

OUR NELSON

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

Looking for adventure?

The Nelson Tasman Civil Defence and Emergency Management response team, NZ-RT2 is recruiting now for volunteers. The team has previously been deployed to assist with local weather events, the Canterbury earthquakes and the more recent Kaikoura earthquake. There is an open evening on 26 October at Civil Defence in Richmond at 6pm, followed by a selection weekend from 6pm Friday 17 November–6pm Saturday 18 November. If you want to make a real difference to your community, are enthusiastic and committed, have a desire to learn new skills, and can smile when the going gets tough, get in touch with the team now on NZRT2-recruitment@ncc.govt.nz or call 03 543 7290.

Music on the menu

If music be the food of love (so said Shakespeare...) then this year's Festival has a veritable smorgasbord of flavoursome dishes to taste and tempt.

Whether you like your music with a local flavour or spiced up with an international tang, you're in for a couple of weeks of memorable delights when the Nelson Arts Festival kicks off on 11 October.

The good earth of Aotearoa grows an incredible diversity of music styles and sounds, and this is reflected in the Festival offerings over the next couple of weeks.

Shakespeare gets a look in with *Play On* (Theatre Royal, Saturday 14 October) – his greatest soliloquies and sonnets set to contemporary music with an all-star cast that includes Julia Deans, Paul McLaney and Mara TK. Julia Deans also graces our stage with SJD singing *The Saddest Songs in the Universe*, (Festival Mainstage, Thursday 12 October) for which you might need your hanky.

Laughton Kora is joined by his friends Tom Broome and Guy Harrison (who have both played with just about every NZ band you can think of), to bring you a night of electronic funk that will tantalise the ears and give you the overwhelming urge to party hard (Festival Mainstage, Sunday 22 October).

And if you like your musical delights served up with a healthy side-dish of humour, don't miss *The Māori Sidesteps* (Festival Mainstage, Friday 20 October), showcasing some of New Zealand's best-loved entertainers in the hottest showband on the circuit.

For Francophiles and lovers of good music, the Voices New Zealand concert, *Salut Printemps* (Old St John's,

Sunday 22 October) features New Zealand's premier professional choir welcoming in spring with delicious French songs from Debussy, Poulenc and more.

But it's not all homegrown offerings. Irish singer-songwriter *Declan O'Rourke* shares the stage with Canadian band *Vishtèn* to create a Celtic/French/Cajun fusion of traditional songs with a contemporary twist (Festival Mainstage, Sunday 15 October).

Further foreign spiciness can be found with Australian bands *Tijuana Cartel* (Festival Mainstage, Friday 13 October) – East meets West high energy guitar driven world music – and *Lolo Lovina* (Neudorf Vineyards, Saturday 14 October) – Hungarian Romani-Gypsybeats on the Neudorf lawn.

Internationally renowned guitarist *Guy Buttery* (The Boathouse, Friday 20 October) is South Africa's musical ambassador and fingerstyle hero, so don't miss the chance to see him live in our beautiful waterfront setting. *Big Daddy Wilson* is joined by his band from Europe and will be on the Festival Mainstage (Saturday 14 October) with his distinctive southern-spiced blues. And if you're more of a Europop fan, check out *Otto & Astrid's Eurosmash!* for a hilarious, irreverent one-of-a-kind performance from *Die Roten Punkte*.

For the full menu, gig details and tickets, head to nelsonartsfestival.co.nz and plan your Festival fun!

nelsonartsfestival.co.nz

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Council approves new Special Housing Areas

At a full Council meeting on 21 September, Council approved seven new and two amendments to Special Housing Areas (SHAs) for recommendation to the Minister of Building and Construction.

The SHAs considered were:

- 381 Nayland Road
- 40 Tasman Street
- Quail Rise, Marsden Valley
- Atawhai Drive, (Bayview Subdivisions Ltd) (amendment)
- Tasman Heights (KB Quarries Ltd)
- 1a Hill Street North
- 3b and 3c Hill Street North
- 23 Wastney Terrace (amendment)
- 26 Blick Terrace

All approved SHAs are required to seek approval from the Urban Design Panel.

