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

Summer Beach Bus is coming back

The Summer Beach Bus service that started last summer will be back this year. It starts on Wednesday 27 December and will run through until Tuesday 6 February 2018.

The Beach Bus service will be in the awesome double-decker bus and runs continuously throughout the day between Tahuna Beach Holiday Park and Nelson i-SITE, with one stop at Tahuna Beach in each direction.

The bus leaves Nelson i-SITE on the hour, and leaves Tahuna Beach Holiday Park on the half hour.

The first bus of the day will leave the i-SITE at 10am and the last bus will return from the Tahuna Beach Holiday Park at 6.30pm. There will be no service at 1pm to give the driver a break.

The cost is just \$2 for adults and \$1 for children each way.

Keep an eye out for the Summer Beach Bus these holidays, the bestest, fastest, funnest and cheapest way to town and the beach this summer.



Light your lantern!

The Lantern Celebration is on this Saturday from 7pm–10pm at the Centre of New Zealand.

This free, fun, family event involves a magical walk up the hill, encountering ethereal installations and surreal performances as you go. Once at the top, you can marvel at the sunset, listen to the band and join the lantern lighting ceremony. Bring a picnic and warm clothing.

You can head along to Community Art Works in Achilles Ave on Saturday morning from 10am–12pm for a fun lantern making workshop. It's just \$2 per person.

Remember all lanterns must be battery powered

to avoid fire risk. If it rains, the event will be held the following evening, Sunday 17 December.

This is just one of the awesome upcoming summer events, including the New Year's Eve Countdown, Summer Movies Al Fresco, Teddy Bears' Picnic, Nelson Buskers Festival and so much more. For more details check out:

nelsonsummer.nz

Thanks for your feedback

Thanks to everyone who took the time to complete the Tahunanui Pathways survey.

We've had an awesome response so we know the community is keen to help us improve the walking and cycling options around and through Tahunanui.

We're now working through all your thoughts, ideas and suggestions and hope to have some draft plans to share with you early next year. We'll keep you posted on progress. We'll be in touch with the lucky winner of the \$200 Kiwi Multisport voucher, fingers crossed – it might be you!

Street Ambassadors back on the beat

Nelson's Street Ambassadors are now back on the streets in their distinctive orange vests. Look out for them on weekend evenings, from 10pm–4am, as the summer party season warms up.

Sally Wood of Youth and Community Works which delivers the service on Council's behalf says, "Essentially it's about skilled community-minded people helping local people and visitors to the region. Our Street Ambassadors work in pairs delivering safety messages, offering advice and assistance when needed and intervening with the aim to prevent incidents.

"In previous years, the presence of the Street Ambassadors has reduced anti-social behaviour, conflict and aggression while working towards the vision of keeping Nelson a safe place for everyone to enjoy after dark," Sally says.

Street Ambassadors have a strong partnership approach with other late night services. They keep in touch via cell phones and radios with Police, Māori

Wardens and Nelson Community Patrol volunteers. Street Ambassadors are qualified to administer basic first aid until St John arrives and also liaise with door staff and safe late night transport options such as taxis and the Late Late Bus.

Nelson City Council's Community Services Committee Chair Gaile Noonan says, "The Nelson Street Ambassadors have been operational in our CBD since 2004. They've developed a good rapport with both young people and adults who spend time in the city centre on weekend evenings.

"They also help our visitors with useful Council information, facilities and services, as well as promoting events taking place across the district."

The Street Ambassadors will be on the streets every weekend until March 2018.



Street Ambassadors in their Masked Parade costumes.



MAYOR'S MESSAGE

On behalf of all the Councillors and staff I want to wish everyone all the best for the festive season. I hope you all get to spend time with family and friends and enjoy everything Nelson has to offer at this very special time of year.

It's a great time to reflect on what you've achieved in 2017 and look forward to what 2018 will bring. I especially want to mention all the volunteers who work tirelessly throughout our community, improving the lives of so many. The work you do is invaluable, essential and often unrecognised, so thank you on behalf of all those you help every day.

While many of us are able to relax and enjoy a holiday break, spare a thought for all those who have to work to keep our city ticking over. Your sacrifice is appreciated by locals and visitors alike.

I want to remind everyone to take care, on our roads, on the water or wherever the holiday break takes you. Please stay safe and let's all be ready for an exciting and fulfilling 2018.

Season's greetings to you all.



DOC Senior Ranger Nic Joice demonstrating trapping techniques.

