

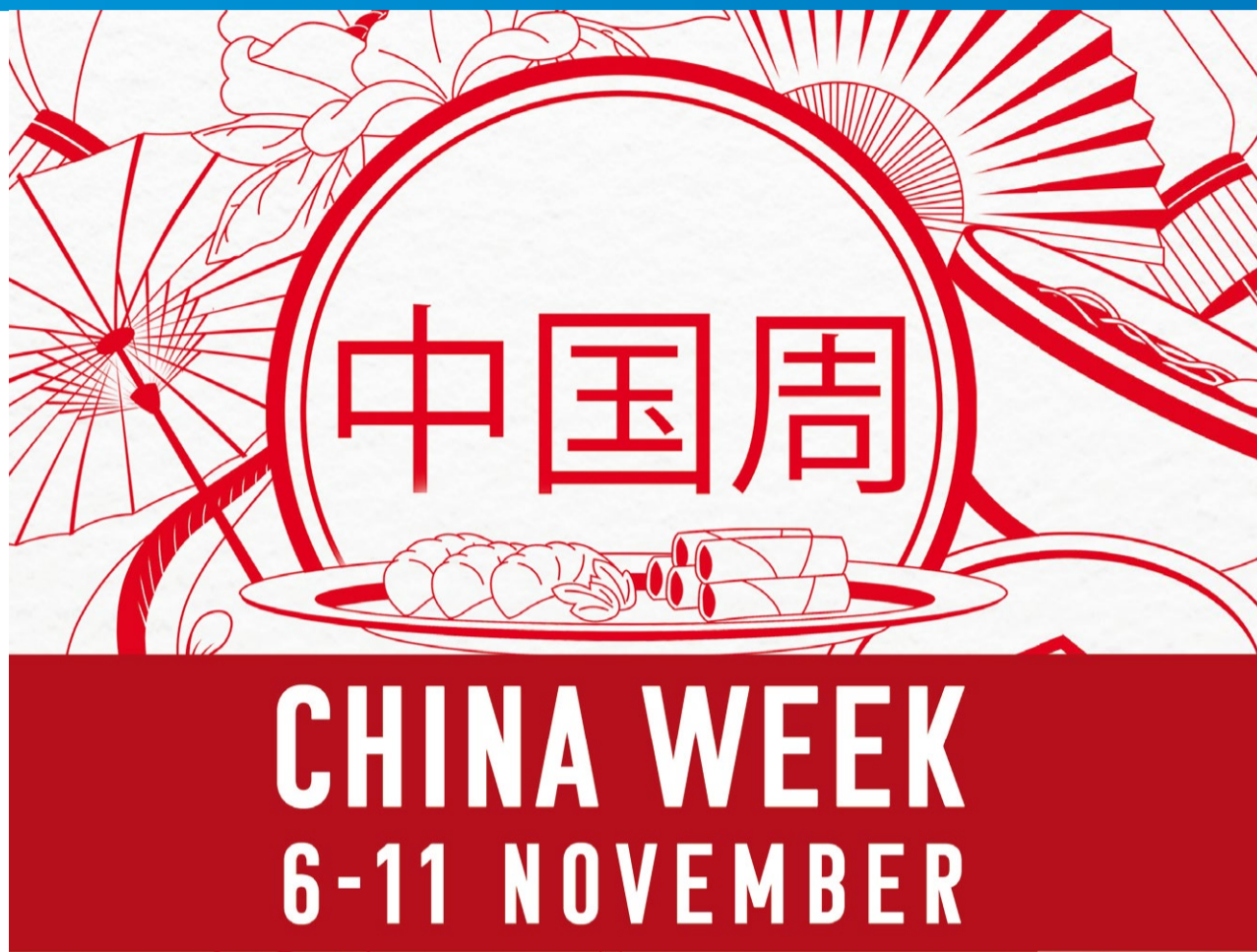
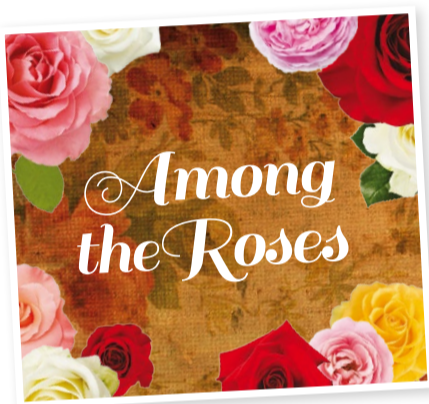
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Keep up to date with the latest news from Nelson City Council

Save the date!

