

OUR NELSON

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

February 1 Storm

Nelson has felt the power of Mother Nature once again with the combined king tide and storm surge last week. There was damage in a number of areas but we're cleaning up as quickly as we can. Thanks for your patience while we tackle the recovery work. See pictures on page six.



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The stars come out for Opera in the Park 2018

One of Nelson's favourite biennial events is back with the New Zealand Symphony Orchestra for a night of music and song.

Opera in the Park is one of Nelson's most anticipated biennial events, attracting an audience in the thousands. The 2018 concert will see the welcome return of the New Zealand Symphony Orchestra – it's been five years since they last played in Nelson, and 15 years since they last played at Opera in the Park.

The pre-show entertainment is Nelson City Brass led by Musical Director Nigel Weeks. Always a crowd favourite, the band will set the mood for the night, playing tunes in their inimitable big brassy style.

The NZSO will be led by acclaimed New Zealand conductor Hamish McKeich, joined by three celebrated singers: Simon O'Neill and Anna Leese, who both have international opera careers, and are well known to Opera in the Park audiences; and straight off the back of her 20th anniversary tour, Bic Runga will sing her songs accompanied by the might of the orchestra.

McKeich is excited to be bringing the NZSO back to Nelson. "As New Zealand's national orchestra, we truly relish the opportunity to play to audiences around the country. Nelson Opera in the Park is a particularly special occasion, as it's the only outdoor concert we will perform in 2018, making it the largest audience for any single concert for the NZSO. And with such a stellar line-up of singers, we can't wait!"

Councillor Gaile Noonan, Chair of the Community Services Committee, said, "Opera in the Park is the perfect combination of a large-scale outdoor concert, featuring our national orchestra and some of the country's most feted singers. I know it's going to be a wonderful night."

Selected by Musical Director Pete Rainey, the 2018 programme has broad appeal, from instantly recognisable film scores such as *Star Wars* and *Jurassic Park*, well-known arias from *La Bohème* and *Tosca*, as well as Bic Runga's much-loved contemporary pop songs. Opera in the Park is the perfect occasion to pack a picnic, gather family and friends, and settle in for a night under the stars with music that will make the heart swoon. And that's even before the finale of fireworks!

Please be aware that Saxton Road East is currently reduced to one lane of traffic over Orphanage Stream, near the netball court entrance. Temporary traffic lights will be installed to maintain traffic flow, but there could be some delays. If you are travelling to the event by car, please consider getting to the Oval from the Main Road Stoke entrance to reduce disruption.

A bus service from Nelson will also be available. **Look out for full programme and more details in the 20 February issue of Our Nelson.**

For further information and updates, go to the 'summerinnelson' Facebook page.

Event details

What: Opera in the Park
Where: Saxton Cricket Oval, Stoke
When: Saturday 24 February, 7.30–10pm
Cost: Adult \$25, child (5–15) \$5, child under 5 FREE (prices exclude TicketDirect service fee)
Tickets: ticketdirect.co.nz

MAYOR'S MESSAGE

I hope you all enjoyed a relaxing summer break. I was lucky enough to spend some precious time really getting away from it all with my family. No mobile phone, no internet and no TV, just good books, cards, Hector's dolphins and fresh blue cod for dinner. Bliss! Now I'm refreshed and excited to be preparing for another great year for our city.

I want to thank all those involved in making the Christmas Celebration such a success, Steve Coyne our chef from Harbour Light Bistro, Katrina Kidson and her team of dedicated volunteers and all the generous sponsors of the event. Thank you all for helping us to brighten up Christmas for many of our older residents.

We've had some good reasons to celebrate at the start of the year. Well known Nelsonians, Nita Knight (ex-Councillor and Saturday Market founder) and Pic Picot (Peanut Butter guru and business innovator) were both recognised in the New Year's Honours list. I congratulate them both and thank them for all they contribute to our community.

It was great to know we have also returned to our rightful place as the sunshine capital of New Zealand. It's really satisfying that NIWA has taken on board my pleas for fairness and now the data truly reflects how much sunshine we are blessed with each year.

