours.

Survival from cardiac arrest, most often caused by heart attack, depends heavily on rapid access to treatment with a defibrillator. The AED is portable, and has step-by-step voice prompts that allow it to be operated by members of the public.

The AED purchase was made possible by a generous grant from the Rata Foundation, and by the support of Jennian Homes and Nelson City Council.

Jennian Homes launched an initiative last year in conjunction with the Heart Foundation, to improve community access to

AEDs. By means of bulk purchase they were able to offer units at considerably reduced prices, and have arranged training for the organisations that purchased AEDs.

Nelson City Council purchased a smash box for the AED, and this is now mounted outside, on the south eastern wall of Saxton Pavilion, between the oval and athletics track. It is located in the covered concourse and can be accessed via the cul de sac that runs alongside the north eastern end of these facilities.

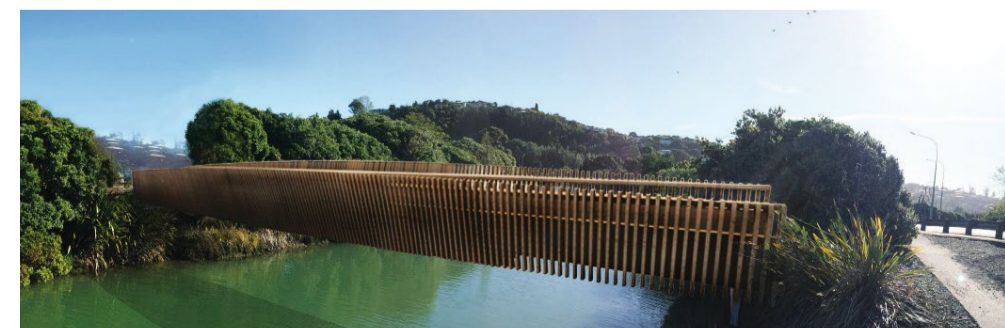


## Saltwater Creek footbridge replacement

Council has a long term goal of improving the connections from the city to the sea.

Another step in this process is the replacement of the existing narrow Saltwater Creek bridge, connecting the Maitai River walkway with the QEII bridge underpass.

This project has been in the planning stages for some time. A design option has now been selected, as shown in the image below. The structure is to be Glulam timber and uses themes found elsewhere along the Maitai River to tie it in.



There will also be a waka theme incorporated which will reflect a waka prow sculpture that is proposed for the nearby landing site. However, the bridge will be understated so as not to cause a possible distraction for motorists on the State Highway.

The bridge will be three metres wide to cater for cyclists as well as pedestrians and will form an improved link between the CBD and the waterfront once the new Haven Rd walking and cycling improvements are completed.

The bridge is currently going through the detailed design process and the overall aim is for construction to be completed by end of June 2018.

## Update on city amenity bylaw and safety

Council is receiving a number of complaints about the increase in the number of people sleeping and residing on Trafalgar Street. These complaints are about the impact that these people are having on the amenity of our central city and the perceived safety of that area.

Council acknowledges these concerns and we will continue to provide information about the steps we are working through to improve city amenity. We reiterate the message that if there are threats to you or another's safety, then it is essential that you contact the Police.

### City Amenity Bylaw Update

The safety and amenity of the central city remains a high priority for Council. The City Amenity Bylaw addresses these issues and follows a process set out in legislation. This has involved a special consultative procedure, where the public is given the opportunity to submit views on a draft bylaw.

319 submissions were received from the public on this draft bylaw.

Following this public consultation, Council heard submissions to the draft City Amenity Bylaw on 21 June 2017. The Council must now take into account the feedback from the community in forming a bylaw.

The next stage of the bylaw process is for Council to make decisions on those submissions, and the community

views expressed at the hearing. This is occurring at the Council meeting on 23 August 2017 in the Council Chamber.

Council has appreciated the input from the public to date and hopes that the outcome of this bylaw process will represent what Nelsonians want for their city centre. We appreciate the patience the public has shown, this is a complicated process and Council must follow due process.

Mayor Rachel Reese expressed her deep concern for the current situation. "We are becoming increasingly concerned about the situation that is escalating on Trafalgar Street. This is having an impact on both retailers and the public in this area. I have been in constant contact with the Police Area Commander to ensure Nelsonians' concerns about public safety issues are well communicated."

"Nelson peoples' tolerance is being tested. People should not be in a situation where they are concerned about their safety. We are looking at all avenues to try and expedite our bylaw process to help resolve this situation in a legally binding manner. To resolve this current situation will require a multi-agency approach, and we continue to engage with all other agencies to ensure help is available at every level. We would like to remind people that if they have an immediate concern about their safety then please contact the Police."

"We all acknowledge that the behaviour occurring is impacting negatively on many people, particularly businesses and employees in this area. We ask Nelsonians to show their loyalty by continuing to support those businesses who are a valuable part of our community."