Mayor Rachel Reese says "The continued interest in SHAs from developers shows that Nelson is continuing to grow, and that developers are ready to meet demand for a diverse range of residential housing styles.

"This round of SHAs has provided for a real range and variety of developments, from tiny houses to standard residential lots, to inner city townhouses."



Hang with us this summer

Nelson's hanging baskets have been making our city look special since the turn of the century. They signal the arrival of summer and locals and visitors alike love them.

We'd love to make this year's display better than ever, with all the inner city streets boasting a full complement of baskets, so we're asking all central city businesses for support.

Council only asks each business for a contribution of \$40 ex GST towards the total cost of each basket, which is around \$160 including maintenance over summer. Please join us in making Nelson shine this summer.

You can order your baskets online now at nelson.govt.nz/hanging-baskets or call us on 03 546 0200.

nelson.govt.nz/hanging-baskets



Upper Trafalgar Street trial closure to go ahead

Council has approved the proposal to temporarily close Upper Trafalgar Street to traffic. The trial closure will run from 1 December 2017 until 31 March 2018. Emergency vehicles will have access at all times and delivery vehicles will have access from 7am – 9am every day.

Council asked for feedback on the idea and received 171 submissions with 151 in favour of the proposal. The majority of businesses in Upper Trafalgar Street also indicated their support for the trial closure.

Concerns about the loss of mobility car parks will be addressed by changing the designation of two car parks in Hardy Street to mobility parks and creating a pick up/drop off park in Selwyn Place.

Other submitters thought the effect on traffic flow may be an issue. The New Zealand Transport Agency was consulted and doesn't foresee any problems, but Council will undertake traffic counts on surrounding streets before and during the trial closure to monitor the situation.

Mayor Rachel Reese says "Businesses have welcomed the opportunity to expand their outdoor areas and we believe that locals and visitors will enjoy the pedestrian-friendly space in the centre of the city throughout the summer."

At the end of the trial, a further report will be brought to Council outlining the results of the trial and options in relation to making the summer closure a permanent feature.



Predator proof nest boxes for top of the South bird life

Seeing a family of weka successfully raising their young in her Nelson (Atawhai) garden was the impetus for Kathryn Marshall to start thinking about what she could do to support other native birds.

“The weka were able to thrive because of a local pest trapping programme in the surrounding Nelson hills. That made me think that maybe there was something I could do to help bring back our native birds.”

Kathryn’s original goal was to bring back the mohua, or yellowhead – a once locally common bird we are now only likely to see on the \$100 note and not in our garden or a local reserve. Current populations survive in remote South Island forests and on predator-free islands, but Kathryn’s aim is to bring them back to the more accessible areas of the top of the South, by providing predator-proof nest boxes.

“Mohua are particularly vulnerable to predation on the nest so they are an obvious target. I did a lot of research and spoke to many experts and Peter Gaze suggested that it would be good to start with a bird like the rifleman, and develop a box for them, and then work our way up to the mohua.”

Kathryn has had advice and input from her father, and from ornithologist Peter Gaze, Meg Rutledge of Nelson’s Natureland and members of the Waimea MenzShed, who agreed to make the boxes. Together, with the use of research papers, the team have developed predator proof nest boxes for the rifleman and the kakariki which are

now being deployed around the top of the South.

The rifleman box has a tiny 2.5cm entry hole which stoats and rats cannot squeeze through. The kakariki box has a specially designed pipe entry that the birds like, but pests cannot access.

“Each bird has its different nesting behaviour and requirements so the challenge is designing something that works for each specific species. That’s where the collaboration between Natureland, the MenzShed and Peter Gaze has produced such fantastic results for us.

“We are now constructing boxes for kaka and hope to develop predator proof nest boxes for South Island saddleback and the morepork, as well as the mohua,” says Kathryn.