There is much to look forward to in 2018. Opera in the Park is just around the corner, Council is working through a plan for the next 10 years that we will share with you soon and don't forget the All Blacks are coming in September!

2018 is all set to be a great time to call Nelson home.

Mayor Rachel Reese

Thanks to all those that made the Christmas Celebration possible:

Sponsors: Benge and Co, Westmeat, Trailways Hotel, Nelson City New World, Talley's Group Limited, New Zealand King Salmon, Kina Cliffs Vineyard, Brightwater Vineyards, Blackenbrook Vineyard, Seifried Estate Winery, Pomeroy's Coffee & Tea Company, FreshChoice Nelson, Bidfood, Just Costumes, Potton & Burton, Hothouse, Community Leisure Management (CLM), Nelson Youth Theatre Company, Debbie Cooper Real Estate, Fitzgerald Construction, Presbyterian Support, Lions Club.

Volunteers: Mark Nicholls, Alan & Helen Winwood, Steve Fitzgerald, Chris Walsh, Gay Hodgetts, Becky Smith, Liz Thomas, Barb & Tim Robson, Ginny Wood, Marine Conrad, Henriette Hannah, Nina, Sophia and Evie Kidson.



Play a round up the Maitai

Make the most of summer by getting in some golf at the Waahi Taakaro course in the Maitai Valley. Gorgeous views, a fun course and plenty of shade trees make it a perfect place for a summer game.

Waahi Taakaro Golf Course is a Council owned course so everyone is welcome to play. It offers Nelson's most scenic and affordable round of golf.

This nine-hole course has ten greens and two tees for each hole. The dual tees are separated and provide a different playing experience on the back nine.

The tenth green provides separate greens for hole 9 and hole 18. The 18th – appropriately named 'Faux Pas' – provides a challenging finish to any round.

Concession tickets are on offer for 3, 6 and 12 months and course fees start at just \$18 for nine holes. You can hire clubs and trundlers at a reasonable price if you don't have your own. Golf lessons are available for all ages and abilities.

Location and hours

Waahi Taakaro is open every day except Christmas Day and summer hours are 8am to 7pm.

To get to the course from the central business district, go east along Nile Street and turn left before the second bridge onto Maitai Valley Road. The golf course is 3km on your right.

Thanks for your feedback on Tahunanui

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.

Congratulations to N. Inglis from Tahunanui who was drawn as the winner of the \$200 Kiwi Multisport voucher.

We're now working through all your thoughts, ideas and suggestions and incorporating them into the research

we've already done. We hope to have some draft plans to share with you in the next couple of months.

We'll keep everyone posted on progress and there'll be another chance to give feedback before designs are finalised. Look out for updates here in Our Nelson and on the website, nelson.govt.nz (search Tahunanui Pathways).



Library starts a new chapter of programmes and events



As you settle back into the year we are excited to introduce our new line-up of programmes and events for 2018. This includes computer classes, Community Chat and the addition of new Small Time and Story Time sessions.

Events

In February we are looking forward to two music performances. We kick off on Tuesday 20 February with a performance from the Troubadour Quartet. This is a group of graduate level performers who are planning a career in classical music. Our Sunday music will be held on the Sunday 25 February with a performance from Hot Club Nelson. The concert will feature standards from the American songbook and is irresistible to jazz and non-jazz listeners alike.

If you're interested in genealogy, Judith Fitchett of the Nelson Branch of the NZ Society of Genealogists will be running an Introduction to Family History Research course. This is for anyone who is starting to build a family tree, or wanting to increase family research skills. Bookings are required, so please contact us at library@ncc.govt.nz, phone 03 546 0414 or visit any of the Libraries.

Children's Programmes

Due to popular demand, we are excited to be adding two more Story Times and Small Times sessions.

Starting on Monday 12 February we will be having Small Times every Monday at 11.30am at the Elma Turner Library, for children aged 0–2 years. This is a fun combination of songs, rhymes and stories for developing language skills.

We are also introducing Story Times to the Nightingale Library. These sessions are for children 2–5 years old and use music, songs and stories to develop literacy skills. These will be held every Friday at 11am, starting on 16 February.