Keep Sunday 3 December free for the stunning annual "Among the Roses" event at Broadgreen Historic House from 2–6pm. Sip, snack and relax with music from Yulia and others, all among the beautiful display of roses.



China Week comes to Nelson

Nelson is set to celebrate China Week again this year, from 6–11 November.

A range of private and public events are planned throughout the week with much for everyone to enjoy.

Mayor Rachel Reese says, "China Week is about celebrating our close relationship and recognising our historical links with China.

"I am particularly proud of our city's long standing connections with China, through our Sister Cities, Huangshi and Yangjiang. Since signing our sister city agreement in 1995, there have been over 20 educational, medical, cultural, business, sporting, and municipal exchanges between our cities."

Chinese Consulate General, Mr Wang Zhijian is very supportive of China week and hopes everyone will go along to the events and enjoy experiencing a taste of China.

The public events are listed below. For more details visit nelson.govt.nz/china-week.

Wednesday 8 November

Doing Business with China – Workshop for Businesses
Morning session: 9am–12pm, BNZ Business Centre Trafalgar St. Afternoon session: 1.30–4pm, BNZ Business Centre, Trafalgar St. Please RSVP to Helen Riddle by Friday 3 November, Nelson Regional Development Agency – helen@nrda.co.nz – 03 545 6858.

Business Networking Function

5–6.30pm, BNZ Business Centre Nelson.
A chance for businesses interested in "Doing Business with China" to network, hosted by BNZ. Limited numbers – RSVP to Sara Shalders, NZTE, by Friday 3 November. Email sara.shalders@nzte.govt.nz.

Tai Chi Demonstration and Have a Go

12–1pm, 1903 Site, Trafalgar Street Nelson.

Thursday 9 November

Theatre and Music Night (Public event)

7–9.30pm at the Theatre Royal. A night of music and theatre from Minzhu Road Primary School and Guiya Road Primary School (both visiting Nelson from China for "China Week") and guests. Tickets \$5, available from Theatre Royal.

Saturday 11 November

Community Day at NMIT (Free public event)

From 11am–3pm in the Student Centre and Quad Area. Check out a wide range of activities including the Confucius Institute presenting Chinese Calligraphy, Chinese knot making and Chinese lantern making; food and refreshments, music, art displays, table tennis, and performances from visiting schools and more.

Throughout the week

Events running throughout the week include Nelson Museum History Display Boards on Appo Hocton at Nelson Public Library and the Rewi Alley and Art Exhibition, Trafalgar Centre northern end, 10–4pm daily from Tuesday 7–Saturday 11 November.

nelson.govt.nz/china-week



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Mayor presents Bravery Awards

Mayor Rachel Reese recently presented two Nelson police officers with Bravery Awards on behalf of the Royal Humane Society.

Constable Simon Thomas and Senior Constable Michael Moorhouse responded to an emergency call from Tahunanui beach in the early hours of the morning. Three people (two female and one male) had entered the water and hadn't returned. The current was strong and the trio were not believed to be strong swimmers.

When the police officers arrived, the male had already made it safely back to shore, and Senior Constable Moorhouse managed to locate the females in his torchlight, showing them to be about one-hundred metres off shore with the water up to their necks.

The two officers quickly stripped off their gear and swam out to the pair. They both worked tirelessly to bring both back to shore, despite one of the girls refusing to comply with instructions to lie on her back, which resulted in Constable Thomas being pulled under the water several times.

The officers successfully brought both females safely back to shore where they were taken to hospital for observation and treatment. Both officers suffered from exhaustion as a result of the rescue.

Mayor Reese was delighted to present the Royal Humane Society's Bronze Award to both officers for their heroic actions.

Buy your wood now!

The cheapest time to buy your wood for next winter is NOW!

And to make it even more of a good deal, Council and selected Good Wood suppliers are offering a limited number of firewood discounts to Nelson residents who buy their wood in November. Purchasers will also go in the draw to win a flue clean.

Good Wood suppliers committed to only selling good quality dry wood, and we're working with them to bring you the best value firewood in town.

The suppliers taking part are:

NCC + supplier discount (\$50 total discount – one per household)

- The Wright Firewood Company

NCC discount only (\$25 discount per load – one per household)

- Richmond Wood and Coal Ltd
- Tasman Firewood
- Bay Firewood
- Wholesale Firewood
- Wholesale Landscapes

To receive your discount you'll need to provide proof of address when you buy your wood. Discounts are available to Nelson residents only, one load per household, until the end of November. At the end of November, all purchasers will go in the draw to win a free flue clean.