The first round of rifleman nest boxes are installed in areas where they will do the most good – such as the Halo around the Brook Sanctuary, the Abel Tasman and the Flora Valley.

“This is a very collaborative project that is bringing all sorts of people with different knowledge and skills together to help our native birds survive,” says Kathryn. “I’ve been amazed by the support people are prepared to give – everybody wants a good outcome for our birds.”

Computer classes at the Library



Classes must be booked by phoning 03 546 0414, emailing library@ncc.govt.nz or visiting any of the Libraries. All are welcome, and there is no charge.

Elma Turner Library, Thursdays, 9.30 – 11.00am

Internet Basics	19 Oct
Social Media	20 Oct
Tablets – learn how to use one, or use it better.....	2 Nov
EBooks – enjoy free ebooks from the library	9 Nov
TradeMe – the art of buying and selling online.....	16 Nov
Newspapers Online – PressReader and more	23 Nov
Words with Friends – learn how to play this popular online form of scrabble	30 Nov
Finding Summer Reading – using the library catalogue and other tools	7 Dec

Stoke Library, Thursdays, 8.15 – 9.15am

TradeMe.....	19 Oct
Basic Internet – part 1	2 Nov
Basic Internet – part 2	9 Nov
Introduction to Tablets	23 Nov

nelsonpubliclibraries.co.nz/library/computer-classes/

Freedom camping changes from 1 December

The Nelson City Freedom Camping Bylaw comes into effect from 1 December 2017. Until that date, it is status quo for Freedom Camping in the city, so you can expect to see people camping as they have been for the next two months.

From 1 December, the following will apply:

Non-self-contained vehicles and tents are prohibited from camping anywhere within the city, apart from official campgrounds or at other private accommodation providers.

For certified self-contained vehicles, restrictions have been imposed on the numbers of vehicles and the areas where they can park (as per below).

- **Wakapuaka Reserve Carpark:** Maximum of 3 self-contained vehicles.
- **Maitai Cricket Ground Carpark:** Maximum of 2 self-contained vehicles.
- **Queen Elizabeth II Drive Gardens:** Self-contained vehicles in any available defined car parking areas.
- **Trafalgar Park – Haven Foreshore (Kinzett Terrace Carpark):** Maximum 4 self-contained vehicles in northern Kinzett Tce area.
- **Buxton Carpark:** Maximum of 23 self-contained vehicles.

- **Montgomery Carpark:** Maximum of 25 self-contained vehicles. Freedom camping is not permitted from Friday 10pm until Monday 8am.
- **Wakatu Carpark:** Maximum of 20 self-contained vehicles.
- **Isel Park – Main Road Stoke Carpark:** Maximum of 3 self-contained vehicles in any available defined car parking areas.

The maximum stay in any of the restricted locations is two consecutive nights on no more than two separate occasions in any calendar month.

“Night” is defined as being from 10pm until 7am so vehicles are required to leave by 7am.

In areas where freedom camping is permitted for self-contained vehicles, 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.



Passchendaele 100 years' commemorations in Nelson

On 12 October, Council will commemorate 100 years since Passchendaele, by creating a living art event.

The First Battle of Passchendaele (also known as the third battle of Ypres) was an attempt by the Allies to gain ground during World War One.

In one day, on 12 October 1917, the Allies suffered 13,000 casualties, including 2,735 New Zealanders, of which 845 lost their lives; it was one of the worst days in New Zealand military history.

Council has contracted theatre group Histrionics to mark the centenary of this World War One event.

The group, who were the recipients of the Nelson Tasman TrustPower Supreme Award last year for their education programmes about Gallipoli and the Somme, have taken the names and stories of real, local people affected by the conflict, to create a live, static display appearing around the Nelson area on 12–14 October.

Chair of Council's Community Services Committee, Gaile Noonan, says this event will mark a sombre moment in our history.

"We must ensure we remember occasions like the Passchendaele Offensive. It's an important part of who we are, where we have come from, and hopefully allows us to avoid the atrocities of the past."