Young Adult Reading Club

If you are aged 13–18 and love reading then this is the group for you. The Young Adult Reading Club meets monthly to talk about all things YA and check out all the new books before they hit the shelves.

Register your interest by contacting us at library@ncc.govt.nz, phoning 03 546 0414 or visiting any of the Libraries.

Community Chat

Community Chat is a time for people who are learning English to come together with English speakers for informal conversation. The sessions are facilitated by library staff, supported by volunteers, allowing opportunities for small group and one-on-one conversations.

Everyone is welcome. We meet every Monday from 10–11am at Elma Turner Library, beginning on Monday 12 February.

Computer Classes

Those of you looking to learn a few skills will be interested in our Computer Classes. These are for beginners and more experienced users who may want to venture further into the digital world,

extend their research skills or learn about the digital services the Library offers.

Booking is essential, so please phone 03 546 0414, emailing library@ncc.govt.nz or visiting any of the Libraries to secure your place.

Elma Turner Library, Thursdays 9.30–11.00am

22 Feb	Internet for beginners
1 Mar	Go further, internet Q&A session
8 Mar	Tablets
15 Mar	e-books
22 Mar	Newspapers online
29 Mar	Research online
5 Apr	Social media
12 Apr	Virtual library tools

Stoke Library, Thursdays 8.15–9.15am

15 Feb	Basic internet 1
22 Feb	Basic internet 2
8 Mar	Introduction to tablets
15 Mar	Social media
12 Apr	E-books

nelsonpubliclibraries.co.nz



Nelson City Creative Communities – Local Arts Funding Scheme

Arts Council Nelson administers the Nelson City Creative Communities Scheme on behalf of Creative New Zealand and Nelson City Council.

The scheme contributes financial assistance toward arts based projects which clearly demonstrate community benefits.

Eligible projects will begin after 1 April and take place within the Nelson City Council area. Funding assistance is usually up to a maximum of \$1200 per allocation, although worthy projects requiring greater assistance will be considered. Funding decisions are usually confirmed within

six weeks of the closing date.

The second and final funding round for the 2017/2018 year closes on 1 March 2018. Guidelines and application forms are available at acn.org.nz.

The Creative Communities Nelson City Scheme Administrator Lloyd Harwood may be contacted on 03 548 4640 or by email: artscouncilnsn@gmail.com should potential applicants require assistance

with project preparations, applications or have any other enquiries.

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Anti-fouling vital to contain marine pests

The Top of the South Marine Biosecurity Partnership is reminding boaties that good anti-fouling practice is key to preventing the spread of unwanted marine pests in our waters.

Containment efforts in Port Nelson, Tarkohe and Picton are proving effective in slowing the spread of the Mediterranean fanworm *Sabella spallanzii*. A Council control programme that uses divers to remove all visible fanworms seems to be preventing their spread as no fanworm has been found on vessels from these ports.

However, Clare Barton, Group Manager Strategy and Environment, says that summer checks of Nelson boats in the Abel Tasman and further afield showed that the Japanese edible seaweed, *Undaria*, has spread across the Top of the South.

“Our Top of the South Biosecurity Team has checked about 400 boats and many jetties and moorings this summer,” says Clare. The clubbed tunicate, *Styela clava*, also from Japan, is present in Port Nelson. Clare says that a continuing lack of good anti-fouling practice by some vessel owners is contributing to the spread of unwanted organisms.

“Anti-fouling needs to be done regularly with the product applied according to the manufacturers recommendations on the label.

“We’d urge the owners of every vessel leaving Nelson to ensure their boat has up-to-date antifouling.”

The Top of the South Marine Biosecurity team is contracted by the Nelson City, Tasman and Marlborough Councils with support from the Ministry for Primary Industries and boat support from the Department of Conservation

and the Harbourmaster. The current vessel inspection programme will continue into February 2018 and the results will be published on the website marinebiosecurity.co.nz.

NIWA survey targets pest species

To keep abreast of the status of these unwanted pests in our waters, the National Institute of Water and Atmospheric Research Ltd (NIWA) is carrying out a survey in Port Nelson, from 12 – 21 February. This work is part of a Ministry for Primary Industries (MPI) Marine High Risk Surveillance project that’s been ongoing since 2002 at ports and marinas around the country.