Trapping workshop gives pest control a boost

The Top of the South Pest Trapping Workshop, held at Saxton Netball Pavilion on 3 December, saw more than 130 participants learning about best practice in trapping predators to protect our native birds and fauna.

The day started with guest speakers Nicola Toki, Threatened Species Ambassador for the Department of Conservation (DOC); Myfanwy Emeny, from Wellington City Council, and Wendy Sullivan, Predator Free 2050 ranger for the Top of the South, who each gave inspiring talks about what needs to be done to protect our native birds from invasive pest species.

After morning tea, the talks moved to focussing on best practice in trapping invasive predators. Tristan Rawlence, DOC Science Advisor, talked about how to monitor pest populations and gauge the effectiveness of your predator control programme. Nick Poutu, DOC Technical Adviser, gave a rundown of the science behind predator control best practice. Nik Joice, DOC Senior Ranger Nelson Lakes, talked about how predator biology can be used to enhance the effectiveness of a trapping programme and Grant Harper, biodiversity consultant, talked about how to enhance bird populations in Nelson.

After lunch participants attended four practical

workshops on different types of traps, trap maintenance, how to make sure non-target species like weka don't get caught in traps, online tools for recording trapping results and tools for monitoring results of predator work – such as tracking tunnels and chew tracking cards.

Groups from Nelson, Tasman and Marlborough then spent some time talking about the specific requirements for their areas and how to address the pest problem locally.

The technical talks from the day will be soon available in video format on the Nelson Nature website, nelsonnature.nz.

The event was made possible with support from Nelson City Council's Nelson Nature Programme, Department of Conservation, the Brook Waimarama Sanctuary, Tasman District Council and Predator Free NZ.

nelsonnature.nz

High fire risk – take care in reserves

The hot, dry summer means the fire risk in Council Reserves is already reaching extreme levels.

Following a few basic rules can help keep people, animals and property safe.

- DO NOT use fireworks at this time of year (not even on New Year's Eve while the fire risk remains high).
- Don't throw cigarette butts on the ground – ever.
- Dial 111 immediately if you notice a fire.
- Consider walking, cycling and exercising in Council reserves or remote areas in the early morning or early evening. Fires will burn more ferociously and spread faster in the middle of the day, so there is less time to evacuate.

Tennis courts available at Nayland College

Council and Nayland College have worked together on an initiative to make two of the college's tennis courts available for public use outside of school hours, starting from mid-December.

Council has supplied two mobile net systems that the College will manage, so anyone who fancies a game of tennis is welcome to come along after 3.30pm on weekdays; during weekends, school holidays and public holidays.

Nayland College is planning a major upgrade to a Tiger Turf playing surface in April next year and the arrangement for public use will continue after that, provided no unexpected issues arise.

Sports and Recreation Committee Chair Tim Skinner says "We're delighted to have joined

forces with Nayland College to make these courts available. It will be a real bonus for the Stoke community, especially as the number of courts at Greenmeadows is reduced while the new facility is being built."

Nayland College Principal Daniel Wilson says "As a school, we like to be active and involved with the local community. This is a great opportunity to get people onto our campus, sharing and enjoying one of the great facilities that we offer our students."

It's good to know where's good to swim

Council has started its summer water quality monitoring programme, to ensure it can provide information to river and beach users on where is good to swim over the warmer months.

The best place to go for up-to-date results is the LAWA (Land Air Water Aotearoa) website, which hosts water quality data for the whole country. The LAWA 'Can I swim here' module is currently being updated and the revised page will be launched before Christmas. Visit lawa.org.nz for more information.

Local toxic algae results are also available on Council's website at nelson.govt.nz/toxic-algae.

And don't forget, LAWA covers the whole country, so wherever you are going in New Zealand over the holiday season, you can decide where's good to swim in those areas.

lawa.org.nz

nelson.govt.nz/toxic-algae

There's still time to buy a bargain load of wood

There's still time to buy your wood for winter at the best price available.

Buy before 15 December through a Good Wood supplier and you'll receive a \$25–\$50 discount on a cord of firewood (limited to one per household). Visit nelson.govt.nz/good-wood-discount for more info.

And once you've got that wood, make sure you stack and cover it well so it is nice and dry for winter.

We'll be running the Best Little Woodshed Competition again in the New Year, so get building and look out for entry details in Our Nelson in January 2018.



nelson.govt.nz/good-wood-discount



HOLIDAY FUN AT BROADGREEN

All these fun events take place at Broadgreen Historic House, 276 Nayland Road in Stoke. They are free for children aged 5 and over and accompanied by a parent or caregiver.