Each character in the live display will hold a note reflecting what might have been in their thoughts on that dramatic day. They will not speak or interact, allowing

the audience to form their own thoughts and feelings.

The first commemorative event will be at Nelson's Cathedral steps around the time of start of the offensive at 5.25pm, on 12 October.

There will also be a number of other performances at public places in the Nelson area, including at Saturday's market, Trafalgar Street and Stoke and Richmond, over the following weekend.

Councillor Ian Barker, who works closely on Anzac events for Council, says 100 years is an important milestone.

"It allows us to reflect on our involvement and remember those affected – those who lost their lives, but also those left behind."

Isel House will also be opening its new exhibition named "The Room of the Returned Soldier at the "Bloom" event on the 23 October. The display will represent the room of a soldier just returned from the war, and will be a tribute to local lads who lost their lives in World War One.

Isel Historic House will also be re-opening for the summer season this October and will feature a new display, "Gone Tomorrow: Local Lads of World War One" at their Bloom event on 23 October.

The display will represent the room of a soldier returned from the war, and will also be a tribute to the local lads who lost their lives in WW1 100 years ago.



Do you need a building consent?

Most types of building work need a building consent from Council, but there are some situations where a consent is not required.

The Building Act 2004 Schedule 1 lists the limited works that don't need a building consent.

The Ministry for Building, Innovation and Employment has also produced a guide, "Building work that does not require a building consent" which explains Schedule 1 and provides examples. This guide is available on Council's website.

In addition, Council has further 'pre agreed' discretionary exemptions listed on Council's website. An example would be:

- **Schedule 1 exemption**
Single-storey detached buildings not exceeding 10 square metres in floor area
- **Additional Council exemption**
Single-storey detached buildings not exceeding 15 square metres in floor area

Some simple work, not included in Schedule 1, could be considered for a discretionary building consent exemption.

It is important, however, to understand the intent of these exemptions is not to circumvent the building consent process, but enable the Council to use its discretion to remove the need for a building consent, if it considers a building consent is not necessary, because the completed building work is likely to comply with the building code.

If you apply for a discretionary exemption, remember the exemption may be refused, in which case you would need to obtain a building consent. It's a good idea to factor this possibility

into your timeframes as you will not be able to start work without obtaining either an exemption or a building consent.

If you do apply for an exemption, you'll need to provide a similar level of information to that required for a building consent application. The information provided will assist the officer in determining if the completed work is likely to comply with the building code.

For exemptions the fee varies from \$100 for a standard schedule 1 exemption to \$250 for a discretionary exemption.

And if your project is exempt from a building consent, you still need to make sure your work complies the Nelson Resource Management Plan. You can still choose to notify the council so that your property file maintains a record of the work that has been done.

For more information visit nelson.govt.nz (search = exempt).

The Building Inspections team would like to thank contractors and customers for their patience during a recent period of staff shortages, which has impacted on building inspection booking times. Staffing levels will soon be back to normal and once we have cleared the backlog we hope to be back to normal inspection time frames.

nelson.govt.nz

Search = exempt



The Wall of Honour at Founders Heritage Park lists displays Nelsonians (those who have a connection with the Nelson region, as it was in 1916) who served in all capacities (all armed forces merchant navy medical corps, nurses, chaplains).



Great Kererū Count photo competition winners announced

Nelsonians showed their love for native birds with 97 images entered in our Great Kererū Count Native Bird Photo competition – 40 kererū images and 47 other native birds.

Councillor Brian McGurk, Co-Chair of the Strategy and Environment Committee, chose the winners of the main prize in each category.

“It was very hard to choose – there were some amazing shots and it’s wonderful to see people getting out and photographing our native birds in their natural habitats.”

The winner of the kererū category was Andy Underwood, with highly commended going to Christian Mairoll.

“It was hard to choose between these

two. I loved the colours and light in Christian’s image, but Andy’s shot had such great focus, the eye was very sharp and the composition very simple but effective, and the bird looks so inquisitive.”