The survey targets potentially invasive species seen to be a significant threat. For selected non-indigenous species that have already become established at some locations around New Zealand (e.g. the fanworm, *Sabella spallanzanii*, and the clubbed tunicate, *Styela clava*) the project will monitor their status and any further spread.

These surveys are repeated at six-monthly intervals. The full survey results for all ports and marinas around the country are available annually, via the MPI website at: mpi.govt.news-and-resources/publications. In addition, the Marine Biosecurity Porthole (marinebiosecurity.niwa.co.nz) provides wider access to information on unwanted marine pests and other non-indigenous marine organisms that have been recorded from New Zealand coastal and marine waters.



Go By Bike breakfast party – Wednesday 14 February

If you cycle to work or school on Wednesday 14 February, you can call in to grab a free breakfast as your reward.

In Nelson, you can stop in between 7.30 and 9am at 1903 Square by the Cathedral Steps.

There’ll be FREE really good coffee or hot chocolate for the first 100 or so cyclists, plus a yummy breakfast of fresh fruit, yoghurt and muesli and/or Pic’s Peanut Butter and toast. Plus there will be excellent live music with The Plinkers and some free give-aways.

Remember cycling is good for you and for the planet so get on your bike and join the breakfast party on Wednesday 14 February.



Long term road closure – Trafalgar Square

Work is underway on a new building on the site of the former Bett Carpark.

Part of the work requires a 4.5m deep excavation below ground level for the basement. The work will involve the use of a crane to install the foundation and retaining wall, reinforced concrete panels and will require access from Trafalgar Square. This means part of Trafalgar Square will be closed for an extended period.

The section of Trafalgar Square (as shown on the map) will be closed to traffic for three months from Wednesday 7 February 2017. Following that, the road will re-open as one lane only for a further three months.

Throughout the closure period pedestrian access to the CBD will be via the walkway around Church Hill at the bottom of the Cathedral Steps. Access to the Innbetween Backpackers and Basement Café and Bar will be maintained from Selwyn Place.

marinebiosecurity.co.nz

marinebiosecurity.niwa.co.nz

mpi.govt.news-and-resources/publications



TOTSM – What’s New?

Top of the South Maps has been updated recently to make it easier to use, and to add some cool new features.

The new version has better drawing and sharing tools and also includes historic aerial photography from the 1940s and 80s.

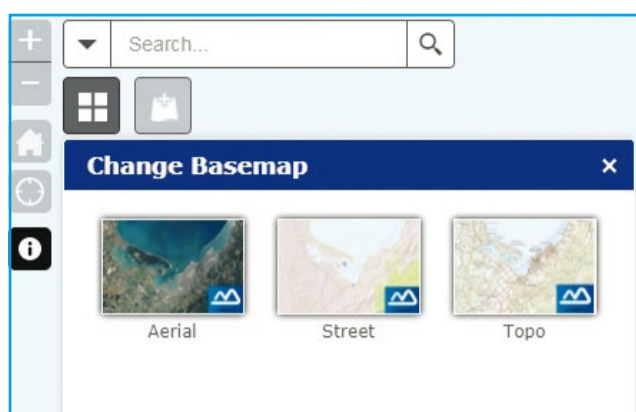
Top of the South Maps will now run on your Android or iPhone, and has a handy GPS feature that shows your location.

You can also add your own GPX files, by dragging and dropping them on to the screen.

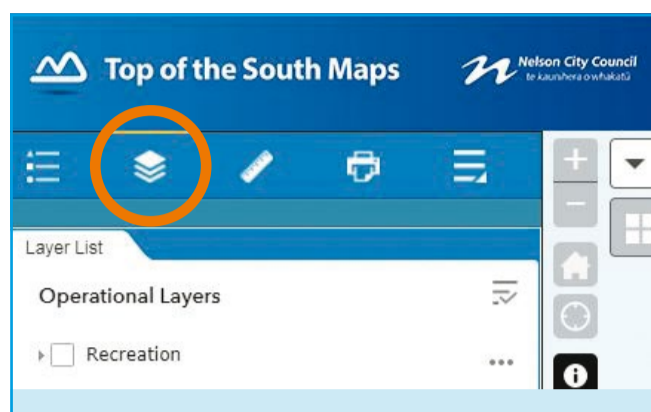
There is a comprehensive help section under the drop down menu in the top right hand corner of the screen.