Apart from the Open Day, bookings are required so please call 03 547 0403 or email broadgreen@ncc.govt.nz to reserve your place.

Make a Christmas medallion

3.30pm, Thursday 14 December

Come and make a Victorian inspired paper medallion for your Christmas tree.

Textile kids – felt tree finery

10.30am–12pm, Saturday 16 December

Make a felt Christmas tree decoration, and embellish it with hand stitching, embroidery, buttons and beads.

Open Day at Broadgreen Historic House

10.30am–12pm, Wednesday 17 January

Come along and have a go at colonial games, chores and activities – hands on! Dress up in old fashioned clothes, play Victorian games, pump the water, wash the clothes and make ice cream the old fashioned way!

Let's get lacy! Make a clay lace bowl

10.30am–12pm, Monday 22 January

Learn about lace and make your own clay lace bowl to take home.

Building and Resource Consent statutory clock stops over Christmas

Building and resource consent applications, including: Resource Consents, Building Consents (BC), PIMs, Code Compliance Certificates (CCC), Certificate for Public Use (CPU), etc. go on hold for the Christmas closure on 20 December 2017 and re-start on 11 January 2018. These dates are prescribed in the Resource Management Act and Building Act.

Some processing may continue over the holiday

period, but these days are not counted as part of the statutory allowance.

The Land Information Memorandum (LIMS) clock stops on 25 December 2017 and re-starts on 15 January 2018. LIMS have a 10 day statutory clock outside of these dates.

Building Inspections also go on hold over the holiday period. Building Inspections finish at 12pm on 22 December, and restart at 1pm on 3 January.



Nelson Host Lions Club take on planting project

An untouched section of Marsden Valley Cemetery will be transformed into a woodland park, thanks to a commitment from the Nelson Host Lions Club.

The Club has signed an agreement with Council that will see them plant a variety of trees in the section overlooking the new homes further up the valley. Although the land is part of cemetery, it is too steep for burials so Council has welcomed interest from the Club to improve it.

This is a legacy project for the Nelson Host Lions Club, to mark the centenary of the Lions organisation worldwide. Detailed plans for the planting are being worked through with the first trees expected to be planted in the middle of next year when weather conditions are more suitable.



SUMMER OF CRICKET

BE PART OF EXCITEMENT!

T20 – BLACKCAPS V WEST INDIES
3PM – FRI 29 DEC, SAXTON OVAL, STOKE, NELSON

ODI – BLACKCAPS V PAKISTAN
11AM – TUE 09 JAN, SAXTON OVAL, STOKE, NELSON

BUY TICKETS AT TICKETEK.CO.NZ/CRICKET
MORE INFO AT WWW.ITSON.CO.NZ



MEETINGS

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

Council meeting
9am **14 December**

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 03 546 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.

The dates for Council meetings in 2018 are available to view on the website:

nelson.govt.nz/meetings



Have your say on the future of transport

The Nelson Regional Land Transport Plan (NRLTP) 2015–2021 has had a mid-term review and the revised Plan will be released for feedback from the community on Friday 15 December.

The Plan prioritises the transport projects for the next seven years and seeks funding for them. The key projects included are:

- The Nelson Southern Link Investigation to better understand the appropriate response to increasing levels of congestion and forecast growth, in tandem with the Rocks Road walking and cycling project.
- An extension to Hill Street to connect with Saxton Road to enable residential growth.
- A partnership project with our Tasman neighbours and the Transport Agency that considers the best form and function and hierarchy of the Richmond and Stoke south transport network.
- Improvements to the safety and resilience of the SH6 Blenheim to Nelson route.

The document also includes the Nelson Regional Public Transport Plan (NRPT) which covers the public transport service provided. Submissions are invited on both concurrently.

Following feedback and reviews of the existing services, some changes and improvements are proposed in the Plan. These changes, at a total cost of in the order of \$225,000 per annum, are identified below:

- New low floor buses on local routes to make the services more accessible to those with mobility challenges.
- Fare zone changes – four zones will be reduced to three making it cheaper for everyone.

- Student/CS card fare reduction – children over 5 years, students and community service card holders will all pay the same fare.
- Increased weekend services – buses would run later on weekend afternoons.
- Revised Stoke Loop service introduced – operating off peak and via a route based on community feedback.
- Slight alterations to local services to accommodate the revised Stoke Loop service.