MAYOR'S MESSAGE

Inviting Nature into our City

There are lots of good things about living in Nelson and one of our strengths is how much we care about our beautiful environment. We're pest trappers, tree planters and bird watchers. Our tamariki are leading the way with school gardens and stream care groups.

But there is still plenty to do to make our city an even better place, especially when it comes to our native plants and wildlife.

Before becoming Mayor, I was Chair of the Nelson Biodiversity Forum for six years, so it's not surprising that I've supported a focus on biodiversity across the whole Council. That focus will continue and strengthen in our next Long Term Plan.

Recently the Planning and Regulatory Committee agreed to support the recommendations of the Biodiversity Challenge Report, a Local Government New Zealand thinkpiece on biodiversity management.

The report highlights five required shifts in biodiversity management. These are: stronger leadership and clearer lines of accountability, building on existing programmes, better information, better collaboration and a coherent legislative framework. It's a useful platform for the step change that is needed to halt declines in biodiversity across New Zealand.

I am proud of the long standing commitment Nelson has made to on-the-ground biodiversity initiatives and knowledge building. Council is already giving effect to many of the actions identified in the Biodiversity Challenge Report, through a review of our Biodiversity Strategy and through our ten-year Nelson Nature programme.

Nelson Nature is proving to be a highly effective model for cross-agency partnership and sustained operational investment. A great example is our Forestry Strategy, which is seeing the retirement

of 40ha of Douglas Fir plantation to reduce the spread of wilding pines, alongside a control programme to remove these weeds from our valuable ecosystems.

Nelson Nature is also providing a basis for coordinated action involving multiple stakeholders on other pests like wild pigs and goats, invasive vines and introduced predators.

Support for the Biodiversity Challenge Report also aligned with the messages from Professor Bruce Clarkson who delivered this year's Cawthron Memorial Lecture titled "Bringing indigenous nature back into our New Zealand Cities."

Professor Clarkson gave a very clear message that, while our cities can be pretty bleak places when it comes to biodiversity, if communities and councils take on the challenge we can really make a difference. Professor Clarkson noted the positive work that is underway in Nelson and encouraged us to keep working on the gains we are making.

That's my plan and all positive suggestions on next projects are welcome. Maybe a green wall for the Civic House Clock Tower?





Pest trapping workshop

3 December 2017, Saxton Netball Pavilion

Help us restore our native wildlife by trapping invasive predators such as rats, stoats and possums!

Join us at Saxton Netball Pavilion on 3 December 2017 for an inspiring and informative day of presentations, workshops, information and assistance for anyone involved with, or wanting to get involved with, invasive animal predator trapping in the Top of the South.

The day will feature talks and presentations from national and local speakers, including Nic Toki, Threatened Species Ambassador from the Department of Conservation.

Prepare to be inspired, learn the latest in predator control science and how to make sure you are achieving

the results you want for our native wildlife. Take part in practical workshops and discussions on trapping techniques and common challenges.

Lunch will be provided, and there will be plenty of opportunity to connect with other projects and people from across the region.

Supported by Nelson City Council, The Brook Waimarama Sanctuary, Department of Conservation, Tasman District Council, and Predator Free 2050.

Register online at trapping-workshop.lilregie.com

For more information, email leigh.marshall@ncc.govt.nz.

Registrations close on 27 November 2017.

trapping-workshop.lilregie.com

Event details

What: Top of the South Pest Trapping Workshop
Where: Saxton Netball Pavilion, Stoke
When: Sunday 3 December, 8.30am–4.30pm



And this is my picture...

Keep your eyes peeled for the new Arts Council Nelson (ACN) displays celebrating the work of very young artists.

Pictures will be displayed in fixed frames installed on walls outside the main entrance of the Elma Turner Library, and on the Westpac Bank in Trafalgar Street.

Following a call for submissions, ACN selected eight images which will appear in turn over the summer and autumn months.

Kicking the project off are 'Birds' by Thora Moffat and 'Lions' by Hannah Thomas.

The project is supported by Nelson City Council. Keep an eye out for these awesome pictures when you are in town.



NATURE'S HERO



Don Sullivan (right) with Corrie Jacobs, Principal - Nelson Christian Academy.

This month's Nature's Hero is Don Sullivan.

If the call of the South Island kokako is heard again in the hills around Nelson, Don Sullivan will be a happy man.

Don is a familiar face around the parks and reserves of Nelson, where he keeps busy trapping, weeding, planting and protecting our native plants and animals. In 2007, he was instrumental in setting up the Marsden Valley Trapping Group, and has built and helped distribute around 7,500 traps.