## Next steps for Tahunanui Cycleway project

Following the recent decision by the Works and Infrastructure Committee to ask staff to revisit the Tahunanui Cycleway, a new approach has been approved by Council.

Based on the clear message from the previous public submissions, the new approach places much stronger emphasis on including key stakeholders and the community in developing the final outcome of a preferred route for the cycleway.

With this in mind, a two stage approach will be used.

The first includes the formation of an advisory group including Chair of the Works and Infrastructure Committee Stuart Walker, Councillor Matt Lawrey, a representative of Bicycle Nelson Bays, a representative of the New Zealand Transport Agency and Council staff.

This group will focus on possible options before moving to the second stage which will involve targeted consultation with the Tahunanui community to finalise a specific route.

The goal, as presented in the report, is to agree a final option for implementation which will be presented to the Works and Infrastructure Committee for approval around March 2018.

## Volunteers stepping up to plant our public spaces

Planting eco-sourced native plants serves many different purposes.

It stabilises erosion prone land and river banks, provides habitat for birds, helps shade streams for native fish and invertebrate populations, maintains the distinctiveness of species native to the region, and just adds to our beautiful, natural landscape.

Council's school planting programme, which has been running for 30 years, has seen 2000 students from 15 different schools planting across the region this year.

Thank you to all the volunteers involved in this winter's planting season, including Nelson Rotary Clubs, Forest and Bird, Nelson College for Girls Envirogroup, Nelson College, Nelson Intermediate, Z Fuel Stoke, Nelson Mountain Bike Club, Friends of the Maitai, Marsden Valley Trapping Group, and the Enner Glynn Brownies.

Our next community planting day is at the Tantragee Reserve in the Brook Valley on Saturday 3 September, from 11am-2pm, all welcome. Wear sturdy footwear, and bring a spade if you have one. We will provide some

light refreshments but bring a picnic if you wish. Mel McColghan from Waimāori and Tim Olley from Fish & Wildlife will be there to talk about some of the work we have been doing in our streams and the life that lives in them.

In case of rainy weather, planting will be postponed until 10 September, same time. Watch Council's Facebook page for updates.



## Biosecurity success recognised

Nelson's commitment to biosecurity was recognised recently at the inaugural New Zealand Biosecurity Awards ceremony, held on Wednesday 2 August at Parliament.

The awards were designed to recognise the contribution made by people and organisations towards protecting against pests and diseases that pose a risk to New Zealand's economy, environment, cultural and social values and health.

The Department of Conservation's Great White Butterfly Eradication Project within Nelson won the top award in the Government section and received the Supreme award.

As part of the Top of the South Marine Biosecurity Partnership, Nelson City Council received a highly commended award in the Government section.

As well as the Council, the Partnership includes Tasman District Council, Marlborough District Council, the Ministry for Primary Industries along with tangata whenua, the Department of Conservation, aquaculture and port companies. The Partnership works to achieve management of the risk of pests and diseases within our marine environment.

Mayor Rachel Reese says biosecurity is becoming an increasingly important issue for New Zealand.

"We all have to be aware of the need to protect our taonga, and to be proactive both individually and on an organisational level to ensure our biosecurity is not compromised."

"I'm heartened to see our region being recognised for its activities in this field, and congratulate both DOC and all members of the Top of the South Marine Biosecurity Partnership on their success in these awards."



L-R: John Hellström, MPI Director-General Martyn Dunne and Minister for Primary Industries Nathan Guy stand with the recipients of the Government 'Highly Commended' certificate, Top of the South Marine Biosecurity Project: Clare Barton (Nelson City Council), Paul Sheldon (Tasman District Council), Jono Underwood (Marlborough District Council) and John Sanson (MPI).

## MEETINGS

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

Council meeting – to deliberate on submissions to draft City Amenity Bylaw  
9am 23 Aug

Works and Infrastructure Committee  
9am 24 Aug

Saxton Field Committee – Netball Pavilion, Saxton Field  
9.30am 30 Aug

Community Services Committee  
9am 31 Aug

Council meeting – to deliberate on submissions to draft Freedom Camping Bylaw  
11am 5 Sep

Hearings Panel – Other  
9.30am 6 Sep

Governance Committee  
9am 7 Sep

Audit, Risk and Finance Subcommittee  
10am 8 Sep

Chief Executive Employment Committee – Ruma Ana  
2pm 8 Sep

Nelson Tasman Regional Landfill Business Unit – Ruma Mārama  
9.30am 15 Sep

Nelson Regional Sewerage Business Unit – Ruma Mārama  
1pm 15 Sep

Civil Defence Emergency Management Group – to hear submissions to the draft Civil Defence Emergency Management Plan  
1.30pm 20 Sep