topofthesouthmaps.co.nz

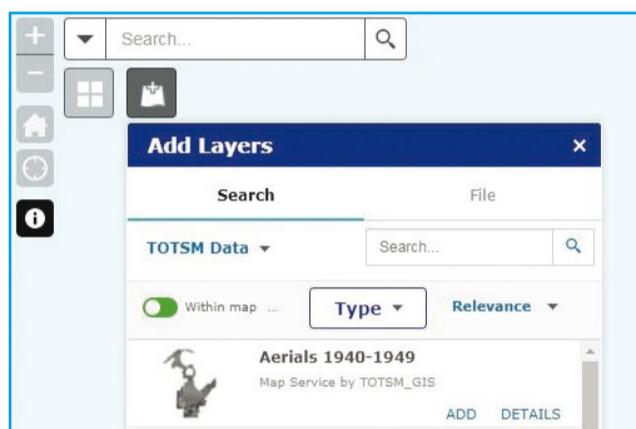
Hints and tips:



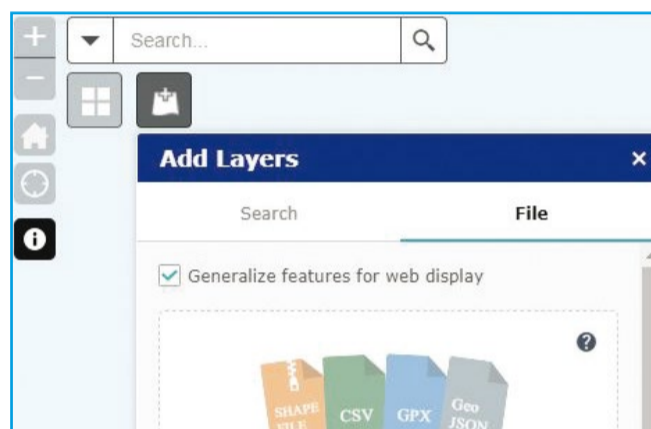
1. Change the base map using the Basemap icon from Street to Aerial to Topo.



2. The historic aerial photograph layers, and other layers such as recreation and planning, can be turned on and off under the Layers menu



3. Another way to add the historic aerial photographs is with the Add Layers button



4. You can also use the Add Layers button to add your own files

Citizen science for Nelson’s lizards

Have you spotted any lizards in your garden recently? If so, scientist Chris Woolley from Victoria University would like to hear from you.

Chris is currently carrying out a survey of lizards in Nelson. Surveys are also under way in Hamilton, Wellington and Dunedin.

The survey uses pitfall traps to catch the lizards so they can be identified and counted before release. There are currently nine survey sites in Nelson, including one backyard.

“These traps mainly target skinks, but we will also do night searches for geckos,” says Chris.

The lizard project is part of a Ministry for Business, Innovation and Employment funded programme called People, Cities and Nature. You can find more about this project at peoplecitiesnature.co.nz.

The lizard project aims to find out what lizard species are found where in different cities, and why. Population differences between cities or sites could be related to habitat and vegetation, the prevalence of predators such as cats, rats, mice and hedgehogs, and differences in temperature.

Lizards are cold-blooded, and need to be warm

to be active so that they can find food and escape predators.

“We have caught common skinks at every site in Nelson which is positive,” says Chris.

“In Dunedin and Hamilton, for example, we have caught far fewer and at fewer sites.”

The survey will be repeated in each city next summer. In addition to these surveys, Chris wants people to volunteer as citizen scientists, to monitor skinks in their backyards and at sites around the city using artificial cover objects (ACOs).

These are sheets of roofing material that get warm in the sun – they make perfect lizard habitat.

Information about monitoring skinks in your backyard can be found online at theurbanlizard.wordpress.com under the ‘mokomoko monitors’ tab. Or you can record your own lizard sightings at the same website.