"When I started in the valley ten years ago I counted 32 native birds – that was it." Since then, thanks to the trapping and pest control work the group has undertaken, the area is thick with tui and bellbirds. The kokako is a bit more elusive though. "I was up the track one day and saw this bird come spiralling down but by the time I got my camera it had gone. It was distinctive though."

That was 18 months ago and, although he spent five days looking for the bird, there have been no sightings since.

Don's also built and installed wētā motels through the forest and has been working on a new walking track, as well as working with local private landowners to set up trap lines.

"Planting and trapping is the best way to make a difference to biodiversity," says Don.

Recently he's been hard at work at Nelson Christian Academy, where he's been working with the school to weed, plant and maintain native plants along the banks of Poorman Valley Stream, which runs through the school grounds.

"It's fantastic to see the progress that's been made," says Nelson Christian Academy Principal Corrie Jacobs. "Don spent over 65 hours clearing away Old Man's Beard along the stream edge, and soon the stream will be lined with native trees. Don's done an amazing job of working with the school – and it's a visible site where people can see what can be done."

Don says he just likes being out in the bush and he obviously gets an enormous amount of satisfaction from the work he is doing. He often helps to get a project underway, and then gets people involved so they can take over. He's getting more involved in the search for the kokako around the South Island, and maybe one day he'll hear its call in Marsden Valley.



Draft International Relationships Policy open for feedback

Nelson City Council has approved a draft International Relationships Policy for consultation with the community.

The draft International Relationships Policy has been developed with input from the Sister Cities

Co-ordinating Group. It aims to give guidance on:

- Managing existing relationships and requests for future relationships
- Protocols in relation to visits between cities Council has a formal relationship with
- Allocation of budgets
- Roles and responsibilities of Council staff and community volunteers.

Council welcomes any feedback you may wish to give. Submissions close on Friday 17 November 2017.

You can see the full policy online and share your feedback at nelson.govt.nz/consultations or email them through to submissions@mcc.govt.nz.

nelson.govt.nz/consultations

SciTec Expo winners making a difference

The 2017 Cawthron Scitec Youth Leadership Awards were presented at a ceremony on 18 October, at the Elim Church in Stoke.

Students from primary, intermediate and secondary schools designed and presented projects at the Cawthron Scitec Expo in September. The winning projects received a certificate and a cheque for \$100, with awards being presented by Tasman Mayor Richard Kempthorne, and Nelson Councillor Mel Courtney.

The Leadership Awards focussed on sustainability and making a difference to the environment.

"It is great that two of the Nelson school winners of this award presented support for Project Maitai/Mahitahi," said Councillor Courtney. "The other winners have used technology to promote water conservation with urban growth in mind and trialled ways to reduce air and noise pollution and a wasted natural resource.

"Nelson City Council would like to take this opportunity to congratulate and thank all of the students for their contributions to our environment through their SciTec Expo projects."

The winners were:

- **Primary level – Victory Primary School – ‘Breathe’ (Art-Science)**
Sarah Innes-Walker (Year 1 – 6)
Dylan Browning (Year 1 – 6)
Abbe Stewart (Year 1 – 6)
Ruby Thomas (Year 1 – 6)
Kasha Duggen (Year 1 – 6)
Max Cinzah (Year 1 – 6)
- **Intermediate 1 – Nelson Intermediate ‘Hydroponic solution’ – automated closed water cycling and minimizing garden area for urban space (Technology)**
Oliver Patel (Year 7 – 8 equal)
- **Intermediate 2 – St Joseph’s ‘Go quietly or go home’ electric motorised dirt bike**
Luke Heaphy (Year 7 – 8 equal)
- **Junior secondary 1 – Nelson College ‘Weir channeling on the Brook’**
George Burgess (Year 9 – 10 equal)
- **Junior secondary 2 – Nelson College for Girls ‘Wagging Lagging’ – use of otherwise wasted dog hair for insulation**
Jasmine Cuff (Year 9 – 10 equal)
- **Senior Secondary – Waimea College ‘Automated watering system’**
Henry Moreton (Year 11 – 13)



Consultation on Council’s proposed contribution to the Waimea Dam project

Nelson City Council will consult with the community on a proposal to contribute \$5 million to the Waimea Community Dam project, in the form of a grant.