Nelson Regional Transport Committee Chair Paul Matheson says “We are awaiting the new Government Policy Statement on transport, but have to proceed with consulting on our Plan now. Early advice is that what we are proposing is on track with Government priorities and we will still have an opportunity to make any adjustments needed as a result of submissions received during deliberations.”

From Friday the full Draft Regional Land Transport Plan, including the Regional Public Transport Plan 2018, will be available from the Council Customer Service Centre, Trafalgar Street or the Nelson, Tahunanui and Stoke Libraries. You will also be able to view a copy on line at nelson.govt.nz, (search = Regional Land Transport Plan).

Submissions will open on Friday 15 December 2017 and close at 5pm Friday 9 February 2018.



nelson.govt.nz

Search = Regional Land Transport Plan

Stoke Community Hall lease available

Stoke Community Hall will be available for lease from April 2018 for up to 12 months at an annual rent of \$791 + GST. The total area of the building is 170m² and is comprised of hall, office, kitchen and toilet facilities. This is a community lease and so we invite incorporated community groups to register their interest by Friday 5 January 2018, by emailing our Leases Officer Jules Read at jules.read@ncc.govt.nz. Please detail what services/activities your group provides to the community, your membership, whether you would be willing to share the space with other groups and any other information you feel would support your application.

Deputy Harbourmaster launched

Nelson now has a new Deputy Harbourmaster, Amanda Kerr, who will be working to enhance people’s safety on the water over the summer months.

Amanda’s role will focus on communicating with clubs, schools and water users; educating people about safer boating; managing compliance on the water with the Navigation Safety Bylaw, and working with the boating community to ensure people have permits in place for any hot work (welding, grinding etc.) they may be doing over the summer.

Nelson Harbourmaster Dave Duncan says that Amanda has a background in education but has also spent her life around boats and on the water.

“We’re delighted to welcome Amanda to the team, and I know that our boating community will appreciate the work she is doing to make Nelson a safer place to be out on the water.”



Deputy Harbourmaster Amanda Kerr.

Christmas opening hours and services

NBus Services

Christmas Day, no service on all routes. Boxing Day, 26 December, Saturday timetable on Routes 1 and 2 (Nelson– Richmond). No service on local routes 3, 4, 5, 6. 27 – 31 December, normal services as per weekday and weekend timetable. The Late Late Bus will run on New Years’ Eve from 10pm–3am. New Years’ Day and 2 January, Saturday timetable on Routes 1 and 2 (Nelson–Richmond). No service on local routes 3, 4, 5, 6. Normal service resumes from 3 January.

Kerbside Recycling and Nelmac Rubbish Collection

Christmas Day and New Years’ Day both fall on a Monday so kerbside recycling and Nelmac rubbish collection will be a day later than normal. If your normal collection day falls on Monday 25 December, this will mean your collection day will be one day later, Tuesday 26 December. If your collection day is usually Tuesday it will be picked up on Wednesday and so on throughout the week. This changed collection schedule will continue through the New Year week and return to normal collection on Monday 8 January 2018.

Council Customer Service Centre

The Customer Service Centre will close at 3pm on Friday 22 December and reopen at 8.30am on Wednesday 3 January. For emergencies, Council is available by phone at all times over the holiday period on 03 546 0200.

Elma Turner Library

Closed 24, 25 and 26 December. Open usual hours 27–31 December. Closed 1 and 2 January. Normal hours resume from 3 January.

Stoke Library

Closed 24, 25 and 26 December. Open usual hours 27–30 December. Closed 31 December, 1 and 2 January. Normal hours resume from 3 January.

Nightingale Library Memorial

Closed 23, 24, 25 and 26 December. Open usual hours 27 – 31 December. Closed 1 and 2 January. Normal hours resume from 3 January.

Pascoe Street Transfer Station

24 December, 10am – 4.30pm. Christmas Day, closed. 26 December, 10am – 4.30pm. 31 December, 10am – 4.30pm. New Year’s Day, closed. 2 January, 10am – 4.30pm.

York Valley Landfill

Closed Christmas Day. Open 10am–2pm 26 December and 1 and 2 January.

Broadgreen Historic House

Closed on Christmas Day. Open every other day from 10.30am–4.30pm.

Isel House

Closed Christmas Day and New Years’ Day. Otherwise open Tuesday to Sunday, 11am – 4pm.

Founders Heritage Park

Closed Christmas Day only. Open every day from 10am–4.30pm.