It’s important to remember that all native lizards are protected under the wildlife act and shouldn’t be handled or kept in captivity.

For more information, you can get in touch with Chris at theurbanlizard@gmail.com.

peoplecitiesnature.co.nz

theurbanlizard.wordpress.com



Maitai to Rocks Road Shared Pathway

On 12 February, work will begin on the Maitai to Rocks Road Shared Pathway: a new three metre wide shared path for cyclists and pedestrians. The project goes from the existing Maitai River shared path, along Queen Elizabeth II Drive, Haven Road and Wakefield Quay.

Work involves constructing new shared paths, kerb, line markings, crossings, landscaping, street lighting and resurfacing of the intersections along Haven Road.

Most of the work will be done during the day in the road shoulder, reducing the impact on traffic flows along this busy route. One lane will be closed and Stop/Go traffic management will be in place for the resurfacing and lane marking work to be done at night, but most of the work will be off the roads and will have minimal impact on road users.

Work on the shared pathway is expected to be complete by the end of June, weather permitting.

Cycling advice Maitai River pathway to Rocks Road

Cyclists will need to cycle on the road way where crews are working, as the marked cycle lane will be closed while these works are underway.

Experienced cyclists may choose to use the traffic lane, given the slower speed limit. Drivers are asked to take care around cyclists.

Storm surge on 1 February

Nelson was battered by a combined storm surge and king tide weather event on Tuesday 1 February.

The awesome force of the sea did considerable damage especially to the Rocks Road footpath and all the structures on the seaward side, Wakatu Cycleway, Glenduan, Cable Bay, the seaward end of Boulder Bank Drive, Monaco, Tahunanui Beach, including the eastern end of the Lions Playground at Tahunanui (tiny tots area)

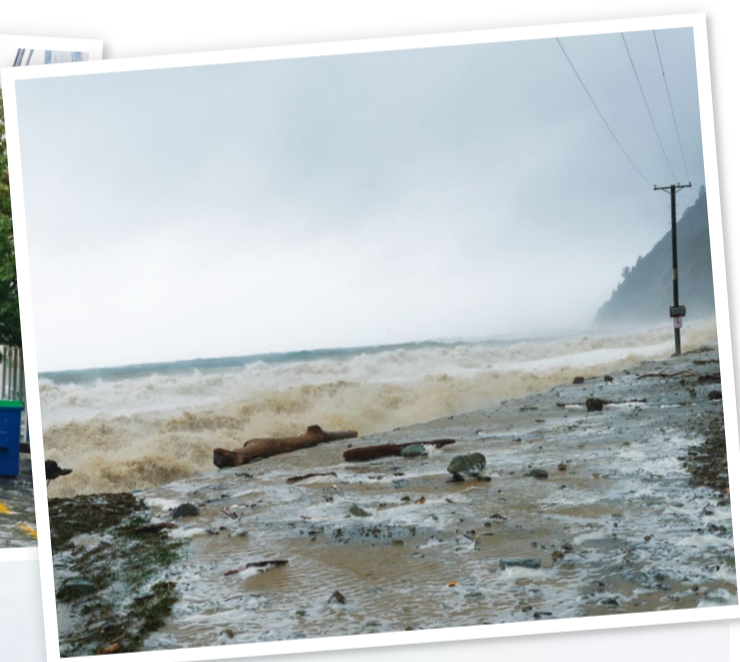
Mayor Rachel Reese says "On behalf of Nelson City, I'd like to thank everyone that was involved in the response to Thursday's storm surge. The event escalated rapidly, and Council staff, contractors and Emergency Services were extremely quick to respond.

"Safety is paramount in these events, and we can be very grateful that there was no loss of life or reports of serious injuries. Many residents were wise to self-evacuate, and I'd like to thank them for being so proactive.

"My heart goes out to those residents and business owners whose homes and premises are affected. While the power of Mother Nature can be awe-inspiring, the resulting destruction, especially to some iconic Nelson buildings, is heart-breaking.

"Focus now shifts to the clean-up which may take some time. We ask for people to follow signage in the affected areas, for your own safety and, especially avoiding the Rocks Road area if you are on foot.