At a full Council meeting on Wednesday 18 October, Council received a staff recommendation to proceed with a grant. This recommendation was based on economic and regional water supply benefits and Council’s approach to working collaboratively with partners to achieve the best outcome for the Nelson Tasman region. Council has previously indicated the importance of a regional approach to water. The 2015 – 2025 Long term plan stated:

The proposed Lee Valley Dam (now called the Waimea Community Dam) is a regionally important project and Council believes there is an economic benefit for Nelson ratepayers even though the location is in Tasman.

At this stage, no specific allocation has been made in the Plan, but headroom for the debt associated with a possible contribution has been allowed for in 2018/19, to align with construction phases should the dam proceed.

Currently, residents and industrial water users in Nelson South (Champion Road/Saxton area and Whakatū Industrial Estate) rely on water provided by Tasman District Council. Therefore any regional project that has an impact on water supply to Nelson residents and businesses is of considerable interest to Nelson City Council.

Mayor Rachel Reese says that Council wants to hear what Nelsonians have to say on the city’s possible contribution to this project.

"This project is fundamentally an issue of regional cooperation and an intertwined regional economy

that benefits both Nelson City and Tasman District. \$5 million is a significant capital investment, and there is likely to be considerable public interest in the Waimea Community Dam project and the funding model for any Nelson City Council contribution."

Other options included the purchase of shares in the Dam Company, or to make no contribution to the project.

It was resolved to undertake a Special Consultative Procedure that will allow for submissions and hearings before a final decision is made on Council's involvement with the Waimea Community Dam.

The public are able to get a copy of the "Statement of Proposal" and submission forms from all Nelson Public Libraries, and from Civic House (110 Trafalgar Street, Nelson). Forms are also be available online at nelson.govt.nz.

Nelsonians will have until 5pm Monday 27 November to have their say on the proposal, and a hearing is scheduled to be held on 7 December. Please indicate in your submission if you would like to be heard by Council.

Submissions can be made:

- Online at nelson.govt.nz
- By email to submissions@ncc.govt.nz
- In person delivering the submission form to Civic House, Customer Service Centre
- By post to Waimea Dam, PO Box 645, Nelson 7040



Draft charges under the Resource Management Act and Housing Accord and Special Housing Areas Act – Consultation

Nelson City Council invites submissions on the proposed charges for activities relating to applications under the Housing Accord and Special Housing Areas Act, planning documents, resource consents and the new processes under the Resource Legislation Amendment Act that take effect from 18 October 2017.

The Statement of Proposal, which includes a detailed assessment of the proposed changes to the charges, can be viewed on Council's website, nelson.govt.nz. Copies are available free of charge from Civic House, 110 Trafalgar Street, Nelson City Council public libraries or on request.

Anyone is welcome to make a submission by:

- Visiting nelson.govt.nz/consultations and clicking on the link which will take you to the online submission form for the Charges under the Resource Management Act and Special Housing Areas Act
- Email to submissions@ncc.govt.nz
- Dropping your submission form into Civic House, 110 Trafalgar Street, Nelson
- Posting your submission form to:
Draft Charges under the RMA and HASHAA, Nelson City Council, PO Box 645, Nelson 7040

Submissions must be received no later than 5pm on Friday 20 November 2017.

Any person who wishes to speak to the Council in support of their submission will be given the opportunity to do so.

For more information, contact Mandy Bishop on 545 8740 or email mandy.bishop@ncc.govt.nz.

nelson.govt.nz/consultations

New resource consent types for simple activities

The Resource Legislation Amendment Act 2017 has introduced new resource consent types to enable planners to deem certain activities, where there is a technical rule breach or minimal impact, permitted, and to fast track some of the more simple resource consents (i.e. simple 'no brainer' applications). Full details of these legislative changes can be found on the following website: mfe.govt.nz/rma/reforms-and-amendments/about-resource-legislation-amendment-act-2017.

The new resource consent types are:

1. Deemed Permitted Boundary Activity

An example of a deemed permitted boundary activity would be an extension to a house that breaches a set-back requirement with a neighbour's boundary, but the neighbour with the infringed boundary has provided written approval.

The key things you need to know about this new type of resource consent are:

- There is a separate application form for this type of activity and a separate written approval form for the neighbour giving written approval to sign
- There will be a minimal fixed fee of \$300 for these applications. There will be no refunds or additional charges for permitted boundary activities
- Applicants need to supply a list of names and addresses of each owner with an infringed boundary, and a set of plans and affected party approval form signed by the neighbours on the infringed boundary

- Council planners are required to process this type of application within 10 working days.