The winner of the other native bird category was Vibeke Friis with a stunning image of a tui.

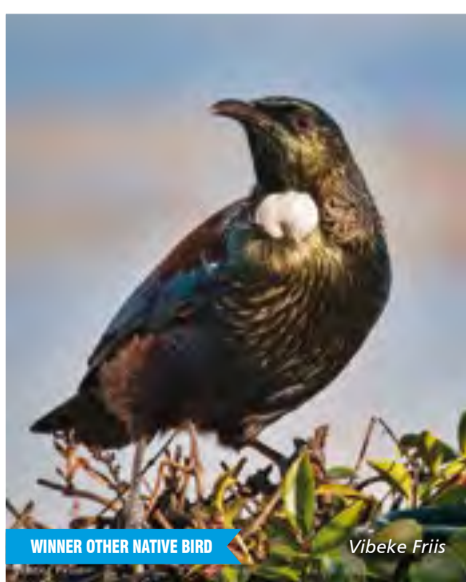
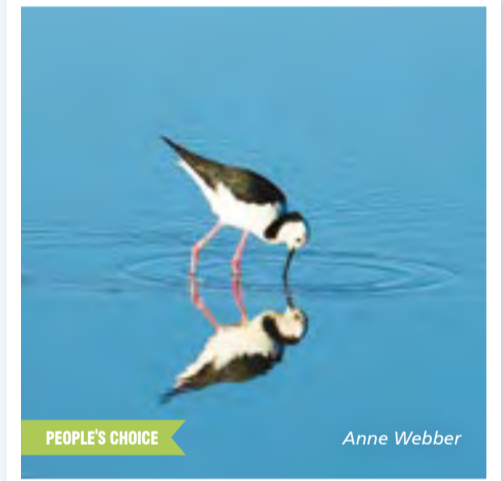
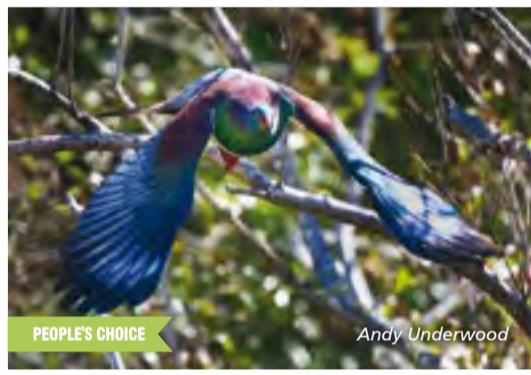
“This image just blew me away – the colours, the composition and the light are all fantastic, the image is sharp and clear – just a wonderful shot.”

The two prize winners each won a self-filling bird feeder.

The People’s Choice winners – judged on Facebook – were in the kererū category, Andy Underwood, Sarah Allsopp and Andy Underwood (again!).

In the Native/Endemic category the winners were Anne Webber (Pied Stilt), Ann Becconsall (Tui) and Andrea Warn (Kea)

Each of the People’s Choice winners won a wooden hanging bird feeder.



MAYOR'S MESSAGE

October is a special time of year in Nelson, with spring on the doorstep and the Nelson Arts Festival, which starts next week, filling our city with life, art and excitement. It's always so rewarding to see the support Nelsonians of all ages give to our Festival, and the breadth of shows in the programme always caters for many different audiences.

For me, the Festival underlines that Nelson is a great place to bring up families. We've got so much to offer – and that includes fantastic family shows in our Arts Festival every year. *Sunny Ray and the Magnificent Moon* has the sun and moon breaking the rules to party all night. There's also *An Awfully Big Adventure* making the history of World War One come alive for the next generation, with humour and unforgettable story telling. Both of these shows have a family ticket price available.

Nelson production *Kokako's Song* is already sold out – fantastic to see such enthusiasm for a show that combines nature, families and local talent.