Council meeting  
9am 21 Sep

Works and Infrastructure Committee  
9am 28 Sep

Audit, Risk and Finance Subcommittee  
1pm 28 Sep

Commercial Subcommittee to follow Audit, Risk and Finance Subcommittee  
28 Sep

### Changes to Meetings

Resource Management Act Hearings – RM 165175 – Gaire Thompson, 1 Boulder Bank Drive, previously advertised to take place at 9am, 25 August  
CANCELLED

Regional Pest Management Joint Committee, previously advertised to take place at 1.30pm, at Nelson City Council Chamber. This meeting will now be held at Tasman District Council's Chamber, 189 Queen Street, Richmond  
11.30am 29 Aug

### Other Meetings

Nelson Youth Council  
1pm 25 Sep

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



## Stopping and parking near a school

Nelson City Council is vigilant about enforcing parking regulations around schools to help keep children safe.

We hear from people who have parked illegally "I'm only here for a minute!" but it only takes a second for tragedy to strike.

Our children can't be seen if we park illegally. When children arrive or leave school each day,

your driving behaviour can either protect or endanger them.

Drivers and children need good visibility around schools to be able to see each other so please choose safe parking every time.

Nelson City Council also has an ongoing programme of working with schools to provide safe options for kids to walk, scooter or cycle to school with the aim of reducing congestion at the school gates.

## Is your organisation looking for funding?

Along with community funding from Nelson City Council, we also maintain a list of other funding sources for community organisations based in Nelson City.

There are over 100 grants, scholarships and loans available and all are listed on our website.

An example is the Network Tasman Trust who offer grants, scholarships and loans to end users of the Network Tasman Ltd line facilities. Applications for the Trust's 2017 grants and loans are now open, and close 1 September 2017. For more information on the funding sources available in our city, head to [nelson.govt.nz/services/community/funding/other-funding-sources/](http://nelson.govt.nz/services/community/funding/other-funding-sources/)

[nelson.govt.nz](http://nelson.govt.nz) Search = other funding sources



# ADULT LEARNERS WEEK 4-10 SEPTEMBER

Brought to you by Nelson Public Libraries and Adult Learning Support Nelson.

Celebrate lifelong learning with free taster sessions, activities and talks for adult learners.



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### MONDAY 4

**2 - 4pm: Bicycle Maintenance with Sport Tasman.** Bring your own bicycle and learn the basics of repair and maintenance in this interactive demonstration.

### TUESDAY 5

**10am - 12.30pm: Writing Workshop with Belinda Mellor.** A creative writing workshop with local author Belinda Mellor, author of the *Silvana* series.

### WEDNESDAY 6

**10.45am - 12pm: Mahjong demonstration with the Nelson Mahjong Club.** See the ancient Chinese game of skill and strategy in action.

**12.30 - 1.30pm: Powers of Attorney and Wills with Nelson Bays Community Law.** A seminar with Nelson Bays Community Law on the basics of making a will and assigning power of attorney.

### THURSDAY 7

**9.30 - 11.30am: Free Online Learning with Nelson Public Libraries.** Learn about the options available to learn for free through online sources, such as Massive Open Online Courses (MOOCs).

**10am - 12pm: Knitting Demonstration with the Nelson Knitters.** See the famous Nelson Knitters in action, and learn a few tips and tricks, and maybe join in with the group.

**10.30am - 12pm: Slow Yoga with Vikki Wilkinson.** Experience the combination of ancient yogic knowledge and modern neuroscience, creating a unique practice for your whole being.

**4 - 5pm: Book Binding with Rosie-Anne Pinney.** Learn the basics of book mending and binding, and bring along a special book that might need a little care, and learn what can be done for it.

### FRIDAY 8

**1pm: Celebration Event and Prize Giving with special guests.** Celebrate Adult Learners Week with all of the participants and tutors, including the presentation of the awards and prizes for our lucky participants.

**3 - 4pm: Ukulele Orchestra with Nelson Public Libraries.** Have a ukulele lying around and looking for something to do with it, or interested in learning this easy and fun instrument? Limited number of instruments provided.

### SATURDAY 9

**10.30am - 12pm: Slow Yoga with Vikki Wilkinson.** Experience the combination of ancient yogic knowledge and modern neuroscience, creating a unique practice for your whole being.

**1.30 - 2.30pm: Understanding Dementia with Heather Lackner.** Knowledge is key to understanding the many changes and challenges for a person living with dementia, and those who support them. Learn about ways to make our community a dynamic and friendly place for all those affected by dementia.

### SUNDAY 10

**2pm: Author Talk - Kate De Goldi.** Close the week with award winning NZ author Kate De Goldi giving a talk titled: **The bulbs run riot:** the undercover agency of literature and reading.

### BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL - SPACES LIMITED.

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