2. Fast-Track Resource Consent

An application can only be processed as a Fast Track application if the activity is a Controlled Activity under the District Plan (and not a subdivision). An example of this would be an application to relocate a building from another site into a residential area.

The key things you need to know about this new type of resource consent are:

- There is a separate application form for this type of activity
- We only need (and must have) an email address for the applicant
- Council planners are required to process this type of application within 10 working days.

Only certain (and very few) applications can be processed as Fast-Track Resource Consents. If you are unsure whether or not your application qualifies, please book an appointment to see the duty planner. To book, please call our Customer Services team on 03 546 0200.

Youth Strategy gets go ahead

Nelson's youth are stepping up to the mark, showing they are keen to be involved in Nelson's future, and Council is backing them with support and funding.

Council's Community Services Committee recently signed off on the Youth Strategy Action Plan, which allocates \$78,400 in the Annual Plan for youth activity. Interest in the Youth Council is strong, with over 50 applications for the year ahead.

Councillor Noonan said that by signing off on the Plan, Council is

committing to making sure it has a youth-driven policy.

"This project has been a success as it has had youth involvement from the beginning, and all the way through. I'm proud that we have a youth driven and led policy, as they will be the ones to drive this into the future."



Youth Councillors Alana James and Jenna Stallard with Councillor Gaile Noonan and the approved Youth Strategy Action Plan.

Nelson Festivals Trust (Nelson Arts Festival) – Board Chair

Nelson City Council is seeking expressions of interest from suitably qualified individuals for the position of Chair for the Nelson Festivals Trust, an independent Charitable Trust that is being established to be primarily responsible for the governance and operations of the Nelson Arts Festival.

In this role, candidates will need experience as a Board Chair, and will bring a strong and collaborative leadership style. We are looking for candidates with the following experience and capabilities:

- A strong passion for the arts, events and community
- The ability to provide strategic leadership
- A successful background in business or events management
- Strong economic and financial skills
- Strong influencing skills
- Objectivity in decision making.

The Trust is being established to shadow the 2018 Nelson Arts Festival and to operate the Festival in full from 2019. The initial role of the Chair will be to appoint the remaining Trust Board members and oversee the transition of operations from the Council to the Trust.

There will be an application process for the remaining board members once the Chair is appointed. (No remuneration is offered for Trust Board Chair or Member positions).

Chair of the Community Services Committee, Gaile Noonan, expressed her excitement at appointing a skilled Chair who will bring passion and flair to Nelson's iconic arts and performance event.

"The Nelson Arts Festival is an iconic event which is hugely popular with locals and visitors alike. We know there will be a well-qualified person who will jump at the chance to lead the establishment of the Arts Festival Trust and to ensure this event continues as one of the highlights on Nelson's cultural calendar."

Applications close at 4pm on Friday 10 November 2017. This recruitment process is subject to final Council approval.

For more information, and a copy of the application form, please contact Shanine Raggett, Manager Community Partnerships, Nelson City Council: 03 546 0421 or shanine.raggett@ncc.govt.nz



Masked Parade brings the world to Nelson

This year's Masked Parade saw the streets of Nelson buzzing with globally-themed costumes, music and dance. Over 3,500 people joined in the parade, including entries from schools, early childhood centres, youth organisations, community groups and individuals.

The theme for this year's event, We Are The World, inspired some wonderfully creative interpretations from Parade participants.

With many strong entries to choose from, the judges found it hard to make a decision.

Chair of the Community Services Committee Gaile Noonan says that the parade was a fantastic spectacle on the streets of Nelson with schools, early childhood centres, individuals and community groups all responding creatively to the theme.

"The Masked Parade is when Nelson's creative heart gets to come out and play. Memories are made on the streets of Nelson on Masked Parade night, and we're getting to the stage where we have parents in the Parade who took part in it as children. Council has enjoyed working with the community to deliver another successful Masked Parade."

The winners in each category were:

- **School Category**
1st – Upper Moutere School
2nd – Waimea and Nelson Intermediate combined
- **Group Category**
1st – Sambassadors
2nd – Taoist Tai Chi Society
- **Individual Category**
1st – Mike Ward
2nd – Karl Wulff
- **The Kim Merry Supreme Award Trophy for the best of the winners**
Upper Moutere School

Save the Date!

What: 2018 Masked Parade & Carnivale
Theme: Weird & Wonderful
When: Friday 26 October 2018



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Building our Nelson Plan

Council recently signed off on an updated timeline for the Nelson Plan, which provides further opportunities for stakeholder and public engagement over the next two years, to inform Council's planning process and help build our Nelson Plan.