"Nelsonians are resilient, and we will bounce back from this. We ask for your patience while we clean up and recover. Please support your family, friends and neighbours if they are affected."





Recycling e-waste is now easier and cheaper

Council is making it easier and cheaper to recycle e-waste, thanks to a subsidy scheme offered through the Nelson Environment Centre.

The Environment Centre's e-cycling service attracts a fee to cover the costs associated with recycling electronic goods, but the subsidy scheme offers a \$20 discount per household or business to help with this.

E-waste is one of the fastest growing types of waste in the world, and poses some significant and growing environmental issues. You can reduce the impact of your own e-waste by recycling your obsolete electronic items.

E-waste covers any unwanted electronic appliances, from TVs, computer screens, laptops, and modems to mobile phones, home appliances and fluorescent tubes and lightbulbs. For more information about e-waste and the discount scheme, visit the Environment Centre's website.



nec.org.nz/e-waste

MEETINGS

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

Audit, Risk and Finance Subcommittee	9am	13 Feb
Commercial Subcommittee	1pm	13 Feb
Saxton Field Committee – Netball Pavilion, Saxton Field	1.30pm	14 Feb
Sports and Recreation Committee	9am	20 Feb
Council meeting	9am	22 Feb

Other Meetings

Nelson Youth Council	1pm	8 Feb
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Changes to Meetings

Works and Infrastructure Committee – previously advertised to take place at 9am on 15 Feb
CANCELLED due to insufficient business

Planning and Regulatory Committee
22 Feb – previously advertised to commence at 9.30am
To commence at conclusion of Council meeting 22 Feb

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 the Governance Advisers 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

Keeping Nelson's drinking water safe

Following the August 2016 outbreak of gastroenteritis in Havelock North, Council is doing all it can to make sure water supplies around the Nelson area are safe and secure.

The Havelock North incident was caused by a bacteria known as campylobacter. A Government Inquiry into the cause and impacts of this has made a number of recommendations to prevent or minimise similar incidents occurring in the future.

Council is now writing to the consent holders of small community water schemes to make sure they are aware of the Drinking Water Standard New Zealand (DWSNZ), and of their obligations under the Health Act 1956.

"We'll also let consent holders know of any future changes that are made to the Standards as a result of the Inquiry," says Clare Barton, Group Manager Strategy and Environment.

Small community schemes are defined as serving between 25 and 500 people for at least 60 days a year. Nelson City Council currently has five small schemes operating in its area. Small schemes are required to have a Water Safety Plan, and must be registered with the Ministry of Health.

Information about drinking water supplier's responsibilities in New Zealand can be found on the Ministry of Health's website, health.govt.nz.

If you've got any concerns about the safety of your water, it's a good idea to boil it prior to drinking as this will kill any bugs present in it.

health.govt.nz

Reminder – Best Little Woodshed Competition

Council is running the Best Little Woodshed competition again, with prizes including firewood and chimney clean/checks.

Last year we saw some wonderful, creative and very practical solutions to storing your wood, so we hope to see some more of the same this year. We'll have prizes including firewood vouchers, chimney cleans and woodburner checks, for the

Judges Choice and People's Choice winners.

The Judges' Choice: The best three woodsheds will each receive a voucher for one cord of firewood from a Good Wood Supplier

People's Choice: Photo entries will be loaded on to Council's facebook page. The image with the most number of 'likes' will win its owner a free chimney clean and woodburner check.

Visit the website to enter.

nelson.govt.nz/burn-bright



Trafalgar Park resurfacing progress

Work is progressing well on resurfacing Trafalgar Park.

The process involves removing the surfaces and levelling the field. The contractor then installs slit drains, a sand carpet and sows the field.

Council is also taking the opportunity to improve the irrigation system while this work is being done.

Tim Skinner, Chair of the Sport and Recreation Committee, says, "It's great to see the work underway at Trafalgar Park and the good progress being made.

"By moving up the timing of the scheduled turf replacement, we'll ensure we have the best possible playing surface when Nelson hosts its first ever All Blacks test match in September and the local teams that use the ground will get to enjoy the improved surface too.