The other event I think will be great for children is part of the *Page & Blackmore Readers and Writers* programme – Toby Morris is an acclaimed children's book author who will be reading from his books *Capsicum Caspi Go* and *The Day the Programmes Stuck*.

If you're looking for a family show on the big stage, then *PSS PSS*, a Swiss clowning/circus/theatre production at the Theatre Royal could be the ticket – it's fun, physical and enthralling and would delight the kids, the grandparents and anyone in between!

This is all rounded off with the Masked Parade & Carnivale which this year is the final fabulous flourish of the Arts Festival. This is the annual, iconic excuse for people of all ages to dress up in costume and masks and walk, dance and chant their way around our streets. If you're not in the parade then go down and cheer them on – it's part of what makes Nelson a very special place.



TRY GOLF FOR FREE DURING OCTOBER!

To celebrate the changes at Waahi Taakaro Golf Course, we are offering a FREE round of golf to first time users.

You'll receive 9 holes of golf and equipment hire. Offer available every Saturday and Sunday during October only. Limited spots available so be quick! Register your interest via email waahitaakaroproshop@golf.co.nz. Get your friends and family together to play a round.



NIGHTINGALE LIBRARY MEMORIAL REOPENING

Sunday 15 October, 11am – 1pm

Join us for a family fun event at Nightingale Library Memorial in Tahunanui to celebrate the library reopening after major improvements. Tea and coffee provided by the Guardians of Nightingale Library.

11AM FORMALITIES

11.30AM STORYTIME

PLUS GUINNESS WORLD RECORD ATTEMPT FOR MOST CHILDREN INVOLVED IN STORYTIME!

12PM MAGIC SHOW!



Come along to this great school holiday event with fun for the whole family!



Labour Day to be bloomin' good

Nelson's annual celebration of Spring at Isel House and Park has a new name – *Bloom*.

Formerly Isel in Bloom, this year's event kicks off Nelson's new Festival of Flowers.

This year's event will be held on Labour Day, Monday 23 October from 11am–3pm and is a fantastic way to enjoy four hectares of gardens and woodland at Isel Park.

Enjoy floral displays and stalls, garden tours and workshops, live entertainment for children and adults alike, and of course the expert gardening panel is back again, to help you with tips and tricks.

Isel Historic House will also be re-opening for the summer season and will feature a new display, "*Gone Tomorrow: Local Lads of World War One*" at this year's event. The display will represent the room of a soldier returned from the war, and will also be a tribute to the local lads who lost their lives in WW1, 100 years ago.

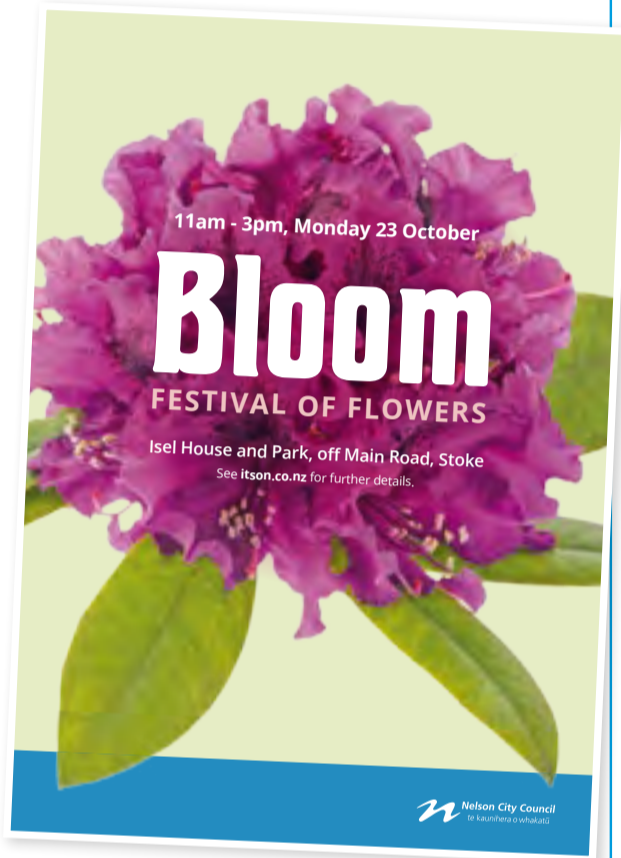
Nelson City Council Community Services Committee Chair, Gaile Noonan, says Bloom is a great event that allows the public to enjoy the start of the warmer seasons.