The community can expect to see a full draft of the Nelson Plan in August 2018. Council is very keen to hear from the community both before and after August. The formal opportunities for public feedback will be from mid-August to mid-November 2018, and during January and February 2019. If you have any feedback outside of those times please email nelson.plan@ncc.govt.nz.

"We want to make sure that we engage throughout the review process, so that when we release the draft plan to the public we are providing them with a well-informed robust document that they can then give meaningful input to," says Clare Barton, Group Manager Strategy and Environment.

Timeline to release of Nelson Plan

- **OCT – NOV 2017**
Compile 'rough cut' Plan
- **NOV – FEB 2018**
Peer/Proof Review and Consent Testing
- **BY END MAR 2018**
First Revision
- **BY END JUN 2018**
Iwi, Statutory Stakeholder and Legal Review
- **BY END JUL 2018**
Second Revision
- **BY MID AUG 2018**
Public release of Draft Plan
- **MID AUG – MID NOV 2018**
Public Engagement on Draft Plan
- **MID NOV – END DEC 2018**
Summarise Feedback
- **JAN – FEB 2019**
Third Revision
- **MID MAR 2019**
Signal Key Changes
- **MID APR 2019**
Peer/Proof/Legal Review
- **BY MID MAY 2019**
Council Approval
- **END MAY 2019**
Public Notification
- **JUN – JUL 2019**
Engagement on Proposed Plan



MEETINGS

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

Joint Committee of Tasman District and Nelson City Councils	9am	7 Nov
Hearings Panel – Other – Ruma Mārama	8.30am	9 Nov
Council meeting	9am	9 Nov
Audit, Risk and Finance Subcommittee	9am	14 Nov
Joint Shareholders Committee	1.30pm	14 Nov
Nelson Tasman Civil Defence Emergency Management Group to follow Joint Shareholders Committee		14 Nov
Forestry Advisory Group	3pm	15 Nov
Commercial Subcommittee	1pm	16 Nov

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

Harbourmasters Challenge!

It's Harbourmaster's Challenge day on Sunday 5 November, so head down to Tahunanui Beach at 9am to take part in a series of fun water-based activities.

This is your chance to have a go at waka ama paddling, rowing, stand up paddling and sea kayaking in a fun, safe environment. There will be food, fun, coffee and prizes so get down there and join in!

And if you are interested in water sports over the coming months, here's a round-up of local community groups who can help you get out on the water:

- **Coastguard Nelson**
The primary provider of marine search and rescue services, with professional well-trained volunteers on call, ready to respond to any situation of distress on the water in the wider Tasman Bay

area. We train on Tuesday evenings and Saturday mornings, and welcome new volunteers.

Contact: 03 548 8300, or enquiries@coastguardnelson.co.nz

- **Nelson Surf Life Saving Club**
Surf Life Saving offers the opportunity to take part in Surf Sport events, gain awards and training, all while increasing your confidence in and around the water.
Contact: nelsonslsc.org.nz
- **Iron Duke Sea Scout Group**
Sea Scouts use the sea and boats to train children and young people to work in teams and gain leadership skills.
Contact: groupleaderidss@gmail.com
- **Nelson Yacht Club Inc.**
A family-friendly sailing club focused on providing watersports opportunities for people in the Nelson region including kids and adults of all abilities.
Contact: nelsonyachtclub.org.nz

- **Nelson Triathlon and Multisport Club**
The Port Nelson open water swim series commences on Thursday 9 November at 6.15pm from the Nelson Yacht Club. The Clements Windows and Doors Endurance Series provides an extra challenge with longer swims.
Contact: nelsonseaswims.co.nz
- **Maitahi Outrigger Canoe Club**
The Maitahi Outrigger Canoe Club aims to promote waka ama (outrigger canoeing) as a recreational, social and cultural activity, and competitive team sport. We offer a couple of 'getting started' paddles for a koha of \$5.
Contact: maitahi-outrigging.org.nz
- **Nelson Canoe Club**
Nelson Canoe Club is involved in a range of kayaking disciplines – sea, white water and canoe polo. We offer training, events and trips throughout the year.
Contact: nelsonkayakers.co.nz

Community Investment Fund small grant allocations made for 2017/18

Nelson City Council's Community Investment Fund small grant allocation has seen \$50,000 distributed across various community groups in Nelson.

The allocations were made by the Community Investment Funding Panel which was established in 2015 following a review of the Community Assistance Policy.

"These grants play an important role in supporting the work of grass roots community organisations in Nelson," says Chair of Council's Community Services Committee, Gaile Noonan.