"We're reusing some of the turf that is being removed to even out areas of Neale Park so even more Nelson sportspeople will benefit from the project."



Pedestrian refuge islands

With the installation of the new pedestrian refuge island beginning in Stoke, linking to the Greenmeadows Centre, it's a good time to remind everyone how to use them properly.

Pedestrians

These refuges are **not zebra crossings!** Pedestrian refuge islands are designed to give you a chance to cross a street in two stages. The refuge gives you a safer place to wait before making the second stage of the crossing. It is your responsibility to cross only when there is a break in the traffic. Please check before you step!

Drivers

At pedestrian refuges drivers **don't have to stop for pedestrians**, but you must be able to stop if you have to. Please remember that stopping for pedestrians using refuge islands creates a hazard for following vehicles.

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



Saxton Field

Nelson Opera in the Park: Saturday 24 February, 7.30–10pm

Maitai Boulevard

Nelson Farmers Market: Every Wednesday, 8am–2pm

Founders Heritage Park

Food Truck Fridays: Friday 2 March, 5–8pm
Jazz on the Village Green: Sunday 11, 18 & 25 February, 4 March, 1.30–4pm

Stoke Memorial Hall

Crafters Destash Market: Saturday 24 February, 9am–1pm

Broadgreen Historic House

Tai Chi for Seniors: Monday 26 February, 10–11am

Isel House and Park

Isel Twilight Market: Thursday 8, 15 & 22 February, 1 March, 4.30pm – dark

Nelson Public Libraries

Elma Turner Library

Justices of the Peace: Every Saturday, 10am–12pm

Community Chat: Every Monday, 10–11am

Small Time at the Library: Every Monday, 11.30am & every Wednesday, 10.30am

Story Time at the Library: Thursday 8, 15 & 22 February, 1 March, 2pm

Library Knitters: Every Thursday, 10am–12pm

STEMWriters – a local writers group: Second Tuesday of each month, 1pm

BookChat: Second Tuesday of each month, 10.30am

Introduction to Family History Research: Tuesday 20 & 27 February, 6 March, 9.30–11am

Young Adult Reading Club: Wednesday 21 & 28 February, 3.45–4.45pm

Live Music Series – Hot Club Nelson: Sunday 25 February, 2pm

Nightingale Library Memorial

Story Time at the Library: Friday 16 & 23 February, 2 March, 11am

Stoke Library

Small Time at the Library: Every Tuesday, 10.30am

Story Time at the Library: Every Wednesday, 10.30am

BookChat: Third Wednesday of each month, 5.30pm

Young Adult Reading Club: Wednesday 21 & 28 February, 3.45–4.45pm

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 Halo Project – A voice for the birds, spreading the message

He hono tangata e kore e motu. The ties that bind us can never be broken.

The Suter Art Gallery and Theatre

Open daily, 9.30am–4.30pm

The Cornish Collection: Until Sunday 11 March

Fire & Earth, Body & Bone: Until Sunday 11 March

Sally Burton – Pale History: Until Sunday 11 March

Hippocratic – The Movie – "18 experiments in slowly changing the world": Tuesday 13 February, 7–8.30pm

Thursday Talks:

- Baby Talk: Thursday 8 February, 10–11am
- Guided Tour: Thursday 15 February, 10–11am
- How To Look At Art: Thursday 22 February, 12.10–1.10pm

Beauty Matters – David Trubridge: Thursday 22 February, 7.30pm – 9pm

Refinery ArtSpace

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

Cate Murphy & Kirsten Bowsijk 'Native Flora of New Zealand': 5–24 February

Katie Russell Sculpture: 5–24 February

Natchez Hudson: 5–24 February

Changing Threads – Contemporary New Zealand Fibre Art Awards 2018, presented by Arts Council Nelson: 2–24 March

CHECK OUT...

Isel Twilight Market, Thursdays from 4.30pm in Isel Park, Stoke

Bring the whole family along and relax in the beautiful surroundings of Isel Park. Indulge in the delicious cuisine from the street food carts. Find some treasures from the craft stalls and listen to the always fabulous live music.