"It's the perfect time to enjoy our beautiful historic house and the stunning gardens and flowers, as the park emerges from winter hibernation."

Entry to the event is free, so come along, bring a picnic and enjoy the fun.

Event details

What: Bloom (formerly Isel in Bloom)
Where: Isel House and Park, Stoke
When: Monday 23 October, 11am–3pm
Entry: Free



MEETINGS

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

Hearings Panel – Other – Ruma Mārama
 8.30am 5 October

Sports and Recreation Committee
 9am 5 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

Changes to Meetings

Resource Management Act Hearings – RM 145254 – Raines Dam
 CANCELLED New date TBC

Saxton Field Committee – Netball Pavilion, Saxton Field
 3pm 16 October

Other Meetings

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



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. For more information go to:



nelson.govt.nz/secondhandsunday

WHAT'S HAPPENING SPRING 2017

Saturday 30 September to Sunday 15 October
WILD ABOUT WIND
Come to Founders to blow the cobwebs away these holidays with wind inspired activities. Free school holiday activity.

Monday 2 to Friday 7 October **LEGEND KIDS**
School holiday programme.
www.legendkids.co.nz

Tuesday 3 & Wednesday 4 October **FABTIVE**
2 Day creative arts holiday programme.
Email sambanelson@gmail.com

Friday 6 October, 3 November & 1 December
FOOD TRUCK FRIDAY
At Park Life Brewing Co. from 5pm.
See [f](#) or [Its On](#) for details

Wednesday 11 – Monday 23 October
NELSON ARTS FESTIVAL
Stunning programme packed with theatre, music, comedy, dance, cabaret, writers talks, family shows and visual arts.
www.nelsonartsfestival.co.nz

Saturday 14 October
100TH ANNIVERSARY OF PASSCHENDAELE
Nelson Historical Society is hosting an public information and commemorative display in the Garden of Remembrance.

Admission: \$7 Adults, under 12 free, \$15 family, locals free with ID
87 Atawhai Drive, Nelson • 03 548 2649
www.founderspark.co.nz

Founders Heritage Park
Nelson City Council

Youth Council update

As 2017 continues to race past us, the Nelson Youth Council has been busy continuing current projects whilst organising for next year.

2018 Youth Council enrolments are now open which means our current youth councillors have the important job of engaging interested youth to ensure we have another strong Youth Council for next year. We are focused on building a strong and diverse 2018 Youth Council so this is a critical part of the year for us.

We have also been able to give our feedback on the Youth Strategy Action Plan. This was very exciting as it gave us the opportunity to express our collective views and knowledge on what young people in Nelson require to grow through engagement and support. We are looking forward to seeing the outcome of this!

Alongside this, we have had the exciting opportunity of running a Skate Park mural competition for Nelson's young people. This competition allowed Nelson's young artists the chance to express their artistic talents to the rest of the community along with putting their stamp on Nelson. Our competition has now come to a close, so keep an eye out for the results!

THE BOX ROOM

Broadgreen HISTORIC HOUSE

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

Broadgreen House is open daily, all year round
(except Christmas Day and Good Friday)
10.30am - 4.30pm (Oct to Mar)
11am - 3pm (Jan to Sept)

276 Bayland Road, 7104, Nelson
Phone: +64 9 547 9821 • www.nelson.govt.nz/visit/broadgreen

CHECK OUT...

Brand new Top of the South Maps out now!
Have a look at detailed local maps, including historic aerial photos.

topofthesouthmaps.co.nz