"It's always satisfying to see these funds being used to enhance the lives of people in Nelson. Sometimes a couple of thousand dollars can make a huge difference to the work these groups are able to do."

For a full list of allocations, please go to nelson.govt.nz/cif-allocations.

nelson.govt.nz/cif-allocations

Walking the dog in Isel Park

Isel Park is a popular place for people to walk their dogs, relax with their children, or simply enjoy the outdoors. With spring in the air and the gardens looking their best, it's likely that the Park will get even busier over the next few months.

Council really appreciates those dog walkers who are considerate of others, as we want everyone to be able to enjoy this wonderful community facility. However there have been a growing number of complaints about dog owners allowing their pets

to be off-leash or uncontrolled in on-lead areas, or failing to pick up their dog faeces. This behaviour has the potential to affect the enjoyment of other Park users, especially those with small children.

The main part of Isel Park is on-lead, the exception being the less cultivated area which begins at Main Road Stoke and extends to the Isel Park entrance gate, as well as the area south of the access road beyond the Isel Park entrance gate. This exception **does not apply** when events are being held in Isel Park.

And in all areas of Isel Park, dog owners are responsible for picking up and disposing of their dog's faeces.

Council's Dog Control Officers regularly patrol Isel Park, and may issue an instant \$300 fine to dog owners who fail to comply with the Dog Control Bylaw.



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



Saxton Field

The Nelson Half: Sunday 5 November, half walk 8am, half run 8.45am, 10km 9.30am, 5km and 2.5km 11.30am

Abel Tasman Cycle Challenge: Saturday 18 November, 6.30am–7pm

Trafalgar Centre

Nelson Tasman Business Awards: Friday 3 November, 6pm

China Week – Rewi Alley and Art Exhibition: Tuesday 7–Saturday 11 November, 10am–4pm

2017 NZHRA National Hot Rod Show: Saturday 18 November, 9am–9pm and Sunday 19 November, 9am–4pm

Nelson Sports Awards: Saturday 25 November, 5–11pm

Trafalgar Park

Tasman United v Southern United: Sunday 5 November, 2pm

Tasman United v Southern United: Saturday 18 November, 1pm

Tasman United v Eastern Suburbs: Saturday 25 November, 1pm

Founders Heritage Park

Food Truck Fridays: Friday 3 November, 5–8pm

New Zealand Cider Festival: Saturday 4 November, 12–6pm

Isel House and Park

Isel Twilight Market: Thursdays, 4.30pm–dark

Nelson Public Libraries

Elma Turner Library

Adult computer classes: Every Thursday until 7 December, 9.30–11.30am

Goya Ensemble as part of the Live Music Series: Sunday 5 November, 2pm

Nelson Institute Talk – Speaker Mike Johnston – The Dun Mountain Railway: Sunday 5 November, 2pm

JPs in the Library: Every Saturday, 10am–12pm

Library Knitters: Every Thursday from 10am onwards

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

BookChat: Second Tuesday of each month, 10.30am

Nightingale Library Memorial

Nellie Knitters: Every Monday until 11 December, from 1.30pm

Stoke Library

Adult computer classes: Every Thursday, 8.15am–9.15am, until 23 November

Museums and Galleries

Nelson Provincial Museum

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

Bugs! Our Backyard Heroes Exhibition: Until Sunday 11 February

The Suter Art Gallery and Theatre

Open daily, 9.30am–4.30pm

Simon Ingram – Digital Primitive: Until Sunday 3 December

See What I Can See: Until Sunday 26 November

Sally Burton – Pale History: Saturday 4 November–Sunday 11 March

"Alice", A Ballet Wonderland Dream for all: Wednesday 22 November, 6pm; Thursday 23 November 5.30pm and 7.30pm

Refinery ArtSpace

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

NMIT Level 6 Creative Media Students Group Exhibition: Wednesday 1–Saturday 18 November

Sue Broad Weavers Show: Monday 20 November–Wednesday 6 December

RYO Film Event: Monday 20 November–Saturday 2 December

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Goya Ensemble – Live Music at Nelson Public Library, Sunday 5 November, 2pm

The Goya Ensemble is a vibrant new chamber music group that performs works composed for classical guitar and strings.

Their repertoire includes Haydn, Boccherini, Paganini, Schubert, Vivaldi and others. The group also incorporates Jazz, Latin and World music styles into their programme. The Goya Ensemble are Miles and Margarita Jackson, Fleur Jackson, Lissa Cowie and Katie Roddis.